



It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.
—Abraham Lincoln

UN not able to move the 'needle' on reforms: India

UNITED NATIONS: The UNSC's 80-year-old structure, ill-equipped to address contemporary challenges, has been ineffective in ending human suffering due to raging conflicts across the globe, India has said, as it also called for the financial architecture to evolve to better serve the priorities of developing countries.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Harish Parvathani, was addressing the informal meeting of the General Assembly, 'Taking Stock of the Pact for the Future – Ministerial Roundtable two: Making Multilateralism Fit for the Future', here Tuesday when he made the remarks regarding the effectiveness of the United Nation's Security Council (UNSC).

"Public perception about the UN has changed adversely in the recent past, primarily due to the Security Council's inability to meaningfully intervene in ► P11

Jammu Railway Station goes fully 'operational' with all seven platforms

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JAMMU: Jammu Tawi Railway Station is now fully operational with all seven platforms following the commissioning of newly constructed platforms 6 and 7 under the station redevelopment project, boosting the station's capacity to handle train operations and passenger traffic more efficiently, an official said on Wednesday.

Along with platforms 6 and 7, the northern railways Jammu Division has also made platforms 4 and 5 fully operational, the official said.

"With the commissioning of Platforms 6 and 7, the capacity for simultaneous halting and operation of more

trains at Jammu Tawi Station has increased. This will make train movement smoother, reduce halting time, and provide relief to passengers from overcrowding," a railway spokesperson said.

He said with platforms 4 and 5 also becoming operational, a total of seven platforms are now active at the station.

"The opening of the new platforms will provide better facilities to passengers traveling to and from Jammu and Kashmir and will strengthen regional connectivity," the spokesman said.

He also requested passengers to check train schedules and platform information from station ► P11

Hole in field triggers search near IB; no tunnel detected

2 shells found; search conducted at B'la

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: A search operation was launched on Wednesday following the discovery of a suspicious hole in an agricultural field near the International Border (IB) in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, triggering fears of a cross-border infiltration tunnel, officials said.

After a detailed inspection, the possibility of a tunnel was ruled out, the officials said.

Following the information, a joint team of the Army, Border Security Force and po-

lice rushed to the scene at Jarain village in Ghagwal area and initiated a thorough search and digging operation to verify the nature of the suspicious hole.

The officials said the site was immediately cordoned off, while technical experts examined the suspected opening to determine whether it was linked to a cross-border tunnel used for infiltration of terrorists.

They said the suspected opening was found to be merely a hole in the ground and there was no evidence of

any underground tunnel or cross-border infiltration route.

Security forces continue to maintain heightened vigilance along the border, which has witnessed tunnel-digging attempts by Pakistan-based elements in the past, the officials said.

Early this month, the BSF undertook a massive anti-tunneling operation along the IB to detect and prevent any cross-border infiltration attempts through underground tunnels.

Between 2011 and 2021, the BSF unearthed ► P11

WPR families reiterate Land Rights demand

JAMMU: Members of the erstwhile West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs) community on Wednesday demanded early grant of land ownership rights and release of one-time settlement benefits.

The members claimed that hundreds of eligible families have yet to receive the relief promised by the government.

The demands were raised during a gathering here under the leadership of the West Pakistani Refugees chairperson Labha Ram Gandhi.

"Around 902 ► P11

J-K Bank powers Mission YUVA with above 30K loan sanctions

■ Signs salary package MoU with IA MultiVentures

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SRINAGAR: Reinforcing its unwavering commitment to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir's flagship employment initiative, J&K Bank has crossed the landmark milestone of 30000 loan sanctions under Mission YUVA, taking the cumulative number of sanctioned cases to 30,063. The Bank has also disbursed loans in more than 26580



cases, reflecting sustained efforts to convert entrepreneurial aspirations into viable enterprises on the ground.

The milestone underscores the Bank's proactive role in implementing Mission YUVA by extending timely financial support to

aspiring entrepreneurs and enabling livelihood generation across the Union Territory.

Congratulating the staff on the achievement, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee said, "Crossing the milestone of 30,000 sanctions under Mission ► P11

Ex-Sarpanch dies as boulder crushes car

JAMMU: A former sarpanch was killed after a boulder fell on his car on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Ramban district on Wednesday, police officials said.

Mohd Iqbal Tantray (60) was driving from Seri village to Ramban town when the boulder rolled down the hillside and struck his vehicle near Trishul Morh, the officials said.

Station House Officer (SHO), Ramban, Vikram Singh Parihar said the rock struck Tantray on the head, leaving him critically injured.

He was rushed to the district Hospital Ramban, where doctors declared him ► P11

No change in plan for Statehood protest: CM

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Wednesday that the National Conference will proceed with its plan to protest the delay in restoring statehood in Delhi, despite the recent death of his uncle, Sheikh Mustafa Kamal.

Abdullah earlier announced a fresh phase of protests beginning July 20 against the Centre in the national capital over the "unexplained delay" in restoring statehood to the Union territory.

"There will be no change in that," Abdullah told reporters after visiting his uncle's residence to pay condolences. His uncle was also the



additional general secretary of the National Conference.

Abdullah said his uncle would not have wanted the party to change the programme.

"Kamal sahib would not have wanted any change in that. His health condition deteriorated on July 11, and the doctors told us that he might not survive that day. Still, party president Farooq Ab-

dullah directed us that whatever happens to Kamal, the party will continue with its July 12 programme (in Jammu). So, since we were not ready to cancel the July 12 programme, this (protest in Delhi) will definitely go on," he said.

When asked whether the party had received permission for the July 20 protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, the chief minister said no permission had been granted yet.

"Not yet. We have been kept waiting. As I have stated, we know how to keep patience," he said.

Abdullah said if permission at Jantar Mantar is denied, the party will keep an alternate plan ready for the protest. "We will wait, ► P11

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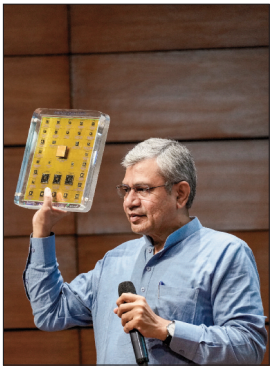
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Centre rolls out Rs 1.9 Lakh Crore Semicon, mobile production push



UK-India FTA: New 'Gold Standard' for Global Trade

NEW DELHI: The UK-India free trade agreement that took effect on Wednesday sets a "new gold standard" for global trade deals as it delivers sweeping sectoral benefits and sends a powerful message in ► P11

vanced packaging and testing, research and development, and talent development.

"The Union cabinet under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved Rs 1.27 lakh crore for Semicon 2.0," Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said at a news briefing.

The government expects the new scheme to attract investments of around Rs 4 lakh crore and lead to semiconductor production worth Rs 2 lakh crore during the scheme period.

India is also expected to export chips worth Rs 1 lakh crore.

"Guidelines of the schemes will be published in about 20 days," the minister said.

Vaishnaw said the scheme will support the indigenous production of chips designed in India with domestic ownership.

In contrast to the previous plan, the new ► P11





100-DAY NASHA MUKT 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.

Police attach Rs 1.50 Cr assets of three peddlers

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KULGAM: In a significant action under the ongoing 100 Days Campaign, Kulgam Police in coordination with the Revenue Department, have attached immovable

properties with an estimated market value of approximately ₹1.50 crores in District Kulgam as part of sustained efforts to curb unlawful activities and dismantle the infrastructure supporting such ► P11

GRP nabs 3 inter-State traffickers with Opium

JAMMU: Government Railway Police (GRP) Jammu on Wednesday claimed they have arrested three inter-State alleged drug peddlers and recovered 287-gram opium-like substance worth Rs 2 lakh from their possession.

The accused were identified as Bishan Dev alias Bishnu of House number 366, Gali Number 1, Tehsil and District Faridkot, Punjab; Vikas of Sansi Colony, Kapoorthala, tehsil and district Faridkot, Punjab; and Vishal of Mohalla Bagh-wala, district Jalandhar, Punjab.

GRP Jammu said the trio has been accordingly ► P11

Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2026

LG visits Bhagwati Nagar base camp, says treat devotees as 'divine guests'

■ Sinha pushes Jammu tourism, local crafts promotion

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday visited the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here and reviewed the facilities and services put in place for Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims.

The lieutenant governor held a meeting with senior officials of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, secu-



rity forces, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and civil administration to assess the arrangements at the base camp.

"I visited Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu today to review the facilities and services in place for the ongoing Shri Amarnath ► P11

DG CISF evaluates security measures

JAMMU: The Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Praveer Ranjan on Wednesday reviewed the security arrangements for the ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra in Jammu.

The pilgrimage has crossed the three-lakh mark foothill within 12 days of its commencement. The 57-day annual pilgrimage to the ► P11

Over 6K pilgrims leave base camp

JAMMU: A fresh batch of 6,251 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here early Wednesday for the twin base camps of the Shri Amarnathji cave shrine in south Kashmir amid multi-tier security arrangements, officials said.

The 14th batch comprised 3,266 pilgrims heading for the traditional 48-km ► P11

Bhairav Yatra joins intangible heritage list

JAMMU: The Bhairav Yatra of Rajouri has been officially included in the National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage of India.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha welcomed it as a "proud moment" and congratulated the Rajouri Administration and the Department of Culture, J&K, for securing the prestigious recognition.

Rajouri's centuries-old Bhairav Yatra is a sacred procession held annually in the main markets of the border district just before Holi.

Dedicated to Lord Kala Bhairava, the vibrant festival preserves the ► P11