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Indian Navy joins search operation

The Indian Navy on Thursday said it has joined search and rescue operation after learning about a distress call from Iranian warship IRIS Dena which went down off the coast of Sri Lanka after being hit by a torpedo fired by a US submarine.

The Iranian warship was returning home after participating in the Milan multilateral naval exercise hosted by India. At least 87 Iranian sailors were killed in the attack, according to the US Navy.

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No payment without royalty clearance certificate

The directorate of geology & mining has directed all treasuries across the Union Territory not to release payments to contractors or executing agencies involved in development works unless a valid Royalty Clearance Certificate (RCC) is produced.

According to an official communication issued by geology & mining director S P Rukwal, the directive was sent to the director, ac

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BOSE notification on syllabi for 9th-12th classes

The J&K Board of School Education (BOSE) has issued a notification regarding the syllabi and courses of studies for 9th & 10th classes for the upcoming academic sessions.

According to the notification, there would be no change in the syllabi for 9th & 10th classes for the academic session 2026-27 in summer zone areas of Jammu division, the academic session 2025-26 in Kashmir division and winter zone areas of Jammu division.

However, the board said minor revisions had

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India beat England in T20 WC semifinal



NEW DELHI, MAR 05: Defending champions India beat England by 7 runs in the second semifinal of the ICC 2026 Men's T20 World Cup.

The match at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, saw England win the toss and decide to field, with Sanju Samson hitting 89 off 42 as India posted 253-7.

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Jitendra presents healthcare awards to medicos



NEW DELHI, MAR 05: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today presented awards to 26 young medical professionals from across the country who had excelled in different specialties like Oncology, Paediatrics, Endocrinology, Orthopaedics, Emergency Medicine etc.

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No issue can be resolved through military conflict alone: Modi

Calls for end to conflicts in West Asia, Ukraine

NEW DELHI, MAR 05: Underlining that India believes in "rule of law, dialogue and diplomacy", Prime Minister Narendra Modi today called for a swift end to the conflicts in West Asia and Ukraine, saying "no issue can be resolved through military confrontation alone".

"New Delhi will continue to support the swift end of conflicts and every effort towards peace, whether it takes place in West Asia or Ukraine," he said after holding wide-ranging talks with visiting Finnish President Alexander Stubb.

"Both India and Finland believe in the rule of law, dialogue, and diplomacy. We are in agreement that no issue can be resolved through military conflict alone," the PM said in his media statement.

"Be it Ukraine or West Asia, we will continue to support the swift end of conflicts and every effort towards peace," he said a



day after an Iranian navy ship was downed by a US submarine on Wednesday.

In the talks, the two sides also agreed to accord India-Finland relations in digitalisation and sustainability as a strategic partnership.

"This partnership, from AI to 6G telecom, from clean energy to quantum computing, will give momentum and energy to our cooperation in many high-tech areas," he said.

Modi said the India-EU free trade agreement would bolster trade ties between India and Finland.

"This agreement will further strengthen trade, investment, and technology cooperation between India and Finland," he said.

Modi also said that they agree that "reforming global institutions to address the growing global challenges is not only necessary but also urgent". This was with reference to India's push for reforms at the UN Security Council, and other multilateral institutions. "And rooting out terrorism in all its forms is our shared commitment," he added.

Finnish President Stubb

began a four-day visit to India on Wednesday with an aim to shore up bilateral cooperation across a wide spectrum of areas, including trade, investment and critical technology.

Stubb, on his part, said, "Today we discussed security issues in the region. We have conflicts in both regions, in West Asia and also, of course, in Ukraine. And for us, Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has lasted for too long, four years. We agreed that ending the war is in everyone's interests, a lasting peace can only be one that respects the principles of the United Nations."

Earlier on March 3, for the first time since Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in strikes by Israel and the US, India had referred to the West Asia situation as "conflict in Iran and the Gulf region" and said "many lives have been regrettably lost and we ex

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Voting for Nepal elections concludes

KATHMANDU, MAR 05: Voting for Nepal's General Elections concluded on Thursday with the closing

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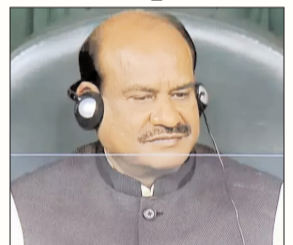
Resolution for his removal

Birla to be present in House but not chair proceedings

NEW DELHI, MAR 05: The Lok Sabha will witness a rare moment most likely on Monday next when Om Birla will not chair proceedings but will be seated amongst the members as the House takes up a notice seeking his removal from office.

As Parliament meets for the second phase of the Budget session on March 9, the Lok Sabha is likely to take up the resolution moved by the opposition against Birla's for allegedly acting in a "blatantly partisan" manner.

According to the rules



and laid down procedure, Birla will get a right to defend himself when the resolution is discussed by the lower house. He will also have the right to vote against the resolution, Constitution expert P D T Achary explained.

The expert said while Birla will not chair the pro-

ceedings when the resolution comes up before the House, he will be seated in the prominent rows in the Treasury benches.

At least 118 opposition members had submitted a notice for moving the resolution to remove Birla from office for not allowing Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi and other opposition leaders to speak in the House on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address, as well as for suspending eight MPs.

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BJP's earning accounted for 85 pc of national parties' income: ADR report

NEW DELHI, MAR 05: The ruling BJP declared an income of Rs 6769.14 crore in FY 2024-25, the highest among national parties, while the Congress was a distant second, declaring an income of around Rs 918.28 crore, said a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

According to the report analysing the declarations made by political parties to the Election Commission, six national parties (BJP, INC, CPI(M), AAP, BSP and NPEP) declared a total income of Rs 7960.09 crore

in 2024-25, and the BJP accounted for 85.03 per cent of it.

The BJP spent around 55.76 per cent of its income, amounting to Rs 3774.58 crore, while the Congress spent around 1111.94 crore, which is 21.09 per cent (Rs 193.66 crore) more than its total income.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) reported a total income of Rs 172.60 crore during the year, while its total expenditure amounted to Rs 173.86 crore, Rs 1.26 cr (0.73 per cent) less than its income.

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As Nitish heads to RS, Bihar set to get first 'BJP Sarkar'

PATNA, MAR 05: JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar's "wish to become a Rajya Sabha member" has paved the way for the formation of a new government, with the BJP now appearing poised to have its "own CM" in the only Hindi heartland state where the post has eluded the party.

The writing had been on the wall ever since the BJP emerged as the single largest party, with 89 seats, in the assembly polls held less than four months ago, outperforming the JD(U)

for the second time after 2020.

The swearing-in ceremony verily looked like a BJP affair, with the party getting a lion's share in the new council of ministers and the all-important home portfolio. The function was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and a number of their cabinet colleagues, besides CMs of several states ruled by the BJP.

RJD national working president Tejashwi Yadav, the Leader of the Opposi-

tion in the assembly, told reporters, "The BJP has done a Maharashtra in Bihar. It is a party that has always been opposed to Dalits and OBCs. Now, it will seek to implement its agenda in the socialist stronghold."

Notably, Kumar, like Yadav's father and RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, has been a product of the Mandal churn of the 1990s, which ended the dominance of upper castes in Bihar politics.

Speculations are rife that

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'Existential threat'

India calls on int'l community to act together against ISIS, Al Qaeda

UNITED NATIONS, MAR 05: India has called on the international community to act together against ISIS and Al Qaeda and their proxies, underlining that terrorism is an "existential threat" to international peace and security.

"Terrorism is an existential threat to international peace and security. It knows no borders, nationality, or race, and is a challenge that the international community must combat collectively," First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN Raghoo Puri said.

In remarks to the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) annual ambassadorial level briefing to Member States, Puri recalled the April 2025 terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, carried out by The Resistance Front, a proxy of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, a UN listed terror organisation. The terror attack led to the loss of lives of 26 tourists.

"We must act together against ISIS and Al Qaeda and their proxies," he said, adding that as a country which itself has been a

victim of cross-border terrorism for the past nearly three decades, "India is acutely aware of the socio-economic and human cost of terrorism, especially for its victims."

India added its voice in stressing on the importance of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) as a central instrument for multilateral cooperation.

Puri said India will remain steadfast and engaged in the consultations for the 9th review of the GCTS, assuring full cooperation to co-facilitators Finland and Morocco during negotiations in the process.

Puri also highlighted that as Chair of the Counter Terrorism Committee in 2022, India has striven to bring these principles into the counter-terrorism architecture of the UN and into the debate on terrorism at the United Nations.

"Our follow up initiatives both in New York and around the world stand testimony to our commitment," including the 'Delhi Declaration' - a landmark document to deal with the issue of countering the use

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Kavinder Gupta appointed Himachal Pradesh Governor

NEW DELHI, MAR 05: As part of major gubernatorial appointments effected by President Droupadi Murmu tonight, Vinai Kumar Saxena, Lt Governor of Delhi, has been appointed as Ladakh's LG in place of Kavinder Gupta, who has been named Himachal Pradesh Governor.

Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi has been appointed



as West Bengal Governor and Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (ret'd) named as new Bihar Governor.

Ravi succeeds C V

Ananda Bose, who resigned earlier in the day.

President Murmu has accepted Bose's resignation, a communique issued by her office said.

Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar will discharge the functions of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, it said.

Taranjit Singh Sandhu has been named the Delhi

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