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LG, CM pay tributes to Imam Hussain

LG Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today paid tributes to Hazrat Imam Hussain on the occasion of Ashura. "The supreme sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions at Karbala remain a timeless beacon for humanity, upholding truth, justice, and human dignity," the LG said. He asked people to resolve to imbibe these universal ideals and work together to build a peaceful, progressive, and equitable society.

Cont. on P9 > Dulhasti project gates to remain open for 2 days

The gates of Dulhasti hydel power project, Kishtwar, would remain open on June 27 & 28 for the periodic silt flushing process. A public advisory, asking people to stay away from the banks of mighty Chenab river & its tributaries, in this regard was issued by the Ramban district administration. The administration cautioned that the release of water might lead to a sud

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Chief of Army Staff Gen Uday Shankar today called on Ladakh LG Vinit Kumar Saxena at Raj Niwas in Leh, during his visit to the Union Territory. His visit to Ladakh comes amid the Army's continued focus on maintaining operational preparedness and promoting close coordination with

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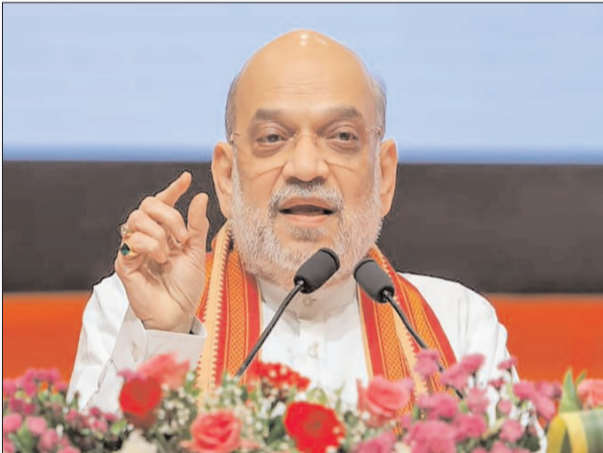
NEW DELHI, JUN 26: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today said that AI, Nuclear, Space and Quantum technologies would determine contours of future growth & global competitiveness. "India is rapidly emerging as a major force in frontier technologies, with the National Quan

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NDPS Act to be amended to crush narco-syndicates: Shah

Vows tougher action against drug networks

NEW DELHI, JUN 26: Vowing tougher action against drug networks, Union Home Minister Amit Shah today announced that the Centre was going to amend NDPS Act to plug all loopholes exploited by narco-syndicates, and underlined the need for a ruthless approach towards drug peddlers and suppliers.



He asked the states to submit their suggestions to the Centre regarding the proposed amendments being brought by the finance ministry to effectively plug the existing loopholes. The home minister also spoke about "success achieved" by agencies in tackling the drug menace in the country. "During 2004 to 2014, 26 lakh kilograms of synthetic drugs were seized. In contrast, from 2014 to 2026, we seized 1.18 crore kilograms of synthetic drugs. This shows that our campaign is steadily progressing towards success," he said while addressing the 10th apex-level meeting of Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD) here. Shah said the value of the drugs seized between 2004 and 2014 was approximately Rs 40,000 crore, whereas the value of the drugs seized between 2014 and 2026 was approximately Rs 1.84 lakh crore. "This reflects the remarkable increase in the effectiveness and scope of the government's actions," he said. The home minister said the government will amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act to plug all loopholes exploited by narco-syndicates. He called on the states to share their suggestions on the proposed amendments by the finance ministry with the Centre. He also asked the state

governments to ensure real-time information sharing under all circumstances. "For this, the Narcotics Control Bureau has developed several portals. I urge all chief secretaries and police chiefs to upload crime details for their respective states to these portals in a time-bound manner. This will enable the government of India to review these cases and provide you with necessary feedback and suggestions," Shah said. He urged all chief secretaries and police chiefs to move towards making NCORD meetings result-oriented. "The number of meetings is certainly increasing, but it is also essential that they are result-oriented. "Is effective implementation taking place on the decisions taken in the meetings? Are those decisions reviewed in the next meeting? Is there a rigorous and serious analysis of them? Ef

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Sinha joins Muharram procession, distributes refreshments

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LG Manoj Sinha today joined Muharram procession of Shia mourners on Ashura - the 10th day of Muharram - in the summer capital city of Srinagar. In Jammu too, the day was observed with deep religious reverence.



Marking the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions in the Battle of Karbala, the procession was taken out through the traditional route in the interior areas of the summer capital here. The LG joined the procession in Zadibal area, and distributed refreshments among the mourners. He paid his respects by offering a 'chadar' to the symbolic 'Zuljanah', officials said. He interacted with the mourners and assessed the arrangements for the procession, officials said. "I pay humble tributes to Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions. Their

supreme sacrifice for peace, love, and compassion remains an eternal guide to building a society rooted in equality and harmony," he said. "Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) gave the timeless message of selfless service and compassion for the underprivileged. The society must draw inspiration from his noble life and virtues, walking the righteous path of truth, justice, and humanity," the LG added. DGP Nalin Prabhat, divisional commissioner, Kashmir, Anshul Garg, and other senior officers of police and civil administration were among those present on the occasion. Elaborate security arrangements were made on the occasion for the safety of mourners and other participants. The celebrations, however, passed off peacefully. Officials said the administration had put in place elaborate arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the event. Healthcare facilities, drinking water, sanitation, traffic regulation and emergency response services were arranged along the process

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India flags attacks on schools, children at UN

UNITED NATIONS, JUN 26: India has called for those targeting schools and children during armed conflicts to be held accountable, stressing that protecting children without ensuring accountability remains incomplete. "Education must continue to be protected even during conflicts," India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, said while addressing a UN Security Council open debate on "Strengthening the Prevention of and Protection of Education for Children Affected by Armed Conflict: From Normative Commitments to Effective Implementation" in New York.



"Education is a right that should endure in times of conflict. It is a right whose fulfilment is among the most powerful contributions to lasting peace. India remains unwavering in its commitment to protecting children in armed conflict and to upholding their right to learn, to grow, and to realise their full potential," he said. Emphasising the need for accountability, Parvathaneni said, "Protection without accountability is incomplete. Those who target schools and children with impunity must be held to account." The UN Secretary-General's latest report on Chil

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Nadda calls for strengthening party at booth level



PATNA, JUN 25: Union Health Minister and former BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda today called upon newly appointed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) office-bearers in Bihar to strengthen the organisation down to the booth level and actively disseminate the party's ideology, policies, and programmes among people.

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Govt officially releases names of 6 Op Sindoor martyrs

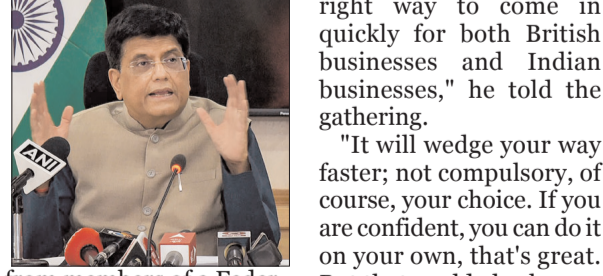
NEW DELHI, JUN 26: For the first time since the conduct of Operation Sindoor in May last year, which Army had carried out against Pakistan to avenge the Pahalgam massacre of 25 Hindu holiday-makers and a local at Baisaran meadow, the government has released the names of six soldiers who were martyred in line of action. Five Indian Army personnel and one belonging to Air Force were among six martyred in the line of action during Operation Sindoor. The names of these soldiers will be inscribed at the National War Memorial in the national Capital. Sub Maj Pawan Kumar, Rifleman Sunil Kumar,

Lance Naik Dinesh Kumar, Agniveer Murali Naik, Havildar Sunil Kumar Singh, and Indian Air Force Sergeant Surendra Kumar were among those killed in the line of duty. The names of these heroes of Operation Sindoor were released alongside the list of all soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during various military operations in 2025. The 'Tyag Chakra' (Circle of Sacrifice) at the National War Memorial is dedicated to the nation's bravehearts. It comprises 16 circular granite walls; the name, rank, and unit of every soldier who made the supreme sacrifice for the country after Independence are inscribed on the bricks of these walls. Now, these six heroes from Operation Sindoor will also become a permanent part of this memorial. India launched strikes on May 7 last year, targeting what it described as terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives. Pakistan retaliated immediately, triggering aerial engagements, drone attacks and heavy shelling across the border. The military operation, named "Operation Sindoor", carried deep symbolic messaging. The word "Sindoor"

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Transformational growth prime focus of India-UK FTA: Goyal

LONDON, JUN 26: Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal today told business leaders at a plenary session in London that 'transformational growth should be the prime focus of India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA). He is in the UK on a three-day visit to review the preparedness of both countries for the implementation of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), which comes into force on July 15. During an interactive event organised by the High Commission of India in London, Goyal heard



right way to come in quickly for both British businesses and Indian businesses," he told the gathering. "It will wedge your way faster; not compulsory, of course, your choice. If you are confident, you can do it on your own, that's great. But that could also be one pathway which will make your journey faster. "International trade normally grows at 4 to 6 or 5 per cent. If that is the level of ambition that we will keep as a nation, it will be completely a betrayal of the trust that the world has on us today... the world's trust

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'Uta chor kotwal ko daante': Omar on 'backdoor' appointments



Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUN 26 Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today strongly rejected allegations of backdoor appointments against his government, describing the accusations as a case of "ulta chor kotwal ko daante (the thief scolding the po

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SIR completes 1 year 6 cr names deleted so far; exercise continues in 19 states, UTs

NEW DELHI, JUN 26: The Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, which has so far led to the deletion of nearly six crore voters and triggered acrimony between the Opposition and the Election Commission, has completed one year as the poll roll cleanup exercise continues in 19 states and Union Territories.

The pilot SIR exercise was commenced in Bihar on June 24 last year, ahead of the Assembly polls. Post Bihar SIR, its voters' list was pruned by nearly 65 lakh amid allegations by the Opposition and activists that the poll authority was working at the behest of the BJP to disenfranchise citizens for want of documents. In March, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the constitutional validity of the EC's move to carry out SIR. Individuals whose names were deleted during SIR are being excluded from state welfare benefits in West Bengal and Bihar. Following recent state assembly elections, both governments announced that voter roll purification data is being linked to social security. SIR is now part of the NCERT's Social Science textbook, describing it as an exercise to ensure that no eligible citizen is left out and no ineligible person is included in the electoral roll. In the second phase of the exercise-announced on October 27, last year-in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Puducherry, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Gujarat, Mad

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