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### DRDO tests land attack cruise missile

NEW DELHI: The Defence Research and Development Organisation on Monday conducted a successful flight-test of a long-range land attack cruise missile (LRLACM) off the coast of Odisha. The defence ► P11

## Peace deal between Iran, US to be signed on Jun 19

Modi hopes 'peace' to be restored

NEW DELHI: President Donald Trump has announced that the US and Iran have finalised a deal to end their 107-day war, which triggered a global energy crisis. The peace agreement is scheduled to be signed on June 19 in Switzerland, according to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. "The Deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran is now complete. Congratulations to all," Trump said in a post on Truth Social on Sunday evening, easing pressure on the global energy markets.

He said the deal would reopen the Strait of Hormuz and end the US naval blockade on Iranian ports. "I hereby fully authorise the toll-free opening of the Strait of Hormuz and, simultaneously, authorise the immediate removal of the United States Naval blockade. Ships of the World, start your engines. Let the oil flow!" Trump said. However, in a subsequent post, Trump said the Strait of Hormuz will open on Friday after the official signing of the agreement. ► P11

### Registration demand is political: RSS

THRISSUR: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has rejected calls for the Sangh to register itself, asserting that the organisation is neither secretive nor operating outside public scrutiny. Bhagwat was responding to questions after addressing a gathering as part of the RSS centenary outreach programme here on Sunday. Responding to a question on the Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge's call for the RSS to register itself, Bhagwat said the ► P11

## LG Sinha releases 15th edition of Shri Amarnathji Yatra Guide Book

ESPA FEE designs & prints guide book for free distribution among Yatris



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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday released the 15th edition of Shri Amarnathji Yatra Guide Book, at Lok Bhavan. The Lieutenant Governor commended the Tourism Federation of Jammu for its continuous endeavors to enhance the pilgrimage tourism experience. He also appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Federation and all associated organizations in ensuring that Shri Amarnathji Yatra remains a safe, seamless, and spiritually fulfilling journey for devotees. This year's edition of the Guide Book serves as an essential informative manual for pilgrims. It provides vital information regarding facilities, safety protocols, Yatra disciplines, registration procedures to medical facilities, accommodation options, and emergency contact details along both routes from Lakhampur to the Holy Cave. Rajesh Gupta, ► P11

## Thousands turn out for anti-Pak protest march

LONDON: Thousands of British Kashmiris gathered at Parliament Square to march up to Trafalgar Square in London to protest against a crackdown by Pakistani forces in Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The crowds waved banners and chanted slogans in favour of a "revolution" against the Pakistani forces in the region. They demanded human rights in support of the Joint Awami Action Committee in POJK and action against "terrorism" being propagated in the region. Slogans of "Pakistan forces out" among others echoed at the ► P11

## CM reviews Muharram arrangements Omar stands 'firm' over Statehood protest plan



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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said his National Conference will go ahead with its decision to hold a sit-in protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar on the first day of the monsoon session of Parliament to remind the Centre of its promise of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Talking to reporters on the sidelines of an event here, Abdullah said the decision to hold the protest has not ► P11

**100-DAY NASHA MUKT JK ABHIYAAN**

STOP DRUGS

DAY 66 The EARTH NEWS joins the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

## Div Com pitches for firming up rehabilitation ecosystem, expanding counselling outreach

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone Bhim Sen Tuti chaired a meeting to review the two-month progress of the ongoing 100-day campaign under the Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan. During the meeting, the latest progress of the Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan was reviewed across different parameters. It was reported that in Jammu Division, as many as 1,32,232 tehsil-level, 1,69,026 panchayat-level and 38,03,405 village-level awareness programmes were conducted over the past two months, with massive participation of people from every walk of life, making it a mass movement. To strengthen the movement, 4,779 Panchayat Mahila Samitis and religious institutions, with active support of the administration's IEC activities. As a result, hundreds of calls were received for counselling and assistance to drug abuse victims. Comprehensive efforts against drug abuse and dismantling the narco-network involved strong enforcement action alongside large-scale administrative ► P11



## Three drug peddlers arrested with heroin 2 houses, shops linked to 'drug offender' attached

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JAMMU: Three alleged drug peddlers were arrested along with different quantities of heroin in Doda and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, police said. A police team intercepted a vehicle at a checkpoint in Doda town and subjected its two occupants to frisking, leading to the recovery of 53 grams of heroin from their possession, a police spokesperson said. While the driver of the vehicle was carrying 30.34 grams of heroin, the rest of the contraband was recovered from his co-passenger. The contraband and the vehicle were seized, and both the accused were booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the spokesperson said, while declining to disclose the identities of the accused. He added that further investigation is underway to ascertain the backward and forward linkages of the drug network and to ► P11

# India must safeguard people from internal enemies and Pak's designs



For decades, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have remained at the centre of complex political, security and developmental challenges. While India has consistently maintained that peace, democracy and development are the only sustainable paths forward, issues linked with Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), the debate over restoration of statehood in Jammu and Kashmir, and few demands emerging from Ladakh continue to shape public discourse. At the heart of these discussions lies one fundamental question: how can India

Official figures show that Ladakh has a much higher government-employee-to-population ratio than both Jammu & Kashmir UT and Puducherry. With about 58 government employees per 1,000 people, Ladakh has roughly one government employee for every 17 residents, compared to about one per 33 in J&K and one per 46 in Puducherry's State Government count. This makes Ladakh stand out as one of the most government-employment-heavy administrations.

UT	Govt employees used	Population used	Govt employees per 1,000 people	Simple ratio
Ladakh	15,845	2,74,289	57.8	1 employee per 17 people
J&K UT	3,74,000	1,22,67,013	30.5	1 employee per 33 people
Puducherry - State Govt only	26,958	12,47,953	21.6	1 employee per 46 people
Puducherry - all govt categories shown	40,310	12,47,953	32.3	1 employee per 31 people

ensure that the aspirations, rights and welfare of its people remain protected from external pressures and internal challenges? The recent unrest witnessed in parts of Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir has once again brought attention to the realities faced by people living across the Line of Control (LoC). The reports of public dissatisfaction over governance, economic difficulties and lack of basic facilities have highlighted concerns among sections of the population there. India has consistently stated that PoJK is an integral part of the country and that the people living in those areas deserve the same dignity, opportunities and rights enjoyed by citizens elsewhere. The issue is not merely about territory; it is also about the welfare and future of people who have historically remained connected with the larger Jammu and Kashmir region especially the people in Jammu region wherein many families were migrated from PoJK in 1947. The Jammu region has more concern with people in PoJK and they also demanded that the Central leadership should take bold and concrete steps to reoccupying PoJK which is the integral part of India. ► P11