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Pradhan Quits, CJP Ends 36-Day Protest

Government accepts key demands on NEET reforms, compensation & withdrawal of cases

Celebrations erupt at Jantar Mantar as youth-led agitation claims victory



Observer News Service

New Delhi: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned on Saturday, bringing the curtains down on a 36-day

nationwide agitation led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) over the NEET paper leak and alleged irregularities in competitive examinations. The movement, which | [More on P6](#)

Pralhad Joshi Appointed As Education Minister

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has been appointed as Education Minister following Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation from the post on Saturday. Joshi has been given additional charge of the Education Ministry besides his role as Consumer Affairs Minister. A Rashtrapati Bhavan communique said the President, as advised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has accepted the resignation of Pradhan with immediate effect. It said that on the advice of the Prime | [More on P6](#)

Fast-Track Courts to Hear Paper Leak Cases Daily

New Bill to Be Introduced in Lok Sabha on Monday

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Seeking to amend a two-year-old anti-paper leak law, a bill that proposes to set up fast-track courts in every state for speedy trials of accused and enhances punishment is set for introduction in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

According to the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, investigations into paper leak cases are to be completed within two months.

The bill circulated to the Lok Sabha members ahead of its introduction says that individuals involved in paper leaks or unfair means in exams will get jail terms for a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 10 years, and a fine of up to Rs 50 lakh.

For organised crimes, the bill proposes a minimum sentence of seven years and a fine of up to Rs 10 crore.

The present law has provisions for a minimum of three to five years of imprisonment to curb | [More on P6](#)

Fake Cambodia Job Lands Kashmiri Youth In Online Scam

EOW files chargesheet against Pattan man

Observer News Service

Srinagar:The Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Kashmir, of the Crime Branch has chargesheeted a man accused of duping a Kashmiri youth with a fake overseas job offer and sending him to Cambodia, where he was allegedly forced into online scam operations.

According to an official statement, the chargesheet was filed in FIR No. 19/2026 under Section 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against Mohd Yaseen Rather,

son of Nisar Ahmad Rather, a resident of Kripalpora Payeen, Pattan, before the Court of the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class after completion of the investigation.

The case was registered on the basis of a complaint alleging that the accused promised the complainant a job as a computer operator in Cambodia with a monthly salary of 90,000.

Believing the offer to be genuine, the complainant allegedly transferred lakhs of rupees to the accused's bank account and | [More on P6](#)

Rain Continues For 5th Day; Flood Vigil Continues

» Vishow Nallah Surges, Jhelum Stays Below Warning Level » Death toll across J&K rises to 30 as woman dies in Rajouri

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Intermittent rain continued to lash Jammu and Kashmir for the fifth consecutive day on Saturday, keeping authorities on alert even as water levels in the River Jhelum remained below the warning mark across all major gauge stations. While the overall flood threat eased, a sharp rise in several tributaries, particularly Vishow Nallah in south Kashmir, prompted fresh advisories for residents living near vulnerable water bodies.

The prolonged wet spell claimed another life in Rajouri district, pushing the rain-related death toll in the Union Territory to 30 since July 19, while six persons, including a Jal Shakti Department employee, remain missing.

According to the Irrigation & Flood Control Department's 10 pm gauge update, the



Jhelum was flowing at 14.72 feet at Sangam in Anantnag district and was showing an increasing trend, though well below the flood declaration mark of 21 feet. At Pampore, the river stood at 4.18 metres, while Munshibagh in Srinagar recorded 17.06 feet, below the flood declaration mark of 18 feet. Asham in Bandipora district registered 12.69 feet,

with all three stations showing a declining trend.

The water level in Wular Lake stood at 1,576.60 metres and was rising marginally.

Among the tributaries, Vishow Nallah at Khudwani rose sharply to 6.71 metres. Independent weather forecaster Kashmir Weather said the stream had risen by around 1.25 | [More on P6](#)

Rs 1,623-Cr Flood Plan Stalled Over Key Works

Agencies

Srinagar: Post-2014 floods, the Government of India approved two major flood-management projects amounting to Rs 2021 crore to safeguard the Kashmir Valley from recurring flood threats. Yet, despite these significant allocations, the situation on the ground remains unchanged, with rain continuing to trigger flood scares across the Valley, even after Rs 488 crore has already been spent under these programmes. The core issue lies in the non-execution of two vital components under Rs 1623 crore comprehensive flood management project phase-II.

Government of India approved two major flood-management projects: comprehensive flood management of river Jhelum and its tributaries, phase I (Rs 399 crore) and comprehensive flood | [More on P6](#)

'Run For A Green Future': LG Flags Off Reading Marathon

Says True Education Is Putting Learning into Practice

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday flagged off a Reading Marathon along the banks of Dal Lake, calling on the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to make reading a daily habit and translate knowledge into action for the betterment of society.

The event, organised by the National Book Trust as part of Education Week to mark six years of the National Education Policy (NEP), brought together thousands of students from colleges and universities across the Union Territory under the theme "Run for a Green Future."

Addressing the gathering, Sinha said education should extend beyond classrooms and



examinations to become an integral part of everyday life.

"Education should not remain confined to books and examination halls. It must reach playgrounds, social spaces and become a way of life. Today's Reading Marathon is a powerful example of that vision," he said.

Describing the marathon's theme | [More on P6](#)

Pays Tribute To Kargil War Heroes

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday paid homage to the bravehearts of the Kargil War on the eve of Kargil Vijay Diwas, remembering the soldiers who laid down their lives during Operation Vijay to safeguard the nation's sovereignty. In his message, the Lieutenant Governor bowed to the martyrs whose supreme sacrifice, he said, would continue | [More on P6](#)

Amarnath Yatra To Continue Only Via Baltal

Observer News Service

Srinagar - The annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra will continue only through the Baltal route for the time being as repair and maintenance works are being undertaken on the Pahalgam axis following recent rains, officials said on Saturday.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg said urgent restoration works were required on the Pahalgam route after the recent spell of rain.

"Due to the recent rains, urgent repair and maintenance works are required to be carried out on the Pahalgam Axis of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. The Yatra shall continue through the Baltal Axis, for which adequate arrangements have been put in place to ensure smooth and safe pilgrimage," Garg said.

He said all necessary arrangements had been made on the Baltal axis to facilitate the movement of | [More on P6](#)

LG Directs Priority Repairs On Yatra Tracks

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday directed authorities to prioritise repair and restoration work on the Shri Amarnathji Yatra tracks following recent heavy rainfall, with a focus on ensuring the safety and | [More on P6](#)

Security Tightened Across Kashmir After Cop's Killing

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Security forces on Saturday intensified checking and surveillance across several parts of Kashmir, including Srinagar, Pulwama and Kulgam, following the recent killing of a police head constable in Anantnag and specific intelligence inputs indicating possible security threats.

In Srinagar, police conducted extensive checking at Lal Chowk, M.A. Road and Residency Road, stopping and inspecting buses, Sumo vehicles and other public transport. Taxi stands and passenger vehicles also came under heightened scrutiny as part | [More on P6](#)

NIA Court Rejects Interim Bail To Ex-DySP Grants 5-Day Custody Parole For Father's Last Rites

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: A special NIA court has rejected the interim bail application of dismissed police officer Devinder Singh but allowed him a five-day custody parole on humanitarian grounds to attend the post-death rituals of his father in Srinagar next week.

Singh, who was posted with the anti-hijacking cell of police attached to the Srinagar airport, was arrested in January 2020 while ferrying Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists, including its self-styled commander Syed Naveed Mushtaq, at a checkpoint in south Kashmir's Anantnag.

He was subsequently chargesheeted in the case by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and dismissed from service in 2021.

According to the bail application, Singh's father Deedar



Singh passed away in Srinagar on July 17.

The accused, who is lodged in the Kot Bhalwal central jail in Jammu since his arrest on January 11, 2020, sought 20 days' interim bail to attend the cremation and the post-death rituals.

The court was informed that his appeal against the rejection of regular bail is presently pending before the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Passing the order on July 21, Special Judge Prem Sagar dismissed Singh's plea for interim bail but granted him five days' custody parole on humanitarian grounds, permitting him to attend the 'Akhand Paath' and other post-cremation rituals at the family residence in Srinagar between July 27 and 30, under police escort.

"Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, the prayer to grant interim bail is not considered as the applicant has already filed an appeal against the rejection of regular. However, this court partly allows the application of the applicant purely on humanitarian grounds and allows him to participate in the religious rituals..." the judge said in his four-page order.

The court said the accused will remain on custody parole from July 27 to | [More on P6](#)



No 5- Dal Lake Boulevard Srinagar, 190001, Kashmir

I, Farooz Ahmad Wani, S/o Ghulam Rasool Wani, R/o Kanigam Shopian, hereby notify the general public that the name and parentage of my son have been incorrectly recorded in his Aadhaar Card (Aadhaar No. 8529 7884 8043) as Kashaf Ferooz S/o Farooz Ahmad Wani, which is incorrect.

The correct and actual name and parentage of my son, as reflected in his Domicile Certificate and School Records, are Kashif Farooz S/o Farooz Ahmad Wani.

I have applied before the competent authority for correction of my son's name and parentage in the Aadhaar records. If any person has any objection to the above correction, they may submit the same before the concerned authority within the prescribed period. Failing which, the correction shall be carried out and no objection shall be entertained thereafter.

I, Fayaz Ahmad Khan, F/o Faizan Fayaz, R/o Gudwani, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla, hereby inform that my son's name has been wrongly recorded in Aadhaar Card No. 6229 4876 8061 as Fazaan Fayaz Khan.

The correct name is Faizan Fayaz. I have applied for correction and publication of the same in the Government Gazette.

Any person having any objection may file it before the concerned authority within the prescribed period, failing which the correction shall be made accordingly.

Delhi-Based Production Company Booked for Alleged Illegal Drone Use

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: : Police have registered a case against a Delhi-based production company for allegedly operating a drone without permission during a film shoot in the upper reaches of the Nishat area on the outskirts of Srinagar.

Sources told KNT that T3S Entertainment Private Limited allegedly used the drone in violation of the orders issued by the District Magistrate, Srinagar, and without obtaining the requisite permission or clearance from the police.

Sources added that the drone was being operated for film shooting purposes. During inspection, the Production Manager was found operating the drone in alleged violation of the prohibitory orders governing drone operations in the area.

Following the incident, Police Station Nishat registered FIR No. 60/2026 under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and initiated an investigation into the matter.

Police said further investigation is underway to ascertain all aspects of the alleged violation.

Police Intensify Security Checks Across City Centre

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday intensified security measures across Srinagar city center by conducting extensive checking of public transport vehicles and passengers in view of the prevailing security scenario and specific intelligence inputs.

The intensified checking drive was carried out at Lal Chowk, M.A. Road and Residency Road, with police personnel inspecting buses, Sumo vehicles and other public transport operating in the area.

Officials said taxi stands and passenger vehicles were

also subjected to thorough inspections as part of enhanced security arrangements aimed at maintaining public safety and preventing any untoward incident.

As per KNT, the checking drive forms part of routine preventive security measures being undertaken at vulnerable locations in response to intelligence inputs, officials said, adding that the exercise was conducted without causing major disruption to traffic movement.

Police have urged the public to cooperate during such security checks, stating that the measures are intended to ensure the safety and security of citizens.

Cash Debited Without Dispensation at Defunct JK Bank ATM in Mehjoor Nagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Customers of Jammu and Kashmir Bank have expressed serious concern over a dysfunctional ATM at Mehjoor Nagar in Srinagar, alleging that the machine has remained out of service for several days while continuing to debit money from customers' accounts without dispensing cash.

According to affected account holders, repeated attempts to withdraw money from the ATM have resulted in transactions being processed and the corresponding amounts being debited from their bank accounts, even though no cash was delivered.

Customers alleged that despite repeated complaints, the bank has failed to resolve the issue promptly, leaving many account holders anxious over delayed reversals of the debited amounts and the inconvenience caused by the

faulty ATM.

As per KNT, several people also complained that the bank's response to the issue has been insensitive, alleging that there has been little urgency in restoring the ATM or addressing the grievances of affected customers.

Locals further claimed that the problem is not confined to the Mehjoor Nagar ATM alone, alleging that several JK Bank ATMs and Cash Deposit Machines (CDMs) across Kashmir frequently remain non-functional, causing hardship to customers who depend on them for daily banking transactions.

The affected customers have urged the management of Jammu and Kashmir Bank to immediately restore the Mehjoor Nagar ATM, ensure prompt reversal of failed transactions, and improve maintenance of its ATM and CDM network to prevent recurring inconvenience to the public.

Police Attaches Property Worth ₹2.74 Crore under Nasha Mukti Abhiyan

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Continuing its sustained crackdown on drug trafficking under the Nasha Mukti Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan—a 100-day campaign aimed at eradicating the drug menace—Srinagar Police on Saturday attached an immovable property worth approximately Rs 2.74 crore under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

In a statement, police said the attached property comprises a double-storeyed residential house along with 12 marlas of land beneath and appurtenant to the house, belonging to the accused Mubashir Ahmad Hakeem, S/o Abdul Hamid Hakeem, R/o Awanta Bhawan, Soura, Srinagar.

The attachment has been carried out in connection with FIR No. 142/2025

registered under Sections 8/22 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Safakadal. The market value of the attached property has been assessed at approximately Rs 2.74 crore.

This action reflects the unwavering commitment of Srinagar Police to dismantle the financial infrastructure of drug trafficking networks by targeting assets acquired through illicit proceeds. Such measures are intended to deter individuals involved in narcotics-related activities and reinforce the rule of law.

Srinagar Police reiterates its resolve to continue stringent action against drug peddlers and appeals to the public to actively support the fight against drugs by sharing any information related to narcotics trafficking with the nearest police station or through official helplines.



SKUAST-K Becomes Kashmir's First University to Hold Fully Paperless PG Exam

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K) has become the first university in the Kashmir Valley to conduct a completely paperless postgraduate semester examination, marking a significant milestone in the digital transformation of higher education in the region.

On July 25, the University successfully conducted a tablet-based digital examination for 150 postgraduate students enrolled in the course "Statistical Methods for Applied Sciences", replacing the conventional pen-and-paper examination system with a secure digital platform.

The initiative was envisioned by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, as part of the University's broader mission to modernize academic administration through technology-driven, sustainable and student-centric practices. The transition reflects SKUAST-K's commitment to creating a future-ready academic ecosystem that aligns with global standards in digital education.

The implementation was coordinated under the supervision of Prof. K. N. Qaisar, Controller of Examinations; Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, Dean, Faculty of Horticulture; and Prof. Imran Khan, Head, Division of Agricultural Statistics, who ensured that the examination was conducted in accordance

with prescribed academic standards and robust data security protocols.

The examination was monitored on-site by Dr. Aziz Mujtaba Aezum, Dr. M. Iqbal Jeelani and Dr. Immad A. Shah, who managed real-time classroom operations, technical support and student facilitation to ensure a seamless examination experience.

Prof. Ganai described the successful conduct of the examination as a landmark achievement in the University's digital transformation journey. He said the initiative demonstrates SKUAST-K's resolve to adopt innovative technologies that enhance academic quality while promoting sustainability and operational efficiency.

"This transition is not merely about replacing paper with digital devices. It is about preparing our students for a technology-driven future while making academic processes more transparent, efficient and environmentally responsible," he said.

The University had earlier introduced the paperless examination system for undergraduate end-term examinations. Its successful expansion to the postgraduate level marks another major step towards fully digitising the University's evaluation system.

The digital examination platform offers several advantages over conventional examinations. It significantly reduces paper consumption, printing requirements and physical storage, contributing to environmental sus-

tainability. The system also streamlines examination logistics through secure digital distribution of question papers, encrypted submission of answer scripts and faster evaluation, enabling quicker declaration of results.

To uphold examination integrity, the platform operates in a secure locked environment that prevents access to external resources during the examination. Digital audit trails, including automated timestamps and activity logs, further strengthen transparency and accountability throughout the assessment process.

The initiative also familiarises students with computer-based assessments, helping them build digital confidence and preparing them for national competitive examinations such as ICAR-NET, GATE, CSIR-UGC NET and Civil Services, which are conducted through computer-based testing. The platform additionally supports accessibility through features such as adjustable font sizes and enhanced screen visibility.

The successful conduct of the 150-candidate postgraduate examination establishes a scalable model for digital assessments in higher education. SKUAST-K plans to gradually extend the paperless examination system across all undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, reinforcing its position as a leader in technology-enabled agricultural education and academic innovation.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION TANGMARG.

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (MACADAM WORKS)

Fresh NIT No: 38 /R&B of 2026-27

Dated: 24-07-2026

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways sand other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Ac-count	Class of Contractor	Project Authority	Tender Call
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Up-gradation of link from Sumo stand to House of Gh. Mohd. Sofi and others at Ogmuna.	14.61	600/-	29220/-	20 days	District Capex 2026-27	D/C/B	District Development Commissioner Baramulla	2nd
2	Road from Peer Mohalla Wussan to Eid Gah Wussan.	7.78	300/-	15560/-	15 days	District Capex 2026-27	D/C	District Development Commissioner Baramulla	2nd

Position Of AAA:-

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Position of funds:-

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1.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q),Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

2.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25-07-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	25-07-2026
3	Bid submission Start Date	27-07-2026
4	Bid Submission End Date	03-08-2026 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	04-08-2026 11:00 AM

3.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (Dated between bid submission start date and bid submission end date) with NIT No. , Serial No. and name of work to be deposited in M.H. 0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender inviting authority)

4.

All the bidders must upload Earnest money /Bid security equal to 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender receiving authority)(The Date of earnest money/Bid security should be between the Bid Submission start date and Bid submission End date, otherwise bids shall be rejected).

5.

The Successful bidder will have to provide performance security @ 5% of contract value in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender receiving authority)as per rule-171 (I) of GFR 2017. The earnest money/ Bid security @2% shall be released to the successful bidder only on receipt of Performance Security @ 5% of Contract value which shall be released after successful completion of DLP /maintenance period.

6.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender receiving authority).

7.

The earnest money/ Bid security in favour of unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of original Treasury Challan.

8.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

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All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25(Double agreement Form), NIT, GFR 2017 & JK PWD Engineering Manual 2020.

42.

As per the Circular No. 01 (Adm) FD of 2025 Dated: 08-07-2025 issued by Finance Department of UT J&K "Every participating supplier/contractor to mandatorily disclose the bank account number which is linked with their GSTIN at the time of bid submission. No payments shall be released by the Government Department/Agency to any other bank account except the one linked with the GST registered number of the successful bidder".

43.

Any Typographical error in units or items shall be corrected and paid as per SSR of 2022 or as per Technical sanction.

No: R&B / Divn./ Tang/2655-64

Dated: 25-07-2026

Sd/-

Executive Engineer

R&B Division Tangmarg.



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- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153



HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)





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This Day In History

- 657- Battle of Siffin during the first Muslim civil war between Ali Ibn Abi Talib and Muawiyah I beside Euphrates River
- 920- Rout of an alliance of Christian troops from Navarre and Léon against the Muslims at Pamplona.
- 1469- Wars of the Roses: Battle of Edgecote Moor - Pitting the forces of Richard Neville, 16th Earl of Warwick against those of King Edward IV.
- 1678- England & Netherlands signs treaty: sending ultimatum to France
- 1803- The Surrey Iron Railway, arguably the world's first public railway, opens in south London.
- 1847- The Liberian Declaration of Independence is signed making Liberia a sovereign nation, independent from the American Colonization Society
- 1891- France annexes Tahiti.
- 1936- The Axis Powers decide to intervene in the Spanish Civil War.
- 1941- US embargo on oil-export to Japan
- 1944- Japanese suicide attack on US lines in Guam
- 1944- Russian troops arrive in Weichsel
- 1944- The first German V-2 rocket hits Great Britain (nicknamed "gasometer").
- 1945- Declaration of Potsdam: US, Britain and China demand the Japanese surrender during WWII
- 1945- Japanese government disregards US ultimatum
- 1945- US cruiser Indianapolis reaches Tinian with atom bomb
- 1945- Physicist Raemer Schreiber and Lieutenant Colonel Peer de Silva depart Kirtland Army Air Field to transport the plutonium core for the Fat Man bomb (bombing of Nagasaki) to the island of Tinian where the bomb is assembled
- 1947- President Truman signs National Security Act (1947), establishing Department of Defense, CIA, National Security Council and Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 1951- Netherlands ends state of war with Germany
- 1952- King Farouk I of Egypt abdicates [Black Saturday]
- 1956- Egypt seizes the Suez Canal
- 1957- USSR launches 1st intercontinental multistage ballistic missile
- 1963-Skopje, Yugoslavia, destroyed by earthquake, kills 1,000+
- 1963 -US Syncom 2, 1st geosynchronous communications satellite, launched
- 1963- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development votes to admit Japan.
- 1965- Republic of Maldives gains independence from Britain (National Day)
- 1971- Apollo 15 launched (Scott & Irwin) to 4th manned landing on Moon
- 1974- USSR's Soyuz returns to dock with Salyut 3
- 1975- Soyuz 18B returns to Earth
- 1982- Canada's Anik D1 Comsat launched by US Delta rocket
- 1993- Boeing 737-500 crashes in South Korea, 66 killed
- 1993 -Mars Observer takes 1st photo of Mars, from 5 billion km
- 2005- Space Shuttle program: STS-114 Mission - Launch of Discovery, NASA's first scheduled flight mission after the Columbia Disaster in 2003.
- 2012- At least 200 people are killed in a day of violence in Syria
- 2014- While Israel reject long-term ceasefire that does not include destroying the Hamas tunnels, they agree to 12 hour ceasefire; Palestinian death toll in the Gaza Strip now exceeds 1000.
- 2017- Great Britain announces it will ban gasoline and diesel cars by 2040
- 2017- US President Donald Trump announces policy to ban transgender people from the military, overturning Obama era changes
- 2018- Facebook has the single worst day of any public company on the stock market - losing 19% or \$119 billion market value
- 2018- Observation of a black hole by The Very Large Telescope in Chile proves Albert Einstein's prediction of "gravitational redshift", published in "Journal Astronomy & Astrophysics"

Reimagining Baramulla for 2040

A six-point strategy aims to turn North Kashmir's historic gateway into a modern, connected and efficiently governed district headquarters.



Lt Gen. R. S. Reen

“**History made Baramulla the gateway to Kashmir. What happens over the next fourteen years will decide whether it becomes the gateway to Kashmir’s future or one more town where a good plan gathered dust while officials debated who owned it.**”

For nearly 2,000 years, Baramulla has stood at the gateway to the Kashmir Valley. Today, almost anyone who lives here can tell you what’s gone wrong. Roads around Main Chowk are riddled with potholes, drains overflow after even a little rain, parks have slowly disappeared, and government offices are scattered all over town, forcing people to run from one building to another just to get basic work done.

None of these problems are new. The district administration knows them, local traders live with them every day, and the Army has seen them for years.

Everyone understands what needs fixing, but what Baramulla has been missing is a clear plan that assigns responsibility, sets deadlines, and makes sure every promise is followed through.

That plan now exists, and it shifts the public discourse beyond politics by treating Baramulla’s long-standing problems as issues that can be solved through planning, coordination and execution.

The blueprint lays out six practical steps to transform Baramulla by 2040. Most of the projects are already funded or underway. The idea is simple: bring every project under one coordinated plan.

The cost is estimated at 500 crore to 1,000 crore over five to seven years. Money was never the biggest hurdle. Coordination was, and this blueprint is designed to provide it.

Start with security, because nothing in Baramulla moves without it.

The town hosts the 19 Infantry Division, the Dagger Division, whose presence has anchored stability for decades and made civic planning possible in the first place.

But the Division’s footprint extends well past the barracks, running empowerment centres, a fashion-design school, and computer training for local youth. Its Aman Yatra programme has folded school-children into structured civic life, and in 2023 a General Officer Commanding personally led a new cycling club to Eco Park.

That civil-military relationship has produced real goodwill, but it has never been written into a formal land agreement.

A defence-civil land-rationalisation framework, modeled on cantonment arrangements used elsewhere in India, would let the Division consolidate into a tighter, still defensible footprint while freeing carriageway and open space for the town.

Land, not cash, is Baramulla’s scarcest asset, and the Army holds more of it than anyone else. Settling that question is the precondition for nearly everything that follows.



Once land opens up, the plan points it toward the town’s most obvious waste of space: the ageing PDD Colony, a staff-housing estate occupying a large central plot at a fraction of its potential value.

Redeveloped, it could house a consolidated Baramulla Secretariat, folding the Deputy Commissioner’s office and all district departments into one address with modern digital-governance infrastructure.

Staff displaced by the move would be rehoused on-site, and the smaller plots vacated elsewhere would convert directly into parks and parking, the two amenities Baramulla has been starved of longest.

Consolidation cannot come at the cost of security discipline, and the plan is careful about this.

Near Rangwar, the Army maintains a firing range central to weapons training throughout North Kashmir, and nothing about the redevelopment touches it.

Instead, the blueprint calls for permanent safety buffers drawn into the master plan now, so that all future roads and buildings route around the range from the design stage rather than colliding with it later.

It costs nothing but administrative will, and it prevents a far costlier mistake down the line.

Healthcare exposes the sharpest failure of current infrastructure. Government Medical College Baramulla treats close to 4,000 outpatients daily, the largest tertiary catchment in North Kashmir, and patients reach

it through the same congested National Highway 1 corridor that carries all Srinagar-Uri traffic straight past the town center.

The fix is already underway: the Srinagar-Baramulla four-laning project is roughly 80 percent complete and will cut travel time from 90 minutes to 45.

What remains is a matter of aim. The Pattan and Baramulla bypasses under construction should include a dedicated, clearly signed spur into the GMC campus, paired with an ambulance-priority lane on the final approach.

A shorter journey to the hospital can make the difference between life and death.

These ideas work best when they come together as one vision instead of a collection of unrelated projects.

The plan focuses on five big projects.

It proposes a modern transport hub with smart parking and a new bus terminal. It would turn the Jhelum riverfront into a heritage district, linking the shrine, temple, gurdwara, church and the ancient Ushkara site through a walkable trail. It also envisions a Health, Education and Innovation Campus built around Government Medical College, local colleges and the new Secretariat.

Better footpaths and digital public services would make everyday life easier, while restored parks and sports facilities, led by a revived Cariappa Park, would bring much-needed public spaces back to the town.

None of this happens through good

intentions alone. The plan’s final and most consequential move is institutional: a quarterly Urban Development Council bringing together the Deputy Commissioner, local police, public utilities, planning agencies, and the Division’s civil-liaison staff, empowered to assign each of the six solutions a dedicated owner, a budget line, and a delivery date.

Cities rarely fail for lack of good ideas. They falter when no one takes ownership of delivering them, and this council is designed to provide that accountability.

History made Baramulla the gateway to Kashmir. What happens over the next fourteen years will decide whether it becomes the gateway to Kashmir’s future or one more town where a good plan gathered dust while officials debated who owned it.

Security, healthcare, connectivity, and public investment are aligned in the same direction for the first time in decades.

The debate over what Baramulla needs is finished.

The only open question is whether the government, the Army, and the citizens choose to build it.

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A Proverb Turned Prophecy

A saying I grew up hearing as a joke about ungrateful children now reads like an accurate account of how many Kashmiri households actually run.



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Kashmiris have always had a proverb for ungrateful children: “Baeba Budtum, Khidmatta Kartum” meaning, “Dear father, grow old so you can serve me.”

Whoever coined it meant it as satire, a barb thrown at sons and daughters who reversed the natural order and put their aging parents back to work inside their own homes.

Years of practising law and watching families up close have changed the way I hear this proverb.

What once sounded like a joke now sounds like a diagnosis.

My point is simple, and I think it is hard to dismiss: parents spend their most productive years giving up comfort, savings, sleep and personal ambition for children who have not asked for any of it.

Old age should be the payoff, a period when

responsibilities shrink instead of grow.

Instead I see elders cooking, cleaning, running errands and managing households well past the point where anyone should expect that of them, often without so much as a word of thanks.

The proverb captured this imbalance centuries before any sociologist gave it a name.

The imbalance lies in the nature of love itself, and Kashmir’s own religious tradition captures that truth better than I ever could.

The Sufi saint Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Wali, known throughout the valley as Nund Rishi, put it in a couplet: “I love the one who is born of me, the one to whom I was born loves me.”

Parental love comes naturally. It begins the moment a child is born, without anyone having to teach it.

Love in the other direction, from child to parent, must be taught, nurtured and practised.

It is a moral virtue rather than a biological instinct, and that difference explains why it flourishes in some homes and fades in others.

This is likely why the Qur’an insists so forcefully on ihsan toward parents, a standard that goes beyond ordinary kindness to something closer to excellence in conduct.

Our tradition gives a striking detail here: looking at the Kaaba with reverence counts as an act of devotion, and looking at one’s parents with the same reverence has the same impact.

Worship, in this framing, extends to the ordinary act of honouring the two people respon-



sible for a person’s existence.

I want to be clear that this instinct is not exclusive to Islam. Hinduism treats service to parents as sacred obligation. Sikhism channels it through humility and selfless service, Christianity commands believers to honour father and mother, and Judaism assigns comparable weight to the same duty.

Four traditions tell the same story in different words: every civilization stands on the

strength of its families.

But what troubles me most now is the erosion unfolding before our eyes rather than nostalgia for an earlier time.

Old-age homes, once almost unheard of where I live, have become common enough that their growth alone should make us pause and ponder.

Many families still care for their elders with genuine devotion, and I want to say plain-

ly that this is not a wholesale indictment of Kashmiri society.

But the trend line points somewhere specific, toward individualism and material pressure crowding out an obligation that used to be assumed rather than debated.

I do not believe more old-age homes are the answer because the real problem begins with how we raise our children.

Laws can punish neglect, but they cannot teach gratitude. Children learn how to build a career, but who teaches them to honour the parents who made that journey possible?

My answer is simple: caring for parents stops feeling like a burden when it is seen as an act of devotion rather than an obligation.

That, perhaps, is the deeper truth hidden inside a proverb often dismissed as a joke.

The person who coined “Baeba Budtum, Khidmatta Kartum” understood that a society is judged by how its children care for their parents when age has taken away authority and strength.

My hope is that we never become the children the proverb warns against. Instead, may we see caring for our parents in their final years as an honour.

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The Europeans Who Helped India Read Its Past

Nearly two thousand years after Emperor Ashoka's edicts fell silent, a British scholar in Calcutta and a Norwegian professor in Bonn worked from opposite ends of the world to unlock the scripts that told India's earliest story.



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Calcutta, 1837. James Prinsep leans over a table crowded with coins, stone rubbings, and sheets of copied inscriptions, the candlelight catching curling letters that generations of scholars have failed to read.

Pillars raised by Emperor Ashoka more than two thousand years earlier still stand throughout the Indian subcontinent, their surfaces carved with commands and reflections from one of history's great rulers.

The words have defeated generations of would-be readers, but Prinsep, working long past midnight, begins to notice repeating patterns in the Brahmi script carved into temple walls and copper plates. Within months, the puzzle gives way, and Ashoka speaks again for the first time in nearly two millennia.

This became one of the biggest scholarly achievements of the nineteenth century, part of a wider effort by European scholars in the colonial era to uncover ancient India's written history.

That era is usually remembered for political domination and economic exploitation, and historians have strong reasons for seeing it that way. British rule brought rapid

expansion of roads, railways, telegraph lines, postal networks, universities, a modern legal system, and the civil service.

Much of this was built to strengthen the empire, but the same period also brought engineers, doctors, architects, and scholars from Europe.

Some of them turned their attention to a different task, digging into India's own past and helping recover a history that had long remained buried.

Before Prinsep's breakthrough, India's oldest inscriptions were treated as decoration rather than as document. Coins bore symbols that left interpreters baffled, while pillars stood as monuments without meaning.

Prinsep, an Englishman whose curiosity ranged from metallurgy to epigraphy, changed that permanently.

His decipherment of Brahmi in 1837 opened Ashoka's edicts to modern readers and revealed, for the first time, the emperor's central role in spreading Buddhism throughout a vast empire.

Prinsep then turned to India's ancient coinage, reading legends and symbols that helped scholars build a reliable timeline for dynasties long since dissolved into legend.

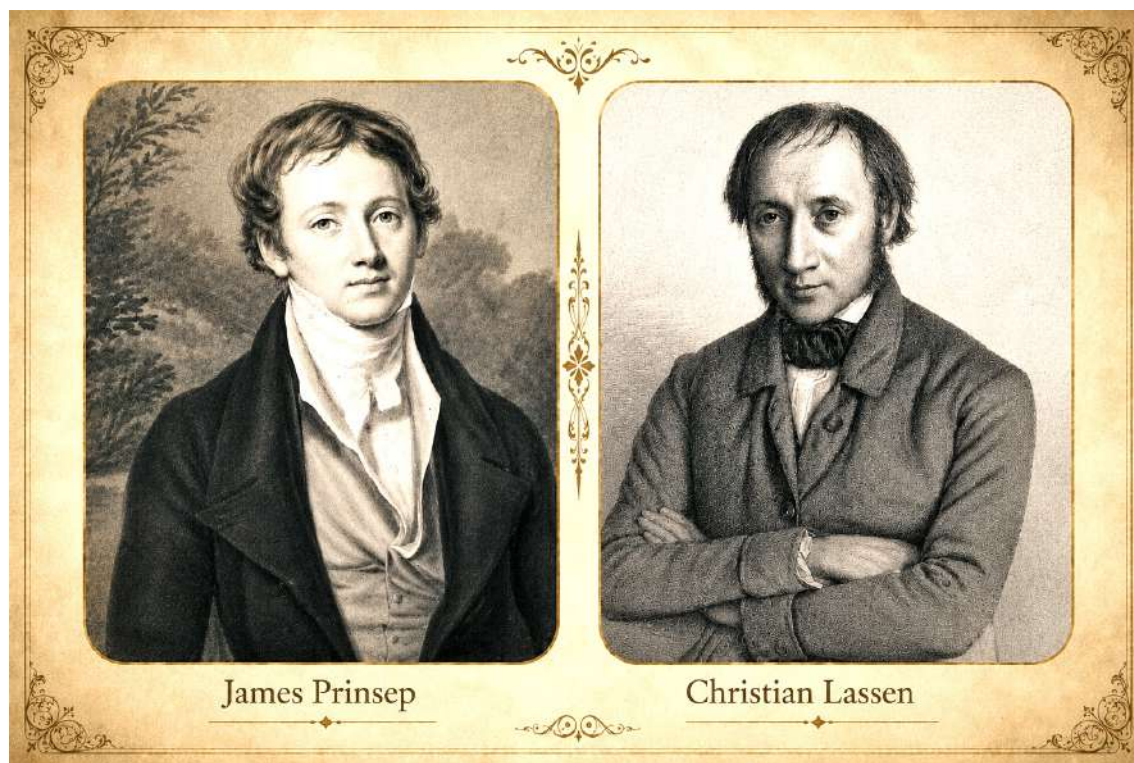
He founded the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, giving Indian historical scholarship its first serious platform for exchange.

Sadly, illness took his life at the age of forty, ending a career that had already changed the field.

Most scholars spend a lifetime trying to achieve as much. Prinsep did it in just over a decade.

Nine hundred miles to the west, in Bonn, a Norwegian-born professor named Christian Lassen pursued a parallel puzzle.

He built his career studying Sanskrit and Prakrit texts, and he



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turned his expertise toward another forgotten script: Kharosthi, used on coins minted by the Indo-Greek rulers who once governed the northwestern reaches of the subcontinent.

Working from bilingual coins that

paired Greek letters with Kharosthi characters, Lassen pieced together the script's structure, complementing Prinsep's work on Brahmi and giving historians the tools to reconstruct the Indo-Greek, Indo-Scythian, and Kushan kingdoms in

far greater detail.

His later work, *Indische Alterthumskunde*, stood as the standard reference on ancient Indian history, geography, religion, and culture for decades, cementing his place among the founders of

modern Indology.

Together, the two men accomplished something larger than script decipherment.

They separated documented history from myth in a culture rich with legend, folklore, and religious narrative, where the two often blend together seamlessly.

That separation demanded painstaking scholarship, and traditional scholars resisted the change it brought.

Their approach nonetheless became the foundation of modern historical research in India, one built on inscriptions and coins instead of oral tradition alone.

The paradox runs through Indian historiography still.

India today counts distinguished historians, archaeologists, and epigraphists among its scholarly ranks, and much of their research builds on ground first cleared by Prinsep and Lassen two centuries ago.

The scripts they cracked open now sit in museum collections, in translated inscriptions, and in the reconstructed chronologies that fill history textbooks.

Their story complicates any simple account of the colonial period, revealing how conquest and scholarship sometimes advanced hand in hand, leaving discoveries that belong today to the country they once helped illuminate.

Prinsep died young, and Lassen worked far from the monuments he studied, but their combined labour gave a civilization access to its own deep past.

Ashoka's stone commands, silent for two thousand years, still speak because two men from distant corners of Europe learned to listen.

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The Seal That Spoke in Harappa's Dust

An archaeologist's palm holds a steatite square and hears the Pashupati figure teach how the Indus Valley's grid streets and covered drains rested on strengths that never needed to match.



Muskan Shafi Malik

I wandered the lower town of Harappa under the midday sun that warmed the ancient baked bricks.

The air held the presence of a forgotten world. Kneeling near the remains of an artisan's workshop, a small square object half-buried in the dust drew my attention.

Brushing the dirt free revealed the Pashupati Seal.

The horned figure sat in his yogic pose, animal companions carved around him.

The stone grew warm in my hand. Carved animals seemed to shift, and a deep gentle voice sounded inside my mind. History books flashed through recollection as the voice identified itself.

"I am the protector of all beasts," it rumbled. "Giants walking the earth, creatures of the sea, even the little fish swimming the great Indus river receive my watch."

The spirit of Pashupati spoke through the seal. Curiosity pushed a question forward: the great humped bull appears on so many seals, so what place does he hold.

Warmth projected from the figure: "The bull is my best friend. He forms

the heart of this land. He works tirelessly in the fields alongside farmers beneath the hot sun, turning soil so crops grow and people eat. His strength is a gift of hard work and loyalty."

Closer look showed the tiger and elephant flanking the yogi.

A further question asked whether those friends argued. A low chuckle answered: "Long ago the Tiger and the Elephant fought here in the jungle."

Pashupati told the Argument of Size. The Elephant boasted that massive frame made him most important. The Tiger bared fangs and claimed small agile form made him true king, speed and claws outweighing heavy bulk.

Roars and trumpets shook Indus Valley trees and sent smaller creatures fleeing.

The tale supplied a lesson: civilizations flourish when individuals contribute unique gifts regardless of strength or status.

"I called them both to the riverbank," Pashupati said, "and made them look at their reflections. I told them no single way exists to be great. The Elephant's size clears paths through densest jungle so others travel. The Tiger's swift form keeps herds in balance. Creatures need not match to hold value. Distinct strength belongs to all."

The voice faded into wind moving through the ruins: "They understood. Large or small, fierce or gentle, creatures hold purpose."

The stone cooled, animals returned to stillness, and I placed the seal back into the earth for archaeologists to recover.

The story remained.

People of 2026 place primary emphasis on hygiene and cleanliness.



The Indus Valley Civilization, lasting approximately 2600 BCE to 1900 BCE and also called the Harappan Civilization, formed a Bronze Age society in the northwestern regions of South Asia, modern-day Pakistan and northwest India.

It ranked among the three early cradles of the Old World and stood geographically the most extensive.

Advanced urban planning produced precise grid layouts and standardized fired brick architecture. Covered street drains, private wells, and indoor bathrooms created the

most sophisticated sanitation of the ancient world.

Extensive exchange networks, uniform weights, and an enigmatic undeciphered script carved on stone seals sustained the society.

Because the actual script remains undeciphered, the writing and translations here remain entirely fictional, created solely for storytelling.

Scorching sun gave way to dark clouds as the Indus river began swelling. I turned toward home with the intention to return and hear further stories held in remaining arts, seals,

and sealings.

The grid streets, drains, bricks, weights, and networks already show how varied capacities produced lasting order.

The Pashupati seal encodes the same principle: the bull's labour, the elephant's clearance, and the tiger's balance together sustained the civilization.

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People alleged that repeated appeals to the concerned authorities have failed to yield any tangible results, forcing families to either consume unsafe water or arrange drinking water through private means. (Observer News Service)

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The Cockroach Who Won't Leave: The Making Of Abhijeet Dipke

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NEW DELHI: When Abhijeet Dipke stood before thousands of students at Jantar Mantar on Saturday after Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned, he did not dwell on his own role in creating one of the biggest youth stirs in recent years.

Instead, he sought to turn the moment into a lesson on democracy.

"This resignation is the evidence that if you don't get scared, don't bend before this government, you can get a resignation," he proclaimed. "If you are scared to speak, how is it democracy?... They think they are kings because we sent them there."

For the 30-year-old founder of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), the resignation was never meant to be the end of the story. "This is the first wicket," he told the crowd. "This is just the beginning."

That ability to convert a political victory into a larger argument about democratic participation perhaps explains how a man who, by his own admission, was applying for jobs in the United States barely two months ago ended up leading a movement that forced the resignation of a Union minister.

When PTI interviewed him in early June, Dipke was preparing to fly back from Boston, where he had completed a master's degree in public relations.

He expected to be arrested the moment he landed in India. "I'll most probably get arrested from the airport," he had said. Only weeks earlier, he recalled, he had been planning a career abroad. As international attention around CJP grew, multinational companies in the US and Europe offered him jobs. He turned them down.

The gamble has transformed both his life and India's political conversation.

Born out of satire after unemployed youth were likened to "cockroaches", CJP rapidly evolved into what Dipke insisted on calling a "political youth movement".

At the outset, he argued that its popularity reflected not his own appeal but the failure of the political establishment to address unemployment, education and the aspirations of young Indians.

"It's the failure of the political ecosystem that they have failed to cater to the aspirations, the needs, the concerns and the hope of the youth," he had told PTI. "The youth have followed a party which was born out of satire. There could be no bigger explanation than this."

That belief continues to define his politics. On Saturday, as chants celebrating the resignation echoed across Jantar Mantar, Dipke repeatedly steered the conversation away from personalities and back to issues.

"The youth have shown they can force anyone's resignation if they want," he said. "The people who said this government never listens have been proved wrong."

Then came perhaps the clearest articulation yet of what he wants the movement to become.

"If politics of Hindu-Muslim does not happen and issue-based politics happens, then thrones would shake," he said. "The youth of this country will not fall into the trap of Hindu-Muslim politics. They will talk about employment."

Those who have watched the protests from the beginning say that instinct to resist personality politics has been visible throughout the agitation. Dipke insisted that only slogans centred on students' demands be raised. On one occasion, when supporters began chanting slogans hailing him, he immediately stopped them, reminding the gathering that the movement belonged to students, not to an individual.

Even on Saturday, arguably the biggest day of his public life, was spent widening the movement's demands rather than declaring victory.

Calling the resignation "justice" for students who died by suicide, he demanded action against police personnel involved in violence on July 20, withdrawal of cases against protesting students, and reforms in the examination system.

His trademark symbolism also remained intact. "A cockroach, once it enters, does not leave so easily," he smiled, before delivering a warning to officers he accused of attacking protesters. "If we can take a minister's resignation, who are you? Don't mess with the cockroach."

Dipke's own journey is far removed from the image of a conventional political leader.

Born into a Dalit family in Maharashtra, he studied mass communication and journalism before moving to the United States to pursue a master's degree in public relations at Boston University.

Friends and associates describe him as someone who gravitated towards political communication rather than electoral politics, using digital media, satire and popular culture to engage young audiences.

Before launching CJP, Dipke worked in political communications and volunteered with the Aam Aadmi Party's social media team between 2020 and 2023, helping create digital campaigns and online political messaging. His familiarity with internet culture would later become one of CJP's defining strengths, with memes, humour and sharp messaging attracting millions of followers in a matter of weeks.



Students' Agitation Warning to BJP-RSS: Rahul

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NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said the students' agitation against paper leaks has given a warning to the BJP-RSS regime that they cannot run the government as their personal fiefdom, and in case they did, they would face 10 times the scale of what happened during the stir.

Gandhi said Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan was a symbol of corruption and "it is good that he is gone". Pradhan resigned on Saturday amid mounting pressure due to the protests over the NEET paper leak controversy.

He described the student protest as a fight between "the past" represented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the RSS, and the future of India. And we are very confident that the future of India will defeat the past," Gandhi said.

"First of all, it is a victory of our students who are the future of India," he said, lauding the students for holding against the powers.

On the resignation of the education minister, he said, "Pradhan is a symbol of corruption, destruction of the education system, incompetence. He had to go. It is good that he has gone."

"But now, concrete steps to change the education system will have to be taken by the government. RSS' capture of India's education system has to go. The RSS had worked like a termite with our education system and has made it hollow," he alleged.

not accept forces shooting students and that it will be made a major issue in Parliament.

He also accused the RSS of capturing India's education system and making it hollow like termites. "It has to go."

Asked if the Congress would support the bill proposing stringent punishment for paper leaks that the government intends to bring in Parliament, Gandhi said the Congress alone would not be able to take a call on this as it would be a decision based on opposition consensus.

"We are here to protect the students of India, to protect the future of India. As I said, this is a fight between the past, which is Narendra Modi and the RSS,

Yemen Fire Missiles, Drones At Saudi Arabia In Response To Strikes

Agencies

CAIRO: Yemen's Iran-allied military said Saturday that they fired missiles and drones at Saudi Arabia in response to Saudi airstrikes on the strategic Red Sea city of Hodeida, in another escalation over vital shipping routes in the Middle East, while the United States and Iran vie for control of the Strait of Hormuz.

Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree, the military spokesman, said in a prerecorded statement that the attack targeted facilities in the Red Sea cities of Yanbu and Jizan that belong to Aramco, the world's largest oil company. Saudi Arabia's civil defence said alerts sounded multiple times early Saturday in both cities, but the Kingdom hasn't commented further.

There were no reported strikes overnight in Iran, in an apparent break from nearly two weeks of consecutive nights of US attacks, though tension remains high following a recent escalation between the two countries over the Strait of Hormuz.

Red Sea escalation further threatens global shipping. The rising tension in the Red Sea threatens to further choke global shipping because the rebels have said they would close the Bab el-Mandeb Strait to Saudi-linked shipping.

That strait, at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, is a vital shipping chokepoint, connecting the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden. Around 12 per cent of the world's trade, including a quarter of its container traffic, passes through the narrows.

The Houthis targeted two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea this week. In response, Saudi Arabia struck the Yemeni port city of Hodeida, the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said early Saturday. The strikes late Friday hit the city's port and the state-run telecommunications corporation, injuring two people, said Anees al-Asbahi, a spokesman for the Houthi-run health ministry.

The Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen said it didn't hit the port but struck "legitimate military targets" in Hodeida province, which "were linked to threats to commercial vessels in the Red Sea."

Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, called for "diplomacy and dialogue" to solve the Yemen conflict without "military confrontations" in an interview published Saturday in the state-run Iran newspaper.

No new strikes overnight in Iran, but tension remains high "Iran had a peaceful night," Hossein Kermanpour, a spokesperson for Iran's Health Ministry, posted Saturday on X.



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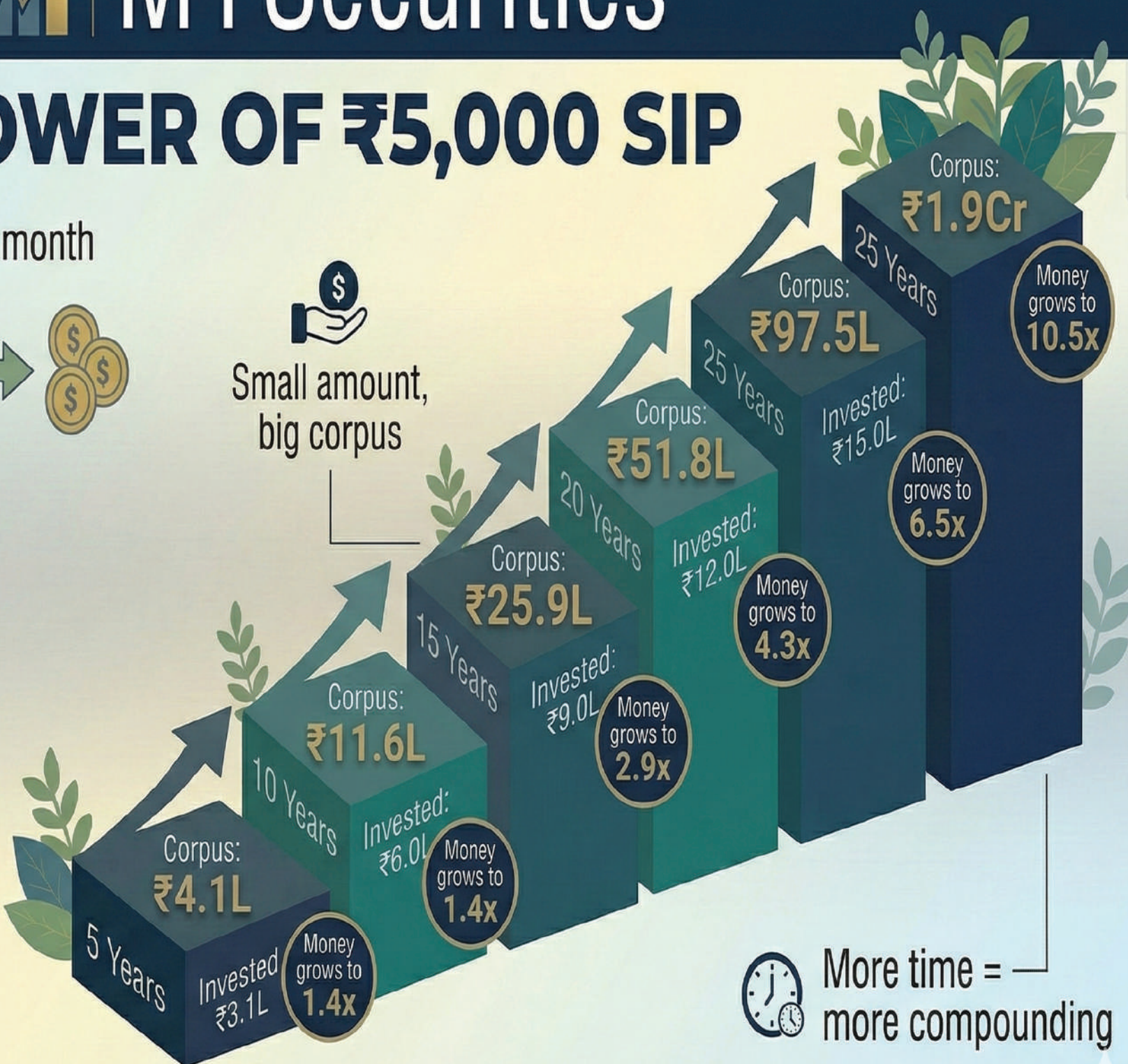
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