

You take your life in your own hands, and what happens? A terrible thing, no one to blame.

—Erica Jong

Inking the Truth

India, US signal thaw; ties reset

NEW DELHI: India and the US on Sunday sought to signal a reset in their strained ties as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his American counterpart Marco Rubio held frank discussions on thorny issues such as trade, visas, energy security, cross-border terrorism and the implications of the West Asia conflict.

Rubio, who is on a four-day visit to the country, described New Delhi as a major power and dismissed observations that the US-India relationship has lost its two-decade momentum, firmly asserting that the engagement will grow much stronger by the end of the current administration's tenure.

In a clear statement of India's foreign policy priorities, Jaishankar outlined a ▶ P11

India trusts its youth to lead nation to greater heights: LG

Sinha interacts with NCC cadets at integration camp



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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that India trusts its youth to lead the country to greater heights.

Addressing the 'Special National Integration Camp' organised by National Cadet

Corps (NCC) Directorate, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, the LG said, "India places its hope and confidence in its youth, trusting that the young generation will lead the nation to greater heights. NCC cadets must honour that trust by living the values of the NCC and spreading across communi-

ties." During his interaction with NCC cadets from across the country, Sinha emphasised that this special camp is a living symbol of India's spirit, where every cadet is not just witnessing history but actively shaping it.

Sinha said that for India, diversity is the greatest strength and for many centuries, our greatest strength lies in turning diversity into unity, weaving many cultures into one shared national spirit.

"The values of unity in diversity and the leadership qualities you have learned at this camp must be put to use in improving society. Equally important is the seed of patriotism sown here must be carried forward with full responsibility and ▶ P11

SVS Trust Clinic organises Free Medical Camp at New Era School with SP Smart Schooling system

SVS Trust holds camps frequently: Swami Vishwatmanand Ji

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RAJOURI: In continuation with their efforts to reach out and serve the needy and poor people living in far flung and remote areas, Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati (SVS) Trust Clinic, under the supervision Atal Pethadeshwar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandaleswar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati ji Maharaj, took a good initiative for the welfare of general public of this border belt and hold a Free Medical Camp at New Era Public School with SP Smart Schooling system, Gyan Ganga Ashram near Sports Office on Sunday in which free medicines were distributed to around 2000 patients.

Various specialists were invited from J&K UT as well as from different states in this camp. Some of them who attended the camp were Dr. Susheel Sharma, HOD, Cardiology, GMC, Jammu,



Dr. Poonam Jagiasi, Gynaecologist, Mumbai, Dr. Shabaz Khan, M.D Physician, Dr. Raghuvver Singh, MD Physician, Dr. Liaquat Husain, Ortho Surgeon, Dr. Sourab Gupta, Dental Surgeon, Dr. Vidushi, ENT & Neck Surgeon, Dr. Sonali Sharma, M.D Pathologist, Dr. Kunal Sharma, MD Medicine, Dr. Neelam Sharma, MD, Gynaecologist, Mumbai, Dr. Hari Om, Child & Physiotherapy), Dr. Vishab Bandhu Sharma, Physiotherapy, Dr. Sonia Sharma, Physiotherapy, Dr. Anshu, MD Anaesthesia, Bangalore, Dr. Maqsood, General Surgeon, Dr. Gurleen Kour, MD, Family Medicine, London, Dr. Shyam Singh, Cardiophysician and other paramedics staff members and from SVS paramedical college Sunderbani.

Also, free investigation was done on Blood pressure checking, Blood sugar testing, Hemogram, ▶ P11

NIA flags AI used in Red Fort terror plot

NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe into the Red Fort area car blast case in Delhi has found that a chargesheeted accused, linked to an offshoot of global terrorist outfit Al-Qaida, allegedly misused an artificial intelligence (AI) platform for "terror engineering", official sources said on Sunday.

They said the accused persons had also made rocket Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and tested them in the Qazigund forest in Anantnag district.

The glaring findings are part of a voluminous 7,500-page chargesheet filed by the NIA on May 14 in connection with the high-intensity vehicle-borne IED blast that rocked the national capital on November 10 last year.

The chargesheet, submitted before a special NIA court here, details what officials described as a meticulous, "almost laboratory-grade" approach adopted by the accused in the fabrication and use of IEDs.

One of the charge-sheeted accused emerged as ▶ P11

Air Chief stresses for defence self-reliance

BENGALURU: Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, chief of IAF, has emphasised self-reliance as a strategic necessity for developing resilient indigenous defence capabilities.

He was speaking during the 48th Flight Test Course graduation ceremony here on Saturday.

Eleven test pilots and six flight test engineers of the 48th Flight Test Course graduated from the Air Force Test Pilots School (AFTPS) on completion of a rigorous 48-week multidis-

ciplinary training curriculum.

According to an official statement issued on Sunday, this year the graduation course comprised a cohort of 17 officers -- 14 officers from the Indian Air Force, one officer from the Indian Army and two officers from the Indian Navy.

These graduates will join the Aviation Wing of the Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment, which is one of the premier units of the Indian Air Force. ▶ P11

10 months on, locals forced to cross river by boats in Nagrota

KATAL BATAL: Nearly ten months after flash floods washed away a crucial bridge over the Tawi river connecting several villages and the famous Raja Pad Devta shrine on the outskirts of Jammu, hundreds of residents of the Katal Batal area in Nagrota continue to rely on boats for their daily commute, with the impending monsoon season triggering fresh fears of prolonged isolation.

The bridge was the sole road link for several hamlets with populations of 4,000 to 5,000 and a major access route to the revered temple. It was swept away during devastating floods last year. Since then, villagers, students, government employees, labourers, traders and pilgrims have been forced to cross the river in boats to reach schools, workplaces and markets. Residents said their lives come



to a virtual standstill whenever the Tawi swells during the rains, as boat services are suspended for safety reasons.

"We are facing the most difficult period of our lives. For more than ten months, we have remained dis-

connected after our bridge, the only road connectivity to several villages, was washed away in flash floods. The government has done nothing during this period," said Rajesh Kumar, a resident of Katal Batal. The villagers alleged ▶ P11

Court extends custody in NEET paper leak case

NEW DELHI: Delhi court on Sunday sent accused Shubham Khairnar to judicial custody till June 6 in the NEET paper leak case.

Special Judge Ruchi Aggarwal Asrani allowed the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) plea seeking judicial custody of the accused.

The federal agency said that the accused persons, including Khairnar, were "actively" involved in the leakage of NEET-UG 2026 examination questions prior to the commencement of the examination.

In its remand paper, the CBI said, "For the ▶ P11

US GoPro shipped to China traced to Lashkar terrorists, NIA probing supply chain: Officials

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PAHALGAM: Even as the NIA has filed a comprehensive chargesheet in the Pahalgam terror attack, investigators are aggressively tracing a global supply chain to determine how a US-manufactured GoPro camera supplied to China ended up in the hands of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit, senior officials said on Sunday.

The high-tech camera recovered from the terrorists, who were neutralised in an encounter in Dachigam forests last July following the attack, has opened a critical new line of inquiry into the external logistics network supporting terror outfits in Jammu and Kashmir.

Terror groups in Jammu and Kashmir have increasingly been

using cameras to record their ambushes for propaganda and psychological warfare. Investigators believe that unearthing this specific supply chain could expose critical vulnerabilities or complicity in the underground networks that funnel funds, hardware and tactical gear across borders to anti-India outfits.

In a bid to uncover the device's origin, the NIA officially reached out to the US manufacturer GoPro Inc to ascertain where the device had been sold. In its formal response, the US-based firm reported that the specific device was originally shipped to an authorised commercial distributor in China, according to officials.

The officials familiar with the developments said that the probe

has now shifted focus toward tracking how the camera from the Chinese distributor landed in the hands of LeT handlers, with a likely possibility that these cameras could have been purchased by the Pakistani army and later supplied to terror groups.

India does not have a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with China and such cases are taken up through diplomatic channels.

"The chargesheet establishes the immediate operational details of the Baisaran attack, but the wider investigation remains wide open," an official said on the condition of anonymity.

"We are actively investigating the procurement channels to ascertain how a commercial device tracking back to China was diverted to a banned terrorist organisation operating in ▶ P11

Illicit opium cultivation unearthed, eradicated in Anantnag, Pulwama

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its firm action against the cultivation and trafficking of narcotic substances, police in Anantnag and Pulwama detected and destroyed an illegal opium poppy cultivation in the Kokernag and Ganngoo areas and initiated legal proceedings against the offender.

Police Station Kokernag received reliable information regarding the illegal cultivation of opium poppy in vegetable fields at Senzi Gadool. Acting promptly on the information, a case FIR No. 56/2026 under Sections 8/18 of the NDPS Act was registered and investigation was taken up. During the course of investigation, a joint ▶ P11



Police seize over 3.2 Kg Charas; two cases filed

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ANANTNAG: Continuing its sustained efforts against the menace of drug trafficking, J&K Police achieved a significant success in Bijbehara by registering two separate NDPS cases and recovering a substantial quantity of contraband substance.

During routine Naka checking at Rakh Nowbug, a police party from Police Station Bijbehara apprehended one drug peddler

identified as Umar Rasheed Ganie son of Abdul Rasheed Ganie resident of Nowbug Bijbehara. During his search, 295 grams of charas powder-like substance was recovered from his possession.

In another operation, acting on a specific tip-off, a police party from Police Post Sangam conducted a search at the residence of Bashir Ahmad Dar son of Amma Dar resident of Natipora. During the search, approximately ▶ P11

Police hold anti-drug awareness road race

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BARAMULLA: In continuation of the ongoing "Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan" awareness campaign, J&K Police in Baramulla organised an anti-drug awareness road race in coordination with the administration of Maqtaba-e-Dar-ul-Quran, Batpora Kunzar, as part of the sustained drive against drug abuse and narcotics menace in the district.

The road race was conducted from Kunzar to Bat-



pora and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, youth and members of the local community. The programme aimed to spread awareness regarding the harmful effects ▶ P11

CM visits Er Rashid's residence

LANGATE (HANDWARA): Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday visited the residence of Member of Parliament Er Rashid and MLA Langate Khursheed Ahmed Sheikh to offer his heartfelt condolences on the demise of their father, Khizar Mohammad Sheikh, who passed away last week after a prolonged illness.

Khizar Mohammad Sheikh, 85, breathed his last at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi where he had been undergoing treatment.

The Chief Minister ▶ P11

Day 2: Search Ops intensify in Rajouri, addl troops deployed

Ammunition recovered from hideout in Baramulla

JAMMU: Security forces on Sunday intensified search operations and strengthened the cordon in Rajouri district with the deployment of additional troops to track down suspected terrorists believed to be hiding in the area, officials said.

They said the operation in the Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla belt was expanded following a brief encounter between the security forces and the terrorists during an intelligence-based operation on Saturday.

"Search operations have



been intensified in the Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla area and the cordon has been strengthened," the officials

said. Additional security personnel have been rushed to the area to assist in ▶ P11