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People now understand importance of political stability: PM Modi

with a statement attributed to Modi: "Our policy is of zero tolerance against terrorism. Operation Sindoor has made it even clearer. Anyone who tries to spill the blood of Indians will be answered in the same language. Those who raise their eyes towards India will not be spared at any cost."

The Centre said this was the declaration of Prime Minister Modi, who had become the "confluence of policy, intention and decisive capability".

"In the last 12 years, the bold and decisive approach of the Central government has proved that when the country stands united and is filled with the spirit of 'Rashtra Pratham', iron-clad decisions are taken and results are delivered," it said.

The document also emphasised the government's push for "Atmanirbharta" in the defence sector.

"India, once heavily dependent on foreign nations for defence equipment, is now exporting defence products to countries across the world," it said.

Over 36,000 defence products were identified for large-scale manufacture in India, and manufacturing of more than 12,000 products has already begun, it said.

As part of Operation Sindoor, it added, nine terror hideouts were destroyed.

Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7, 2025, to avenge the deadly Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 last year. Under the military response, Indian forces conducted precision strikes on multiple terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir.

The military conflict between the two nuclear-armed neighbours, lasting nearly 88 hours, came to a halt after they reached an understanding on the evening of May 10.

No one can dare to raise eye against India: MoS Def

"PM Modi, who has also changed the destiny and image of Kashmir, completed 12 years, i.e., 4,399 days as elected PM. Today, first thing in the morning, I went to the Shankaracharya Temple. There, I offered prayers and oversaw a cleanliness drive. Then I came to this holy dar-gah to offer prayers for the PM, for his good health and long life," he said.

He said the entire country is praying for Modi's good health and long life.

"The country today is moving forward peacefully and very rapidly," he said

LG pays homage to Army bravehearts

duty. We stand united in solidarity with the families of the martyrs in this hour of grief," the LG said.

Mortar shell found, destroyed

controlled explosion in an open field, causing no damage to life or property, officials said.

SPO disengaged

picious condition, officials said. During checking, besides syringes and needles, police had also recovered a silver foil paper used for the consumption of narcotic substances.

Subsequently, a case was registered under Sections 8, 27 and 29 of the NDPS Act, officials said.

In view of the serious involvement and conduct unbecoming of a member of a disciplined force, the SPO was disengaged from service with immediate effect, the officials added.

PM has promised to restore statehood: Farooq

ence president Farooq Abdullah said today. He said they were waiting for the Centre to fulfil its promise.

"The Prime Minister recently told Omar that he will fulfil his promise (on restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir)," Abdullah told reporters in Anantnag district.

Responding to a question on delay in approval of business rules for Jammu and Kashmir government, Abdullah said his party wants not only the business rules but also restoration of statehood.

"Statehood is their promise before the world. We are waiting for it," he added.

Court issues proclamation against Salahuddin, 3 others

Rai, ordered the issuance of a proclamation under Section 84 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, after being satisfied that the accused persons had absconded and were deliberately evading arrest.

The proclamation was issued against Salahuddin, Ghulam Nabi Khan, Sher Mohammad and Nasir Yousuf Qadri in connection with FIR No 05/1996 registered at Police Station CIK, Srinagar, under Sections 121, 121-A, 153-A and 153-B of the Ranbir Penal Code, Section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, and Sections 2/3 of E&IMCO.

According to the prosecution, the case was registered on April 5, 1996, following information that Pakistani intelligence agencies were allegedly motivating Kashmiri youth to join militant organisations and undergo training across the border for waging war against India.

DC Ganderbal presides over weekly Block Diwas at Tulmulla

GANDERBAL, JUNE 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today presided over a public outreach programme under the weekly Block Diwas initiative at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Tulmulla.

The programme was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Manzoor Ahmad; PO ICDS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development and other district and sectoral officers, besides civil society members, public representatives and residents from different areas of Tulmulla and adjoining villages.

At the outset, several delegations and individuals projected issues and demands concerning de-

velopment and public welfare in their respective localities.

The issues raised during the programme mainly related to augmentation of drinking water supply, issues related to Dhobi canal, repairs of roads and damaged water pipelines, improvement of existing playground, establishment of additional Anganwadi Centres, healthcare infrastructure, sanitation, maintenance of public assets, street lighting, restoration of springs in the localities among others.

Residents also sought better management of irrigation canals, revival of defunct infrastructure, improvement of public facilities, establishment of library in Tulmulla and deployment of sanitation workers and dustbins at

Investigators said that Salahuddin played a leading role in delivering provocative speeches and motivating youth for the purpose.

The court noted that arrest warrants had already been issued against the accused on February 26, 2026. Reports submitted by police, field officers, village officials and local representatives indicated that the accused were no longer residing at their known addresses and were concealing themselves to avoid arrest.

After examining the material placed on record, the court held that the legal requirements for issuance of a proclamation had been met and directed all four accused to appear before the court on or before July 14, 2026.

The court further directed the Investigating Officer and SHO of Police Station CIK Srinagar to ensure publication of the proclamation in accordance with law, including public reading, affixation at the accused persons' residences and the court premises, and publication in a newspaper circulating in the areas where the accused ordinarily reside.

The investigating agency has been asked to submit a compliance report after completing the proclamation process.

LG chairs high-level meeting to review preparations

During the meeting, it was informed that large number of pilgrims are getting registered, and the Yatra is expected to be higher as compared to that in recent Yatras. The Lieutenant Governor stressed upon the need for whole of government approach and close coordinated efforts by various departments and organizations to manage and facilitate the Yatra 2026.

The LG, while reviewing infrastructure works, was apprised that the tracks along both Baltal and Pahalgam routes have been widened to around 12-feet in order to make the journey comfortable, and that all the remaining works are progressing as per timelines.

He directed the concerned agencies, including BRO, to ensure that both tracks are fully functional by June 25 and that crash barriers and hand railings are installed at all vulnerable points on the roads leading to the two base camps.

He also reviewed arrangements relating to road connectivity, sanitation, water and power supply, registration management, health facilities, disaster management, transportation, lodgement centres, holding spaces and telecom connectivity.

He directed the concerned authorities to enhance holding capacity at key locations, increase the number of toilets and ambulances, and ensure comprehensive disaster preparedness. Deputy Commissioners of Ganderbal and Anantnag were asked to conduct thorough inspection of the tracks, identify slippery stretches and shooting stone areas, and ensure installation of adequate warning signage at vulnerable spots.

He directed that pitching of only high quality and aesthetic tents at various camps should be ensured, and no unauthorized tents be permitted. All service providers and pilgrims shall be required to have valid registration and RFID cards for moving on the Yatra tracks. Pony stands are to be properly fenced, and a comprehensive emergency evacuation plan is to be prepared well in advance. The Lieutenant Governor also directed telecom service providers to ensure seamless connectivity along the Yatra route.

All concerned departments have been instructed to set up their respective Yatra camps and centres by June 20.

Earlier, the Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Mandeep K Bhandari, presented a detailed overview of the works executed by various departments and agencies for the smooth conduct of the Yatra.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo; Director General of Police, Nalin Prabbhat; Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shahleen Kabra; Additional Chief Secretary, Power Development Department, Ashwani Kumar; Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism Department, Dr Ashish Chandra Verma; Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Shaileendra Kumar; Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, Anil Kumar Singh; Commandant General, Home Guard / CD & SDRF; A G Mir; Principal Secretary, Home Department, Chandraker Bharti; Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Mandeep K. Bhandari; Director, Fire & Emergency Services, Alok Kumar, Administrative Secretaries, Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone and Kashmir Zone, Divisional Commissioners; Deputy Commissioners and senior officials of Shrine Board and all the line departments.

Modi's tenure marked by economic resilience: Prez

landmark occasion stands as a testament to the enduring trust and confidence reposed by people in his leadership.

"Your tenure has been distinguished by far-reaching advancements across governance, economic resilience and social transformation," Murmu said in a post on X.

Modi, who first assumed office on May 26, 2014, has become the longest continuously serving elected prime minister of India after surpassing the previous record of 4,398 uninterrupted days held by the first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

"Heartiest congratulations to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji on the unique honour of serving as the longest continuously elected Prime Minister of the nation. This landmark occasion stands as a testament to the enduring

Main Market Tulmulla.

Officers of the concerned departments responded to several issues on the spot and apprised the public about ongoing works, departmental procedures and measures being undertaken for resolution of grievances.

The DC gave a patient hearing to all delegations and individuals and directed the concerned departments to take prompt action on genuine public grievances in a time-bound manner.

Addressing the gathering, the DC said that programmes such as Block Diwas provide an important platform for direct interaction between the administration and the public and help in obtaining valuable feedback regarding developmental requirements and service

delivery.

The DC directed the concerned irrigation officials to undertake field visits to identified locations and assess practical issues raised by residents so that necessary interventions can be taken up at the earliest.

Expressing concern over certain complaints regarding public service delivery, he directed departmental officers to ensure that officials perform their duties with sincerity and commitment and that public grievances are addressed in a responsive manner.

Referring to the forthcoming annual Kheer Bhawani Mela at Tulmulla, the DC appreciated the tradition of communal harmony and hospitality displayed by the people of the district.

trust and confidence reposed in your leadership by the people of India," the President said.

Wide-ranging welfare initiatives have ensured more inclusive and equitable access to development benefits, reaching people at the grassroots, which strongly reflects adherence to the principles of Antyodaya, she said.

Of the many initiatives undertaken under your leadership, PM-JANMAN and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan hold a special place in my heart, Murmu said.

"Your inspiring journey continues to instil hope and renewed confidence in India's strong democratic traditions. I pray for your good health and long life so that you continue to serve the nation, leading it towards the vision of Atmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat," the President said.

Pak Army helicopter crashes in PoJK, all aboard killed

crashed in the Mohmand district due to bad weather, killing five people, including both pilots.

The today's crash is likely to renew scrutiny of flight safety and maintenance protocols as investigators work to determine what caused the Mi-17 helicopter to go down moments after take-off.

Omar meets Vaishnav, seeks enhanced rail connectivity for J&K

He emphasised that the closure coincides with one of the peak tourist seasons in the Valley and could impact the movement of tourists, pilgrims and local residents.

In this regard, Omar urged the Railway Ministry to augment railway services to the Kashmir Valley, particularly by increasing the frequency of Vande Bharat trains during the period of airport closure and the associated flight restrictions. He said enhanced rail connectivity would provide a reliable alternative to air travel, ensure seamless movement of passengers and help sustain tourism and economic activity during the period.

He noted that improved rail services during the airport closure would benefit visitors arriving during the festive season, including Durga Puja holidays, besides facilitating the travel needs of residents and pilgrims.

It is pertinent to mention that on April 30 this year, Vaishnav, along with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and other dignitaries, had flagged off the Vande Bharat Express service between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Srinagar, establishing for the first time a direct rail link between Jammu and the Kashmir Valley.

Trump vows attacks on Iran for 'playing' US over peace deal

talks to agree a peace deal were in the "final throes." "Iran is all talk and no action," he said. "They've taken too long to negotiate a deal that would have been great for them, now they will have to pay the price!!!"

In a sign that diplomacy was continuing however, negotiators from Qatar -- which along with Pakistan has been assisting in mediation efforts -- traveled to Tehran on Wednesday "to meet with the Iranians in an effort to bridge the remaining gaps", a diplomat with knowledge of the situation said.

At a Security Council meeting on the Middle East, United Nations chief Antonio Guterres suggested that an imperfect ceasefire was preferable to a return to full-scale hostilities.

"We should not minimize the risks of a lesser fire becoming full fire, or in another word -- full war," he said.

The war, which began with US-Israeli strikes on Iran, threw the region into chaos and rattled global markets before the shaky truce began.

Iran said it had attacked American bases in Jordan and Bahrain on Wednesday after the US carried out strikes on the Islamic republic in retaliation for the downing of a helicopter.

The Apache was the second crewed aircraft that Washington has confirmed to have been shot down by Iran during the war. Its two crew members were rescued, the US military said.

Bahrain said it intercepted and destroyed "a number of Iranian aerial attacks", while Jordan's military said it shot down five missiles, with no casualties or material damage.

The Kuwaiti military also said its air defenses were engaging "hostile aerial targets". Iran has recently carried out deadly attacks there too.

Tehran's foreign ministry "reiterated the legal and moral responsibility" of its neighbors not to allow the US or Israel to use their territory for attacks.

US Central Command (CENTCOM), which oversees American forces in the Middle East, said on X that it had earlier "struck Iranian air defense, ground control stations, and surveillance radar sites near the Strait of Hormuz".

An American warplane also fired on and disabled a tanker in the Gulf of Oman that was attempting to transport oil from Iran in violation of a US blockade of Iranian ports, the US military said on Wednesday.

The violence sparked calls for de-escalation from Iranian allies Russia and China.

A spokesperson for China's foreign ministry called on the warring parties to "stop intensifying the conflict and escalating the situation".

Iran has insisted any deal to end the war must include a truce in Lebanon, which was drawn into the conflict when Iran-backed Hezbollah militants within its borders fired rockets at Israel on March 2.

Israel responded with a campaign of airstrikes and a ground invasion that has killed more than 3,600 people. Exchanges of fire with Hezbollah have not stopped despite a nominal truce.

Over 3 lakh pay obeisance at Vaishno Devi shrine

pilgrims from across the country. "In the first week of the current month, more than three lakh pilgrims have visited the Mata Vaishno Devi," they said.

"The number of pilgrims is swelling sharply in view of the summer vacations," they said.

They said that on June 1, 37,100 devotees visited the cave shrine, on June 2, 40,200, on June 3: 40,300, June 4, 40,000, June 5, 42,500, on June 6: 47,500, on June 7: 48,300 and on June 8, 48,500 devotees paid obeisance at the holy shrine.

Officials, however, said that due to heavy rush at pilgrimage registration counters, the Shrine Board had to close the registration counters early on several occasions.

"Following guidelines from the National Green Tribunal (NGT), the Shrine Board cannot allow more than 50,000 pilgrims per day to undertake the yatra, so the decision to close the registration counters was taken as a preventive measure," they said.

Meanwhile, the advance online bookings for the hotels, Katra-Sanjichhat helicopter service, Ardh Kuwari-

Bhawan battery car, ropeway are almost full, they added. "To manage the crowd, the Shrine Board is allowing devotees to have darshan through all three caves," they said.

Moreover, the businesses in Katra--the base camp of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine--has witnessed a significant increase with a rising number of pilgrims.

Last year, the pilgrimage tourism remained hit due to the Pahalgam terrorist attack, Operation Sindoor, cloudburst and the devastating floods in the month of August.

"After a long time, Katra has witnessed a huge rush of pilgrims and it is good for the businessmen's community," said a local hotelier.

Deadly Pak airstrikes in Afghanistan end month of calm

mourners attended the funerals of nine people killed - seven children ranging in age from 3 to 15, a woman and a man. All were from the same family, killed when their house collapsed from the airstrike, relatives said.

In a post on X, Pakistan's information minister, Attaullah Tarar, said strikes were carried out in border areas on "hideouts and safe havens of masterminds and planners" of attacks carried out by the Pakistani Taliban and insurgents in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region.

Tarar said four targets were destroyed: a training center, a hideout, an ammunition cache and a facility belonging to militant commanders.

Pakistan's counter-terrorism campaign will continue "at full pace to wipe out the menace of foreign-sponsored and supported terrorism," he said.

Pakistan's information ministry on X dismissed Afghanistan's reports of civilian casualties, asserting that "Afghan Taliban accounts are peddling propaganda."

Wednesday's strikes came a day after suspected Pakistani Taliban militants attacked a security post in Pakistan's Hasan Khel area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, triggering a gunfight in which six members of the Federal Constabulary were killed and several others wounded, according to Pakistan's interior ministry.

Local authorities in Pakistan said Tuesday that security forces killed eight of the attackers and thwarted an attempt to overrun the checkpoint.

The situation along the border was calm hours after Wednesday's strikes. Kabul has previously responded to strikes by targeting Pakistani posts along the frontier hours or days later.

Pakistan in February declared it was in open war with Afghanistan, following a surge in militant attacks on its civilians and security forces.

Kavinder calls for making voluntary service way of life

"Blood can only be given by one human being to another. Every donation made today may save the life of a mother, a child, an accident victim or a soldier serving the nation. There can be no greater example of humanity and responsible citizenship," he said.

He said the inauguration of the camp was not merely the beginning of a blood donation drive but a reaffirmation of society's collective commitment towards compassion, service and social responsibility.

"The principles of humanity, impartiality and voluntary service, on which the Red Cross movement is founded, remain as relevant today as ever and should guide efforts to build a caring and inclusive society," he added.

Calling upon the youth of Himachal Pradesh to actively participate in welfare initiatives, Gupta urged them to transform their concern for society into meaningful action.

He stressed that voluntary service must become a way of life rather than a seasonal gesture and encouraged citizens to contribute regularly towards humanitarian causes.

He also inspected the Mobile Dental Clinic Van deployed by Red Cross Society and appreciated the initiative aimed at extending healthcare services to remote and underserved regions of the state.

He said mobile healthcare outreach was essential in a hilly state like Himachal Pradesh, where geographical challenges often limit access to quality medical facilities.

Gupta directed the Red Cross Society to organise similar blood donation and health awareness camps across all districts, particularly in remote areas where blood availability remains a challenge.

He also emphasised the need to promote awareness among students so that future generations view blood donation as a natural social responsibility.

He also presented certificates of appreciation to blood donors and specially felicitated Raj Kumar for his exemplary commitment to regular blood donation.

He also commended doctors, paramedical staff and Red Cross volunteers for their dedicated service in making the initiative a success.

Among those present on the occasion included Dr Sadhna Thakur, Dr Kimi Sood, Head of the Department of Public Health Dentistry, IGMC, Dr Vinay Bhardwaj, members of the Red Cross Society, blood donors and other dignitaries.

Top Congress leaders meet EC

They contended that no case is pending against Natarajan as no court has yet taken cognisance of a private complaint filed against her.

Singhvi, who also heads the legal cell of the Congress, said on X that "the decision of the Returning Officer is indeed poor and absolutely partisan."

Singhvi said he spoke to Natarajan and several other senior Congress leaders on Tuesday after he learnt of this "most remarkable and astonishing rejection" of her nomination papers by the Returning Officer.

"This is, on the face of it, patently and blatantly illegal because no criminal case, in the eyes of the law, exists against Ms Natarajan," he said in a video message on X. "This is because, in a private complaint, which anyone can file against anyone, no criminal case comes into existence unless and until the magistrate or the concerned judge takes cognisance," he said in the message.

"At the highest, in the present case, a court has only issued a notice to her on a private complaint well before that court has taken cognisance, and indeed, the issue of cognisance is yet to be decided after hearing her by that court. So, where is the question of a criminal case which she had to disclose?"

"This is well established by Indian jurisprudence, including a high court judgment directly on point. It is not possible that the Returning Officer took an independent, objective, fair, and impartial stance; otherwise, there is no way in law her nomination could have been rejected," he said.

"I hope and trust that the Election Commission in Delhi, the central body, will exercise its inherent, administrative, and superior powers to reverse this decision or order. Otherwise, it would be a very serious violation of the level-playing-field principle. It would create a highly skewed system in a democratic election, thereby affecting democracy and the basic structure itself," Singhvi said.