

You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.

—Beverly Sills

6 detained during CJP protest at Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI: Six people were detained by the Delhi Police on Saturday to prevent a possible confrontation between two groups during the Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) protest at Jantar Mantar, officials said.

The detentions were made as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order after police received inputs about the possibility of tensions between supporters and opposers of the online movement, they said.

Officials noted that the preventive detentions were made to help ensure the demonstration concluded peacefully without any major law-and-order issues.

The protest, led by CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, drew hundreds of participants, mostly students and young professionals, who gathered at Jantar Mantar demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over alleged irregularities in examinations and recruitment tests.

Officials stated that the six individuals were ► P11

PM Modi, EAC discuss measures to sustain growth amid global turmoil



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday discussed with the members of the Economic Advisory Council various measures to further boost India's economic growth amid global turmoil.

The members of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) also gave their assessment of the impact of the West Asia conflict on India and the world.

"Chaired a meeting of the Economic Advisory

Council to the Prime Minister. Deliberated on a wide range of issues relating to India's economic transformation and long-term development priorities.

"Also shared perspectives on adding more momentum to the reforms journey and ensuring 'Ease of Living' as well as 'Ease of Doing Business'," PM Modi said in a post on X.

The Prime Minister and the EAC members discussed various ideas and measures to further boost India's eco-

nomical growth in times of global turmoil, sources said.

Various reforms to improve ease of living and ease of doing business were also discussed at the high-level meeting, they said.

The EAC is an independent body that gives advice to the Government of India, specifically to the Prime Minister, on economic and related issues.

Two principal secretaries to the Prime Minister -- PK Mishra and Shaktikanta Das -- ► P11

SANJY-2026

Security Wing of J&K Police to deploy Hi-Tech Gadgets at Yatri Camps for safety of devotees



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JAMMU: In view of the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2026, the Security Wing, of J&K Police, has enhanced its preparedness by deploying advanced security gadgets to ensure

the safety and security of pilgrims at various Yatra camps.

The Security Wing is equipped with a range of modern security devices for Access Control and Anti-sabotage Operations, including Portable RCIED Jammers,

Deep Search Metal Detectors, Explosive and Liquid Explosive Detectors, Non-Linear Junction Detectors (NLJDs), Contraband Busters, Prodder Vehicle Search Mirrors, Optical Fiberscopes, Multitypes CCTV Systems, X-BIS, Vehi-

cle-Mounted X-BIS, Multi-Zone DFMDs (Fixed/multi-zone), HHMDs, Search Metal Detectors and other specialized equipments. To assess operational readiness, a physical inspection-cum-live demonstration of the gadgets was ► P11

NEET-UG: NTA dismisses re-exam paper leak claim

NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Saturday dismissed as "false" and "fraudulent" claims circulating on social media about alleged leak or sale of the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination question paper and warned of strict action against those spreading such content.

In a statement on X, the agency said messages claiming a "leak", advance access or "sale" of the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination paper were aimed at misleading students and parents.

"The National Testing Agency (NTA) has noted certain messages circulating on social media and messaging platforms claiming a 'leak', advance access or 'sale' of the NEET (UG) 2026 re-examination question

paper," the NTA said in a post on X.

"These claims are false, fraudulent and intended to mislead," the NTA said, adding that such content was being circulated by "organised cheating rackets" seeking to exploit the anxiety of candidates and their families by selling fake question papers.

"Such content is the work of organised cheating rackets that prey on the anxiety of students and their families. Their objective is to extort money by selling fake 'papers', and every such claim circulating is a fabrication," the agency added.

"The integrity of the examination process is fully intact, and every safeguard is in place to ensure a fair and secure examination for ► P11

JKNC slams Mufti for visiting AIIMS

SRINAGAR: The ruling Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) on Saturday termed as "unfortunate" the visit of former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti to the upcoming AIIMS at Awantipora in Pulwama district, saying it set a wrong precedent.

"It is unfortunate that a former CM has given an opportunity to unselected people to take their MLAs to chair a meeting. This sets a very wrong precedent," NC chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq told reporters here.

On Friday, Mehbooba visited the under-construction AIIMS at Awantipora to "understand" the progress on the construction.

Sadiq said NC president Farooq Abdullah and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, when they were not in power, never took a review meeting like the PDP president.

"They (the PDP) have given a ► P11

TET issue: J&K Govt moves SC

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has filed a review petition before the Supreme Court on the conduct of the Teacher's Eligibility Test (TET), Education Minister Sakina Itoo said on Saturday.

"As committed, the review petition has been filed before the Honourable Supreme Court. The government has consistently pursued this matter and remains fully committed to safeguarding the interests of our teachers," Itoo said in a post on X.

The Supreme Court order last year mandates the TET for all in-service teachers of primary and upper ► P11

LG pays obeisance at ancient Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir at Sarkoot

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday paid obeisance at the ancient Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir, at Sarkoot, Kishtwar. He prayed for peace and prosperity of J&K UT and well-being of one and all.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor took up the demand projected by the public representatives and local residents, and instructed the District Administration to set about appropriate measures for the rejuvenation of the pond adjoining the temple.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by



Shri Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition (LoP) in J&K Legislative Assembly, Jagun Parihar, Member of Legislative Assembly from Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar and other senior officials during the visit. The Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir at Sarkoot is regarded as one of the prominent religious sites in Kishtwar district and attracts devotees from ► P11

100-DAY NASHA Mukta JK ABHIYAAN

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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.

LG leads anti-drug 'Padyatra' in Kishtwar. No safe haven for cross-border smugglers, peddlers or terror financiers in J&K: Sinha

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday led a massive padyatra in Kishtwar as the ongoing drug-free J&K campaign reached its 19th district, reaffirming the administration's commitment to eliminating drug abuse and narco-terrorism from the Union Territory.

The Lieutenant Governor said the fight against drugs is a long-term battle that requires sustained, round-the-clock efforts and collective participation.



Addressing a public rally in Kishtwar, the Lieutenant Governor said authorities were breaking the chain of the drug trade at every level and vowed stringent ► P11

Awareness prog held in Jammu

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JAMMU: As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyaan, District Police Jammu organised a Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG)-cum-Drug Awareness Programme at Kullian, Miran Sahib, aimed at strengthening police-public cooperation and generating awareness against the menace of drug abuse.

The programme was attended by SP Headquarters Jammu, SDPO R.S Pura, local residents, community members, and prominent citizens of the area. MLA Mohinder Bhagat and Former MLA Garu Ram Bhagat also graced the occasion and interacted with the participants.

Speaking on the occasion, SP Headquarters, Jammu addressed the issue of drug abuse among children. She stressed the important role of parents in befriending their children to keep them away from drugs. Addressing the women, she emphasised that mothers play the most crucial role in keeping their children ► P11

Properties worth Rs 3.5 Cr attached

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SRINAGAR: Properties worth approximately Rs 3.5 crore belonging to two alleged drug peddlers were attached in Srinagar, police said on Saturday.

The action is part of the police's ongoing crackdown on drug trafficking and efforts to target assets allegedly acquired through proceeds of the narcotics trade under the 'Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyaan', a police spokesman said. ► P11



Police organise unique 'Exhibition on Wheels'



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JAMMU: In a unique and creative initiative to strengthen the ongoing anti-drug awareness movement,

renowned cartoonist Shekhar Sharma, popularly known as Buntly Cartoonist, organised an innovative "Exhibition on Wheels" in collaboration with Jammu Po-

lice as part of the sustained campaign against drug abuse.

The initiative was conducted under the leadership of SSP Jammu Joginder Singh and with the active support of SP City North Vivek Shekhar, SDPO City North Vikram Bhau, and SHO City Police Station Shakti Sharma, who have been consistently working towards spreading awareness and mobilizing public participation in the fight against drugs.

The exhibition was organised in front of the world-famous Shri ► P11

Putin: Curbs on India would Boomerang

ST PETERSBURG: Russian President Vladimir Putin has said that any attempt to undermine India's sovereignty through "threats of sanctions" would "boomerang immediately" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Putin made these remarks at the annual St Petersburg International Economic Forum in response to a question about his comments during an interaction with heads of leading global news agencies.

"India always acts as a sovereign country, and under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, any potential threats of sanctions would boomerang ► P11

India rejects Pak's false claims on J-K

UNITED NATIONS: India has slammed Pakistan for its "unwarranted reference" to Jammu and Kashmir at the UN, telling the current non-permanent member of the global body that it was a huge responsibility and not a forum for peddling "biased and false narratives".

"The unwarranted reference by Pakistan to a matter strictly internal to India, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has compelled me to respond," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said.

The strong retort by Harish came after Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad raised the is-

sue of Jammu and Kashmir in his remarks in the UN General Assembly on Friday on the 'Annual Report of the Security Council'.

Pakistan, which constantly raises the issue of Jammu and Kashmir as well as other topics internal to India at various UN platforms, currently sits in the Security Council as a non-permanent member and its tenure will end this year.

Harish said in the UNGA hall that Pakistan has decided not to spare this forum either from their characteristic misuse of August UN platforms for their divisive political interests.

"Abuse of its presence on the Security Council by Pakistan, including ► P11

Railways undertake interlocking

JAMMU: The Northern Railway's Jammu division has upgraded major infrastructure by commissioning an advanced electronic interlocking (EI) system at Bajalta station on the Jammu Tawi-Udhampur section to enhance passenger safety and ensure smoother train operations, officials said on Saturday.

Officials said due to the ongoing work, four trains have been cancelled, and six are running late.

The project also includes integration of the railway siding being developed for BPCL, IOCL and HPCL's common user facility (CUF) at Bajalta, they said.

"In connection ► P11