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No safe haven for cross-border smugglers, terror financiers: LG
tion will be ensured for the innocent," the LG said. "Although J&K Drug-Free Campaign is scheduled for 100 days, it marks the start of a much larger fight," he said and added, "Eliminating this threat requires a marathon effort."

"It is a war of years, not a battle of weeks. Victory demands a unified, round-the-clock commitment. By mobilising a whole-of-society approach, we will ensure that J&K's soil is completely cleared of drug smugglers and drug peddlers. During the Padyatra across Jammu Kashmir, I have witnessed the incredible courage of young men and women breaking the shackles of addiction to reclaim their lives. That is why we cannot fail. This campaign is a matter of the soul of Jammu Kashmir," he said.

"In order to safeguard youth, the administration is embedding the spirit of this mission into the very fabric of our neighborhoods, equipping communities to recognise the warning signs, intervene early, and shield each other," he added.

"Our teachers, Panchayat Mahila Samitis, religious leaders, and civil society groups are the torchbearers of this movement, standing united to ensure the shadow of addiction never finds a foothold in Kishtwar and across Jammu Kashmir. This is a defining moment for the future of our children. The people have spoken with one voice that narco-terrorists must be driven from this land," the LG said.

Sinha pays obeisance at Gauri Shankar Mandir

ected by the public representatives and local residents, and instructed the district administration to set about appropriate measures for the rejuvenation of the pond adjoining the temple.

SHO, PSI, 2 ASIs suspended

district police lines (DPL), pending the outcome of inquiry.

The SSP also ordered a detailed probe into the allegations to ascertain the facts.

Meanwhile, Inspector Ajay Singh Chib has been posted as the new SHO of Ramgarh Police Station.

In a related development, a Special Police Officer (SPO) was transferred to Goran Police Chowki.

The action was initiated following complaints regarding the handling of the sensitive case.

Ladakh LG to lead delegation to Mongolia

Modi has nominated Saxena to lead the Indian delegation accompanying the holy relics on their return journey to India.

The LG will also attend the concluding ceremony of the exposition in Ulaanbaatar on June 10, after which the relics will be flown back to India in a special aircraft, they said.

The visit comes in the wake of the successful exposition of the sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha in Ladakh from May 1 to 14 this year.

The 14-day exposition in Ladakh witnessed an overwhelming response, with more than 1.18 lakh devotees paying obeisance to the holy relics, making it one of the largest spiritual gatherings organised in the Union Territory.

The officials said the relic exposition in Mongolia is part of India's efforts to strengthen civilisational and cultural ties rooted in the shared Buddhist heritage between the two countries.

The return of the relics is expected to mark the culmination of the spiritually significant event attended by thousands of devotees and dignitaries in Mongolia.

India beat B'desh to win SAFF Women's Championships title

ing 18 goals while conceding just one, showcasing their dominance in the tournament. They had begun their campaign with an emphatic 11-0 victory over Maldives before convincingly blanking Bangladesh 3-0 to top Group B.

After five title wins on the trot, India could not even reach the finals in the last two editions when Bangladesh walked away with the trophy after beating Nepal on both occasions in 2022 and 2024. India had last won the title in 2019.

Jitendra inaugurates Lavender Festival

ister Jitendra Singh. Organised by the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, the festival celebrates the remarkable success of the Lavender Mission and the purple revolution in the Chenab Valley region.

Addressing a gathering of farmers, students, scientists, entrepreneurs and the public, Dr Singh highlighted the transformative impact of the purple revolution in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that Bhaderwah had carved out a distinct identity through lavender cultivation, with a lavender-themed tableau from the region featured during Independence Day celebrations in Delhi.

Emphasising value addition, agri-startups, entrepreneurship and global market linkages, he said that the success of local youth and farmers stands as testimony to the immense potential of lavender cultivation. He also highlighted the emergence of lavender tourism in Bhaderwah and stressed the need for international collaborations to further expand the global footprint of lavender-based products.

The Union Minister urged the authorities to declare Government Degree College Bhaderwah a heritage institution. He appreciated the improved road connectivity and overall developmental progress witnessed across the district.

In his welcome address, Director CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, Zabeer Ahmed highlighted the achievements of lavender cultivation in Bhaderwah and described the region as the heart of India's Lavender Revolution.

He appreciated the coordinated efforts of CSIR-IIIM Jammu, farmers, entrepreneurs and stakeholders in transforming a pilot project into a nationwide success story. He informed that nearly 5,000 farmers have joined the lavender movement.

He expressed confidence that Bhaderwah lavender, known for its superior quality, would achieve greater international recognition and market access in the coming years.

PM discusses with EAC measures to boost growth

There are 11 part-time members: Rakesh Mohan, Sajjid. Z. Chinoy, Neelkanth Mishra, Nilesh Shah, TT Ram Mohan, Soumya Kanti Ghosh, KV Raju, Chetan Ghatge, Pami Dua, Pulak Ghosh and Gaurav Vallabh.

The terms of reference of EAC include analysing any issue, economic or otherwise, referred to it by the Prime Minister, and advising him thereon, addressing issues of macroeconomic importance and presenting views thereon to the PM.

These could be either suo-motu or on reference from the Prime Minister or anyone else. They also include attending to any other task as may be desired by the PM

from time to time.

NTA dismisses claims of re-exam paper 'leak'

parents. "The National Testing Agency (NTA) has noted certain messages circulating on social media and messaging platforms claiming a 'leak', advance access or 'sale' of the NEET (UG) 2026 re-examination question paper," the NTA said in a post on X.

"These claims are false, fraudulent and intended to mislead," the NTA said, adding that such content was being circulated by "organised cheating rackets" seeking to exploit the anxiety of candidates and their families by selling fake question papers.

"Such content is the work of organised cheating rackets that prey on the anxiety of students and their families. Their objective is to extort money by selling fake 'papers', and every such claim circulating is a fabrication," the agency added.

"The integrity of the examination process is fully intact, and every safeguard is in place to ensure a fair and secure examination for all candidates," the agency said.

The NTA said it was actively identifying and reporting the offending channels, accounts and content to the platforms and cyber-crime authorities for immediate take-down and action.

The agency further said it was filing a formal complaint with law-enforcement and cyber-crime authorities, warning that creating, circulating or forwarding such fraudulent content and attempting to defraud students constituted a serious punishable offence.

"Strict action will be taken against those responsible," it said.

Candidates and parents have been advised not to engage with, pay for or forward such messages and not to fall prey to these "fraudulent solicitations".

It also said to rely only on official communications issued through NTA's verified channels.

"We urge all aspirants to ignore these rumours and to rely solely on official communication issued by NTA through its verified website and channels," the statement said.

"To every candidate appearing for NEET (UG) 2026 -- focus on your preparation with confidence. Your hard work is what matters, and NTA stands committed to conducting a fair, secure and credible examination," it added.

The NEET-UG for admissions into medical courses took place on May 3 this year but was cancelled by the NTA on May 12 amid allegations of a paper leak. The CBI is currently investigating this matter, and a retest is scheduled for June 21.

India continues to stand out as world's fastest-growing economy: Rajnath

Modi, India has successfully combined economic growth with stability, confidence, sustainability and credibility.

"His unwavering commitment to nation-building, focus on innovation, infrastructure, and entrepreneurship, and ability to steer the country through unprecedented global challenges have transformed India into a confident, resilient, and globally respected economic power," he said.

"As India moves towards the vision of Viksit Bharat, this growth story continues to create new opportunities and strengthen the aspirations of 140 cr Indians," Singh added in his post.

Sanctions threat to India will boomerang under Modi's leadership: Putin

form, Putin said, "India is a sovereign country, and it is free to choose those products that they consider to be most up to date and most applicable for them and obviously offering the best price. No matter what people say, India has always been acting in this manner." "India is always guided by its national interests," he added.

Putin said that Russia's cooperation with India, just like with all other partners, is not subject to the political environment.

"We can't be dictated... Nobody can dictate to us, and nobody would even try to do that. We are always going to do what we consider to be right, and we will always stand true to the commitments given to partners, especially partners like India," he said.

Highlighting Russia's long-standing relationship with India, especially in the area of defence, Putin said, "Our relations with the Indian friends are specific, thanks to our mutual trust. We concentrate not just on trade. Not just on buying and selling, we're also concentrating on joint research and development." Putin highlighted how experts from both countries are working on the design of the mid-range missile BrahMos.

On the fifth-generation stealth aircraft Sukhoi Su-57, Putin said Russia had earlier proposed a joint development programme with India, but later pursued the project independently after the plan did not materialise.

"Su-57 is a very good aircraft, probably the most modern one, the most up-to-date in the world as of now," Putin said. "We offered that we should do that together. Well, it didn't work out, but we did it on our own, and we stand ready to sell Su-57." For decades, Russia has served as India's primary defence supplier. However, persistent supply chain disruptions and delivery delays stemming from the war in Ukraine have forced New Delhi to aggressively diversify its military procurement strategy.

After a years-long search for a fifth-generation fighter jet, India has launched its ambitious Advanced Multirole Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project, widely regarded as the nation's largest indigenous aerospace programme.

As the aircraft under the AMCA project is unlikely to join the Indian Air Force (IAF) before 2035, the government is considering the procurement of at least two squadrons (around 36) of Su-57s, provided they fulfil the technical specifications.

Govt files review petition before SC on conduct of TET

mitted to safeguarding the interests of our teachers," Itoo said in a post on X.

The Supreme Court order mandates the TET for all in-service teachers of primary and upper primary classes, requiring them to qualify within two years to continue in service.

Earlier on May 30, the minister had said that the government had always acted responsibly and proactively on the TET issue concerning teachers in J&K and remains fully committed to safeguarding teachers' interests.

"We have consistently taken up this matter and, more importantly, followed it up with concrete action. In the past as well, we have acted to protect the interests of our teachers," she had said.

NFHS-6 reflects healthcare transformation: Nadda

serve the nation," Nadda said in a post on X.

Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra Welfare Society expresses gratitude to LG Sinha

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The Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra Welfare Society (MK-BYWS), under the chairmanship of Er. Kiran Wattal along with its General Secretary Shri M.K. Yogi, has expressed its heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha for inaugurating the newly constructed Yatri Bhawan at the revered Mata Kheer Bhawani Shrine, Tullamulla.

The Society described inauguration as a landmark achievement for the devotees of Mata Kheer Bhawani. It is noteworthy that the foundation stone of Yatri Bhawan was laid by Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor nearly two years ago, and the project has been completed within a record period of two years, reflecting the commitment of the administration towards strengthening pilgrimage infrastructure and providing enhanced facilities to visiting devotees.

MKBYS highly appreciated efforts of the UT Administration, Relief and Rehabilitation Department, and all concerned agencies for ensuring the timely completion of this important facility, which will greatly benefit pilgrims visiting the holy shrine.

On the occasion, a dele-

gation of Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra Welfare Society led by Er. Kiran Wattal, Convenor, and Shri M.K. Yogi, General Secretary, presented a beautifully framed photograph of holy Mata Kheer Bhawani Shrine, Tullamulla, to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha as a token of gratitude and appreciation for his unwavering support towards the Yatra and the welfare of Kashmiri Pandit community.

Er. Kiran Wattal stated that Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra is not merely a pilgrimage but a living symbol of the centuries-old faith, traditions and cultural identity of the Kashmiri Pandit community. He appealed to devotees across the country to participate in large numbers in the

forthcoming Yatra and seek the blessings of Mata Ragnya Bhagwati.

Shri M.K. Yogi appreciated the positive response and cooperation extended by various government departments and expressed confidence that all arrangements would be completed well in time for the smooth and successful conduct of the Yatra.

The Divisional Administration has assured the Society of comprehensive security arrangements and all necessary assistance for pilgrims. The forthcoming Yatra will be conducted broadly in accordance with the successful Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) implemented last year, with further improvements in transportation, accommodation, sanitation, medical facilities,

drinking water supply, traffic management and other logistical support services.

The Society expressed confidence that under leadership of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha and with co-operation of all concerned departments, the forthcoming Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra 2026 will be organized in a safe, peaceful and spiritually fulfilling manner, enabling thousands of devotees to participate in the sacred pilgrimage with devotion and reverence at the holy shrine of Mata Ragnya Bhagwati, Tullamulla.

The delegation was accompanied by Prof. B.L. Zutshi, Shri Sanjay Saraf, Shri Sanjay Raina, Shri Avinash Fotedar, and other distinguished members of the Society.

only a resolve to build a genuinely transformative relationship with our closest and most important partner, India," he said.

He called for transforming the two countries' centuries-old civilisational links into a modern development partnership.

Khanal also underlined India's role as a dependable partner during times of crisis, citing New Delhi's support in ensuring uninterrupted supplies of fuel and fertilisers to Nepal amid global disruptions.

Katra-bound coach separates at Ludhiana; no injuries

No passenger was hurt in the incident, they said. Passengers said they felt a sudden and violent jolt as the train started moving, prompting fears of derailment, following which several people rushed out immediately. Railway officials and emergency teams reached the spot, evacuated passengers from the affected coach and detached it from the train.

Ludhiana Station Director Aditya said a replacement coach was attached to the train, allowing it to resume its journey to Katra without significant delay. Railways has ordered a detailed inquiry into the incident to ascertain the cause of the structural failure.

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Government Railway Police, Tejpal Singh said preliminary investigation had found no evidence of sabotage.

Officials believe a technical defect caused the coach body to fail at the start of movement. Officers noted that the consequences could have been far more serious had the coach failure occurred while the train was running at high speed.

Viksit Bharat collective mission of 140 cr Indians: Kavinder

country that is inclusive, self-reliant, innovation-driven and rooted in human values.

He stated that the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was not just a government programme but a collective national mission of 140 crore Indians.

He lauded the contribution of Panchanand Research Institute, established in 1983, for its meaningful work in research, intellectual discourse and public awareness on issues related to society and nation-building.

Highlighting India's rapid progress, he said that the country had made remarkable achievements in digital technology, innovation, start-ups, infrastructure, healthcare, education and financial inclusion.

"While economic growth remains essential, equal importance must also be given to social justice, environmental sustainability and cultural values in the journey towards becoming a developed nation," he said.

Referring to India's digital transformation, the governor said that the country's digital model had become an example for the world.

Gupta said that Himachal Pradesh was blessed with immense talent and potential. He stressed the need to provide young people with quality education, modern skills and an ecosystem that promotes innovation and entrepreneurship.

"You should not aspire merely to become job seekers but job creators. Embrace innovation and entrepreneurship and use your talent to find solutions to society's challenges," he said.

The governor emphasised that the development of India cannot be achieved through policies alone but through the energy, knowledge, character and patriotism of its youth. He urged young people to actively contribute to nation-building and become catalysts of positive change. On the occasion, he released two books - "Puran Purush: Sikhhi Ke Sutra" authored by Radhika Dhiman and "Man Buddha Ka Vikas: Sikhhi Ke Sutra" authored by Amardeep Singh.

Earlier, the keynote speaker and National President of Panchanand Shodh Sansthan, Prof Brij Kishore Kuthiala, honoured the governor and delivered an insightful lecture on the theme "Bharat 2047: The Resolve of a Developed India."

Founder Member of Sai Eternal Foundation and Chairman of the programme, Raj Kumar Verma and National Co-Director of Panchanand Research Institute, Prof Manu Sood welcomed the governor and shared their views on the vision of a developed India.

Prominent academicians, researchers, social thinkers and prominent people were among those present on the occasion.

