

Modi flags off 1st hydrogen-powered train, calls it successful example of Make in India campaign

PM dedicates, lays foundation stones for devp projects worth Rs 14,700 Cr, including Rs 9,680 Cr Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway stretch.

JIND: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday flagged off India's first hydrogen-powered train connecting Jind and Sonipat in Haryana, calling it a major leap towards green mobility and a successful example of the 'Make in India' campaign.

With this, India has joined a select group of countries that have operational hydrogen-powered trains and marks an important step towards the adoption of clean and sustainable mobility in the railway sector.

After flagging off the train from Jind, the prime minister also dedicated to the nation and laid foundation stone of various development projects worth Rs 14,700 crore.

Modi said the hydrogen-powered train is a proud symbol of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and our commitment to cleaner, fu-

ture-ready transportation. Today, Indian Railways has taken a major step and this is the world's most powerful hydrogen train, he said addressing a public gathering later.

The 89-km distance between Jind and Sonipat will be covered in two hours, with the train halting at 12 intermediate stations.

Modi also took a veiled dig at the previous Congress-led UPA government, saying had the situation due to West Asia conflict arisen before 2014, the work of Indian Railways would have come to a standstill as trains in large parts of the country used to run mainly on diesel.

"At that time, in large parts of our country our trains used to run on diesel only. Had diesel supplies been disrupted then, how would diesel-powered trains have operated? The country would have faced a



- India debuts world's most powerful Hydrogen Train Club
- 10-coach, 3,200 HP train will run between Jind & Sonipat
- Train will operate at a maximum speed of 75 km per hour
- 89-km Jind-Sonipat route will be covered in about 2 hours
- Hydrogen rail infra expected to generate job prospects

massive crisis. But friends, this is not the situation of 2014. It is Modi, who thinks well before and also turns solutions to problems into reality on the ground," he said.

Referring to the West

Asia conflict, Modi said, "You are seeing that for past several months, war has been going on in West Asia, across the entire region of (Strait of) Hormuz, involving Iran, and the Gulf. It is **P11**

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The EARTH NEWS joins the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

6 assets attached under NDPS Act

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Police have attached properties worth about Rs 65 lakh belonging to two alleged drug peddlers in Jammu and Rajouri districts under the NDPS Act as part of an intensified drive against narcotics trafficking, officials said.

In Jammu, the police seized and froze illegally acquired movable properties worth over Rs 38 lakh belonging to Sharif Hussain alias Bachu, a resident of the Nikki Tawi area.

The attached assets include cash amounting to Rs 14.15 lakh, a Mahindra Scorpio-N SUV valued at Rs 22.33 lakh

and a Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycle worth approximately Rs 1.50 lakh.

Investigations established that the assets had been acquired through proceeds of illicit drug trafficking and were identified as illegally acquired properties under Chapter V-A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the police said.

The properties were attached under Section 68F(1) of the NDPS Act.

Officials said Hussain is a habitual offender involved in multiple criminal cases, including repeated offences under the NDPS Act.

In a separate action, the police attached an immovable property **P11**

Police hold Thana Divas under NMJKA

HANDWARA: In a sustained endeavour to foster stronger police-public relations, promote community-oriented policing, and intensify the campaign against drug abuse under the ongoing Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyaan, Handwara Police organised Lok Darbar/Thana Divas across various Police Stations and Police Posts in the district. The **P11**

One killed, 3 SOG personnel injured in 'firing' incident

BHADERWAH: A man was killed and three Special Operations Group (SOG) personnel were injured in firing after he allegedly tried to snatch a service rifle here in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Friday.

A religious preacher has been detained in connection with the incident, which occurred late Thursday night, the police officials said. The detained person's link to the incident was not immediately clear.

An SOG team laid an ambush on Thursday along the Jaie-Gandoh road, about 35 km from Bhaderwah town, following reports of suspicious movement in the high-altitude area, a senior officer said.

Around 11.30 pm, the SOG team intercepted a youth who allegedly attacked the personnel and attempted to **P11**

Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2026 LG visits Nunwan Base Camp, inspects facilities for pilgrims

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday visited the Nunwan base camp and inspected the facilities in place for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims.

At the Base Camp, the Lieutenant Governor chaired a meeting with senior officials and reviewed the arrangements being made for essential services provided to pilgrims including drinking water, electricity, telecom connectivity, accommodation, food, healthcare, emergency services and security. He also inspected the Yatra



Registration Counter and reviewed the registration process.

The Lieutenant Governor directed all departments to work in mission mode to ensure the welfare of the pilgrims.

"Today marks 15 days

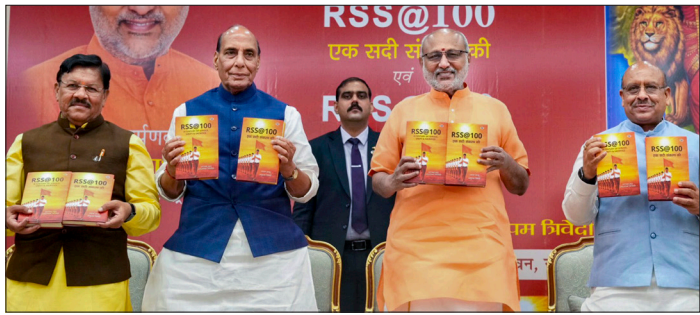
since the pilgrimage began, and in these 15 days more than 3.50 Lakh pilgrims have had darshan of Baba Bholenath. By the grace of Lord Shiva, the yatra is proceeding smoothly. There is great enthusiasm among devotees **P11**

Over 4600 pilgrims leave for holy shrine

JAMMU: A fresh batch of 4,640 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here early Friday for the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra amid tight security arrangements, officials said.

More than 3.45 lakh pilgrims have paid obeisance to Lord Shiva at the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine till now. The 16th **P11**

RSS misunderstood despite century of service: Rajnath



NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has been serving the country and society continuously for the last 100 years, but a large section of people remains either "uninformed" or "misinformed" about the organisation because

of narratives built around it. Addressing the release of the book 'RSS at 100: A Century of Service, Unity and Sacrifice' at the Vice President's Enclave here, Singh said the RSS has grown from a small voluntary organisation founded by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar in **P11**

Lakhanpur to be nurtured as street food hub: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Friday said that Lakhanpur has been selected among 50 towns across the country to be developed as a 'street food hub' under the PM SVANidhi initiative, while announcing the construction of a Rs 1.5 crore gateway monument at the entry point to Jammu and Kashmir.

The minister, who was accorded a warm welcome by street food vendors and traders during his visit to



the Lakhanpur Vendors Market, said the Narendra Modi government has, for the first time, prioritised

the welfare of street vendors through a dedicated national scheme. Addressing **P11**

Congress to join July 20 NC's protest

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Congress president Tariq Hamid Karra on Friday said the party will join the National Conference's statehood protest in New Delhi, asserting that the movement was initiated by the grand old party.

Addressing a press conference here, Karra said the NC has invited the Congress leadership, including party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, to join **P11**

Court denies bail in Farooq's assassination attempt case

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JAMMU: A Jammu court on Friday rejected the bail plea of Kamal Singh Jamwal, accused in the alleged attempt-to-murder case involving former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah in March.

Denying the bail to 65-year-old Jamwal, Principal Sessions Judge Jammu R N Watal cited the gravity of the allegations, the larger public interest and the possibility of the offence being repeated.

Abdullah had a miraculous escape when Jamwal allegedly opened fire on him after coming from

behind while he was leaving a marriage function at Royal Park Banquet Hall in the Greater Kailash area of Jammu on March 11. A revolver used in the crime was recovered from the possession of the accused.

On March 14, Jammu and Kashmir police constituted a special investigation team under the supervision of a deputy inspector general of police to probe the case.

"Attack on public figure or Ex-CM Dr Farooq Abdullah is viewed not just as a crime against an individual but as an assault on public order and democratic stability. It carries a profound societal impact, threatening **P11**

JeM module busted; IED plot foiled: ATS

AHMEDABAD: The five suspects arrested two days ago for alleged links with a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) module in Gujarat were trying to learn bomb-making techniques and preparing to carry out blasts, the state Anti Terrorist Squad claimed on Friday.

Five men from different districts of Gujarat were arrested on July 15, days after the ATS busted an alleged JeM module. A court at Kadi in Mehsana district on Thursday remanded them in eight-day police (ATS) custody.

"During the interrogation of Mohammed Amin Shera, arrested earlier this month, a shocking de-

tail emerged that another group of persons was involved with him in making preparations for a blast," ATS Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Sunil Joshi told reporters.

Bilal Shera (24), a resident of Ahmedabad and educated at Jamiat-ul-Uloom Madrasa in Sabarkantha; Mohammad Ayyub Kadiwal (22), resident of Patan and studying at Jamia Abul Hasan Madrasa in Khadiyasan; Mohammad Ayyubhai Sunsara (20), resident of Patan and studying at Darul Uloom Matliwala Madrasa in Bharuch; Shafi Raees Mukhi (21), resident of **P11**

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