



NH reopens as NHA clears boulders

The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was today reopened to vehicular traffic after NHA's men & machinery blasted massive boulders that had blocked the road near Champari in Chenani area of Udhampur.

The boulders had rolled down the roadside hill, following the torrential rains that lashed the region in the recent past.

NHA executed a high-precision controlled blast

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OGW held at Baramulla

Security forces have arrested an overground worker of terrorists in Baramulla district of Kashmir and recovered arms & ammunition from his possession.

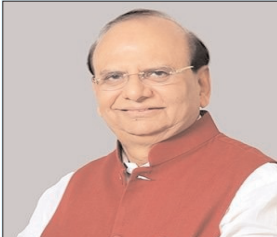
He was identified as Aijaz Ahmad Ganaie.

Officials said he was apprehended by a joint team of Army, police and paramilitary forces at a mobile vehicle check point established at Gorawan in Sheeri area of Baramulla around midnight.

One pistol, one maga

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Saxena extends 'pro-people' land-use deregulation



Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena has decentralised the land-use regulatory framework and authorised the chief secretary and the divisional commissioner to accord approval on land issues for development works in areas outside municipal committees in the UT.

He had on July 8 ex

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Neet-UG counselling to begin on Aug 4

NEW DELHI, AUG 02: The first round of counselling for admission to MBBS and other undergraduate medical courses under the All-India Quota (AIQ) will begin on August 4 and the academic session for the 2026-27 batch will commence on September 8, according to the Medical Counselling Committee.

According to the counselling schedule released by the committee, the first round of AIQ counselling for deemed and central universities will be held from August 4 to August 17. The last date for joining will be August 22.

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Names of labourers' killers must be revealed: Farooq



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NC president Farooq Abdullah today demanded that the identity of the killers of two migrant labourers in Kulgam district and a policeman in Anantnag district must be made

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'Nasha Mukh Yuva Abhiyan' launched

Drug-free youth crucial for Viksit Bharat, says PM Modi

NEW DELHI, AUG 02: *Stating that the country's youth must stay away from drugs to achieve the target of a developed India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today asked them to take a pledge against substance abuse, saying drugs can give them a "high" for some time, but would make their entire career and personal life "low".*

"To achieve the target of developed India, the country's youth must be mentally and physically fit, for which it is necessary for them to stay away from all kinds of substance abuse," he said after launching the 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' here.

He also said that enemy countries use the supply of drugs as part of their terror plans because they know that "youth are the future of our country".

"Drugs can give you a high for some time, but it makes your entire career and per-



sonal life low," he said.

Questioning the taboo around drug addicts, Modi said those who come out of drug addiction are fighters and should be honoured by society.

"Society should respect them, embrace them and give them a second chance," he said.

The prime minister launched the campaign virtually in the presence of a large number of youth, who described themselves as representatives of Gen-Z, days after large-scale

protests by students demanding reforms in the public examination system rocked Delhi and other parts of the country.

"Our culture teaches us that one can get rid of substance abuse with the support of society, yoga and meditation," Modi said.

The 'Nasha Mukh Yuva' campaign is a resolve for the individual, family, society and, most importantly, the nation, and the name of the initiative itself reflected its objective, the prime minister said.

"When the country has set the goal of building a developed India, it is essential that the youth stay away from harmful addictions to remain physically and mentally healthy and full of self-confidence," Modi said.

"This is the objective of this campaign," he added, urging everyone to take a pledge to ensure that young people understand the dangers of drug addiction and remain aware and vigilant in every possible way.

"From today, the Nasha Mukh Yuva Abhiyan is being launched across the country. When this becomes a collective campaign, even those who are unable to do something on their own will receive new energy.

"The resolve taken today will move forward in the same manner for the next 100 weeks. Every Sunday, activities related to art, culture, sports, meditation, spirituality and service will be organised. The message of de-addiction will reach

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Trump pauses planned strikes on Iran



WASHINGTON, AUG 02 President Donald Trump said that the United States and Israel had agreed to hold off on new strikes on Iran -- provided a deal to end the months-long conflict was "rapidly" reached.

Fears had mounted that the fighting could escalate

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Protests over paper leaks SC to hear pleas relating to police action

NEW DELHI, AUG 02: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a batch of pleas alleging police brutality during the recent protests against irregularities in exams and the NEET paper leaks.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana will be hearing the pleas in which the court had indicated that it might constitute an SIT headed by a former Supreme Court judge for a probe into the allegations made by protestors, pellet gun victims

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Ujh Multipurpose Project revived after 100 yrs: Jitendra



NEW DELHI, AUG 02: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today reviewed the status and phased implementation roadmap of the Ujh Multipurpose Project (UPP) in Kathua district of Jammu, which has been revived after 100 years.

He held a detailed meeting with the officials of

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'Nasha Mukh Yuva' prog

India's greatest strength lies in its youth: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha, who today attended the launch of 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' at a UT-Level function, said that 'India's greatest strength lies in its youth'.

The programme was organised by the department of youth affairs and sports & SKUAST-Kashmir. The 100-week mega campaign was virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, marking a nationwide resolve to secure India's future by empowering its youth and eliminating the menace of drugs.

"India's greatest strength lies in its young population, with nearly 65 pc below the age of 35," the LG said and highlighted that 37 cr youth in the 15-29 age group were eager to contribute to nation-building.

"The Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp



Abhiyan seeks to energise them, guide them towards healthy lifestyles and active participation in development. Our youth must emerge like a cloud of energy and spread across the horizon of development," he said.

"The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, launched in 2020 by the prime minister, is not merely a government programme but a social movement against drug menace. Its objective is to instill values of self-discipline, positive thinking,

and strong determination among citizens," he added.

"Over 1 cr youth are joining 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' at nearly 10,000 locations nationwide, reflecting the collective responsibility of society to protect young people from drugs. More than 35,000 MY Bharat youth clubs, Nehru Yuva Kendras, schools, colleges, and industry organizations are participating in the 100-week campaign, which con

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Pak made every effort to dismantle goodwill under IWT: Kwatra

WASHINGTON, AUG 02 : The Indus Water Treaty was signed in the spirit of goodwill and friendship, and Pakistan spent half a century dismantling it, India's envoy to the US Vinay Mohan Kwatra said.

His statement came days after Pakistan hosted a conference to protest against India's decision to hold the IWT in abeyance on April 23 last year, a day after Pakistan-trained terrorists killed 26 people, 25 of them Hindu tourists, at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir.



"It is worth remembering that the treaty's preamble declares it was concluded 'in a spirit of goodwill and friendship'. Pakistan spent half a century dismantling that goodwill and friend-

ship. The abeyance merely acknowledges what Pakistan's conduct had already destroyed," the envoy said.

The IWT, signed by India and Pakistan in 1960, gave

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Shri Amarnathji Yatra

Fresh batch of 3,886 pilgrims leaves for holy cave shrine

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A fresh batch of 3,886 pilgrims left Bhagwati Nagar base camp here early this morning for the holy Shri Amarnathji cave shrine yatra in South Kashmir Himalayas.

The yatra was allowed after the partial restoration of Jammu-Srinagar National Highway which remained closed for two days, following rain-triggered landslides.

According to officials, the 25th batch of 3,886 pilgrims left Jammu base camp at about 2:52 am for Baltal in Kashmir's Ganderbal in a convoy of 177 vehicles under tight security arrangements.

No yatri left for the traditional Pahalgam route which is closed for the past few days for necessary repairs. The track was damaged at some places due to heavy rains in the region.

Over 4.50 lakh pilgrims were said to have visited the holy cave shrine so far

since the commencement of the yatra on July 2.

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

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Houses, school building suffer damages due to land subsidence

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At least two houses and a school building were completely damaged, and more than six other houses developed cracks due to a severe land subsidence in a remote village of Poonch district.

According to officials, the land in Saroti Jabran village began sinking, following heavy rains on July 22. "Over the past 11 days, the situation has deteriorated, forcing several families to abandon their homes as cracks continued to widen

across the affected area," officials said.

"Over a dozen houses remain under threat as the ground continues to show signs of instability," officials said.

The authorities concerned were in touch with the affected families and monitoring the situation, officials said and added that a detailed assessment of the damage was underway.

Locals said at least five residential houses and two school buildings had suffered extensive damages, with several other houses suffering cracks, prompting

the inhabitants to shift to safer locations.

The subsidence was also said to have caused damage to essential infrastructure, disrupting drinking water supply and electricity after pipelines, power lines and poles were damaged at some places.

Officials appealed for an urgent geological assessment and engineering intervention to divert the accumulating water, which locals believe was triggering the land movement.

The affected villagers have appealed to the higher au

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