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SCO must work unitedly to dismantle terror ecosystem: Modi

kets, facilitate trade, and open new pathways for development. At the same time, Modi added that efforts towards connectivity must respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries. For India, SCO is a confluence of great civilisation, culture and ideas, he said. Three main pillars of India's vision for SCO are security, connectivity and opportunity, Modi noted. "In today's interconnected world, the scope of security has become even broader. The crisis in West Asia has demonstrated that a conflict in one region does not remain confined to that region," Modi said. "Its impact is felt across the world, affecting energy security, maritime trade, and supply chains. The countries of the Global South bear the greatest brunt of such disruptions," he added.

LG calls for aggressive push to crush emerging terror threats

"Police must maintain a strong and continuous engagement with public. Every genuine grievance must be addressed with sensitivity and every investigation must be conducted with absolute fairness, transparency and impartiality," he said. The LG commended police and security agencies for their effective action against drug smugglers. He said he had directed the officials concerned to intensify operations against narco-terror networks and enhance monitoring of emerging digital threats. Highlighting the emerging challenges in the cyber and social media space, he directed for close monitoring of social media platforms to counter anti-national propaganda, digital misinformation and online blackmailing. During the meeting, the DGP and the principal secretary (home) apprised LG Sinha of the overall security scenario in Jammu & Kashmir.

IGPs, DIGs and divisional commissioners briefed the LG on the security situation in their respective areas, anti-terror operations, law and order, drug smuggling and other emerging challenges. The meeting also held comprehensive and detailed deliberations on a wide range of other critical issues. On the occasion, the LG instructed all the officers to maintain heightened operational vigilance, seamless inter-agency coordination and a proactive approach to safeguarding peace and maintaining law and order in the UT. Among others, the meeting was attended by chief secretary Atal Dulloo, DGP Nalin Prabhat, principal secretary (home) Chandraker Bharti, Special DG Coordination (PHQ) SJMGillani, LG's principal secretary Mandeep KBhandari, ADGP (CID) MKSinha, IGP (Kashmir) Sujit Kumar, IGP (Jammu) Tejinder Singh, IGP (crime branch) Sarah Rizvi, divisional commissioners, DIGs and other senior officers of civil and police administrations.

Assembly goes paperless

To facilitate a smooth rollout, departments have been instructed to access their accounts daily, appoint dedicated NeVA nodal officers, and verify all digital submissions before the session begins.

Police, excise officers empowered to intensify anti-drug drive

sub-section (2) of section 41 of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Act No 61 of 1985), the government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir hereby authorises all gazetted officers of the Jammu and Kashmir police department, all gazetted officers of excise department and all additional deputy commissioners, assistant commissioners (revenue), sub-divisional magistrates, tehsildars (territorial) and naib-tehsildars (territorial) of the revenue department to exercise powers under the said sub-section within the territorial jurisdiction of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir."

UN chief highlights global security, climate action

conflicts in the Middle East have had far-reaching effects," with agreements and ceasefires constantly violated and strikes continuing, prompting an appeal "for maximum restraint and for agreements and international law to be respected."

On global security, the UN pressed for maximum restraint, respect for international law, and adherence to ceasefires across conflict zones. Addressing ongoing crises, the UN called for a full and immediate ceasefire in Ukraine after more than four years of conflict, alongside the full implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict, strict respect for the two-State solution with Jerusalem / Al Quds as the capital of both Israel and Palestine, and the safeguarding of international navigational rights.

He asserted that "the ceasefire must be respected and the Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict fully implemented," and that obstacles undermining humanitarian relief must be immediately removed, while in the occupied West Bank, "settler attacks and settlement expansion must end." Concluding the address, Guterres thanked the leadership for finding global solutions to global challenges and assured that the UN remains entirely at their service.

Saxena flags off inaugural Ladakh Bike Week

tains, rugged terrain and some of the highest motorable passes in the world have made the region a sought-after destination for motorcycle enthusiasts from across India and abroad. The Bike Week seeks to build on this growing popularity and position Ladakh not merely as a place bikers travel through, but as a destination they choose for adventure, exploration, and experiential travel. A major component of the festival is the Ladakh Motorcycle Rally, being held from September 1 to 3. Eleven professional riders from across India will participate in the Galwan Motorcycle Rally, traversing some of the strategically and geographically significant landscapes of eastern Ladakh, representing a symbolic journey that celebrates adventure, national integration, and the spirit of exploration in Ladakh. The Himalayan Basecamp at Chuchot, Leh, scheduled from September 4 to 6, will be another major attraction. It will feature activities, experiences, demonstrations, workshops, exhibitions and community engagement programmes and is expected to attract around 5,500 visitors every day. The Vintage Motorcycle Showcase, from September 1 to 7 at Leh Market, will feature 15 curated classic and vintage motorcycles representing different eras of motorcycling heritage. Ladakh Bike Week 2026 is one of the eight flagship UT-level tourism festivals identified for destination promotion, visitor engagement and diversification of tourism across the region. Conceived as a signature celebration of Ladakh's global reputation as a motorcycling destination, under the guidance of LG Saxena, the event aims to showcase its unique landscapes, culture, heritage and hospitality while generating new opportunities for local communities and businesses. Interacting with the bikers, Saxena emphasised that the growth of adventure tourism must remain responsible, safe and environmentally sustainable, ensuring that the increasing popularity of Ladakh translates into meaningful opportunities for local youth, entrepreneurs and communities while protecting the region's fragile Himalayan environment. "Ladakh's rugged mountains, high-altitude passes and

brehtaking landscapes have already made it a dream destination for motorcycle enthusiasts from across the country and the world. Through Ladakh Bike Week, we want to take this growing identity to the next level by showcasing Ladakh as a destination for adventure, experience and responsible tourism. I urge every visitor and every rider to explore Ladakh responsibly, respect its fragile Himalayan environment and carry back not only memories of its magnificent landscapes, but also the warmth of its people and the richness of its culture," he said. Ladakh Bike Week 2026 is also expected to contribute significantly to the local economy and benefit the tourism units in terms of increased occupancy in hotels, guest houses, homestays and tourism establishments while creating business opportunities for transport operators, guides, restaurants, handicraft sellers and local service providers. The event will also provide a platform to promote lesser-known tourism destinations, local experiences and community-based tourism initiatives.

ITR filing for AY27 touches record 7.8 cr

date of July 31. August 31, 2026, was the due date for filing ITRs for AY 2026-27 for taxpayers with business or professional income who are not subject to audit. If a taxpayer falls in the non-audit category, he/she can file the applicable ITR (ITR-3, ITR-4, ITR-5 or ITR-7). ITR-3 is filed by individuals and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) with income from a proprietary business or profession. ITR-4 is a simpler form that caters to small and medium taxpayers. ITR-5 is filed by firms and Limited Liability Partnership and Cooperative Societies. ITR-6 is filed by companies registered under Companies Act and ITR-7 by trusts and charitable institutions.

NIA court rejects school teacher's bail

The court also expressed concern that his release could affect the ongoing trial, as it could create a possibility of him influencing witnesses. Malik, a resident of Tantna village in Doda district, was arrested on March 1, 2021, in connection with a terror case. He was among the seven accused, including three slain terrorists -- Osama Bin Javed, Haroon Abbas Wani and Zahid Hussain -- chargesheeted by NIA in the case on May 22, 2021. The case was initially registered at Kishtwar police station under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Arms Act, the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, and Indian Penal Code. The FIR followed terrorists led by Haroon Ahmad Wani snatching the service weapon of head constable Daleep Singh, who was posted as escort in-charge of the then Kishtwar deputy commissioner, along with three magazines and 90 rounds from his rented accommodation on March 8, 2019. The NIA subsequently took over the case. The defence sought bail for Malik citing prolonged incarceration, arguing that he had spent more than five years in jail. However, the NIA argued that the accusations against Malik were serious, that prima facie material existed against the accused's role in the case, and that his release could prejudice the remaining trial. "The accused is a highly motivated terror associate who had repeatedly put up hectic efforts to support terror-related activities... He was about to join the Hizbul Mujahideen as an active terrorist, but fortunately he was arrested by police at the right time," it said. After considering the submissions of both sides, the special judge concluded that the nature and gravity of the allegations, the material available on record, the progress of the trial and the possibility of the accused influencing witnesses weighed against his release.

JMC initiative brings Takri Script back to life

launched an initiative to promote Dogri language by bringing it and its traditional Takri script into the city's everyday public landscape through signboards at prominent chowks, intersections and public places. To increase the visibility of Dogri, the civic body is planning to extend the signage to more parts of the city, including neighbourhoods and residential areas. "The JMC has launched an initiative to promote Dogri and the traditional Takri script by installing signboards at prominent chowks, intersections and public places across the city," a senior JMC official said. "The initiative is aimed at preserving Jammu's linguistic and cultural heritage and reconnecting the younger generation with its roots," he added. "The Dogri signboards have been installed at more than 24 prominent locations, while another 40 localities, including markets and residential colonies, have been identified for similar installations," he said. Apart from all major chowks in the capital city, Takri signboards have come up at Jammu Airport, Railway Station and bus stand and some religious places. The project has been taken up under the guidance of JMC Commissioner Devansh Yadav.

As hostilities flare again, US launches fresh strikes on Iran

toward punishing Iran economically with sanctions, with the president promising an "economic D-Day" against a country that has withstood nearly five decades of punishing American sanctions.

Congress accuses Modi govt of weakening MGNREGA

restoration of a strengthened MGNREGA, arguing that wages under the new law are unjustifiably low. The opposition party has also called for a higher minimum wage for rural workers based on the 2019 recommendation of the expert committee headed by economist Anoop Satpathy, adjusted for subsequent price increases. The VB-G RAM G Act came into force nationwide on July 1, replacing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), which was introduced under the Congress-led UPA government.

Nepal flash floods death toll crosses 1,050

week was due to climate change. "There is no doubt that climate change has caused this disaster, as it has been confirmed that the temperature in the Himalayan region has increased by 1.8 degrees," he said in a post on social media. Flash floods, triggered by a collapse or avalanche of ice and rock near the Nepal-Tibet border, devastated towns and villages in northern and central Nepal on August 26. The Bhotekoshi River, which flows south from the Himalayan border region, carried the floodwaters downstream, sweeping away homes, vehicles, roads and bridges and damaging hydropower projects. As many as 321 bodies were recovered in Chitwan district, followed by 216 in Nawalparasi East, 170 in Nawalparasi West, 95 in Nuwakot, 65 in Gorkha, 57 in Dhading, 41 in Rasuwa and 38 in Tanahun, according to NDRRMA.

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

her brother, making him responsible for her safe custody

and transportation back to her family's home in Sanghar. According to estimates cited by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, hundreds of minority girls are subjected to coercion, abduction or pressure to convert and marry every year in Pakistan. The rights group claim that a significant proportion of the victims belong to the Hindu community and that many cases involve girls from economically disadvantaged and marginalised families. They have repeatedly called for stronger legal safeguards and more effective investigations to protect women and girls belonging to the vulnerable minority communities.

SC pushes for 62-yr retirement age of judicial officers

unlike them, judicial officers start their service quite late and hence permitting them to continue up to 62 years would not add to the financial burden. "Please try to impress upon the Chief Ministers to fall in line," the bench told the advocate generals of the states which are reluctant to raise the retirement age of serving judicial officers. States like Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand took the plea of financial constraints in implementing the suggestions on the issue. Nagaland said that the retirement age for public servants in the state is 58 years and raising it for judicial officers may create problems. However, states like Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana agreed to the proposal of raising the retirement age of judicial officers in district courts. The bench took note of divergent views expressed by states on the issue and asked them to come out with a positive response. It fixed the plea for hearing on September 17. Since then, some states, including Telangana and Madhya Pradesh, have moved towards increasing the retirement age. On November 20, last year, a bench headed by the then CJI B R Gavai, since retired, had raised the retirement age of judicial officers of Madhya Pradesh from 60 to 61 years. The bench, in its interim order, had referred to a similar decision taken by the Telangana High Court. It asked why judicial officers should be denied the relief when the State Government was willing to do so.

Parade, SMGS hospital set for major parking upgrades

part of the approved DPR," it adds. "The land required for the projects shall be available from all encumbrances and cost thereof, wherever applicable, shall be fully reflected in the approved DPR," it says further. "It shall be ensured that the technology option is well established and viable and the works are executed strictly as per the CVC guidelines, codal provisions, financial rules, approved specifications and instructions issued by Department of Expenditure, MoF, GoI / Finance Department, well within the budgetary provisions after fulfilling codal formalities," it adds.

Major reshuffle in admin; 136 officers transferred, posted

Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol Department, is transferred and posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Poonch, against an available vacancy. Pankaj Gupta, Additional Inspector General of Registration, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Doda, against an available vacancy. Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Pulwama, against an available vacancy. Namrita Dogra, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Administration and Enforcement), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Jammu. Jogindera Singh Rai, Special Secretary, General Administration Department, is transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K, Agro Industries Development Corporation, against an available vacancy. Rifat Aftab Qureshi, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Director, Command Area Development, Kashmir. Rajneesh Gupta, Chief Operating Officer, Himayat, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol Department. Fayaz Ahmad Bandy, Director, Command Area Development, Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Anju Gupta, Additional Transport Commissioner, J&K, is transferred and posted as Additional Inspector General of Registration, Jammu. Ghulam Rasool, Special Secretary, Revenue Department, is transferred and posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Kupwara, against an available vacancy. Basharat Hussain, Chief Executive Officer / Secretary, J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board, is transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Rajouri, against an available vacancy. Vinod Kumar Behnal, Additional District Development Commissioner, Kishtwar, is transferred and posted as Executive Director, J&K Rehabilitation Council, Social Welfare Department relieving Bashir Ahmad Khan, Secretary in the Social Welfare Department. Tahir Firdous Dutta, Additional Commissioner (Central) in the office of Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment. Vishal Sharma, Special Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol Department, is transferred and posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Rajouri, against an available vacancy. Tazayun Mukhtar, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Development Agency, Kashmir, holding additional charge of Mission Director, DJAY, is transferred and posted as Secretary, J&K Sports Council. Dhananther Singh, Special Secretary, Health and Medical Education Deptt, is transferred and posted as Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Administration and Enforcement), Jammu. Rakesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Estates Department.

Zahoor Ahmad Magray, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Additional Commissioner in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Masarat Hashim, Deputy Labour Commissioner (Central), J&K, is transferred and posted as Administrator Associated Hospitals, Srinagar. Anil Salgotra, Joint Chief Electoral Officer in the office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, School Education, Jammu. Ghulam Nabi Bhat, Additional Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Recovery), Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Veedushi Kapoor, Additional Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Revenue Department. Shahid Mehmood, Additional Secretary, Labour and Employment Department, is transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Pulwama, against an available vacancy. Raj Mohammd, Additional Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, is transferred and posted as Direc-

tor, Land Management, Srinagar Development Authority. Sumera Shamim, Director, Land Management, Srinagar Development Authority, is transferred and posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies (Special), Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Afshan Masood, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Other Backward Classes, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD). Mohammad Aslam, Registrar-cum-Controller of Examinations, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, is transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC, Ganderbal. Ashima Sher, Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, is transferred and posted as Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Jammu. Avleen Kour Bali, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People, is transferred and posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Special), Jammu. Shazia Koser, Joint Director, Handloom, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Jammu. Virender Kumar Manyal, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Patnitop, is transferred and posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Banking and Finance), J&K. Vinay Khosla, awaiting orders of adjustment in General Administration Department, is posted as Additional Secretary to the Government, Culture Department. Vijay Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, Relief Organization (Migrants), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Reasi, against an available vacancy. Syed Ahmad Kataria, Additional Secretary, School Education Department, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes, Enforcement (North), Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Rakesh Dubey, Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Banking and Finance), J&K, is transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Patnitop. Tariq Hussain, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Gulmarg, is transferred and posted as Registrar-cum-Controller of Examinations, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar. Rakesh Sharma, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Poonch, is transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs. Minakshi Vaid, Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu. Syed Naseer Ahmad, JKAS, Secretary, Srinagar Development Authority, is transferred and posted as Additional Mission Director, J&K Rural Livelihood Mission, Kashmir. Samir Ahmad Jan, General Manager, DIC, Kupwara, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Handlooms, Kashmir, against an available vacancy. Afaz Ahmed, Additional Secretary, Mining Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Skill Development Department. Sudhir Bali, Additional Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, is transferred and posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board. Alyaz Ahmad Naisroo, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-II), Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Gulmarg. Fareed Ahmad Kohli, Joint Director, Geology and Mining, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Poonch, against an available vacancy. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Poonch, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Preeti Sharma, JKAS, Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Special), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Geology and Mining, Jammu. Rehana Akhtar Bijli, Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Department, is transferred and posted as Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Gujjar and Bakerwals. Giasul Haq, Additional Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department. Mohammad Imran Khan, Additional Mission Director, J&K Rural Livelihood Mission, Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Shopian, against an available vacancy. Gurdev Kumar, JKAS, Joint Director, School Education, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Chief Electoral Officer in the office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K. Sanchi Misra, Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Handlooms, Jammu. Mantasha Binti Rashid, General Manager, DIC, Ganderbal, is transferred and posted as Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Kashmir, Mohsin Raza, Additional Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, is transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC, Kishtwar, against an available vacancy. Aijaz Ahmad Shah, Additional Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, is transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC, Bandipora, relieving Mohammad Ashraf, General Manager, DIC, Baramulla of the additional charge of the post. Parvinder Kour, Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Registrar, District Doda, against an available vacancy. She shall also hold the charge of the post of General Manager, DIC, Doda, in addition to her own duties, till further orders. Nasir Mahmood Khan, Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes, Enforcement (South), Kashmir hqr at Lower Munda, against an available vacancy. Akhil Sadotra, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Kathua, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department. Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, Additional Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department. Manzoor Ahmad Lone, Additional Secretary (Legal) in the Power Development Department, is transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer / Secretary, J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board. Hilal Ahmad Bhat, Deputy District Election Officer, Bandipora, under orders of transfer in the Mining Department, is transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Beerwah. Sheraz Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Ramban, holding additional charge of Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Ramban, is transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Rajouri. Gulshan Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, is transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Kathua. Shujaat Ahmad Qureshi, Executive Officer, J&K State Haj Committee, is transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary, General Administration Department. Angrej Singh, Assistant Commissioner (Central) with Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, is transferred and posted as District Social Welfare Officer, Reasi. The incumbent holding the post shall report to the Social Welfare Department, for further posting. Savita Chouhan, Deputy Director, Tourism, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Vijaypur. Priya Darshani Gautam, Secretary, J&K Housing Board, is transferred and posted as Deputy Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu, against an available vacancy.