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Modi in Canada with key focus on economic, security issues
ements to operate from Canadian soil.
Carney, an economist and political newcomer, took charge as Canada's new prime minister in March following the exit of Trudeau from the top office.

After Trudeau's exit, New Delhi said it hoped to rebuild ties with Canada based on "mutual trust and sensitivity".
In the last few months, the security officials of India and Canada resumed contact and both sides were looking at the possibility of appointing new high commissioners.
Describing India and Canada as "vibrant democracies", the external affairs ministry said last week that New Delhi believes the forthcoming meeting between the prime ministers of the two countries on the sidelines of the G7 Summit will offer an important opportunity to exchange views and "explore pathways" to reset bilateral ties.

During PM Modi's last visit in 2015, bilateral ties were elevated to the level of strategic partnership.
Bilateral trade in goods in 2024 stood at USD 8.6 billion. India exported USD 4.2 billion and imported USD 4.4 billion worth of goods. Bilateral trade in services in 2024 stood at USD 14.3 billion, with India exporting USD 2.5 billion and importing USD 11.8 billion worth of services.
The G7 summit comes amidst rising geopolitical tensions, including escalating tensions in the Middle East in the wake of the strikes between Iran and Israel, as well as a trade war triggered by US President Donald Trump's tariff policies.

Canada assumed the annual rotating presidency of the G7 on January 1, 2025, with this marking the 50th anniversary of the G7 Summit.
The Group of Seven (G7) is an informal grouping of the world's advanced economies - France, the US, the UK, Germany, Japan, Italy and Canada and the European Union. Its members meet annually at the G7 Summit to discuss global economic and geopolitical issues.

India, the fifth-largest economy in the world, has regularly been invited to the Outreach session of the G7 Summit in the past few years.

India has attended eleven G7 Summit Outreach sessions till date: 2003 (France); 2005 (UK); 2006 (Russia); 2007 (Germany); 2008 (Japan); 2009 (Italy); 2019 (France); 2021 (UK); Germany (2022), Japan(2023), and Italy (2024).

According to a statement, the Outreach Segment of the 51st G7 Summit will have one session.

The summit is expected to deliberate on pressing challenges facing the globe including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the situation in West Asia.
Canada hosts one of the largest Indian diasporas abroad, accounting for nearly 4.5% of its population. This includes nearly 1.8 million Canadians of Indian origin (of which the Sikh population is roughly 770,000), and 1 million Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), who are in Canada in various capacities - students, skilled workers, temporary workers etc.

Indian students have historically been the largest group of international students in Canada, comprising 41% in 2022. However, the recent tightening of immigration has impacted both Indian students' opportunities and Canadian universities' finances.

Union Home Secy chairs review meeting on security preparations

the cave shrine after three days, while those using the Baltal route in Ganderbal district return to the base camp the same day after having 'darshan' inside the cave shrine.
The cave shrine houses naturally formed ice-Shivalingam that wanes and waxes with the phases of the moon.

This year's Amarnath Yatra is taking place in the aftermath of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, and the authorities are taking no chances with the security arrangements put in place for the Yatra.

A multi-layered security manned by the Army, CAPFs and the J&K Police is already in place at the cave shrine, base camps and transit camps in addition to the route right from Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu (starting point) for escorted convoys carrying the pilgrims to Baltal and Pahalgam.

Authorities have made arrangements for RFID tracking of yatra, real-time weather alerts, emergency evacuation protocols, and dedicated health camps to ensure the smooth conduct of the yatra. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) is a technology that uses radio waves to identify and track tags attached to objects.

Officials said that all aspects, including the minute details of security, have been attended to and there is a complete synergy between the army, CAPFs and the local police, all of whom are working as a well-oiled machine to ensure that every aspect of security is taken care of.

Yatra routes declared 'no flying zone'

duct of the yatra.
"All stakeholders have discussed the prevailing security scenario in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and have proposed additional logistics provisions," the order said.
It said the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has also advised that the entire route of Shri Amarnathji Yatra may be declared as 'no flying zone' during the pilgrimage days from July 1 to August 10.

"Therefore, with a view to ensure strengthened security during the Shri Amarnathji Yatra, 2025, all the routes of Shri Amarnathji Yatra are hereby declared as 'No Flying Zone', including both Pahalgam axis & Baltal axis," the order said.

The beefed-up security measures come in the backdrop of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 people dead. The Pak-sponsored terrorists had singled out Hindu tourists and then shot dead 25 of them in front of their families. One local was also killed.

The Amarnath yatra attracts thousands of pilgrims from all over the country and abroad. The pilgrims undertake the yatra to South Kashmir Himalayas to have a glimpse of naturally formed ice-Shivalingam.

Shekhawat to visit J&K on June 18-19

Union Territory such as Kheer Bhawani Temple & Martand Surya Temple, besides Pahalgam and Betaab Valley in Anantnag district, according to officials.

His official visit comes nearly two months after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22.

A day after the terror attack, Shekhawat had said that he and his office were in "continuous touch" with the chief secretary and the tourism secretary of the UT and keeping an eye on the situation.

He had asserted that his ministry would do the best to "minimise the dent" on tourism in J&K in the wake of the Pahalgam attack.

Some people with nefarious intentions tried to again "incite separatism and terrorism" in the Valley, the tourism

minister had said.

Sunil Gupta appointed DIG in BPR&D

tor/Deputy Inspector General (DIG) in the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) on deputa-tion basis.

The appointment has been made against an existing vacancy in Level-13A of the pay matrix.

Gupta, who has previously served as incharge IGP Crime and DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, has been asked to take up his new assignment immediately, and his parent cadre has been requested to relieve him at the earliest.

ACB filesdisproportionate assets case against patwari

Lolab, patwari, in revenue department on receipt of a complaint.

It was alleged in the complaint that the patwari was leading a grandiose lifestyle, besides being the owner of a number of orchards and agricultural land, houses at Bemina, Srinagar /Doniwari, and possessing cars.

He was also alleged to have spent hefty amounts on the admission of his wards in professional colleges as donations.

"The discreet verification revealed that during the check period, the patwari has incurred huge expenditures and accumulated/raised various assets, which were prima facie disproportionate to his known sources of income," it reads.

"The details of assets/expenditures revealed during verification are: Land at Hamdaniya Colony, Bemina in Srinagar & a double storey house on the said land, a double storey house at Doniwari Lolab, a Venue Hyundai car & two-Wheeler.

He was also alleged to have incurred huge expenditures on re-payment of bank loans, expenditure on the education of his children (MBBS admission outside the country & admission in a Nursing College, Amritsar.

It added that the verification revealed that immediately after receipt of complaint against him, he started securing frequent bank loans i.e, to the tune of Rs 75 lakh in order to disguise his illegal/unknown sources of income & to hoodwink enquiry officer.

The acts of omission & commission on part of the patwari constitute cognizable offence of criminal misconduct punishable under section 5 (1) (e) read with section 5 (2) of the J&K P C Act Svt, 2006. Accordingly, a case was registered against him.

The statement reads that immediately after registration of the case, search warrants were obtained from the anti-corruption court, Baramulla, and searches were conducted at different places belonging to accused.

"During searches, various incriminating material including receipts of purchase of gold articles, receipts of purchase of iPhone 15 & 15 pro & other items pertaining to the investigations of the case, were recovered and seized in the presence of magistrates & witnesses as per procedure under law. Further investigations are going on," it added.

ICC ready for 4-day Tests in 27-29 WTC cycle

Lord's, the ICC chair, Jay Shah, is understood to have expressed his support for four-day Tests, with a view to sanctioning them in time for the 2027-29 WTC cycle," a report said.

"England, Australia and India would still be permitted to schedule five-Test series of five-day matches for the Ashes, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and the newly named Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, the first iteration of which begins with the first Test between England and India at Headingley on Friday." The ICC first sanctioned four-day Tests for bilateral contests in 2017. England played Zimbabwe over four days at Trent Bridge last month after four-day Tests against Ireland in 2019 and 2023.

According to the report, "many smaller nations are reluctant to host Tests due to the time they take out of the schedule and the cost, but a move to four-day cricket would enable an entire three-Test series to be played in less than three weeks." "In four-day Tests the playing hours are extended to mandate a minimum of 98 overs per day rather than 90 overs to mitigate the time lost," it said.

"South Africa's threadbare itinerary despite being crowned world champions in the thrilling final against Australia at Lord's last week has further highlighted the issue, and focused minds on the need for change," it added.

The 2025-27 World Test Championship will, however, will continue under the existing format of five-day matches.

It begins with Sri Lanka hosting Bangladesh in a two-Test series on Tuesday.

Of the 27 Test series to be played among nine countries contesting in the 2025-27 cycle, 17 will feature just two-match affairs whereas there will be six series of three matches.

England, Australia and India will all play a five-Test series each against the other.

Amarnath Yatra to see record turnout: Chugh

ror attack has failed, and the upcoming Amarnath Yatra is expected to witness record participation.

He also lauded the decision of LG Manoj Sinha to re-open 16 of the 48 tourist destinations that were closed after the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed 26 lives, including 25 Hindu tourists.

"Terrorism will not dictate our calendar or our culture. Pakistan's plans to spread fear in the valley have failed yet again. Jammu and Kashmir is moving ahead with confidence, and this is the true reply to those who wish to keep the region in turmoil," Chugh said in a statement.

He said the 38-day Amarnath Yatra, beginning July 3 via the twin routes of Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal, will reflect India's unity, faith, and resilience against terrorism.

Chugh said the return of tourists to the region underscores the Centre's commitment to peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Pakistan's ISI and its terror proxies had conspired to cripple Jammu and Kashmir's tourism economy, but Operation Sindoor delivered a decisive blow to their agenda," he said.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, a strong message has been sent to Pakistan that India will not tolerate any attempt to disturb peace in Jammu and Kashmir, Chugh added.

"The nation will respond with strength, not silence," he said.

The BJP leader said the rising footfall of tourists in the valley is a reflection of people's trust in the government's security measures and developmental initiatives.

India cannot afford to be divided over languages: Dhankhar

Our languages indicate inclusivity. Sanatan teaches to be in togetherness for the same sublime purpose," Dhankhar added. He appealed to everyone to "soul search, be reflective and rise to the occasion and marvel at our great accomplishments."

Further, he said: "Look at our destination, take into account the future and let us get over the storm."

On the NEP, the Vice President urged the states that have not implemented it to enforce the policy as it was a national education policy, which was a "game changer."

"I appeal to the states which have not adopted and those which are implementing to realise what is given in the policy. Let our boys and girls be fully aware of the benefit of the policy through workshops," he said.

The NEP was the best policy in the world as it allowed the students to fully exploit their talent and potential, besides offering opportunity to pursue multiple courses and optimal utilisation of time.

He pointed that the political leadership should bear in mind that there was no room for confrontation and that disruption and disturbance were not the mechanism which the framers of the Constitution taught us.

Iran's high-ranking General killed in Israeli strike

tary official and Khamenei's closest military advisor, was killed in an IAF strike in central Tehran, following precise intelligence."

For the second time in 5 days- the IDF has eliminated Iran's War-Time Chief of Staff, the regime's top military commander.

Ali Shadmami, Iran's senior-most military official and Khamenei's closest military advisor, was killed in an IAF strike in central Tehran.

The IDF has said that Israel's war against Iranian proxies continues on all fronts. According to the IDF, Israeli troops carried out a targeted operation to locate and map out large-scale underground Hamas infrastructure in Khan Yunis.

"Our war against Iranian proxies is on all fronts: Over the past two weeks, our troops conducted a targeted operation to locate and map out large-scale underground Hamas infrastructure in the area of the European Hospital in Khan Yunis, where the body of Mohammed Sinwar was found. We sealed the tunnel by pouring approximately 250 cubic meters of concrete into it. The operation in the area was carried out with precision and care to avoid damaging the hospital building," the IDF posted on X.

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The conflict between Israel and Iran entered the fifth day on Tuesday, with both sides trading missile strikes. Civilians in key areas face waves of attacks. At least 224 people have been killed in Iran since the hostilities started, while 24 people have been killed in Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu earlier said that targeting Ayatollah Ali Khamenei would not escalate but end the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran, which started last week.

Asked about reports that US President Donald Trump rejected an Israeli plan to assassinate Iran's Supreme Leader, concerned that it would escalate the conflict, Netanyahu responded, "It's not going to escalate the conflict, it's going to end the conflict."

He said, "We've had half a century of conflict spread by this regime that terrorises everyone in the Middle East; has bombed the Aramco oil fields in Saudi Arabia; is spreading terrorism and subversion and sabotage everywhere."

Netanyahu accused Iran of intending to have a forever war and blamed it for bringing Israel to the "brink of nuclear war."

Netanyahu stated, "The 'forever war' is what Iran wants, and they're bringing us to the brink of nuclear war. In fact, what Israel is doing is preventing this, bringing an end to this aggression, and we can only do so by standing up to the forces of evil."

When asked whether Israel would target Iran's Supreme Leader, he said that Israel was "doing what we need to do."

Refusing to share details regarding Israel's plan, he said, "I'm not going to get into the details, but we've targeted their top nuclear scientists." He said, "It's basically Hitler's nuclear team."

Last week, Israel launched a massive airstrike on Iranian military and nuclear sites, in a military operation named "Operation Rising Lion," in response to which Iran fired ballistic missiles at Israeli cities.

Probe panel to submit report in 3 months

vant organisations, the Civil Aviation Ministry had said.

Asked about the probe status, Mohol said, "The investigation is underway and several small details will be investigated. Many things will come to light after downloading the 'black box'. A committee has been appointed under the chairmanship of the Union Home Secretary to investigate the matter. The report will be submitted within three months." The doomed aircraft's black box-which includes the Flight Data Recorder and Cockpit Voice Recorder-has already been recovered and may hold vital clues to understanding what led to the disaster.

He said, "The Air India operates a total of 34 Dreamliner aircraft. Orders have been given to inspect and investigate all the 34 carriers. Of them, 10 to 12 carriers have been inspected so far and no issue has been found in them yet." The minister also said that hospital authorities in Ahmedabad have collected 270 DNA samples and 70 to 80 bodies have been handed over to their relatives.

Probe agencies were looking into all possible causes for the crash, including loss of thrust in both engines of the aircraft, multiple bird strikes, or a potential wing flap issue.

The high-level panel, chaired by Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, has deliberated on various possibilities that could have led to the Ahmedabad crash at its first meeting in Delhi, sources said on Monday.

The panel heard the opinion of various stake-holders about the possible causes and deliberated on steps to be taken to check future occurrence of such accidents by formulating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Since a separate investigation is also being carried out by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), which is looking into the technical aspects of the crash, the panel discussed about the possible causes and lesson to be taken from it, the sources said.

The United States' National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has also launched a parallel probe into the

crash, drawing several international experts to the accident site.

The NTSB is conducting a parallel probe under international protocols, as the aircraft is American-made, an official release earlier said.

It is an independent federal agency of the US tasked with investigating every civil aviation accident. They determine the probable causes of accidents and events and investigate and issue safety recommendations aimed at preventing future occurrences.

'Not going to kill Khamenei, at least for now': Trump's big warning for Iran

fifth day, scenes of panic unfolded in the Iranian capital on Tuesday. Residents fled Tehran in growing numbers, while the city's shops - including the iconic Grand Bazaar - shuttered their doors amid fears of further escalation.

Despite official assurances that the situation remains under control, witnesses on the ground described a far more chaotic picture. Air raid sirens reportedly blared at regular intervals, sending people scrambling for cover. Traffic jammed major roads out of the city, especially heading west, and long queues formed at gas stations as anxiety spread.

The exodus and tension were further fueled by an ominous message from former US President Donald Trump on social media, urging the immediate evacuation of Tehran. Hours later, Trump cut short his visit to the G7 summit in Canada to return to Washington.

"I'm not looking at a ceasefire. We're looking at better than a ceasefire," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One en route back to the US, signaling a possible escalation rather than a diplomatic pause.

NC govt ignoring basic needs of people: Kavinder

elections but the NC government continues to be in a deep slumber. People are now asking for free ration and electricity. It is an irony that instead of fulfilling its commitments, the government is busy making excuses and blaming public for its failures."

"The J&K people want transparent governance and tangible results, not hollow assurances," he said.

He accused the NC government of neglecting critical issues affecting common people, including rising unemployment, inadequate infrastructure and the lack of basic amenities in several areas. "The NC government has failed on all fronts," Gupta declared, adding that the public was growing increasingly disillusioned with the administration's inability to address their grievances.

He called upon the NC government to stop misleading people and focus on the welfare measures it pledged before the elections.

Gupta also interacted with residents of Ward No 47 & 48, listening to their concerns, including erratic power supply. He assured them that their issues would be raised with the concerned authorities and addressed on a priority basis.

"BJP stands with people. We will ensure their voices are heard, and we will hold the government accountable for lapses," he said.

Gupta also reiterated BJP's commitment to development and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir, contrasting it with the NC's 'bad' track record of governance. "BJP has always worked for the welfare of people, and we will continue to expose the NC's failures while pushing for solutions to the public problems," he said.

Gupta's strong words and proactive engagement resonated with the audience, reinforcing BJP's role as a vocal advocate for the people's rights.

MHA to handle 'progression' of ex-Agniveers

In June 2022, the government rolled out the Agnipath recruitment scheme with an aim to bring down the age profile of the three services.

Under the Agnipath scheme, candidates between the age bracket of 17-and-half years and 21 who get selected are enrolled in Army, Air Force and Navy as Agniveers for a period of 4 years with a provision to retain 25 per cent of them for 15 more years.

The government has already reserved 10 per cent of jobs for ex-Agniveers in all future appointments of constables in the 11-lakh-strong Central Armed Police Forces like CRPF, BSF, CISF, SSB etc. The CAPFs recruit around 10-12 thousand personnel in constable ranks.

No physical test would be required for recruitment of the former Agniveers into the paramilitary forces as such tests have already been done by the Army. They will just need a physical fitness certificate, an official had said.

Various central government agencies and departments have also announced plans to recruit former Agniveers.

G7 labels Iran as source of terror, backs Israel's right to defend

kets and stand ready to coordinate, including with like-minded partners, to safeguard market stability," it said.

Meanwhile, tensions further escalated as Israel issued evacuation warnings to residents in Tehran ahead of anticipated airstrikes.

Israeli officials called on civilians to urgently leave the Iranian capital, signalling a potential large-scale offensive. In response to the deteriorating situation, United States President Donald Trump cut short his visit to the G7 summit by a day. Posting on his social media platform, Truth Social, Trump urged, "Everyone should evacuate Tehran," following Israel's announcement of a massive impending strike.

Trump reiterated that the current crisis could have been avoided had Iran agreed to a nuclear deal with the United States.

He said the deal had reached a deadlock, and the conflict now threatens to spiral further unless immediate steps are taken toward de-escalation.

13 DSPs transferred, posted

is posted as DSP 10th Bn IR.

Mohammad Shafiq, awaiting orders of posting, is posted as DSP SIA, Kashmir, and Priyanka Kumari, DSP SOG, Jammu, is transferred and posted as DSP Tech, CID HQ.

Anjana, DSP Security, Jammu, is transferred and posted as DSP Welfare, PHQ, and Shakeel Ahmad, SDPO railways, Sangaldhan, is transferred and posted as DSP TMG CID HQ.

Khurshid-Ur-Rehman, CIO, Srinagar district, is transferred and posted as DSP 10th Bn, IR, and Davinder Singh, awaiting orders of posting, is posted as DSP security, Jammu.

Satyakam Sharma, DSP Ist Bn IR (I/C SMVD Bhawan) is transferred and posted as DSP central stores, Jammu, and Tahir Yousuf, DSP 6th Bn JKAP, is transferred and posted as DSPCID SB, Poonch.

Sandeep Mahajan, awaiting orders of adjustment, is posted as SDPO railways, Sangaldhan, and Munish Kumar is posted as DSP Ist Bn IR (I/C SMVD Bhawan).