

India seeks Global crackdown on Pak-based, UN-designated terror groups in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS: India has called for international efforts to prevent UN-designated terror groups like Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, along with their facilitators, from using Afghan territory for terrorism.

Speaking at a UN Security Council meeting, India's UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish emphasized India's close monitoring of Afghanistan's security and its deep interest in the country's peace and stability, rooted in a shared civilizational bond.

He stressed the need for global and regional cooperation to promote peace, stability, and development in Afghanistan, highlighting India's active engagement in UN and regional forums like Doha.

"India is closely monitoring the security situation in Afghanistan," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said.

He added that the international community must coordinate efforts towards ensuring that entities and individuals designated by the UN Security Council, ISIL and Al Qaeda and their af-



filiates, including Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, along with those who facilitate their operations, no longer exploit the Afghan territory for terrorist activities.

Harish said, "We believe in the utmost importance of international and regional consensus and cooperation on key issues concerning Afghanistan and

actively engage with all relevant parties to promote peace, stability and development in the country. Our participation in UN meetings in Doha and other regional forums reflects our efforts.

He told the Council that External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has spoken twice with the Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Amir ► P11

Pak, Saudi Arabia Ink Defence pact

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have signed a "strategic mutual defence" agreement, which declares that any attack on either country will be considered "an aggression against both". The agreement was signed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman during the Pakistani leader's day-long visit to the Gulf Kingdom, according to a joint statement.

The deal comes days after an Israeli attack on the Hamas leadership in Qatar, a key US ally in the Gulf region. The Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement states that "any aggression against either country shall be ► P11

CM to take up reopening of tourism spots with HM

Eyes Autumn-Winter revival, urges Spring prep

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Thursday assured tourism stakeholders and players that he will take up their concerns with the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and request for opening up of several closed tourist destinations in Kashmir.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that autumn and winter seasons would bring some revival, while preparations should begin in earnest for the spring season.

The CM said, "On one hand we promote tourism, but on the other, many destinations remain closed. This is one of the biggest challenges in our difficult circumstances. When half of Kashmir is shut for tourism, promotion becomes meaningless. What do we tell the tourists— that you can ride the Gondola but the ATV grounds are closed? That you



can go to Tangmarg but not to Drung, or that you can come to Pahalgam but not visit Aru and Betab Valley? Even in the worst times we had not kept these areas closed. So I assure you I will speak to the Home Minister and request him to open

these destinations. This will build confidence and help us attract more tourists."

The Chief Minister said this while addressing the 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) at the ► P11

Op Sindoor heralded new paradigm in warfare: CDS

RANCHI: In a groundbreaking shift, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan on Thursday declared Operation Sindoor a new paradigm in warfare, decisively outmanoeuvring Pakistan across multiple domains.

Unlike conventional battles focused on territorial gains or enemy casualties, this operation spanned land, air, sea, electromagnetic, and cyber realms, relying on satellite imagery and signal intelligence to track adversaries.

Launched at 1 am to minimize civilian casualties, the operation showcased India's sophisticated precision strikes on long-distance targets under the cover of night.

Gen Chauhan emphasized



that the operation's success lay in its advanced execution, marking a decisive victory in every escalation against Pakistan.

CDS said, "It was a new kind of warfare... Till now, we have assumed victory in terms

of capture of territory, the number of equipment destroyed, or number of prisoners of war you have captured or soldiers you have killed... These were associated with traditional ways of fighting warfare." ► P11

SMVD Yatra resumes

KATRA: Registration for the pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi resumed on Thursday morning after authorities decided to give a go ahead for the yatra that was briefly suspended due to inclement weather.

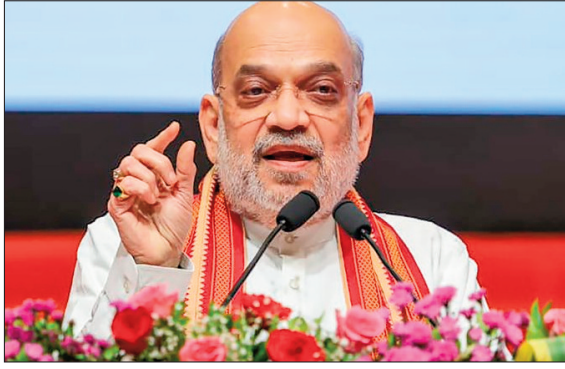
After a 22-day suspension due to a landslide and heavy rainfall, the pilgrimage to the shrine atop Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district resumed on Wednesday. However, it was halted on ► P11

Shah credits Modi's resolve for striking terror networks

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday asserted that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has dealt a decisive blow to terrorism and its sponsors.

Shah, while addressing a gathering said, "Through surgical strikes, air strikes, and Operation Sindoor, the armed forces demolished terrorist networks within their own homes inside Pakistan. It was possible only because of Prime Minister Modi's strong resolve and political will to teach terrorists a lesson."

He said, "By removing Article 370, PM Modi permanently united Kashmir



with India. The Congress party had spoiled Pakistan's habits. They would attack every day. PM Modi has worked to secure the country."

The Union Home Minister said, "PM Modi has made

India's economy the fourth-ranked economy. In 2027, we will become the world's third-ranked economy."

In a veiled reference to Rahul Gandhi, Shah contrasted Prime Minister Modi with other ► P11

Special Katra-Banihal train on tracks today

JAMMU: Northern Railways will start another train service between Katra and Banihal stations for 15 days from September 19 as an alternative to ensure safe and efficient travel for the public following the disruption of traffic due to the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

The Northern Railways had earlier, on September 8, started a special local train service between Katra and Sangaldan to facilitate stranded passengers in the wake of the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Udhampur district.

"This train will run from Shri Mata Vaishno ► P11

Encourage young minds for nation-building: LoP

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JAMMU: Leader of Opposition in the J&K Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, Thursday emphasized the importance of platforms like India's International Movement to Unite Nations (IIMUN) Kashmir 2025 in equipping young students with the confidence to take part in nation-building.

The LoP noted that such initiatives not only prepare students to become strong leaders but also instill in them a sense of responsibility towards society, democracy, and global peace.

Sharma addressed the

delegates of IIMUN Kashmir 2025 at a grand conference that witnessed the participation of young students and aspiring leaders from across the Valley.

The event served as a vibrant platform for the youth to deliberate upon global challenges and explore solutions through constructive dialogue and leadership.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunil Sharma expressed deep appreciation for the enthusiasm and commitment displayed by the young delegates.

He remarked that the zeal, clarity of thought, and forward-looking vision of the participants reflect ► P11

4873 fruit-laden trucks evacuated in two days

Traffic gets streamlined

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SRINAGAR: In a major relief for fruit growers, the divisional administration of Kashmir has successfully evacuated 4873 stranded fruit-laden trucks over the past two days.

According to officials the evacuation included 2239 trucks via the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway and 2634 via the Mughal Road. The operation, supervised by IG Traffic via both NH and Mughal Road.

The divisional administration stated that the final batch of 500 trucks is sched-

uled to be dispatched from Qazigund by the Traffic Police later tonight. This will clear the entire backlog of stranded vehicles and help streamline traffic flow on the national highway.

"The divisional administration, under the continuous guidance of Chief Secretary Atal Dullo, has mobilized all available resources to expedite the transportation of horticultural produce," the handout reads.

It further states that the Chief Secretary has been closely monitoring the situation, conducting daily reviews with all ► P11

India backs two-state solution for Palestine

UNITED NATIONS: India on Friday voted in favour of a resolution in the UN General Assembly that endorses the 'New York Declaration' on peaceful settlement of the Palestine issue and implementation of the two-state solution.

The resolution, introduced by France, was adopted with an overwhelming 142 nations voting in favour, 10 ► P11

Customer Meet helps to improve processes, products: MD Amitava

J&K Bank holds Customer Meet in Delhi Zone at Noida

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SRINAGAR: As part of its strategic push to expand operations across the rest of India while deepening bonds with existing clientele, J&K Bank today organized a Customer Meet in Noida, bringing together a cross-section of clients from Noida and adjoining areas.

MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee chaired the meeting attended by the Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Rest of India) Khurshed Muzaffar, Zonal Head (Delhi) Rosy Tickoo, and other senior officers. ► P11



Is Rahul dancing to the Tune of 'Deep State', asks Chugh

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NEW DELHI: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh Thursday said that Rahul Gandhi seems to be playing into the hands of the "deep state" by spreading a disruptive and misleading narrative in the country.

Taking strong exception to the unsubstantiated claims Rahul Gandhi made at a media interaction, Chugh said the Karnataka High Court had already delivered a big blow to the shallow campaign on the voters' list being built by the Congress leader.

Chugh pointed out that the Karnataka judgment, which has set aside the elec-



tion of a Congress MLA, has put the Congress on the defensive and comprehensively established that Rahul Gandhi is calculatedly trying to run down constitutional institutions.

He further asked Rahul Gandhi to explain ► P11

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