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Modi urges teachers to watch for student drug addiction

they continue using mobile phones late at night. Referring to the National Education Policy, Modi stressed the importance of taking children outside the classroom and connecting them with real-world skills and forms of work.

The prime minister praised a teacher who spoke about making women in her vicinity aware of breast cancer, and said a breast cancer awareness campaign was launched by him in Varanasi, his Lok Sabha constituency.

"I am happy to share with you that more and more women are coming forward for screening (for breast cancer), even setting a Guinness World Record for it," he said.

President Droupadi Murmu also shared her thoughts with citizens today, on National Teachers' Day 2026, through an article titled "Shaping Minds; Building the Future", written on the occasion of Teachers' Day. She mentioned that it was the sacred responsibility of teachers to inspire their students to be good human beings.

"As we advance on this journey, I want our teachers to shape generations of students who value the richness of our cultural heritage and traditions; who develop a scientific outlook and work for the welfare of humanity; who uphold the ideal of Antyodaya; who protect the environment and all living creatures; who strive for individual and collective excellence, and who tread ahead with the motto "nation first," she added.

Murmu said that parents and guardians dispose their highest trust in teachers when they send their children to school. "They believe that the teachers will treat the children as their own and take utmost care of the child's safety and development. It is the dharma of every teacher to uphold this sacred trust placed in them," the president said.

She stated that an educators' demeanor and speech should not trigger fear or anxiety in students and should not shatter their morale or develop any feeling of inferiority.

This year, Draupadi Murmu conferred the National Teachers Awards on 82 teachers and educators from three departments, in the presence of Education Minister, Prahlad Joshi. The list of awardees included 48 teachers from the Department of School Education and Literacy, 21 teachers from higher educational institutions and polytechnics, and 13 skill trainers from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Slain terrorist identified as Pak national 'Yasir', search on for Musa

hind huge boulders and natural caves, was on in the area located between 12,000 to 15,500 ft in Pir Panjal range, officials said.

"Although the operation is faced with difficulties because of incessant rains and visibility reducing to as low as 5 mt, the area is dominated by Army and its special forces to thwart any successful escape attempt by the holed-up terrorist," the officials added.

Officials said the slain terrorist's identity was today established as Yasir, a Pakistani. His presence was first detected in 2024. Inputs suggested his involvement in at least three major terror incidents in 2024 - an ambush of an Indian Air Force (IAF) convoy in Poonch district, an attack on construction workers near Sonamarg, and an attack on Army in Bota Pathri.

An IAF member was killed and four others injured when terrorists had ambushed a convoy of the air force in Jammu's Poonch district. The attack had taken place near Shamsitar in Surankote area at about 6.15 pm on May 4, 2024, when the troops were returning to their base at Sanai Top.

Seven people, one of them a local doctor, were gunned down by a terrorist group on October 20, 2024, at Gangangir in Sonamarg.

The fatalities included Dr Shah nawaz of Budgam, Gurmeet Singh of Punjab's Gurdaspur, Inder Yadav of Bihar, Mohan Lal & Jagtar Singh of Kathua in Jammu, and Fayaz Ahmad Lone and Zahoor Ahmad Lone of Kashmir.

Yasir was part of the terror group led by Junai Ahmed Bhat, a Lashkar-e-Taiba commander, who was shot dead by security forces on December 3, 2024, in Dachigam forests on the outskirts of Srinagar.

On October 24, 2024, Yasir and other terrorists had ambushed an Army vehicle in Bota Pathri area near Gulmarg, killing three soldiers and two porters.

Yasir had crossed to the north of the Pir Panjal range to meet Junaid, and since the Boat Pathri encounter, he and Musa, another Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist, had been hiding in the Yusmarg and Pulwama belts. They returned south of the Pir Panjal range in the Jammu region last year, only to re-enter the valley earlier this month.

The current operation was launched after Army tracked the movement of the terror group advancing from Ashdar Gali in Poonch district towards Pakherpora, Pulwama, via Yusmarg.

Reinforcements had been deployed across the higher reaches as combing operations continue to track down Musa. More troops had been ranged along the Jammu side of the Pir Panjal to block all possible escape routes, officials said.

Gumri, Zojila receive season's first snowfall

temperatures and occasional disruptions along high-altitude roads if snowfall intensifies.

Authorities and commuters are likely to keep a close watch on the road and weather conditions in Zojila region in view of the fresh snowfall.

NCB exposes 2 heroin supply routes

NCB seized a cumulative 6.920 kgs of heroin. Officials said two of these operations were conducted inside drug-affected 'bastis', taking enforcement action directly into vulnerable pockets being exploited for drug trafficking.

In the latest operation on September 3, NCB had intercepted a passenger bus near New Bus Stand, Samba, and recovered 522 grams of heroin from one Aqib Bashir, a resident of Kakapora, Pulwama, Kashmir.

"NCB immediately pursued the backward linkage of the consignment. The trail led to Ludhiana, Punjab, where a separate follow-up operation resulted in the recovery of another 197 grams of heroin," officials said.

The Samba-Ludhiana operation had so far resulted in the seizure of 719 grams of heroin, while further investigation was underway to identify and apprehend other persons connected with the supply, transportation and intended distribution of the consignment, the officials added.

Earlier 5.160 kg haul exposed Pakistan-Uri route, officials said and added that the Punjab trail comes close on the heels of another major NCB Jammu operation involving seizure of 5.160 kg of Heroin.

Regulation enabling HC bench in Ladakh comes into effect

The Regulation was promulgated by the President on August 27, 2026. It specifically provides that it shall come into force on such date as the administrator may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint. Accordingly, the LG appointed September 5, 2026, as the date for its coming into force.

This marks an important institutional step towards operationalising the provision for a High Court Bench in Ladakh. It will facilitate further action for establishing

and operationalising the bench, including consultation with the High Court of J&K and Ladakh and the concerned departments on the required judicial, administrative, infrastructural, financial and logistical arrangements.

The establishment of a High Court Bench in Ladakh is expected to significantly improve access to justice for the people of the Union Territory, particularly litigants from remote and far-flung areas. At present, people requiring proceedings before the High Court may have to travel outside Ladakh, involving considerable expenditure of time and money. A Bench sitting in Ladakh will bring higher judicial services closer to the people and reduce the difficulties associated with long-distance travel and accommodation.

Saxena said that the move is particularly significant for a geographically vast and challenging Union Territory such as Ladakh, where difficult terrain, long distances and harsh weather conditions can make access to institutions outside the region especially demanding.

"The Bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh is a historic step towards bringing justice closer to the people. For the people living in our remote and far-flung areas, this will substantially improve access to justice and make the judicial system more accessible to our citizens. I express my sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, and Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji for strengthening the justice delivery system in Ladakh," he said.

Sakina to move resolution on TET issue

concerns among in-service teachers following the Supreme Court ruling making the test mandatory.

She said the government had already approached the Supreme Court on the issue. The J&K government had filed a review petition before the apex court, seeking reconsideration of its order mandating the TET for all in-service teachers of primary and upper-primary classes.

"We have already gone to the court. The teachers are in depression. The children's education is being disturbed. When a teacher is mentally disturbed, how can he teach children?" Itoo asked.

She said the issue was not merely about appearing for an examination but was also linked to the dignity and honour of teachers.

"For us, the most important thing is that the test doesn't matter. This is a matter of a teacher's honour. A teacher who prepares millions of children for exams cannot give a test. He can, but it is a matter of his honour. That is why the teachers' honour is important for us," the minister said.

Itoo said the government would seek the Assembly's support on the matter.

"After the assembly begins, I will bring a resolution. We will get that resolution passed in the majority, so that the teachers who are depressed can come out of their depression and teach children properly," she said.

The issue follows the Supreme Court's May 29 ruling, which held that clearing the TET is mandatory for in-service teachers. The court, however, provided teachers with time until August 31, 2028, to qualify the examination and continue in service.

The ruling has triggered concern among a large section of in-service teachers in Jammu and Kashmir, who have been seeking relief from the mandatory TET requirement.

Last week, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution urging the union government to grant a full and permanent exemption from the TET to government school teachers appointed before August 23, 2010.

Lt Gen Pratik reviews troops' readiness in Ladakh

and officers on the ground, the northern command said in a post on X.

"The Army Commander lauded all ranks for their exemplary professionalism, high morale, unwavering vigilance and steadfast commitment to duty in the challenging weather and terrain," the post read.

Lt Gen Pratik underscored the importance of discipline, fitness and regular training combined with innovation, synergy and tech-capability enhancement to remain mission-ready across domains and achieve excellence in all spheres, it added.

Putin orders 72-hr pause in strikes as US envoys arrive in Moscow

The envoys were met at the airport by Russian envoy Kirill Dmitriev who shared photos of him meeting the U.S. delegation as they disembarked, alongside the caption, "Welcome to Moscow Peacemakers."

With peace efforts stalled, Russia had intensified its attacks on Kyiv and other cities with relentless bombardments recently stretching into daylight hours, taking advantage of Ukraine's shortage of air defensive systems.

On Friday, a Russian drone hit one of the most important government buildings in Kyiv - the headquarters of Ukraine's Security Service, known as the SBU, which is one of the agencies involved in carrying out deep-strike operations inside Russia.

The long-range strikes by Ukraine have hit Russian military facilities, oil refineries and e-commerce hubs, seeking to undermine the Kremlin's war effort and economy, as well as make ordinary citizens feel the consequences of the war.

The air war between Russia and Ukraine has intensified as troops have struggled to make progress along the 1,250-kilometer (775-mile) front line. Russia has recently been using fast-flying, jet-powered drones, and the recurring wail of air-raid sirens has become part of daily life in Kyiv.

In a social media post on Saturday, Zelenskyy said that Russia had carried out overnight strikes on Kyiv and Boryspil international airports, and linked the attack to the planned U.S. visit.

Russia launched ballistic missiles from its Rostov and Voronezh regions and deployed 167 attack drones overnight, Ukraine's air force said. The drones included Shahed-type aircraft - around half of them jet-powered - as well as Geran and decoy drones. Ukrainian air defenses shot down or suppressed 128 drones, according to the air force.

Elsewhere, Ukrainian attacks wounded three people, including a 14-year-old girl, in Russia's border region of Belgorod, local officials said.

In a statement, Russia's Ministry of Defense said that its forces had shot down 53 Ukrainian drones overnight.

20 J&K teachers selected for Teachers' Day awards

Anmol Sharma, Abhinav Gupta, Anita Rani, Jagat Dev Singh, Sandeep Kumar, Kulbeet Singh, Shahid Qureshi, Anwar Khan, Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Tawheed Parvaiz, Rabia Mukhtar, Ghulam Mohammad Dar, Muzaffar Ahmad Wani, Javaid Ahmad Rather, Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Towfeeque Ali, Showket Hussain Bhat and Dr Sameena Wani.

Crisis of credibility biggest problem in media sector: Gadkari

democratic values, and commitment of people with democratic values and ideology are very important," he said.

"Credibility, goodwill and honesty are the biggest capitals of the 21st century for all sectors," Gadkari noted.

"Credibility has deteriorated in all sectors, but credibility in media has gone down very badly," he said, while also noting that not all media houses had lost their credibility.

Sharing his experiences, he said, "Newspapers and media houses used to say that they will decide who will win the elections, but now social media has changed that trajectory."

"Crisis of credibility is there in all sectors, including politics, but crisis of credibility is the biggest problem in the media sector," he said, and urged media to think about restoring credibility.

PTI's Chief Executive Officer & Editor-in-Chief Vijay Joshi, Editorial Director at Business Standard A K Bhat-tacharya, and Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Blitz India Media Group Deepak Dwivedi were among those present at the event.

India votes in favour of UNGA resolution endorsing new world map

The resolution also noted with "concern" that "this distortion contributes to minimising the perceived sizes of Africa, Latin America and South Asia, and perpetuating an unbalanced view of the world." In an explanation of the vote in the General Assembly, First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of India to the UN, Raghuo Puri, said India "welcomes" the intention behind the resolution to promote more accurate and representative cartographic practices.

"We believe that maps play an important role in how societies understand geography and the relative scale of the world around us," he said.

However, India clarified its understanding of the scope of this resolution, saying, "We believe that the resolution should be understood as supporting the broader use and consideration of Equal Area map projections, and not as endorsing the Equal Earth projection or any other specific map projection." Equal Area projections are particularly relevant because they preserve the relative sizes or areas of continental and territorial landmasses, Puri said.

Pakistan also voted in favour of the resolution, saying it supports the basic premise of the initiative for an accurate description of the continental landmasses only and not countries' political maps and boundaries.

"This resolution is therefore for educational purposes only, (it) does not alter the legal status of the disputed territories recognised as such by the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and other international boundaries," Pakistan said.

Death toll rises to 1,344; 4,900 missing

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.

The disaster also killed at least 21 people on the Chinese side, while more than 500 people remain missing in Tibet, according to Chinese media reports.

In Nepal, around 360 bodies have been recovered in Chitwan district alone -- the highest among all districts. Other districts from which bodies were recovered include Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha, Tanahun, Nawalparasi East and Nawalparasi West.

So far, 1,030 bodies have been temporarily buried after required procedures, including DNA collection, were completed. Authorities continued to monitor water levels in several rivers, including the Koshi, Narayani, Bagmati, Karnali, Mahakali, Kankai, Kamal, Kamala, Babai, Eastern Rapti and Western Rapti, while joint rescue teams led by the Nepal Army continued search and rescue operations for the eleventh day.

The number of missing people was estimated at 4,898. The missing included more than 600 children in Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts, officials said.

More than 13,000 people have been rescued so far, according to Nepal's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority.

Major rescue operations were underway at hydropower projects in flood-affected districts, where hundreds of men are believed to be trapped in tunnels. Teams of experts from India and China were assisting their Nepali counterparts in the operations.

On Friday, two men were rescued alive from a tunnel at the Trishuli 3A hydropower project. They were identified as Kabir Maharjan, 45, a mechanical supervisor on the project, and Sanjay Sah, 30, a foreman, according to the Public Relations Directorate of the Nepal Army.

Also, an Indian tunnel rescue team, who are continuing to work alongside the Nepalese Army, has made a temporary track inside the Chilime tunnel in flood-hit Rasuwa district to allow more heavy equipment to reach the affected areas, authorities said on Saturday.

LAB warns of intensified agitation ahead of Sep 9 talks with MMA

last year's violence had so far been withdrawn. "We are all Indians, and everyone should be treated equally. The lives of the people of Ladakh are not so cheap," he said, demanding compensation for the kin of the dead and wounded in the agitation.

Governor Kavinder confers state awards on 32 teachers

teacher builds values, character and confidence and gives direction to the lives of students. The future of any nation takes shape in its classrooms, and teachers are the ones who shape it," he said.

Teachers' Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm at GGHS Pul Doda

DODA, SEPTEMBER 5:

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour at Government Girls High School, Pul Doda, with students expressing gratitude and appreciation for the dedication and contribution of their teachers.

The programme was organised under the guidance of Incharge Headmaster Indu Bhushan in the school premises, in the presence of teaching staff and students. Students actively participated in the celebrations and presented speeches highlighting the vital role of teachers in imparting knowledge, inculcating discipline and nurturing values among the younger generation.

A colourful cultural programme was also presented

Highlighting the importance of quality education in nation-building, the governor said that the active and meaningful participation of youth would be essential for realising the vision of Viksit Bharat-2047. "Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has accorded high priority to quality, inclusive and value-based education as the foundation for a strong and developed India," he added.

Referring to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, he said education was no longer confined to examinations and degrees but was increasingly focused on knowledge, skills, creativity, innovation, research and character building. Initiatives such as PM SHRI Schools, NIPUN Bharat, Samagra Shiksha, Digital Education and Atal Tinkering Labs were providing students with opportunities to develop scientific temper and 21st-century skills.

He said that in an era of Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Digital Technology, the role of teachers had become even more important. While technology could facilitate the teaching-learning process, the inspiration, guidance, affection and values provided by a teacher could never be replaced by technology, he added.

Appreciating Himachal Pradesh's achievements in education, the governor said the state had performed exceptionally well in the PARAKH National Survey. He particularly congratulated the teachers and the education system for securing second position nationally in Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN).

He said the effective implementation of programmes such as Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, NIPUN Bharat and PM SHRI was helping promote national unity, creativity, scientific thinking and essential 21st-century skills among students.

Gupta expressed confidence that continued efforts by the government and the dedication of teachers would further strengthen Himachal Pradesh as one of the leading States in quality, inclusive, innovative and future-ready education.

He said the dedication, hard work and commitment of the award-winning teachers were a matter of pride for the entire State. The greatest reward for a teacher, he added, was when students remembered them throughout their lives and went on to make meaningful contributions to their families, society and the nation.

The governor extended his best wishes to all the teachers and expressed hope that they would continue to illuminate the lives of future generations with the light of knowledge and values.

He also released a souvenir brought out on the occasion. Earlier, Education Minister Rohit Thakur welcomed the governor and said that the state government was committed to strengthening the education sector, with special emphasis on quality education. Paying tribute to Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, he said his life and contribution remained an inspiration for strengthening education.

He said Himachal Pradesh had made remarkable progress in education and that the State's literacy rate had reached 100 per cent. He said more than 9,000 appointments had been made in the Education Department by the present government. English was being introduced from Class I while local languages were also being promoted, he added. The minister said rationalisation had been undertaken in the department to address staff shortages. He also highlighted exposure initiatives under which students were being taken on educational tours within the country and teachers were being sent on foreign exposure visits.

Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharamani said the chief minister had taken several concrete steps to improve the standard of education in the state.

Congratulating the award-winning teachers, he said they had discharged their duties with dedication and commitment and had often gone beyond their prescribed responsibilities to bring positive changes in the lives of children. He suggested that the success stories of such teachers should be documented and shared with other teachers so that they could serve as a source of inspiration.

BRICS Chief Justices' Forum modern fabric woven with tradition: CJI

development towards the ocean of shared prosperity," he said.

Highlighting the heritage of ancient Bharat, to the luminous halls of the world's oldest Nalanda University, CJI Kant said the university drew scholars from across the very civilisations represented in this room -- a monk who had walked from Tang China, students all the way from Korea, Tibet, Persia and the maritime kingdoms of Southeast Asia, all gathered within the great Dharmaganj library complex, said to have held nine million (90 lakh) manuscripts.

"Over a millennium ago, Nalanda was a beacon of intellectual inquiry, a sanctuary where intellectuals from distant lands convened to debate, exchange and refine ideas that transcended the boundaries of geography and culture," he said. He added that what made the Nalanda University truly unique was that it never asked its scholars to first agree upon a common system of law or philosophy before it admitted them. "It rather offered a healthy and hospitable space for disagreement and deliberation," he said, adding that centuries before any group of nations sat down to discuss pathways to growth, India had attempted the harder experiment -- bringing together different schools of thought to engage with each other directly, instead of just observing one another from a distance.



by the students, showcasing their creativity, talent and confidence. The performances added vibrancy to the celebrations and were appreciated by the teachers

and fellow students. A special highlight of the programme was the presentation of gifts by students to their favourite and best teachers as a token of

love, respect and appreciation for their guidance and support.

Speaking on the occasion, the school faculty appreciated the efforts of the students and observed that teachers play a pivotal role not only in the academic development of students but also in shaping their character, confidence and sense of responsible citizenship.

The celebration provided an opportunity for students and teachers to strengthen their bond and reaffirm the importance of mutual respect, cooperation and continuous learning.

The programme concluded with a message of gratitude to the teaching fraternity for its continued dedication towards the holistic development of students.