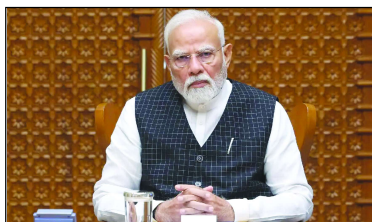


## Ahead of inaugurating Kashmir train, PM Modi terms June 6 as special day for J&K people

■ Says Vande Bharat trains will boost spiritual tourism, create livelihood opportunities; Key infra projects worth Rs 46,000 crore will have positive impact on people's lives  
■ Will inaugurate Chenab, Anjani Khad Bridge; Flag off two Vande Bharat Express trains, address public rally in Katra; Multi-tier security set up in place ahead of PM Modi's J&K visit



GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

A day ahead of dedicating Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project (USBRL) to nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that June 6, 2025 is going to be a special day for people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Prime Minister will inaugurate the much-awaited Kashmir rail link and also bestow to the nation multiple development projects worth Rs 46,000 crore in Katra on

Friday during his J&K visit, first after the "Operation Sindoor" that was launched by the Indian Armed Forces in retaliation to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 persons, mostly tourists, dead.

PM Modi, according to the news agency, wrote on X: "Tomorrow, 6 June, is indeed a special day for my sisters and brothers of Jammu and Kashmir. Key infrastructure projects worth Rs. 46,000 crores are being inaugurated, which

will have a very positive impact on people's lives."

Termining railway bridges on the USBRL link as "extraordinary feat of architecture," PM Modi further wrote: "The Chenab Rail Bridge will improve connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar. The Anji Bridge stands tall as India's first cable-stayed rail bridge in a terrain that is challenging."

"The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project ensures all-weather

connectivity, and the Vande Bharat trains from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to Srinagar will boost spiritual tourism and create livelihood opportunities," the Prime Minister wrote.

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Officials told KNO that PM Modi would arrive at Udhampur Air Force Station at 10 am. He would inaugurate Chenab bridge at 11 am and would travel in train from Chenab bridge to cable stayed bridge at 11.30 am.

The Prime Minister is also scheduled to hold interaction with engineers, including retired persons, involved in the project. He would return to Katra railway station by train and would address a public rally at Katra stadium between 12 pm and 12.30 pm.

MULTI-TIER SECURITY SET UP PUT IN PLACE

Meanwhile, a multi-tier security setup has been put in place for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's J&K visit.

The Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to

## Lieutenant Governor reviews arrangements for Hon'ble Prime Minister's public meeting at Katra



GY CORRESPONDENT KATRA, JUNE 5

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inspected railway arrangements in Katra on Thursday ahead of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's scheduled Public Meeting on 06th June.

The Lieutenant Governor preparations to ensure the smooth conduct of the event and directed the officials for strict security, safety measures and seamless coordination

among all departments. Hon'ble Prime Minister will dedicate the iconic Chenab Bridge, the tallest railway bridge in the world, Country's first cable-stayed Anji rail bridge and Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project to the nation.

"Dedication of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link to the nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is a historic leap for Jammu Kashmir Union

Territory. J&K UT is stronger, prosperous than ever and witnessed unprecedented growth under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Inauguration and foundation stone laying of key infrastructure projects are examples of his commitment to J&K to ensure speedy and inclusive development," the Lieutenant Governor said. The

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## 326 Agniveers from J&K inducted into Army

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JUNE 5

As many as 326 Agniveers all from Jammu and Kashmir were formally inducted into the Army during the Attestation-cum-Passing Out Parade held at the Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry (JAK LI) Regimental Centre.

The solemn ceremony, marked by impeccable military precision and emotion, was presided over by Lieutenant General Manish Erry, Colonel of the JAK LI Regiment. Reviewing the parade

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## ACB files disproportionate assets case against govt employee in Banihal

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JUNE 5

Jammu & Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau has registered a case under FIR No.02/2025 u/s 13(1)(b), r/w 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) at PS ACB Doda against accused person namely Nazir Ahmed Wani, a retired Teshil Supply officer (TSO) of FCS & CA Department Banihal.

The case was initiated following a secret verification conducted by the ACB into the allegations that the said official had acquired assets, disproportionate

to his known sources of income during his service tenure. The verification reveals that the accused has amassed substantial moveable and immovable assets in his name and in the name of his family members.

The verification revealed that the accused has accumulated significant assets including a residential house at Gujjar Ramban, a residential house at Maitra Ramban, a residential complex along with 3 Shops at Chareel, Banihal, vehicles, financial documents and other evidence suggesting unaccounted

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## PM's Katra visit: Dr Jitendra, CM Omar review arrangements

Vande Bharat train will benefit us, says Omar

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JUNE 5

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday reviewed the final arrangements ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Katra to flag off the train to Kashmir.

Dr Singh, according to the news agency posted on X: "Last minute touches at the site of the inauguration of the world's highest railway bridge, the Chenab



Bridge, by PM @narendramodi tomorrow, \*Katra Railway Station all decked up for flagging off #VandeBharat to #Kashmir by PM Modi." Meanwhile, Cont. on page 11

## Direct Jammu- Srinagar train to commence in Sep: Railway Minister

Says PM Modi's strong political will led to completion of Kashmir Train project

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU/KATRA, JUNE 05

Asserting that direct train service between Jammu and Srinagar will commence in September this year, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday said the political will of Prime Minister Narendra Modi led to the completion of Udhampur-Baramulla-Srinagar Railway link (USBRL) project to connect Kashmir with rest of the country.

Talking to reporters here, the Minister, as per news agency, said that work on Jammu Railway station is going on. "The work is expected to be completed by September. With the availability of platform 5 and 6, Vande Bharat trains will run between Jammu and Srinagar directly."

"When you have to do a project like



USBRL, it needs political will. From 2004 to 2014, the project saw the completion of railway tracks in plain areas with no work done in difficult zones," he said.

The Railway Minister said that the PM Modi demonstrated

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## J&K ACB arrests Deputy Forester & Forest Guard for demanding & accepting bribe of Rs 11,000

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

Anti Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging therein that public servants namely Surinder Kumar, posted as B.O (Deputy Forester) in the Range Office, Kalidhar, Block Chowki Choura (now under transfer) and Kewal Krishan, then posted as Forest Guard with the said Dy. Forester (now posted at Forest Check Post Bridge, Akhnor), demanded illegal gratification for release of additional CDK.

The accused persons had

demand a bribe of Rs 14,000 from the complainant for release of additional CDK, which was deposited by the complainant during the execution of the work namely "Construction of 126 Boundary Pillars in Compartment No. 12/K, Nada Chargiyal Forest, Kalidhar Forest Range" allotted in reference to e-NIT No. 27 of 2024-25 dated 07-11-2024 of Forest Department.

After negotiation, the accused public servants have agreed to take bribe amount of Rs 11,000/- (Rs 3000/-

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## NIA conducts raids at 32 locations in Kashmir in terror conspiracy case

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

National Investigation Agency (NIA) on 05.06.2025 conducted a series of searches across Kashmir as part of its continuing investigations against terror conspiracy by Pakistan backed proscribed terrorist organizations and their offshoots to destabilise Jammu and Kashmir. Thirty-Two locations in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir were searched as part of today's crackdown. The locations were residential premises of hybrid terrorists and overground workers associated with



these Pakistan based offshoots such as The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULF&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir

Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF and others, which are affiliated to proscribed terrorist organisations such as Laskar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

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## Govt jobs aspirants can apply for SSC recruitment tests through dedicated Mobile App

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

Government jobs aspirants can now apply for recruitment tests conducted by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) through an upgraded mobile application developed by it, a top official said on Thursday. He said the upgraded 'mySSC app' will be of great help to job aspirants, especially those from rural areas. "All candidates applying for recruitment exams conducted by SSC can fill the entire application form through the

application itself," SSC Chairman S Gopalakrishnan told. He said there is no specific need to go to any computer centre or depend on any other operator in order to fill up and submit applications. "The candidates can also identify themselves through Aadhaar OTP and face authentication on the same app," Gopalakrishnan said. He said the application developed for SSC by Cubation Consulting firm is going to be a big

boon for the candidates and would add to ease of dealing with the Commission throughout the exam cycle from applying till joining. "We are happy to be a part of this change with SSC," said Cubation co-founder and CEO Ravi Kumar. He said India's digital expansion requires trusted platforms and by bringing together biometric entity verification and Aadhaar-enabled services "we are making mass hiring fairer, more secure, and accessible, particularly for

rural candidates." Until now, many of the candidates relied heavily on common service centres and cyber cafes to fill out their application forms, often at a cost, Kumar said. "With the new my SSC app, candidates can now complete the entire process - from registration to application - directly on their mobile phones. It removes private middlemen from the system and puts power back into the hands of the applicants. Our

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## World Environment Day:

'J&K generates over 5.4 Lakh tons waste annually'

'1,502 tons of daily plastic waste raise alarm over J&K's environmental fragility'

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

Despite annual pledges to protect the environment on World Environment Day, observed every year on June 5, Jammu and Kashmir generates over 1,502 tons of plastic waste daily, culminating in an annual collection of 548,230 tons of waste. A series of events were held across the Valley and globally to mark the occasion.

A mega event was organized at the Islamic University of Science and

Technology, which witnessed participation from officials of the Kashmir Pollution Control Board, environmental experts, faculty members, and a large number of students from various schools and colleges.

During the program, experts revealed that two municipal corporations and six municipal committees across Jammu and Kashmir are responsible for managing the disposal of 1,502 tons of waste daily.

"However, due to the lack

of modern technology and efficient waste management systems, this waste poses an increasing environmental threat to surrounding areas."

The theme for this year's World Environment Day was "Beat Plastic Pollution." Participants at the event pledged to adopt environmentally responsible behaviour and to encourage others to do the same.

In his address, Principal Chief Secretary Dr. Rakesh Gupta spoke about

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## Car plunges into gorge in Poonch. Policeman killed

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, JUNE 5

A policeman was killed when his car skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge along the Mughal road in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Thursday.

Constable Rukhsar Ahmad Khan, a resident of Mendhar, was on way to Surankote from Kashmir when the accident took place at Dugriyan near Fir Ki Gali late Wednesday night, the officials

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