

RS clears Bill
to criminalise
'disrespect' to
Vande Mataram

NEW DELHI: The Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed a bill to make insult to the national song 'Vande Mataram' a criminal offence, ending the over week-long impasse by taking up legislative agenda amid the Opposition's uproar over police action against students protesting NEET paper leak.

The Opposition, led by the Congress, staged a walk-out as Deputy Chairman Harivansh allowed the members to speak on 'The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026' after lunch, despite uproar in the House.

Replying to the discussion on the bill, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said ► P11

LS Passes Anti-Paper Leak Amendment Bill
Dr Jitendra rejects charges against Amit Shah; says no bullet fired on protesters



NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha on Wednesday approved a bill to amend the anti-paper leak law with stricter punishment with government asserting that the measure was taken as it is "open to learning from experiences".

The Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 was introduced in the ► P11

- SALIENT FEATURES OF BILL
1. Empowers all state governments and Union Territory (UT) administrations to designate any sessions court to be a special fast-track court to try offences under the proposed law.

2. To provide that the proceedings in such Special Fast Track Courts are continued on day-to-day basis and the trial be completed within a period of three months from the date of filing of the charge sheet.

3. To empower the central government to also constitute special task force for investigation of any offence.

4. To provide that the investigations for offences under the legislation are completed within a period of two months.

5. To empower all state governments and UT administrations to appoint one or more special public prosecutors for conduct of cases under the legislation.

6. To provide for appeal mechanism as against any judgment, sentence or order to a bench of two judges of the high court, and for disposal of the same within a period of three months from the date of admission of appeal.

7. Under the new law, individuals involved in paper leaks or unfair means in exams will get jail terms for a minimum of five years and a maximum of 10 years, and a fine of up to Rs 50 lakh.

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

Toll rises to 37 in unrest: JAAC
BJP seeks UNHRC probe into killings by Pak forces in PoJK

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir BJP on Wednesday urged the United Nations Human Rights Council and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to take cognisance of the reported killing of protesters in Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK) and ensure those responsible are held accountable.

According to the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC), a collective of activist groups, 37 unarmed peaceful protesters and people, including women and children who were not even protesting, have been killed by Pakistani forces in PoJK in the last two

days. The claim could not be independently verified.

It said the violence erupted on Monday when the JAAC launched a long march, coinciding with the first phase of polls for the so-called legislative assembly in PoJK.

Expressing anguish and grave concern over the reports of civilian casualties and the use of excessive force against peaceful protesters, J&K BJP's Human Rights Cell co-convenor Sarfraz Hamid Rather said the situation warrants the immediate attention of the international community.

"It is deeply disturbing that despite grave human rights violations (by Pakistan forces), the response of global human rights institutions appears muted," he said in a statement here.

He asserted that human rights are universal, indivisible, and inalienable, and cannot be protected selectively based on geography, political considerations, or strategic interests.

The BJP leader called upon the UNHRC, OHCHR, and other credible international human rights organisations to take immediate cognisance of the reported incidents, ascertain the facts through an independent and impartial process, and ensure that a fair, transparent, and credible investigation is conducted.

Those responsible must be held accountable in ► P11

J-K Bank posts net profit of Rs 424 Cr

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Delivering another quarter of steady financial performance, J&K Bank today posted a net profit of Rs 424.18 Cr for the quarter ended June 30, 2026. The Bank announced the financial results after the Board of Directors approved the quarterly numbers in a meeting held today at the Bank's corporate headquarters.

Business Growth

Continuing its strong growth trajectory, the Bank's advances grew by 25% YoY to Rs 130503 Cr during the quarter while the deposits increased by 17% year-on-year to Rs 173420 Cr. Consequently,



the Bank's total business registered a healthy growth of over 20%, crossing the historic milestone of Rupees Three Trillion and at Rs 303923 Cr as on June 30, 2026.

Speaking on business growth, MD & CEO said, "Crossing the landmark milestone of Rs 3 trillion in total business marks ► P11

IFFJK'26: 50 nations send 875 entries

SRINAGAR: The inaugural International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) 2026 has received 875 film submissions from around 50 countries so far, reflecting the growing international interest in the Union Territory's cinematic initiative, an official spokesperson said on Wednesday.

The film submission window will remain open till Thursday, giving filmmakers a final opportunity to register their entries for the festival's maiden edition. The festival, being organised by the ► P11

Chhari Mubarak taken to Pahalgam for rituals
2,051 pilgrims leave base camp for Shri Amarnath Ji pilgrimage

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Rituals for 'Chhari Mubarak', age-old traditions associated with the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra, formally began on Wednesday, Mahant Deependra Giri said.

'Chhari Mubarak', the saffron-robed silver mace of Lord Shiva, was taken from its abode at Dashnami Akshara here to Pahalgam in Anantnag district for the Bhoomi Pujan ritual.

Chanting Vedic hymns, a group of sadhus led by Giri,



custodian of the holy mace, left for Gauri Shankar Temple, Pahalgam, where the bhoomi puja of the holy mace will be held, Girri said.

He said the holy mace will stop at Martand temple in Mattan area for a ► P11

NEET Leak: Court takes chargesheet on record

NEW DELHI: The designated fast-track court to deal with criminal cases linked to paper leaks and the use of other unfair means in public examinations on Wednesday took on record the CBI's chargesheet in the NEET paper leak case.

Special Judge Anu Grover Baliga, took on record the agency's final report against the 13 accused and granted the CBI time to file annexures.

The CBI said that around 20,000 pages of ► P11



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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2026

KEY RATIOS

Year-on-year (YOY)

Operating Profit Growth

4.50 %

Gross NPA

2.37 %

Net NPA

0.60 %

Capital Adequacy Ratio

16.67 %

Provision Coverage Ratio

90.53 %

(₹ in Lakh)

S. No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		QUARTER ENDED				QUARTER ENDED			
		30.06.2026 (REVIEWED)	31.03.2026 (AUDITED)	30.06.2025 (REVIEWED)	31.03.2026 (AUDITED)	30.06.2026 (REVIEWED)	31.03.2026 (AUDITED)	30.06.2025 (REVIEWED)	31.03.2026 (AUDITED)
1	Total income from operations (net)	3,76,002	3,53,106	3,51,706	14,08,505	3,76,496	3,53,579	3,52,114	14,10,138
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	61,924	86,052	65,775	2,95,788	62,080	86,232	65,936	2,96,358
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	61,924	86,052	65,775	2,95,788	62,080	86,232	65,936	2,96,358
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	42,418	79,780	48,484	2,36,347	42,880	79,856	48,453	2,35,951
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period {Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)}	Refer Note No. 2				Refer Note No. 2			
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	11,013	11,013	11,013	11,013	11,013	11,013	11,013	11,013
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year				15,11,910				14,86,902
8	Securities Premium Account	2,91,950	2,91,950	2,91,950	2,91,950	2,91,950	2,91,950	2,91,950	2,91,950
9	Net Worth	15,57,738	15,04,586	13,54,962	15,04,586	15,36,769	14,97,916	13,30,506	14,97,916
10	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	2,38,100	2,38,100	2,38,100	2,38,100				
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-				
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.15	0.16	0.18	0.16				
13	Total Debts to total assets	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02				
14	Operating Margin (%)	18.70%	25.79%	19.13%	21.20%				
15	Net Profit Margin (%)	11.28%	22.59%	13.79%	16.78%				
16	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (₹ 1/- each) for continuing and discontinued operations								
	Basic : (* not annualized)	3.85*	7.24*	4.40*	21.46	3.89*	7.25*	4.40*	21.42
	Diluted : (* not annualized)	3.85*	7.24*	4.40*	21.46	3.89*	7.25*	4.40*	21.42
17	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-				
18	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-				

Note:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarter and year ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter and year ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on Bank's website <https://jkb.bank.in/investor/financial-information/financial-results>

2. Information relating to Total comprehensive Income and Other Comprehensive Income is not furnished as Ind AS is not yet made applicable to Banks.

Place : Srinagar
Dated : 29th July, 2026

For and on behalf of the Board

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