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Summer vacations extended across J&K

The government today extended the ongoing summer vacations to all government and recognised private schools across the Union Territory till July 26, bringing schools in the summer zones of Jammu division under the ambit of the order as well.

The clarification came from Education Minister Sakina Itoo, who announced through a fresh post on X that the extension would also apply to all schools in the summer zone of Jammu division.

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Pak intruder caught near IB

A Pakistani intruder was today captured by BSF personnel from the border Pargwal area of Akhnoor.

According to officials, BSF personnel guarding the Pargwal area spotted him after he crossed over to this side of the International Border in the morning.

He was identified as Mohammad Rafiq Kala, a resident of village Pindi.

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Govt amends pension rules

The government has amended the Family Pension-cum-Gratuity Rules, 1964, extending the benefit of enhanced family pension to the families of retired government employees who die after retirement.

According to a notification issued by the finance department, the enhanced family pension would be payable for seven years from the date of death or till the date on which the deceased employee would have attained the age of 67 years, whichever was earlier.

It says that cases already settled under the

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CAG entrusted with audit of SKUAST-J accounts

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The government has entrusted the Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) of India with the audit of the accounts of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu (SKUAST-J).

CAG would be conducting the SKUAST-J audit for a period of five years from 2025-26 to 2029-30, says a finance department order.

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Saxena inaugurates bridge over Shayok River



LEH, JUL 21: Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today inaugurated Rs 27.18 cr Udmaroo Bridge over Shayok River in Nubra district of the Union Territory.

The strategically important bridge will reduce the travel distance between Udmaroo & Hundri villages and Terechey & Skuru villages by nearly 35 km, re

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Major yatras suspended for 3rd day amid heavy rains

Fresh landslides hit NH; Sinha reviews situation

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As torrential rains continued to batter Jammu, pilgrimages to highly revered shrines of Mata Vaishno Devi in Trikuta Hills of Katra, Baba Amarnath in South Kashmir Himalayas, Shiv Khori at Reasi and Machail Mata in Kishtwar hills remained suspended for the third day today. The rain-triggered landslides affected movement of vehicles on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

LG Manoj Sinha, who continues to personally monitor the situation, spoke to the senior officials and the deputy commissioners of Rajouri and Poonch to assess property and public infrastructure damage caused by heavy rainfall, floods, and landslides.

At least 23 people, including women & children, have

lost their lives and seven others are reported missing in Poonch, Rajouri & Doda districts of Jammu in the past two days in flash floods and landslides.

Meanwhile, heavy rains lashed large parts of Jammu region today, severely disrupting normal life and prompting authorities to maintain a high alert.

Officials said the situation was being monitored round-the-clock, with district administrations, disaster response teams, police, and other agencies remaining on highest alert in vulnerable areas.

Pilgrims have been advised to stay at designated shelters until weather conditions improve and the routes are declared safe.

Despite rains, the rescue

teams continued their search for seven persons reported missing in the worst-hit Poonch and Rajouri districts, where cloudbursts, flash floods, and landslides have caused extensive damage over the past three days.

According to meteorological department, the holy town of Katra, the base camp for the holy Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage, recorded the highest rainfall of 107.1 mm during the 24-hour period ending at 8.30 am on Tuesday.

Poonch recorded 61.5 mm of rainfall, Reasi (54.5 mm), Rajouri (49 mm) and Jammu (35 mm) during the same period.

Several roads and link roads remained affected due to landslides and shooting stones, while waterlogging disrupted traffic in both urban and rural areas, officials said, adding restoration work was underway, but fresh rainfall continued to hamper efforts to clear debris and reopen roads.

Amid prediction of moderate to heavy rainfall till July 23, authorities have urged people to exercise extreme caution, avoid unnecessary travel, and stay away from rivers, nallahs, water bodies, and landslide-prone

areas.

Meanwhile, fresh landslides & mudslides triggered by the continuing rains disrupted traffic movement at multiple locations on Jammu-Srinagar road. The administration had pressed into service men & machinery to clear these road stretches, officials said.

Another landslide was reported from Nograta Saldhar area of Rajouri district, where the continuous spell of rain triggered the sliding of mud and rocks, affecting local connectivity. There were no immediate reports of any casualties.

While reviewing the situation, LG Sinha asked people to avoid non-essential travel in vulnerable areas and strictly follow safety advisories issued by local district administration.

"I spoke with senior officials and the DCs of Rajouri and Poonch to assess the damage to houses and key public infrastructure caused by heavy rains, flash floods,

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GMC Rajouri gets 50 additional MBBS seats

JAMMU, JUL 21: In a major boost to medical education, the Government Medical College, Rajouri, has been granted approval

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NEET paper leak issue

Action taken to ensure no one plays with future of youth: Modi

NEW DELHI, JUL 21: In his first remarks on NEET irregularities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that strong action was taken against those involved in the paper leaks so that no one plays with the future of the youth.

"States should join hands with the Centre to tackle the menace in national interest," he said at a meeting of the NDA MPs here, a day after several students took part in the 'Sansad Chalo' march against irregularities in the NEET exam and to demand Education Minis-



ter Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation.

Briefing journalists after the meeting, which was named 'Mangal Milan', Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the prime minister told

MPs that the government acted immediately after reports of the paper leak surfaced, and 13 people were arrested and sent to jail.

"At the same time, the prime minister said, to ensure that students' future was not affected, the NEET re-examination was given priority, conducted successfully, and the results were declared without delay," Rijiju said after the hour-long meeting.

He said the prime minister also said that strict steps had been taken to prevent

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Govt ready for debate in Par on NEET: Jitendra

NEW DELHI, JUL 21: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today told the Congress leaders, who were staging a sit-in outside PM Narendra Modi's residence here over the police action against students protesting on the NEET paper leak issue, that the government was ready for a debate in parliament on NEET.

"The government is ready to discuss all issues related to Neet and the associated movement in Parliament," he said.

Singh said LoP Rahul Gandhi was assured that the government was pre-



pared to discuss all issues related to NEET in Parliament. However, he alleged that the Congress leader did not agree to a discussion on NEET alone and instead sought a commitment on the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Gandhi, along with

Kharge and chief ministers of Karnataka D K Shivakumar and Kerala CM V D Satheesan, besides several Congress MPs, raised slogans against the Prime Minister outside his residence.

Several MPs also accused the police of using force against them in their bid to remove them from the protest site.

The Congress leaders earlier marched to the prime minister's residence against what they alleged were "police brutalities" on the young students during

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'Gau Seva Rashtra Seva'

Kavinder calls for greater use of cow-based products

SALASAR, JUL 21: Stating that 'Gau Seva' is 'Rashtra Seva', Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today called for greater use of eco-friendly cow-based products.

Gupta, who visited Shri Balaji Gaushala Sansthan at Salasar in Rajasthan, appreciated the institution's exemplary service in the protection, conservation and welfare of cows. He was accompanied by his wife Bindu Gupta.

He commended the efforts of Ravishankar and the entire management for



running one of the region's largest gaushalas with commitment, compassion and devotion.

The governor toured various sections of the

gaushala, interacted with the management and caretakers, and reviewed the facilities available for the cattle.

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Mission far from over, says LG on 100-days of 'Drug-Free J&K Campaign'

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On the completion of 100-days of 'Drug-Free J&K Campaign', LG Manoj Sinha today reiterated determination to neutralise drug-cartels & narco-terror networks, saying that 'mission is far from over'.

"We are determined to neutralise the drug cartels and narco-terror networks that target our youth," he said while addressing an event commemorating the successful completion of 100-days of the 'Drug-Free J&K campaign'.

The function was organised by the department of social welfare.



"While this milestone marks significant progress, our mission is far from complete," the LG said.

"We continue to strengthen our key priorities of dismantling illicit trafficking ecosystems, enhancing public awareness, and providing robust rehabilitation to help affected individuals reintegrate into

society. The first 100 days of the campaign laid the foundation for the rigorous path ahead. The road ahead will certainly be tough, but our resolve to completely wipe out narco-terrorism is stronger than ever," he added.

He said that during this 100-day campaign, he trav

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Monsoon Session

LS, RS adjourned amid uproar over crackdown on protesters

NEW DELHI, JUL 21: The second day of Parliament's Monsoon Session began on a stormy note with the NEET paper leak, lathi-charge on students who protested in Delhi on Monday and the Ayodhya Ram temple donation theft row triggering outrage in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

When Lok Sabha took up the first question at 11 am, Opposition members slo-

ganeered on the NEET paper leak and police baton-charge on protesting students.

Speaker Om Birla assured the members that they would get to raise their issues as per rules. However, when the protesting members did not relent, Birla adjourned the House.

On reassembling, Dilip Saikia, who was in the chair, asked the Opposition members to go back to

their seats and take part in the proceedings. However, the appeal failed to evoke a smooth response by the Opposition members, leading to the Chair announcing adjournment of the House for the day.

Rajya Sabha proceedings were also adjourned for the day soon after it resumed for the post-lunch sitting amid the Opposition's protest over police lathi

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