

AI plane crash...

of the residential quarters of BJ Medical College here.The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane from Ahmedabad to Londono Gatwick crashed soon after taking off into the residential quarters of BJ Medical College.An official said the black box was recovered from the rooftop of the residential quarters. "AAIB began work with full force immediately. Over 40 staff from the state government joined efforts to augment the MoCA (Ministry of Civil Aviation) teams on site."The DFDR (Black Box) has been recovered from the rooftop," the statement said.A Black Box is a small device that records information about an aircraft during its flight. It helps in the investigation of aviation accidents.

Israel-Iran tensions...

In a post on X, the minister said he held a periodic review of energy availability scenario with the captains of the Indian oil industry."India's energy strategy is shaped by successfully navigating the trilemma of energy availability, affordability and sustainability," he said. "We have adequate energy supplies for the coming months." Global oil prices have jumped to their highest level since January after Israel struck Iran, in a dramatic escalation of tensions in the Middle East.The rate of the benchmark Brent crude was up by more than 10 per cent shortly after the news emerged, but eased a little. Brent was trading close to USD 75 a barrel, up more than 5 per cent over Thursday's close.India imports more than 85 per cent of its crude oil needs and roughly half of its natural gas requirement. More than 40 per cent of the oil imports and half of the gas imports come from the Middle East. Despite the spike on Friday, oil prices are still more than 10 per cent lower than where they were at the same point last year. They are also well below over USD 100 a barrel rate seen in early 2022 following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.Russia is India's largest supplier of crude oil, which is refined into fuels like petrol and diesel in refineries. Qatar is India's biggest supplier of natural gas, which is used to make fertilisers, generate electricity and turned into CNG to run automobiles and piped to household kitchens for cooking.

Farooq Abdullah urges...

for an all-out war between the two bitter Middle East adversaries. It appeared to be the most significant attack Iran has faced since its 1980s war with Iraq.The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister also called on Israel and Iran to exercise restraint and avoid any further escalation."Every step must be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of Kashmiri students studying in Iran. Their families are deeply worried, and we stand with them in this difficult time," he said. Abdullah emphasised the importance of dialogue and diplomacy in resolving tensions between the two nations."Both sides must refrain from taking any escalatory steps. Existing channels of dialogue and diplomacy should be utilised to work towards de-escalation and address the underlying issues," the NC president said in a statement.Earlier in the day, the external affairs ministry said India is "deeply concerned" over the recent developments between Iran and Israel and is "closely monitoring" the evolving situation.

IAF Apache Helicopter...

routine sortie on Friday, sources said.Both the pilot and the co-pilot are safe, they added.Images earlier showed the chopper in a field, somewhere in the Pathankot district, after having made the "precautionary landing".The chopper had taken off from the Pathankot airbase, a source said, adding that both the pilot and the co-pilot later flew it back to the Pathankot airbase. More details are awaited.This comes a week after an Apache helicopter of the IAF made a "precautionary landing" in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur due to a technical issue while on a routine sortie.All necessary checks were conducted after the landing, and the helicopter was made serviceable. Both the pilot and the co-pilot had then flown it to the Sarsawa airbase in Saharanpur, the official had said on June 6.

India's forex reserves...

The overall reserves had dropped by USD 1.237 billion to USD 691.485 billion for the week ended May 30.Forex reserves had touched an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion in end-September 2024.For the week ended June 6, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, rose by USD 3.47 billion to USD 587.68 billion, the data released on Friday showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.The gold reserves were up by USD 1.58 billion to USD 85.88 billion during the week, the RBI said.The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) also rose by USD 102 million to USD 18.67 billion, the apex bank said.India's reserve position with the IMF also inched up by USD 14 million at USD 4.4 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

DGCA orders enhanced...

take-off parameters of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft of Air India, owned by Tata Group.Air India's fleet includes 26 Boeing 787-8 aircraft and 7 Boeing 787-9 planes. Meanwhile, US aircraft engine maker GE Aerospace, in a statement, said it continues to work closely with the appropriate regulatory and investigative agencies.The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed Air India to carry out additional maintenance actions on its Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 planes equipped with Genx engines with immediate effect.These actions will be carried out in coordination with the DGCA regional offices concerned. Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft, operating a flight from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, crashed soon after the take-off on Thursday afternoon. Out of the 242 people on board the plane, only one person survived.With effect from January 15, the regulator has ordered various one-time checks of the Boeing 787 planes, including inspection of fuel parameter monitoring and associated system checks.Inspection of cabin air compressor and associated systems, electronic engine control system test, engine fuel driven actuator-operational test, and oil system checks have also been ordered. Besides, DGCA has directed to carry out a serviceability check of the hydraulic system and review of take-off parameters.According to an order issued by the watchdog, flight control inspection has to be introduced in transit inspection till further notice, apart from having power assurance checks within two weeks.Also, DGCA has said there should be "closure of maintenance actions based upon the review of repetitive snags during the last 15 days on B787-8/9 aircraft at the earliest". Reports of these checks have to be submitted to the regulator for review.The London Gatwick-bound Boeing 787 aircraft that crashed on Thursday was powered by GENx engines.GENx engines are made by GE Aerospace.On Thursday, GE Aerospace said it is prepared to support Air India and the investigation into the plane crash in Ahmedabad.

Safety, mission integrity...

Shukla, along with three other astronauts, is scheduled to travel to the ISS as part of the Axiom-4 commercial mission that has now been put on indefinite delay, as space agencies address various issues that have cropped up ahead of the launch. "Safety and mission integrity remain our top priorities," ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said in a post on X.He said ISRO is working closely with Axiom Space, NASA and SpaceX, as they responsibly address the ISS Zvezda module observation causing the delay.Meanwhile, Musk said some parts of the ISS were "simply getting too old and obviously

that risk grows over time.""There are potentially serious concerns about the long-term safety of the @Space_Station. Some parts of it are simply getting too old and obviously that risk grows over time," Musk said. "Even though @SpaceX earns billions of dollars from transporting astronauts & cargo to the ISS, I nonetheless would like to go on record recommending that it be de-orbited within 2 years," Musk said.NASA and other international partners plan to retire the ISS by 2031 and de-orbit the laboratory soon after.Axiom Space is among the few private space companies that are vying to build a successor to the ISS.India's return to spaceflight as part of the Axiom-4 private mission has run into further delay as NASA announced on Thursday that it was examining a leak onboard the ISS' Russian module. "NASA and Axiom Space are postponing the launch of Axiom Mission 4 to the International Space Station," a NASA statement said.The astronauts were originally scheduled for lift-off on May 29, which was put off to June 8, June 10 and June 11, when SpaceX, the providers of the launch rocket and the space capsule, detected a liquid oxygen leak in the Falcon-9 rocket.Former NASA astronaut and director of human spaceflight at Axiom Space, Peggy Whitson, will command the commercial mission, while Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla will serve as pilot. The two mission specialists are European Space Agency (ESA) project astronaut Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland and Tibor Kapu of Hungary.The 14-day mission will 'realise the return' to human spaceflight for India, Poland and Hungary."Setbacks and delays are a normal part of spaceflight. Our Ax-4 crew remains upbeat and looking forward to a safe and successful flight to the Space Station," Whitson said.

Lieutenant Governor chairs...

various significant steps being taken by Army, CAPFs and J&K Police to ensure foolproof security for the Yatra. The Lieutenant Governor also reviewed the contingency plan, deployment of Police and security personnel, preparedness and response mechanism of line departments and emphasized on better coordination among all stakeholders involved in yatra management.Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor gave an overview of the Yatra arrangements and key measures taken to further enhance the facilities and services for pilgrims and smooth conduct of Yatra.

Ahmedabad plane crash...

which 265 people lost their lives.Ramesh, a British citizen, said he felt the aircraft had stalled within seconds of taking off from Ahmedabad on its nine-hour journey to London's Gatwick Airport, and that green and white lights came on.Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Ramesh, who is recovering at the city's Civil Hospital, and enquired about his well-being. In an interview with DD News, Ramesh, a resident of Leicester, said, "It all happened in front of my eyes. I cannot believe how I survived."For a brief moment, I felt I was about to die but when my eyes opened, I was alive. I unbuckled myself from the seat and exited from an opening.""In front of my eyes, air hostess and aunties and uncles had perished. Within a minute, it felt that the plane had stalled. Green and white lights were on. It looked that they were giving 'race' to the plane to give more thrust and the plane crashed into a building," he said. Ramesh, 45, was seated in seat 11A on the 12-year-old Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner operating the Ahmedabad-London AI 171 service.The aircraft was carrying 242 people, including 12 crew members.Seat 11A is one of six seats in the first row of the economy class on Air India's B787-8 aircraft. It is a window seat near an emergency exit and adjacent to the aircraft's galley, according to the seat map.Ramesh said his side of the aircraft did not hit the hostel, which allowed him to walk away from the wreckage. "It landed on ground. There was some space on my side. When door broke open, I could find a space and escape. I could not believe that I am alive. My left hand got burnt in the fire but I walked out of the crash site. I received good treatment here," he said.The aircraft, which included former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani among its passengers, crashed moments after taking off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. Ramesh was the only survivor. The 241 others on board - including 168 Indians, 53 British citizens, seven Portuguese nationals and one Canadian - were killed.According to Air Traffic Control (ATC), the aircraft departed Ahmedabad at 1:39 pm IST (0809 UTC) from Runway 23. It issued a MAY-DAY call but then ceased responding to subsequent ATC communications, according to a statement from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

India, China agree...

relations and agreed to continue to "stabilise and rebuild ties" with priority on people-centric engagements, the MEA said on Friday.The meeting took place on Thursday and the two sides also agreed to expedite steps involved in resuming direct air services between the two countries. Misri had held talks with Sun earlier on January 27 in Beijing.Sun is on a visit to India from June 12-13, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.During the meeting on Thursday, "the two sides reviewed the developments in India-China bilateral relations since their last meeting in Beijing on January 27, 2025 and agreed to continue to stabilise and rebuild ties with priority on people-centric engagements", the MEA said.The foreign secretary appreciated the Chinese side's cooperation for the resumption of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra this year. He noted the discussion in the April meeting of the Expert Level Mechanism for cooperation in trans-border rivers for resumption of provision of hydrological data and other cooperation, and hoped for progress on them, the MEA said."The two sides agreed to expedite steps involved in resuming direct air services between the two countries. Foreign Secretary hoped for the early conclusion of an updated Air Services Agreement," it said. India and China further agreed to take "practical steps" for visa facilitation and exchanges between media and think-tanks."The two sides positively assessed the activities planned under the 75th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and China and agreed to facilitate the same," the statement added.

PM Modi meets...

Modi arrived at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport in the morning and drove straight to the plane crash site, officials said.He spent around 20 minutes inspecting the site, where the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft (AI171) crashed into a complex of B J Medical College in the Meghainagar area shortly after taking off on Thursday afternoon.Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu and Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi informed the prime minister about how the plane crashed into the college hostel and mess. Modi later visited the city civil hospital, where he spoke to Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, the lone plane survivor of the tragedy and also met other persons injured in the accident.The PM visited the C7 ward of the hospital, where 25 injured people are undergoing treatment, and interacted with the doctors.Modi met state and civil aviation officers at the GujSail office near the Ahmedabad airport and was briefed on the tragedy.The London-bound aircraft with 242 people on board, including former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, crashed

moments after taking off.Of the 265 bodies brought to the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital for post-mortem on Thursday, six victims were identified so far as their faces were intact, police inspector Chirag Gosai said.He said DNA profiling is under-way to ascertain the identities of others as their bodies are charred beyond recognition.

"We have handed over the six bodies to the relatives. We have started the process of collecting DNA samples of relatives for profiling to identify bodies that are charred beyond recognition," Gosai said."Relatives of 215 deceased persons have approached us to give their samples," he said.The details are gathered from relatives arriving at the post-mortem room, and the kin are then sent to BJ Medical College to provide their DNA samples, he added. "It will take nearly 72 hours to complete the exercise of matching the DNA samples. Once there is a match, bodies will be handed over to relatives from the post-mortem room," Gosai said.A Boeing 787 Dreamliner (AI 171), with 242 people on board, including former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, crashed into a medical college complex in the Meghainagar area moments after taking off from the Ahmedabad airport. Bhumi Chauhan, a UK-based woman visiting India, thanked God and her stars for missing the ill-fated Air India plane as she got stuck in heavy traffic and reached the airport late.Chauhan said she missed boarding the plane by just 10 minutes."I am shivering after I learnt about the crash. I left the airport at 1.30 pm as I missed the flight due to traffic. I thank God," said Chauhan, who was in India for vacation. At least nine crew members on board, including both the pilots, hailed from Maharashtra, an official said.He said the aircraft's pilot, Captain Sumcet Pushkaraj Sabharwal (56), was a resident of Jal Vayu Vihar in the Powai area of Mumbai and lived with his elderly parents.The co-pilot of the flight, Clive Kunder, was a resident of the western suburbs of Mumbai, as per his social media account.Cabin crew member Deepak Pathak lived in Badlapur in neighbouring Thane district. Pathak's sister had earlier said he spoke to his mother before leaving for London.He had been working with Air India for 11 years, she said.Another crew member, Maithili Patil (23), was a resident of Nhava village in Navi Mumbai. Patil joined Air India two years ago, and her father, Moreshwar Patil, is a labour contractor with ONGC.Patil had spoken to her father before her flight to London and promised to call him once she reached the city, a former sarpanch of Nhava said. Aparna Mahadik (43), another crew member, was a resident of Goregaon in the western suburbs, and her husband also works with Air India as a crew member. She was a relative of NCP leader Sunil Tatkar.Roshni Rajendra Songhare and Sainceeta Chakravarti, both crew members, hailed from Dombivli and Juhu Koliwada, respectively.Songhare was also a travel influencer with more than 54,000 followers on Instagram.The victims also included Mahadev Pawar (68) and his wife Asha (60), who hailed from Hatid village in Sangola of Maharashtra's Solapur district. The Pawars had left Sangola and settled in Gujarat 15 years ago, and they were heading to London to visit their son.One of the passengers, Yasha Kamdar Modha (32), was the daughter of Nagpur businessman Manish Kamdar. She was travelling to London with her son Rudra and mother-in-law Rakshaben, and all three perished in the crash.

Every AIIMS serves...

addressing the first edition of a conclave on "Best Practices" organised by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Nagpur.

The two-day conclave seeks to showcase the exemplary practices adopted by various AIIMS institutions, with a focus on patient-centric care, operational efficiency, digital transformation, and academic excellence.AIIMS institutes from across the country -- AIIMS Bhopal, AIIMS Jammu, AIIMS Bilaspur, AIIMS Jodhpur, AIIMS Nagpur, AIIMS Deoghar, AIIMS Patna, AIIMS Gorakhpur, AIIMS Guwahati and AIIMS Raipur) -- along with the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) division and the Ministry of Defence collaborated in the conclave.

Underlining the significance of AIIMS, Nadda said "each AIIMS, established as an institute of national importance, integrates advanced clinical care, high-quality medical education and research excellence.Nadda emphasised the importance of sharing the best practices and innovations of each new AIIMS with other AIIMS for their wider adoption and utilisation.He also commended AIIMS Nagpur for "taking a lead and organising the first conclave on best practices".

Highlighting the importance of the conclave, Nadda said it is a "pioneering initiative that seeks to consolidate rich experiences of AIIMS in three key domains: teaching-learning and research; hospital services; and governance and patient convenience".He also underlined the significant role played by AIIMS in readying doctors to meet future healthcare challenges.

Nadda added that "in the domain of teaching-learning, adoption of competency-based medical education curriculum, investment in digital learning, state-of-the-art simulation laboratories and implementation of structured mentorship programmes signal a deep commitment to educational excellence".The health minister also highlighted that "new AIIMS are increasingly contributing to India's scientific advancement through regionally relevant studies, ethical clinical trials and translational research".

"It is encouraging to see the efforts to foster interdisciplinary collaborations, as these will be key to solve complex public health problems in the years to come."AIIMS campuses are redefining patient care by offering high-quality, evidence-based and affordable treatment through advanced infrastructure and a wide spectrum of specialties," Nadda said."Use of e-governance tools, transparent administrative frameworks, and patient-focused innovations such as Jan Aushadhi Kendras, digital registration systems and dedicated helpdesks demonstrate that efficiency and compassion can coexist in public healthcare settings," he added.

Israel behaving like...

the rights of the oppressed, including the Palestinian people. (Jawaharlal) Nehru was unequivocal in his support for justice in Palestine. Indira Gandhi upheld that legacy. What changed," the Lok Sabha MP said."Today, India abstained from voting on the Gaza ceasefire resolution in UNGA. Nothing in Gaza has improved, if anything, the suffering has intensified."This is the 'strategic autonomy' we boast about? This day reflects a shrinking of moral imagination. An abandonment of global solidarity. And most tragically, a betrayal of our own history," he said.

CM listens to...

Department and its wings across various departments, with demand for better conditions and structured career progression for Revenue cadre officers.Similarly, a delegation from Industrial Estate Pampore, led by its president, flagged several issues pertaining to the functioning and development of the estate.A deputation from the J&K OBC Resident Welfare Forum highlighted various concerns of the OBC community in Jammu & Kashmir. Representatives from the Bharat CSR Network met the Chief Minister to discuss potential tourism promotion initiatives.A delegation from Animal Rescue Kashmir raised issues regarding the welfare and rescue of animals, requesting institutional support and awareness for their cause. Candidates appointed under SRO-120 of 2018 called for resolution of pending compassionate appointment cases, while another del-

egation being considered under the Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (2022) also highlighted similar concerns regarding pendency in compassionate appointments. A deputation of "Voice of Weekly Newspapers" from Kashmir brought to light issues faced by weekly newspaper publishers in the region.Besides these, numerous individuals and other delegations met the Chief Minister and apprised him of their grievances and demands.The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to all deputations and assured them that their genuine issues would be addressed on priority.Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani and other senior officials were also present during the programme.

SASCI to give...

2021-22 for States and made applicable to J&K UT from the current financial year. SASCI offers a unique opportunity for states and UTs to ramp up their capital expenditure through 50-year interest-free loans, thereby enabling them to invest in critical infrastructure and usher in systemic reforms across ten identified sectors.The meeting was attended by Administrative heads of all the major departments along with other senior officers. The Chief Secretary termed the scheme a catalyst for sustainable development and infrastructure consolidation across the UT. He remarked that the window of opportunity is now with SASCI providing us a chance to reimagine and rebuild Jammu and Kashmir with resilience, transparency and innovations, he asserted. Dulloo reiterated that alignment with the SASCI scheme is not only fiscally prudent but strategically vital for addressing the long-standing infrastructure gaps across key sectors. He directed the departments to adopt a mission-mode approach and submit their proposals to the Finance Department for seeking necessary approvals from Central Government.He directed all the departments to immediately identify the ongoing and time-bound projects that can be completed within the current financial year. He also stressed on identifying the iconic tourism related infrastructure to be raised under this scheme as this is one of the goals set under it. Emphasising added attention to sectors that have remained infrastructure-deficient, Dulloo specifically emphasized the Mining, Urban Development and Transport as focus areas. These sectors not only hold vast untapped potential but also require urgent capital infusion to bridge critical infrastructure gaps found in these vital sectors, he noted.Further underlining the fiscal accountability and transparency, the Chief Secretary directed that all the 122 Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) should be transitioned to the Single Nodal Agency - SPARSH platform by November 2025, aligning with the sunset deadline set by the Ministry of Finance.

Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, highlighted that the UT is eligible for Rs 1200 crore under the "Untied" component of the scheme. He mentioned that this portion has been allocated on the basis of tax devolution and is part of the national outlay of Rs 57,000 Cr under SASCI.It was laid out that the scheme included multiple reform-driven components with specific fund allocations for targeted interventions. These included Rs 10,000 crore earmarked for States/UTs as their share for Centrally Sponsored Schemes and projects, with J&K eligible to secure about Rs 210 crore under this head. Similarly, Rs 15,000 crore had been dedicated to promote affordable housing, comprehensive mobility and Blue-Green urban infrastructure, laying the foundation for sustainable urbanisation in emerging cities like Jammu and Srinagar.Likewise, an amount of Rs 5,000 crore had been earmarked for the financing reforms in Urban Local Bodies, aimed at enhancing the governance and service delivery at the grassroots level. The scheme also provisions Rs 15,000 crore as incentives for states demonstrating year-on-year capital expenditure growth, offering an added push for infrastructure investment. The Central government had also proposed Rs 3,000 crore to promote the scrapping of old government vehicles, including ambulances over 15 years old. The scheme encourages the states to offer tax waivers, scrap-age incentives, and establish automated vehicle testing infrastructure.With respect to mining sector reforms, Rs 5,000 crore had been put aside by central government where J&K is poised to tap into its substantial portion.Moreover, Rs 11,000 crore and Rs 5,000 crore, respectively had been fixed for the land-related reforms in rural and urban areas, with the goal of digitizing the land records and improving tenure security.

Additionally, Rs 6,000 crore would be spent to bolster financial management reforms, including universal adoption of the SNA-SPARSH system across all schemes for increased transparency, real-time monitoring and just-in time releases by the central government. Besides, an amount of Rs18,000 crore are going to be received by the States/UTs for comprehensive urban planning reforms, which would support integrated master planning, inclusive zoning, and resilience-focused development.The scheme also included an amount of Rs 5,000 crore to establish the Children and Adolescent Libraries across the Panchayats and wards. These libraries would have digital infrastructure to access resources from the National Digital Library, a move that promises to revolutionise the community-level education access in J&K.

Amarnath Yatra: Sadhus...

community kitchen service, lodging, and medical facilities, are in place for the Sadhus here. We wish for a trouble-free yatra," Dass said.He added that his complex has been serving sadhus for generations throughout the year.As per past practice, the people of Jammu and Kashmir welcome the pilgrims according to age-old traditions so they do not face any problems. Ram Mandir in the Purani Mandi area of Jammu, the city of temples, hosts the sadhus and sadhvis at its sprawling complex, with the government departments lending support to ensure various facilities, including on-the-spot registration for the yatra.Dass lauded the role of the lieutenant governor and the administration in putting up the best possible facilities for the pilgrims."We expect a rush of pilgrims to Amarnath this year too," he said. Amid chants of "Bam Bam Bhole" and "Jai Jai Baba Barfani", the sadhus and sadhvis are eagerly waiting for the yatra to commence.Hailing from Uttarakhand, Ram Baba has been visiting Amarnath for the past 24 years."We have been coming for the yatra for the past 24 years. This is our 25th year. We are waiting for the day the yatra starts, as we want to have early darshan of Barfani Baba," he said. He further said that he had walked from his home temple along with his group of Naths in six days."I start my year with this yatra by seeking the blessing of the Ice Lingam," he added.Another sadhu from Odisha said he is confident of undertaking the arduous journey to the shrine with the help of a belt tied around his back to overcome pain.

Temperatures across Kashmir...

MeT said that Qazigund in south Kashmir registered 32.8°C, 6.1°C above average for this time of the year.The health resort of Pahalgam recorded 28.2°C, which is 4.5°C above normal, while the border district of Kupwara touched 31.9°C, exceeding the average by 3.7°C.Even the hill station of Gulmarg, usually known for mild summer weather, recorded 23.0°C up by 4.2°C.Kashmir also witnessed warm Thursday nights, with the minimum temperatures staying 2-5°C above normal in most parts of the valley.According to official data, the lowest minimum temperature in Kashmir was recorded at Pahalgam at 11.8°C.