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Drone-dropped heroin seized

A Pak drone-dropped consignment of 2 kilograms of heroin was today recovered by a joint team of BSF and police from the border Bishnah area near here.

According to officials, a packet was spotted by a farmer in his field in Bahadurhan panchayat of Bishnah.

On the basis of information provided by him, a joint team of BSF & police rushed to the spot and took the packet in their custody. It contained 2 kilograms of heroin, officials said. Police had taken cognizance of the incident.

HC announces virtual hearings

The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Wednesday announced the adoption of virtual hearings and hybrid working arrangements as part of fuel conservation measures, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal.

A circular issued by the high court's registrar general said the measures had been adopted in view of the nationwide call for adoption of measures relating to

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4 DIGs placed as in-charge IGP

LG Manoj Sinha today ordered the placement of four DIGs as in-charge IGP with immediate effect.

According to a home department order, Shakti Kumar Pathak, presently Assistant Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), J&K, and holding additional charge of Director ACB, has been placed as in-charge IGP.

Mohammad Haseeb Mughal, presently DIG traffic, Jammu, Sheikh Junaid Mehmod, presently DIG IR, Kashmir, and Shahid Mehraj Rafter, Director Police

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Council of Ministers to meet, discuss key issues

NEW DELHI, MAY 20: The functioning of various ministries, key decisions taken and their outcomes and future plans, among other subjects, will be discussed at a meeting of the Modi government's council of ministers on Thursday, official sources said.

To be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the meeting will be attended by all cabinet ministers, ministers of state with independent charge and other ministers of state.

This will be the first meet

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Saxena accords industry status to hotels in Ladakh



LEH, MAY 20: In a major push to the growth of tourism, Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today accorded industry status to hotels and guest houses in the Union Territory.

The order, which would come into force from June 1, 2026, would provide these tourism units with in

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India, Italy script new chapter with 'special strategic partnership'

Push defence, trade cooperation



ROME, MAY 20: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on Wednesday elevated bilateral ties to a "Special Strategic Partnership", unveiling an ambitious roadmap for cooperation in defence, innovation, manufacturing, logistics and maritime sectors.

"I am pleased that we are announcing the Special

Strategic Partnership as we upgrade our relations," Modi said during a joint press statement after talks with Meloni in Rome.

"We deliberated extensively on enhancing India-Italy ties," he added.

Thanking Meloni for the "grand welcome" accorded to him and his delegation, Modi drew a civilisational parallel between Rome and his parliamentary constituency Varanasi.

"Rome is known as the 'Eternal City' in the world. My Lok Sabha constituency in India, Kashi, is also known similarly. When two civilisations meet, discussions are not limited to an agenda, but the depth of history, a glimpse of the future and the simplicity of friendship can be seen in it," he said.

Meloni described the visit as a "historic day" for India-Italy relations and noted

that this was Modi's first bilateral visit to Italy since assuming office in 2014, while the last such visit by an Indian Prime Minister took place in 2000.

"Today, with this visit, not only are we bridging this gap but together, we have decided to revitalise our relations," she said, adding that ties had now reached their "highest level ever".

The two leaders emphasised growing strategic convergence and expanding defence cooperation.

"We've worked on many initiatives. We are working on defence cooperation. India and Italy are strengthening ties," Meloni said.

Modi said he had met Meloni several times over the past three-and-a-half years, reflecting the "close cooperation and harmony" between the two countries.

"Under her leadership, our relations have gained new momentum, new direction and new self-confi

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India, South Korea ink defence MoUs; boost industry ties

SEOUL, MAY 20: India and South Korea today inked Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in key areas of defence cooperation, including cooperation in the field of Defence Cyber, training between India's National Defence College and Korea National Defence University and UN Peacekeeping Cooperation.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Korean counterpart Ahn Gyu-back held comprehensive bilateral discussions in Seoul. The two leaders reviewed the entire spectrum of defence cooperation between the



nations and discussed ways to further expand collaboration in areas such as industry, production, maritime security, emerging technologies, military ex-

changes, logistics & regional security.

The two sides acknowledged the growing convergence between India's Act

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Cong slams govt over China ties

NEW DELHI, MAY 20: The Congress today accused the Modi government of pursuing a "4C policy of continued, calibrated capitulation to China" and criticised its approach towards Beijing while raising concerns over the Great Nicobar project.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh alleged that the Centre had launched a propaganda campaign portraying those opposing the Great Nicobar Island Project over environmental concerns as being "soft on China".

In a post on X, Ramesh

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Terrorism can't sustain itself; it needs support system to survive: LG

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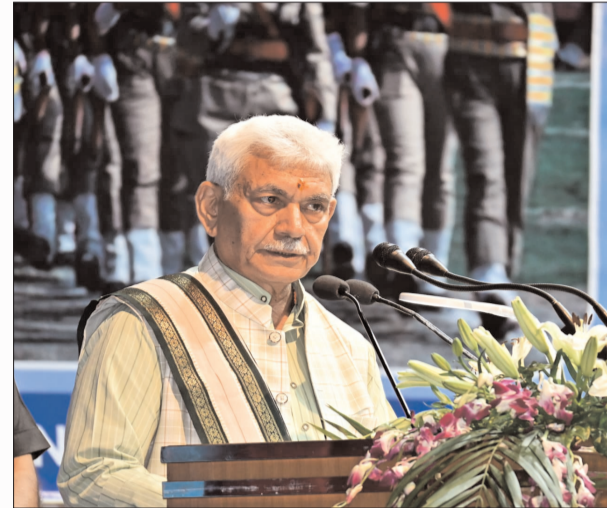
Asserting that terrorism cannot sustain on its own, LG Manoj Sinha today said 'it relies heavily on external support system to survive, recruit and operate'.

Everyone should work with resolve and efficiency to rid Jammu & Kashmir of fear and terrorism, he said in his address after presenting appointment letters to newly appointed police constables.

"Terror does not sustain itself; it needs money, networks and support system. Using the full force of the law, we must trace and neutralise sources of terror funding. We must identify every network and dismantle every support system completely," the LG said.

He urged the new recruits to dedicate themselves to defending the unity and integrity of the motherland while strengthening the proud legacy of this force.

"We must remain constantly alert and vigilant. The nature of law & order



threats and terrorism has evolved, demanding a constant, unyielding vigilance and alert to threats that hide in plain sight," he said.

Sinha said new recruits must work as a team because the threats Jammu & Kashmir confronts demand cooperation between different agencies.

"When we share information, plan strategies, and confront the enemy together, we build capacities that no single institution can create alone. India has always embraced the values of peaceful coexistence,

mutual goodwill, and sincere friendship. Yet we face a neighbour widely known as a source of terrorism in the world. Alongside maintaining law and order, newly recruited constables must stand on the front line of national security with determination to eliminate threats of terror," he added.

The LG also cautioned that along with modern tools, police force should also adopt tradecraft of basic policing.

"In matters of law and

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War will spread beyond Middle East if Iran faces new action: IRGC

TEHRAN, MAY 20: The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps on Wednesday issued a new statement warning "adversaries" (US and Israel) against any renewed military action targeting Iran, declaring that future conflict could expand beyond West Asia.

In the official statement, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said, "If the aggression against Iran is repeated, the war will be extended outside the Middle East region, and our crushing blows will hit you in places you cannot imagine."

The warning came amid heightened regional tensions following recent confrontations involving Iran, the United States and Israel.

The IRGC asserted that Iran had not yet deployed the full extent of its military capabilities during the previous phase of fighting. "Although in the previous round of war, the US-Israel used all their capabilities, we did not use all our capabilities," the statement said.

"But if an action is taken against Iran, Iran's new regional and extra-regional capabilities will be activated."

The IRGC claimed that the conflict had already spread throughout the region, arguing that Tehran's previous warnings had proven accurate. "As warned before the US aggression against Iran, the war has engulfed the entire region," the statement said.

"Unlike the enemy, Iran's warnings are not empty," the IRGC said. It added, "We warn that any new aggression will activate Iran's extra-regional capabilities."

The IRGC stressed that its military posture would ultimately be demonstrated

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Putin, Xi unite in criticism of US on nuclear, security issues

BEIJING, MAY 20: China and Russia condemned US President Donald Trump's Golden Dome missile defence shield plans and Washington's "irresponsible" nuclear policy at a joint summit on Wednesday, a week after President Xi Jinping hosted Trump in Beijing.

A statement from Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin said Trump's plan for a ground- and space-based missile interceptor system posed a threat to global strategic stability.

It also criticised the United States over the expiry of the last remaining

treaty, restricting the size of the U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals, which lapsed in February with Trump failing to respond to Moscow's proposal to extend the limits by a year.

Xi and Putin, who have met more than 40 times, both stressed the closeness of the Russia-China ties that they sealed in 2022 with the signing of a strategic partnership treaty, less than three weeks before Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

For Xi, it capped a remarkable week of diplomacy in which he has set out to showcase China as a

pillar of stability in a world rocked by trade wars and military conflicts in Iran and Ukraine.

While the summit with Trump was largely about managing tensions between the world's two most powerful countries, the meeting with Putin posed a different challenge -- how to demonstrate progress in a relationship that the two sides have already proclaimed is "without limits".

But there was no apparent breakthrough on a massive new natural gas pipeline, the Power of Siberia 2, that the two sides

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PoJK erupts in protest as activists accuse police of abuse cover-up

MUZAFFARABAD (POJK), MAY 20: Large protests erupted in Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) after activists and residents demanded an independent probe into the abuse and unlawful detention of three girls, accusing police and influential individuals of suppressing justice.

Speaking at a public gathering, protesters claimed that one of the girls was 19 years old, while the other two were minors aged between 12 and 13.

Demonstrators said that authorities attempted to

misrepresent the case and initially portrayed the incident as a drowning-related matter rather than seriously investigating allegations of abuse.

They said the forum organising the protest stood "with the oppressed" and demanded that those responsible be brought to justice.

Speakers criticised the police and judiciary for what they described as silence and inaction, arguing that the legal process had been manipulated to shield powerful individuals.

One speaker said that after an FIR was registered,

the girls were repeatedly shifted between a police station and a private residence linked to an influential woman identified as "Noreena Adil."

Protesters questioned why the accused were not handled according to legal procedures normally followed in sensitive criminal cases.

The gathering also raised concerns over the intimidation of the victims' families. According to statements made during the protest, tensions reportedly began after the mother of one of the girls refused a

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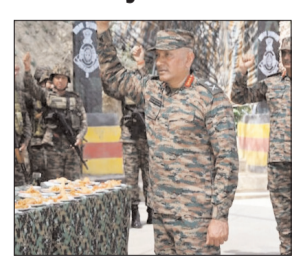
NEET paper leak 5 accused sent to judicial custody

NEW DELHI, MAY 20: A Delhi court on Wednesday sent five accused in the NEET paper leak case to judicial custody till June 2 and extended the CBI custody of another accused.

Special Judge Ajay Gupta allowed the agency's plea seeking judicial custody till June 2 of five accused persons - Mangalik Khatik, Vikas Biwal, Dinesh Biwal, all three arrested from Jaipur; Yash Yadav, arrested from Gurugram; and Dhananjay Lokhande, arrested from Ahilyanagar in Maharashtra

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Lt Gen Pratik reviews LoC security situation



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Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, GoC-in-C of Northern Command, today reviewed the prevailing security situation and operational preparedness of troops along the Line of Control (LoC) in

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SEC finalises panchayat electoral rolls Voter count crosses 72.24 lakh after 3.39 lakh new enrolments

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The State Election Commission has concluded the annual revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls with the publication of the Final Panchayat Electoral Rolls 2026, fixing April 1, 2026 as the qualifying date.

The comprehensive exercise, which began with the release of the Draft Electoral Roll on March 27, 2026, has now formally culminated following a

structured schedule of claims, objections and verification.

The commission had opened a 40-day window for filing claims and objections from March 27 to May 5, 2026. All submissions received during this period were examined and disposed of by Electoral Registration Officers by May 14, 2026.

With the completion of this process, the Final Electoral Rolls were published today, setting the groundwork for the upcoming

panchayat elections across the Union Territory.

The revision drive recorded significant voter activity. A total of 3,39,384 new voters were added to the rolls while 1,13,344 names were deleted due to death, shifting, duplication, and other admissible reasons. In addition, corrections were carried out in the particulars of 17,664 voters, and 31,590 voters were transposed.

The final roll now stands at 72,24,131 electors, which

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Kavinder calls upon youth to be architects of progressive India

DHARAMSHALA, MAY 20: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today called upon youth of the country to transcend geographical boundaries and emerge as conscious, compassionate builders of a unified India.

"While diversity tears nations apart across the world, in India it has always served as the bedrock of unity," he said while addressing the sixth edition of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat - Yuva Sangam' programme hosted by the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala - designated as the nodal in-



stitution for Himachal Pradesh by the Union Ministry of Education.

The governor delivered a powerful message of cultural harmony, national integration and purposeful

youth leadership.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members and officials of the National Institute of Technology,

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