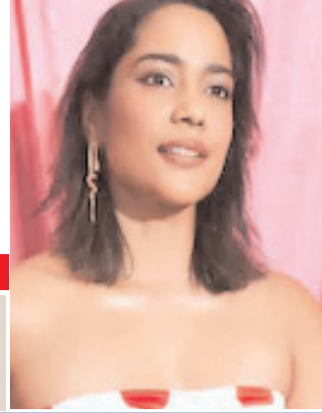




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Sinha's message on eve of Ashura

LG Manoj Sinha recalled the sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) on the eve of Ashura, the 10th day of Muharram.

In his message, he said: "The supreme sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions at Karbala remain a timeless beacon for humanity, upholding truth, justice, and human dignity."

"Let us resolve to imbibe these universal ideals and work together to build a peaceful, progressive, and equitable society," the LG added.

3 erstwhile J&K cadre officers assigned new roles

In a significant bureaucratic reshuffle, three IAS officers of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir cadre, now part of the AGMUT cadre, were given new assignments in the Delhi government.

The officers are: Bipul Pathak, Navin Choudhary and Pandurang K Pole.

They are among the 17 IAS officers whose postings were changed under orders issued by the authorities concerned.

DGP reviews Amarnath Yatra security



Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUN 25

DGP Nalin Prabhat today chaired a high-level security review meeting to assess preparedness for the upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra and review the ongoing counter-terrorism operations across Kashmir, with a strong emphasis on multi-agency coordination and fool

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Deadline for filing APRs extended

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The general administration department (GAD), vigilance, today extended the deadline for submission of Annual Property Returns (APR) on the Property Return System (PRS) Portal by seven days, providing a final opportunity to employees who had failed to file their returns within the prescribed timeline.

According to a notification issued by the department, all government employees had earlier been directed through

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Venezuela hit by powerful quakes; 164 killed, 971 injured

CARACAS (VENEZUELA), JUN 25: At least 164 people died and 971 were injured after a pair of powerful quakes rocked Venezuela, acting President Delcy Rodriguez said Thursday, adding that rescue teams were rushing to the hardest-hit areas to free people trapped under rubble.

Wednesday evening's 7.2 and 7.5 magnitude earthquakes were among the strongest to strike Venezuela in more than a century and could be felt throughout the region. The country's main airport was damaged and closed, while buildings were evacuated in places as far away as Brazil's Amazon, about 1,700 kilometres from Venezuela's capital, Caracas.

Television broadcasts Thursday showed rescue workers using power tools to work their way into piles of rubble where buildings once stood. Panicked residents of the capital were



sent pouring into the streets, and after the quakes many people walked among the debris searching for the missing among collapsed buildings and toppled electric poles.

Footage on state TV showed three children, covered in dust but alive, pulled from the rubble in La Guaira state, which Rodriguez described as a "disaster zone" and one of the areas hardest

hit by the quakes because of the large number of collapsed buildings.

Rodriguez said authorities were shifting rescue teams from other parts of the country to La Guaira, which sits north of Caracas on the coast. She said officials were trying to make the most of the daylight hours to speed up efforts to rescue people believed to remain trapped under the rubble.

"Dozens of buildings have collapsed there ... and we are currently carrying out intensive rescue operations to save lives," Rodriguez said.

Video shared online appeared to show dozens of people, some lying on the ground and others on hospital beds, being treated outside a hospital in La Guaira.

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Emergency dark period which saw democracy brutally crushed: Modi

NEW DELHI, JUN 25: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said Emergency was a direct assault on the Constitution as the period witnessed the suspension of civil liberties, curbs on freedom of expression, and an assault on institutions that are the bedrock of Indian democracy.

"Emergency also revealed the extraordinary courage of countless citizens who refused to remain silent and upheld the ideals enshrined in the Constitution," he said while paying homage to all those who steadfastly defended democratic values during one of the "darkest chapters in India's history".

"The Emergency was a



direct assault on our Constitution. It witnessed the suspension of civil liberties, curbs on freedom of expression, arrests of political leaders, journalists, social workers and an assault on institutions that are the bedrock of our democracy," he said in a post on X, referring to the proclamation of Emergency on this day in 1975.

The prime minister said for people, the Constitution is an embodiment of the as-

pirations, rights and duties of 140 crore Indians.

"We reaffirm our collective commitment to safeguarding constitutional values. Guided by the spirit of our Constitution, we will build an India that remains ever committed to justice, liberty, equality and fraternity," he said.

Between June 25, 1975 and March 21, 1977, India was placed under a state of Emergency under Article 352 of the Constitution.

Since 2025, the Narendra Modi government is observing the day as 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas'.

A gazette notification in this effect had noted that Emergency was declared on June 25, 1975, following

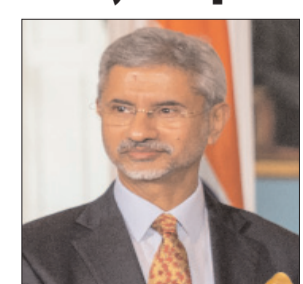
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India-South Korea ties Jaishankar urges closer cooperation in defence, ship-building

SEOUL, JUN 25: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said that India and South Korea "must cooperate more closely" in fields like ship-building, health, infrastructure and defence.

He also called for "greater capacity and opportunities" for the Global South to create new factors of growth, while highlighting that "the interests of a few" nations are being "openly prioritised" - without naming any country.

Jaishankar is currently in South Korea on a two-day visit, the second leg of an



ongoing foreign tour, after having visited Mongolia.

Addressing the Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity 2026, Jaishankar underlined the importance of economic and technology partnership, political and strategic cooperation and closer people-to-people

ties between New Delhi and Seoul.

"India and the Republic of Korea must cooperate more closely," he said. "We have complementarities in fields like ship-building, digital, health, infrastructure or defence just waiting to be exploited."

The minister further said influential nations must forge "new understandings and closer relationships" to stabilise the global order and address issues and problems through agenda-specific cooperation.

He said, "The Global

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Flood-hit bridges on NH-44 restored: Gadkari



Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUN 25

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari today said the flood-damaged bridges over Ravi River and Sehar Khad near Kalibari on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) had been restored, re-establishing a vital road link

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VP administers oath to newly elected RS members



NEW DELHI, JUN 25: Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan on Thursday administered the oath to 10 newly elected members of the Upper House. The lawmakers took the oath in the main chamber of the Rajya Sabha.

Among the new members sworn in were four members from Andhra

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In high-level meeting, LG reviews preparations for Amarnath yatra

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUN 25

In a high-level meeting held at Pahalgam in the valley, LG Manoj Sinha today reviewed preparations for the upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra and directed all departments to ensure seamless arrangements and foolproof security.

The pilgrimage starts from July 3. The LG took a comprehensive review of all key sectors, including logistics, lodging, health-care facilities, sanitation, power and water supply, availability of civic amenities, road connectivity, RFID cards, functioning on joint control rooms, track maintenance & widening works, construction of footbridges, setting up of langars, creation of holding areas, traffic management and security arrangements.

He directed all the departments to ensure seamless arrangements, foolproof security and a memorable experience for



the visiting pilgrims.

The LG emphasised a comprehensive security and disaster management review of the upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra and directed all departments to ensure seamless arrangements and foolproof security.

"Management of the yatra requires a comprehensive, hybrid planning approach with an absolute zero-tolerance policy for operational lapses. Operations must aggressively mitigate the risks associated with high altitudes, harsh weather, and extreme crowd density," he said.

"To ensure safety, weather-based evacuation protocols must be established alongside the strategic deployment of Moun-

tain Response Teams (MRTs) at critical intervals. Furthermore, all transit tents must pass rigorous quality inspections and be equipped with functional fire extinguishers," he said.

"On the tracks, real-time crowd analysis must be utilised to identify and clear choke points, while robust traffic management plans and designated parking zones must be enforced to prevent congestion and guarantee the uninterrupted transportation of essential supplies," the LG said while directing the authorities concerned.

The LG instructed all concerned departments and agencies to ensure syn-

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Shah calls on Prez as buzz over Union Cabinet reshuffle grows

NEW DELHI, JUN 25: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday called on President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here amid the buzz over a reshuffle of the union council of ministers.

The President's office shared a picture of the meeting in a post on X.

"Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan," the post said.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called on President Murmu.

The meetings assume significance given the speculation that a reshuffle of



the union council of ministers was imminent.

Veteran BJP leader from Kerala George Kurian recently resigned from the council of ministers after his Rajya Sabha term expired. The 65-year-old was union minister of state for

minority affairs and also for fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying.

The BJP decided not to re-nominate Kurian, whose term in the Upper House ended on June 21.

Besides, Minister of State

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Indian philosophy offers timeless path to global peace: Kavinder

LEH, JUNE 25: Calling upon youth to transform society through service, Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today said 'Indian philosophy offers timeless path to global peace and human welfare.'

"Indian philosophy, cultural values and spiritual traditions hold the key to addressing many of the challenges confronting humanity in the modern world," he said while addressing a one-day national seminar on "World Peace & Indian Philosophy: India's Role in Global Peace and Cultural Values" organised at the University of Ladakh.

"At a time when the



world is grappling with conflicts, terrorism, violence, climate change, cultural fragmentation and moral crises, the question of world peace has become intrinsically linked to the future of humanity. Indian philosophy offers a path of balance, coexistence, com-

passion and harmony, which can guide the world towards lasting peace," Gupta said.

Highlighting India's civilisational ethos, he said that India has always advocated universal welfare rather than conquest, as reflected

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