

**Biography revisits defining moments of the Dalai Lama's life**

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**DGP reviews Amarnath Yatra security**



DGP Nalin Prabhat today chaired a meeting to review the security and logistical arrangements for the ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

**Gunshots heard during searches**

Gunshots were heard during a cordon and search operation in Saidpora area of Kashmir's Shopian district today, prompting security forces to intensify the operation.

Officials said security forces were conducting searches at Saidpora when a few gunshots were heard. Soon thereafter, reinforcements were rushed to the spot and searches intensified.

**Leopard captured at Doda**

A leopard, that had attacked & injured a boy and killed several domestic animals in the past few days in Doda's Bhalra village, was finally captured today by the officials concerned.

It took the officials of wildlife department and territorial forest wing weeks to capture the leopard which was on the prowl, officials said.

"Bhalra is surrounded by dense forests and the presence of the leopard in the vicinity had made their nights sleepless," the officials added.

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**Govt forms committee to review treasury deposit system**

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The finance department has constituted a committee to undertake a comprehensive review of the existing treasury deposit system operating across the Union Territory.

As per an order, the committee comprises the Director Accounts and Treasuries, Jammu, Director Accounts and Treasuries, Kashmir, Treasury Officers of Sadder Treasury Jammu, Sadder Treasury Srinagar and Civil Secretariat Treasuries.

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**Omar thanks Gol for suspending airport runway closure**



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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today expressed his gratitude to the Government of India for its prompt and positive response to the concerns raised over the

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## Sweeping counter-terror move

# MHA designates 23 Pak, PoJK-based operatives as terrorists

**NEW DELHI, JUL 04: Pursuing a policy of zero-tolerance for cross-border terror, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs today designated 23 terror operatives based in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied J&K (PoJK) as terrorists under the anti-terror law UAPA for their involvement in infiltration, recruitment, logistics, financing terror, smuggling weapons into J&K and operational planning to target India.**

This takes the number of operatives designated as terrorists to 80 since the UAPA amendment in 2019.

This would allow agencies, such as National Investigation Agency, to block their finances, impose an embargo on arms sales, and seize their assets.

Of the 23, six are Indian nationals while 17 are Pakistanis. All are based in Pakistan or PoJK and have been designated as terrorists under the fourth schedule of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The move is aimed at hitting at the entrenched ecosystem of terror operatives, associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Muhammad Saeed and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) founder Masood Azhar, as well as launching commanders, recruiters and financial

coordinators associated primarily with JeM and LeT.

Among them is Mohammad Musaddiq, a Pakistani JeM operative known by aliases including Doctor and Abdul Mannan, who was instrumental in renaissance of Ram Jannabhoomi complex in Ayodhya, the RSS headquarters in Nagpur and the IOCL refinery in Panipat.

He is also serving as the launching commander for the Lasiyakot sector and facilitates infiltration through tunnels, sending arms and ammunition into India using drones.

Masood Ilyas Kashmiri, a Pakistani national known by several aliases including Mufti Masood Ilyas and Abu Mohammad, is a close associate of Masood Azhar and the organisation's key coordinator for infiltration into Kashmir.

The home ministry said he was accused of recruiting youths through social media, raising funds for terrorism and orchestrating the April 2022 attack on a police checkpoint in Jammu's Sunjwan area.

Mufti Mohammad Asghar Khan, also known as Abu Saad or Saad Jimiki, has been identified as JeM's Amir and head of its military wing in PoJK.

The ministry said he was a key con-

spirator in the attack on the Indian Army camp at Nagrota in Jammu and that he runs training camps in Muzaffarabad providing jihadist and military instruction.

Hafiz Abdul Shakoore, alias Qari Jarar, affiliated with JeM and Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, is accused of facilitating the infiltration of three Pakistani terrorists through the Samba-Kathua sector for the Nagrota Army camp attack.

The ministry said he fought in the Afghan war during 1995-96, coordinates terrorist activities with ISI assistance and serves on JeM's governing Shura.

Abdullah Jihadi, also known as Shahnawaz and Al-Hijama, is described as a JeM operative who allegedly co-conspired with Mufti Asghar Khan, facilitated infiltration into North Kashmir, attempted to incite hatred against the Government of India and managed launching camps in Kupwara and Baramulla.

Among Indian nationals now based across the border is Firdous Ahmad Bhat, associated with LeT.

The ministry said he crossed into Pakistan through the Wagah border in 2018, serves as a launching commander, facilitates infiltration across the LoC, supplies weapons to overground workers

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# Travel only after obtaining valid registration: LG to pilgrims

## Reviews management of Shri Amarnathji Yatra



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LG Manoj Sinha, who today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the overall management & ground situation of the ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra, called upon pilgrims to travel only after obtaining a valid yatra registration permit.

He reviewed the movement of pilgrims, traffic management, security arrangements, accommodation, registration status, and other logistical aspects to ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the yatra.

During the meeting, it

was stated that an unusually large number of pilgrims had been arriving without valid registration, which was causing long waiting time for them to undertake the yatra.

On this, the LG emphasised that the pilgrimage was being conducted in accordance with the prescribed ceiling of pilgrim movement on the yatra tracks in pursuance of the Supreme Court orders.

"Therefore, adherence to the registration schedule is imperative for ensuring the safety, security, and convenience of pilgrims," he said.

It was reiterated that only pilgrims possessing

valid registration for the designated date shall be permitted to proceed on the tracks leading to the holy cave shrine.

Sinha appealed to the intending unregistered pilgrims to defer their travel for next few days in order to avoid any inconvenience upon reaching Jammu & Kashmir.

The administration has, therefore, asked all intending pilgrims to complete the mandatory registration process and obtain a valid Yatra Registration Permit for their allotted date before commencing their journey to Jammu & Kash

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# India navigated energy crisis with little burden on citizens: Modi

**JAIPUR, JUL 04:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that India had successfully navigated one of the biggest global energy crises through proactive policies, diversified fuel sourcing, and strong diplomatic ties, with minimal burden on citizens.

"India expanded its energy imports significantly during the West Asia crisis," he said while addressing a gathering after inaugurating a refinery in Pachpadra of Balotra district. He also laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects.

"When the crisis began,



India was importing energy from about 25-26 countries. During the crisis, we increased this to more than 40 countries," he said, attributing the turnaround to India's diplomacy.

He said oil companies incurred losses of over ₹75,000 crore between April and June due to rising

global prices, but the government absorbed the burden.

"We reduced excise duty by Rs 10 per litre and ensured that the burden on citizens did not increase significantly," he said.

Rumours were spread, and people were incited, but those with malicious intentions did not succeed, Modi said.

"Those who wished to see India fail had even begun making predictions. Today, they must be wallowing in the depths of despair," he said.

The prime minister said

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# Monsoon session of Par from Jul 20

**NEW DELHI, JUL 04:** The Monsoon session of Parliament will be held from July 20 to August 13, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren said on Saturday.

The 25-day session with 19 sittings comes after the ruling BJP's victories in West Bengal, Assam and Puducherry assembly polls.

The aftermath of the rebellion in the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and Shiv Sena (UBT) will also play out in the forthcoming session.

A decision by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on the demands of 20 TMC and six Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs seek

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# Books 'glorifying' terrorists, separatists banned; 8 suspended

## Add CS to probe into matter

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While LG Manoj Sinha has ordered the suspension of eight officials of the school education department and removal of a contractual employee over the selection and procurement of two library books found to contain "inappropriate content", a senior officer of the rank of additional chief secretary has been appointed as Inquiry Officer to probe into the matter.

He also blacklisted the books' authors & publishers, and directed the withdrawal of their publications from Jammu and Kashmir, following an uproar that these glorified terrorists, separatists and stone-pelters.

Both the BJP and Congress have demanded an immediate ban on the controversial book and the sacking of education minister.

As per an order issued by the school education department, the two banned

books are: Personalities & Legends of J&K, and Great Personalities of Jammu and Kashmir.

'Book' withdrawn, probe ordered

The government has ordered immediate withdrawal of the controversial books from school libraries.

The controversy surfaced after it was alleged that the books supplied to the government school libraries under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme glorified sepa

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# SIR made voter rolls more accurate: CEC

**INDORE, JUL 04:** Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Saturday described India's electoral system as one of the most transparent and credible in the world and asserted the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) had made voter lists more accurate and reliable.

Addressing an interaction with booth-level officers (BLOs) here, he said the Election Commission of India is focusing on providing voter services to the elderly, persons with disabilities, migrant workers, illiterate citizens, and dis-



advantaged communities so that no eligible citizen is deprived of voting.

"It is also being ensured that no ineligible citizen's name is included in the voter list. To this end, the SIR campaign was successfully conducted. Under the SIR process, voter lists have been made more ac-

curate and reliable by identifying absentee, deceased, transferred, duplicate, and ineligible voters," he asserted.

The purification of the electoral roll through SIR is the constitutional obligation of the Election Commission in accordance with Article 326 of the Constitution, Kumar added.

"India's electoral system is one of the most transparent and credible in the world. Due to these strengths, India currently holds the Chair of the International Institute for

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# SPO among 4 killed in road accidents

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A Special Police Officer (SPO), his sister and two more persons were today killed in separate road accidents in Rajouri and Kishtwar districts.

Officials said a car collided head-on with a bus at Bagnoti in Rajouri district, resulting in the death of a SPO and his sister and injuries to two family members.

The dead were identified as SPO Shubam Kumar and his sister Renu Choudhary.

Renu's husband Rakesh

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# Man murdered over land dispute

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A land dispute allegedly led to the murder of a man by two brothers near Miran Sahib on the city outskirts here late Friday evening.

Both the accused have been arrested, according to officials.

The victim, identified as Satinder Kumar of Gaiyan, Miran Sahib, was attacked with sharp-edged weapons on Friday evening, allegedly by two brothers following a land dispute, officials said.

Kumar was taken to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries during treat

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# Shri Amarnathji Yatra

## On day 3, 4,812 pilgrims leave for holy cave shrine

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Amid the chants of 'Bam Bam Bhole', the third batch of 4,812 pilgrims today left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas base camp here for Shri Amarnathji cave shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas.

According to officials, 2,041 pilgrims left for Baltal route and 2,771 for the Pahalgam route to perform pilgrimage in a fleet of 259 vehicles, comprising buses

and private vehicles in the form of a convoy.

The yatra convoy left early in the morning under tight security arrangements.

The administration had yesterday issued an important advisory for the pilgrims, stating that advance registration was mandatory for undertaking the annual pilgrimage, as the daily number of pilgrims permitted on the route had been capped in compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court.

The 57-day pilgrimage to

the 3,880-mt-high Amarnath cave shrine was officially flagged off by LG Manoj Sinha on July 2 morning from Bhagwati Nagar base camp here simultaneously for the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The yatra will conclude on August 28.

Authorities have put in place multi-layered security arrangements along the Jammu-Srinagar National

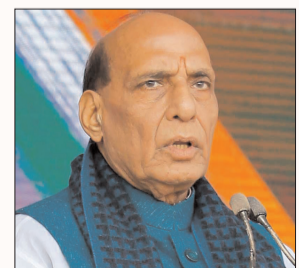
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# Trust in 'Made-in-India' def platforms has increased: Rajnath

**NEW DELHI, JUL 04:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that after Operation Sindoor, the trust in "made-in-India" defence platforms has received a boost.

In his address at an event here, he also reiterated that "today, our defence production has reached over Rs 1.78 lakh crore, and about 8-9 years ago, it stood at approximately Rs 46,000 crore".

The union minister asserted that after Operation Sindoor, "trust in made-in-India defence platforms has got enhanced".



Operation Sindoor was India's decisive military action conducted in May 2025 in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

Several defence platforms built in India had played a key role in it.

Singh said, "Defence exports too have reached a record over Rs 38,000

crore, and in 2013-14, it stood at just Rs 686 crore, and it has grown today 57 times. And, I have not sought the full report, but currently it should be hovering around Rs 40,000 crore, is my estimate."

He also spoke of India's journey in various sectors in the last 12 years, the advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) and the importance of human sensitivity in the age of AI, including in the field of journalism.

"India's journey over the last 12 years has been a progression from short

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