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Pak drone sighted; ops launched

A massive search operation was launched along the LoC in Sunderbani sub-sector of Rajouri. Following the movement of a Pak drone in the area. According to officials, the drone movement was picked in the skies of border Meenka & Beripattan villages of Sunderbani late Sunday night. However, before it could be targeted, it retreated, officials said. At the first light, a massive operation was launched by security forces to check whether

Woman injured in bear attack

A woman was critically injured in a bear attack in Loran area of Mandi in Poonch district of Jammu. She was identified as Zarina Akhtar, wife of Abdul Kabir of Dargam, Loran. According to officials, she was attacked by the bear and left critically injured after she stepped out of her dhok to fetch water.

Books controversy CI conducts raids in Jammu, Noida

The Counter Intelligence wing of J&K police today launched simultaneous searches at some locations in Jammu and Noida in connection with the glorification of separatists in two controversial publications. Officials said a team of counter intelligence raided the headquarters of Samagra Shiksha at Channi Himmat on the outskirts of the city and questioned the director and other officials as part of the ongoing investigation. Another team simultaneously carried out a raid

ACC approves key IPS appointments

NEW DELHI, JULY 06: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet today approved three major appointments in central police organizations, as per an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training. The appointments have been made on the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs. As per the order, Alok Kumar Mittal has been appointed as Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) at Level-16 in the pay matrix. He will serve from the date of joining till June 30,

NHAI project director held in graft case

NEW DELHI, JULY 06: The CBI has arrested the project director of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Shillong, and two private persons for allegedly demanding Rs 12 lakh from a contractor for clearing his pending bill. The central agency had registered a case on July 1 based on a complaint alleging that NHAI project director Aanand Singh Chouhan "demanded bribe/undue advantage of Rs 12 lakh from the complainant to process his outstanding bill to the tune of Rs 13.38 crore", an official statement

'Lotus will bloom in Kashmir as well'

Day not far when BJP will form its own govt in J&K: Nabin

Constitutional changes brought after Art 370 abrogation irreversible

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Asserting that the lotus would eventually take roots in the valley as well, BJP president Nitin Nabin today said the day was not far when BJP would form its own government in Jammu and Kashmir, bringing its political vision to the region.

"Lotus will bloom in Kashmir as well and the day is not far when the saffron party will soon form its own government in Jammu and Kashmir," he said while addressing party workers at a function organised on the city outskirts here to mark Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee's 125th birth anniversary. Nabin arrived here today on a two-day visit, his first after becoming the party president, to review the party's organisational affairs. He said the PM Modi-led government was firmly committed to the development of Jammu and Kashmir, and urged party workers to take the



Centre's welfare schemes to every household. "We are aware that the present government here continues to follow what we consider a dual approach towards Jammu and Kashmir. We have never viewed beneficiaries through the prism of religion. Every poor person is an Indian citizen whose welfare is our responsibility," he said. Calling for sustained organisational work to realise the vision of a "Developed India" by 2047, the BJP president exhorted party workers to strengthen the organisation through sustained efforts, like the previous organisations, and realise the dream of Viksit Bharat. "I am confident that by then we will also have transformed Jammu and Kashmir into a developed region,"

Nabin said. Highlighting the Modi government's economic achievements, Nabin said India had emerged as the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer. "There was a time when India was known merely as a source of manpower... Today, India is no longer just a manpower power-it is emerging as a manufacturing power," he said. Recalling India's Operation Sindoor in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, he said this is not the old India. "If anyone attacks our citizens, India will respond firmly," he said, stressing that Jammu and Kashmir is an inseparable part of India. Targeting the Congress over its stand on Jammu and Kashmir, Nabin asserted that the constitutional changes brought after the abrogation of Article 370 were irreversible. "Those days are over. The temporary constitutional arrangements that once existed in Jammu and Kashmir have come to an end and cannot be restored," he said. He also said the revival of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir reflected the improving security environment, adding that the sector was generating new employ

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Flashfloods block Doda-Ktwr road, bury vehicles at Kwar project

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Flash floods triggered by incessant overnight rainfall today damaged the Doda-Kishtwar road, disrupted vehicular traffic and buried several vehicles near the under-construction 540 MW Kwar Hydroelectric Power Project in the hilly districts of Doda & Kishtwar. Huge quantities of mud, boulders and debris were deposited on the highway, officials said. A portion of the road was damaged, forcing the suspension of traffic. Several

vehicles parked on the roadside at Prem Nagar were trapped in the debris. However, no loss of life or injuries were reported, officials said. "Road clearance and restoration work has been launched by the authorities concerned, while commuters have been advised to avoid the highway and follow official traffic advisories until the route is reopened," the officials added. In the neighbouring Kishtwar district, heavy rainfall triggered a major landslide and mudslide near the tunnel area of the under-construction 540 MW Kwar hydroelectric power project. Officials said flash floods carried large volumes of mud and boulders into the project area, burying several vehicles, including trucks, dozers and other construction equipment, besides damaging construction material. Multiple vehicles sustained extensive damage and remain trapped under the debris, officials said, adding that clearance operations were underway to retrieve the vehicles and clear the affected site. Minor flash flood inci

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J&K integral part of India: Shah



KOLKATA, JUL 06: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said the abrogation of Article 370 by the Narendra Modi government had fulfilled the long-standing vision of Syama Prasad Mookerjee, asserting that Jammu and Kashmir is now an "integral part of India." Addressing a commemorative event marking the

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Women's empowerment key to Viksit J&K: LG Sinha

Says society progresses when women progress



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Outlining a progressive vision for the Union Territory, LG Manoj Sinha today said that 'women's empowerment is key to Viksit Jammu & Kashmir'. "I envision a Jammu & Kashmir where women lead in academia, industry, social organisations and governance, shaping policies, driving entrepreneurship, and enriching our culture through art and literature," he said. "I envision a Jammu & Kashmir where every young girl grows up believing that her dreams are valuable, her voice is pow-

erful, and her future holds limitless possibilities," he said while addressing an event in which he felicitated 32 talented recipients of the Kashmir Women's Organisation (KWO) Fellowship. The function was held at Lok Bhavan, Srinagar. The LG hailed the fellows as symbols of Jammu & Kashmir's ongoing transformation towards a future built on self-confidence, equal opportunities and dignity for all. He lauded the efforts of Dr Fida Firdous and all the members of Kashmir Women's Organisation for creating a robust platform where Nari Shakti from the region could move forward confidently, embracing their talent, ideas, and identities and play a meaningful role in building a bright future for Jammu & Kashmir. "In a short span, Kashmir Women's Organisation has earned the distinction of becoming a powerful hub of hope, trust, and positive change. This fellowship programme is a tangible realisation of collaborative and shared responsibility," Sinha said. "By challenging deeply entrenched stereotypes, these fellows have redefined what is possible. They have paved a new path for future generations and their contributions will

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Pahalgam terror attack

Hafiz Saeed named by NIA in supplementary chargesheet

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In a supplementary chargesheet, NIA today filed charges against Pakistan-based terrorist and LeT/TRF founder Hafiz Saeed in the Pahalgam terror attack case. According to officials, the supplementary chargesheet was filed before the NIA Special Court here. In it, the anti-terror agency has charged Hafiz Saeed in his individual capacity and also as the chief of the

banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit and its active proxy organisation, The Resistance Front (TRF). He was charged under various sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, it read. NIA has also invoked the penal section against the accused for waging war against India and hatching a conspiracy from across the border, the chargesheet read. The chargesheet, filed in continuation of the original 1,597-page chargesheet, provides details of Pakistan's conspiracy, Hafeez Saeed's role, and supporting evidence collected by NIA in the case through meticulous scientific investigation and on-ground examination. It also read that in its earlier chargesheet filed on December 15, 2025, NIA had chargesheeted Pakistani handler terrorist Sajid Jatt as an accused, along with three terrorists killed by security forces

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Omar assures reliable, affordable power supply to every household

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said his government was committed to ensuring reliable, affordable and quality power to all households across the Union territory. He underscored government's commitment to strengthening Jammu and Kashmir's power infrastructure through sustained reforms, modernisation and improved service delivery.



Omar, who chaired a meeting of the power development department, reviewed the overall performance of power sector, including revenue realisa-

tion, implementation of the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial

Govt modifies CDF guidelines

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In a significant move aimed at providing major financial relief to patients suffering from life-threatening ailments, the government today ordered an amendment to the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) scheme guidelines. As per an official order, sanctioned allowing MLAs to utilise up to Rs 20 lakh out of their annual CDF allocation exclusively for providing medical assistance to patients from Below

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Another batch of 5,794 pilgrims leaves for Amarnath shrine

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Another batch of 5,794 pilgrims, including 1,211 women, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here in the wee hours of this morning for the holy cave shrine of Almighty Baba Amarnathji in South Kashmir Himalayas. Officials said the fifth batch also included 21 children, 599 sadhus and 76 sadhvis. They left the base camp in separate convoys between 3.10 am and 3.45 am under tight security, the

officials added. Of them, 3,490 pilgrims, travelling in 139 vehicles, headed to the Nuwan base camp at Pahalgam, while 2,304 pilgrims in 128 vehicles left for the Baltal base camp, officials said. Around 60,000 pilgrims had offered prayers at the holy cave shrine since the yatra began on July 3 from the valley base camps, officials said. The cave houses a naturally formed ice-Shivalingam. The administration has repeated urged unregistered pilgrims planning to under-

take the yatra to postpone their journey by a few days, saying all registration slots had been booked till July 9 due to an unprecedented influx of devotees. Officials also announced that only registered pilgrims would be permitted to proceed to Kashmir, while unregistered devotees would be stopped at designated checkpoints until fresh registration quotas become available. The 57-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-mt-high Amarnath cave shrine was officially flagged off by LG

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Police bust 2 terror modules plotting attacks in Delhi

Petrol bombs, pistols seized

NEW DELHI, JUL 06: Delhi police have busted two Pakistan-backed modules linked to gangster Shahzad Bhatti plotting terror attacks in the capital with the arrest of six operatives. Police also seized petrol bombs, pistols and other incriminating material from the accused's possession, stored to carry out attacks in Delhi, officials said. One of the modules had been tasked by Pakistan-based handlers to carry out a terror attack in Delhi us-

ing petrol bombs, while the second was allegedly engaged in receiving and trafficking weapons smuggled into India from across the border through drones, the police said. The accused were being handled by Pakistan-based associates of Shahzad Bhatti, on behalf of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), the investigators said. According to police, the first module was being operated by Pakistan-based handler Rana Hunain, an alleged associate of Bhatti. "It was tasked with car-

rying out an attack on a vital installation or a police establishment in Delhi using petrol bombs," an officer said. Two accused -- Danish alias Chand Miya (24), and Salman (20), both residents of Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh -- were arrested from the Vijay Ghat area of Delhi before they could execute the plan. Three petrol bombs, a stolen motorcycle, Rs 2,000 in cash and mobile phones containing alleged chats, photographs and

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Terrorist hideout busted; 5 AKs recovered

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Security forces today busted a terrorist hideout in Keran sub-sector of Kupwara in the valley and recovered arms and ammunition from there. The hideout was busted on a tip-off, officials said. Its search led to the recovery of 5 AK rifles, 9 AK magazines, one hand grenade, a huge cache of ammunition and other warlike stores, officials said. The hideout was later destroyed by the forces, the officials added.

Holistic development of students my sacred responsibility: Kavinder

PUNE, JUL 06: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today visited MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU), Pune, and said that holistic development of students was his sacred responsibility.



He held discussions with Rahul V Karad, Managing Trustee & Executive President, MIT World Peace University, and the university's senior academic leadership on innovative approaches to higher education, leadership development and holistic student transformation. The governor was received at the campus by

Prof Shrikant Nimbalkar, Ashish Utage, Vivek Patel and other senior officials of MIT-WPU. On the occasion, a detailed presentation was made on the Life Transformation Centre (LTC), Boribel, Daund - MIT-WPU's immersive residential initiative designed to nurture

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