

Lt General Subramani to take over as CDS today

NEW DELHI: Outgoing Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan on Saturday described his tenure as "very satisfying" as he wrapped up a three-year-and-eight-month stint at the top military post, during which he focused on bringing synergy among the three services. Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (ret'd) will take charge as India's next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) on Sunday. "I had a very satisfying and excellent tenure," the outgoing CDS told reporters after he was accorded a ceremonial tri-services guard of honour. Gen Chauhan, a former Eastern Army Commander, took charge as the country's senior-most military commander in September 2022, over nine months after the first CDS General Bipin Rawat died in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu. As Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Chauhan played a key role in planning and implementation of P11

Pak Navy confined to ports during Op Sindoor: Rajnath

Navy's posture hit Pak's economy: Admiral



LUCKNOW: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that the Indian Navy forced "the entire Pakistan Navy to remain confined to its ports during Operation Sindoor". Addressing the inauguration ceremony of the 'Nausena Shaurya Vatika', an open-air naval museum here, Singh said, "The Navy played a significant role in

maintaining pressure on Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. "Our Navy was deployed in the Arabian Sea with full preparedness and strength, maintaining constant pressure on the adversary. As a result, Pakistan's entire Navy remained confined to its ports." Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7, 2025, to

avenge the Pahalgam terror attack, with Indian forces conducting precision strikes on multiple terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir. The military conflict was halted after both sides reached an understanding on the evening of May 10. Talking about the opening of the Nausena Shaurya Vatika, which has been designed to showcase the legacy, operational capabilities and maritime achievements of the Indian Navy, Singh said it is not only a moment of pride and honour for the people of Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh, "but also for us personally." "In the coming years, this facility will not only become a centre of inspiration for Lucknow but will also develop into a tourist hub and emerge as one of the city's defining landmarks." Earlier, Singh P11

Demographic changes serious challenge: Shah

AHMEDABAD: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has termed the demographic changes in border districts as "the most serious challenge" before the country, and called for strict monitoring and reporting of these developments. Shah, who chaired a security review meeting at Bhuj in Gujarat's Kutch district located along the India-Pakistan border on Friday, also stated that administrations of border districts should formulate SOPs to ensure identification of existing infiltrators and the tracking of threats related to drones and narcotics,



said an official release. Demographic changes in the border districts pose the most serious challenge, and district magistrates should ensure strict monitoring and regular reporting of P11

Armed forces ready for 'Op Sindoor 2.0': COAS

PUNE: The armed forces are fully prepared for 'Operation Sindoor 2.0' if the need arises, Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi said on Saturday, asserting that all three services are enhancing synergy for modern multi-domain warfare that extends beyond land, air and sea. Speaking at a press conference on the sidelines of the passing-out parade of the 150th course of the National Defence Academy (NDA) here, General Dwivedi noted that while a temporary cessation of hostilities currently exists, all three services are preparing intensely for the next phase should it take place. India launched Opera-



tion Sindoor, a military exercise to destroy terror infrastructure in Pakistan in May 2025, in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives in April. "As far as Operation Sindoor is concerned, firstly, it is still continuing. There is a temporary cessation P11

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SRINAGAR/RAJOURI: Continuing its sustained and intensified crackdown against drug trafficking and narcotics networks under the ongoing Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, Srinagar Police has attached multiple immovable properties worth approximately Rs 2 crores belonging to individuals involved in narcotics-related activities.



In the first case, Police Station Bemina attached immovable property worth approximately Rs 1.5 crores belonging to accused drug peddler Mudasar Ahmad Pir alias Sahil alias Doge S/o Shareef-U-Din R/o Firdous Colony, Bemina, Srinagar. The attachment pro-

ceedings were carried out under Section 68F(1) of the NDPS Act after obtaining confirmation from the Competent Authority SAFEMA, Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, New Delhi. The attached property comprises a double-

storey residential house along with approximately four marlas of land situated at Firdous Colony, Bemina, Srinagar. Investigations revealed that the said property was acquired through proceeds generated from illicit narcotics trafficking. In another significant

action, Srinagar Police attached a residential house along with land worth approximately ₹50 lakhs belonging to notorious drug peddler Shafiq Ahmad Khawaja son of Fateh Joo resident of Dildar Karnah, District Kupwara. The property was attached under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act, 1985 in connection with Case FIR No. 10/2024 registered under Sections 8/21-29 of the NDPS Act at Police Station M.R. Gunj. The attachment proceedings in both cases were carried out after following due legal procedures and establishing that the properties were acquired through proceeds generated from illicit narcotics trafficking. These actions P11

Anti-drug drive reviewed; DC calls for shared action

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired meetings of the District Level NCORD Committee and District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) at the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex. The meetings were attended by ADC Mahima Madan, GM DIC Mushtaq Choudhary, ASP Sunil Kesar, RTO Surinder Sharma,

CMO Dr. Vijay Raina, ACD, ACP, CEO and other concerned officers. Reviewing the NCORD agenda, the Deputy Commissioner took stock of the action taken on decisions of the previous meeting. ADC Mahima Madan informed that extensive awareness activities are being undertaken under the ongoing 100-Day Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, with scope for improving further outreach besides reaching out to uncovered and remote areas. P11

Excise Deptt intensify drive against illicit poppy farming

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SHOPIAN: In a major crackdown on illegal crop cultivation, a multi-departmental team today carried out a comprehensive destruction drive against illicit poppy cultivation in Chowan village of Tehsil Keller, District Shopian. The operation was conducted under a well-coordinated and collaborative effort involving the Excise Department Shopian, Jammu & Kashmir Police, Revenue Department, Agriculture Department, and the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL). During the drive, a significant area under illegal poppy cultivation was identified and destroyed on the spot. The action forms part of the ongoing efforts of the district administration and law enforcement agencies to eradicate the menace of illicit narcotic crop cultivation and curb drug-related activities in the region. Following the successful destruction of the illegal crops, a First Information Report (FIR) has been registered against the accused under relevant provisions of law. A thorough legal investigation has been P11

LG inaugurates 3rd edition of Kashmir Literature Fest

Sinha urges writers to shed colonial mindset; calls for positive discourse

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called for erasing every trace of colonial mindset, and urged writers on shaping positive discourse on India through fiction, non-fiction and other creative forms. The LG inaugurated the third edition of Kashmir Literature Festival here, an official spokesperson said. Addressing the gathering, the LG urged writers on shaping positive discourse through fiction, non-fiction and other creative forms and inspire



people because writer's craft lives not only in words, but in the pulse of people. "We must erase every trace of the colonial mindset

and ensure that people abroad do not distort our history and present to serve their own narratives. It is the responsibility of writers to cor-

rect such errors and take the truth to global readers," he said. Sinha said Indians should repeatedly remind the world that "when the Vedas were composed some 6,000 years ago", India was the centre of the world's economy, education, culture, and philosophy. "For centuries, India was the engine of global civilisation and culture. It laid the foundations for socioeconomic advancement across the world through its gift in science, mathematics, astronomy, and medicine," he said. The LG said there is an urgent need to restore P11

Over 500 Agniveers inducted into Army after training in J-K



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SRINAGAR: A fresh batch of 540 Agniveers was on Saturday inducted into the Army after completing months of rigorous training here in Jammu and Kashmir. An Attestation and Pass-

ing Out Parade was held at the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAKLI) Regimental Centre in the outskirts of the city here, a defence spokesperson said. In a splendid display of military precision, discipline and patriotism, 540 Ag-

ISI-linked network unearthed, nine held

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police's Special Cell has arrested nine suspected operatives linked to a ISI-Mumbai underworld network that was allegedly planning attacks on vital installations and security personnel in the national capital, an official said on Saturday. Police said arms and explosives have been recovered from the possession of the accused during the operation. The arrests were made following a sustained investigation and intelligence-based operation. Officials said the module was P11

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