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## Sinha extends Buddha Purnima greetings

LG Manoj Sinha today extended greetings to people on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima, which was being observed on Friday. "On the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima, I extend my greetings & good wishes to all. The timeless wisdom of Lord Buddha, rooted in compassion, non-violence and equality, continues to illuminate humanity's journey towards spiritual salvation and lasting peace."

## Earthquake of magnitude 4.1 hits Leh

An earthquake of magnitude 4.1 struck Ladakh on Thursday, according to the National Centre for Seismology (NCS). The epicentre was in Leh, and the tremor was recorded at 03:54:49 IST. In a post on X, the NCS said, EQ of M: 4.1, On: 30/04/2026 03:54:49 IST, Lat: 36.722 N, Long: 74.456 E, Depth: 150 Km, Location: Leh, Ladakh. The quake occurred at a depth of 150 km.

## 15-day extension for filing of APRs

The government today granted a further 15-day extension to employees to file their Annual Property Returns (APR) for 2025 through the property return system (PRS) portal. According to an official notification, the deadline was extended as a last and final opportunity for employees who had failed to submit their returns within the previously stipulated timelines. The notification stated that despite earlier extensions, a number of employees either failed to register or did not complete the submission process on the PRS portal.

## Farooq asks Pak to end violence in J&K



Asserting that "enough is enough", NC president Farooq Abdullah today said that Pakistan should "call it a day" and end the cycle of violence in Jammu and Kashmir. "We have seen enough bloodshed and enough suffering. It is time for both sides to show maturity and end the cycle of violence. Pakistan should call it a day and focus on its own development."

## Rail expansion accelerated after Modi took over as PM: Jitendra



Union Minister Jitendra Singh today recalled that although the first train had reached Jammu as early as 1972, it took around 50 years for it to reach Srinagar. "The government has made significant progress in expanding the rail network, and we are committed to further accelerating this process to improve connectivity and economic growth in the region."

# Jmu-Sgr Vande Bharat Express flagged off

## Next target to link Rajouri-Poonch to rail network: Vaishnaw

**Omar calls for inland dry port to boost exports**

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After flagging off the first direct Jammu-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express, Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw today announced that the next target of the government was to link the hilly Rajouri & Poonch districts in Jammu, and Uri in the valley to rail network. On the occasion, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah called for inland dry port to boost exports in J&K. "The direct train service between Jammu & Srinagar will reduce travel time between the twin capitals of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir, and boost tourism, besides providing an all-weather surface transport link."



"The government will focus on connecting the Rajouri-Poonch region with the rail network of the country, besides working on a rail link to Uri," he said while talking to reporters after the flagging off ceremony. "We will now focus on connecting Poonch and Rajouri with rail connectivity. We will also take up a project to connect Uri with the train," he said. Following the completion of the ambitious Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), Vaishnaw said detailed project reports (DPRs) had been prepared on projects to connect the Poonch-Rajouri region to the national rail network and to extend the railway line to Uri, a border town in Baramulla district of Kashmir.

## Shah reaches Ladakh to attend first-ever exposition of Buddha relics

LEH, APR 30: Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Ladakh today to attend the first-ever international exposition of holy relics of Lord Buddha in India. Shah was received by Ladakh LG V K Saxena and accorded a ceremonial welcome at the Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport here. Senior officials of police and civil administration were also present. During his two-day visit, Shah will pay respect to the sacred relics of Lord Buddha on the Buddha Purnima, which falls on Friday.



He will also lay foundation stone for a 10 TLPD (thousand litres per day) capacity dairy plant in Kargil and attend other dairy-related programmes. In an X post on Wednesday, Shah said it was a moment of profound good fortune for him. "It is a moment of pride for me to be here in Ladakh, a region of such rich cultural and historical heritage. We will continue to work towards the development and prosperity of Ladakh."

## In major reshuffle, govt orders transfers, postings of 179 officers

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In a major administrative reshuffle, the government today ordered the transfers and postings of 179 officers, mostly JKAS officers. As per a GAD order, Asif Hamid Khan, Member of J&K Special Tribunal, is transferred and posted as secretary in Jal Shakti Department. Smita Sethi, Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration, J&K, is transferred and posted as

Managing Director, J&K Housing Board. Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, Vice-Chairman, Lakes, Conservation & Management Authority, J&K, is transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Financial Corporation, against an available vacancy. Mohammad Rafi, Vice-Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority, is transferred and posted as Director General Libraries, J&K. Shahbaz Ahmad Mirza, Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, is transferred and posted as Member, J&K Special Tribunal. Rubina Kousar, Director General, Libraries, J&K, is transferred and posted as Mission Director, ICPS/Vatsalya, J&K, against an available vacancy. Mushtaq Ahmad, Additional Commissioner in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Director, Estates, Jammu. Mukhtar Ahmed Chowdhary, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development, is transferred and posted as

## Omar chairs cabinet meet, discusses governance priorities

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Ahead of Darbar Move, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah discussed governance priorities in the Union Territory, besides reviewing key development initiatives, in a cabinet meeting held here today. This was the last cabinet meeting chaired by Abdullah in Jammu before moving offices to the summer capital of Srinagar. "The chief minister chaired a cabinet meeting in the morning in Jammu to discuss governance priorities for the coming period," office of the CM said in a post on X. The government has ordered nearly 200 officers and officials to remain stationed at the civil secretariat in Jammu for the summer season. Meanwhile, in a function



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## 2 killed in factory steamer blast

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A juice factory steamer exploded mid-repair, resulting in the death of two persons and injuries to another in Shopian district of Kashmir. According to officials, the blast took place at Aglar on Wednesday night, injuring three persons - Saurabh Singh, Shiv Kumar and Raj Kumar - who were repairing the steamer. They were rushed to hospital where Saurabh succumbed to his injuries late on Thursday. The other two persons are recovering in a hospital. The police are investigating the cause of the blast.

## ECI rolls out QR code security system

NEW DELHI, APR 30

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has unveiled a QR code-based Photo Identity Card system aimed at enhancing security and preventing unauthorised access to vote counting centres during upcoming elections. The new system will come into effect on May 4, 2026, coinciding with the counting of votes for the Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry. It will also be implemented during by-elections in seven Assembly constituencies.

## Have no faith in exit polls: Congress

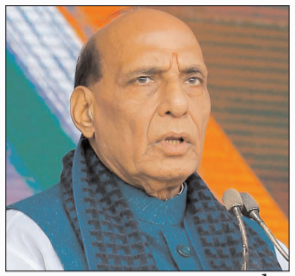
NEW DELHI, APR 30

Congress today dismissed exit polls as unreliable, calling them a "racket" and saying most have lost credibility. "I have no faith in exit polls," Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, when asked to comment on the exit poll results. "Exit polls are a racket," he said. The Congress leader questioned the methodology behind such surveys, saying polling had become a routine exercise with little transparency. He added that it is unclear who conducts these polls or what sample sizes they rely on.

# India known for IT, Pak for 'international terrorism': Rajnath

NEW DELHI, APR 30

Delivering a sharp rebuke over Pakistan's continued backing of terrorism, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that while both nations gained independence together, India is today globally recognised for "Information Technology", whereas Pakistan has come to be seen as the epicenter of "International Terrorism", underscoring a hardened shift in India's response to cross-border terror. "Both, India and Pakistan attained independence at the same time. However, today India is recognised globally for IT i.e., 'Information Technology', while Pakistan is regarded as the epicenter of a different IT i.e., 'International Terrorism', he said while addressing National Security Summit here. In a sharp articulation of India's evolving security doctrine, the defence minister asserted that Operation Sindoor marks a decisive shift from the earlier practice of limited diplomatic



responses to terror attacks, underscoring the government's resolve to confront terrorism with firm and calibrated military action. He said that the operation highlighted India's tri-service combat capability and was executed and concluded entirely on the nation's own terms, sending a clear global message of strategic resolve and operational confidence. "Operation Sindoore conveyed an unequivocal global message that India is no longer bound by the old mindset of merely issuing diplomatic statements when terror attacks are perpetrated on its soil, and that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led Government has moved beyond mere intent and rhetoric by demonstrating

its unwavering commitment through decisive action," said Singh in his address. "Terrorism emanates from a distorted and perverse mindset. It casts a dark stain on humanity. The battle against terrorism is not merely a matter of national security; it is, fundamentally, a battle to safeguard the core values of humanity. It is a fight against a barbaric ideology that stands in direct opposition to every human value. We have articulated this Indian perspective, both within the country and abroad," said the Minister. He added that as long as terrorism exists, it will continue to challenge collective peace, development, and prosperity. "Attempts are made to justify terrorism by giving it a religious colour or linking it to a violent ideology such as Naxalism. This is extremely dangerous and, in a way, provides cover fire to terrorists so they can slowly advance toward their goal. Terrorism is not just an

## LG calls drug abuse form of silent terrorism

Joins 'Drug-Free J&K Campaign' at Doda

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LG Manoj Sinha, who today joined the 'Drug-Free J&K Campaign' at Doda in Jammu region, called drug abuse a form of silent terrorism. He also joined citizens and officials in the 'padyatra' that was taken out on the occasion to aware masses about the bad effects of drugs. "Narco-smuggling is not just a crime, it is a form of terrorism that is silently destroying our society. We need to take a collective stand against it."



## Iran vows to protect nuclear, missile capabilities

DUBAI, APR 30

Iran's supreme leader said Thursday that the Islamic Republic will protect its "nuclear and missile capabilities" as a national asset, likely seeking to draw a hard line as US President Donald Trump presses for a wider deal to cement the war's shaky three-week ceasefire. Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei maintained the defiant tone he has struck since taking over as supreme leader following the killing of his father in the war's opening

airstrikes. In a written statement read by a state television anchor, Khamenei - who has not been seen in public since becoming supreme leader - said the only place Americans belonged in the Persian Gulf is "at the bottom of its waters" and that a "new chapter" was being written in the region's history. His remarks come as Iran's oil industry is being squeezed by a US Navy blockade halting its oil tankers from getting out to sea. But the world economy is also under pressure as Iran maintains its chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of all crude oil is transported. On Thursday, the global benchmark for oil, Brent crude, traded as high as \$126 a barrel. That shock to oil supplies and prices is putting pressure on Trump, who on Thursday floated a new plan to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Under the plan, the United States would conduct

## Kavinder attends 'at home' hosted by Prez at Rashtrapati Niwas

SHIMLA, APR 30

Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta attended 'At Home' hosted by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra, here today. The event witnessed the presence of several dignitaries, according to officials. Those present on the occasion included Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Leader of Opposition Jai



Ram Thakur, Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh, senior officers of the state government and other prominent persons. The governor was accompanied by his wife Bindu Gupta.