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Heatwave alert for 5 distts

The Meteorological department today issued a heatwave alert for five districts of the Jammu region.

"Hot and dry weather is likely to continue in Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Reasi and Udhampur districts during the next two days with heat wave conditions at a few places on April 26-27," an IMD official said.

The official said that people should avoid heat exposure during peak hours, and advised them

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Police officers transferred, posted

Besides the transfer of two IPS officers in the UT of Ladakh, four deputy superintendents of police (DSPs) have been transferred & posted in Jammu.

As per an order, Gaurav Sharma is attached to PHQ Ladakh till further posting. Koshal Kumar Sharma, awaiting orders of adjustment, is posted as DIG, Leh-Kargil range, UT of Ladakh, vice Gaurav

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Local body polls underway in Gujarat

Polling was underway for 15 municipal corporations, 84 municipalities, 34 district panchayats, and 260 taluka panchayats across Gujarat, the first such exercise in the state after the electoral roll Special Intensive Revision, marred by allegations of pressure and inducements behind large-scale withdrawal of candidates of Opposition parties.

The local polls are being held a year before the 2027 assembly elections in the state, where BJP has been in power since 1995. In 2015, Congress

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AAP moves disqualification plea against 7 MPs post-defection

NEW DELHI, APR 26: Senior AAP leader & MP Sanjay Singh on Sunday formally submitted a petition to Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan, seeking the disqualification of seven party MPs who recently defected to BJP.

Singh addressed a press conference where he claimed that the exit of these members constitutes a clear violation of the anti-defection law.

The move comes after the AAP suffered a major political blow on Friday when MPs Raghav Chadha, Ashok

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Jitendra reviews plans to build space labs



NEW DELHI, APR 26: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today reviewed plans to set up space laboratories in universities and colleges across India.

The initiative involves establishing seven such labs, which would provide hands-on exposure to students in satellite systems, rocketry and mission de

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India achieves major milestone in wind energy: PM Modi

Says capacity now 56 Gigawatts

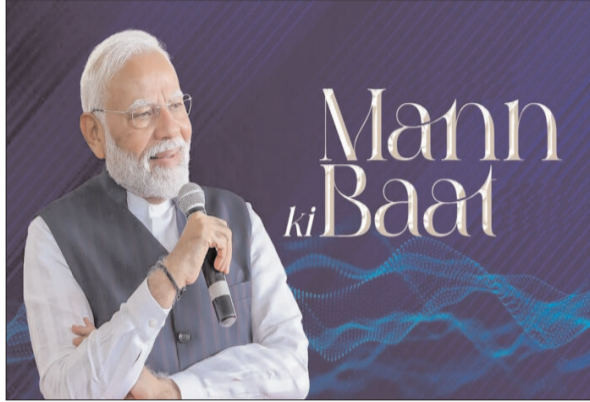
'Participation of every citizen in census vital'

NEW DELHI, APR 26: In his monthly radio address 'Mann Ki Baat', Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said India had achieved a major milestone in wind energy, with the country's wind energy generation capacity exceeding 56 gigawatts.

He also hailed the achievement of criticality in the nuclear fast breeder reactor in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, as a "historic milestone in India's nuclear energy journey", saying that the country must save electricity & adopt clean energy.

The PM focussed on India's nuclear and renewable energy efforts, as well as on various nature conservation initiatives being undertaken across the country.

"India recently achieved a major milestone in wind



energy. India's wind energy generation capacity has now exceeded 56 gigawatts. In just the past year, nearly 6 gigawatts of new capacity have been added," he said.

Underlining that solar and wind energy are essential for India's development, Modi said, "It is not just about the environment; it is about securing our future, and we all have a role to play in it."

On April 22, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, had said that India has recorded its best-ever year

and 156 GW by 2036, contributing significantly to the net-zero target by 2070.

Joshi also underlined that wind energy plays a critical role in stabilising India's energy system, particularly due to its peak generation during evening and night hours, which aligns with high demand periods.

He noted that nearly 45 per cent of wind power generation occurs during peak demand hours, making it a vital complement to solar energy.

He expressed confidence that with sustained efforts, the country will achieve 100 GW wind capacity by 2030

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He said the ongoing Census exercise was not just a government task but a responsibility of all citizens and participation of every-one is vital.

He also said that all information provided by the people during the Census will remain secure and confidential, and appealed to all citizens to participate in the process and make the Census 2027 a success.

"Friends, the national Census is not just a govern

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Omar pushes for private university investment in J&K

BENGALURU, APR 26: Highlighting the opportunities created by the recently notified J&K Private University Act, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today pushed for private university investment in the Union Territory.

In his interaction with a delegation of education sector representatives in Bengaluru, he invited reputed institutions to invest in J&K under the new Private University Act, assuring transparent & investor-friendly ecosystem.

During the meeting, the chief minister called upon



the institutions to invest in the higher education sector and partner in positioning Jammu & Kashmir as a vibrant academic hub.

The Jammu and Kashmir Private Universities Bill, 2026 was passed by the J&K Legislative As-

sembly during the recent Budget Session. Cutting across party lines, the legislation was widely hailed as a landmark step in the history of higher education in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Bill has since re

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Doval meets UAE Prez, discusses regional situation amid Iran war

ABU DHABI, APR 26: National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval met with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi on Saturday as part of his official visit to the Middle Eastern country, and discussed with him the regional situation amid Iran war.

During the meeting, both sides discussed ways to strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries and enhance cooperation on energy security amid evolving re-



gional developments.

According to a post on X by the Indian Embassy in the UAE, NSA Doval, during his meeting with the

UAE President, conveyed greetings from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also discussed measures to

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Amit Shah to visit Leh next week



LEH, APR 26: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will arrive in Leh on April 30 for a two-day visit, Ladakh Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena said on Sunday.

Saxena said the home minister will pay his respect to the sacred relics of Lord Buddha on the occasion of Buddha Purnima on May 1.

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Mandaviya flags off 'Sunday On Cycle' event



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Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Mansukh Mandaviya today flagged off 'Sunday On Cycle' event in Srinagar, saying the citizens of the country will have to be physically fit if India has to become a developed na

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LG calls upon citizens to take pledge for organ donation

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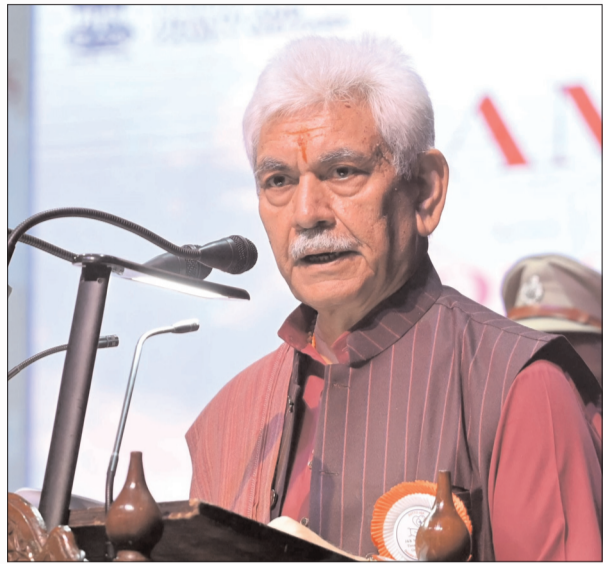
Stating that organ donation is regarded as one of the noblest and most sacred acts, LG Manoj Sinha today called upon citizens to take pledge for donation of organs.

"In our culture, organ donation is regarded as one of the noblest and most sacred acts," he said at 'Namam Diwas', an event dedicated to honour organ donors and their families.

"I appeal to every citizen to take the pledge for organ donation today. Let society remember that each one of us is a potential donor. Each one of us holds the extraordinary power to save lives even after we are gone," the LG said.

He paid his gratitude to organ donors & their families, and said they had brought happiness in countless lives.

"Because of you, someone is able to read today. Because of you, someone is seeing the colours of the



world for the very first time. Because of you, someone is experiencing hope, freedom and joy anew. I must emphasise with great responsibility that no award from the government or any institution can ever truly capture the value of your gift," he said.

In his address to a gathering of cornea donors' families and kidney donors, Sinha emphasised that no award could ever

truly capture the value of organ donation and Cornea as well as kidney donors are the true role models and heroes of our society.

"In life, we often ask what is humanity's greatest gift? Across centuries, philosophers, poets, and thinkers have arrived at the same truth that the measure of life is not in what we accumulate, but in what we give. Those we honour to

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Trump rushed out of dinner event after shots fired; 1 arrested

WASHINGTON, APR 26: US President Donald Trump and other top White House officials were evacuated unharmed from the annual dinner of White House correspondents after a man armed with multiple weapons fired shots outside the ballroom of the hotel.

The incident took place at around 8.34 pm local time when dinner was served. At that time, Trump was seen having a conversation with Weijia Jiang, the President of the White House Correspondents' Association, and

mentalist Oz Pearlman, who was scheduled to present a show at the marquee event at the Washington Hilton here.

Secret Service officials and other security personnel covered the President, First Lady Melania Trump, Vice President J D Vance, and the Second Lady Usha Vance, who were seated at the head table, and escorted them out of the ballroom.

Several guests at the dinner, including leaders across the political spectrum, journalists and other invitees, ducked under the

table, apparently as a reflex reaction.

Putting up a brave face, President Trump later announced on Truth Social that the dinner would be rescheduled within 30 days.

"Boom, boom, boom, boom is all that I heard, and many guests ducked under the table," a C-SPAN reporter at the dinner said.

Hours later, Trump addressed a press conference at the White House and announced that the security personnel had captured one person who hails from

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Ladakh pollical dialogue

Centre to resume talks on May 22: LG Saxena

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Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today said that the Centre had decided to convene a meeting of sub-committee for political dialogue scheduled with representatives of Ladakh on May 22.

"I am pleased to announce that the ministry of home affairs, Government of India, has taken a decision to convene a meeting of the sub-committee for



political dialogue on May 22. This will carry forward the process of constructive democratic dialogue with key stakeholders of Ladakh and pave the way for an enduring solution to meet the aspirations of the people of Ladakh," he said in a post

on X.

The announcement comes ahead of Union home minister Amit Shah's two-day visit to Ladakh from April 30 to May 1 to pay respects to the Holy Relics of the Lord Buddha on Buddha Purnima. Shah will also chair a meeting with Ladakh administration.

Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), which have been jointly engaged

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Free trade pact

India, New Zealand aim to double bilateral trade

NEW DELHI, APR 26: More than four months after announcing the conclusion of negotiations on December 22 last year, India and New Zealand are set to sign their free trade agreement on April 27, aimed at doubling bilateral trade between the two countries.

The pact will give India companies duty-free access to the island nation's markets, and bring in USD 20 billion of investment over the next 15 years.

The pact will be signed in

the presence of Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Todd McClay, New Zealand's Minister for Trade and Investment, here at Bharat Mandapam, according to the commerce ministry.

The deal will also give India more temporary employment visas, easier access for pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

While the agreement will eliminate or reduce tariffs on 95 per cent of New Zealand's exports of items ranging from wool, coal,

wood, wine, to avocados and blueberries to India, New Delhi made no concessions on allowing imports of dairy, onions, sugar, spices, edible oils and rubber to protect farmers and domestic industry.

New Zealand, which committed to investing USD 20 billion in India over the next 15 years in manufacturing, infrastructure, services, innovation and job creation, will also get quota-based tariff cuts for kiwifruit and apple ex

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People-centric administration must be core of governance: Kavinder

SHIMLA, APR 26: Himachal Pradesh governor Kavinder Gupta today interacted with a group of 15 probationers of the Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services, presently undergoing professional training at Manmohan Singh Institute of Public Administration, at Lok Bhavan here, exhorting them to uphold the highest standards of integrity, dedication, and public service while discharging their responsibilities.

At the outset, the trainee officers, led by Rupali Thakur, Director of Man-



mohan Singh Institute of Public Administration, introduced themselves and shared their academic and professional backgrounds. They also apprised the governor of their ongoing training programme, highlighting their field expo-

sure, institutional learning, and practical insights gained during their interaction with grassroots administration.

Addressing the officers, the governor emphasised the pivotal role of civil ser

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EC orders probe after voter intimidation video surfaces

KOLKATA, APR 26: The Election Commission on Sunday ordered a probe after a video purportedly showing bike-borne men intimidating locals in the Diamond Harbour Assembly constituency ahead of the second phase of polls in West Bengal surfaced on social media.

Soon after the matter came to light, the poll panel lodged a formal complaint at the Diamond Harbour police station. Officials said a case has been registered and an investigation has been initiated.

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