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Shopian operation enters 4th day

The search operation launched by security forces in Meemander area of Shopian district of the valley today entered fourth day but there was still no clue of terrorists. According to officials, two local terrorists of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba outfit were spotted by surveillance cameras on July 3 in a dense orchard in Meemander area. A joint team of Army, police and CRPF was engaged in the operation to find them out but they had remained untraced so far, officials said.

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Taking strong exception to the delay in deciding Right to Information applications in the union territory, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has directed the Central Information Commission to take measures to expedite their disposal, saying the commission cannot sit over the appeals for an unduly long period.

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Saxena approves interim land-use norms



LG V K Saxena has approved an interim land-use regulatory framework allowing the utilisation of land up to two kanals within Municipal Committee limits, for residential, commercial, industrial or mixed-use purposes, without requiring any approval. The move aims at removing long-standing

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1 killed, 7 missing as landslide hits Wayanad

WAYANAD, JUL 07: One person was killed, seven injured, while another seven were missing after a major landslide struck a tunnel road project site at Kalladi near Meppady in Kerala's Wayanad district on Tuesday.

The incident occurred near Meenakshi Bridge, where work on the Anakkompoil-Meppadi tunnel project connecting Malappuram and Wayanad districts was underway.

According to Chief Minister V D Sathesnan, the area received 225 cm rain and a yellow alert was issued.

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Rly Ministry approves recruitment for 4,098 posts

NEW DELHI, JUL 07: The Railway Ministry has approved the recruitment of 4,098 technical personnel across various railway zones in the country to strengthen safety and improve operational efficiency.

Officials said the ministry has decided to fill vacancies across 35 technical categories, many of which are critical to operational safety, including junior engineers, depot material superintendents and chemical and metallurgical assistants.

A recent ministry circular addressed to the general managers of all railway

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Widespread destruction caused by flash floods at Thathri

Over 40 structures suffer damages, road blocked

LG directs admin for immediate relief to affected families

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 07

Heavy rains triggered flash floods & mudslides in Doda's Thathri in the wee hours of this morning, causing widespread damage to government offices, residential houses, shops and vehicles, including cars. LG Manoj Sinha has directed the district administration for immediate relief to the affected families.

While the area experienced incessant rains last night, flash floods occurred between 2.30 am to 3 am, according to officials.

Officials said, as per a report compiled by the authorities concerned, at least 14 residential houses, 21



shops and about half a dozen government offices suffered damages.

The BDO office suffered partial damages while agriculture office, a community hall, office of animal husbandry department and PMGSY office were among other structures that suffered partial or severe damages.

Officials said floodwaters carrying mud and debris swept through several localities of Thathri, causing extensive damage to public and government property. Some vehicles, that were parked in lanes, were also said to have been washed away in the deluge.

The landslides and mudslides also blocked the

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India backs development, not expansionism: Modi tells Indonesia

JAKARTA, JULY 07: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday told the Indonesian parliament that India's focus is on development and not expansionism, amid growing concerns in South East Asia over China's expansionist behaviour in the Indo-Pacific region.

In his address to the lawmakers, that included President Prabowo Subianto and top ministers, he called for further expansion of ties between the two nations and said the world will witness history in the making when 140 crore people of India and Indonesia's 29



crore citizens march together for shared prosperity.

"India is a strong advocate of a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. India believes in freedom of navigation in the Indo-Pacific," the prime minister said.

"India is a nation that follows the path of develop-

ment, not expansionism," he said against the backdrop of rising concerns in South East Asia over China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the South China Sea and beyond.

In his remarks, Modi touched upon the various facets of India-Indonesia ties since the 1950s, including how the two countries played a key role in the famous Bandung conference of 1955, and said that "unlimited opportunities" are waiting for the two sides in many sectors.

The 1955 Bandung Conference, hosted by Indone

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Army Chief meets LG, discusses security situation



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Chief of Army Staff Gen Dhiraj Seth today called on LG Manoj Sinha at Lok Bhawan in Srinagar and discussed prevailing security situation with him.

The LG and the Army Chief reviewed the prevailing security situation in the

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Nabin cuts short J&K visit, skips Vaishno Devi pilgrimage

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 07

BJP president Nitin Nabin, who arrived here yesterday, today cut short his two-day visit to the UT, even skipping his scheduled pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Trikuta Hills of Katra, and flew back to New Delhi due to some pressing organisational commitments.

He reached here yesterday on his maiden visit to J&K as BJP president. During his stay here on Monday, he attended a series of meetings, including a visit to the RSS headquarters, and chaired a joint one-and-a-half-hour-long meeting of the BJP's sitting and former legislators at the party's Trikuta Nagar headquarters.

Addressing the meetings, he had exuded confidence that 'lotus would surely bloom in the valley' and BJP would form government in Jammu & Kashmir on its own.

He had urged the party



workers to take the Centre's welfare schemes to every household while asserting that the PM Modi-led government was firmly committed to the development of Jammu and Kashmir.

He had also accused the present government here of following 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 had told the party cadres.

He has also highlighted the Modi government's economic achievements.

On the 2nd day of his tour, he was today scheduled to offer prayers at the highly revered Mata Vaishno Devi cave shrine,

but the programme was cancelled following a change in his schedule, a party leader said.

BJP gave no official reason for the schedule change. However, party insiders said pressing organisational commitments required Nabin's immediate return to New Delhi, where he was expected to attend an important meeting.

The party leader said the BJP president held a meeting with the party's elected representatives as well as former legislators.

"The discussion focused on how the BJP can further strengthen its presence in Jammu and Kashmir, reinforce nationalist ideology in the region, deepen the people's trust in the party, and address key issues such as security in Jammu and other current matters," he said.

He said Nabin was initially scheduled to hold separate meetings with district and city leaders, elected representatives and former legislators. However, owing to changes in

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Shri Amarnathji Yatra Largest batch of 8,815 pilgrims leaves for shrine of Almighty Shiva

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 07

The largest batch of 8,815 pilgrims so far this year left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here early this morning for the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra in South Kashmir Himalayas amid tight security.

The base camp echoed with chants of "Bam Bam Bhole", "Har Har Mahadev" and "Jai Barfani Baba Ki" as devotees set out on the pilgrimage. It was the sixth batch and

comprised 5,831 men, 2,193 women, 31 children, 598 sadhus, 131 sadhvis and 31 foreign nationals.

Of them, 3,989 pilgrims travelling in 181 vehicles left for the Baltal base camp in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, while 4,826 pilgrims in 182 vehicles proceeded towards the traditional Pahalgam route in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, taking the convoy strength to 363 vehicles.

With Tuesday's departure, a total of 34,829 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for Kashmir

since the yatra commenced on July 2.

So far, 1.13 lakh pilgrims were said to have paid obeisance at the 3,880-mt-high cave shrine during the first four days of the pilgrimage, with the figure expected to cross the one-lakh mark soon.

The today's convoy was the largest since the start of the pilgrimage, surpassing the previous highest of 6,721 pilgrims on Sunday, officials said.

A total of 5,794 pilgrims had left on Monday, while

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1.13 lakh perform darshans Sinha chairs high-level meeting to review holy yatra

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUL 07

As over 1.13 lakh devotees, drawn from different parts of the country, have so far performed darshans of the naturally formed ice-Shivalingam in South Kashmir Himalayas, LG Manoj Sinha today chaired a high-level meeting to review the ongoing Shri Amarnathji yatra.

He directed the officials concerned to ensure that devotees were properly reg-



istered and well-assisted by officers on the ground.

"Our goal is to make this pilgrimage a truly memorable experience for everyone and they have access to the best possible amenities.

Safety, security and hassle-free darshan of Baba Barfani must remain our top priority," the LG said.

"Shri Amarnathji Yatra is a matter of immense pride

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US to lift sanctions on Turkiye: Trump



ANKARA, JUL 07: US President Donald Trump on Tuesday announced that Washington would lift US sanctions on Turkey that were imposed in 2020 over Ankara's purchase of Russian defence missiles, while expressing a willingness to sell the fellow NATO ally F-35 fighter jets.

The move would be a massive gesture from

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Ahmedabad serial blasts HC upholds death sentence for 38 IM operatives

AHMEDABAD, JUL 07: The Gujarat High Court today upheld a special court order that pronounced death sentences for 38 operatives of the terror outfit Indian Mujahideen (IM) and life imprisonment for 11 others in the 2008 Ahmedabad serial blasts, which claimed 56 lives.

The special court's February 2022 order marked the first time that so many convicts had been handed down the death sentence by any court at one go.

The convicts include Saf-

dar Nagori, former operative of the banned outfit Student Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), and his associates.

The high court also directed the state government to pay compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the kin of those who died in the serial blasts and Rs 5 lakh to those who were grievously injured.

A division bench of Justices A Y Kogje and Samir Dave rejected all appeals against the order of the lower court and upheld its verdict confirming the sen-

tences to members of the terror outfit Indian Mujahideen in the case.

On July 26, 2008, a series of 21 bomb blasts ripped through different areas of Ahmedabad in a span of 70 minutes, killing 56 persons and leaving more than 200 others injured. Explosions also struck hospitals in the city as blast victims from other places were being rushed in for treatment, marking the first time medical facilities were targeted in such an attack.

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EAM, Bahrain deputy PM discuss bilateral cooperation

MANAMA (BAHRAIN), JUL 07: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday met Bahrain's Deputy Prime Minister and held discussions on further strengthening the partnership between the two countries.

Sharing details in a post on X, he said that they also discussed the regional situation.

"A pleasure to meet Deputy Prime Minister of Bahrain H.E Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa this morning. Discussed taking forward our bilateral cooperation across various sec-



tors. Also exchanged views on the regional situation," he said.

Earlier, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday met Bahrain's Foreign Minister Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani

and held discussions on further strengthening the relationship between the two countries.

Sharing details in a post on X, Jaishankar expressed deep appreciation for en

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Cong accuses BJP of 'whitewashing theft' at Ram Temple

NEW DELHI, JUL 07:

The Congress on Tuesday accused the BJP-RSS of "whitewashing" the theft of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya in order to protect the "real culprits", and demanded that the details of all donations be made public as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi break his "silence" on this issue.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the "theft" of donations at the Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya is a "grave betrayal of the faith" of crores of people of the country.

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Kavinder calls for citizen-centric cities to realise vision of 'Viksit Bharat'

PUNE, JUL 07: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today said that the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' could be realised only when India's cities emerge as centres of innovation, good governance, sustainability, technological excellence and human values.

He stressed that future cities must be smart as well as inclusive, environmentally responsible and citizen-centric to lead India's journey towards becoming a developed nation.

"India stands at a defining moment in its history, where its aspirations ex-



tend beyond economic growth to building a prosperous, self-reliant and developed nation," he said while addressing the inaugural session of Future Cities Forum 2026 on the theme "India's Cities:

Leading the Growth of Viksit Bharat."

The event was organised by Pune Times Mirror in collaboration with the Lexicon Group at Pune.

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