

Gupta pledges transparent, inclusive growth in Ladakh to bridge devp gaps

All concerns of people will be addressed on priority: LG



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KARGIL: Reaffirming the commitment of the Union Territory Administration towards inclusive and people-centric governance, the Lieu-

tenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, Friday said that the government is determined to bridge development gaps and address the genuine concerns of the people in a transparent and time-bound

manner. LG Gupta said, “Our Administration is here to serve the people with sincerity, accountability, and transparency. Development must reach the last person in the

queue, and every citizen of Ladakh should feel empowered and included in the growth journey.” Several delegations from different areas of Kargil called on the Lt Governor at Raj Niwas and submitted their demands and suggestions on various developmental issues. Deputy Commissioner, CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Rakesh Kumar, and Senior Superintendent of Police, Kargil, Shree Raam R, were present during the meetings. A delegation led by Chief Executive Councillor Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo, accompanied by Executive Councillor Aga Mujtaba Mosavi and representatives from the Traspone region, demanded the establishment of a Tehsil headquarters in Traspone and the upgradation of the Primary Health Centre ►P11

Modi & Xi to forge stronger ties at SCO meet amid trade tensions

PM stresses Indo-Sino collaboration for global economic stability

BEIJING: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping are set to hold two key bilateral meetings during the SCO summit in Tianjin on Sunday, aiming to bolster India-China relations against the backdrop of global trade uncertainties triggered by US President Donald Trump's policies. Arriving from Japan on Saturday evening, Modi is scheduled to meet Xi around noon on Sunday, with a potential second meeting before the SCO summit's official banquet. On Monday, Modi will attend the summit and likely hold talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin before returning to India. As India navigates strained ties with the US due to Trump's 50% tariffs on Indian exports, this summit Modi's first visit to China in seven years holds critical sig-



nificance. Though Modi is expected to have bilateral meetings with several leaders, his meeting with Xi will be the most watched one, not simply in India and China but all around the world. The outcome of the meeting was expected to set the tone for the future course of

bilateral relations, which, experts say, looks bright as the two countries faced the brunt of Trump's tariffs. Meanwhile PM Modi on Friday said it is important for India and China to work together to bring stability to the world economic order as he asserted that New Delhi is ready to advance bilateral ties

from a strategic and long-term perspective based on mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity. Xi and Modi met last year at Kazan on the sidelines of the BRICS summit, which ended over a four-year deadlock or freeze in the bilateral ties over the military tensions in Eastern Ladakh. ►P11

SAI undertakes 500 kanal of land for sports infra in Kargil

CEC highlights potential for Winter Sports



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KARGIL: In a progressive initiative to boost sports in the district at par with the national

level, Sports Authority of India (SAI) has undertaken 500 kanal of land for sports infrastructure which is expected to receive administrative ap-

proval soon. Moreover, the Union Sports Minister has agreed to set up a Winter Sports Academy in Kargil, recognizing the district's potential and natural suitability for winter sports. Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd. Jaffer Akhoo Friday while celebrating the National Sports Day stated this and emphasized the importance of financial assistance for sportspersons and informed that a comprehensive sports policy for Ladakh is under process. He said that the UT administration is making provisions to support ►P11

Banks to deliver financial awareness through DIPR



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KARGIL: With the motive to promote financial literacy across the district, all the Banks in Kargil will deliver financial awareness through the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Kargil

The Banks were instructed by the district administration to collaborate with youth centric institutions such as colleges and schools to promote financial literacy. Several instructions were issued on Friday by the Deputy ►P11

India, Japan demand swift justice for Pahalgam attack perpetrators

NEW DELHI: India and Japan on Friday strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attack and called for the perpetrators, organisers, and financiers of this reprehensible act to be brought to justice without any delay. In a joint statement issued after the summit talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shigeru Ishiba, the two countries also called for concerted actions against all UN-listed terrorist groups and entities, including Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and their proxies. "The two Prime Ministers unequivocally and strongly condemned terror-

ism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism," the joint statement said. They condemned in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir on April 22, and took note of the UN Security Council Monitoring Team Report of July 29, mentioning The Resistance Front (TRF). Prime Minister Modi explained that the TRF had claimed responsibility for the attack that claimed 26 lives. Prime Minister Ishiba noted this with concern. "They called for the perpetrators, organisers, and financiers of this reprehensible

act to be brought to justice without any delay," the statement said. "They also called for concerted actions against all UN-listed terrorist groups and entities, including Al Qaeda, ISIS/Daesh, Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and their proxies, and to take resolute actions to root out terrorists' safe havens, eliminate terrorist financing channels and its nexus with transnational crime, and halt cross-border movement of terrorists," it added. The two Prime Ministers also expressed support for a just and lasting peace in Ukraine in accordance with international law, ►P11

Triumph of Humanity: Prez lauds Op Sindoor

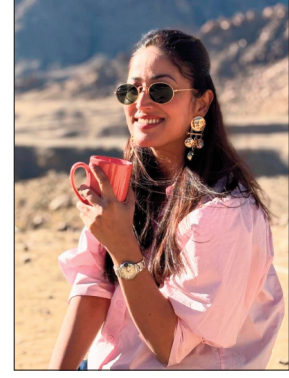
NEW DELHI: Describing Operation Sindoor as a "golden chapter" in humanity's fight against terrorism, President Droupadi Murmu on Friday outlined the contribution of PSUs in building the indigenous Akasheer Air Defence Control and Reporting System, which played a crucial role in the military conflict between India and Pakistan. Addressing the SCOPE Eminence Awards here, she highlighted the crucial role of public sector enterprises in achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat or developed India by 2047. The President said that public sector enterprises have

performed well on key financial parameters, including revenue and profitability. Further, she noted that three-fourths of PSUs are profit-making, and the net profit of public sector enterprises has grown substantially during the last decade. Describing public sector enterprises as catalysts of growth and pillars of prosperity, the President outlined that they have set benchmarks in good governance and transparency. "Public sector enterprises are playing an impressive role in the direction of building Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India)," Murmu said. ►P11

Yami Gautam soaks in Ladakh's serenity at Thiksey Monastery

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LEH: Yami Gautam is embracing the breathtaking charm of Ladakh alongside her husband, director Aditya Dhar, and family. While Aditya films his action-thriller Dhurandhar with Ranveer Singh in Leh, Yami is savoring the region's pristine landscapes. Recently, she shared stunning Instagram photos from her visit to the historic Thiksey Monastery, capturing a serene moment with a monk and the sacred chants. "The experience of listening to the chants and prayers shall forever echo in my heart," she wrote, reflecting on the soulful visit to one of the



oldest monasteries. Located 19 kilometres from Leh, Thiksey Monastery or Thiksey Gompa, is situated on a hillock overlooking the Indus Valley with sweeping views of the magnificent Stok range.

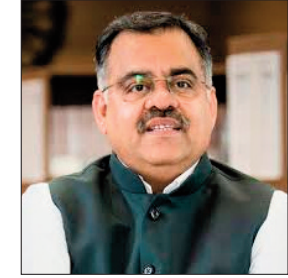
This 12-storey place of worship houses 10 temples and an assembly hall. Since it resembles the famous Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet, the Thiksey Monastery is also known as Mini Potala. A 40-foot-high Buddha statue is the main attraction here, apart from the architecturally brilliant temple of Tara. Precious stupas, thangkas, statues, wall paintings and swords dominate the monastery, making the place a must-visit for travellers and spiritual-seekers alike. Adding more to the cherishing Ladakh, Yami Gautam was seen sipping on tea against a rugged mountainous backdrop and the azure blue sky above. ►P11

Panel to probe SMVD landslide

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday constituted a high-level three-member committee to inquire into the reasons behind the recent landslide along the pilgrim route leading to the Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta Hills in Reasi district. The inquiry was ordered a day after protests against the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) rocked Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the revered shrine, alleging over-commercialising of the pilgrimage site, and two ►P11

Callous failure of AAP govt to leave Punjab in distress: Chugh

‘AAP govt has failed Thousands of marooned people ‘
CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh Friday fired the AAP government in Punjab for not coming to the help of thousands of people suffering due to floods. Chugh said the Bhagwant Mann government has abjured all its constitutional and moral responsibility to come to the rescue of the marooned people. He launched a sharp attack on AAP Convenor Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, stating that while Punjab reels under devastating floods, AAP leaders have fled from their responsibilities and abandoned the people of Punjab in this hour of crisis. Instead of saving lives and delivering relief, Kejriwal and Mann are busy playing political theatre. Chugh said that Kejriwal falsely projects himself as the “only honest leader,” but if he already knew that the Gandhi family was deeply involved in the National Herald scam, why did he repeatedly forge alliances with the Congress? This exposes the duplicity and hypocrisy at the core of Kejriwal's politics—where principles are invoked only as a cover for deception and power. He further pointed out that Kejriwal's latest outburst is nothing more than a desperate attempt to distract people from the chaos and gross mismanagement created by the AAP government amid the floods in Punjab. The truth is, instead of standing with the flood-hit people, Kejriwal and Mann are indulging in ►P11



Japan to invest 10 Tn yen in India

TOKYO: Japan on Friday set an investment target of 10 trillion yen (approx Rs 60,000 cr) in India over a decade and the two sides sealed a raft of big-ticket pacts, including a framework for defence ties and a 10-year roadmap to largely boost economic partnership -- decisions that came amid turbulence triggered by Washington's trade policies. The new measures to further expand India-Japan special strategic and global partnership were unveiled following ►P11

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