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Prez nominates Harivansh to Rajya Sabha



President Droupadi Murmu has nominated Rajya Sabha's outgoing deputy chairman Harivansh as a member of the Council of States.

The tenure of Harivansh as a member of the

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Hope war ends, peace prevails: Farooq on Iran crisis



National Conference president Farooq Abdullah today expressed relief over de-escalation of tensions in West Asia and called for lasting peace across the

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Jitendra congratulates ISRO on IADT-02 test success



On the successful conduct of second integrated air drop test (IADT-02) for the upcoming Gaganyaan mission at the space station in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota, union minister Jitendra Singh has congratulated space agency ISRO.

The system is essential to ensure safe recovery of

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VP releases latest edition of Constitution in Sindhi



NEW DELHI, APR 10: Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on Friday released the latest edition of the Constitution in Sindhi language, in both Devanagari and Persian scripts here.

Addressing a gathering, he extended greetings to the

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Justice Varma resigns amid impeachment proceedings

NEW DELHI, APR 10: Allahabad High Court judge Justice Yashwant Varma, facing impeachment proceedings after wads of burnt currency notes were found at his residence here, has submitted his resignation to President Droupadi Murmu, sources said on Friday.

"Your Excellency, While I do not propose to burden your august office with the reasons which have constrained me to submit this missive, it is with deep anguish that I

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Pak ISI-BKI spy camera terror plot foiled, 11 arrested

NEW DELHI, APR 10: Special Cell of Delhi police has busted an inter-state terror, arms and espionage module backed by the handlers from Pakistan and its intelligence agency Inter-Services Intelligence.

The team uncovered a covert surveillance network involving solar-powered CCTV cameras installed near sensitive military locations across Punjab and Rajasthan, an official said.

The operation, carried out in two coordinated strikes, led to the arrest of 11 accused and exposed a larger conspiracy linked to the banned outfit Babbar Khalsa International, he said.

The module was engaged in espionage, arms smuggling and reconnaissance of critical defence installations, posing a serious threat to national security.

Investigations revealed that the accused had installed at least nine solar-powered SIMs in CCTV cameras at strategically sig-



nificant locations, particularly in areas witnessing frequent movement of Army and paramilitary forces.

"These locations included Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Pathankot, Patiala and Moga in Punjab, as well as Ambala in Haryana, Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir, and Bikaner and Alwar in Rajasthan," Additional Commissioner of Po-

lice (Special Cell) Pramod Singh Kushwah said.

The officer said these locations are considered highly sensitive due to regular troop movements, proximity to international borders, and the presence of key Army cantonments and logistical corridors. The CCTV feeds were being transmitted in real time to Pakistan-based handlers through mobile

applications using SIM cards procured on fake identities.

According to the police, the module was working under direct instructions from Pakistan-based operatives, who were coordinating espionage activities through encrypted communication platforms.

"The accused were tasked with capturing visuals of

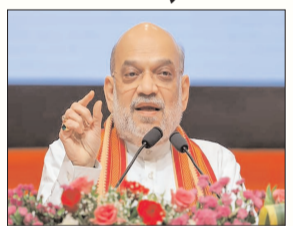
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Bengal elections

Shah sharpens poll pitch with UCC, 'son of soil' CM, 'Ram Rajya'

KOLKATA, APR 10: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today turned the BJP's manifesto launch into a hard-edged ideological pitch, promising Uniform Civil Code in West Bengal within six months, a "son of Bengal" as chief minister and "Ram Rajya" in the state.

Launching the 'Sankalp Patra', he sought to blend the party's stance against infiltration and appeasement with a welfare push and an attempt to blunt the TMC's attack that the BJP would interfere with



Bengali food habits.

"There will be one law for every person in Bengal," Shah said at a press conference after unveiling the manifesto.

Defending the UCC promise amid repeated attacks by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee that such a code amounted to

appeasement politics, the former BJP chief said the idea did not originate with his party.

"The recommendation for a Uniform Civil Code is not of the BJP. It is of the Constituent Assembly. It was due to appeasement politics that the UCC was not implemented for so long. In whichever states we have formed governments, we have implemented them; and we will do it in Bengal too." Shah asked whether the UCC amounted to majoritarian

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Box fitted with 2 grenades recovered

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Averting a possible tragedy, security forces today recovered a box fitted with two grenades from Thandipani area of Sunderbani in Rajouri district of Jammu.

According to officials, the IED-type box was first spotted near a water body by locals who informed security forces.

Soon thereafter, the forces reached the spot and cordoned off the area. A bomb disposal squad was

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SC rejects plea to stop caste census

NEW DELHI, APR 10: The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea seeking a direction to the Centre to stop caste Census, and slammed the petitioner for the language used in the PIL.

"Aapne apne petition me badtameezi ki bhasa likhi hai. Aapne kisse apna petition likhwaya hai' (You have written indecent language in your petition. Who has written your petition?)," a visibly angry Chief Justice Surya Kant told the petitioner, who was appearing in person.

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Nitish Kumar takes oath as RS member



NEW DELHI, APR 10: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday took oath as a member of the Rajya Sabha.

The oath was administered by Rajya Sabha chairman C P Radhakrishnan in his chamber at a brief ceremony.

Kumar took the oath in Hindi in the presence of

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'J&K at critical juncture' Mass movement needed against drug menace: LG

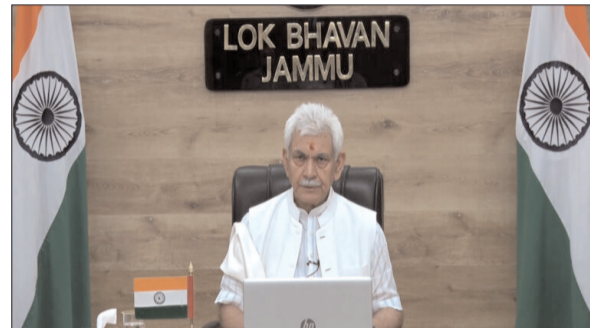
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LG Manoj Sinha on Friday said that Jammu and Kashmir stands at a "very critical juncture" and called for a united mass movement to combat the growing menace of drug abuse among the youth.

Jammu and Kashmir will launch a massive assault on the drug addiction ecosystem and is all set to roll out a 100-day intensive campaign under 'Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan' from April 11, with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha reviewing its preparedness on Thursday.

The campaign will start from the Panchayat level to the Union Territory level, with the LG himself leading it. It will not only involve all sections of society but also target the issue on legal, criminal and rehabilitation fronts.

"Friends, Jammu and Kashmir today stands at a very critical juncture. Un-



der a certain conspiracy, there is an ongoing attempt to push our youth into drug addiction and destroy an entire generation," Sinha said while addressing people of the union territory through a video message.

Referring to efforts taken so far, the Lieutenant Governor said that the 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan' launched in 2020 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has led to significant anti-drug initiatives in the Union Territory. "Since then, significant efforts have been made in Jammu and Kashmir to combat drug abuse. Last year, in 2025, a major anti-drug

campaign was carried out. The actions of the police and security forces have also been effective," he said.

However, Sinha emphasised the need for a broader societal response, stating that a comprehensive plan, including a 100-day programme, has been prepared to intensify the fight against drugs.

Announcing the launch of the campaign, Sinha said that a large gathering has been planned at M A Stadium in Jammu on April 11, where civil society members, political leaders, academicians and sportspersons will participate. "On that day, we will

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EAM calls on Mauritius Prez, holds key bilateral meetings

PORT LOUIS, APR 10: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday called on the President of Mauritius, Dharambeer Gokhool, during his two-day visit to the island nation, reaffirming the strong and enduring partnership between the two countries.

He said he conveyed warm greetings from President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to President Gokhool and noted that their conversation reflected the warmth of bilateral ties and a shared commitment to further



strengthening the India-Mauritius partnership.

"Honoured to call on President Dharambeer Gokhool of Mauritius. Conveyed warm greetings of President Droupadi

Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Our conversation reflected the warmth of our friendship and the steadfast commitment to further advancing

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West Asia tensions

Qatar vows to remain reliable energy supplier to India

NEW DELHI, APR 10: Qatar will remain a "reliable energy supplier" to India, its Energy Minister Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi said during talks with Indian Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in Doha, as both sides called for stability in global markets amid ongoing West Asia tensions.

Puri, on a two-day visit to Qatar from April 9-10, conveyed a message of solidarity from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Qatar's leadership, following the outbreak of conflict in the

region, according to an Indian government statement on Friday.

Both sides welcomed the two-week ceasefire announced on April 8 and stressed the need for an early end to disruptions in global energy supplies.

They also emphasised the importance of "unimpeded freedom of navigation and the global flow of commerce" to maintain supply chains, the statement said.

The visit comes as New Delhi seeks to secure en-

ergy supplies amid heightened geopolitical tensions that have disrupted global fuel trade flows. Qatar is India's single-largest supplier of LNG and LPG, providing 45 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively.

After the US and Israel attacks on Iran on February 28, Tehran's sweeping retaliation targeted neighbouring Gulf countries that hosted US troops. Qatar's giant LNG export facility was struck, leading to the shutdown of production

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Need for AFs to evolve into integrated warfighting instrument: CDS

BENGALURU, APR 10: Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), Gen Anil Chauhan today underscored the urgent need for India's armed forces to evolve into an integrated, agile and technologically driven warfighting instrument capable of operating seamlessly across multiple domains.

He also said that modern warfare is rapidly transcending traditional boundaries and timelines.

Delivering the closing address at the 'Ran Samvad' seminar, he highlighted that Multi-Domain Operations (MDO) are no longer a



conceptual buzzword but an emerging operational reality, driven by advances in data analytics, artificial intelligence and the changing character of conflict.

"MDOs were chosen for this year's theme not because it's a buzzword, but I think it's a kind of new re-

ality," the CDS said.

General Chauhan noted that the seminar, conceptualised to place serving officers at the centre of strategic discourse, had enabled mid-level and junior officers to articulate perspectives on future warfare.

"Normally, it's veterans or think tanks who would express their views. So I reversed that particular trend," he said.

He added that those actively engaged in service are better attuned to the pace of change in warfare. The CDS said the delibera-

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Kharge flags 'grave consequences' of delimitation plan

Says Oppn to adopt united strategy

NEW DELHI, APR 10: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said the Modi government's proposed delimitation exercise to implement the women's quota law could have "grave consequences" and requires detailed deliberation.

"The Congress will work with the opposition parties to adopt a united strategy on the issue," he said while addressing a meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) here.

Kharge alleged that the Centre had convened a



Parliament session from April 16 with the intent of securing political advantage, calling it a violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), and accused the government of attempting to pass the Constitutional Amendment Bill in undue

haste. He said the proposed amendments were far-reaching and could significantly impact the country's electoral system.

"Therefore, following this meeting, we will formulate a collective strategy by holding discussions on these issues with our colleagues in the opposition as well. We will move forward unitedly," Kharge asserted.

The meeting, chaired by Kharge, was attended by former party chief Rahul Gandhi, Congress general

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India, US review trade, defence, Quad ties

WASHINGTON, APR 10: India and the United States have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral ties, with Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri holding discussions with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Washington on key areas including trade, defence, critical minerals, and cooperation under the Quad framework.

The meeting, held at the White House during Misri's three-day visit to the US, reflected growing alignment on strategic and economic priorities.

US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor, who attended the meeting, highlighted the significance of the engagement and announced that Rubio is expected to visit New Delhi next month.

"Welcome to the White House Vikram Misri! Productive meeting with secretary Rubio that focused on our bilateral relationship, especially trade, critical minerals, defence and the Quad," US Ambassador to India, Sergio Gor, who was also present at the meeting, posted on X. Secretary Rubio looks

forward to visiting India next month, Gor said.

Earlier, Misri held separate meetings with US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau and Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Allison Hooker, focusing on regional and global issues alongside bilateral cooperation.

"Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau met with Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri today in Washington. The leaders reaffirmed the close partnership between

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