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Assembly goes paperless

The government has directed all administrative departments to transition all legislative work to the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) portal ahead of the assembly's upcoming Autumn Session starting September 21.

Under a circular issued by the department of law, justice, and parliamentary affairs, government bills, legislative proposals, assembly questions from MLAs, and official replies will now be submitted, tracked, and processed digitally to ensure completely paperless functioning.

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Police, excise officers empowered to intensify anti-drug drive

In a major push to crack down on narcotics trafficking, the administration has authorised gazetted officers of police, excise departments, and key administrative & revenue officers, to exercise search, seizure, and arrest powers under section 41(2) of NDPS Act, 1985.

A home department notification issued in this regard says: "In exercise of powers conferred by

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NIA court rejects school teacher's bail

A Special NIA Court has rejected the bail application of a private school teacher who was arrested a few years ago for providing shelter, food and logistical support to Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists in the Doda-Kishtwar region.

The court, presided over by Special Judge Prem Sagar, dismissed the bail plea of Tanveer Ahmad Malik, observing that the material on record prima facie indicated his involvement in unlawful and terror-related activities.

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ITR filing for AY27 touches record 7.8 cr

NEW DELHI, SEP 01: A record over 7.8 crore ITRs have been filed for assessment year (AY) 2026-27 till August 31, the income tax department said on Tuesday.

Last year, over 7.3 crore income tax returns (ITRs) were filed by September 16, 2025, the extended deadline for filing returns for non-audit cases for AY 2025-26.

"A record 7.8 crore+ ITRs have been filed for AY 2026-27 as on August 31, 2026," the I-T department said in a X post.

This also includes over 5.9 crore ITR-1 and ITR-2, which were filed by the du

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Saxena flags off inaugural Ladakh Bike Week



LEH, SEP 01: LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today flagged off the inaugural edition of "Ladakh Bike Week 2026", showcasing the UT's growing stature as a premier motorcycling and high-altitude adventure tourism destination.

It was organised by the department of tourism, Ladakh.

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SCO must work unitedly to dismantle terror ecosystem: Modi

Says there can't be any room for double standards

BISHKEK, SEP 01: Asserting that the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) must work unitedly to dismantle the entire ecosystem of terrorism as well as its financing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that there can't be any room for double standards in combating the menace.

His comments on the need for dealing with terrorism assumed significance as they came amid New Delhi's relentless efforts to corner Pakistan on cross-border terrorist activities.

"We must put up a united effort to dismantle the entire ecosystem supporting terrorism, including financing, recruitment, radicalisation and safe havens," the prime minister said in his address at the annual SCO summit in this Kyrgyz capital city in the presence of Pakistan prime minister Shehbaz Sharif.

"We must speak in one voice that there can be no place for double standards in dealing with terrorism," he added.

Modi urged SCO to confront coun-



tries that use terrorism as an "instrument of state policy" and reject "double standards" in the fight against terror financing and recruitment, in remarks seen as a direct reference to Pakistan, which is also the next chair of the grouping.

"Terrorism continues to pose a serious challenge to humanity as a whole. In the fight against terrorism, we cannot remain confined to an action-reaction approach," he said.

"We must send a strong message to countries that use terrorism as an instrument of policy and provide safe haven and support to terrorists that

terrorism can never be a strategic asset for anyone," Modi added.

Though he did not name Pakistan, his remarks were widely seen as a criticism of Islamabad's support for various terrorist groups targeting India. The prime minister also expressed concern over the continuing crisis in West Asia, saying conflicts in one region can have consequences far beyond their immediate borders.

The prime minister said that all wars and conflicts in the world must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy as no solution can be found on battlefields.

Modi also stressed that connectivity projects must respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, remarks seen as an oblique reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

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JMC initiative brings Takri Script back to life



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Reconnecting the younger generation with the linguistic heritage of Duggar heartland, the JMC's widely acclaimed initiative has made the Takri Script, which had almost faded from the memories of Jammuities, visible on the city roads.

The civic body has

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Nepal flash floods death toll crosses 1,050

KATHMANDU, SEP 01: The death toll in the devastating flash floods on the China-Nepal border has crossed 1,050, with nearly 4,000 people missing.

Security forces are recovering more bodies from eight districts of the country, officials said. "Around 4,000 people remain missing, while nearly 12,000 have been rescued," the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) said.

Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra Shah today said that the devastating flood that entered Rasuwa through the Bhotekoshi River bordering Tibet last

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SC pushes for 62-yr retirement age of judicial officers

NEW DELHI, SEP 01: The Supreme Court today asked all states and UTs to consider enhancing the age of superannuation of judicial officers in the district judiciary to 62 years.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalaya Bagchi and V Mohana said that enhancing the age of retirement would not create an additional financial burden on states as they are already in service.

Rejecting the submissions against the proposal from a few states, where retirement age is either 58 or 60 years for other public servants, the CJ said that

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LG calls for aggressive push to crush emerging terror threats

Says public trust vital to security apparatus



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Calling for an aggressive push to crush emerging terror threats in the Union Territory, LG Manoj Sinha today instructed the authorities concerned to maintain a sustained pressure on terror networks, asserting that 'public trust is vital to security apparatus'.

"Public trust is vital to security apparatus," he said while chairing a high-level

security review meeting with senior officials.

In the meeting, the LG assessed the security apparatus and strategic preparedness across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

He instructed senior officers to maintain sustained pressure on terror networks and enhance ground-level operational synergy, calling for an aggressive area domination strategy to decisively eliminate emerging terror threats.

Sinha directed the senior police officers to foster direct engagement with public, designating specific hours for citizen interaction and grievance redressal.

Reviewing the department's functioning at police station level, the LG underscored the necessity of transparent, impartial and sensitive complaint handling, directing officers to conduct investigations with absolute professionalism.

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As hostilities flare again, US launches fresh strikes on Iran

WASHINGTON, SEP 01: As hostilities flared again between the two countries after a month without any military action, the US launched new air strikes on Iranian targets on Tuesday, quashing hopes that an exchange of fire last weekend might not presage a wider renewal of hostilities.

US Central Command said the strikes "follow recent attempted attacks by the IRGC against commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and against American service members deployed to the region."

On Sunday, the US military said it struck rocket launchers on Larak Island

in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran responded by launching missiles at US sites in Jordan, which were intercepted, while United Arab Emirates said it stopped an Iranian drone over its waters.

US President Donald Trump acknowledged that more strikes might be necessary.

He asserted that the US and Israeli bombardment had left Iran "a failed nation." He said that much of its political leadership had been killed, Iran's economy was staggered by surging inflation and its military devastated.

"That doesn't mean we won't smack them," Trump

told reporters. "We'll see what happens."

The US and Iran have been engaged in an intermittent war for more than six months, with the recent lull in fighting lasting a month. A return to open conflict would be dangerous for the region, where Iran has targeted US military bases and infrastructure in Gulf countries since the war began.

Iranian state TV reported the sound of explosions in the southern port city of Bandar Abbas but did not provide details.

The renewed fighting also comes after Trump appeared to pivot last month

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Jammu 'tackles' congestion

Parade, SMGS hospital set for major parking upgrades

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In a major push to ease traffic congestion and parking woes in the old Jammu city, Parade and SMGS Hospital at Shalamar are set for major parking upgrades as housing & urban development department has granted administrative approval for the two major multi-level parking projects worth Rs 49.34 cr under the 2026-27 Capex Budget.

The approved works include the construction of a parking-cum-commercial complex at Parade at an esti-

mated cost of Rs 24.06 cr, and a multi-level car parking facility at SMGS Hospital at a cost of Rs 25.27 cr.

"In exercise of powers vested under SO222 of August 10, 2026, issued by the finance department, administrative approval is hereby accorded to the two projects," says a government order issued in this regard.

"The AAA is subject to the availability of funds and shall not be construed as an authorisation to spend money which is not provided for, in the budget," the order says.

"It shall be ensured that a

need assessment, cost-benefit analysis, preliminary site investigations, and environmental & social impact assessments, as applicable, have been completed and that all requisite statutory and regulatory approvals & clearances have been obtained prior to commencement of works," the order says.

"It shall also be ensured that the primary stakeholders have been duly consulted during the planning and design stage and that a feasibility report, implementation schedule and framework for an integral

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Hindu girl forcibly married to Muslim, handed back to parents by Pak court

LAHORE, SEP 01: A court in Pakistan handed over a Hindu girl back to her parents after she was allegedly lured into a relationship by a Muslim man and subsequently pressured to convert to Islam and marry him.

Reeta, 21, a resident of Rana Rajput Colony in Khipro tehsil of Sindh's Sanghar district, had gone missing from her hometown last week, according to a complaint registered by her brother Ravi Shankar.

Shankar alleged that CCTV footage from the family's residence showed unidentified individuals

taking his sister away along with valuables and mobile phones on August 24.

According to the complaint, Reeta was taken to Gujranwala in Punjab, some 80 kms from Lahore, where she was pressured into converting to Islam and marrying Nazeer Hussain, who was already married.

Punjab police later recovered Reeta and produced her before a judicial magistrate on Monday.

During the proceedings, the investigating officer requested the court to place Reeta in Darul Aman, a state-run shelter, claiming that she was unwilling to re-

turn to her parents.

"However, her lawyers, Asad Jamal and Kheta Ram, opposed the request and told the court that Reeta wished to return home with her brother, who was present in the courtroom," a court official said on Tuesday.

The magistrate asked Reeta to record her statement under oath.

"In her statement, Reeta said that she wanted to return to her parents' home of her own free will," he said.

The court subsequently allowed her to leave with

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