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Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

-Buddha

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INBRIEF
Govt appoints Mahesh Dixit as new IB chief



NEW DELHI: Senior IPS officer Mahesh Dixit was on Thursday appointed as the new chief of the Intelligence Bureau, succeeding Tapan Kumar Deka.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, cleared Dixit's appointment. He will have a two-year tenure.

Dixit, a 1993-batch Indian Police Service officer from the Andhra Pradesh cadre, was serving as the Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau prior to this elevation.

A qualified medical doctor turned law enforcement professional, he brings

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Shah unveils three-year decisive roadmap against drug networks

HM e-inaugurates NCB Zonal Offices in Jammu, Guwahati

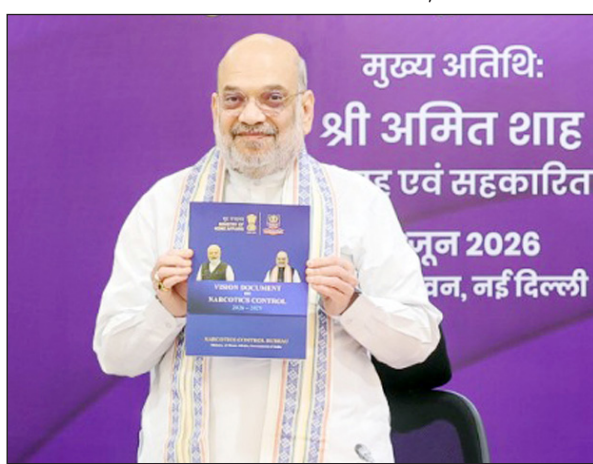
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday announced a new three-year roadmap aimed at dismantling drug trafficking networks through a "ruthless crackdown", enforcement and financial investigations.

Chairing the 10th apex-level meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD), the home minister released the Vision Document on Drug Control (2026-2029), the Narcotics Control Bureau Annual Report-2025, and inaugurated the agency's zonal offices in Jammu and Guwahati via videoconferencing.

He said the vision document outlines a strategy focused on strengthening institutional capacity against synthetic drugs, darknet-based trafficking, cross-border smuggling and other emerging threats.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we will strike the entire drug trade ecosystem so decisively over the next

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'Vande Mataram' guides new India'

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said 'Vande Mataram' is not merely a patriotic song but a "mantra for the reconstruction of India", as he paid tributes to Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay on his birth anniversary while addressing a meeting on the country's anti-narcotics strategy.

At the 10th apex-level meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD), Shah stated that June 26 is a significant day for the country's campaign against

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

Anti-narcotics drive sees drug seizure worth over Rs 150 crore, 1,731 arrests

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JAMMU: With more than 1,700 people arrested in connection with 1,527 narcotics cases in just 76 days, the 'Nasha Mukta Jammu-Kashmir Abhiyaan' marks the biggest-ever crackdown on drug trafficking and narco-terrorism in the Union territory, officials said on Friday.

The campaign has so far led to narcotics-seizure, and attachment and demolition of properties, with a cumulative value

of over Rs 280 crore, they added.

The campaign launched on April 11 has targeted the drug trafficking and narco-terror ecosystem across the Union territory through a multi-pronged strategy combining enforcement, public participation and awareness.

According to official figures, police have registered 1,527 FIRs under provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and arrested 1,731 offend-

ers during the crackdown.

Police seized 362 kg of narcotics, including 17 kg heroin, besides recovering 26,308 psychotropic tablets. Officials estimated the value of the seized narcotics at more than Rs 150 crore.

As part of the intensified crackdown, 108 habitual drug offenders were detained under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act.

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Peddler detained in Samba

JAMMU: A notorious drug peddler was detained in Samba district on Friday and lodged in the district Jail in Bhandarwah under the ongoing campaign against narcotics, police said.

The accused has been identified as Kunal Teji, a resident of Bantalab in Samba district.

The police said the action was taken under the ongoing Nasha Mukta

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JKCA suspends president Kitab

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) President Javid Ahmed Kitab has been suspended with immediate effect following a unanimous resolution passed by the association's Apex Council.

The decision, finalised on June 25, was passed with a clear 8-0 majority vote.

The notification said the resolution was circulated among eligible members of the Apex Council under Rule 23(i) of the JKCA Constitution. Since the matter pertained to the conduct and suspension of the president, the resolution was not circulated to Kitab.

Instead, it was sent to the remaining nine members of the Apex Council. Eight members approved the resolution, while one member did not communicate a decision. "Accordingly, the Resolution stands duly passed by a

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Sinha, CM join Youm-e-Ashura's Zuljinah procession at Zadibal

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SRINAGAR: On the solemn occasion of Youm-e-Ashura, the 10th day of Muharram, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday joined the Zuljinah procession at Zadibal in Srinagar.

"I pay humble tributes to Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions. Their supreme sacrifice for peace, love, and compassion remains an eternal guide to building a society rooted in equality and harmony.

Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) gave the timeless message of selfless service



and compassion for the underprivileged. The society must draw inspiration from his noble life and virtues, walking the righteous path of truth, justice, and humanity," the Lieutenant

Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor also served refreshments among the mourners.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today

also joined mourners at Zadibal on the solemn occasion of Youm-e-Ashura and distributed water and milk at a saabel set up along the procession route as a mark

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AI, nuclear, space techs to shape future growth: Dr Jitendra Singh

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday said that Artificial Intelligence (AI), Nuclear, Space and Quantum technologies will determine contours of future growth and global competitiveness.

India is rapidly emerging as a major force in frontier technologies, with the National Quantum Mission (NQM) already achieving more than half of its targeted outcomes within three years of its launch in 2023, added the Minister.

Speaking in a Fireside conversa-



tion during a Media Conclave organised by a leading News Channel here, Dr Jitendra Singh said that India today stands at a stage where it is progressing alongside leading nations in several critical technology domains and is steadily building capabilities that will define the next era of economic growth,

national security and global competitiveness.

The Minister said that Space, Nuclear and Quantum Technologies will play a decisive role in shaping the future world order, influencing not only economic advancement but

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SANJY: Extensive patrols, area domination underway

NDMA conducts mock exercises



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JAMMU: Security agencies on Friday conducted extensive patrolling, area domination exercises and cordon and search operations as part of the security arrangements ahead of the annual Shri Amarnath Yatra.

Officials said the operations were aimed at strengthening the security grid, maintaining peace and vigilance, and ensuring a safe and secure environment for pilgrims during the forthcoming yatra that is set to begin on July 3.

As part of the exercise, police in coordination with the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Border Security Force (BSF), carried out a joint long-range patrolling exercise from Rathana to

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Eight held in Ram Temple donation row

AYODHYA (UP): Eight persons named in an FIR over the alleged embezzlement of donations received at the Ram temple in Ayodhya have been arrested, senior officials said on Friday.

The FIR, lodged at the instance of Krishna Mohan, a member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, follows recommendations made in the preliminary report of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the Uttar Pradesh government to probe the allegations.

"All eight persons named in the FIR have been arrested and are being questioned as part of the investigation," the officials

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Omar meets Bihar Assembly Speaker, Himachal Minister

CM exchanges views with ex-Guv N N Vohra

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday held separate meetings with distinguished visitors from Bihar and Himachal Pradesh at his residence in Srinagar, discussing issues of mutual interest and avenues for greater inter-governmental cooperation.

Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly, Dr. Prem Kumar, called on the Chief Minister. During the meeting, the two leaders exchanged views on matters of mutual interest, emphasizing the importance of strengthening inter-govern-



mental cooperation, democratic institutions and the exchange of legislative best practices. The Chief Minister welcomed the Speaker to Jammu and Kashmir

and wished him a pleasant stay.

Later, Himachal Pradesh Minister for School Education, Rohit Thakur, called on the Chief

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Six Op Sindoor martyrs listed at War Memorial

NEW DELHI: The names of six military personnel -- five from the Indian Army and one from IAF -- who died in the line of duty during Operation Sindoor last year, have been inscribed on a wall at the National War Memorial, as a tribute to the fallen heroes.

This is the first time since the military operation conducted by the Indian armed forces in May 2025 that the government has released the names of these six personnel.

Operation Sindoor was conducted to avenge the deadly Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 last year.

The names of the six personnel, inscribed on wall

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