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## Operation Sherawali enters day 6

As Operation Sherawali in the dense forests of Rajouri entered 6th day today, security forces launched a fresh assault and multiple grenade launcher attacks on suspected terrorist hideouts. According to preliminary reports, two to three Pakistani terrorists, including a commander, were believed to be hiding in the area. The fresh assault came a day after Northern Army Commander Lt Gen

## Rising Star Corps GOC visits Kathua, Pathankot

Lt Gen Rajan Sharawat, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Rising Star Corps, today visited Kathua district in Jammu & Pathankot in Punjab and reviewed the operational preparedness of troops de

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## Tyagi joins PFI as Director General



Dr Ravindra Kumar Tyagi has joined Power Foundation of India (PFI) as Director General with effect from May 27, 2026. With over 35 years of distinguished experience in power sector, he brings extensive expertise in power systems, transmission, asset management, engineering, business de

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## NTA announces revised schedule for CUET-UG exams

NEW DELHI, May 28 The National Testing Agency has released revised examination dates and admit cards for the Common University Entrance Test 2026 for admissions in undergraduate programmes that were rescheduled from May 28 owing to Eid-ul-Azha.

According to the National Testing Agency (NTA), the examinations will now be conducted on May 31, June 6 and June 7.

The NTA said that admit cards for candidates appearing for the test on May 31 have been released and

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## Air India extends suspension of flights to Israel

JERUSALEM, MAY 28: Amid continued geopolitical uncertainties in West Asia, Air India on Thursday said it is extending its suspension of operations on the Tel Aviv-Delhi route till July end.

Earlier this month, it had announced suspension till June end but with no clarity on the prevailing security situation in the region, the leading Indian carrier has decided to further extend its suspension of operations on the route by another month. A senior executive heading the airlines' Israel operations told PTI that the

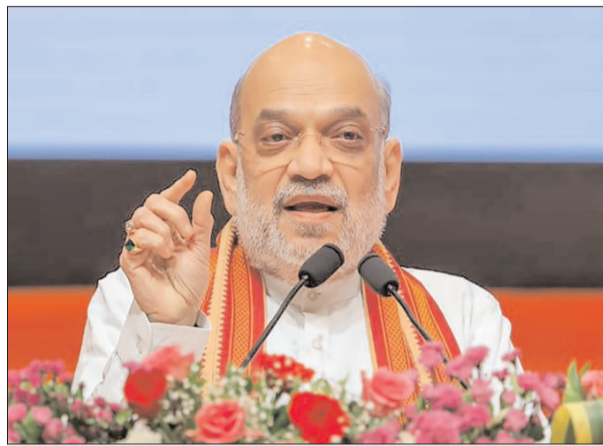
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## 'Artificial' demographic changes Committee may consider need for law to tackle issue: Shah

GANDHINAGAR, MAY 28: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said the Centre's high-level committee on artificial demographic changes due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes would also assess whether a law was required to tackle the issue.

If illegal migrants left on their own, the BJP government in West Bengal will refrain from filing legal cases against them and facilitate their departure, he said in his address after inaugurating & laying the foundation stone for development projects worth Rs 340 cr here. Shah said the committee, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar, would submit its report within a year.

A notification issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs on Wednesday on the constitution of the High-Level Committee on Demo-



graphic Changes (HLCDC) said that "extensive challenges" have arisen from demographic changes due to illegal immigration. "The high-powered committee will examine the causes behind the artificial demographic shifts that have occurred across the nation. It will deliberate on the remedial measures required, and, should the enactment of any specific legislation be necessary, it will address that requirement as well," Shah said. The Centre was deter-

mined to identify and expel every "ghuspaithiya" or infiltrator from the country, he said, adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided to constitute the demographic change committee with this objective. Shah criticised the Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal over infiltration from Bangladesh, and said the situation had changed after the assembly elections in the state (which brought BJP to power). He asserted that infiltra-

tion from Bangladesh had started declining after the political change in West Bengal.

"Now, the Bharatiya Janata Party governs 80 per cent of the country's land-mass, and in the recently concluded elections in Bengal, Didi (Mamata Banerjee) suffered a complete rout," he said.

From Uttarakhand to Gangasagar, along the entire course of the Ganga, BJP had succeeded in "hoisting the saffron flag", said Shah. Before the West Bengal elections, the BJP had pledged to start fencing work along the Bangladesh border within days of coming to power, he noted. Shah praised West Bengal Chief Minister Suvedu Adhikari, stating that 600 hectares of land was handed over to the Border Security Force within seven days (after coming to power) for the fencing work.

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## Deepening partnerships Jaishankar holds 'productive' talks with EU foreign affairs ministers

NICOSIA (CYPRUS), MAY 28: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar concluded a highly productive visit to Limassol, Cyprus, where he participated in the informal "Gymnich" meeting of the European Union Foreign Affairs Ministers.

"Had productive engagements at the informal Gymnich meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Ministers in Cyprus. Reaffirmed India's ties with the EU and the Mediterranean," he said in a post on X

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## US military conducts another strike against Iran

WASHINGTON, MAY 28: US forces carried out new defensive strikes on an Iran military facility after downing Iranian attack drones.

According to US officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said US Central Command forces shot down four Iranian one-way attack drones that posed a threat around the Strait of Hormuz.

US forces also struck an Iranian ground control station in Bandar Abbas that was about to launch a fifth

drone, according to the officials. The strikes came after President Donald Trump asserted on Wednesday that Iran was "negotiating on fumes" and insisted that November's midterm elections will not make him rush into a deal to end the nearly three-month-old conflict that has spurred unease across the global economy.

Speaking at the start of a cabinet meeting, Trump expressed confidence that a deal was near. Over the weekend, he even declared that his administration and Tehran had "largely negotiated" a settlement, though the talks were still in flux. The president is looking for a settlement that will reopen the Strait of Hormuz and provide him with a credible argument that Iran's nuclear capability has been diminished enough to declare victory, winding down a conflict that has been politically unpopular for Republicans.

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## Conflict over Taiwan risks nuclear escalation in region

SINGAPORE, MAY 28: A conflict between the US and China over Taiwan would risk a nuclear escalation with both militaries likely to stage sweeping operations targeting rival command and communications hubs.

In a strategic assessment ahead of Asia's biggest annual defence meeting in Singapore this weekend, the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) said the world was on the cusp of a new nuclear arms race "with the Asia-Pacific at its core". "Regional states and

those with strategic interests are expanding their nuclear arsenals, while non-nuclear weapons states pursue long-range conventional-strike capabilities: both challenging strategic stability," the IISS assessment said. There was no immediate response from US or Chinese authorities. Taiwan, the conflict in Iran and uncertainties about US commitments to the region, are expected to surface prominently at the IISS' Shangri-La Dialogue.

The informal conference runs from May 29 to 31, drawing an eclectic mix of ministers, generals, intelligence chiefs, diplomats, analysts and weapons makers. The event follows a summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his US counterpart Donald Trump in Beijing earlier this month, which led to some concern in Taipei about the US commitment to help the democratically ruled island defend itself. Beijing has never ruled out the use of force to take control of Taiwan, but has also said it would prefer "peaceful reunification". Taiwan's government has

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## There can't be double standards in fight against terrorism: NSA

MOSCOW, MAY 28: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval today said countries cannot have double standards in their fight against terrorism and called on responsible nations to take decisive action against terrorist groups and those states which sponsor or finance such groups.

"Terrorism constitutes one of the most serious threats to international security," he said while addressing the 1st International Security Forum and the XIV International Meeting of high-ranking officials responsible for security matters in Moscow. "Every country has a responsibility to fight terrorism. There cannot be double standards in the fight against terrorism. Responsible nations must evaluate their choices and decide whether they support the sponsors of terrorism or counter them and take decisive action against terrorist groups," Doval said.

Referring to the April 22, 2025, terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgal, he said India has been a victim of state-sponsored terrorism, referring to the Islamabad-backed terror groups residing in Pakistan.

"India has been a victim of state-sponsored terrorism. In April 2025, the world saw the gruesome murder of 26 innocent civilians in front of their families in Jammu and Kashmir. The victims were segregated and killed on the basis of their religion," the NSA said.

The Pakistan-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)'s proxy group, The Resistance Front (TRF), took responsibil-

ity for the attack that involved religion-based targeted killings of 26 people in Pahalgal on April 22, 2025. Doval said India took decisive actions against the perpetrators of the terrorist attack, adding that India endorses the approach emphasised by the UNSC in its press statement after the attack.

"India endorses the approach emphasised by the UNSC in its press statement after the attack," Doval said. "It asserted that perpetrators, organisers, financiers, and sponsors of attacks must be held accountable and brought to justice. It is in that context that India took decisive actions against the perpetrators of the Pahalgal terrorist attack," he added. In the aftermath of the terror attack, India launched 'Operation Sindoor' on 7 May 2025, targeting terror infrastructure across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK). Indian armed forces destroyed nine ma

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## PM asks states to resolve water disputes



NEW DELHI, MAY 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked states to resolve inter-state water disputes through cooperation, timely clearances and technology-based monitoring, and said the Ken-Betwa project should serve as a model.

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## India, China hold 'constructive' talks on LAC in Eastern Ladakh

NEW DELHI, MAY 28: India and China held "constructive" and "forward-looking" talks on the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, noting that maintaining border peace and tranquility had enabled progress in the normalisation of overall relations.

The two sides discussed various aspects of the border situation during a meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) in Beijing.

"The discussions were constructive and forward looking," the Ministry of Ex-

ternal Affairs (MEA) said. India and China rolled out a series of measures in the last over one year to rebuild their relationship after it came under severe strain following the deadly Galwan Valley clashes in 2020 and the subsequent military face-off that lasted for over four years. "The two sides reviewed the situation in the India-China border areas. They expressed satisfaction with the progress made in maintaining peace and tranquility in the border areas, which has enabled progress towards gradual normalization of bilateral relations," the MEA

said. The two sides also agreed to work together to make "substantive preparation" for the next meeting of the Special Representatives (SR) which is to be held in China. In August last year, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held Special Representatives dialogue in New Delhi that produced a number of outcomes to maintain peace along the border. "The two sides discussed issues pertaining to delimitation, border manage

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## Siddaramaiah resigns as Karnataka CM



BENGALURU, MAY 28: Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Thursday said he has resigned from the post of Karnataka Chief Minister.

Announcing his resignation at a packed press conference, the 77-year-old leader said that since Gov

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## Regional parties' income falls 52 pc in 2024-25: ADR

NEW DELHI, MAY 28: The combined income of 36 regional political parties declined by over 51 pc in 2024-25 compared to the previous financial year, while 21 of them spent more than their declared earnings.

A report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) analysed the audited accounts of 36 out of 67 recognised regional parties whose annual audit reports for the financial year (FY) 2024-25 were available on the Election Commission website. It noted that the remaining 31 parties had not made

their audit reports available even 207 days after the October 31, 2025, deadline.

According to the ADR's analysis, the total income of the 36 regional parties stood at Rs 1,192.94 crore in the FY 2024-25, down from Rs 2,463.17 crore in FY 2023-24, a decline of Rs 1,270.23 crore or 51.57 per cent.

The total expenditure declared by these parties, however, reached Rs 1,433.07 crore, exceeding their combined income by Rs 240.12 crore or about 20 per cent.

The report said the top five parties accounted for

nearly 69 per cent of the total income and over 77 per cent of total expenditure among the parties analysed. Among regional parties, the highest income was declared by the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) at Rs 228.31 crore, constituting 19.14 per cent of the total income, followed closely by the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) at Rs 219.35 crore and the YSR Congress at Rs 140.39 crore.

On the expenditure front, YSR Congress spent the most at Rs 340.20 crore, followed by Biju

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## Heatwave to ease as IMD forecasts temp dip

NEW DELHI, MAY 28: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a change in weather conditions across northwest India, with heatwave conditions expected to ease over the next three days due to the influence of western disturbances and easterly winds. The agency has also warned of thunderstorms, strong winds and hailstorms in several regions.

According to IMD, maximum temperatures that have been hovering around 45°C or higher are likely to fall sharply between May 28

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## Yoga, naturopathy vital for healthy, stress-free society: Kavinder

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, MAY 28

Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta said that yoga and naturopathy were vital for a healthy & stress-free life.

Speaking during a book-release function here, he said that yoga and naturopathy were deeply rooted in Indian culture and could play a vital role in ensuring a healthy and stress-free society. Gupta emphasised the need to spread awareness among the younger generation about adopting a disci-



plined lifestyle and natural methods for maintaining physical and mental well-being. He also lauded the initiative of bringing out a book dedicated to public health awareness and therapeutic yoga.

Gupta released the book - Meaningful Way of Healthy Life - authored by Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner and Chairman of Indian Yoga Association, at a function.

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