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Modi thanks Indonesia for preserving Prambanan Temple heritage

Indonesia-India Collaborative Cultural Heritage Conservation for Prambanan Temple" was placed between them.

Modi said, "In conversations I hear, the winds here carry a scent of culture. That scent which we feel every moment on the soil of India. This scent, this cultural heritage, connects us."

He added, "1200 years. I thank the people here (in Indonesia)..the way they have preserved this grand heritage, and maintained it, and done it with a devotional faith. So, I also wholeheartedly greet people of Indonesia and all the rulers (of Indonesia) who have been, so far."

He also said the visit had deeply moved him. "I saw chants of 'Mahamrityunjay' and 'Om Namah Shiva' being offered in this temple; this indeed touched the heart. As we begin the conservation and restoration work at Prambanan Temple complex, which is a UNESCO World Heritage, I am very assured that Indian tourists will definitely visit this place," he said.

Referring to the wider cultural links, Modi said, "In far-off places of the world, wherever we go, we witness the cultural heritage of India. In South East Asia, this is the second largest identity of our heritage. This temple has statues of Lord Shiva, Goddess Durga, and Lord Ganesha. For centuries, people have offered worship at this temple, and today I, too had the fortune to visit this temple and offer prayers at this temple." According to the UNESCO website, three temples rising above the concentric squares are decorated with reliefs illustrating the Ramayana and are dedicated to Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma, along with three temples dedicated to the animals who serve them.

Modi described his visit to the complex as a "Chaitanyapuram chhann" or a moment imbued with a sense of divinity. "I prayed to the Almighty for strengthening the India-Indonesia friendship, for the welfare of citizens of the two countries, and for swift development of the two nations, and offered worship with devotional faith," he said.

The joint conservation project will have the Archaeological Survey of India as the lead agency from the Indian side. Modi said he was confident that President Prabowo, "who plans everything methodically", would ensure the project was completed before the stipulated time.

He said he had sought a promise that this would be done before 2029, adding, "I will have to visit again. I assure you that I will definitely come here and celebrate that festival with you after the conversation."

Modi arrived in Jakarta on Monday to a red-carpet welcome in the first leg of his three-nation tour, which will also cover Australia and New Zealand, with a focus on cooperation in areas such as trade, security and rare-earth minerals under the India-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of 2018. Concluding his address, he thanked Indonesia for the "grand welcome, hospitality, and warmth" extended to him on behalf of the people of India and himself, as the two leaders embraced at the end of a visit that centred on the shared cultural bonds between the two countries.

Don't want to deal with them: Trump signals end to US-Iran peace deal

Iran", and "continued Zionist aggression" in Lebanon. Issuing a firm warning against Washington's hardline approach and asserting Tehran's refusal to back down under intense military and economic pressure, Ghalibaf concluded his statement on a defiant note.

"The era of bullying and extortion is over. It leads nowhere," he wrote on X. "We don't fold." This fierce rhetorical retaliation from Tehran comes in direct response to a dramatic escalation of hostilities, with the United States launching extensive military operations against Iranian targets following fresh maritime incidents.

The military actions were initiated after three vessels were struck while navigating the strategic Strait of Hormuz, an act Washington attributes directly to the Iranian armed forces.

According to an official communication from the US Central Command, the "powerful" strikes were deployed as a direct countermeasure to Iranian operations against international shipping lanes and were explicitly designed to "impose heavy costs for targeting and attacking commercial shipping."

Terrorist hideout busted at Billawar

Other security agencies, officials said and added that he had remained in constant touch with terror handlers across the border.

ACB unearths another land scam

Officials said that inputs were received indicating that custodian land, measuring thousands of kanals in Asarwan, Mishriwala, Bhalwal and R S Pura areas had allegedly been occupied by land grabbers and gangsters in connivance with revenue officers and officials.

"The revenue records have allegedly been tampered with, and the land has been sold to various persons," officials said.

The verification revealed that more than 1,000 kanals of custodian land had been shown as allotted to displaced persons on the basis of fake orders. These persons were otherwise not entitled to the allotment of additional land, which was secured through fraudulent means by land grabbers, Form ALF holders in connivance with officers and officials of the revenue department and others.

It was found that displaced persons of Pakistan were already allotted land but even then kith and kin of these families although not entitled being Form Alaf holders, in connivance with the concerned Patwaris, Girdawars, Naib Tehsildars and Tehsildars got mutations of additional land in Bhalwal area attested in their favour either without any government, Provisional Rehabilitation Office (PRO) order or on fake government and PRO order, officials said.

It was also found that no such orders of allotment of land were issued by the office of the PRO. These persons after getting mutation of lands in their favour alienated the said land directly or through their attorney holders or conduits to various persons by resorting to fraudulent means, thereby causing a huge loss to the government exchequer, officials said.

Owing to the establishment of, prima facie, nexus of the criminal elements, land grabbers, form Alaf holders

and revenue officers and officials in alienation of about 12 kanals three marlas of custodian land through fraudulent means, ACB registered formal case under relevant sections at ACB Police Station, Central J&K, for in-depth investigation under the provisions of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery and fraud against Altaf Hussain of Gursai, Mendhar, in Poonch district, at present Gura Brahmana, Jammu, then patwari; Amjid Malik of Rajinder Pura Rahya, Samba, then girdawar; Aqeel Ahmad of Buffliaz (Chamarar), Poonch, at present Friends Enclave, Chowadhi, Jammu, the then Naib Tehsildar, Bhalwal; Mohan Singh of Batala, at present Nanak Nagar, Jammu; Rabina Kouser of Mendhar, Nazir Hussain of Bagani Talab, Raipur Domana.

The ACB also registered another FIR following a complaint by Kuldeep Singh of Marjali Kangrail regarding alleged fraudulent mutations and illegal conferment of ownership rights over land in village Amb, Bhalwal.

The verification found that revenue officials, in alleged criminal conspiracy with beneficiaries, fraudulently attested mutations, resulting in the illegal transfer of ownership rights over 15 kanals eight marlas of land and causing wrongful loss to the government exchequer.

During verification, ACB found that revenue officials, by abusing their official position and entering into a criminal conspiracy with beneficiary Rashpal Singh and others, allegedly attested mutations in favour of the illegal beneficiaries, thereby illegally conferring ownership rights over 15 kanals 8 marlas of land upon them. This caused a corresponding wrongful loss to the government exchequer, officials said.

Accordingly, ACB registered another formal case at Police Station, ACB Central, J&K, under the relevant provisions of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, as well as sections relating to criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery, and fraud, for an in-depth investigation against the accused namely Baldev Raj, then Patwari Halqa, Amb; Pawan Kumar Kohli, then Naib Tehsildar; Rashpal Singh (beneficiary) of Marjali Kangrail and others.

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Accordingly, 27 FIRs were registered by ACB, and the investigation in these cases was still in progress, officials said.

4 teachers suspended

The suspensions were made by the Chief Education Officer, Ganderbal. Those suspended included Bilal Ahmad Sheikh, Aabid Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, Peer Mudasar, and Gowhar Rashid Kullu.

All pilgrims were advised to obtain registration only through the authorised registration centre and to follow the official procedure, officials said.

Ladakh sees surge in tourist arrivals

periences, officials said.

Among international visitors, Israel continues to emerge as the largest source market for Ladakh, followed by Thailand, the United States, Vietnam, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Japan, Malaysia, Australia, Taiwan, Russia, Italy, South Korea, Spain and several other European and Southeast Asian countries, demonstrating Ladakh's growing recognition as a globally preferred destination for adventure, nature and cultural tourism.

Apart from the foreign visitors, the overall tourist arrivals in Ladakh in June 2026 went up to 1,07,740, representing a healthy growth of 43.48 per cent over June 2025, when 75,089 tourists had visited Ladakh.

In first six months of this year, a total of 2,25,286 tourists visited Ladakh, including 2,11,645 domestic and 13,641 foreign tourists. The latest figures reflect the growing confidence of travellers in Ladakh as one of India's most sought-after year-round tourism destinations and underscore the success of sustained efforts undertaken by the UT administration under the leadership of LG Vinai Kumar Saxena, to strengthen tourism infrastructure, diversify tourism products and create a more tourist-friendly ecosystem, officials said.

LG Saxena said that the encouraging growth in tourist arrivals reflected the success of the administration's sustained efforts to position Ladakh as a premier tourism destination while ensuring sustainable and responsible development of the sector.

"Tourism is one of the strongest pillars of Ladakh's economy and a vital source of livelihood for thousands of our people. The remarkable increase in tourist arrivals this year is a reflection of our sustained efforts to position Ladakh as a premier, year-round tourism destination while ensuring that development remains sustainable and environmentally responsible. It is heartening to see this growth bringing renewed confidence and economic opportunities for our hoteliers, guest house owners, homestay operators, tour operators, transporters, trekking guides, artisans, entrepreneurs and local communities whose livelihoods depend on tourism," he said.

The LG attributed the tourism surge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's push to domestic tourism and the massive infrastructure boost in Ladakh, accelerating tourism, local economy and employment creation.

Since assuming office, Saxena has consistently accorded high priority to the tourism sector. Under his leadership, the Administration has undertaken several transformative reforms, including simplifying regulatory procedures, reducing compliance burden, granting Industry Status to hotels and guest houses, improving tourism infrastructure, strengthening air and road connectivity, expanding visitor amenities, promoting responsible tourism and encouraging private investment in tourism-related activities.

The administration has also focused on diversifying Ladakh's tourism offerings beyond the conventional summer season by actively promoting winter tourism, adventure tourism, high-altitude trekking, wildlife tourism, rural tourism, wellness tourism, cultural tourism, spiritual tourism and astro-tourism. Several national and international sporting events, cultural festivals and tourism promotion campaigns have further contributed to extending

the tourist season and increasing Ladakh's visibility in domestic and global tourism markets.

3 BKI operatives held with grenades, pistols

four 9 mm pistols and nine live cartridges. Police also impounded the car allegedly used to transport the consignment.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused were operating on the directions of a foreign-based smuggler backed by Pakistan's ISI and overseas operatives of the BKI, the DGP said.

He said the accused were allegedly planning to carry out activities intended to disturb public peace in various cities across the border state.

Sharing operational details, Yadav said teams from Punjab Police's Counter-Intelligence wing in Amritsar received specific inputs that the three suspects had recently collected a large consignment of explosives, arms and ammunition from the Ajnala area on the instructions of their handlers.

The accused were expected to deliver the consignment to other associates near the underpass on the Bharatmala Bypass Highway, on the Amritsar-Chogawan Road in Amritsar, the DGP said.

Acting on the inputs, police teams set up a checkpoint in the Amritsar area and intercepted a car in which the three were travelling, he said, adding that during the search, six hand grenades and 12 pistols were recovered from their possession.

The DGP said that the case is being investigated thoroughly from multiple angles to establish forward and backward linkages and to uncover the complete network.

A case has been registered under provisions of the Arms Act, the Explosive Substances Act and relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at Police Station State Special Operation Cell, Amritsar.

Shah has assured central aid to manage rain, flood crisis: Omar

possible assistance from the Centre to tackle it, according to officials.

In Doda district, National Highway 244 was closed at Premnagar after floodwaters and debris blocked the road, bringing traffic to a complete standstill. Several vehicles remained stranded on both sides of the highway as authorities worked to restore connectivity.

NHIDCL Highway Manager Sunny Padha described the situation at Premnagar as severe and said immediate action was taken to clear the road.

"Actually, this is Neeraj Prem Nagar, near the Kalka Mata temple; my vehicle was parked there. I received a call in the morning informing me that my vehicle was there. When I arrived, the atmosphere was terrifying; there was severe flooding. Since I actually work here--I am the highway manager for this area--I immediately called for an excavator and a JCB on the spot and cleared the traffic, but the flooding in the morning was indescribable," he said.

The closure also affected the ongoing annual Machail Yatra, with officials advising pilgrims and commuters to avoid the route until it was declared safe.

Tehran targets Bahrain, Kuwait after US strikes

and the resulting strikes came during the dayslong funeral for Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed Feb. 28 in the war's first moments at age 86. The funeral, which ends Thursday, had been thought to be a period of lower tensions - though mourners have repeatedly called for the killings of U.S. President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Negotiations to reach a final deal had been due to start after Khamenei's burial and focus on the toughest matters, including fully reopening the strait and rolling back Tehran's disputed nuclear program. But the new attacks threw that into question.

"The era of bullying and extortion is over," Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf wrote on X. "It leads nowhere. We don't fold."

Top LeT terrorist killed in Shopian encounter

ists were apprehended in Anantnag district of the valley with the help of Facial Recognition System (FRS) deployed for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra, officials said.

The FRS installed by police generated timely alerts regarding three suspicious individuals while they were passing through Sarbal area, demonstrating the effectiveness of the advanced surveillance technology deployed for the yatra, officials said.

Acting swiftly on the alerts, police personnel intercepted and verified the identities of the individuals. During the verification process, all three turned out to be OGWs, the officials added.

Based on the intelligence generated through the FRS and subsequent verification, all three individuals were promptly apprehended by police for further legal proceedings, officials said.

"The successful detection highlights the crucial role of technology-driven policing in strengthening the security grid and ensuring a safe, secure, and incident-free yatra," the officials added.

Landslide hits Vaishno Devi track; yatra unaffected

relief operations in and around Katra. Union home minister Amit Shah had termed the landslide-triggered incident as "extremely tragic."

Jammu had experienced heavy to heavy rainfall in August last year, leading to widespread destruction of public and government infrastructure.

August 17, 2025, seven people were killed and 11 injured in a cloudburst in Kathua district, which also caused massive flooding and landslides, damaging infrastructure.

Another cloudburst during the Machail Mata Yatra on August 14 in Kishtwar had triggered flash floods, leaving at least 55 people dead.

Rs 990.51 cr approved for Leh Bypass project: Gadkari

cost of Rs 990.51 cr.

According to the announcement, the project envisages the construction of a two-lane highway with paved shoulders extending from NH-01 near Phyang village (HPCL Plant) to Upshi on the Leh-Manali Highway (NH-03).

The bypass is aimed at decongesting traffic within Leh town by diverting through traffic and creating a high-quality alternative corridor linking NH-01 with NH-03.

The project is also expected to facilitate faster, safer and more efficient movement of vehicles, strengthen regional connectivity, enhance road safety and support the long-term economic and tourism potential of the Union Territory.

Officials said the proposed bypass forms part of the Centre's efforts to improve road infrastructure and connectivity in strategically important border regions.

Biggest batch of 9,837 pilgrims leaves for valley base camps

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 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 Highway and at all transit camps to ensure the safe and smooth movement of the yatra convoys. A multi-tier security setup has been activated in and around the Bhagwati Nagar base camp.

The commencement of the yatra marks the beginning of one of the country's most revered spiritual pilgrimages and reflects the coordinated efforts of the administration and all stakeholder departments to facilitate a secure, seamless and memorable pilgrimage experience for every devotee.

Traffic restrictions will remain in force on various stretches of the highway till August 28, with daily advisories and sector-wise cut-off timings to regulate traffic, officials said.

No evidence linking Indian govt to Nijjar killing: Canada

Trudeau had made a sensational allegation linking the Indian government to the Sikh separatist's murder.

As the relations hit rock bottom following Trudeau's allegations, India had accused Ottawa of allowing pro-Khalistani elements to operate from Canadian soil. In October 2024, India recalled its high commissioner and five other diplomats after Ottawa attempted to link them to the Nijjar case. India also expelled an equal number of Canadian diplomats.

However, Liberal Party leader Mark Carney's victory in the parliamentary election in April last year helped rebuilding the relations.

Subsequently, both sides posted their high commissioners in each other's capitals. The two countries also agreed to revive several mechanisms to advance relations in a range of areas. The relations witnessed a major upswing since PM Carney's visit to India in March.

In her remarks, Moreland said the investigation had found that the Bishnoi gang had been involved in extortions, drug trafficking, kidnapping and violence in Canada and elsewhere. While Bishnoi has been in jail in India since 2015, the FBI announced a reward of USD 50,000 for information leading to the arrest of 'Brar'.

The crackdown on the crime networks of Lawrence Bishnoi, Ravinder Dhanda and Jaggu Bhagwanpuria was part of a years-long federal investigation into Indian crime syndicates engaged in targeted killings, shootings, extortion, drugs trafficking and other crimes around the world, the US Justice Department said.

In total, 37 defendants-- including two defendants who ran their global criminal syndicates while imprisoned in India -- are charged across three indictments unsealed today, it said "The charges set forth in the indictment include allegations that Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldy Brar directed the 2023 assassination of a prominent Sikh leader in Canada identified by his initials HSN (Nijjar) in the indictment," Bilal A Essay, First Assistant US Attorney, said on Tuesday. RCMP commissioner Mike Duheme said the agencies disrupted the operations of "organised criminals who used murder, cruelty and fear to extort and control people in both Canada and the United States."

"We won't pause for long to reflect on the work it took to get this job done; we'll keep doing what we do best to preserve public safety in Canada, in the United States, and around the world," Duheme said.

Nijjar, the chief of banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), was designated as a terrorist by India.

Army Chief reviews security situation in Kashmir

a review of the situation. "General Dhiraj Seth, COAS, visited HQ Chinara corps and its formations to review the prevailing security situation, operational preparedness and combat readiness along the Line of Control and in the hinterland," the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) of Army said in a post on X.

It said the COAS was briefed on the operational deployments, counter-terrorism operations, inter-agency synergy, evolving operational dynamics and security arrangements for the ongoing annual Amarnath Yatra.

"He also reviewed the initiatives towards tech absorption, capability enhancement and integrated combat readiness across the full spectrum of operations," the ADGPI said.

During the visit, the COAS commended all ranks for their exceptional professionalism and steadfast commitment under challenging conditions and appreciated their relentless efforts in maintaining peace and stability, the post added.

NIA raids 20 places in 9 states, seizes digital devices

ISIS (Islamic State). NIA said, "The locations searched today were chosen on the basis of detailed technical analysis of the digital devices seized earlier, along with connectivity analysis of the arrested accused and other investigation findings."

NIA, which is working to identify others involved in the plot to destabilise the country and establish a 'Caliphate', has found that the arrested accused and their aides were engaged in indoctrination of vulnerable youth across the country through violent jihadi content and misinformation.

As per the anti-terror agency, the accused were also in on-line contact with their foreign handlers to propagate the "jihadi ideology" and promote the anti-India conspiracy.