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Shri Amarnathji Yatra control room inaugurated



LG Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated District Emergency Operations Centre and Shri Amarnathji Yatra Control Room at the office of Ganderbal DC.

He said that these facilities would ensure a smooth and seamless pil

Govt asks employees to ensure timely census work

The government has directed teaching staff and other government employees engaged in Census-2027 duties to carry out their responsibilities in a timely and efficient manner, warning that refusal, negligence or failure to perform assigned work may attract penalties under the Census Act, 1948.

"House Listing Operation (HLO) of Census-2027 is scheduled to be con

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Advance withdrawal approval limit raised to Rs 2 cr

In a move aimed at speeding up financial decision-making, the Jammu and Kashmir government has doubled the advance withdrawal sanction limit for administrative departments from Rs 1 cr to Rs 2 cr.

As per a notification issued by the finance department, administrative departments can now approve advance withdrawals up to Rs 2 cr with the concurrence of the Director Finance/Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer, without seeking approval from the Finance Department.

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Air Marshal Dixit appointed IAF Vice-Chief



NEW DELHI, JUN 05: Ace fighter and test pilot Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff and will assume his new charge on July 1.

Presently, serving as the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC) at Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff, the officer has played a

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Jitendra launches Jammu Met Centre



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Union Minister Jitendra Singh today announced the restructuring of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) with the launch of a regional meteorological centre (RMC) in Jammu,

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Won't tolerate demographic changes in WB, Tripura, Bihar: Shah

AGARTALA, JUN 05: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the government will not tolerate demographic changes in West Bengal, Tripura and Bihar, asserting that the Centre was taking steps to bridge gaps in guarding the country's borders.

Shah, addressing BSF personnel at Lankamura Border Outpost in Tripura, also said that the government's "smart border" project was in the final stage.

"Demographic changes in West Bengal, Tripura and Bihar will not be tolerated. The Centre is making all efforts to bridge the gaps in guarding international borders," the home minister said.

"The concept of 'smart border' will be implemented in seven to eight places of the country as a pilot project," he said.

The new security grid will include cutting-edge tech, local administration and border sentinels, Shah



added.

The Home Minister highlighted the steps taken by the government, including stricter border management, implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), and ongoing efforts to identify and deport illegal immigrants.

He emphasised that demographic changes pose a serious threat to national security and social harmony.

Shah's remarks come amid long-standing allegations by the BJP that the Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal has been soft on illegal Bangladeshi immigrants. Similar concerns have been raised in Tripura regarding shifts in the state's demographic balance.

The statement is expected to intensify political debate on the issue of illegal immi-

gration in eastern and northeastern states. Opposition parties are likely to respond strongly, calling it a polarising tactic ahead of future elections.

The government has already formed a high-level committee on 'unnatural demographic change' to tackle infiltration into India from across the borders.

Shah had earlier an

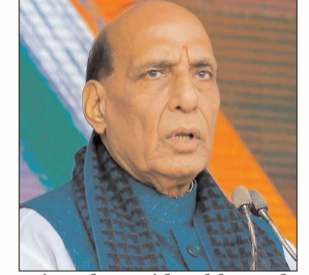
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India no longer the India it used to be: Rajnath

NEW DELHI, MAY : Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday asserted India had emerged as a "strong nation" under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and that its "stature has risen" on the global stage.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a plantation programme on World Environment Day, Singh, who is on a three-day tour to his Lucknow constituency, said that the country's economy has scaled new heights and was being praised across the world.

He added that India has



enjoyed considerable credibility in the international arena. "I believe that during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's stature in the international arena has risen. And, I am not saying this merely as a Cabinet member," he said.

"The truth is that the

world recognises that India is no longer the India it used to be. It is no longer weak but has become powerful. This is why India's reputation has risen in the international arena because of this credibility," he added.

Referring to the West Asia crisis, Defence Minister Singh praised the prime minister for keeping inflation under control despite global uncertainties, claiming that no other country has managed to do so.

"If you go to other places, inflation has risen by 30 per cent, 40 per cent, or even

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26 bullet-resistant vehicles flagged off

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUNE 05

Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Sanjay Singhal, flagged off a fleet of 26 bullet-resistant vehicles to strengthen operational preparedness and mobility of Force deployed in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the visit, Deputy Inspector General SSB, Srinagar Imtiaz Ismail Parry, SSP Srinagar Dr G V Sundeep Chakravathy, senior officers of Jammu and Kashmir Police, Commandants and Ad-hoc Com

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Historic movement against narco-terrorism has started: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha, who today joined 'Nasha-Mukt J&K Campaign' in the valley's Ganderbal, said that historic movement against drugs had started.

"Having now visited every district in the valley & stood with each march, I can say that a historic movement against narco-terrorism has risen," he said in his address after joining 'Nasha-Mukt Jammu & Kashmir Campaign' at Ganderbal.

He also joined people from all walks of life in Padyatra and addressed a powerful crowd.

"In the past 55 days, 1,036 FIRs have been registered, 1,128 drug smugglers arrested, more than 100 properties of smugglers attached, nearly 700 driving licenses cancelled, and recommendations made to cancel passports of 130 drug smugglers," the LG said.

"Fifty-five days ago, from



the soil of Jammu, I declared that enough is enough. What began as a war against drugs and narco-terrorism has now ignited into a people's movement, a movement born of courage, sustained by spirit, and driven by the collective will of ordinary citizens. Today, that resolve stands stronger than ever," he added.

The LG assured proper rehabilitation of those who had fallen into drug addiction.

"With compassion and dignity, we will help them return to the mainstream of society. Through treat-

ment, counselling, and new employment opportunities, we are opening new doors. People must remember that this is not simply a government programme, but it is a social revolution. Together, we will ensure that no drug smugglers or peddlers ever find a place in Jammu & Kashmir," he said.

"Fifty-five days ago, I stood on Jammu's soil and declared that we will free our children from the poison of drugs, protect our families from being torn apart by drug addiction, and refuse to let our people

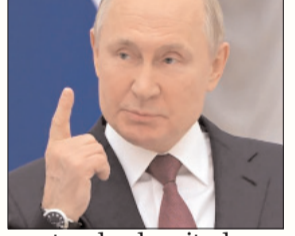
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Putin offers Su-57 stealth fighter to India

Pitches co-production deal

MOSCOW, JUNE 05: Russian President Vladimir Putin has offered India the Sukhoi Su-57, Russia's fifth-generation stealth fighter, and proposed joint production of the aircraft in India, underscoring the long-standing strategic partnership between the two countries.

Moscow has been New Delhi's principal defence supplier for decades. However, supply chain disruptions and delivery delays linked to the war in Ukraine have prompted India to diversify its military procure-



ment and reduce its dependence on any single source.

Against this backdrop, India has launched the Advanced Multirole Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme, an ambitious indigenous project aimed at developing the country's

own fifth-generation fighter jet.

In an interaction with heads of leading global news agencies on Thursday night, Putin delved into various aspects of India-Russia defence and military ties and said Moscow was still keen to involve New Delhi in the Su-57 aircraft programme.

"As for the Su-57, we offered our friends from India to jointly develop this machine, a fifth-generation aircraft. I think it's the best to date. But our Indian friends said, 'well, let's see'," he said.

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World Environment Day PM Modi calls for renewed commitment to sustainable growth

NEW DELHI, JUN 05: On the occasion of World Environment Day on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the government's various efforts over the past decade, noting that they resulted in India's key successes such as expanding green cover and a rise in the populations of several animals.

The prime minister also commended citizens for showing how collective efforts, policies, belief in sci-



ence and innovation can improve the environment.

"Best wishes to everyone on World Environment Day. I would like to applaud all those passionate about environmental conservation," he said in a post

on X. Modi emphasised that this day serves as a reminder to reaffirm "our commitment to protecting our environment and furthering growth that is sustainable".

He outlined that the past decade has seen numerous initiatives from his government in this regard. "Some of India's key successes include expanding green cover and a rise in the population of several animals,"

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Z-plus security cover of Lalu, Rabri withdrawn

PATNA, JUN 05: The Bihar government has withdrawn the top-category Z-plus security cover of RJD leaders Lalu Prasad and Rabri Devi, following a review of the protection provided to VIPs in the state, officials said.

The Y-category security cover provided to Tej Pratap, chief of the Janshakti Janta Dal (JJJ) and the elder son of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, has also been withdrawn, they said.

According to a notification issued late on Thursday, former chief ministers

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Omar meets K'taka CM, expresses confidence in stronger inter-state cooperation

BENGALURU, JUNE 05: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah met Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar here today, expressing confidence in stronger inter-state cooperation.

He Shivakumar on the sidelines of an event in Bengaluru and also congratulated him on assuming office as the Chief Minister of Karnataka.

The two leaders met during The Hindu Huddle, where Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also participated



in a discussion session. Congratulating Shivakumar on his elevation, Omar wished him a successful

and impactful tenure in service of the people of Karnataka. He expressed

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US visa policies not targeting India, applied uniformly worldwide: State Deptt

WASHINGTON, JUNE 06: Amid growing anxiety among Indian professionals in the United States over immigration enforcement and work visa policies, a senior US State Department official has insisted that American visa laws are not aimed at India and are being applied uniformly across all countries.

Speaking at a roundtable organised by the New York Foreign Press Centre, State Department spokesperson Tommy Pigott said concerns over selective treatment were misplaced and stressed that the administration's approach was fo-

cused on consistency in the enforcement of existing laws.

"When it comes to visas... what we had here for a long time with previous administrations going back was inconsistent application of visa law. That is no longer the case. We are consistently applying visa law across the board. I think that will offer clarity," Pigott said.

He was responding to a question from the agency regarding immigration policies and concerns among Indians living in the US on visas such as H1B, which are widely used by

technology professionals, healthcare workers and other skilled employees from India.

Seeking to address apprehensions among Indian visa holders, Pigott emphasised that the measures being implemented were global in nature rather than country-specific.

"There are no visa laws that target India. These are global visa laws that are being implemented with clarity, clear instructions that are being applied across the board," he said.

Pigott noted that US visa policy continues to support

NC part of INDIA bloc: Farooq



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National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Friday said his party will attend the meeting of the INDIA bloc in Delhi on June 8.

"The meeting is going to take place. Omar or I, one

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Kavinder calls for collective action for clean environment

SHIMLA, JUN 05: Urging youth to stay fit and lead a healthy life, Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today called for a collective action for a clean environment.

"The primary objective of the event is to create awareness about the menace of drug abuse while promoting environmental conservation, public health and social responsibility," he said in his address after flagging off a mini-marathon from the historic Ridge Ground here on the eve of World Environment Day.



The event was jointly organised by the Himachal Pradesh police, Department of Environment, Science, Technology and Climate Change, and the

Census Directorate, Himachal Pradesh. The marathon was based on the theme "Clean Environment and Chitta-Free

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