

3 new laws transform criminal justice system, revolutionise India: LG Gupta

Lauds Ladakh Police for effective implementation of new laws in UT

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LEH: On July 1, 2024, India launched a landmark overhaul of its criminal justice system with the introduction of three new laws, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA). Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor, Kavinder Gupta, highlighted these changes on Monday while inaugurating a two-day exhibition on the new laws, hosted by Ladakh Police at the Arya Nagarjuna Auditorium Hall, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Choglamsar, alongside First Lady Bindu Gupta.

Replacing outdated colonial-era laws, these reforms prioritize swift justice, victim empowerment, advanced technology, and enhanced protection of citizens' rights.



“These laws replace the colonial-era legislation with a framework aimed at ensuring faster justice, empowering victims, strengthening the use of technology, and safeguarding citizens' rights,” LG stated. He was accompanied by First

Lady, Bindu Gupta. The Lt Governor said that the new laws reflect the Prime Minister's vision of a transparent, citizen-centric, and technology-driven justice system that delivers to the last mile. He added that under the

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has taken a decisive step towards replacing outdated colonial frameworks with a legal system rooted in the spirit of justice, equality, and modern governance. ▶P11

‘Not only India, Pahalgam attack strike against humanity’ At SCO Summit, Modi slams double standards in combating terrorism, calls for global unity

TIANJIN/NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemned the Pahalgam terror attack as a strike against humanity, urging global leaders at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to reject double standards in fighting terrorism on Monday.

In the presence of Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Chinese President Xi Jinping and many other global leaders, Modi, addressing the annual summit of the SCO, emphasized that open support for terrorism by any nation is unacceptable and fighting terrorism is the "duty towards humanity".

“The Pahalgam terror attack was not only an assault on India's conscience, but it was an open challenge to every nation that believes in humanity,” PM Modi said, strongly pitching for shunning ‘double standards’ in combating terrorism.

In an unambiguous message to Pakistan and those



supporting it, the prime minister said: "It is natural to ask -- can the open support for terrorism by certain countries ever be acceptable to us?"

Modi, in an apparent reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), said connectivity projects that bypass sovereignty lose both

trust and meaning. India has been critical of BRI as part of it passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

"We must state it clearly and in one voice: double standards on terrorism are unacceptable. Together, we must oppose terrorism in every form and manifestation. This

is our responsibility towards humanity," he said.

The prime minister said no country, society or citizen can consider themselves "completely safe" from terrorism.

In response to the Pahalgam terror attack, India launched Operation ▶P11

‘Statehood, 6th Schedule Non-Negotiable; DANICS, DANIPS Unacceptable’ LAB—KDA demand meaningful dialogue, will resist every bid to suppress peaceful agitation

YASH KHAJURIA

LEH: In a powerful demonstration of political unity, the Apex Body Leh and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) on Monday passed a joint resolution demanding full statehood for Ladakh along with constitutional safeguards under the Sixth Schedule. The resolution, endorsed by senior leaders from both Leh and Kargil, has heightened pressure on the Union Government to respond to Ladakh's long-standing political aspirations ahead of its scheduled deliberations with regional representatives.

The meeting, convened in



Leh, witnessed leaders from Buddhist-majority Leh and Muslim-majority Kargil forging consensus on what they described as the “principal agenda” for dialogue with the Ministry of Home Affairs. The resolution underlined that statehood and constitutional protection remain central to Ladakh's political future, particularly in the aftermath of the abrogation of Article 370 and the region's separation from Jammu and Kashmir in 2019.

Signatories to the resolution included President of the Ladakh Buddhist Association, Chering Dorjay Lakrook, former minister Nawang ▶P11

UT Admn resolute in rebuilding flood-affected areas: LG Gupta

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LEH: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, Monday reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of the UT Ladakh Administration towards speedy restoration and holistic development of flood-affected areas in the region.

He said that every possible measure is being taken to rehabilitate the affected families and to rebuild the damaged infrastructure with a long-term vision of resilience and sustainability.

This was stated by the Lieutenant Governor while interacting with a delegation led by the Councillor from Chushul, Konchok ▶P11



CEC welcomes new Assistant General Manager of J&K Bank

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KARGIL: Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun, extended a warm welcome to the newly posted Assistant General Manager and Cluster Head of J&K Bank, Kargil, Ishfaq Sarwar Malik.

During the meeting, Dr. Akhoun discussed various issues related to J&K Bank's services, as well as the ongoing and proposed projects under the Bank's CSR initiatives.

Emphasizing the importance of these initiatives for the socio-economic develop-



ment of Kargil, the CEC highlighted key areas where J&K Bank's support could bring significant community bene-

fits. One of the major points of discussion was the proposal for a special recruitment drive for local youth in ▶P11

Modi-led govt vows swift relief for flood victims; Shah surveys Jammu devastation

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JAMMU: While undertaking a whirlwind tour of a worst-hit areas across Jammu, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday the Narendra Modi government is committed to ensuring the rehabilitation of those affected by recent floods in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah visited Manguchak village near the Jammu airport and was accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Leader of Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Sunil Sharma and other senior BJP leaders, including the party's Jammu and Kashmir unit chief, Sat



Sharma.

The home minister arrived in Jammu on Sunday night to assess the flood situation and the relief efforts.

After meeting visitors at the Raj Bhawan, Shah left for Manguchak, one of the worst-

hit villages, for a first-hand account of the situation.

He interacted with the villagers and assured them of proper relief and rehabilitation, officials said.

"Today, visited Chak Mangu (Manguchak), a vil-

lage affected by the recent floods in Jammu. Relief and rescue operations are being carried out in full swing by disaster response forces, along with providing assistance in medical care to the affected people. The Modi govt is committed to taking adequate measures for the rehabilitation of the affected people," Shah said in a post on X.

Earlier, the home minister stopped on the Tawi bridge, near Bikram Chowk, and inspected the damage along the riverbanks. He was briefed by Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and other senior officers.

"The home minister visited my house and assured me of relief.... There is ▶P11

622 killed in deadly Afg quake

KABUL: The highly destructive earthquake killed at least 622 people, injuring more than 1,300 and destroying entire villages in remote mountainous provinces located in the Afghanistan's eastern side – specifically in the Kunar and Nangarhar areas, Taliban officials said on Monday.

International bodies are working at record pace to deliver aid and partaking in rescue operations, as Afghanistan grapples from the aftermath of a massive earthquake.

The 6.0-magnitude quake hit at ▶P11

SCO concurs with India in P'gam condemnation

TIANJIN: The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on Monday strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attack and concurred with India's position that "double standards" in the fight against terrorism are unacceptable.

The influential grouping listed its strong resolve to combat terrorism in a declaration that was unveiled at the end of its two-day annual summit, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and many other global leaders.

The SCO said it recognised the leading role of sovereign

states and their competent authorities in countering terrorist and extremist threats.

The SCO member states also condemned the military strikes by Israel in Gaza, as it has led to numerous casualties among the civilian population and a catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Strip.

The declaration said the member states noted the role of the SCO in restoring the global economy, maintaining the stability of global production and supply chains, and ensuring further sustainable development.

The SCO's affirmation comes amid the Trump administration's tariff tussle. The declaration ▶P11

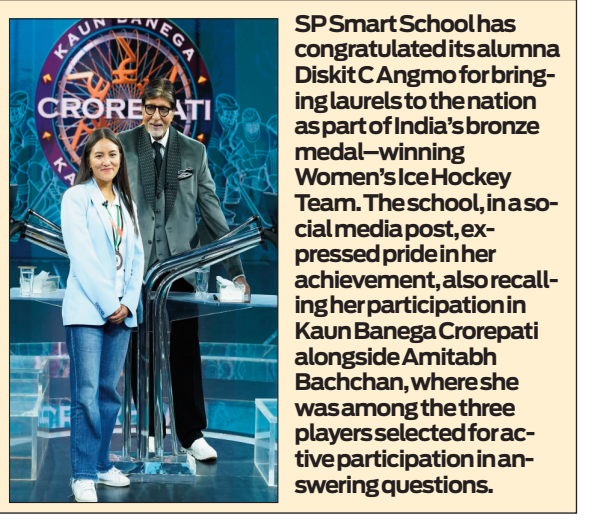
KBC 17 salutes Ladakh's daughters: India Women's Ice Hockey Team shines on NSD

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LEH: Amitabh Bachchan's Kaun Banega Crorepati season 17 turned into a celebration of grit and glory as the Indian Women's Ice Hockey Team took center stage for a National Sports Day special episode.

These young women, hailing from the remote and icy terrains of Ladakh, have scripted history by winning a bronze medal at the prestigious IIHF Asia Cup – a first for Indian women's ice hockey.

Facing extreme weather, scarce infrastructure, and minimal resources, ▶P11



SP SmartSchool has congratulated its alumna Diskit C Angmo for bringing laurels to the nation as part of India's bronze medal-winning Women's Ice Hockey Team. The school, in a social media post, expressed pride in her achievement, also recalling her participation in Kaun Banega Crorepati alongside Amitabh Bachchan, where she was among the three players selected for active participation in answering questions.