



Terrorist hideout busted

A terrorist hideout was today busted by security forces in a remote village of Surankote in Poonch district, leading to the recovery of some ammunition.

Officials said a joint team of Army's Rashtriya Rifles and police came across the hideout at Bhoriwali Dhok in Surankote area during routine searches.

Its search led them to the recovery of two AK magazines along with 117

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Pension rules for ex-legislators amended

The government has amended the Jammu and Kashmir State Legislature Members' Pension Rules, 1985, authorising the Speaker to sanction pension and family pension for sitting and former members of the legislative assembly as well as former members of the erstwhile legislative council.

The amendment, issued through a notification by the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs under the

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CB files chargesheet in 17-yr-old case

Completing investigation in a 17-year-old case, the crime branch of police today filed a chargesheet in an alleged RTO Jammu revenue fraud through manipulation of one-time token tax records and the use of fake Public Service Vehicle (PSV) driving certificates.

According to officials, the chargesheet was filed in the court of Additional Sessions Judge (Anti-Corruption), Jammu, in a case registered in 2009 under various sections of RPC and Prevention of Corruption Act.

Officials said the case was registered on the ba

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Cabinet Secy, Home Secy get one-year extension

NEW DELHI, AUG 05: Cabinet Secretary T V Somanathan and Home Secretary Govind Mohan were today given a one-year extension in service.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the extension in service of Somanathan as Cabinet Secretary for a further period of one year beyond August 30, 2026, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

Somanathan, a 1987-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of

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On UT Foundation Day, Saxena highlights development journey

LEH, AUG 05: Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today attended the "dPal rNgam Duston 2026" celebrations at the historic Leh Palace, commemorating the seventh anniversary of Ladakh's attainment of Union Territory status.

Amid the cultural fervour, the LG congratulated the people of Ladakh, stating this historic occasion marked the fulfillment of long-standing aspirations of the people under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

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Terror infra largely dismantled, will tear it down further: LG

Says PM Modi has ended system that bred discrimination, terrorism



BHARAT BHUSHAN JAMMU, AUG 05

Handing over appointment letters to 37 next of kin of terror victims in the valley, LG Manoj Sinha today gave a stern warning to the 'enemies of peace', asserting that 'terrorism cannot de-

feat a determined nation'. By choosing August 5 - the date when the principle of one nation, one flag & one constitution was implemented by the PM Modi government in 2019, with the abrogation of Articles 370 & 35A - to share the grief of families directly hit by terrorism, he virtu-

ally sent the message - 'they are not abandoned & nation stands beside them to help rebuild their lives and restore their dignity'.

"We will tear down all terror networks as terrorism cannot fracture the resolve of a determined nation," he said in his address after handing over job letters to the next of kin of

those killed by terrorists decades ago.

"It is a profound honour to stand with the families of terror victims on this 'historic day', ie August 5, and it is not merely about job letters but it is about remembrance of martyrs, justice to terror victim families, and the reaffirmation of our national will," the LG said.

"My heartfelt tributes to the innocent civilians martyred by terrorists, and I salute the families who, after decades of anguish & wait, ultimately got appointment letters, thus restoring their dignity & livelihood. For decades, the pain of these terror victim families remained unacknowledged, their wounds unseen. Terrorism tore apart homes and pushed the future of victim families into uncertainty. No statistic can capture their an

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Rs 15 lakh bounty for terrorist who killed cop



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Police have announced a reward of Rs 15 lakh for information leading to the arrest or neutralisation of Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Mohammad Lateef Bhat who was involved in the

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Dwivedi appointed as NDMC chief



NEW DELHI, AUG 05: Senior IAS officer Manoj Kumar Dwivedi was today appointed as the chairperson of New Delhi Municipal Council.

According to a notification issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Dwivedi, a 1997-batch IAS officer of the erstwhile J&K cadre which had merged into AGMUT cadre follow

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Jitendra briefs LS about El Nino, its impact



NEW DELHI, AUG 05: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today said that the latest assessment by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) indicates that El Nino conditions, which developed during May 2026, are likely to persist from June 2026 to February

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Parl passes bill to raise strength of Apex Court judges to 38

NEW DELHI, AUG 05: The Rajya Sabha today passed the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, completing Parliament's approval of the legislation, as the Lok Sabha had already cleared it.

The Bill increases the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges from 34 to 38, including the Chief Justice of India.

The bill was moved in the Upper House by Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal.

The Lok Sabha had passed the bill on Monday by a voice vote.

The Bill replaces the May 2026 Ordinance that had already expanded the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges and marks the first increase in the apex court's strength since 2019.

During the debate on the Bill, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP Sasmit Patra urged the Centre to strengthen the Apex Court's infrastructure alongside expanding its judicial strength.

"I hope... the Minister will engage with the Chief Justice of India, with the Bench, and with this committee and try and improve the infrastructural development of the entire judicial ecosystem of our country," Patra said.

Referring to the Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee constituted by Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant on May 12, Patra said the committee was tasked with examining infrastructure de-

velopment for the Supreme Court and High Courts across the country.

Highlighting the Apex Court's infrastructure requirements, he recalled that former Chief Justice of India Justice DY Chandrachud had outlined the need for "27 additional courtrooms, 51 judges' chambers, four registrar courtrooms, 16 registrar chambers, a new Supreme Court Bar Association library, and dedicated offices for the Supreme Court Bar Association and SCORA."

Patra also raised concerns over the shortage of chambers for advocates, stating that "234 chambers are being used by 468 advocates presently," while there is a requirement for "400 to 500 advocate chambers." He urged the Union Law Minister to intervene and address the Supreme Court Bar Association's demand for additional space for lawyers.

Concluding his speech, Patra said, "Today Parliament is not merely increasing the strength of the Supreme Court, it's renewing its faith in one of the greatest constitutional institutions of the Republic."

"When the story of independent India will be written, the Supreme Court will shine. The world's largest democracy deserves nothing less... when the Supreme Court stands strong, the Constitution stands secure, and when the Constitution stands secure, India stands protected," he added while extending support to the Bill.

'Political absurdity'

India rejects Pak's 'Day of Exploitation' observance

NEW DELHI, AUG 05: India today rejected Pakistan's observance of August 5 as 'Youm-e-Istehsal' (Day of Exploitation), describing it as a "political absurdity" and a "futile attempt" to spread propaganda over the 2019 revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

Responding to remarks by Pakistan Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, who said New Delhi's decision had complicated efforts to bring peace and stability in

South Asia, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal asserted that the constitutional changes in Jammu and Kashmir were entirely India's internal matter.

"India categorically rejects the political absurdity and futile attempts by Pakistan to observe the so-called Youm-e-Istehsal to spread malicious propaganda against India," Jaiswal said.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre revoked the special

status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and bifurcated it into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Pakistan has since marked the anniversary as 'Youm-e-Istehsal'.

Reiterating India's position, Jaiswal said the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh "are, have always been, and shall forever remain an integral and inalienable part of India."

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Amarnath Yatra suspended; no fresh batch allowed to leave for valley

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, AUG 05

Pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Baba Amarnath in South Kashmir Himalayas was suspended today from Bhagwati Nagar base camp here as a precautionary measure on the seventh anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370.

Although the administration gave no specific reason for suspending the yatra from Jammu, official sources said the step was taken as a precautionary

measure due to the prevailing situation.

No fresh batch of pilgrims was allowed to leave the Jammu base camp for the twin base camps of Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal districts this morning, officials said.

The suspension coincided with political parties, including National Conference, observing August 5 as a "Black Day" to mark the seventh anniversary of the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to revoke Article 370 and bifurcate the erstwhile

state into two Union Territories.

The Amarnath Yatra, one of the country's largest annual pilgrimages, is conducted under elaborate multi-layered security arrangements, with authorities frequently reviewing movement plans based on security assessments and intelligence inputs.

More than 4.60 lakh pilgrims were said to have paid obeisance at the cave shrine this year so far.

The 57-day pilgrimage to the cave shrine was offi

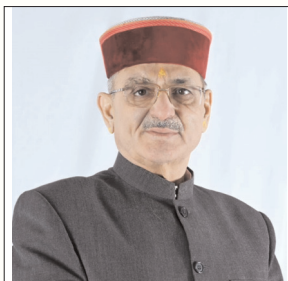
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Art 370 abrogation marked new era of equality in J&K: Kavinder

SHIMLA, AUG 5: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today said that the abrogation of Article 370 had marked a new era of equality, integration and development in the UT of J&K.

"On the 7th anniversary of the historic abrogation of Article 370, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people of Jammu & Kashmir," he said in a statement issued here.

The abrogation of Article 370 was a landmark decision in the history of Independent India, strengthening the principles of one



Constitution, one law and equal rights for all citizens. It marked a new beginning towards inclusive development, social justice and complete integration of Jammu & Kashmir with the national mainstream, the governor said.

"I express my sincere

gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Government of India for their visionary leadership and commitment towards ensuring equality, empowerment and opportunities for every section of society," he added.

He said for decades, several communities and sections of society in Jammu & Kashmir faced limitations in accessing their full rights and benefits.

Communities, such as West Pakistan Refugees, Valmiki Samaj, Gorkha community and other de

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