

Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears.  
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## India's Def production hits record Rs 1.78L Cr

**NEW DELHI:** India's annual defence production touched an all-time high of Rs 1.78 lakh crore in the financial year 2025-26, the defence ministry said on Wednesday.

The milestone represents a 15.6 per cent growth over the previous fiscal year's output of Rs 1.54 lakh crore and a staggering 110 per cent increase since 2020-21 when the figure was Rs 84,643 crore, it said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the "remarkable rise" in India's defence production in recent years is the result of the collective efforts of the Department of Defence Production and all other stakeholders.

"This upward trajectory is a clear indicator of the country's expanding defence industrial base," he said.

"With sustained policy support, several new initiatives, increased private sector participation, and ► P11

## PM raises seafarers' safety, seeks protection for them in Peace Deal

Trump praises Modi as 'tough negotiator'



**EVIAN-LES-BAINS (FRANCE):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday raised with US President Donald Trump the issue of seafarers' safety and called for provisions for their protection in Washington's proposed peace deal with Iran,

even as the two leaders vowed to take steps to repair bilateral ties that reeled under severe strain over the past year.

The meeting between the two leaders on the margins of the G7 summit in the French commune came

amid increasing outrage in India over the killing of three Indian crew members of a merchant ship in American military strikes.

In his televised comments, Prime Minister Modi complimented Trump for his efforts towards ending the West Asia conflict and brought up the issue of the safety of lakhs of Indian seafarers operating in key maritime zones.

The prime minister hoped that the peace deal with Iran would have provisions for the security of the seafarers.

"Mr President, you and I agree that keeping the Strait of Hormuz open is vital for the global economy. India has consistently emphasised the importance of ensuring freedom of navigation and we should work together on it," he said.

The prime minister, then, underlined the importance of the safety of ► P11

## Gen Dwivedi presented with Rahul Pandit's book titled 'Information Warfare: Battleground of the Digital Age'



**NEW DELHI:** In a significant recognition of contemporary strategic thought and national security discourse, Information Warfare: Battleground of the Digital Age authored by Rahul Pandit was presented to General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, Chief of the Army Staff

(COAS), during a special interaction featuring a collection of notable publications focused on military excellence, national security, leadership, and emerging security challenges.

The occasion was highlighted by the official Public Information ► P11

### EDITOR'S NOTE

I congratulate Mr. Rahul Pandit on this remarkable achievement and for receiving acknowledgment from Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on publishing his recent book. I also extend my best wishes for his future endeavours.

I have known him personally since his college days. His enthusiasm, deep understanding of technology, and continuous pursuit of learning have been key factors behind his success throughout a professional career spanning more than two and a half decades.

Through his book, "Information Warfare: Battleground of the Digital Age", he has made a valuable contribution to the understanding of emerging technological and security challenges. I am confident that ► P11

## NIA attaches land of terror case accused

**NEW DELHI:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday attached two properties of a key accused in a Pakistan-backed terror conspiracy case linked with terrorist organisations Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), officials said.

The accused, Shaheen Ahmad Lone, was found to be involved in the smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives from Pakistan through the Line of Control (LoC), they added.

The weapons and explosives were allegedly further supplied to terrorists ► P11

## LoP Sunil Sharma terms NC's proposed Statehood protest at Delhi as eyewash

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**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Assembly's Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma on Wednesday described the ruling National Conference's proposed protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar over restoration of statehood as an "eyewash", saying that the Abdullah government was trying to divert people's attention from its "zero-governance".

"It is an eyewash," Sharma told reporters here when asked about the National Conference protest.

The NC had announced a sit-in protest at Jantar Man-



tar on the first day of the monsoon session of Parliament to remind the Centre of its promise of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. "People are demanding

electricity, but I have not seen any review meetings taking place. There is a lack of clean drinking water, but this government is not making clean and safe drinking water avail-

able to the people," he said.

"There is rampant corruption, and it is impossible to get work done without it. The situation created by these six (council of) ministers is one of corruption only, with no governance. There is zero-governance, zero-performance, on the ground," he added.

The LoP said that, unlike other states, where the chief ministers meet people and conduct public outreach programmes, "the CM (Omar Abdullah) here only meets his own party legislators".

"He (Abdullah) should meet people, hold a ► P11

## NC will not back NDA Govt at Centre: Omar

CM unveils Rs 100 Cr devp package for B'pora

■ EARTH NEWS SERVICE

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said National Conference Parliament members will not support the NDA government at the Centre.

Responding to a question about factions of Trinamool Congress and Shiv Sena backing the government at the Centre, Abdullah said he could not comment on their reasons for doing so.

"Neither I, nor you can answer this question. How



can I say what will DMK or Shiv Sena MPs do? It is up to them. It is up to their conscience. They will go as far as their conscience allows them

to go," Abdullah told reporters at Bandipora. The National Conference has two members in the Lok Sabha and three ► P11

## Punjab-based drug grid behind 80% supply busted: SSP Jammu



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**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir police have successfully dismantled nearly 80 per cent of the drug supply chain feeding narcotics into the Union Territory, while simultaneously uncovering a narco-ter-

ror nexus with links extending to Punjab and across the border, a senior police officer said on Wednesday.

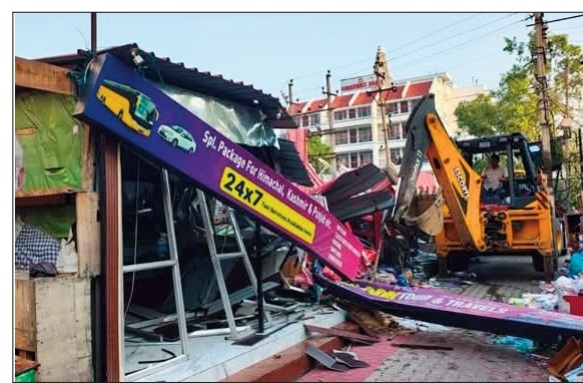
JAMMU Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Joginder Singh said the busting of the network resulted in the arrest of around 20 accused, in-

cluding three kingpins of the narco-terrorism in Amritsar linked to criminal Gulzar Ahmad alias "Lau Gujjar", who was arrested in April and subsequently booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

A large quantity of arms, ammunition, narcotics and cash were recovered from the possession of the arrested kingpins - Surajdeep Singh alias "Suraj", Harpreet Singh alias "Raju" and Jaspreet in Amritsar, the officer said, lauding the active cooperation of Punjab police in busting the network.

"The three were responsible for supplying nearly 80 per cent of narcotic substances to the Jammu ► P11

## JDA reclaims prime land, razes 30 illegal structures



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**JAMMU:** The Jammu Development Authority (JDA) launched a demolition drive near Jammu railway station on Wednesday, clearing over 30 illegal structures and re-

claiming encroached land valued at Rs 10 crore, officials said.

The early morning action targeted unauthorised commercial units, including dhabas and shops, occupying prime urban land, the offi-

cial said.

Teams of the JDA, in coordination with the district administration, reclaimed half an acre of prime land opposite Mangal Market, behind Vaishnavi Dham and near Jammu railway station, they said.

The land had been under unauthorised occupation for several years, with a number of dhabas and commercial establishments illegally operated by two individuals, they added.

The occupants had earlier approached the high court seeking regularisation of their possession.

Pursuant to the court's directions, the competent authority examined the ► P11

## False narratives attempt to hinder India's rise: RSS

**UDAIPUR:** RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday said attempts were being made both within and outside India to create false narratives and spread false reports to weaken the country's rise.

Those opposing India's rise were using different means despite having greater resources, he said at a programme here on Maharana Pratap Jayanti without elaborating.

"Today, people are trying to ensure India does not rise. False narratives are being created, false reports are being spread, and many tactics are being used to mislead," he said.

Those doing so have pop-

ulation, power, financial strength and organisational capacity, yet we must stand firm on the basis of our values, he said.

Bhagwat asserted that India's rise was important not only for itself but for global welfare.

"A strong India is necessary for the world as well," he said.

Referring to the legacy of Maharana Pratap and the historic Battle of Haldighati, the RSS chief said it was a symbol of India's civilisational resistance.

"Our history is not a history of slavery. It is a history of struggle against those who tried to enslave us," Bhagwat said, adding ► P11