

Surgical strikes showed India's new anti-terror resolve: Modi



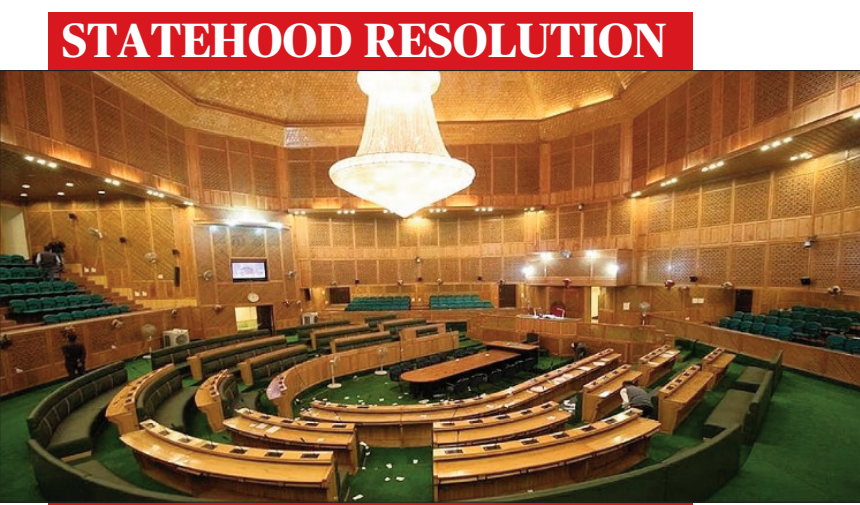
India has repeatedly sent a clear message that if terrorists dare to cast an evil eye, they will be met with befitting reply

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the 2016 surgical strikes were India's decisive response

to the pain of terror attacks and presented a new example of the country's counter-terrorism policy. Asserting that India follows a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism, he said in his monthly broadcast Mann Ki Baat that the country has made it clear that terrorism will be dealt with strongly and decisively. ► P11

‘Census vital national duty’

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that Census is a national responsibility, urging citizens to self-enumerate online to ensure accurate data for planning the nation's future. In his monthly radio address Mann Ki Baat, he noted that so far more than 2.6 crore people have entered their details on the Census portal via mobile phones, completing the self-enumeration. "Census is a national responsibility for all of us. It is important for the nation as accurate information about you and your family helps ► P11



Assembly set to witness stormy session amid BJP protest today

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly is likely to witness acrimonious scenes on Monday, amid the opposition BJP's protest against a resolution brought by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah seeking immediate restoration of statehood. Soon after Abdullah tabled the resolution

on Friday, BJP MLAs created a ruckus in the assembly, leading to an abrupt end to the proceedings of the House for the day. While the BJP demanded the dismissal of the National Conference government for bringing in the resolution, which tied statehood to the pre-1953 position, Abdullah said his resolution sought a ► P11

PDP submits amendment to resolution

SRINAGAR: PDP MLA Waheed Para has submitted an amendment to the statehood resolution moved by Chief ► P11

India neither status quoist nor revisionist: DM Rajnath

NEW DELHI: India is neither a status quoist power nor a revisionist one; rather, it is a civilisational power, and the country's goal is to rise without rupture and have a positive change without conflict, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday. In his address at the NDTV Defence Summit, Singh also said a nation that leads in technology will hold an advantage on the battlefield. He underlined the progress made in the defence sector in the last decade, as well as some of the steps taken to make the armed forces future-ready. On India's position in the world order, Singh said, "India is neither a status quoist power nor a revisionist power. I believe we are a civilisational power." "The objective of our rise is not to leave another country behind or to dismantle the existing order;



rather, it is about collective and inclusive growth. Our goal is – rise without rupture, positive change without conflict," he emphasised. "We envision a world where India advances, and the entire world moves forward alongside us," he added. The defence minister also said that today's warfare is not merely a matter of soldier versus soldier; rather, it spans multiple domains. It encompasses land, air, sea, space, ► P11

Govt gives nod to multi-level car parking at Jewel Chowk

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, has accorded Administrative Approval for construction of a Multi-Level Car Parking facility at Jewel Chowk, Jammu, at an estimated cost of Rs 29.88 crore. The project is aimed at easing traffic congestion, improving urban mobility and strengthening parking infrastructure in one of Jammu city's key commercial areas. The proposed facility will provide modern and convenient parking infrastructure, helping address parking pressure in the busy commercial hub while ► P11

World Tourism Day Omar invites tourists to visit J-K for matchless hospitality

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday invited tourists and travellers to visit the Union Territory to experience the unmatched hospitality. The chief minister said that from pristine peaks and serene lakes to lush valleys, Jammu and Kashmir remains an "immortal paradise" offering diverse experiences including adventure sports, leisure retreats, pilgrimage circuits, MICE facilities, wedding destinations, unexplored treks and film locations. "On World Tourism Day, the chief minister extended a warm invitation to travellers to experience the timeless beauty and unmatched hospitality of Jammu and Kash-



mir," Abdullah said in a post on his official X handle. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to enhancing tourism infrastructure and promoting sustainable eco-tourism, ensuring that local youth and rich ► P11

Dr Jitendra Singh: Nanomedicine to ‘drive’ next-gen precision, personalised medicine

NEW DELHI: 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 on Sunday said that Nanomedicine will drive the next generation of precision Medicine and personalised Healthcare, adding that India's indigenous research carries global potential. Speaking at the inaugural function of the World Congress on Nanomedicine 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Dr. Jitendra Singh described nanomedicine as one of the most transformative developments in medical practice, with the potential to make healthcare increasingly precise and personalised by working at the nanometre scale. He said the future of medicine would increasingly involve individualised treatment



based on a patient's genetic profile, lifestyle, dietary habits and environmental factors, with nanotechnology offering new possibilities for precision at the cellular level. The World Congress on Nanomedicine 2026, hosted by the Institute of Nano Medical Sciences (INMS), Faculty of Medical Sci-

ences, University of Delhi, is bringing together over 2,000 participants, including eminent scientists and young researchers, to discuss emerging advances and applications in nanomedicine. Nobel Laureate Prof. Roger D. Kornberg, Nobel Laureate and Stanford University, USA, is the ► P11

Russia supports India for UNSC permanent seat

UNITED NATIONS: Russia has backed India's candidature for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council, saying that any reform of the UN body cannot involve additional seats being allocated to Western countries, especially Germany and Japan. "Our principled approach is the following: UN Security Council reform cannot involve any additional seats being allocated to Western countries, especially to Germany and Japan, who are now on the path to militarism and revanchism," Russian Foreign ► P11

Long Wait Ends: Major renovation, repair drive starts in migrant camps

DRIVE WOULD COVER ABOVE 200 BUILDING BLOCKS & AROUND 5K FLATS, BESIDES COMMUNITY HALLS OTHER COMMON FACILITIES

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JAMMU: In a move to address the long-pending demand of displaced Kashmiri Pandit families, the government has launched an extensive repair and renovation programme across migrant camps in Jammu, covering more than 200 building blocks and around 5,000 flats, besides community halls and other common facilities.

An official said on Sunday that the comprehensive works mark the first repair and renovation initiative of such magnitude in the migrant camps, many of which, including Jagti and Nagrota migrant camps along with a team of senior officers, emphasised upon conducting a structural audit of all buildings and instructed to ensure good quality of works in due consultation with the public and concerned camp commandants. Karwani said the Public Works ► P11

been seeking comprehensive repairs, renovation and improvement of basic infrastructure as the buildings and common facilities aged and required substantial intervention. Relief and Rehabilitation (Migrants), J&K, Arvind Karwani, who inspected the ongoing developmental works in Jagti and Nagrota migrant camps along with a team of senior officers, emphasised upon conducting a structural audit of all buildings and instructed to ensure good quality of works in due consultation with the public and concerned camp commandants. Karwani said the Public Works ► P11

IGP Sujit Kumar reviews prevailing security, crime scenario in Budgam Directs officers to strengthen vigilance, grid

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SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir Zone, IPS Sujit Kuma visited Budgam district and reviewed the prevailing security and crime situation during a high-level meeting at the District Police Headquarters, Budgam, on Sunday. The meeting was attended by DIG Central Kashmir Range Rajiv Omparkash Pande, IPS, SSP Budgam Hariprasad K K, IPS, along with other senior police officers of the district. During the meeting, IGP Kumar assessed a detailed review of



the overall security and crime situation in across the Budgam district. He assessed the measures being taken for crime prevention, investigation of cases, security management and ongoing police

operations across the district. IGP Kumar directed the officers to further strengthen the existing security grid and maintain close coordination among different field formations to ► P11

BJP seeks ‘apology’ from Rahul Gandhi over remarks on EC

JAMMU: Amid the Congress's nationwide campaign demanding the immediate resignation and arrest of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, the Jammu and Kashmir BJP on Sunday sought a public apology from the party leader Rahul Gandhi over "baseless allegations" against the constitutional institution. Defending the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Sat Sharma said it is the responsibility of the commission to ensure that only eligible voters participate in elections and that no citizen would want ineligible voters to cast ballots. Addressing a press conference at party headquarters here, Sharma said the Congress had repeatedly questioned the independence of constitutional institutions, particularly the Election Commission (EC), and had ► P11

Migrant property fraud: Accused held for ‘duping’ several persons

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SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Crime Branch in Jammu and Kashmir has arrested a man who allegedly duped several persons of crores of rupees by impersonating the owner of migrant properties in the Valley. Investigating a fraud complaint, the EOW found that the accused had committed several frauds by impersonating migrant Kashmiri Pandits to sell off their properties in the valley. Soom Nath Koul, a resident of 22-Lotus Tower in Karnataka's Bangalore North,

currently residing at Jammu's Janipur, was arrested in compliance with the orders of the Court of the Sub-Judge, Srinagar, a spokesperson of the EOW said in a statement. Several cases were registered against him with the Crime Branch and he was absconding for several years, the EOW said. "A total of five cases have been registered against him, pertaining to allegations of cheating, forgery and land-related fraud involving migrant properties through fake Powers of Attorney and agreements to sell. In one of the cases, a chargesheet was filed against the accused ► P11

Jaishankar slams Pak at UNGA as Serial Practitioner of Terrorism ‘Right to defend India against terror will be exercised’

UNITED NATIONS: India strongly hit back at Pakistan in the UN General Assembly on Saturday, asserting that arguments by the "serial practitioner of terrorism" to normalise the scourge and claim immunity from its consequences will not stand. In his address to the General Debate at the high-level 81st session of the UN General Assembly, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also said that targeting of commercial shipping and seafarers transiting international waterways is "simply unacceptable". During his address, Jaishankar also urged world lead-



ers that "endless war must now give way to an end to conflict," expressing concern over the ongoing hostilities in the Gulf and referring to the situa-

tion in Ukraine as "equally troubling." "Yesterday, a serial practitioner of terrorism misrepresented facts before this Assembly," Jaishankar said, in a veiled reference to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who had raised the Kashmir issue in his address at the UN on Friday. Without naming Pakistan and Sharif's address, Jaishankar said arguments were invoked to "normalise terrorism, and claim immunity from its consequences." "That will not stand," he stressed. "Our right to defend ourselves against terrorism will ► P11

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