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## Kavinder sworn in as HP Guv, says post belongs to no political party

SHIMLA, MAR 10: Former Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta was sworn in as the governor of Himachal Pradesh in a ceremony held at Lok Bhavan here on Tuesday, following which he said 'the position does not belong to any political party'.



"The governor works for the overall development of the state and society," he added, saying: "The office of the governor is a constitutional responsibility. The governor does not belong to any political party, he works for the overall development of the state and its people."

Gupta performed a traditional puja with his family members before proceeding to the oath-taking ceremony. He took the oath in Hindi. Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhwalia administered the oath of office and secrecy to him. Earlier, Chief Secretary Sanjay Gupta read out the warrant of appointment issued by the President of India after which the governor's signature on the charge certificate was obtained.

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, several cabinet ministers, senior civil and police officers and other prominent personalities were present on the occasion.

Haryana Governor Ashim Kumar Ghosh also attended the ceremony. For the first time at the

Lok Bhavan, the ceremony began with the singing of Vande Mataram, followed by the national anthem. A statement issued here said the governor was presented with an impressive guard of honour on the occasion.

Later, interacting with media, Gupta expressed gratitude to the president for his appointment to the constitutional office. He said he would work strictly in accordance with the Constitution and maintain close coordination with the state government.

"The office of the governor is a constitutional responsibility. The governor

does not belong to any political party and works for the overall development of the state and society," he said.

Gupta said he would strive to carry forward the initiatives started by previous governors and would seek the cooperation of the chief minister and the state government to complete them on priority.

He noted that Himachal Pradesh is a leading state in education and said he would focus on improving the quality of education here. He also stressed the importance of quality education, skill development and the effective implementation of the National Education Policy by integrating Indian values with modern education.

Referring to his earlier experience as the lieutenant governor (LG) of Ladakh, he said the geographical conditions of Himachal Pradesh are similar to those of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

"During my tenure in Ladakh, I travelled more < Cont. on P9 >

## Exhibition at UNHRC focuses on Pak support for terrorism in J&K

### Highlights plight of minorities

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GENEVA (SWITZERLAND) MAR 10: On the sidelines of the 61st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva, Global Human Rights Defence (GHRD) organised a three-day photo exhibition highlighting human rights abuses and the deteriorating condition of minorities in Pakistan at the Broken Chair Monument.

Several panels focused on Pakistan's support for terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir. Visual materials referenced incidents of cross-border militancy and violence, including the Pahalgam attack in 2025.

In the Pahalgam attack that was carried out by Pak terrorists at a meadow, 25 Hindu holidayers and a local were shot dead in broad daylight. Several other tourists, who had come from different parts of the country, had survived with bullet injuries.

They displayed the photographs of the victims of the attack and menacing evidence of the carnage,

which the organisers said demonstrated the continuing threat posed by militant networks operating from Pakistani territory.

The exhibition also displayed a series of photographs and visual documentation portraying the hardships faced by religious and ethnic minorities, including Hindus, Christians, Sindhis, and Balochs.

It also highlighted the constant oppression in Balochistan through enforced disappearances of young individuals, including both men and women, as well as forced conversions of minorities in Pakistan and arrests of several political leaders including Dr Mahrang Baloch.

The exhibition aimed to draw international attention to what they described

as systemic discrimination and political repression affecting these communities. It also displayed photographs of the grim condition of minorities in Bangladesh.

The region of Balochistan remains afflicted by a concerning trend of enforced disappearances, where some victims are eventually released, while others face extended detention or fall victim to targeted killings. These violations of fundamental rights have heightened insecurity and distrust among the local population. The ongoing threat of arbitrary arrests and the lack of accountability continue to destabilise Balochistan, eroding efforts to restore peace, justice, and public trust in state institutions.

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## Pak drone detected; ops launched

Security forces picked up the movement of an enemy drone in Daboh area of Samba district near here late last night, following which a massive operation was launched by security forces to find out if it had made some airdropping before retreating into the Pak territory.

Officials said the drone movement prompted security forces to initiate countermeasures, including the deployment of

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## Missing soldier's body recovered

The body of the soldier, who had yesterday gone missing during a river-crossing exercise in Rajouri's Sunderbani area, was recovered today.

Sepoy Akshit Sharma was engaged in a river-crossing training exercise when he had gone missing at about 12 noon on Monday.

According to officials, his body was fished out from Manawar river by a joint team of Army, NDRF and

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## Tulip Garden to open on Mar 16

Tulip Garden in Srinagar, recognised as the largest such garden in Asia, will be formally opened to public for the 2026 season on March 16.

"The garden is fully prepared to receive visitors. The annual blooming of the garden traditionally marks the commencement of the tourist season in the valley. With the tulips now in full bloom, the department has decided to commence the visiting schedule for the season from March 16," director of floriculture, Kashmir, Mathoora Masoom said.

According to officials,

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## Modi to release PM-Kisan instalment of Rs 19,000 cr



NEW DELHI, MAR 10: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will digitally transfer for the 22nd instalment under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme on March 13, releasing around Rs 19,000 crore to 9.32 crore farmers, a senior agriculture ministry official said on Monday.

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## Cabinet approves JJM extension: Vaishnav



NEW DELHI, MAR 10: The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved the extension of Jal Jeevan Mission up to December 2028 with an enhanced outlay of Rs 8.7 lakh crore, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said.

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## SC on plea seeking striking down of Shariat law provisions

NEW DELHI, MAR 10: The Supreme Court today said that the time had come for a Uniform Civil Code as it termed a plea seeking striking down of provisions of the Shariat law of 1937 for being discriminatory to Muslim women as a "very good case" which advisably only the legislature should look into.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and R Mahadevan said if the court struck down the Shariat inheritance law, it would create a legal vac-

uum, as there was no statutory law governing Muslim inheritance.

CJI Kant told advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioners, "In our over-anxiety for reforms, we may end up depriving them, and they might end up getting less than what they are already getting. If the Shariat Act of 1937 goes away, what is the question? Will it not create an unnecessary void?"

Justice Bagchi said, "You have a very good case on discrimination, but would it not be appropriate for

the court to defer it to the wisdom of the legislature, which has the mandate to enact a Uniform Civil Code as per the Directive Principles of State Policy."

CJI Kant said, "The answer is Uniform Civil Code." Justice Bagchi pointed out that the rule of 'one wife for one man' was not being uniformly applied to all communities.

"But does that mean that the court can declare all bigamous marriages as unconstitutional? So, we have to defer to legislative

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## 'Hypocritical', 'flagrant violation' India slams Pakistan's airstrikes on Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, MAR 10: India has condemned Pakistan's airstrikes on Afghanistan as a "flagrant violation" of international law, saying it is "hypocritical" to invoke Islamic solidarity while carrying out attacks that have killed civilians during Ramadan.

Addressing a Security Council meeting on the situation in Afghanistan, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni reiterated New

Delhi's support for the UN Secretary-General's call for compliance with international law, including international humanitarian law, and for ensuring the protection of civilians.

"India strongly condemns the airstrikes on Afghan territory which are flagrant violations of international law and the UN Charter and the principle of state sovereignty."

"It is hypocritical to espouse high principles of international law and Islamic solidarity on the one hand,

while mercilessly carrying out air strikes during the holy month of Ramadan that have killed 185 innocent civilians as of March 6," he said.

According to the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), around 55 per cent of the 185 victims were women and children, and more than 100,000 people have been displaced due to the attacks.

Parvathaneni expressed "grave concern on the prac

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## Rajnath unveils roadmap to transform AFs for future wars

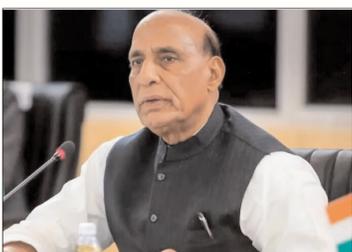
NEW DELHI, MAR 10: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today unveiled an ambitious vision document to transform India's armed forces into a joint, tech-driven and self-reliant military geared for future warfare as the country moves towards its Viksit Bharat target.

The document titled 'Defence Forces Vision 2047: A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military' has been prepared by the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.

It outlines the structural reforms, capability priorities and organisational changes required to modernise the armed forces.

The release of the document came eight months after the military conflict between India and Pakistan. Following the May 7 to 10 conflict, all three forces were asked to work on the lessons learnt from it.

The document envisages the transfor-



mation of the military into an integrated, multi-domain and agile force capable of deterring adversaries and effectively responding to any conflict.

According to an official release, the vision document details the strategic reforms, capability enhancements, and organisational changes necessary for the

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## Infiltration bid foiled; terrorist killed

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, MAR 10

Foiling an infiltration bid from across the LoC into Jhangar area of Nowshera in Rajouri district, security forces today killed a terrorist.

Acting on intelligence inputs, security forces detected the movement of two terrorists in the general Jhangar area along the LoC at about 3 pm, the White Knight Corps said on X.

Alert troops responded with swift & calibrated action, and engaged the terrorists, successfully foiling

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## Committed to peaceful Bengal polls: CEC



KOLKATA, MAR 10: Asserting that no eligible voter's name would be removed from the electoral rolls in West Bengal, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Tuesday said the EC's priority was to ensure free, fair and peaceful polls in the state as it stepped up preparations

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## Rs 131 cr cash reward for Indian cricket team

NEW DELHI, MAR 10: The BCCI on Tuesday announced a cash reward of Rs 131 crore for the entire Indian squad following its third T20 World Cup victory.

The amount covers 15 players, coaching staff, other support staff. As per sources, the players are certain to get lion's share of the reward money while support staff amount will be decided as per hierarchy. The amount is an increment of Rs 6 crore from the Rs 125 crore that Rohit Sharma's team was awarded back in 2024.

"The Board congratulates the players, support

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## Iran war sparks LPG shortage, triggering panic over cooking gas supplies

NEW DELHI, MAR 10: India's hospitality sector is facing a growing crisis as shortages of commercial cooking gas threaten to disrupt operations at restaurants and hotels across the country.

The situation has been triggered by the escalating conflict in West Asia, which has affected energy supplies and shipping routes through the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz.

Industry bodies have warned that thousands of eateries could be forced to temporarily shut down if supplies of liquefied petro-

leum gas (LPG) are not restored quickly. The government has stepped in by setting up a committee to review requests for LPG supply from restaurants, hotels and other commercial users, while prioritising domestic cooking gas needs.

In Patiala, the situation has become particularly worrying during the peak wedding season, with families scrambling to arrange cooking gas for wedding feasts and celebrations. Marriage palace owners and caterers say the supply of commercial LPG cylin-

ders has reportedly stopped since late Monday night following government instructions, catching many off guard.

With more than 10,000 weddings still scheduled across the state, a prolonged shortage could affect elaborate food preparations. Sukhdev Singh Sidhu of the Punjab Marriage Palace and Resort Association said the industry was taken by surprise. "We learnt about the move only this morning. I am convening a meeting of association members to find ways

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## FDI norms eased for China, other countries sharing border with India

NEW DELHI, MAR 10: The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved changes to India's foreign direct investment (FDI) policy governing investments from countries that share land borders with India, introducing a clearer framework for determining beneficial ownership and a definitive timeline for approvals in critical sectors.

The decision, taken at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to streamline investments that currently require government approval under Press Note 3

(2020) while safeguarding national interests.

Under the revised guidelines, investments from land-bordering countries with non-controlling beneficial ownership of up to 10 per cent will be permitted through the automatic route, subject to applicable sectoral caps and conditions. The beneficial ownership test will be applied at the level of the investor entity, using definitions aligned with the Prevention of Money Laundering Rules, 2003.

The Cabinet has also introduced an expedited ap-

proval mechanism, under which investment proposals from such countries in specified manufacturing sectors will be processed within 60 days. The fast-track window will initially apply to sectors including capital goods, electronic capital goods, electronic components, and polysilicon and ingot-wafer manufacturing.

In these cases, the investee company must remain majority-owned and controlled by resident Indian citizens or Indian entities controlled by them at

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