

**The management and staff of The Earth News greet all patrons and readers on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.**

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## India rejects 'unwarranted' J&K mention

**NEW DELHI:** India on Tuesday strongly rejected "unwarranted" references to Jammu and Kashmir in a joint statement issued by China and Pakistan, reiterating that the Union Territory and Ladakh "have been, are and will" remain an integral part of the country and that no other nation has the locus standi to comment on it.

India's position is consistent and well known to the concerned parties, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"India categorically rejects unwarranted references to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the Joint Statement between China and Pakistan," he said.

The joint statement was issued during Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to China.

"The Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India. No other country ► P11

## 'Govt to install anti-drone grid to curb smuggling' Demographic change under 'scanner'; Govt forms panel to check infiltration

**BSF stood with border residents during Op Sindoor: Shah**



**NEW DELHI/BIKANER:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday announced that the Centre has constituted a high-level committee under retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar to assess demographic changes across India due to "illegal immigration and other unnatural causes".

In a message on 'X' in Hindi, he said infiltration and other reasons are causing "unnatural" demo-

graphic change, which poses a significant challenge to the present and future of any nation.

"To address this very challenge, on August 15, 2025, Prime Minister @narendramodi ji had announced the 'high-level committee on demographic change'. I am delighted to inform you that the government has now constituted this committee," Shah said.

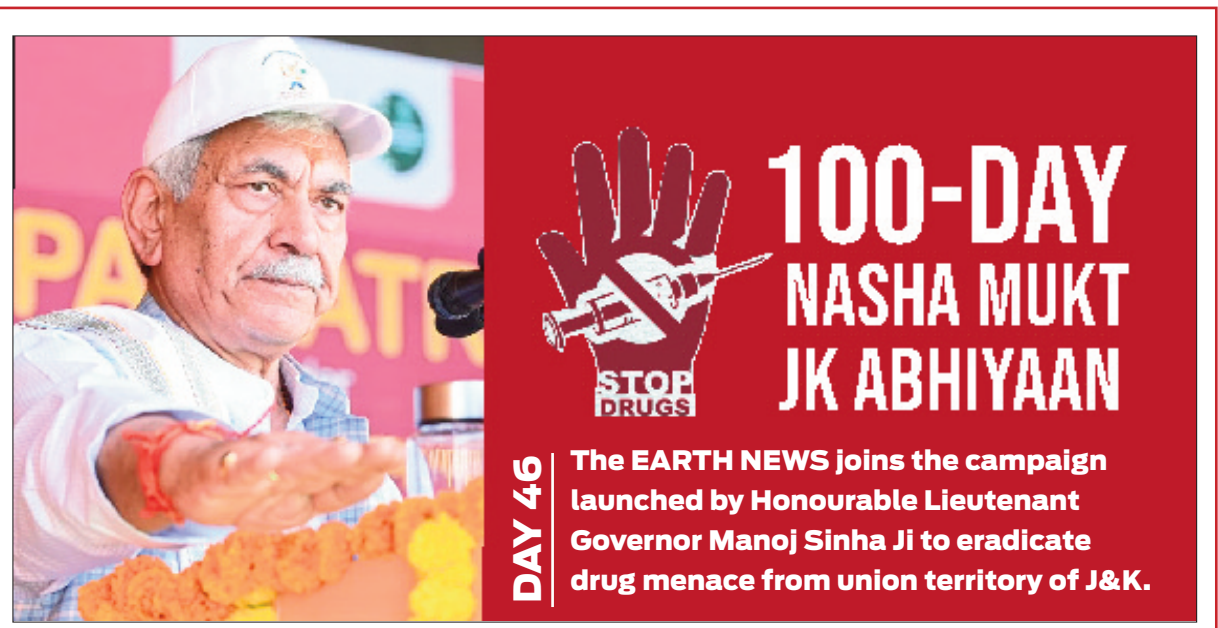
The home minister said the committee will be

chaired by Justice Naolekar (retired) and will also include the census commissioner, along with retired IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, ex-IPS officer Balaji Srivastava and Dr Shamika Ravi as members.

"The joint secretary (foreigners-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, will serve as the member secretary of this committee," he said.

Shah emphasised that demographic change is a serious issue linked not only to the country's sovereignty but also to national security, law and order, profound changes in social structure and the preservation of tribal society.

"This committee will conduct a comprehensive assessment of demographic changes occurring across India due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes, analyse patterns of abnormal population shifts at the levels of religious and social communities, ► P11



**100-DAY NASHA MUKT JK ABHIYAN**

**DAY 46** The EARTH NEWS joins the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

## Properties of 2 drug peddlers worth Rs 2.25 crores attached

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**SRINAGAR/JAMMU:** Property worth around Rs 1 Crore belonging to an alleged drug peddler was attached in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, police said on Tuesday.

A police spokesman said Srinagar Police attached an immovable property belonging to a "notorious drug peddler" in connection with a narcotics case registered here.

He said the action was part of the police's sustained crackdown on narcotics trafficking under the ongoing 'Nasha Mukta J-K Abhiyan'.

The attached property is a residential house ► P11



## DIPR conducts Nukkad Natak at Chichi Mata

**SAMBA:** As part of the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), District Information Office Samba organised a Nukkad Natak (street play) at the historic Chichi Mata Temple, Samba to generate awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a drug-free society.

The programme was organised under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan and under ► P11

## Op Sheruwali: Fire assault launched over specific hideouts on fourth day



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**JAMMU:** Security forces on Tuesday launched a fire assault on specific hideouts and inducted additional troops as the operation to track down terrorists believed to be hiding

in the dense forests of Rajouri district entered the fourth day, officials said.

The assault was launched on suspected hideouts in the Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla belt of Manjakote area amid intensified efforts to ► P11

## Drone found in Kathua

**JAMMU:** A drone was found in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, prompting security agencies to heighten surveillance and launch a probe, officials said on Tuesday.

They said the drone was found near Govindsar railway station road in Hatli belt of the district on Monday night. ► P11

## LG, CM greet people on Eid-ul-Adha

**SRINAGAR:** The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, has extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, which is being observed tomorrow.

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all.

Eid-ul-Adha celebrates the spirit of sacrifice, unity, and brotherhood. The sacred occasion serves as a reminder for humanity to embrace the eternal values of love, compassion and ► P11

## Police, suspects exchange gunfire in Gandhi Nagar

**JAMMU:** An exchange of fire broke out between police and suspected criminals during an operation in Jammu on Tuesday evening, triggering fear and panic, after the suspects allegedly tried to escape by opening fire, officials said.

"At about 6 pm, a team of Police Station Gandhi Nagar, along with a Special Operation Group party, proceeded to the mini market area near Green belt park in Gandhi Nagar, for operational action against suspected criminals", a police officer said.

Further details ► P11

## CM visits family of murdered girl

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**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday visited the family of the minor girl who was brutally murdered on Sunday morning.

The Chief Minister visited the bereaved family at their residence in Galwanpora village of Budgam district and offered words of comfort and solidarity during this hour of immense grief.

Expressing profound sorrow over the tragic loss of the child, the Chief Minister conveyed his deepest condolences to the family and as-

sured them that the government stands firmly with them in their pursuit of justice.

The Chief Minister said the incident has shaken the conscience of society and asserted that such elements have no place in a civilised society.

He said the government will ensure that the case is taken to its logical conclusion and that the perpetrator of this heinous crime is awarded exemplary punishment in accordance with the law.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by MLA Budgam Agha ► P11

## PM marks 12 years in power

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi completed 12 years in office on Tuesday with the ruling BJP and its top leaders hailing his tenure as India's return to self-confidence and cultural renaissance.

On May 26, 2014, Modi took charge as India's Prime Minister with landslide victory. He got re-elected with a bigger mandate in 2019 and again became the prime minister for the 3rd time in 2024.

BJP president Nitin Nabin hailed ► P11

## J&K Bank expands alliance with Narayana Vaishno Devi Hospitals



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**JAMMU:** Reinforcing its commitment to strengthening institutional partnerships through customised employee banking solutions, J&K Bank today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with

Narayana Vaishno Devi Speciality Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. under the Bank's Corporate Salary Package.

The MoU aims to extend a range of tailored banking and financial benefits to the hospital's employees, including specialised salary account variants, attractive loan faci-

ties, insurance cover and enhanced digital banking services designed to meet their evolving financial needs.

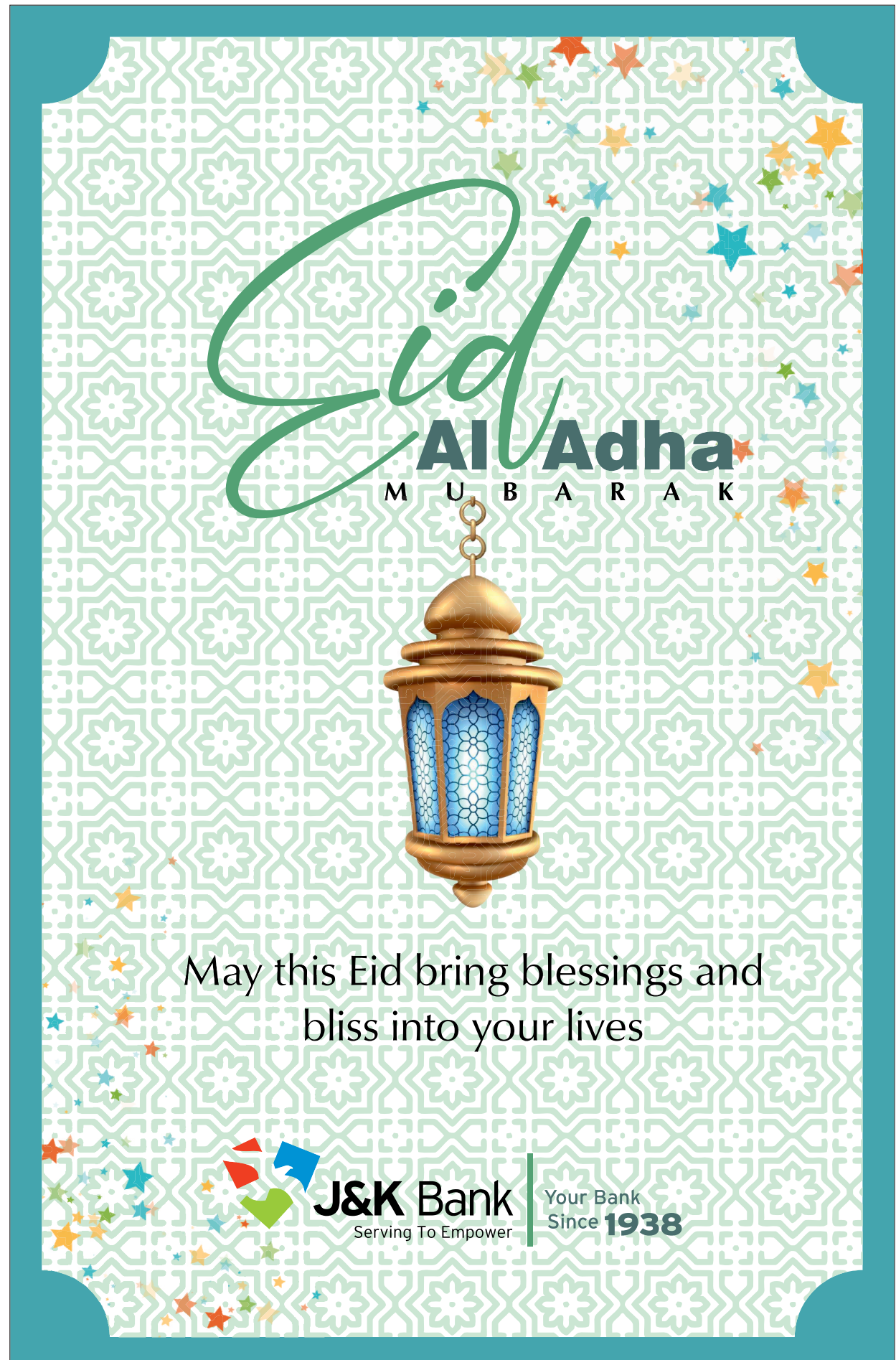
In a simple function held at Narayana Super speciality Hospital, Kakryal (Katra) Zonal Head (Udhampur) Lalit Prakash signed the MoU on behalf of J&K Bank while Director M. Muthu Mathavan put in his signatures representing Narayana Vaishno Devi Speciality Hospitals Pvt. Ltd.

Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head Lalit Prakash said, "At J&K Bank, we remain committed to building meaningful institutional relationships through customer-centric banking solutions that add value to the ► P11

## NIA reveals fake ID in Red Fort blast

**NEW DELHI:** The National Investigation Agency's (NIA) probe has found that the key accused in the Delhi Red Fort car blast case used a fake identity to procure off-the-shelf chemicals for manufacturing explosives, official sources said on Tuesday.

The prime accused, Dr Umer Un Nabi, who was driving the explosives-laden car and died in the blast, researched of-line and online resources related to various chemicals and had set up a makeshift lab in his flat at Al Falah University in Faridabad for carrying out experiments with the objective of ► P11



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