



Gen Dwivedi reviews counter-terror ops



Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi reviewed ongoing counter-terrorism operations and the prevailing security situation during a visit to forward areas here, with deliberations also focussing on the infusion of ad

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Woman injured in accidental gunshot

A woman was wounded after a firearm went off accidentally at their residence in Duthan village of Ramban district late last night.

The injured was identified as Sapna Devi (36).

Officials said the bullet hit her after a gun went off accidentally at their residence. Soon thereafter, she was shifted by her family members to hospital.

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Pak intruder held near IB

A Pakistani intruder was today apprehended by BSF from the border Ramgarh area of Samba district of Jammu.

Officials said he was taken into custody soon after he crossed over to this side of the International Border from BSF's Ballar border outpost at about 7 pm.

His sustained questioning was in progress to find out the motive of his coming to the Indian territory, the officials added.

Further details were awaited.

2 IAS officers suspended

CHANDIGARH, FEB 08: In a major administrative action, the Punjab government has suspended two senior IAS officers with immediate effect.

According to official orders, officers Kamal Kishore Yadav and Jaspreet Singh have been suspended.

Although the reasons for their suspension were not specified in the orders, sources said that it stemmed from a six-year delay in procuring smartphones for Anganwadi workers under the Union Government's Mission Saksham Anganwadi.

The vendor selected by the government for providing smartphones had

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Jitendra lays foundation of India's first 'Quantum Centre'



AMARAVATI, FEB 08: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today declared that "this is not merely the foundation stone of a building, but the foundation stone of India's quantum future," as he addressed the Foundation Ceremony of Amaravati Quantum Valley in Amaravati, Andhra

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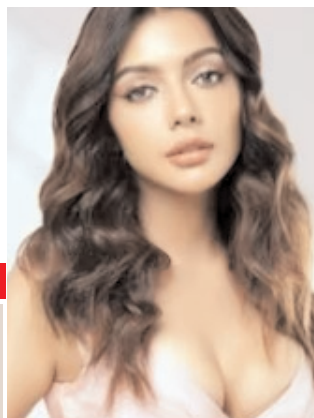
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'Message loud & clear'

No double standards, no compromise on terrorism: PM Modi

KUALA LUMPUR, FEB 08: Asserting that India's position on terrorism remains firm, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today underlined the country's continued support for all efforts aimed at peace, saying that there could be no double standards on terrorism.

As India and Malaysia unveiled several initiatives to further shore up cooperation in areas of defence and security, semiconductor and trade, PM Modi held wide-ranging talks with his Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim.

Following the meeting, Modi said India and Malaysia share a "special relationship" and both sides are committed to expanding their ties in diverse sectors.

The prime minister also reiterated India's position on combating terrorism as he said: "Our message on terrorism is clear; no dou-



ble standards, no compromise."

Modi arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday to a grand red-carpet reception, with Ibrahim receiving him at the airport.

Ahead of the talks, Modi was accorded a ceremonial welcome at Perdana Putra this morning.

"India and Malaysia share a special relationship. We are maritime neighbours. For centuries,

our people have had deep and affectionate ties," Modi said.

"Today, Malaysia is the second largest country in the world with a population of Indian origin. Our civilisations, shared cultural heritage and democratic values bind us together," he said.

Modi said both sides will strengthen cooperation in counter-terrorism, intelligence sharing, and mar-

itime security.

"We will also make defence cooperation more comprehensive," he said.

"Along with AI and digital technologies, we will advance partnerships in semiconductors, health, and food security," he said.

The prime minister also touched upon India's approach towards the Indo-Pacific.

"The Indo-Pacific region is emerging as the growth engine of the world," he said.

The prime minister said India is committed to development, peace and stability across the entire Indo-Pacific region together with ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

Malaysian Prime Minister Ibrahim said India and Malaysia continue to expand collaboration in trade, investment, connectivity and defence.

"India has registered a spectacular rise in global

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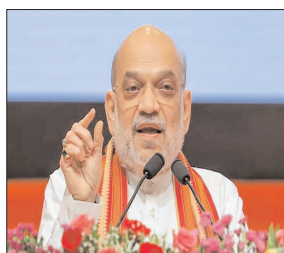
High-level panel on banking soon: Sitharaman



NEW DELHI, FEB 08: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today said that the government would soon constitute a high-level committee on banking for Viksit Bharat to draw up a blueprint to create mega-lenders capable of meeting the financing needs of a developed

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Anti-Naxal strategy yielding results: Shah



RAIPUR, FEB 08: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that security-centric strategy, infrastructure development, and disruption of Maoist financial networks have yielded results in the fight against Left-Wing Extremism, asserting that the

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Law ministry hikes fees for govt advocates across courts

NEW DELHI, FEB 08: The Union Law Ministry has increased the fees of advocates, who represent the central government in courts across the country, after a gap of nearly 11 years.

In a notification, the department of legal affairs in the law ministry said that now group 'A' counsels appearing for regular appeals and defended petitions for final hearing would get Rs 21,600 per case per day, while group 'B' and 'C' counsels would be paid Rs 14,400.

Earlier, the fee stood at

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SMVDSB to fill vacant posts soon, make purchases from SHGs

Katra to be equipped with modern infra, says LG

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In a SMVDSB meeting, which was chaired by LG Manoj Sinha here today, it was resolved to fill all vacant posts in the board soon and prioritise purchases from self-help groups (SHGs).

The board took a series of high-impact decisions to completely transform the holy cave shrine and its surrounding region into India's leading and most vibrant spiritual destination-earning worldwide acclaim.

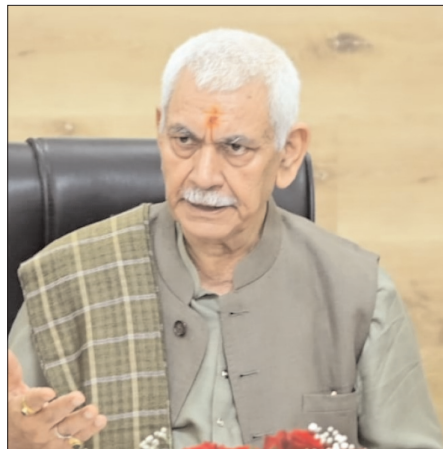
The board approved three key initiatives - an international museum dedicated to Maa Shakti's spiritual heritage, a sound-and-light spectacle modeled on global pilgrimage sites and a documentary on the highly revered Mata Vaishno Devi cave shrine.

In another important initiative, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board decided to fill vacant positions, with recruitment process set to begin shortly.

The SMVDSB also greenlit the establishment of coaching centers, offering free NEET preparation to youth from surrounding areas.

It approved the formulation and phased implementation of a rehabilitation plan for the service providers on the pilgrimage track, like ponywallas, in line with the directives of National Green Tribunal.

A committee was also constituted to as-



sess the strategies for expanding pilgrimage numbers, enhance pilgrimage experience and present recommendations to the board.

The board resolved to prioritise purchases from self-help groups, women and young local entrepreneurs to supercharge regional economy.

It decided to source Almighty Mata's offerings locally, channeling funds directly into community growth.

Since Mata's abode puts Katra city on the global map, the board decided to contribute directly for city's transformation.

"It's the board's resolve to make Katra clean, vibrant, and equipped with modern infrastructure for residents and the millions who arrive as pilgrims," LG Sinha

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India now negotiates trade deals from position of strength: Goyal

NEW DELHI, FEB 08: India will have no difficulty in purchasing goods worth \$500 billion from the US over the next five years, as envisaged under the bilateral trade pact, and in fact, this is an "extremely" conservative number for a country which aspires to become a \$30 trillion economy, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Sunday.

"My sense is we need at least a 100 billion dollar plus only for the aviation sector, in addition to oil, LNG, LPG, and crude oil," he said.

According to a joint



statement issued by both sides on Saturday on the framework for the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement, India has expressed its intention to purchase \$500 billion of US energy products, aircraft and aircraft parts, precious metals, technology products and coking

coal over the next five years.

The minister said that Indian goods facing 18 per cent tariffs will still have a competitive advantage in US markets compared to products from China and other competitor countries, which face higher levies. China has been slapped with 35 per cent tariffs, and other countries in Asia face 19 per cent and up.

At present, he said, India could source imports worth about \$300 billion from the US that it currently buys from other

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Bangladesh faces rise in Islamist politics after uprising

DHAKA (BANGLADESH), FEB 08: A sharp rise in Islamist politics following the July 2024 uprising in Bangladesh could have widespread negative consequences, particularly for women, according to a new research report released in Dhaka on Sunday.

The report, titled "Rupture, Reform, and Reimagining Democracy: Navigating the Agony of Transition," was published by the BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD).

It examines the political and ideological shifts that have taken place since the uprising that led to the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government.

Explaining the findings, Mirza M Hassan, PhD, one of the authors of the report, said the uprising did not result in the deep structural transformation many had anticipated.

"I'll be very brief about it. We thought there would be a change in the political order in terms of party system, in terms of reforms, and massive changes in the elite struc-

ture. There has to be a new elite structure, a new elite circulation. These things should have happened, and also a certain degree of rule of law. That didn't happen. Rather, we saw a chaotic situation, chaotic governance, a weak interim government who couldn't control the mobocracy and promote the democratic aspiration of the people. So, in that sense, it would be an exaggeration to call it a rupture. It's rather, you know, some kind of, you know, some changes.

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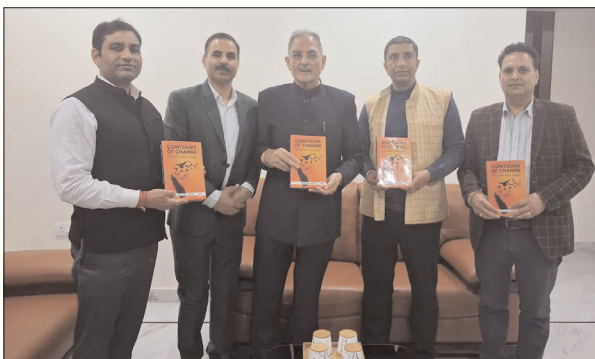
LG Kavinder releases book, appreciates author

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Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta today released a book titled "Contours of Change: BJP & The New Kashmir Paradigm", and appreciated its author.

Speaking on the occasion, he appreciated author Jeevan Dhar, and described the book as a significant contribution to contemporary political discourse on Jammu & Kashmir.

"Such research-based works help society understand historical transitions, democratic processes, and



the evolving administrative and developmental framework of the region," the LG said.

"The book attempts to examine the political, constitutional, and developmental changes in Jammu &

Kashmir in recent years and places them within a broader national perspective," the book author said, and expressed gratitude to the LG for releasing the book & thanked the guests

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