



MeT warns of very heavy rains

The meteorological department has predicted another wet spell across Jammu and Kashmir over the next 10 days, with a warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall in Jammu division and possible flash floods from August 9 to 11. A MeT official said that as per the forecast, August 7 and 8 will witness one or two spells of light to moderate rain and thunder-showers at many places. Brief intense showers

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The district development commissioner (DDC) Rajouri, has placed the assistant executive engineer (AEE), PMGSY sub-division, Kalakote, under immediate suspension and ordered a high-level inquiry into the alleged negligence in restoring the Chak Methayani-Panglar-Kotecharwal road after reports surfaced that a 17-year-old girl died while being transported to hospital as the road was blocked.

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Saxena reviews preparedness to mitigate landslides



In the wake of recent incidents of landslides and rockfalls that damaged property of villagers and disrupted traffic on national highways, LG Vinai Kumar Saxena held a high-level meeting to review preparedness and mitigation measures.

The meeting involving Army, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and the

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SC refuses to entertain plea for FIR against ex-judge

NEW DELHI, AUG 07: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea seeking registration of an FIR and court-monitored probe into the purported discovery of huge stash of cash following a fire at the residence of former Allahabad High Court judge Yashwant Varma.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Alok Aradhie dismissed the petition filed by advocate Ghanshyam Upadhyay, who contended that mere resigning from office does not erase criminal liability for unaccounted money.

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Pak, Saudi, Turkiye sign Defence Agreement

ISLAMABAD, AUG 07: Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkiye on Friday signed a joint defence agreement under which an attack against any one of the three countries will be regarded as an attack against them all, amid escalating tensions in West Asia.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan signed the 'Makkah Joint Defence Agreement' during a meeting at Al-Safa Palace in Mecca, according to a joint statement.

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Don't worry, I'm with you: Modi to TMC rebels, ex-Sena MPs

Expresses concern over Par disruptions

NEW DELHI, AUG 07: Amid the ongoing ruckus in Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed serious concern over the repeated disruptions of parliamentary proceedings, while assuring the Trinamool rebels and six former Shiv Sena (Udhav camp) MPs that he was 'with them' and they had 'nothing to worry about'.

"Actively participate in the parliamentary debates," he urged the elected NDA Lok Sabha MPs at a breakfast meeting with them.

Asserting that Parliament is the "supreme temple of democracy," the PM expressed concerns over the recent disruptions and said that due to the uproar, new MPs were not getting an opportunity to speak in the House.



He also assured the Trinamool rebels and the six former Shiv Sena (Udhav camp) MPs, who recently joined the Eknath Shinde Sena, that he was "with them" and they had "nothing to worry about".

"This is unfair to them," he reportedly said, adding that the Parliamentary proceedings "must run smoothly".

Modi told the MPs to read, learn, and understand the history of Parlia-

ment. "There is a wealth of historical material in Parliament; use it to prepare debates. Work for the development of your respective states. The country will progress only when states progress," he said.

The meeting was attended by over 40 MPs from NDA constituents - Nationalist Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI), Shiv Sena, Republican Party of India (Athawale),

Rashtriya Lok Morcha, AIADMK and UPPL.

While 20 Lok Sabha members had left the TMC and joined the little-known NCPI in June, as many as six Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs deserted that party and joined the Shiv Sena, led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, taking Shiv Sena's numbers to 13 in the Lower House.

The NCPI has joined the NDA and the Shiv Sena continues to be a constituent of the ruling alliance.

The Muslim MPs of the NCPI - Khalilur Rahaman, Yusuf Pathan and Abu Taher Khan - who skipped the NDA parliamentary party meeting 'Mangal Milan' twice also attended the breakfast meeting. They had separately met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday.

Those who attended the breakfast meeting with the

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SUV jumps security checkpoint; police open fire

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, AUG 07

Police opened fire after an SUV jumped a security checkpoint on the National Highway at Ramban in the wee hours of this morning.

According to officials, a Scorpio, which was on its way from Srinagar to Jammu, was signalled by cops to stop at the Chanderkote security checkpoint at about 3.30 am.

However, when the SUV broke through the guarded barrier for mandatory checking and sped away,

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28 JKAS officers elevated to higher grades

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The government today approved the promotion of 28 JKAS officers to the Super Time Scale, Special Scale and Selection Grade through separate orders issued by the general administration department (GAD).

Aas per an order, Pawan Singh Rathore is promoted to the Super Time Scale of JKAS. The promotion has been granted notionally with effect from September 26, 2025, while it will take

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Oppn can't dictate which minister will come to House: Rijiju



NEW DELHI, AUG 07: Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday asserted in the Lok Sabha that the Opposition cannot dictate which minister will come to the House and respond, amid a demand from the Congress and other par-

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India, China review LAC situation, discuss border management

NEW DELHI, AUG 07: India and China reviewed the overall situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and held discussions on key issues related to boundary delimitation, border management and trans-border co-operation during diplomatic talks in New Delhi, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said today.

The talks were conducted under the framework of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC), a day after the two sides met to discuss issues concerning the border.

"The two sides engaged in frank discussions and reviewed the situation along the LAC," the MEA said in a statement.

Both sides emphasised that maintaining peace and tranquility in the border areas remains essential for the overall development of bilateral relations. They also agreed to continue utilising existing diplo-

matic and military channels, including the WMCC, local commander-level meetings and other agreed mechanisms, to resolve outstanding issues and prevent misunderstandings and miscalculations along the LAC.

As a follow-up to the outcomes of the previous round of Special Representatives talks, India and China held detailed exchanges on matters related to boundary delimitation, border management, mechanism-building and trans-border cooperation as a follow-up to the outcomes of the 24th Special Representatives (SR) Talks, the MEA said.

The Indian side also reiterated the need for an early convening of the next meeting of the expert-level mechanism on trans-border rivers. It further stressed the importance of sharing technical details regarding upstream projects.

The Indian delegation at the talks was led by Sujit Ghosh, Joint Secretary

(East Asia) in the Ministry of External Affairs, while the Chinese delegation was headed by Hou Yanqi, Director General of the Boundary and Oceanic Affairs Department at China's foreign ministry.

The WMCC is an institutionalised mechanism established by India and China to maintain regular communication on border affairs and facilitate coordination aimed at preserving peace and stability along the Line of Actual Control.

The latest talks come against the backdrop of increased diplomatic engagement between New Delhi and Beijing in recent months.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri concluded a two-day visit to Beijing on July 28, where he held extensive discussions with Chinese officials on the full range of bilateral ties.

His visit followed External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of

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No reason why India can't become global mediation centre: CJI

NEW DELHI, AUG 07: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant on Friday said there was no reason why India cannot become a global centre of mediation.

He said that the Mediation Act, 2023 provided a standalone statutory architecture for this mode of alternative dispute resolution for the first time, and institutions were becoming capable of handling complex, cross-border mediations with the same confidence that international parties employ in commercial dispute resolution worldwide.



The top judge added that the feat became possible due to the sustained and thoughtful support of the Indian judiciary, court-annexed mediation centres and the like.

CJI Kant was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the International ADR Conference, 2026, here or-

ganised by Maadhyam International Council for Conflict Resolution.

"There is no reason why India cannot establish herself as a genuine centre of mediation for the global community. Considering the momentum at which our economy is expanding, it is not enough to merely have adequate dispute resolution infrastructure; rather, it is essential that we develop it into a state-of-the-art framework that keeps pace with our astronomical growth," CJI said.

"It is, therefore, hearten

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Shri Amarnathji Yatra

926 pilgrims leave for cave shrine in Kashmir Himalayas

ber of pilgrims, who had so far left the Jammu base camp for the annual pilgrimage, rose to 1,44,439, officials said.

Pilgrims from across India and abroad visit the highly revered cave shrine of Almighty Shiva in Himalayas during the annual yatra to have a glimpse of the naturally formed ice-Shivalingam.

The yatra is presently allowed only from the Baltal route as the traditional Pahalgal track is closed for

necessary repairs. The track had suffered damages during the recent torrential rains.

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-Pahalgal route in Anantnag district and the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The

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BJP suspends 9 functionaries over controversial slogans

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, AUG 07

A day after disowning a party procession celebrating the abrogation of Article 370 in Anantnag district of the valley, BJP today suspended nine party functionaries, including district-level office bearers.

The action came after videos of the celebratory procession were widely circulated on social media, triggering strong criticism over slogans made during the rally.

The BJP said the rally,

held at Khanabal Housing Colony on August 5, was neither organised nor authorised by its Anantnag district unit and had not obtained the requisite permission from the district administration.

The party said it had taken "serious note" of objectionable and derogatory remarks made against "mothers and sisters" during the rally, describing the conduct as unacceptable and contrary to the discipline, dignity and principles of the BJP.

Following deliberations with BJP J&K leaders, in-

cluding State General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul, State General Secretary Anwar Khan, and spokesperson and Anantnag district Prabhari Altaf Thakur, besides the district core committee, the party decided to initiate strict disciplinary action against those found responsible for organising and participating in the rally.

Those suspended included District General Secretary Nisar Ahmad Bhat, District Secretary Khurshaed Ahmad Sofi, District Secretary Aabida Rafiq,

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