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Childhood best
time to instill
good conduct:
Prez Murmu

NEW DELHI: School education forms the foundation of the education system, as knowledge and skills can be acquired at any time, but teaching good conduct during childhood is far more effective, President Droupadi Murmu said on Saturday.

The president made the comments in her address at the National Teachers' ► P11

NCB uncovers twin cross-border drug routes into J-K; 6.90 kg heroin seized

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JAMMU: Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) investigations have exposed two key heroin trafficking routes from Pakistan into Jammu and Kashmir, with four major interceptions in the Jammu division over the past month resulting in seizure of more than 6.90 kg of heroin, an official said on Saturday.

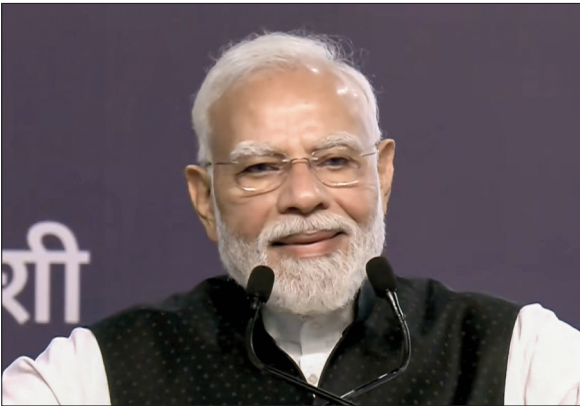
The routes -- one directly from Pakistan through north Kashmir's Uri sector and the other via Punjab -- have emerged as key conduits for movement of heroin into Jammu and Kashmir, a spokesman of NCB's Jammu

From Policy Paralysis to Policy Dynamism, India has come a long way: Modi at SRCC

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the country has come a long way from policy paralysis in 2013 to policy dynamism, but those responsible for pushing India into the 'fragile 5' are now unable to digest its 7.8 per cent growth.

Modi, who was speaking at the centenary celebrations of Delhi University's Shri Ram College of Commerce, recalled that his address there in 2013 as Gujarat chief minister had made a "wave" and even today, 13-14 years later, its impact remains intact.

"In 2013, when I came to SRCC, I presented a vision. Whatever I said back then was my conviction. I have always lived by those words. Dedicating my life to the nation was an emotion that took the form of words. I gave the



example of a glass filled with water. Some people see the glass as half full. Some say it is half empty," PM Modi said.

"I said there are people who can see the glass as fully filled, half with water and half with air."

It was a time, Prime Minister Modi said, when the

country was lacking hope.

"So I said, 'I see the glass as fully filled'. At that time, development was at its lowest; inflation had hit the skies. At that time, scandals were at their peak, and the corrupt roamed fearlessly. Terrorists were unrestrained and Pakistan was ► P11

PM: Teachers must lookout against student drug addiction

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged teachers to stay vigilant against student drug addiction and help children tackle excessive screen time through sports, physical play, and creative activities.

Interacting with the national award-winning teachers on Friday, the eve of Teachers' Day, Modi asked the teachers to preserve childhood and nurture ► P11

India votes in favour of UNGA backed overhaul of world map

India believes that maps play an important role in how societies understand geography and relative scale of the world around us.

UNITED NATIONS: India has voted in favour of a UN General Assembly resolution aimed at correcting the world map to promote a "more accurate representation" of continental landmasses.

The 193-member UN General Assembly on Friday overwhelmingly adopted the resolution "Correct the map"; rebalancing global cartographic representation and promoting equitable representation of the world's regions, particularly Africa.

The resolution was sponsored by Togo, receiving 164 votes in favour, with absten-



tions from Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine, and a lone vote against from the United States.

The resolution noted that the Mercator projection, designed in the 16th century for navigational purposes, remains widely used in educational, media, digital and official materials, despite the considerable distortion of

landmasses to the North and South, far from the equator.

The resolution also noted with "concern" that "this distortion contributes to minimising the perceived sizes of Africa, Latin America and South Asia, and perpetuating an unbalanced view of the world."

In an explanation of the vote in the General Assembly, First Secretary at the ► P11

Kashmir receives snowfall

SRINAGAR: The higher reaches of Kashmir received the first snowfall of the season on Saturday, while the plains were lashed by brief rains accompanied by hailstorms at some places, officials said.

The mountainous areas of Gulmarg, Sonamarg and Gumri witnessed the first snowfall of this season, the officials said.

They said parts of Srinagar city and adjoining districts received rainfall early in the morning and in the afternoon, bringing down the day ► P11

Pakistani terrorist killed in Budgam linked to 2024 IAF, civilian attacks

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SRINAGAR: A terrorist gunned down by the Indian Army in the higher reaches of Yusmarg in central Kashmir has been identified as Yasir, a Pakistani national working for the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, with involvement in the ambush of an IAF convoy in Poonch and an attack on army and civilian workers in

2024, officials said on Saturday. A hunt for a second terrorist, hiding behind huge boulders and natural caves, was on at the encounter site located between 12,000 feet and 15,500 feet in the Pir Panjal range.

Although the operation is faced with difficulties because of incessant rain and visibility reducing to as low as five metres, the area is dominated by the army and its Special Forces to thwart any successful escape attempt.

Yasir was gunned down by the army on Friday.

According to the officials, Yasir's presence was first detected in 2024. Inputs suggest his involvement in at least three major terror incidents in 2024 -- an ambush of

an Indian Air Force (IAF) convoy in Poonch district, an attack on construction workers near Sonamarg, and an attack on the army in Bota Pathri.

An IAF member was killed and four others injured when terrorists ambushed a convoy of the force in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. The attack took place near Shahsitar in the Surankote area around 6.15 pm on May 4, 2024, when the troops were returning to their base at Sanai Top.

Seven people, one of them a local doctor, were gunned down by a terrorist group on October 20, 2024, at Gangangir in Sonamarg.

Yasir was part of the terrorist group led by ► P11

2 killed as tanker falls into gorge

KISHTWAR: Two persons were killed after an empty oil tanker skidded off the road and rolled down into a deep gorge in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said.

The accident occurred in the Palmar area of Dachin when the driver of the tanker reportedly lost control of the vehicle while negotiating a curve, the officials said.

Following the accident, locals launched a rescue operation, however, both persons travelling in the tanker were found dead on the spot, they said. ► P11

Toll mounts to 1,344 in Nepal floods

KATHMANDU: The death toll from the devastating flash floods in Nepal surged to 1,344 on Saturday as more bodies were recovered from the eight affected districts, officials said.

Rescue teams continued to search for around 5,000 people, including at least 589 foreign nationals, who remain missing, while more than 13,000 people have been rescued, officials said.

Among those rescued on Saturday was a 60-year-old woman who was pulled out alive from the upper floor of a four-storey house, buried under mud and debris, in Nuwakot district's ► P11

Regulation enabling Ladakh HC Bench comes into effect

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LEH: The regulation for a permanent bench of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court in Ladakh came into effect on Saturday, with Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena describing its implementation as a "historic step" towards bringing the justice delivery system closer to the people.

The regulation, promulgated by the President of India on August 27, 2026, provided that it shall come into force on such date as the Administrator may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

"The Union Territory of Ladakh (sitting of Bench of

the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh) Regulation, 2026, which provides for a Bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh to sit in the Union Territory of Ladakh, has come into force today (Saturday) onwards," an official spokesman said.

It will facilitate further action for establishing and operationalising the Bench, including consultation with the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and the departments concerned on the required judicial, administrative, infrastructural, financial and logistical arrangements, he said. The establishment of a High Court Bench ► P11

Dr Jitendra backs 'CSS Shield' to back families of officers who die in service

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and MoS in PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Saturday called for continued effort to make service rules more responsive to employees and their families.

Welcoming the 'CSS Shield' initiative of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) Forum, Dr Jitendra Singh said, such collective efforts can create a new culture of standing by families in times of sudden loss. Speaking at the launch of the initiative, he said that the mechanism is not difficult to implement; what matters is the collective will and willingness to contribute. He said that when colleagues come to-



gether as one family to support a bereaved family, it sends a meaningful message beyond the organisational itself.

The Minister was speaking at an event organised by the Central

Secretariat Service Forum for the launch of 'CSS Shield', a mutual support initiative for the bereaved families of CSS officers. The programme was attended by office-bearers and members of ► P11

NIA chargesheets 13 in Pak-linked espionage racket

NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted 13 people under the stringent anti-terror law UAPA for alleged involvement in spying on sensitive locations as part of its probe in the Ghaziabad espionage case linked to Pakistan, officials said on Saturday.

The case, which was initially registered by Kaushambi Police Station, Commissionerate Ghaziabad on March 14 2026, relates to the installation of solar-powered cameras at sensitive spots at railway stations and providing live access from them to suspected terrorists in Pakistan, they said.

The chargesheet was filed before a special anti-terror court in Lucknow under sections 61(2) (criminal conspiracy) and 152 (endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and ► P11

Pakistan to remain major security concern, threat: Ex-CDS Chauhan

Operation Sindoor was conducted in May last year, when Gen Chauhan served as Chief of Defence Staff.

NEW DELHI: Nearly a month after Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye signed a key joint defence agreement, former CDS Gen Anil Chauhan on Saturday said such accords may induce "overconfidence" in Pakistan, which may lead Islamabad to make another "miscalculation."

Delivering a lecture on "Threats and Challenges to India's Security" at an event hosted at the Teen Murti Bhawan complex here, he also said, "Pakistan will remain, I think, a major security concern and a threat for times to come."

He further said that Oper-



ation Sindoor, holding of Indus Water Treaty in abeyance and some practical measures may "hopefully change or induce behavioural change in

our neighbour."

"But, we've also seen some kind of agreements and accords with they have recently signed. This ► P11

Women's Asia Cup: Dominant India 'thrash' Pak by 7 wickets

DUBAI: India defeated Pakistan by seven wickets as young spinners Shree Charani and Prema Rawat claimed three wickets each in a one-sided Women's T20 Asia Cup Group A match here on Saturday.

Left-arm spinner Charani (3/7) and Rawat (3/9) bowled devastating spells to dismiss Pakistan for 55 in 18.1 overs, their lowest-ever T20I total. India chased down the target in just 8.4 overs for the loss of three wickets, with skipper Harmanpreet Kaur unbeaten on 18.

The win extended India's perfect run to three matches and took them to six points, having already secured a semifinal berth. Pakistan remain on two points and now need to beat Hong Kong in their final group game to qualify.

Shafali Varma provided the first breakthrough by casting

Muneeba Ali (13), before Charani struck twice in the sixth over, dismissing Gull Feroza (0) and Shawaal Zulfiqar (14) to leave Pakistan reeling at 29 for 3.

Pakistan slipped further to 32 for 4 in the eighth over and never recovered. Rawat and Deepti Sharma (2/5) then added to the damage as Pakistan slumped to 45 for 7 in the 13th over.

Pakistan's previous lowest T20I total was 63, scored in 19.1 overs against India in Guangzhou during the group stage of the 2012 Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup.

Brief Scores:
Pakistan 55 all out in 18.1 overs (Shawaal Zulfiqar 14, Muneeba Ali 13; Shree Charani 3/7, Prema Rawat 3/9, Deepti Sharma 2/5).

India 57 for 3 in 8.4 overs (Harmanpreet Kaur 18 not out; Fatima Sana 3/17).

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