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### Girl kidnapped, murdered

A minor girl was kidnapped and murdered at Galwanpora in Budgam district of the valley. Police have formed a five-member SIT to probe the incident.

The girl, aged 12, went missing from her residence at Galwanpora last evening. Budgam police station was informed about the incident at about 10 pm, officials said.

Police found the girl's body lying at a short distance from her residence in the morning and evacuated it to hospital for

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### 14 grenades recovered from terrorist hideout

Security forces have recovered a cache of ammunition from a hideout of terrorists in Baramulla district of Kashmir.

According to officials, a joint search team of Army, police and CRPF came across a hideout of terrorists in Nilsar orchards in Chandooosa area of Baramulla.

The operation was launched on the basis of an intelligence input about

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### Reserved seats mandatory for women in public transport

The transport department has issued strict directions mandating reservation of seats for women and specially-abled persons in all public service vehicles operating across the Union Territory, warning transport operators of strict action, including suspension or cancellation of permits, for any violation.

A circular issued by the office of the transport commissioner said that previous instructions regarding reservation of seats for women and persons with disabilities

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### Punjab police ASI shot dead in Amritsar

AMRITSAR, MAY 24: Two unidentified motorcycle-borne assailants shot dead a Punjab Police assistant sub-inspector near Hamja village in the Majitha assembly constituency here today.

The body of ASI Joga Singh, bearing a gunshot injury, was found near Fatehgarh Churian-Majitha road.

Police said the attackers fled the spot after killing the ASI. The incident took place while the ASI was on his way to duty on a scooter and was in his uniform at the time.

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### Art 370 abrogation led to change of mindset: Jitendra



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Union Minister Jitendra Singh today said that the abrogation of Article 370 had led to the revival of development with a change of mindset in Jammu & Kashmir.

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## 'Every country has stupid people'

# Rubio dismisses racist remarks targeting Indians in US

NEW DELHI, MAY 24: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Sunday defended the United States as a welcoming country, dismissing racist remarks targeting Indians as the actions of "stupid people" that do not reflect America's broader character as an immigrant-friendly nation.

"I don't know how to address that, but I'll take that very seriously," he said at a joint press conference with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar here while responding to a question on racism against Indians in the US.

Rubio said he took such concerns seriously, but stressed that offensive comments made by individuals did not represent American values.

"I'm sure that there are people that have made comments online and other places, because every country in the world has stupid



people. I'm sure stupid people here, they're stupid people in the United States that make dumb comments all the time," Rubio added.

"I don't know what else to tell you, other than the United States is a very welcoming country," the top US diplomat continued.

Rubio also highlighted the contribution of immigrants, including the Indian diaspora, to American society and the economy.

"Our nation has been enriched by people who come to our country, from all

framework. "The United States is currently undergoing a process of reforming the system by which we choose how many people come into our country, who comes in, when they come in, etc.," Rubio said.

Responding to questions on recent changes affecting J1, F1 and H-1B visas, Rubio said the overhaul of the US immigration system was a global exercise and not aimed specifically at India.

"The changes that are happening now, or the modernisation of our migration system into the United States, are not India-specific. It is global, it's being applied across the world," he said.

Rubio said Washington was reforming its immigration system following what he described as a migration crisis in recent years, with more than 20 million people entering the country illegally.

"Everything that you do as a country needs to be in your

over the world, have become Americans, have assimilated into our way of life, and it's contributing," he said.

Acknowledging the economic contribution made by the Indian community in the US, Rubio said, "I accept what you just said about the contribution that Indians have made in the US economy, over USD 20 billion."

"We want that number to continue to increase," he said.

The US Secretary of State also said Washington was reviewing its immigration

## India's strength lies in turning diversity into unity: LG

### Joins 'padyatra' at Shopian



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Stating that India's greatest strength lies in turning diversity into unity, LG Manoj Sinha today that 'country also places its hope and confidence in its youth'.

"For India, diversity is the greatest strength, and for many centuries, our greatest strength lies in turning diversity into unity, weaving many cultures into one shared national spirit," he said in his address after attending the special National Integration Camp organised by National Cadet Corps (NCC) Directorate, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

During his interaction with NCC cadets from

across the country, the LG emphasised that this special camp was a living symbol of India's spirit, where every cadet was not just witnessing history but actively shaping it.

"India places its hope and confidence in its youth, trusting that the young generation will lead the nation to greater heights," he said and added that NCC cadets must honour that trust by living the values of NCC and spreading across communities.

"The values of unity in diversity and the leadership qualities you have learned at this camp must be put to use in improving society. Equally important is to carry forward the seed of patriotism sown here with full responsibility and dedication to the youth in

your respective states and cities," the LG asked the NCC cadets.

"NCC cadets are both India's strength today and the builders of its tomorrow. The youth are inheriting a world of rapid change, which may unsettle many nations but India's youth are full of confidence, equipped with skills to rise to meet these challenges with courage and capability," he said.

"I want to emphasise that NCC cadets possess a remarkable creative energy and a strong readiness to move forward. I want that energy to be channelled with clear purpose so that you can stand firm against every challenge the future brings. The NCC motto is Unity and Discipline.

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## UCC won't apply to tribals, says Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, MAY 24: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that the proposed Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will not impact tribal communities in any way and urged them not to be misled by what he called misinformation and "conspiracies" surrounding the issue.

"Special provisions have been made in BJP-ruled states implementing the UCC to ensure that tribal communities remain outside its ambit," he said while addressing a tribal conclave, Janjati Sanskritik Samagam, organised by the Janjati Suraksha Manch at the Red Fort grounds to mark the 150th birth anniversary year of Birsa Munda.

Shah said a "conspiracy" was being spread that the UCC would deprive tribals of their culture, traditions and their right to



live according to customary practices.

"Today, from this stage, as the home minister in the Narendra Modi government, I want to make it absolutely clear that no provision of the UCC is going to be imposed upon tribal

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### Terrorists remain untraced after encounter

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While a massive search operation continued for the terrorists, who escaped yesterday after a brief encounter with security forces at Dorimal in Gambhir Muglan area of Rajouri, security forces were yet to find any trace of theirs.

A joint team of Army, police and CRPF had yesterday launched a massive cordon-and-search operation in Dorimal area, following a specific input about the movement of terrorists.

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## US GoPro shipped to China traced to LeT terrorists

### NIA ascertaining supply chain

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Even as NIA has filed a comprehensive chargesheet in the Pahalgam terror attack, investigators are aggressively tracing a global supply chain to determine how a US-manufactured GoPro camera supplied to China had ended up in the hands of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit.

The high-tech camera recovered from the terrorists, who were neutralised in an

encounter in Dachigam forests last, July following a critical new line of inquiry into the external logistics network supporting terror outfits in Jammu & Kashmir.

Terror groups in Jammu & Kashmir have increasingly been using cameras to record their ambushes for propaganda and psychological warfare.

Investigators believe that unearthing this specific supply chain could expose critical vulnerabilities or

complicity in the underground networks that funnel funds, hardware and tactical gear across borders to anti-India outfits.

In a bid to uncover the device's origin, the NIA officially reached out to the US manufacturer GoPro Inc to ascertain where the device had been sold. In its formal response, the US-based firm reported that the specific device was originally shipped to an authorised commercial distributor in China, according to officials.

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## Pakistan train blast 24 killed in 'fidayeen attack' near Quetta rly track

KARACHI, MAY 24: At least 24 Pakistan personnel were killed and over 100 injured after a shuttle train was targeted and blown up in Balochistan's Quetta this morning.

The train had travelled a short distance after picking up passengers from Quetta military cantonment when it became the target of a massive Suicide Vehicle-borne (SVB-IED) attack near 'Chaman Phatak'.

The Majeed Brigade of Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the "fidayeen attack", claiming the assault specifically targeted Pakistani army personnel travelling on the train.

Preliminary findings suggest the explosion was a suicide blast, police said.

Rescue and evacuation operations are still ongoing at the site, according to one emergency worker, Muhammad Zeeshan. Authorities have cordoned off the area while security forces and bomb disposal teams investigate the nature of the explosion.

At least 24 bodies had been recovered from the scene and nearly 100 injured passengers were transferred to hospitals, rescue officials said. An emergency was declared in hospitals of Quetta.

"I was right there near the tracks. I can't even believe how we survived," a man who witnessed the explosion said. "The blast was so huge. Thank God, we made it out alive."

Deputy Superintendent Police (City) Qadir Qam

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### 12 MPs, 4 Par Panels to get Sansad Ratna awards

NEW DELHI, MAY 24: As many as 12 MPs and four parliamentary committees have been selected for this year's Sansad Ratna Awards by a private organisation.

In a statement, the Prime Point Foundation said BJP's Jagdambika Pal (Uttar Pradesh), P P Chaudhary (Rajasthan), Nishikant Dubey (Jharkhand) and Shiv Sena's Shrikant Eknath Shinde (Maharashtra) are among the MPs chosen in the individual category.

Praveen Patel (Uttar Pradesh), Bidyut Baran

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## Red Fort blast NIA chargesheet reveals abuse of AI platform for 'terror engineering'

NEW DELHI, MAY 24: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe into the Red Fort area car blast case in Delhi has found that a chargesheeted accused, linked to an offshoot of global terrorist outfit al-Qaida, had misused an artificial intelligence (AI) platform for "terror engineering".

Officials said the accused had also made rocket Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and tested them in the Qazigund forests in Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The glaring findings are part of a voluminous 7,500-page chargesheet filed by the NIA on May 14 in connection with the high-intensity vehicle-borne IED blast that rocked the national capital on November 10 last year.

The chargesheet, submitted before a special NIA court here, details what officials described as a meticulous, "almost laboratory-grade" approach adopted by the accused in the fabrication and use of IEDs.

One of the chargesheeted accused emerged

as the "in-house engineer" of the Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH) interim terror module, linked to al-Qaida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS).

AQIS and all its offshoots have been notified as terrorist organisations by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The accused, Jasir Bilal Wani, had stayed at the Al Falah University campus in Faridabad, Haryana, on two to three occasions during 2024-25 to provide "technical support" for the conspiracy, the

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## 'No rush on agreement'

# US close to Iran deal to end war, reopen Hormuz: Trump

WASHINGTON, MAY 24: US President Donald Trump declared that negotiations with Iran were progressing in a "constructive manner" and insisted Tehran "must understand" that it cannot develop a nuclear weapon.

In a lengthy post on Truth Social, Trump sharply criticised the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement negotiated under former president Barack Obama, calling it "one of the worst deals ever made by our country" and claiming it



created "a direct path to Iran developing a Nuclear Weapon".

Iran has not publicly committed to giving up its uranium, a key demand of US President Donald Trump, and the sides pre-

viously seemed close to a deal in recent weeks. Trump said a deal had been "largely negotiated," after calls with Israel and other regional allies.

He also said the US relationship with Iran was becoming "much more professional and productive."

According to officials, under the emerging agreement, the Strait of Hormuz would gradually reopen in parallel with the US ending its blockade.

The strait's reopening

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### IAF chief bats for self-reliance in def capabilities



BENGALURU, MAY 24: Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, chief of IAF, has emphasised self-reliance as a strategic necessity for developing resilient indigenous defence capabilities.

He was speaking during the 48th Flight Test Course graduation ceremony here. Eleven test pilots and six

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## India moving steadily towards 'Viksit Bharat 2047': Kavinder

SHIMLA, MAY 24: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today said 'India is moving steadily towards Viksit Bharat 2047' while asserting that media was not merely a platform for news and entertainment but a powerful force capable of guiding society, spreading awareness and inspiring positive transformation.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is steadily moving towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Media, industries, educational institutions, social organisations and



youth all have a vital role to play in this journey of nation-building," he said while addressing a gathering at the Big Impact Awards 2026 organised by BIG FM here.

On the occasion, the gov-

ernor also honoured individuals from various fields for their outstanding contributions and achievements.

Congratulating BIG FM for organising the event, he

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