

"We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us."

—Joseph Campbell

PM charts next decade roadmap with 3 key goals

## Decade of defence reforms exhibit outcome during Op Sindoor: Modi



### India AI Impact Expo to commence today

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the India AI Impact Expo 2026 on Monday at the Bharat Mandapam, his office said. The India AI Impact Expo 2026 will be held from February 16-20, alongside the India AI Impact Summit at the Bharat Mandapam, a statement issued ▶ P11

do whatever it takes to support the country's defence forces and strengthen them, he said.

Modi said the Indian armed forces must be equipped with the best of Indian innovation and industry as technology is reshaping the world and that the NDA government has been working on modernisation and self-reliance in this sector for the last 11 years.

On Operation Sindoor, the prime minister said the entire country is proud of the courage shown by the armed forces.

"During the operation, one could see the benefits of the reforms we have undertaken in the last decade. Therefore, defence budgets, modernisation, etc., all these are parts of our continuous effort and need not be ▶ P11

Sinha attends Sant Kabir's Nirvan Diwas Tech & Tradition India's twin strengths; ancient roots, novel tools blueprint for 21st Century: LG

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday has urged the people to harness power for societal transformation and craft a blueprint for a prosperous India that lights the world's path.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the commemorative event on the occasion of 508th Nirvan Diwas of Sant Kabir, organised by Shiromani Sant Kabir Bhawan at Chak Avtar Bishan, Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that Sant Kabir's eternal wisdom and his message paves a brighter societal path, deepening our unity while forging spiritual and material triumphs for the nation.

He said that the legacy and philosophy of Sant Kabir is shining brightest today, awakening society's inner soul. "India's greatest strength is its ability to mas-



ter Tech and Tradition, Microchip and Mantra. Our ancient roots and digital branches, modern tools and timeless values of ancient sages are perfect blueprint for 21st Century success and prosperity.

India is stepping forward

one family—holds unprecedented relevance today.

"As global divisions deepen in economic and strategic realms, India's timeless wisdom offers a vision where unity, peace, and joy become a universal way of life. In the face ▶ P11

## Huge 'mule accounts' racket busted in J&K; fear misuse by terror groups

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NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR: Security agencies have busted an ever-growing ecosystem of "mule accounts" in Jammu and Kashmir that serves as the financial backbone of global scam networks, with officials fearing that the funds routed through these accounts could be used for separatist and anti-national activities.

The officials said more than 8,000 mule accounts operating in the region have been identified and frozen over a period of three years, exposing

they said.

Officials suspect that after the National Investigation Agency's 2017 crackdown on the flow of illicit money into Jammu and Kashmir, anti-national elements may have shifted to a newer model of "digital hawala", wherein commissions earned by mule account holders or mulers may be used for activities against the country.

A muler is typically not the person who contacts victims or sends fake links. Instead, their role is covert but critical—arranging and maintaining a steady supply of ▶ P11

## 6 AGMUT IAS officers get key roles in Admn

NEW DELHI: In a major administrative reshuffle, the Delhi Government has ordered the transfer and posting of 72 IAS officers across departments on Sunday.

Among them are six IAS officers of the AGMUT cadre who have served in Jammu and Kashmir union territory or are transitioning from the J&K segment to take up important assignments in the national capital.

As per the official order, Bipul Pathak, the 1992 batch AGMUT Cadre IAS officer, presently serving as Additional Chief Secretary (Social Welfare) holding additional charge of Director (UTCS), has been posted as Addi-

tional Chief Secretary (Social Welfare), while continuing to hold the additional charges of Director (UTCS) and Additional Chief Secretary (SC/ST/OCB).

Similarly, Santosh D Vaidya, the 1998 batch AGMUT Cadre IAS officer, presently serving as Principal Secretary (Finance) in Jammu and Kashmir, on joining GNCTD, has been posted as Principal Secretary (Home) with additional charge of Principal Secretary (Finance/Planning), Principal Secretary (Industries) and Chairperson, DSIIDC.

In another key move, Pandurang K Pole, the 2004 batch officer, ▶ P11



Devotees offer prayers at Shri Ranbireshwar temple in Jammu on Mahashivratri

Pic by: Sewa Ram

## Avalanche hits Doda; road choked

BHADERWAH/JAMMU: An avalanche blocked the Bhaderwah-Pathankot interstate road in Doda district of the Union Territory on Sunday, leaving dozens of vehicles stranded, a police officer said.

Bhaderwah Superintendent of Police Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma said the avalanche struck between Thanthara and Guldanda, around 18 kms from Bhaderwah town, around 5 pm. No casualties were reported.

Gulmara is a famous winter destination in the Jammu region, and over 250 vehicles carrying tourists had crossed the area when the avalanche occurred, he ▶ P11

## White-Collar Terror probe: Doctors form 'Ansar Interim' for J-K, hinterland strikes

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NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR: The 'white-collar' terror module recently busted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police indicates that the doctors arrested in the case had been radicalised since 2016 and formed a new terror organisation named "Ansar Interim" to carry out subversive activities in the Union Territory as well as in the hinterland, officials said on Sunday.

The case, which is now being probed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), also brings to light that Dr Umer-un Nabi -- the man behind the wheel of the explosive-laden car that exploded outside the Red Fort on No-

ember 10, killing over a dozen people -- had unsuccessfully attempted to join terror groups in 2016 and 2018, they said.

Piecing together evidence gathered so far, officials said the accused doctors -- Muzaamil Gannie, Umer-un Nabi (now dead), and Adeel Rather, along with his brother Muzzafar Rather (absconding), as well as Maulvi Irfan, Qari Aamir, and Tufail Gazi met at Eidgah in downtown Srinagar in April 2022.

During the meeting, they decided to form a terror organisation "Ansar Interim," with Adeel named as the 'Ameer' (chief) of the group, Maulvi Irfan as 'Deputy Ameer,' and Gannie as treas-

urer, officials said, adding that among militant groups, "Ansar" is commonly associated with the globally banned terror outfit Al-Qaeda.

The arrested doctors and preachers told the interrogators that the need to form a new group emerged because all their contacts with active terrorists had been severed, officials said. Roles and operational codes were assigned to the members during the meeting.

Umer assumed the role of coordinator and, along with Gannie, handled finances and procurement.

It was in 2023 that the group decided to acquire fertiliser from the Sohna and Nuh areas of Haryana. ▶ P11

## Bhagwat: India a global hub of goodwill, social harmony

GORAKHPUR (UP): RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Sunday that India stands as a global centre of goodwill and social harmony, asserting that the country's civilisational ethos is rooted in a sense of oneness and mutual belonging rather than transactional relationships.

Addressing a 'Samajik Sadhbhav' (social harmony) meeting organised by the RSS Gorakhpur province at Baba Gambhir Nath Auditorium in Taramandal here to mark the organisation's centenary year, Bhagwat said society is defined by interconnectedness and not by self-interest.

"In many countries, relationships are seen as transactions. In our country, human



relationships are based on a sense of belonging," he said.

"India stands as a global centre of goodwill and social harmony. The country's civilisational ethos is rooted in a sense of oneness and mutual belonging rather than transactional relationships," he

said.

Highlighting India's diversity, Bhagwat said differences in customs, attire and traditions do not create divisions because of the underlying cultural unity.

"We consider Bharat as our mother. The same ▶ P11

## 6 ERSS vehicles inducted

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir police on Sunday dedicated six emergency response support system (ERSS) Dial-112 vehicles in hilly Doda district to enhance public safety and strengthening emergency response mechanisms.

Doda Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Mehta flagged off the vehicles from district police lines and urged citizens to make responsible use of the Dial 112 emergency service strictly for genuine emergencies.

Under this initiative, each police station in the district has been provided with a dedicated emergency ▶ P11

## Strategic Bhaderwah-Bani-Basohli NH reopened after fresh snowfall

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that the 69 and 118 Road Construction Company (RCC) of the 35 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) under Project Sampark of the BRO launched an intensive snow clearance drive in challenging terrain near the Ashapati glacier and the foothills of Mount Kailash. Despite deep snow accumulation, sub-zero temperatures and difficult working conditions, the teams deployed men and machinery round-the-clock to restore traffic well ahead of the usual seasonal schedule, the spokesman mentioned.

He emphasised that the timely reopening has ▶ P11

## T20 WORLD CUP India thrash Pakistan by 61 runs to qualify for Super 8s

COLOMBO: Ishan Kishan merged power with finesse for a fifty before Jasprit Bumrah destroyed Pakistan top-order with his malevolently talented right-arm, powering India to a T20 World Cup Super Eight berth clinching one-sided 61-run win here on Sunday.

Kishan's supersonic 77 (40b) on a tacky Premadasa pitch was worth its weight in gold, carrying India to a competitive 175 for seven after they were asked to bat first. It was easily one of the most entertaining T20I knockouts by an Indian batter if one factors in degree of difficulty.

Pakistan needed a strong Power Play segment to chase 176 on this surface. But Bumrah (2/17) and Hardik Pandya (2/16) jettisoned big-hitting



Sahibzada Farhan, Saim Ayub and Salman Ali Agha to bowl out for 114, reducing the much-anticipated match into a no-contest. India now lead 8-1 in all T20 World Cup encounters.

Pandya started the bedlam in the first over of Pakistan's chase, as his snorter got big on Farhan and he could only sky it to Rinku Singh.

Entered the irrepressible Bumrah. The premier pacer unleashed himself on Pakistan batters in his first over itself.

Ayub could not handle a devilish inswinging yorker to get caught in front of the wicket.

Agha was as clueless as an exchange student in a foreign country against Bumrah's back of ▶ P11