

The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.  
—Ayn Rand

Inking the Truth

## India knows how to silence disruptors: DM

**AGRA (UP):** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday that India is a peace-loving country but is fully capable of dealing decisively with forces that threaten its security.

"We are people who want peace, but we also know how to permanently silence those who spread disturbance," Singh said, addressing a gathering after unveiling a statue of Maharana Pratap here.

The defence minister criticised the previous Congress-led governments on the issue of national security, claiming that terror incidents were frequent before 2014 and that political leaders had displayed a soft approach towards terrorism.

"Today, our armed forces have full freedom. If there is a terror attack, the terrorists must be eliminated. If crossing the border is necessary to eliminate them, that should also be done," he said.

Singh said India is currently the world's fastest-growing major economy and has emerged as an important manufacturing destination. "iPhones are being ► P11

## Modi-Macron talks yield 13 outcomes; India, France target trade to USD 32 Bn

World looking towards human-centric technologies: PM



**NICE (FRANCE):** India and France on Sunday set a five-year target to double their annual bilateral trade from the current USD 16 billion and unveiled an innovation roadmap and a joint artificial intelligence framework to expand ties in critical sectors following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron.

The talks between the two leaders yielded 13 outcomes, including a high-speed railway cooperation declaration, a security pact for classified data, and an agreement to expand India's

UPI payment network to the Paris and Nice airports.

Modi landed in this Mediterranean French city on Saturday night as part of his week-long tour of France and Slovakia.

"The India-France partnership will keep scaling new heights," the prime minister said on social media.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said the Modi-Macron discussions covered the entire range of bilateral relations, including civil nuclear energy, defence, security, space, trade and investment, technology, innovation, education, mobility, and people-to-people ties.

In the meeting, India's plan to procure 114 Rafale fighter jets from French defence major Dassault Aviation was discussed. Misri said the underlying focus was on having "maximum local content" in joint defence projects.

The foreign secretary said talks between ► P11

**100-DAY  
NASHA MUKT  
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**DAY 65** The EARTH NEWS joins the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

## Wild cannabis destruction drive conducted

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**BARAMULLA:** As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, J&K Police conducted a wild cannabis (bhang) destruction drive in the Gahool Tangpora area of Baramulla. During the drive, wild cannabis plants growing over a considerable area were identified and destroyed on the spot. The operation was carried out to curb the illegal growth of cannabis and promote a drug-free society.

Police remains committed to intensifying such drives across the district and seeks the continued cooperation of the public in eliminat-



ing the menace of narcotics from society. Officials said the drive was conducted as part of sustained efforts by law enforcement agencies to identify and eliminate sources of narcotic substances in the region. Police teams have been carrying

out similar operations at various locations to prevent the cultivation and spread of illegal drug-related activities. Authorities also appealed to residents to share information regarding narcotics-related activities to support enforcement measures.

## Police nab accused in NDPS case

**JAMMU:** Continuing its sustained drive against drug trafficking under the ongoing Nasha Mukta Abhiyan, Jammu (Rural) Police achieved another success by apprehending one person involved in drug peddling activities in the jurisdiction of Police Station Nagrota.

On 13.06.2026, police party of Police Post Sidhra, while performing patrolling duty near NIA Office Sidhra. During checking one Scooty bearing registration no. JK02CV-2638 ► P11

## Road mishap leaves 3 dead; LG, CM express condolences

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**JAMMU:** Three people were killed and two others injured when their car collided with a truck along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway near here early Sunday, officials said.

The accident occurred in the Jagti-Karli area of Nagrota at around 2.15 am, leaving the car extensively damaged, the officials said.

While two persons died on the spot, another succumbed to injuries in the Government Medical College hospital Jammu, the officials said and identified the deceased as Sikander Saifi, Shakti and Mohit Verma, all residents of Haryana.

Two other injured -- Deepak Verma and Kuldeep Sharma -- were admitted in the hospital, the officials said.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday ex-

pressed grief over the loss of lives in a road accident in Nagrota.

The lieutenant governor mourned the deaths of three Haryana residents and wished a speedy recovery to those injured.

"Deeply grieved to learn about the loss of precious lives in a tragic road accident near Jagti, Nagrota. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for the early recovery of the injured. I have directed the District Administration to provide all necessary assistance to the affected families," Sinha said in his message.

Earlier in the day, a car carrying five Haryana residents collided with a truck along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway. While two persons died on the spot, another succumbed to injuries in the Government Medical College hospital Jammu, officials said.

The injured persons are receiving treatment. Meanwhile, ► P11

## Martyr Aurangzeb remembered for supreme sacrifice

**JAMMU:** Army troops on Sunday paid heartfelt tributes to Shaurya Chakra awardee Rifleman Aurangzeb Khan at his native village in Poonch district, commemorating the eighth anniversary of his supreme sacrifice in service to the nation.

The soldier was abducted and later killed by terrorists in south Kashmir's Pulwama district while he was on his way home to celebrate Eid with his family. His courage, dedication and sacrifice continue to inspire generations and strengthen the resolve for peace and security in the region.

On his eighth death anniversary, a solemn memorial function was organised at his Salani village, where the Indian Army, civil administration, family members and hundreds of local villagers gathered to pay heartfelt tributes to the brave son of the soil, a defence spokesman said.

He said the atmosphere was filled with emotion, pride and patriotism as floral tributes were offered in ► P11

## Four drug peddlers nabbed with heroin

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**JAMMU:** Four alleged drug peddlers were arrested along with heroin at separate places in Reasi, Jammu and Kathua districts, police said on Sunday.

Liyaqat Ali of Chak Bhagtha and Sagar Gill of Christian colony were arrested during checking near their houses in Reasi district, a police spokesperson said.

He said while 21 grams of heroin was recovered

from Ali, 5.5 grams of heroin was seized from the possession of Gill.

Ali is a repeat offender as he was earlier booked in a similar case in 2024, indicating his continued involvement in illegal drug-related activities, the spokesperson said.

Momin Mansoor, who was riding a two-wheeler, was arrested after 15.16 grams of heroin was recovered from him during checking near Sidhra in Jammu, he said. ► P11

## House, vehicle worth Rs 60 lakhs attached at Rajbagh

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**KATHUA:** District Kathua attached immovable and movable properties comprising a single-storey residential house and a Mahindra Bolero Goods Carrier with a total estimated value of approximately Rs 60 lakh, belonging to drug peddler Sultan Ahmed S/o Ali Mohd. R/o Hariachak, Tehsil Marheen, District Kathua, under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Sub-

stances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act). The property was identified as illegally acquired during the course of investigation. The entire proceeding was conducted under the directions of SSP Kathua Mohita Sharma, IPS, along with SP Ops Kathua, SDPO Border, SHO Rajbagh & IC PP Marheen.

During investigation, it was found that the drug peddler possessed immovable and movable property comprising a single-storey residential house and a ► P11

## SANJY-2026

## DGP Prabhat calls for 'enhanced' vigil

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**SRINAGAR:** J&K Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Sunday reviewed the security arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY-2026), scheduled to begin on July 3.

"The DGP chaired a security review meeting at the Conference Hall of PCR Kashmir, to assess and strengthen security arrangements for the smooth, safe, and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2026," a police spokesperson said here.

The DGP directed officers to maintain heightened vigil across sensitive and vulnerable locations and called for intensified cordon



and search operation (CASO), continuous patrolling duties along yatra routes, railway tracks, vulnerable pockets and major tourist destinations. To strengthen emergency response mechanisms, the DGP or-

dered the deployment of Quick Response Teams (QRTs) at strategic locations to provide immediate assistance whenever required.

In the meeting, the DGP emphasised the optimum ► P11

## NDA inches towards two-thirds majority in RS; falls short in LS

**NEW DELHI:** Rebellion in Trinamool Congress is set to boost NDA numbers in Parliament as it strives for a two-thirds majority in both houses to help pass crucial constitutional amendment bills.

While the current round of Rajya Sabha elections will help the NDA inch toward the two-thirds mark, in the Lok Sabha, it is still far from that magic figure of 363, despite the TMC switchover.

Sources said that from its current strength of 148 MPs, the NDA is set to gain three seats in the current round of

RS elections by winning the independent seats in Jharkhand and Mizoram, where elections are being held.

With three TMC MPs resigning, the NDA is set to secure all three seats from West Bengal after the bypolls, upping its tally to 154, nine short of a two-thirds majority in the Upper House.

As more TMC MPs are likely to resign in the Upper House, the NDA may achieve the figure of 163, which will give it the numerical strength to pass all constitutional amendment bills. ► P11

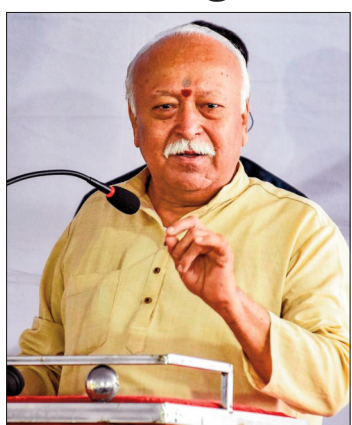
## Bhagwat: RSS aims to organise society for national resurgence

**THRISSUR:** RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said that the primary objective of the Sangh is to organise a society for national resurgence.

Addressing a gathering as part of the RSS centenary outreach programme here, Bhagwat said the Sangh was founded not for political power or popularity.

"The Sangh was not started as an opposition to any community. It was not founded for power or popularity. It was started to fulfil a larger national purpose and contribute to everything necessary for the welfare and resurgence of the country," he said.

Tracing the origins of the RSS, Bhagwat said its founder, K B Hedge-



war, concluded that India's repeated subjugation by foreign powers stemmed from weaknesses ► P11

## 'Israel strikes halts US-Iran peace deal'

**WASHINGTON:** The signing of the US-Iran deal to end the war has been delayed by a few hours due to Israel's strikes on Hezbollah targets in Beirut, US President Donald Trump told local media here.

Trump said he was shocked when he heard about the Israeli strike in Beirut, and fumed at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"It shook it up. It delayed the signing by a few hours. It was supposed to be now. Now it is scheduled for a few hours from now," Trump told US media outlet Axios.

The President told Fox News that the peace deal with Iran will be signed. ► P11

## World renowned 'Basmati' sowing season begins in border belts; crop covers 63K ha

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**JAMMU:** The sowing season for the world-renowned Basmati paddy has commenced across the border belts of Jammu division, with the crop expected to cover nearly 63,000 hectares of land in Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts, officials said on Sunday.

Known globally for its distinctive aroma and superior grain quality, Jammu Basmati remains one of the region's most important cash crops. The highly aromatic rice grown in the R S Pura belt was granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2016, enhancing its recognition in domestic and international markets.

Dressed in traditional farm attire, scores of labourers braved scorching temperatures to trans-



plant paddy seedlings in waterlogged fields across Gajansoo, Marh, R S Pura, Arnia and Bishnah areas along the Indo-Pak border. "We are happy that the paddy

sowing season has begun. Despite the prevailing heatwave conditions, transplantation work is progressing at a good pace," said Dheeraj, a farm labourer engaged

in the activity.

Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta said the sowing season had begun in the traditional Basmati-growing areas of the border districts and efforts were underway to further expand cultivation.

Basmati is a major crop in Jammu division, particularly in Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts. It is cultivated over nearly 63,000 hectares and we are making continuous efforts to promote and expand its cultivation," Gupta said.

He said annual Basmati production in the region stood at around 20 lakh quintals.

"Nearly 16 lakh quintals are consumed within the country, while around four to five lakh quintals are marketed outside the region and exported." ► P11

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