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Pvt Airline official held with heroin

The Anti-Narcotics Task Force today arrested the aircraft maintenance engineer of a private airline in Leh after recovering heroin from his possession.

He was identified as Ajay Thakur of Mandi in Himachal Pradesh.

His arrest had triggered a wider investigation into the suspected nexus between airport personnel and drug syndicates operating in the region, officials said.

Thakur was travelling in a private car when he was

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DGP reviews security in Srinagar



DGP Nalin Prabhat today conducted a comprehensive review of the security situation in downtown Srinagar, undertaking an on-ground

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Drug peddler's house demolished

The house of an alleged drug peddler was today demolished by the authorities concerned in Samba district of Jammu as part of an intensified anti-narcotics crackdown.

The house of Raj Mohammad, who is facing two cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, was demolished in a joint operation carried out by the district administration and police in Bela Manohar village of Samba, according to officials.

Officials said the action

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Ladakh to set up AHDCs for all 7 distts

LEH, JUL 13: The Union Territory Administration will constitute an Autonomous Hill Development Council (AHDC) in each of Ladakh's seven districts.

The move is a major step towards strengthening grassroots governance and balanced development across the region, according to Ladakh Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra.

Ladakh moved from two districts to seven in April 2026, when Sham, Nubra, Changthang, Zaskar and Drass were notified as new

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India outplay England to win historic Lord's Test

LONDON, JUL 13: A stellar all-round performance fuelled India's famous 270-run win over England in the first-ever Women's Test staged at the iconic Lord's here on Monday.

Needing four wickets to wrap up the game overnight, India completed formalities in the morning session on day four, dismissing England for 186 in 62.5 overs despite a dogged half-century from Sophie Ecclestone.

It was a clinical performance from India in a format they don't play often,

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India, Japan review entire spectrum of def coop

Push for rules-based Indo-Pacific region

NEW DELHI, JULY 13: India and Japan on Monday agreed to deepen defence cooperation in emerging strategic domains, including defence industrial collaboration, technological innovation, cybersecurity and space, as senior officials from both countries held the eighth India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue in Tokyo against the backdrop of an evolving Indo-Pacific security landscape.

The Indian delegation was led by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, while Japan was represented by Vice Minister of Defence for International Affairs Kano Koji. The two sides reviewed the regional and global security environment and reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

The dialogue covered the full spectrum of bilateral de-



fence cooperation, including military exchanges, maritime cooperation, joint exercises, defence equipment and technology collaboration, capacity building and institutional engagements.

Both countries also welcomed the steady expansion of defence ties and agreed to maintain regular high-level exchanges.

India and Japan expressed satisfaction over their growing convergence on regional and global secu-

rity issues and reiterated their commitment to promoting a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific based on respect for international law.

Ahead of the dialogue, the defence secretary met Japanese Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi, conveyed greetings from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and extended an invitation for him to visit India. The discussions also reviewed preparations for the upcoming

ing India-Japan 2+2 ministerial dialogue later this year.

The meeting followed Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's recent visit to India and highlighted the growing momentum in bilateral defence cooperation, reflecting the two nations' shared commitment to peace, security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

The two sides also reiterated their commitment to promoting a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific region founded on respect for international law.

The two countries held comprehensive discussions on the prevailing regional and global security environment and exchanged views on issues of mutual interest. "The dialogue reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral defence engagements, including military-to-military exchanges, cooperation between joint headquarters, maritime cooperation, defence exercises, capacity

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GMC Jammu gets 50 addl MBBS seats

Himalayan Mail News
JAMMU, JUL 13

In a significant development for the medical education sector and aspiring medical students in the Union Territory, the health & medical education department today announced that National Medical Commission had granted permission to increase the annual MBBS intake capacity at Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu.

The Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) of the NMC has issued the

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BJP issues Rs 100 cr defamation notice to Omar

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JAMMU, JUL 13

The J&K unit of BJP today served a legal notice to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah over his claim that the national party had attempted to bribe NC legislators with cash and ministerial berths in a bid to topple his government.

Calling the allegations "false, baseless and defamatory", BJP demanded a written retraction, an unconditional public apology from the CM within seven days, and warned of civil and criminal proceedings

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Army GOC reviews operational preparedness at Rajouri



Himalayan Mail News
JAMMU, JUL 13

General Officer Commanding of White Knight Corps, Lt Gen P K Mishra today visited the headquarters of Ace of Spades division and Counter-insurgency Romeo Force in Jammu's Rajouri district

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US will blockade Iran in Hormuz, charge ships

DUBAI, JUL 13: US President Donald Trump said Monday that the United States was "reinstating" a blockade on Iran in the Strait of Hormuz and would charge ships for safe passage, after another heavy exchange of fire threatened negotiations aimed at ending the war.

He said on social media that Iranian ships would no longer be able to travel through the strait and America would charge a 20 per cent toll on eligible cargo, as the conflict with Iran had intensified after peace talks failed to deliver meaningful progress.

"We are reinstating the THE IRANIAN BLOCKADE, so named because it is only stopping Iran's ships or customers from entering or leaving," Trump said online. "All other countries will have fair and open use of the Strait."

The president said the toll would help cover "any and all costs necessary to do the job of providing safety and security to this very volatile section of the World."

A fifth of the world's oil and gas passed through the strait before Iran asserted control over it after the start of the war.

The latest exchange of fire was sparked by an Iranian attack on a container ship on Sunday in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran has asserted control over the critical waterway for international oil and gas since the United States and Israel started the war on Feb. 28.

Iran says it has the right to manage traffic through the strait and potentially charge fees in accordance with an interim peace



deal reached last month. The US and others dispute that, citing international law on freedom of navigation, and the American military has tried to establish an alternative route outside of Iranian control.

Iran and the US are nearly halfway through the 60-day period in which they were supposed to negotiate a permanent end to the war and an agreement on Iran's disputed nuclear program. Instead, a series of attacks over the strait have raised fears of a return to all-out war and further disruption to the global economy.

Oil prices jumped nearly 5 per cent on Monday before falling back. US benchmark crude, which had risen to nearly USD 120 a barrel at the height of the war, was trading at around USD 72.92. Markets were mixed.

The US military said it struck dozens of sites in the strikes on Monday, including air defence systems, radar sites, missile

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7,754 Amarnathji pilgrims leave for valley camps

7,754 pilgrims left in 303 vehicles, which included 5,383 men, 2,071 women, 222 sadhus, 58 sadhvis, 16 children, and 4 transgender individuals.

The convoy was divided into two groups. The Baltal axis convoy, consisting of 133 vehicles and carrying 2,896 pilgrims, departed at 3.30 am, while the Pahalgam axis convoy, made up of 4,858 pilgrims left in 170 vehicles at 4.05 am.

A total of 87,701 pilgrims were said to have left the Jammu base camp for Kashmir since the yatra commenced on July 2.

The 57-day pilgrimage to

the cave shrine was officially flagged off by LG Manoj Sinha on July 2 morning from Bhagwati Nagar base camp here simultaneously for the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The yatra will conclude on August 28.

Authorities have put in place multi-layered security arrangements along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and at all transit camps to ensure the safe and smooth move

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Citizenship must be determined through fair process: SC

NEW DELHI, JUL 13: In a significant ruling, Supreme Court on Monday set aside 27 judgments of the Gauhati High Court that had upheld orders of Foreigners Tribunals declaring the appellants to be foreigners, holding that questions of citizenship must be decided through a "fair, lawful and reasonable" process.

As per a report, a Bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta remanded all 27 cases to the concerned Foreigners Tribunals for fresh adjudication, observing that citizenship and for-

eigner status involve issues of "high constitutional and legal significance."

"Citizenship and foreigner status occupy a field of high constitutional and legal significance," the Bench observed, while stressing that any determination affecting an individual's citizenship must be made through a process that is fair, lawful and reasonable.

The top court directed the tribunals to reconsider the cases independently, without being influenced by the earlier findings of either the Foreigners Tribunals or the Gauhati High

Court. "The concerned Tribunals shall decide the cases afresh and uninfluenced by any of the observations made by the High Court or by the Tribunals in the earlier opinions," the court said.

The judgment came in a batch of appeals challenging ex parte orders passed by the Foreigners Tribunals, which had declared the appellants to be foreigners. The Gauhati High Court had subsequently upheld those orders.

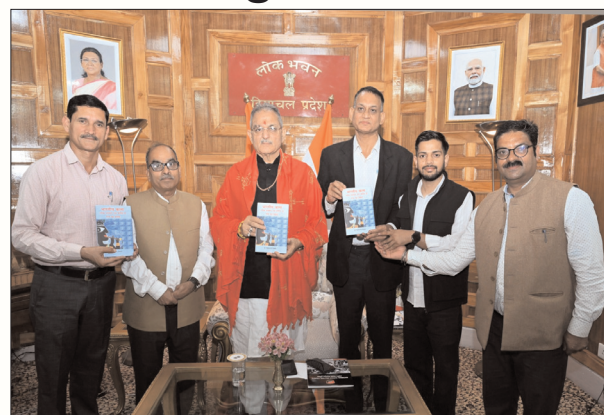
The High Court had dismissed the petitions pri-

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Ganga symbolises India's eternal civilisational heritage: Kavinder

SHIMLA, JULY 13: Speaking about the religious significance of holy Ganga in the Indian culture, Governor Kavinder Gupta today said that 'Ganga undoubtedly symbolises India's eternal civilisation heritage'.

"For the people of India, the Ganga is not merely a river but an enduring symbol of the country's ancient civilisation, culture and spiritual heritage," he said in his address after releasing the book "Bhartiya Kala Lok Parampara aur Sangeet Mein Ganga ka Prvah (The Flow of the Ganga in Indian Art, Folk Traditions and



Music)" authored by Prof Vivekanand Tiwari.

"Although the river has changed its course and form over the centuries, it has re-

mained the life-giving force that has nurtured and sustained an entire civilisation through the ages," the LG

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