

PM praises "Kalari" from J&K

NEW DELHI: Noting the growing popularity of Indian cheese globally, Prime Minister Modi on Sunday stated that the Indian dairy sector is undergoing a major transformation.

In his monthly radio address 'Mann Ki Baat', Modi highlighted that the taste of India is making its way to plates internationally, and how the dairy sector has been crucial to giving Indian traditional flavours a new identity.

The prime minister informed that two Indian cheese brands received prestigious awards at an international cheese competition held in Brazil, stating that this achievement was widely discussed on social media, and many people have said that the diversity of cheese in India should also be discussed.

Giving examples of such dairy products, Modi praised the Kalari cheese from ► P11

Organ donation among noblest acts, says LG Sinha during 'Naman Diwas'



“I appeal to every citizen to take the pledge for organ donation today. Let society remember that each one of us is a potential donor. Each one of us holds the extraordinary power to save lives even after we are gone: LG Sinha

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended 'Naman Diwas' an event dedicated to honor organ donors and their families. The Lieutenant Governor paid his gratitude to or-

gan donors and their families and said they have brought happiness in the countless lives.

"Because of you, someone is able to read today. Because of you, someone is seeing the colors of the world for the very first time. Because of you, someone is experiencing hope, freedom, and joy anew. I must emphasize with great responsibility that no award from the government or any institution can ever truly capture the value of your gift," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Addressing the gathering of cornea donors' families and kidney donors, the Lieutenant Governor emphasised that no award can ever truly capture the value of organ donation and Cornea as well Kidney donors are the true role models and heroes of our society.

"In life, we often ask what is humanity's greatest gift? Across centuries, philosophers, poets, and thinkers have arrived at the same truth that the measure of life is not in what we accumulate, but in what we give. Those we honor today have given the most ► P11

100-DAY NASHA MUKT JK ABHIYAAN

The EARTH NEWS joins with the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

Police destroys illicit poppy crop; 5 FIRs registered under NDPS Act

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BUDGAM: Continuing its intensified drive against the drug menace under the ongoing Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan, Budgam Police conducted a series of coordinated operations across the district, resulting in the destruction of illicit poppy cultivation and registration of five cases under the NDPS Act.

Acting on specific inputs, a police team from Police Station Charar-i-Sharief carried out an operation at Alamdar Colony Phase-II, Charar-i-Sharief, where illicit poppy plants were found

S/o Mohammad Kamal Bhat R/o Kalshipora.

In a separate action, a police team from Police Station Budgam destroyed illicit poppy cultivation at Ichgam. In this connection, FIR No. 99/2026 under Section 8/18 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Budgam.

Similarly, a police party from Police Station Chadoora destroyed illicit poppy cultivation in the orchards of Ghulam Ahmad Rather S/o Late Abdul Kareem Rather R/o Wagam. Accordingly, FIR No. 48/2026 under Section 8/18 NDPS Act has ► P11

Drug peddler detained with contraband

POONCH: In a continued drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, District Police Poonch achieved a significant success with the apprehension of a drug peddler in possession of contraband substances within the jurisdiction of Police Station Surankote.

As part of routine checking, a police team from PS Surankote apprehended one person identified as Mohd Rafi S/o Mohd Akbar R/o Berahm-gala. During his personal search, contraband substances including ► P11

IMD issues Heatwave Alert for five districts



JAMMU: The Meteorological department on Sunday issued a heatwave alert for five districts of the Jammu region. The weather is expected to remain pleasant in the rest

WHC dinner firing: Trump rushed out; armed man caught

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump and other top officials were evacuated unharmed from the annual dinner of White House correspondents after a man armed with multiple weapons fired shots outside the ballroom of the hotel.

The incident took place at around 8:34 PM local time when dinner was served. At that time, Trump was seen having a conversation with Weijia Jiang, the President of the White House Correspondents' Association, and mentalist Oz Pearlman, who was scheduled to present a show at the marquee event at the Washington Hilton here.

Secret Service officials and other security personnel covered the President, First Lady Melania Trump, Vice President JD Vance, and the Second Lady Usha Vance, who were seated at the head table, and escorted them out of ► P11

Properties worth Rs 73 lakh attached in two NDPS cases

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UDHAMPUR: District Police Udhampur continued its commitment to the Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir campaign. The department emphasized intensified action against drug peddling along with sustained awareness efforts to protect the youth from substance abuse.

Udhampur Police has attached properties worth Rs 73 lakhs in two separate NDPS cases under the provisions of the NDPS Act.

In connection with FIR

number 09/2026 under Section 8(21/22/27(A)/29 NDPS Act of Police Station Majalta immovable and movable properties worth Rs 65 lakhs belonging to accused Saif Ali S/o Shukr Din R/o Amara Nikki, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur have been attached under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act.

The attached property includes a newly constructed residential house and movable assets including one Alto car bearing registration numbers ► P11

Tiranga bike, car rally taken out in Ramban

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RAMBAN: Indian Army has organised a Tiranga Bike and Car Rally on Sunday in Ramban district to promote the message of a drug-free society under the theme "Support a Drug-Free Ramban - Nashamukti Abhiyaan."

The rally commenced from Dak Bungalow, Ramban, and proceeded through Jhula Bridge, Maitra Company Operating Base, Jaswal Bridge, Karol and Ramban Market. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local

youth and school children, who joined the Indian Army in spreading awareness against drug abuse and promoting a healthy and responsible lifestyle.

Participants carried the National Flag and displayed banners and placards highlighting the importance of eradicating drug abuse from society. The rally aimed to sensitise the youth about the harmful effects of narcotics and to encourage collective efforts towards building a drug-free Ramban. Such initiatives by the Indian Army continue to strengthen the ► P11

Omar pushes for private university investment to boost J-K edu sector

Invites reputed institutions to invest under Private University Act

BENGALURU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday interacted with a delegation of education sector representatives in Bengaluru, highlighting the opportunities created by the recently notified J&K Private University Act.

Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Zaidal Tanvir Sadiq, senior officers and several education representatives were present during the interaction.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister invited institutions to invest in the higher education sector and partner in positioning Jammu & Kashmir as a vibrant academic hub.

The Jammu and Kashmir Private Universities Bill, 2026 was passed by the J&K Legislative Assembly during the recent Budget Session. Cutting across party lines, the legislation was widely hailed as a landmark step in the history of



higher education in Jammu and Kashmir. The Bill has since received assent from Lieutenant Governor, becoming an Act.

Highlighting the significance of the new framework, the Chief Minister said it opens up substantial opportunities for reputed institutions to establish campuses in Jammu & Kashmir, fostering a modern, inclusive and globally ► P11

12 narco kingpins booked

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has booked 12 narco kingpins under the NDPS Act in Anantnag district, an official said.

In a sustained crackdown against drug abuse and trafficking, the police detained 12 repeat drug peddlers and subsequently lodged them in Subsidiary Jail ► P11

Army organise lecture on Drug-Free Bharat at Hubbi

RAJOURI: The Indian Army has organised a lecture on "Drug-Free Bharat" at Government Girls Middle School, Hubbi, on Sunday. The event was conducted under the initiative "Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan" with the aim of creating awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and illicit trafficking, and to inspire youth to adopt a healthy, disciplined and drug-free lifestyle for the progress of individuals, families and the

nation.

The session highlighted the dangers of substance abuse and its adverse impact on physical and mental health, academics, career and social relationships. The ill effects of illicit ► P11



Four DSPs transferred & posted in Jammu

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police have ordered the transfer and posting of four Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) in the Jammu region with immediate effect in the interest of administration.

According to an order issued by Police Headquarters Jammu, Tahir Amin Sheikh, DSP DAR Jammu has been transferred and posted as SDPO Domana, while Dheraj Singh Katoch, SDPO Border Kathua, has been transferred and posted DSP DAR Jammu. Similarly, ► P11

Everyone must come together in interest of nation: Delhi CM

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KATRA: "Everyone gains wisdom with time", Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta quipped on Sunday on multiple AAP MLAs switching to the BJP.

Gupta was speaking to reporters before leaving for the shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi here.

Rajya Sabha member and AAP leader Raghav Chadha on Friday joined the BJP along with six other party MPs.

Reacting to the development, Gupta said, "With time, everyone gains wisdom. I believe that in the interest of the nation, everyone should come together so that all citizens can move forward and work collectively—that is the right path."

"I pray that the mother Goddess continues to bless all Indians and that the country keeps advancing under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. May every state and every citizen move forward," she said.

Extending a message to the people of ► P11



Citizens participation in Census vital: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the ongoing Census exercise is not just a government task but a responsibility of all citizens and participation of everyone is vital.

In his monthly radio address 'Mann Ki Baat', Modi also said that all information provided by the people during the Census will remain secure and confidential, and appealed to all citizens to participate in the process and make the Census 2027 a success.

"Friends, the national Census is not just a government task; it is a responsibility for all of us. Your participation is vital. The information you provide remains completely secure and confidential, protected by robust digital security," he said.

The prime minister said Census is a very important campaign currently underway in the country and every Indian must be aware of it. He also noted that the Indian Census exercise is the largest such exercise in the world.

"Census 2027 has been made digital. All information is being recorded directly through digital means," he said.

Modi said the personnel visiting people's homes are equipped with a mobile app and they will speak to everyone and enter the ► P11

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