

BRICS SUMMIT

World leaders flag ‘risks’
of nuclear danger, conflict

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NEW DELHI: BRICS leaders on Saturday expressed serious concern over “deliberate attacks” on civilian infrastructure and peaceful nuclear facilities under full safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), while underlining that nuclear safety and security must always be upheld, including in “armed conflicts”.

In the ‘New Delhi Declaration’ adopted on the first day of the two-day BRICS Summit, being hosted by India, the leaders also expressed concerns about the “growing risks of nuclear danger and conflict”.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the adoption of the declaration at the end of the opening day’s deliberations in the presence of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and other top leaders of the bloc.

In a major diplomatic victory for India, BRICS reached consensus on the joint declaration after overcoming sharp differences between the United Arab Emirates and Tehran regarding the West Asia conflict, but skipped any direct mention of the US strikes on Iran or the Iranian military’s attacks on Gulf Arab nations.

The declaration, without naming any country, said, “We express serious concern over deliberate attacks on civilian infrastructure and peaceful nuclear facilities under full safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in violation of international law and relevant resolutions of the IAEA,” it said.

“Nuclear safeguards, safety, and security must always be upheld, including in armed conflicts, to protect people and the environment from harm,” it added.

BRICS, comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, expanded in 2024 to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the UAE and Saudi Arabia, with Indonesia joining in 2025.

Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan and Vietnam became BRICS partner countries last year.

The declaration said, “We express concern about the growing risks of nuclear danger and conflict. We reiterate the need for invigorating the system of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation and for preserving its integrity and effectiveness to achieve global stability and international peace and security.”

The leaders also stressed the significant contribution

PM warns against tech, mineral weaponisation

NEW DELHI: As rising geopolitical tensions adversely impact ordinary people globally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that BRICS must rise through cooperation and inclusive growth to meet these challenges and blossom for the sake of ► P11

Modi holds 15 Bilateral meetings in last 3 days

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi held 15 sit-down bilateral meetings with heads of states or heads of governments in the last three days on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit. Government sources said on ► P11

Putin proposes new insurance framework

NEW DELHI: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday proposed a new insurance mechanism and a collaborative initiative for the grain market among the BRICS nations as he called upon the grouping to adopt a holistic approach in combating pressing global challenges. Putin proposed the new ► P11

World needs rules like roads need signals: Xi

NEW DELHI: The BRICS should leverage its close ties with emerging markets and Global South to safeguard supply chains, and foster a large integrated market, Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Sunday as he proposed a five-point initiative to boost trade, ► P11

BJP-NDA ruled Govts in 21 States to roll out UCC before 2029, says Shah

‘Performance politics replaced corruption, casteism in Modi era’

“Abrogation of Art 370 & 35A had been achieved without a single drop of blood being shed or a bullet being fired

MUMBAI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said BJP-led NDA governments in 21 states will introduce Uniform Civil Code (UCC) before 2029.

Shah was speaking to reporters here while highlighting the achievements of the Centre over the last 12 years and the BJP’s 25-year journey under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership.

“Triple talaq has been abolished, giving Muslim women equal rights. We have introduced the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in several states and I am confident that in the

21 BJP-NDA ruled states, we will introduce the UCC before 2029,” Shah said. The next Lok Sabha polls are scheduled for 2029.

He said the government had strengthened the country’s criminal justice system through the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and claimed that several states had recorded a 30 per cent increase in the conviction rate in a single year.

He also said a system was

being established to ensure justice could be delivered within three years.

On national security, Shah said the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A had been achieved without a single drop of blood being shed or a bullet being fired, and asserted that Kashmir was now fully integrated with India.

He said the government had ended five decades of Naxalism and ► P11

Deaf-mute KP woman clears Class 10 exam

“Win for India, defeat for Pak”: J&K BJP on BRICS’s stand on Pahalgam attack

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JAMMU: By 45, many abandon their cherished dreams, but not Renu Hans, who has proved that determination can overcome age and adversity.

Unable to hear or speak, Renu, a Kashmiri Pandit woman, recently cleared her class 10 exam with an impressive 82 per cent, turning into reality a dream she nurtured for 22 years.

Behind her achievement lies a story of perseverance, family support and an extraordinary mother-son bond.

Renu’s only son, Naman Koul, a class 12 Science student, took it upon himself to help his mother fulfil her dream of finishing her education. Balancing his own studies with his mother’s, ► P11

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir BJP unit on Sunday said the BRICS Summit’s condemnation of Pahalgam terror attack is a major diplomatic victory for India and a setback for Pakistan and those sponsoring terrorism.

“BRICS nations condemning the Pahalgam terror attack and cross-border terrorism is a big win for India and its foreign policy,” BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakur said.

He said the collective stand of the grouping demonstrated that India’s persistent efforts to expose terrorism before the international community had gained wider recognition.

“This is a defeat for Pakistan’s propaganda and a warning to those who believe they can use terrorism as an instrument of state policy. The world is increasingly unwilling to accept double standards on terrorism,” he said.

Thakur said the acceptance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of a stronger, more cooperative and secure Global South reflected India’s growing diplomatic influence.

“Modi’s vision is gaining acceptance across the world. India being seen as the best bet for BRICS is a diplomatic achievement. Our country’s economic strength, democratic credentials and strategic importance have given it a central role in shaping the future of the grouping,” he said.

Thakur said the BRICS declaration sent a clear message that terrorism ► P11

India is world's largest vaccine producer, supplier: Dr Jitendra

health, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, said on Sunday.

The Minister said, India has moved far beyond the limitations of a decade ago in epidemic preparedness and has built a vibrant bioeconomy, strong vaccine development capabilities and a scientific ecosystem capable of contributing to the world’s preparedness for future epidemics and pandemics.

Dr. Jitendra Singh was speaking at a High-Level Evening Reception for the “Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations” (CEPI) Board and Investors ► P11

NEW DELHI: India has in recent years, emerged as the world’s largest Vaccine producer and global supplier by volume, while India’s diverse disease landscape, combined with its expanding scientific capabilities, provides a unique platform for Vaccine research, epidemic preparedness and the development of biomedical solutions for global

LG Saxena sanctions Rs 1.52 Cr aid to NoKs

LEH: Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Sunday sanctioned Rs 15 lakh each to the next of kin of the four persons who lost their lives in the September 24 violence last year in Leh.

Leh witnessed large-scale protests last year, demanding statehood and the extension of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to Ladakh. Violence erupted during the agitation, leaving four people dead and scores injured allegedly in police firing. An ex-gratia assistance of Rs 3 lakh for ► P11

IGP Sujit Kumar reviews security, law & order in Baramulla, Sopore

“Focus on intelligence-driven counter-terror ops, Naka checking and operational preparedness

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SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Sujit Kumar-IPS, on Sunday visited District Baramulla and Police District Sopore and chaired separate review meetings to assess the prevailing security scenario, counter-terrorism grid, law & order preparedness, crime situation and overall operational preparedness.

IGP Kashmir was accompanied by Deputy Inspector General of Police, North Kashmir Range, Dr Vinod Kumar-IPS.

During the first leg of his visit, IGP Kashmir visited District Baramulla, where he paid homage to the fallen heroes at the Martyrs’ Memorial, District Police Lines Baramulla, and remembered their supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation.

Thereafter, IGP Kashmir chaired a comprehensive security and operational review meeting at Baramulla. SSP ► P11

Fake Aadhaar Probe: WB tourist missing near LoC

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SRINAGAR: A tourist from West Bengal went missing from the Teetwal area near the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district, prompting a manhunt after his Aadhaar card was allegedly found to be fake, officials said here on Sunday. They said 38-year-old Sanjay Sardar, a resident of Kolkata, went missing on Saturday after leaving behind his Aadhaar card and other personal belongings at a guest house in Teetwal.

Sardar had arrived alone at Tangdhar and obtained permission to visit the area from the Kralpora police station, officials said.

After local authorities in Teetwal lodged the missing report, officials launched a manhunt. Officials said using cellphone tracking technology, they found Sardar’s phone active in the Chenani area of Udhampur district, along the Jammu-Srinagar highway. Security agencies are verifying the circumstances surrounding Sardar’s disappearance and his movements after he left Teetwal. Officials are also examining the authenticity of the Aadhaar card and other documents left behind at the guest house. His reported phone location in Chenani has widened the search to Udhampur, with police teams continuing efforts to trace and locate him. Further details are expected as the investigation progresses.

Bangladesh: Want to reset ties with India

DHAKA: Bangladesh on Sunday said it wants to “reset” its relationship with India and build a new bilateral engagement based on mutual interests, while describing ties during the tenure of deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina as “uncomfortable”.

The remarks by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir came two days after Bangladesh on Thursday said Prime Minister Tarique Rahman would not participate in the BRICS Summit hosted by India as he was not invited to the event, with the invitation instead extended to the BIMSTEC chair.

The two-day ► P11

HQ IDS to hold 5-day 'CORE' prog on security challenges

NEW DELHI: HQ Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) is organising ‘Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE)’ programme from 14 to 18 September 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, for senior officers of the Defence Forces. Officers from the Ministries of Defence, External Affairs and Home Affairs are also participating in the five-day programme. The CORE programme aims to provide senior leaders with exposure to contemporary national and regional security issues through interactions with distinguished subject matter experts and renowned speakers from diverse fields. The programme will facilitate a deeper understanding of emerging challenges and enable participants to take balanced and well-informed decisions in their future leadership roles. The five-day programme will cover a wide spectrum of themes, including emerging regional and global security challenges, technological transformation in warfare, strategic communication, and the need for enhanced civil-military understanding in addressing complex issues. The programme reflects the commitment of HQ Integrated Defence Staff towards strengthening professional competencies, fostering jointness and integrated thinking, and preparing senior leadership to effectively address the dynamic and evolving challenges of national security.

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