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Major yatras suspended for 3rd day amid heavy rains
and landslides," he said in a post on X.
"The divisional commissioner and the IG are currently on the ground. I have instructed all departments to work around-the-clock in close coordination to manage rescue, relief, and restoration efforts. Our main focus is reopening key roads and restoring power and water supplies. I was informed that out of 435 damaged roads, 356 have already been restored. I urge citizens to avoid non-essential travel in vulnerable areas and strictly follow safety advisories issued by local district administration," he added.
"Teams from the SDRF, NDRF, Army, BRO, NHAI, J&K Police, and Civil Defence are working together, while Quick Response teams are deployed in vulnerable areas. I am deeply anguished by the tragic loss of lives in this natural calamity. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Prayers for the swift recovery of all those injured," the LG said.

Mission far from over, says LG on 100-days of 'Drug-Free J&K Campaign'
elled across every region of the Union Territory, connecting with communities in all 20 districts through padyatra. He recalled meeting many parents burdened by the fear for their children's futures.
"Standing alongside families in their darkest moments allowed me to truly grasp the depth of their anguish. Yet amid that pain, I saw an unwavering hope of a shared conviction that our youth can break free from addiction and reclaim their lives. During my padyatra, I saw both pain and courage. I witnessed despair and also glimpses of hope, and I can proudly say that such unprecedented public support for this campaign has never been seen in the history of Jammu & Kashmir," Sinha said.
"Padyatra in every district sent a strong message that we will not allow our youth or our future to be stolen. Over the past 100 days, we backed that resolve with decisive action. During these days, 2,581 drug traffickers were arrested, nearly 1,431 kgs of narcotics, including 23.29 kg heroin, were seized, and assets worth over Rs 188.89 cr were confiscated to cripple narco-terror financing," he added.
"By revoking hundreds of driving licences, vehicle registrations, recommending suspension of hundreds of passports and by taking action against non-compliant pharmacies, we have sent a clear message that no offender is above law. Most importantly, thousands of young people have received treatment and are now rebuilding their lives in the mainstream," he said.
"Rehabilitation transforms lives, restores families, and secures our future. The administration will soon launch 'Rehabilitation and Socio-Economic Reintegration Scheme for Drug Abuse Victims, 2026', starting with a pilot in the two sensitive districts of Jammu as well as Kashmir division," he added.
"The initiative, built on a structured 3-year cycle, guides individuals through medical care and therapy in Phase 1, education and employment in Phase 2, and long-term relapse prevention with community support in Phase 3," he said.

"The past 100 days have awakened a new consciousness among the people of Jammu & Kashmir, and with their cooperation narco-terrorists will be wiped out and their networks dismantled link by link. The foundation on which smugglers built their empire of narco-terror will be completely destroyed. Those who have ruined the future of our young people will receive such severe punishment that their future generations will remember it. I consider this justice and a strong warning against crime. My message is absolutely clear that if you ruin others' lives, the law will not spare your future either," he said.
He also called upon people to speak up against drug abuse. "The government needs support of entire community," he added.
"We need every citizen to speak up, report local drug activity, and help those affected by addiction. If someone in your community is suffering, don't walk away. Guide them toward treatment, support their recovery, and help them start fresh. Young people trapped by addiction are victims of circumstances and therefore need support, not ostracism, and they need the trust of society. Our goal of a drug-free Jammu Kashmir is perfectly clear. This is not merely a dream but our national resolve. We are working to establish more rehabilitation centres. Consultancy services are being strengthened, and skill development and employment opportunities are being provided to youths who complete rehabilitation," he said.

The LG also called upon youth to become the greatest strength of the nation and do not sacrifice their dreams to drugs. "Never let a drug dealer dictate the course of your lives," he said.
"Your energy is meant for building, your talent for creation, and your courage for moving forward. Take pride in your culture, your heritage, and who you are, and step confidently into a brighter future. I also appeal to the parents to never ignore any signs of drug use in their son or daughter. We must remember that seeking help in time is wisdom. History bears witness that whether it was terrorism or narco-terror, silence has caused the greatest harm to society. So, break the silence and spread awareness so we can save millions of lives," he said.
"I also urge all teachers and leaders of religious and social organisations to sustain the energy you have shown in these 100 days. You shape lives so keep instilling discipline and confidence in the youth and make them aware of the harmful effects of drugs. Let us pledge to turn this campaign into one of India's broadest and most effective mass movements. Let us pledge to reach every person in need. Let us pledge to hold the hand of every young person who wants a new beginning. Let us pledge to dismantle every drug cartel that spreads poison in society and together create a Jammu Kashmir that is drug-free, terror-free, and full of hope, development and trust," the LG said.
He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the officials of civil administration, police, law enforcement and security agencies, volunteers, social and religious organisations, youth and Nari Shakti and all the stakeholders for their valuable contribution to the Drug-Free J&K campaign.
On the occasion, he felicitated outstanding performers and released a special DIPR-compiled Coffee Table Book, highlighting the widespread impact of Nasha Mukti J&K Campaign.
The event also featured an impactful documentary screening by the Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), an engaging short skit by J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (JKAACL), and presentations by police and Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), J&K Chapter.
A two-minute silence was also observed in the memory of those who lost their lives in the recent natural calamities in J&K.
Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP; S J M.Gillani, Special DG Coordination PHQ; Chandekar Bharti, Principal Secretary Home; Manddeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to LG; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Shreya Singhal, Director Information; divisional commissioners; deputy commissioners; public representatives; heads of educational institutes; senior officials; members of civil society & various social organisations; prominent citizens and youth from across the UT attended the ceremony, in person and through virtual mode.

Summer vacations extended across J&K
Earlier, the extension had been announced only for schools in Kashmir division and the winter zone of Jammu division.
With this announcement, all government and recognised private schools across Jammu and Kashmir would now remain closed till July 26 and reopen on July 27, 2026.
The minister said the decision was taken after reviewing the prevailing weather conditions, with the safety and well-being of students, teachers and their families being the government's foremost priority.
She also appealed to people to remain alert and strictly follow weather advisories and safety guidelines issued by the concerned authorities, wishing everyone good health and safety amid the continuing spell of adverse weather.
Pak intruder caught near IB
cious was recovered from him, he was put to sustained questioning to find out the motive of his coming to this side of the border, officials said.
Govt amends pension rules
rules in force prior to the issuance of this notification shall not be reopened. However, pending cases on the date of issuance of this notification, if any, shall be decided also in accordance with this notification.
CAG entrusted with audit of SKUAST-J accounts
gard was accorded in terms of section 20 (1) of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act 1971, according to the order.
Saxena inaugurates bridge over Shayok River
ducing travel time and providing seamless all-weather connectivity.
The bridge will also improve access across Nubra district and provide uninterrupted connectivity to Sham Gombo (Yarma Gonbo), an important Buddhist pilgrimage site, thereby strengthening religious tourism and socio-economic development in the region.
The bridge, a modern three-span (3×80 mt) Truss System Bridge with 70R loading capacity and approximately 230 mt of approach roads, which has been executed under the Special Development Package (SDP) of the UT Administration, is expected to directly benefit nearly 1,000 residents living in the surrounding villages. The bridge will strengthen connectivity across the Nubra region by making travel safer, faster and more reliable throughout the year, particularly during adverse weather conditions.
Addressing the gathering, Saxena described the inauguration of the Udmaroo Bridge as another significant mile-

FCS&CA dept to undertake advance lifting, distribution of foodgrains for Aug-Oct 2026

SRINAGAR, JULY 21: In a significant step to ensure uninterrupted availability of foodgrains to beneficiaries during the forthcoming monsoon season, the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), J&K has decided to undertake the advance lifting and distribution of foodgrains allocated under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Non-Priority Household (NPHH) schemes for the months of August, September and October 2026.
The decision has been taken as a precautionary measure to address any logistical and transportation challenges that may arise during the rainy season and to ensure uninterrupted food security across the Union Territory.
Accordingly, the Department has made advance allocation of foodgrains for the three months, enabling the beneficiaries to receive their entitled ration through a single transaction. The entire distribution process has been targeted for completion on or before 31st August, 2026.
To facilitate smooth implementation of the initiative, the NIC, J&K has been requested to enable the one-time transaction facility in the e-PoS devices for distribution of foodgrains pertaining to the months of August, September and October 2026.
The Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, while speaking in this regard, said that the advance lifting and distribution of foodgrains would

strengthen the departmental preparedness and enable an effective response to any situation arising during the monsoon season.
He said that the initiative would ensure uninterrupted availability of foodgrains and safeguard the food security of eligible beneficiaries throughout the Union Territory.
The Commissioner Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, reiterated that the advance lifting, transportation and distribution of foodgrains shall be undertaken in close coordination with all the stakeholders, including the Food Corporation of India (FCI), the Jammu & Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) and the district administration.
Necessary instructions were passed on to the Director, FCS&CA, Jammu and the Director, FCS&CA, Kashmir to personally monitor the lifting, transportation and distribution of the allocated foodgrains. This will ensure that the exercise is completed within the stipulated timeline and that no eligible beneficiary is deprived of his or her entitlement, he added.
The Department issued necessary directions to all concerned officers, Fair Price Shop dealers and other stakeholders to ensure timely lifting, transportation and distribution of the allocated foodgrains, with the entire exercise to be completed by 31st August, 2026, in the interest of public convenience and uninterrupted food security.

stone in Nubra's development journey. He said that in Ladakh, infrastructure is not measured merely in terms of concrete and steel but by the opportunities it creates for people and the ease it brings to their daily lives.
"Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, roads, bridges and other public infrastructure are transforming connectivity across even the remotest border areas. Our objective is not merely to build infrastructure, but to ensure that every citizen has access to better opportunities, quality public services and a brighter future," he said.
The LG underlined that the bridge would provide uninterrupted year-round access to Sham Gombo, an important Buddhist pilgrimage site, making travel more convenient for pilgrims, tourists and local residents alike. The improved connectivity is expected to promote religious tourism while creating new livelihood opportunities for local youth through homestays, transport services, handicrafts and other tourism-related activities.
He said that projects such as the Udmaroo Bridge not only improve accessibility but also contribute to inclusive development by strengthening agriculture, promoting tourism and enhancing the quality of life of the people.
Describing the bridge as a symbol of development, resilience and progress, the LG congratulated everyone associated with the successful completion of the project and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to accelerating infrastructure development across Ladakh's border areas in line with the vision of prime minister.
Action taken to ensure no one plays with future of youth: Modi
such paper leaks in the future.
Modi told the NDA MPs that those found involved in the paper leak racket had been arrested and jailed.
The prime minister also told the ruling alliance's MPs that those guilty in paper leaks should be given the strictest possible punishment, with the support of the country's top lawyers, so that those involved in such a grave offence face exemplary action and such incidents do not recur.
"The prime minister said strong action has been taken to ensure that no one plays with future of youth. The prime minister also said that to ensure that no future paper leaks take place, all state governments and the Centre must join hands irrespective of party. This is not a matter of party politics but matter of national interests," Rijiju said.
Modi also stressed the need to punish the guilty and collaboratively establish a foolproof system.
The parliamentary affairs minister said the prime minister gave guidance to everyone present at the meeting.
Rijiju said the meeting was very productive as the prime minister spoke on several important issues.
The prime minister spoke about the achievements the country had made over the past few months and also briefed the NDA MPs on the free trade agreements (FTA) signed with several countries.
On the FTAs, Rijiju said, Modi assured the NDA members that the interests of farmers would be prioritised and emphasised that no harm would come to them.
The prime minister stressed that the welfare of farmers remains paramount in any FTA signed with any country and the government is ensuring that these agreements serve the best interests of both the farmers and the nation, he said.
Rijiju said the NDA would play a constructive role during the ongoing Monsoon Session.
"We are united in our resolve to ensure the passage of all important bills brought forward for the nation's benefit. We also appeal to the opposition parties that while they may hold differing views, they should come forward to work together for the country, its future, and the youth," he said.
GMC Rajouri gets 50 additional MBBS seats
for 50 additional MBBS seats, increasing its annual intake from 100 to 150.
The announcement in this regard was made by Health & Medical Education Minister Sakina Itoo.
The increase in MBBS seats at GMC Rajouri would provide greater opportunities for aspiring medical students while further strengthening the healthcare sector in Jammu and Kashmir, she said in a post on X.
"Glad to share that, after the successful enhancement of MBBS seats at Government Medical College, Jammu, and Government Medical College, Srinagar, approval has now been accorded for an additional 50 MBBS seats at GMC, Rajouri, increasing its intake capacity from 100 to 150 seats," the minister said in a post on X.
"Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, we remain committed to strengthening medical education, expanding opportunities for aspiring doctors, and building a stronger, more accessible healthcare system for the people of Jammu & Kashmir," she added.
LS, RS adjourned amid uproar over crackdown on protesters
charge on students protesting the NEET examination paper leak.
As soon as the House met for the post-lunch sitting, Opposition MPs started raising slogans. Following this, Deputy Chairman Harivansh adjourned the House for the day.
Earlier on Tuesday, after official papers were laid on the

table of the House, leader of the Opposition and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge rose to speak on the police action against students who had staged protests on Monday over the alleged leak of the medical entrance examination question papers.
Kharge alleged that the protesting students were lathi-charged and police also used tear gas.
His remarks triggered slogan-shouting by Treasury bench members, which was met with counter-slogans from the Opposition.
Amid the uproar, Chairman C P Radhakrishnan adjourned the House till noon.
When the House met again at noon, Secretary General P C Mody read out a message from the Lok Sabha amid continuing commotion.
Mody informed the House that the Lok Sabha, in its sitting on Monday, had adopted a motion recommending that the Rajya Sabha elect two members to a joint committee on offices of profit to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of N R Elango and Deepak Prakash.
With members continuing to protest, the Chairman adjourned the House for the second time till 2 pm.
Govt ready for debate in Par on NEET: Jitendra
the CJP-led protest march to Parliament on Monday.
"We have marched to PM Modi's house to demand answers from him for the brutalities against young students yesterday. The Government doesn't want to take any accountability, nor does it want to have a debate on it in Parliament," Gandhi said in a post on X.
"The Prime Minister and Home Minister must resign for destroying the future of India's youth," he said.
Kharge said the Congress leaders were sitting on a dharna outside the Prime Minister's residence.
"This cowardly authoritarian government will have to answer for the lathi charge and use of force. Modi-Shah are guilty against our youth; they will have to resign," he said in a post on X.
Congress leaders claimed that they had always stood with the rights of youth and students and their demands.
"This arrogant and dictatorial government will have to answer for the brutal lathi charge on students. This arrogant government is guilty of the crime against the youth; they will have to resign," said Randeep Surjewala in a post on X.
Kavinder calls for greater use of cow-based products
He was informed that the gaushala was currently providing shelter, food and medical care to more than 3,000 cows that had been abandoned by their owners.
Appreciating this humanitarian initiative, Gupta said that caring for abandoned cattle was a noble service to society and a true reflection of the India's civilisational values.
In his address, he said, "Gau Seva has been an integral part of the Sanatan way of life since ancient times. Our culture teaches us to respect all forms of life, and serving Gau Mata is one of the highest expressions of compassion, gratitude and duty. Gau Seva is not merely a religious practice but a timeless tradition that strengthens the moral fabric of society," he said.
"Gau Seva is Rashtra Seva," he said and added, "The protection of indigenous cattle contributes significantly to rural development, agricultural prosperity, environmental sustainability and the preservation of India's rich cultural heritage. Institutions, like Shri Balaji Gaushala Sansthan, are playing a vital role in preserving these enduring values while rendering invaluable service to society."
Emphasising the importance of sustainable living, Gupta called for the wider use of eco-friendly products prepared from cow dung and cow urine. He said that organic manure, natural pesticides, bio-gas, incense sticks, diyas and other value-added products not only help protect the environment but also promote natural farming, reduce dependence on chemical-based products and create livelihood opportunities for rural communities, particularly women and self-help groups.
He appreciated Ravishankar for his vision and selfless dedication in developing the gaushala into a centre of service and care for abandoned cattle.
He expressed hope that more individuals, voluntary organisations and social institutions would come forward to support such initiatives, thereby strengthening the collective commitment towards animal welfare, environmental conservation and the preservation of India's cultural heritage.
The governor also appealed to parents to encourage their children to visit Gaushalas regularly so that they develop a sense of compassion towards animals and gain an understanding of India's rich cultural and spiritual traditions. He said that such visits help inculcate values of service, responsibility and respect for nature from an early age, ensuring that the ethos of Gau Seva is passed on to future generations.
He prayed for the continued progress of Shri Balaji Gaushala Sansthan and wished success in its mission of serving and protecting Gau Mata for the welfare of society and the nation.

Ministers Rana, Satish visit Rajouri, Review flood relief measures

RAJOURI, JULY 21: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana accompanied by Minister for Youth Services & Sports, Transport, Information Technology, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Science & Technology, ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma today visited Rajouri to review the flood situation, inspect relief measures, and assess the restoration of essential services in the district.
The Ministers visited the Relief and Rehabilitation Centre established at Government Boys Higher Secondary School (BHSS), Rajouri, where they interacted with the families shifted to

the centre. They enquired about their well-being and reviewed the facilities being provided by the District Administration, including accommodation, food, drinking water, healthcare and other essential services.
Later, the Ministers held a high-level review meeting attended by MLAs, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma, and senior district and sectoral officers to assess the overall situation and review the ongoing relief, rescue and restoration efforts.
During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner briefed the Ministers about the prevailing ground situation, relief measures undertaken by the district administration, restoration of water supply and other essential services, and the immediate requirements for rehabilitation in the flood-affected areas. After reviewing the requirements, the Ministers announced immediate support for strengthening the water supply infrastructure and restoring essential services.
Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Rana announced the establishment of 20 minor water supply schemes at an estimated cost of ₹15 lakh each (₹3 crore), provision of transformers for 10 water supply locations at an estimated cost of ₹1 crore, 1,000 water storage crates at an estimated cost of ₹1 crore, procurement of five dewatering pumps costing approximately ₹2.5 lakh, provision of five 125 KVA generator sets at an estimated cost of ₹50 lakh, and ₹4 crore for the restoration of damaged

water supply schemes. The Minister stated that these interventions would provide immediate relief to the affected population and help restore essential public services at the earliest.
The Ministers appreciated the prompt response and dedicated efforts of the District Administration under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, along with all line departments, in carrying out rescue operations, providing relief to affected families, and ensuring the restoration of essential services despite challenging conditions.
The meeting was attended by all district and sectoral officers, who also presented updates on the status of relief operations and restoration works in their respective departments.