

**Certain things catch your eye, but pursue only those that capture the heart.**  
— Ancient Indian Proverb

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**Modi, Trump to meet on June 17 at G-7**

**WASHINGTON:** US President Donald Trump will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G-7 meeting in France on Wednesday, local media reported quoting US officials.

This will be the first meeting between the two leaders since February last year in Washington. Trump embarks on the visit to France for the G-7 Summit on Monday morning.

The US president is also scheduled to meet with leaders of Egypt, Qatar, UAE and France during his stay in France.

Modi on Saturday left for a week-long visit to France and Slovakia, during which he will attend the G7 Summit and hold discussions with world leaders on a range of bilateral and global issues.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said India will not only speak for itself but also give voice to the aspirations of the Global South at the upcoming G7 Summit.

In his departure statement ahead of his ▶ P11

**Emerging techs have 'altered' definition of warfare: Rajnath**



**HYDERABAD:** Asserting that recruits to the armed forces must be mentally prepared for the evolving nature of modern conflict, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said major powers no longer hold an edge on the battlefield as even smaller forces can in-

fluct significant damage using specialised tactics.

Addressing the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) at the Air Force Academy at Dundigal near here, Singh also said emerging technologies have altered the very definition of warfare. "Earlier, it seemed that

the big powers had a decisive edge on the battlefield. But now, comparatively, even small powers can cause heavy losses with their small but dangerous weapons and new tactics. My purpose in telling you all this is that you should be mentally ready for any form of warfare," he said.

"In contrast to the visibility of soldiers and equipment earlier, many systems such as radars, satellites, drones, sensors and robotics are deployed in modern warfare. Such scenarios are being witnessed now in which traffic systems and CCTVs of adversaries are being controlled," he said.

According to him, the definition of warfare has changed to a great extent. The newly commissioned officers should understand modern warfare and strategies and adapt, adopt, and, if necessary, amend them.

Underscoring the importance of smart work along with hard work, he said smart nations ▶ P11

**LG urges Kashmiri Pandits to set up industries, institutions in J&K**

**SRINAGAR:** The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday attended the Global Kashmiri Pandit Conclave at Srinagar. The landmark event was attended by distinguished personalities of the Kashmiri Pandit community from India and abroad to celebrate Kashmiri Pandit Community's journey of resilience, renaissance and return. Speaking on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor said the Global Kashmiri Pandit Conclave celebrates the community's patience and resilience and honours their achievements and, above all, lays the foundation for return of the community members.

"A moment of transformation is here. Those once uprooted from their home-



land return and this homecoming is the truest victory. The presence of business leaders, corporate heads, technology entrepreneurs, and cultural icons sends a powerful message of confidence in the peace of Jammu Kashmir, and trust in the administrative stability under

Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Journey of Kashmiri Pandit Community has been scarred by genocide, exile and struggle. World once witnessed their wounds and now the triumph. The community chose a different path. They refused to be defined by

wounds and struggle. Instead, they transformed that pain into strength," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon distinguished members of Kashmiri Pandit Community to set up industries, academic and cultural institutions in Jammu Kashmir that will become the immortal story of their heritage and provide opportunities to generations to come. He emphasised that the Kashmiri Pandit Community's contribution is needed across industry, education, arts and spirituality.

"I believe the true measure of life lies in what we give back, in the hope we inspire, and in the change we leave behind for our society ▶ P11



**Lt Gen Seth to be next Army Chief**

**NEW DELHI:** Lt Gen Dhiraaj Seth will be the next Chief of the Army Staff succeeding incumbent Gen Udaya Prakash Dwivedi, the defence ministry announced on ▶ P11

**Shah orders review of 'demographic changes'**

**NEW DELHI:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday directed the high-level committee on demographic change to study the shift in population structure in border districts, officials said.

Chairing the meeting of the committee, Shah also asked it to visit border areas, metro cities and industrial towns for an assessment of changes because of illegal migration and other unnatural causes, they said.

The Home Ministry had formed the high-level committee to assess demographic changes across India due to "illegal immigration and other unnatural causes" and suggest measures to address these challenges.

The Committee is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice



Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar and includes the census commissioner, along with retired IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, ex-IPS officer Balaji Shrivastava and Dr Sharmika Ravi as members.

The joint secretary (foreigners-), Ministry of Home Affairs, ▶ P11

**AAI: Runway maintenance crucial for Srinagar Airport**

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**SRINAGAR:** The Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Saturday said the maintenance of the runway at the Srinagar International airport here was necessary as the last one was done 15 years ago.

"Every runway needs maintenance. Here, the last maintenance was done 15 years ago. Maintenance of a runway is necessary every 10 years. So, we have taken up the maintenance of the runway at the airport here," Director, AAI, Srinagar airport, Javed Anjum, told reporters.

The AAI has decided to shut the highway two days a

week -- Monday and Tuesday -- from July, and then for a fortnight in October to carry out the necessary maintenance of the runway.

"Monday and Tuesday are mandatory, and for safe aircraft operations we need safe runways. That is why we are maintaining it. On Monday and Tuesday, we will take up a small portion, then for five days work (flight operations) will go on and flights will operate. Then the next Monday-Tuesday again, we will take up another portion," Anjum said.

He said that in October, the final work has to be done and so it would become "inevitable" to shut the ▶ P11

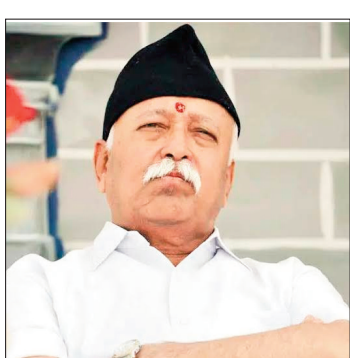
**Bhagwat: RSS largest org yet 'most misunderstood'**

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday said the RSS was the largest voluntary organisation in the world but also "the most misunderstood".

Speaking at an event here as part of the RSS centenary celebrations, Bhagwat said the organisation might appear to outsiders as a paramilitary body—owing to the route marches conducted by swayamsevaks in uniform—or as an all-India gymnasium, given its promotion of Bharatiya games and martial arts.

"But it is not all that. It is difficult to understand the Sangh from the outside," he added.

"The best way to understand the RSS is to engage with it and experience it from within. However, to do



so, one must first be assured that it is safe to test and understand it. A lecture or a book can provide at least that much understanding of the Sangh," Bhagwat said. ▶ P11

**Killing of mariners: EAM raises matter with Rubio**

**NEW DELHI:** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday raised with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio the killing of three Indian mariners in a US military strike on a merchant vessel in the Gulf of Oman.

Jaishankar, currently on a visit to Europe, spoke to the US Secretary of State on phone.

Following the conversation, the external affairs minister described the "lethal" actions by the US military against commercial shipping as unjustified.

"Spoke to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio this evening. I reiterated India's strong protest at the attacks by the US Navy in the Gulf that killed three Indian mariners," Jaishankar said on

social media. "Such lethal actions against commercial shipping are not justified," he said.

India on Friday summoned US Charge d'Affaires Jason Meeks and told him that the American military's lethal strikes on commercial vessels with Indian crew members off the coast of Oman are unacceptable.

The senior diplomat was summoned on Wednesday night as well.

A Palau-flagged oil tanker, Mariyex, carrying 24 Indian seafarers, was disabled by US forces on June 8. All crew members were safely rescued.

On June 10, the US struck another Palau-flagged tanker, Settebello, killing three out of the 24 Indian ▶ P11

**India tests latest BMD capability**

**NEW DELHI:** India has successfully carried out flight-tests of key platforms this week to demonstrate its multi-layered Ballistic Missile Defence system's power to intercept intercontinental missiles, joining an elite group of nations with this capability.

The BMDs are capable of intercepting incoming long-range nuclear missiles and hostile aircraft including AWACS (airborne warning and control systems). A very few countries including the US, Russia and China are known to have Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) capabilities. Three consecutive flight-tests were ▶ P11

**LG attends e-edition launch of Mahamana Malaviya's works**

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**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday attended the launch ceremony of e-edition of collected works of revered nationalist, educationist and social reformer, Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, at Srinagar.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the monumental efforts of the Mahamana Malaviya Mission. "Given the increased accessibility of digital content in today's era, I am confident that this initiative will ensure seamless, universal access to the timeless wisdom of Mahamana," he said.



On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on the "Viksit Bharat and Jammu Kashmir: The Rele-

vance of Mahamana's Vision" and highlighted Mahamana's foundational contributions toward building an Aatma

Nirbhar Bharat. "Mahamana did not inherit easy paths; instead, he forged new avenues ▶ P11

**IAF AN-32 crash claims five lives**

**NEW DELHI:** Five Indian Air Force personnel, including two officers, were killed when their Russian-origin Antonov An-32 transport aircraft crashed while landing at Jorhat in Assam on Saturday.

The co-pilot of the aircraft has sustained injuries and is undergoing treatment at a military hospital in Jorhat, sources said. Six personnel were onboard the plane.

The aircraft met with the accident during a routine sortie at approximately 10 AM, according to the Indian Air Force (IAF).

The deceased personnel are: Squadron Leader Prashant Singh, Flight Lieutenant Shubham ▶ P11

