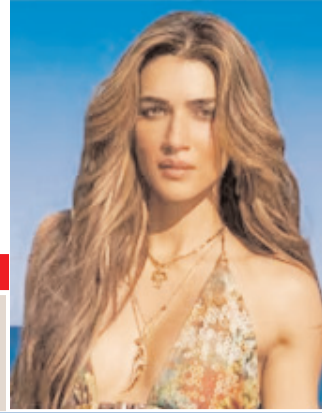


**Chinese nationals participate in event ahead of International Yoga Day in Beijing**

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## SPO disengaged from service

A Special Police Officer (SPO) has been disengaged from service in Kathua district for his alleged involvement in corrupt practices and remaining unauthorisedly absent from duty.

As per an order issued by Kathua SSP Mohita Sharma, SPO Rishi Sharma of Keerian, Kathua, was found involved in 'immoral' and 'corrupt practices' through which he had amassed significant movable & immovable assets. He was disengaged by

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## HC orders staff to participate in Yoga Day event

The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has directed all gazetted and non-gazetted employees of its Srinagar wing to participate in the International Yoga Day programme scheduled to be held on June 21.

According to an order issued by the office of Registrar General, all staff members were instructed to attend the event at 8 am sharp.

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## 4 fire services officials suspended

The Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services has placed four officials under suspension following their arrest by ACB in connection with an FIR registered at ACB Police Station, Central Jammu.

According to an order issued by Fire & Emergency Services Director Alok Kumar, the suspended officials included Leading Fireman Farooq Ahmad Wani, and Firemen - Mohammad Abdul Qayoom, Feroz Ahmad Yattoo and Shameem Ahmad Dar.

The ACB also filed a charge sheet before the Court of Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Bara

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## Committee constituted to review recruitment rules

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The government has ordered the constitution of a committee in the finance department for the review of recruitment rules in different departments.

The committee is also required to monitor and examine the recruitment rules of various departments, according to a government order issued by the finance department.

The committee will be headed by the Director Gen

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## NEET re-exam NTA issues safety advisory

NEW DELHI, JUN 19: The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Friday said that it is sending reminder SMS messages, emails, and WhatsApp notifications to candidates, urging them to download their admit cards for the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination scheduled for June 21, while cautioning students against fraudulent messages and fake communications.

The NEET-UG exam for admissions into medical courses was originally held on May 3 this year, but was cancelled on May 12 due to

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# India calls Pakistan 'Frankenstein State' at United Nations

## Accuses it of supporting terrorism

UNITED NATIONS, JUN 19: India slammed Pakistan at the United Nations, calling it a "Frankenstein state" that gets shocked when its "own monster bites back", as it accused Islamabad of "hosting, training and deploying" terrorists.

The remarks were made by Anupama Singh, First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, after Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir during the Interactive Dialogue on the UN High Commissioner's annual report.

"India is compelled to exercise this right of reply in response to references made to it by Pakistan and the OIC. We categorically reject the baseless and malicious allegations made by Pakistan," Singh said.

The diplomat further said: "We also categorically reject



the references to Jammu and Kashmir made by the OIC... For the record, Jammu and Kashmir was, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India. The only unresolved issue is Pakistan's illegal occupation of Indian territories and their return."

She also said that Pakistan is a country whose sitting defence minister "boasts of hosting, training and deploying terrorists as state policy".

"This should surprise no one. An illegal and illegitimate occupation can be sus-

tained only through force," Singh said. "This is the country with the sitting Defence Minister boasts of hosting, training, and deploying terrorists and state policy, and yet Pakistan calls itself a victim of terrorism."

The diplomat further said: "Indeed, a paradox which only Pakistan could sustain. It is a living example of a Frankenstein state, which is shocked when its own monster bites back," she said.

She also said that "denial of basic freedoms has brought matters to a point where even demand for

bread, electricity, rights, and dignity are met with bullets and brutality."

Singh also mentioned the Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan, calling it "outdated".

"Our position on the Indus Water Treaty is well known. It defies logic that a state which exports terror as an instrument of policy continues to demand the privileges of cooperation predicated on goodwill and friendship," Singh said.

The decades-old treaty was suspended after the Pahalgam terror attack in April 2025 that killed 26 civilians.

"It is equally undeniable that the treaty is now outdated. No technical arrangement can remain frozen in time while the world around it is transformed," the diplomat said.

Singh also said that a treaty negotiated in 1960 cannot be treated as a perpetual entitlement "insulated from accountability,"

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## Over 70 lakh employed under PMVBRY so far: Modi



NEW DELHI, JUN 19: As he disbursed incentives worth Rs 2,400 cr to support 15 lakh new jobs, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that over 70 lakh people had so far got em-

ployment across the country under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY).

The government's flagship employment-linked incentive scheme, aimed at

helping first-time job seekers and expanding social security coverage across sectors, was launched in August last year.

At an event here, Modi transferred Rs 2,400 cr to eligible beneficiaries' bank accounts through the direct benefit transfer mode as incentives to support the creation of 15 lakh employment opportunities.

Sharing the achievements of the scheme, Modi said that nearly 70 lakh new jobs have been created so far, and an equal number of first-time employees have been brought under the am

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## VP reaches Leh; to join Yoga Day celebrations



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Vice President C P Radhakrishnan arrived in Leh today on a three-day visit to the Union Territory. During his stay there, he would participate in the International Yoga Day celebrations.

He was accorded a warm

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## 3 held with grenades, HM posters

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In a major success, police late last night apprehended three OGWs from Shopian in the valley along with grenades, explosive material and posters of Pak-based Hizbul Mujahideen terror outfit.

They were identified as Aizaz Ahmad Khanday, Arbaz Ahmad Mir and Nasir Ahmad Dar, all residents of Begama, Shopian.

All the three were said to be missing from their resi

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## Conventional warfare as relevant today as it was in 1947: Rajnath

NAGPUR, JUN 19: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said conventional warfare and means are still relevant today as they were in 1947, and noted that a nation that fulfils its own needs can march ahead with confidence.

He was speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony for a 10,000-tonne aluminium extrusion press at the state-owned Yantra India Limited (YIL) in Ambajhari, Nagpur. The new facility will help reduce dependence on imports of critical aluminium compo-



nents. Singh said supply chains can get disrupted when war erupts.

"In such a scenario, every nation wants essential items to be manufactured domestically," he said.

A nation that fulfils its own needs can march

ahead confidently, Singh said.

"Conventional warfare and means are still relevant, as they were in 1947," Singh said, adding that they would remain crucial even in 2047.

This is why military industrial bases would remain important even in future, he added.

Singh noted that India's defence production surged to more than Rs 1,78,000 crore in 2025-26, which was just Rs 46,000 crore in 2014.

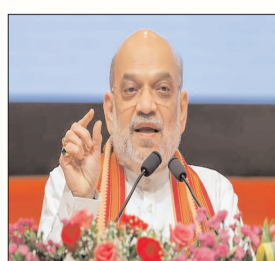
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## Shah calls for active use of technology across chain of investigation

NEW DELHI, JUN 19: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said active use of technology across the entire chain of investigation, prosecution and conviction should be ensured.

"Not only should the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) be used for identifying criminals, but the database must be enriched by adding fingerprints collected from crime scenes," he stressed while speaking at the inauguration of the All-India Fingerprint Conference-2026 organised by



the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) here.

"There are numerous such cases where NAFIS has been of great help in simplifying even the most complex cases. But I still believe that NAFIS is being utilised only 10 per cent of the time," Shah said.

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## Saxena orders ban on single-use plastics

LEH, JUN 19: LG Vinai Kumar Saxena has ordered strict ban on the use or sale of 'single-use plastic' and littering at public places across the UT.

Any individual or commercial establishment and institutions like hotels/eateries, found violating the single-use plastic ban, will now be imposed an environmental penalty of Rs 10,000, while littering would attract a penalty of Rs 5,000.

Besides, random checks for single-use plastics will be done at the Leh airport and the entry points to Ladakh.

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## As PM disburses incentives, LG thanks him for expanding social security in J&K

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As Prime Minister Narendra Modi disbursed incentives worth around Rs 2,400 cr under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, LG Manoj Sinha thanked him for giving a new impetus to job creation, enhancing employability, and expanding social security in J&K.

The PM disbursed incentives amounting to Rs 2,400 cr to more than 15 lakh beneficiaries across the country under PMVBRY. As part of a nationwide outreach effort, regional programmes were organised simultaneously at 200 locations across the country.

The main programme was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. It was attended by Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Mansukh Mandaviya; Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, senior officials, employer



representatives, employee beneficiaries and other distinguished guests.

The PM addressed the gathering and gave his valuable guidance to youth. He noted that India's youth were receiving unprecedented recognition globally for their talent, skills, and potential.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Labour & Employment organised a special programme at Convention Centre, Jammu, and Bari Brahamana Industrial Association, Samba, as part of the national event for disbursing benefits under PMVBRY.

In J&K, 1,522 employees received incentives worth Rs 74 lakh, while an amount of about Rs 25.42

cr was directly transferred into the bank accounts of 304 employers, marking a meaningful step towards strengthening formal employment and expanding social security coverage.

At the UT-level event, through virtual mode, LG Sinha expressed gratitude to the prime minister for driving inclusive growth & expanding social security coverage in Jammu Kashmir, and for bringing transformative changes in the Union Territory's employment landscape, enabling thousands of youths to access secure and dignified opportunities.

"This historic occasion is not merely a programme for merely a programme

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## Terror support network dismantled Forest deptt employee among 2 OGWs held

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Dismantling terror support network in Kishtwar district of Jammu, police have arrested two Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of terrorists, including an employee of forest department.

According to a police officer, the arrests were made in a major crackdown on anti-national elements active in Kishtwar district.

The arrested OGWs were identified as Tariq Ahmad



Ginoo, a forest department employee, and his accomplice Mohammad Iqbal. Both are residents of Tander

in Dachan area of the district, according to officials.

Both of them were actively

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## Migrant land fraud case 5 booked at Baramulla; CB conducts house search at Budgam

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUNE 19

The economic offences wing (EOW) of crime branch of police has intensified its investigation into a multi-crore migrant land fraud case by conducting a search operation at a residential property in Banit area of Beerwah in Kashmir's Budgam district.

According to officials, the search was carried out in connection with a case registered at EOW Police Station, Kashmir, under the

relevant provisions of law. The case pertains to the fraudulent sale of migrant land measuring 14 kanals 3 marlas at Goshbugh Pattan in Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Officials said the accused allegedly attempted to sell the land through forged documents, fake agreements and a well-planned criminal conspiracy without obtaining the consent of the actual landowner.

During the course of investigation, five persons were found involved in the fraud and accused of dup-

ing the complainant of crores of rupees on the pretext of facilitating the sale of the property.

Officials said the house search was conducted as part of the ongoing investigation aimed at collecting evidence and unearthing further details related to the alleged scam.

The investigation was progressing and additional legal action might follow based on the findings of the probe, the officials added.

Meanwhile, the EOW has advised people to remain

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## Preservation of traditional arts vital to protect cultural heritage: Kavinder

SHIMLA, JUN 19: Stressing that traditional art forms were vital custodians of the nation's cultural identity, Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta on Thursday said that preserving and promoting indigenous artistic traditions was essential to safeguarding India's rich cultural heritage.

"Traditional arts embody values, history, creativity and collective consciousness of generations, and play a crucial role in keeping the country's civilisational legacy alive in an era of rapid social and technological change," he said in



his address after inaugurating an exhibition of artworks created during the Art Camp on "Folk and Rural Imagery in Kangra Miniatures: An Indigenous

Indian Art Perspective" and the newly established Art Gallery at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Rashtrapati Nivas,

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