



### Moderate to heavy rains likely

The meteorological department today predicted moderate to heavy rain in several parts of Jammu tomorrow. According to officials, the weather department has forecast moderate to heavy rainfall over several districts of Jammu region towards early morning of August 31.

The districts likely to be affected include Jammu, Kathua, Rajouri, Reasi, Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar, **Cont. on P9 >**

### Vaishno Devi yatra remains suspended for 5th day

Following the August 26 Adh-Kunwari tragedy en route to the holy Bhawan in Trikuta Hills of Katra, the Vaishno Devi yatra remained suspended for the 5th day today.

At least 35 pilgrims lost their lives after a rain-triggered landslide hit Adh-Kunwari in the afternoon of August 26. The pilgrimage was suspended the same day by Shri Mata

### JE (civil) exam postponed

The OMR-based examination for the post of junior engineer (civil), earlier scheduled for August 31 and later rescheduled for September 7, has again been postponed due to prevailing weather conditions.

As per an order, the fresh date would be announced separately, and candidates were advised to regularly check the official website of the board for updates.

The order says: "It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned candidates that the OMR-based examination for the post of junior engineer (civil), which was earlier scheduled to be held on August 31, 2025 and was

### Azad grieved over Ramban, Reasi tragedies

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DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the loss of lives in Jammu region due to natural calamities. "I am deeply pained by the cloudburst at Rajgarh, Ramban, that claimed four precious lives and left several missing. Equally heart-wrenching is the landslide in Reasi district, in which seven members of a family lost their lives," he said.

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### Spl trains to ferry stranded passengers

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The Northern Railways will run two special trains from the Jammu station for onward destinations to ferry stranded passengers, while 46 incoming and outgoing trains from Jammu, Katra and Udhampur railway stations stand cancelled, officials said.

The Railway Police and civil administration have established a dedicated help desk at the Jammu railway station to assist

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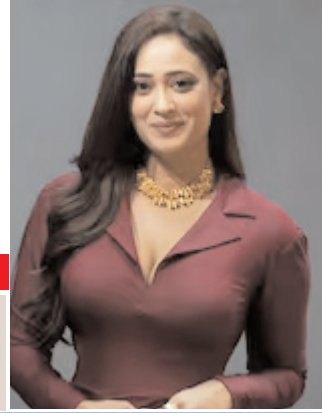
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## Jammu again shaken by rain-induced tragedies

# 7 of family among 11 devoured by landslides in Reasi, Ramban villages

**In little over 2 weeks, 111 lives lost to landslips, flashfloods**

**BHARAT BHUSHAN JAMMU, AUG 30**

**Jammu was today again shaken by rain-induced tragedies when, in multiple cloudbursts & landslips, 11 persons, including a couple & their five minor sons, lost their lives in Reasi & Ramban villages of the region.**

Jammu has been reeling under a series of cloudbursts and landslides since the last over a fortnight. The two incidents are the latest in the series of several such tragedies that have hit the region during the ongoing monsoon.

In little over two weeks, cloudbursts, landslides & flashfloods have killed 111 people in Jammu region. At least 65 lost their lives in the August 14 cloudburst & the resulting flashfloods in Kishtwar's Chisoti village. On August 26, a massive landslide devoured the lives of 35 Vaishno Devi pilgrims at Adh-Kunwari en route to the holy cave shrine in Trikuta Hills of Katra.



While Jammu district received less rainfall last night, Reasi & Ramban districts were lashed by heavy downpour.

In Reasi's remote Badder village, residents woke up to a tragedy when they learnt in the morning that a massive landslide had flattened a house located

on the hill slope.

The house belonged to Nazir Ahmad (38). When the tragedy struck, Nazir, his wife Wazira Begum (35) and their five minor sons - Bilal Ahmed (13), Mohammad Mustafa (11), Mohammad Adil (8), Mohammad Mubarak (6) and

Mohammad Wasim (5) were sleeping, officials said.

Local volunteers, who were later joined by the rescue teams of police & SDRF, frantically searched the debris. After hours of struggle, all the seven bodies were retrieved by them & shifted

to a hospital for medico-legal formalities, officials said.

Distressing visuals from the spot showed villagers trying to find out the bodies buried under the debris. While the house collapsed late at night, the villagers only got to know about it in the morning after hours of the incident, the officials added.

In Ramban district, four people, including two brothers, were killed after a cloudburst struck remote Rajgarh village, damaging two houses and a school, officials said.

The cloudburst took place near a primary school. In the resulting flashflood, the school building, two residential houses and a cowshed were washed away, officials said.

Locals were the first to respond & start the rescue operation. They were later joined by police & SDRF teams. After hours of struggle, they recovered four bodies from underneath the debris.

Officials identified the dead as Ashwani Sharma (24), his brother Dwarka Nath (55), niece Virta Devi (26) and their guest Om Raj (38) of nearby Banshara village.

Sharma's sister-in-law Vidya Devi

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## Modi lands in China; all eyes on his talks with Prez Xi

**TIANJIN, AUG 30:** After a gap of over seven years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in China on Saturday evening on a keenly watched visit that assumed greater significance in view of a sudden downturn in India-US ties triggered by Washington's policies on trade and tariff.

Modi is visiting this northern Chinese city primarily to attend the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on August 31 and September 1.

However, his scheduled meeting with Chinese Pres-



ident Xi Jinping on Sunday on the margins of the summit has assumed greater significance in the face of Washington's tariff tussle that has impacted almost all leading economies across the world.

In the talks, Modi and Xi were expected to take stock of India-China economic

ties and deliberate on steps to further normalise relations that came under severe strain following the eastern Ladakh border row.

"Landed in Tianjin, China. Looking forward to deliberations at the SCO Summit and meeting various world leaders," the prime minister said in a social media post, shortly after arriving here from Japan in the second and final leg of his two-nation tour.

Modi was accorded a warm welcome at his hotel by a group of artiste with

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## LG takes stock of rescue, relief operations in Reasi, Ramban distts

**Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, AUG 30**

LG Manoj Sinha spoke to senior officials and took stock of the situation, and rescue & relief operations following the cloudburst and rain-triggered landslides in Reasi and Ramban districts of Jammu today.

He extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families who have lost their loved ones in the tragic incidents. He has directed the officials for extending all possible assis

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## J&K will get back statehood soon: Athawale



**Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, AUG 30**

Union Minister of State (MoS) Ramdas Athawale on Saturday said Jammu and Kashmir would get back its statehood soon.

Although he did not give

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## 'Terrorists' sighted near LoC, ops launched

**Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, AUG 30**

Following the movement of suspected terrorists along the LoC, a massive operation was today launched by security forces at 11 places in Poonch district.

Officials said locals picked up the movement of suspected terrorists along the LoC and alerted security forces. Soon thereafter, a joint operation was launched by security forces & police at 11 places in the district.

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## As Jammu faces water crisis, govt restrains operations of pvt tankers

### Designates officers to ensure water availability

**Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, AUG 30**

Following the unregulated movement of private water tankers after the recent flashfloods badly disrupted potable water supply in Jammu district, the government today restrained their operations forthwith, ordering their requisition and placing them at the disposal of the authorities concerned. Area-wise officers were also designated to ensure the availability of drinking water to people.

"While restoration works are underway on priority, temporary arrangements have been put in place, and citizens have been

advised to contact the officer concerned for their urgent drinking water needs," an official order issued in this regard said.

"As floods in Jammu district have disrupted the potable water supply system, the agencies concerned are working for its quick restoration," the order said.

"It has been observed that private water tankers are operating in an unregulated manner, leading to arbitrary pricing, unequal access, and potential distribution of unsafe water, thereby endangering public health, hygiene and safety. Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, empowers a district magistrate to take urgent measures in cases of imminent

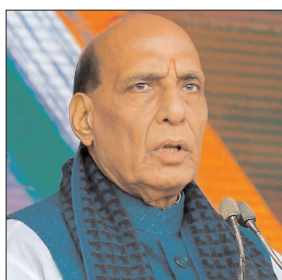
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## Defence self-reliance Rajnath pushes for indigenous security systems

**NEW DELHI, AUG 30:** India's defence architecture should not be dependent on any uncertain "foreign interference", and it should be based on its own capabilities, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday.

He said the government plans to provide complete aerial security to all important installations across the country under the proposed Sudarshan Chakra air defence system within the next 10 years.

In an address at a De-



fence Summit, Singh said the air defence shield will comprise both defensive and offensive elements to deal with any enemy threats.

"As we saw during Operation Sindoor, the impor-

tance of air defence capability in today's wars has increased to a great extent. In such a scenario, the Sudarshan Chakra mission will certainly prove to be a game changer," he said.

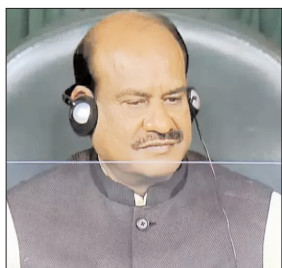
In his Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the ambitious air defence project. The announcement came days after Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir reportedly hinted at targeting Indian assets along the

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## Birla asks states not having legislative committees on SC, ST welfare to constitute them

**BHUBANESWAR, AUG 30 :** Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday urged a few states without legislative bodies for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to form them, as a meeting of the heads of these parliamentary and state committees ended here.

Birla told reporters that various suggestions have been received as part of the 'Bhubaneswar Agenda 2025', and the concerned parliamentary committee will take them up with the Centre and states to put them into action.



He noted that on average, 70 to 80 per cent of the recommendations of a parliamentary committee are accepted by the government, shedding light on its importance in making the executive accountable and transparent.

The parliamentary committee on the issue is be-

hind a host of empowering decisions, including regularisation of more than 1.5 lakh jobs and extension of reservation benefits to different sectors, Birla said.

As the two-day conference attended by members of 19 state legislatures' committees and one from a UT, besides the parliamentary panel, ended, the speaker noted that a meeting of these bodies was held after 25 years and for the first time outside Delhi.

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## Operation Sindoor Less than 50 weapons fired to end conflict: Air Marshal Tiwari

**NEW DELHI, AUG 30:** Less than 50 weapons

fired by the Indian Air Force at carefully chosen Pakistani military targets forced Islamabad by mid-day of May 10 to request the end of military hostilities, Vice Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari said on Saturday.

Air Marshal Tiwari, recounting the mission, said the IAF was able to achieve "complete domination" over the Pakistan military with the strikes that were carried out following Pak-



istan's attack on the intervening night of May 9 and 10.

"I must tell you that it was a key takeaway for us that in less than 50 weapons, we were able to achieve complete domina-

tion. It has not happened before," Tiwari said at the NDTV Defence Summit.

The senior IAF officer, who played a key role in Operation Sindoor, said some of the Pakistan targets that were "taken out" in the course of the mission were not hit even during the 1971 war.

"We made every weapon count and that is a tacit acknowledgement of the capability of our planners and people who executed the missions," he said.

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## Civil-Military fusion vital for Ladakh's development, security: LG Kavinder

**LEH, AUG 30:** Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta today said 'armed forces are not only the defenders of India's borders but are also true nation-builders who have consistently stood with people in times of need, whether in building critical infrastructure, responding to natural disasters, or supporting communities in remote and harsh conditions'.

He also underlined the importance of closer cooperation between Army, civil administration, and academic institutions for



the holistic development of Ladakh.

"The Civil-Military Fusion Capsule reflects a

shared commitment to nation-building, where the strength of armed forces

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