

**'Ram ko loota, desh ko loota': Sibal takes dig at BJP on Ram temple donation theft**

**Kylie Jenner faces third workplace lawsuit amid miscarriage claims**

## Ladakh enforces ban on single-use plastics

The Ladakh administration has ordered strict enforcement of the ban on single-use plastics (SUP), plastic water bottles and littering across the Union Territory to protect its fragile environment and promote sustainable tourism.

## Woman BSF cop found hanging

A young woman constable of BSF was found hanging in her room at the force's frontier headquarters here today.

## 2 suspended after their arrest by ACB

The Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services has suspended two of its officials, following their arrest by ACB in connection with an FIR registered against them at police station, ACB Central Jammu.

## Bihar Gov, MoS Margherita to represent India at Khamenei's funeral

NEW DELHI, JUN 29: Bihar Governor Lt Gen (ret'd) Syed Ata Hasnain and Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita will represent India at the funeral ceremony of Iran's former Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei next month.

## 'India doesn't take notice of such events'

NEW DELHI, JUN 29: Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri today said the government has no involvement with retired diplomats and military officials participating in overseas discussions on India-Pakistan ties in their personal capacities and that New Delhi does not even take cognisance of such deliberations.

# Modi calls meeting of secys; to review deregulation push, reforms

NEW DELHI, JUN 29: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called a meeting of all central ministries and departments tomorrow to discuss various issues, including deregulation & other reforms that his government has been advocating to improve 'ease of living' and 'ease of doing business'.

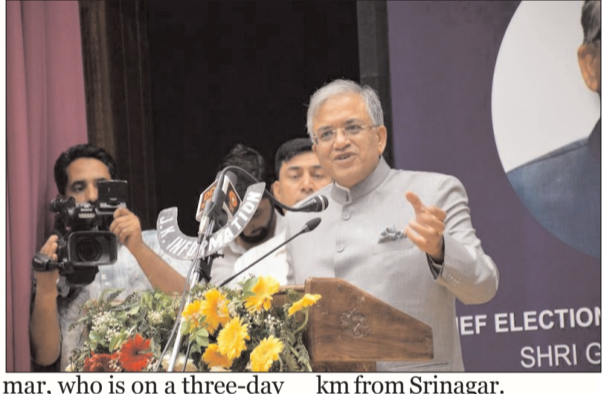


This marks his second major institutional interaction with the top bureaucracy in less than two months. On May 21, he had chaired a joint meeting of the Union Council of Ministers and the Central Secretaries to develop regulatory roadmaps to realise the vision of a Viksit Bharat (Developed India).

giving details on the functioning as well as on the progress made on various reform measures and other people-centric steps, according to sources.

## India leads major democracies in electoral transparency: CEC

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUNE 29 Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar today said India was leading the world's major democracies with a transparent electoral process in which every stage of the exercise was audited by the political parties and candidates.



Overnight airstrikes by Pakistani forces have killed at least 36 civilians and injured more than 160 others, Afghan officials said Monday, as tensions between the neighbours further escalated.

## International buyer-seller meet will boost exports: Omar

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUNE 29 Stating that the international buyer-seller meet would boost exports, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that the government has taken several measures to boost the export of products from the Union territory to the outside world.



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## 'Heavens not going to fall' SC rejects urgent hearing on Ram temple donation row plea

NEW DELHI, JUN 29: The Supreme Court on Monday declined an urgent hearing on a petition seeking a fair and time-bound probe into the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ayodhya Ram temple.

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India's economy expanded by 7.8 per cent in the the January-March quarter, exceeding forecasts on strong domestic demand and government expenditure.

The GDP growth compared with a 7-per cent expansion a year ago. The full-year growth accelerated to 7.7 per cent from 7.1 per cent in FY25, supported by healthy consumption and robust investment activity.

At a meeting of the council of ministers on June 21, Modi had said the government shall leave no stone unturned to further "Ease of Living", "Ease of Doing Business" and increase opportunities for youngsters.

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## Shri Amarnathji Yatra LG performs 'Pratham Puja' at holy cave shrine

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LG Manoj Sinha today performed 'Pratham Puja' at the holy cave shrine of Shri Amarnathji, marking the ceremonial start of annual pilgrimage which officially begins on July 3.



He sought the divine blessings of Baba Barfani and prayed for the peace, prosperity, health and well-being of all.

The LG extended a heartfelt invitation to all the devotees of Baba Amarnath, encouraging them to join the holy pilgrimage in great numbers and experience the spiritual journey.

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JKPDCL managing director Rahul Yadav, IGP (Kashmir) V K Birdi, CKR DIG Rajiv Omprakashn, deputy commissioner (Ganderbal) Jatin Kishore, deputy commissioner, Anantnag, Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, director information Shreya Singhal and several other senior officials were also present on the occasion.

Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) organises 'Pratham Puja' annually at the holy cave on Jyeshtha

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## Govt considers 50 pc increase in LS seats for all states

NEW DELHI, JUN 29: The government is learnt to be working on multiple formulations to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats for all states by 50 per cent to assuage the concerns of southern states, as it seeks to operationalise a fresh draft of the Constitution Amendment Bill on women's quota law.

The draft is being readied keeping in mind the concerns of the southern states that a population-based delimitation exercise would shrink their political power in the Lok Sabha.

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The Lok Sabha test on April 17, as the government could not muster the two-thirds majority required to pass it.

Building on the earlier Bill, the fresh draft is learnt to have proposed keeping the existing inter-state seat ratios intact based on the 1971 Census.

But this is one of the formulations the government is working on, and no final decision has been reached, sources said.

Lok Sabha and Assembly seats will be redrawn based on the 2011 Census figures, as the numbers of the ongoing census are yet to come

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## Yasin Malik named as main accused in Sarla Bhat's killing

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUNE 29

The State Investigation Agency (SIA) today filed an over 700-page chargesheet naming banned JKLF's Yasin Malik as key accused in the kidnapping and brutal killing of young Kashmiri Pandit nurse Sarla Bhat by terrorists in April 1990.

The agency described it as a "historic milestone" in the pursuit of justice for victims of terrorism.

The SIA, which reopened the case after it was handed over to it in 2024, submitted

the chargesheet before the designated NIA court, 36 years after Bhat, working as a nurse at Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, was found dead in downtown Srinagar, several kilometres away, a day after she went missing.

Besides Malik, who was the self-styled commander-in-chief of the JKLF terrorist outfit at that time, his four accomplices -- Khurshheed Ahmad Chalkoo, Abdul Hamid Sheikh, Ghulam Mohammad Taploo and Mohammad Yousuf Sofi -- have also been named as ac-

cused in the case. Chalkoo is said to be in Pakistan. The accused have been charged under various sections of the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA), 1987, and Indian Arms Act, 1959.

In a statement, the SIA said time can never become a shield for terrorism and those responsible for atrocities will continue to remain answerable before the law.

The case was handed over to SIA in March 2024 and the investigation agency carried out raids at several places over the past



## Kavinder calls upon youth to stay rooted in rich cultural traditions

SOLAN, JUNE 29: Stating that 'Unity in Diversity' is the foundation of 'Viksit Himachal & Viksit Bharat', Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today called upon youth to stay rooted in rich cultural traditions.

"Himachal Pradesh is not only renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty but is also revered across the country as Dev Bhoomi-the sacred land of gods and goddesses," he said while addressing a function after offering prayers at the ancient Maa Shoolini Peeth Temple in Ganj Bazar as part of the

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