



2 feared drowned in Chenab river

Two persons were feared to have drowned in Chenab river while taking a bath at Hamirpur in Akhnoor area near here today.

They were identified as Gajay Singh (30) and Rakesh Singh (35). Both hailed from Khour, Akhnoor.

Officials said they had gone to the Chenab for a bath at Hamirpur. As they were not seen after that, they were feared to have been washed away by the

'Criminal' detained under PSA

Police have detained an alleged criminal under PDA in Kathua district, besides arresting five drug peddlers in different districts of the Jammu division in the past 24 hours.

Officials said Davinder Kumar, a resident of Drallan village of Nagri, Kathua, was booked under PSA for his repeated involvement in 'criminal' activities and lodged in Jammu's Central Jail at Kot-Bhalwal.

Kumar was alleged to be a habitual offender

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Property attached in terror-related case

Police today attached a property worth nearly Rs 70 lakh in a terror-related case in Baramulla district of the valley.

"Legal action has been taken in a 2008 terror-linked case and property worth Rs 69.82 lakh was attached under court order," officials said.

Officials said an arrest warrant had been obtained against another accused from an NIA Court in Sopore.

The attached property comprised 12 kanals (1.5 acre) land belonging to accused Parvaiz Ahmad Famd, a resident of Kawhar Bala in Chandooosa area, officials said.

Saxena attends Changthang Nomadic Festival



LEH, AUG 09: In a landmark development aimed at strengthening the Ladakh Pashmina sector and empowering the nomadic Pashmina herders, LG Vinai Kumar Saxena, who today participated in Changthang Nomadic Festival on the banks of pristine Tsomoriri Lake, dis

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India to be key player in next industrial revolution: Jitendra



NEW DELHI, AUG 09: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today said that India would be an essential player in the next industrial revolution which will be biotechnology and AI driven, unlike the last industrial revolution which was IT driven and India was late in becoming a part of that.

"India is now among the

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Women's public role shrink in China as official rhetoric shift towards family, children: Study

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Mrunal Thakur shuts down Yashasvi Jaiswal dating rumours

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Trump ready to end Iran war without nuclear deal

Iran says won't reopen Hormuz until US meets all conditions

WASHINGTON/TEHRAN, AUG 09: While US President Donald Trump has expressed willingness to end the West Asia conflict without a deal on Tehran's nuclear programme if the Strait of Hormuz is fully reopened, Iran has made it clear to the US that it won't open the waterway until all its conditions are met.

Reports suggest that Trump has been laying the groundwork to declare victory in the West Asia conflict if Iran reopens the waterway. He has reportedly indicated that he is willing to end the war without a deal on Iran's nuclear programme, and has earlier floated the idea privately to his senior aides, reports said.

However, Tehran's renewed demands, which include billions of dollars in US payments to permit the free flow of marine traffic



through the Strait of Hormuz, have added to the challenge. Iran has also asked for the removal of American troops from the region and the end of the US naval blockade on Iran, among other things.

The White House had, since the start of talks with Iran to end the conflict, maintained its ultimatum on Tehran's nuclear pro-

gramme. Trump later attempted to postpone the caveat as part of broader negotiations with Iran, but the sticking point of Hormuz remained.

In recent weeks, the US President has declared repeatedly that the strait remains open, but the waterway has remained shut. He has also made threats, warning of a "massive

bombing campaign" against Iran. However, Tehran looks ready for a "long and grinding conflict.

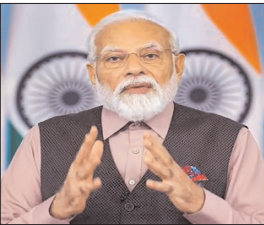
The US President's haste to end the conflict may also be owing to the upcoming midterm elections in America, scheduled to be held in less than three months' time. The price of gasoline, which is much higher than it was before the war started in late February, might be a cause of concern for Trump.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Sunday they would not reopen the Strait of Hormuz, vital to the world economy, until the United States met Tehran's conditions set out the day before, including compensation for war damages.

Iran has imposed an effective blockade of the strait since the United States and Israel attacked in late February, and wants to charge tolls for passage,

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PM pays homage to participants of Quit India Movement



NEW DELHI, AUG 09: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today remembered those who participated in the historic Quit India Movement, and said their courage would always remain an inspiration for every Indian.

The Quit India Movement was launched under the leadership of Mahatma

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Top LeT terrorist dies after taking food at eatery



ISLAMABAD, AUG 09: A top terrorist of Lashkar-e-Taiba outfit died under suspicious circumstances at a mosque in Pakistan's Islamabad, hours after taking food at an unfamiliar eatery.

The terrorist, Qari Saeed Abdul Aziz, had reportedly eaten food at an unfamiliar

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4 HC judges elevated as CJs

NEW DELHI, AUG 09: The Supreme Court collegium has recommended elevation of four judges as Chief Justices of different high courts.

The collegium headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant took the decision in a meeting held on August 6.

Justice V Kameswar Rao, presently posted at the Delhi High Court, has been recommended for elevation to the Patna High Court as chief justice, while Justice Ravindra V Ghuge, who is judge at the Bombay High Court, has been recommended for elevation to the Calcutta High Court as its Chief Justice.

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'Op Sindoor's global message'

India will go to any extent to ensure citizens' safety: Def Min

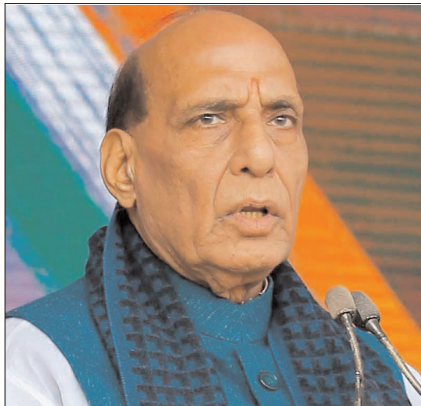
NEW DELHI, AUG 09: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said Operation Sindoor demonstrated the unmatched valour of the country's armed forces, who sent a global message that India would go to any extent to ensure the safety of its citizens.

Singh commended the defence forces for eliminating terrorists and their handlers based in Pakistan and ensuring that those who dared to cast an evil eye on India faced dire consequences.

Indian armed forces conducted Operation Sindoor in May 2025 in response to the deadly Pahalgam terror attack that had claimed the lives of 25 Hindu revellers and a local.

"Operation Sindoor demonstrated the unmatched valour of our defence forces who sent a global message that India will go to any extent to ensure the safety of its citizens while protecting the sindoor worn by our women," Singh said in his address at the blood donation camp, titled 'Sindoor Maharaktadan Yatra', held at the Base Hospital, Delhi Cantonment.

Drawing a parallel with the mega blood donation camp, Singh asserted that it represents compassion while Operation Sindoor showcased courage. Approximately 1,000 wrestlers and athletes from Maharashtra were among the donors who participated in the camp, demonstrating the spirit of selfless service and solidarity with



the armed forces, the defence ministry said in a statement.

Expressing gratitude to the donors, the Union minister expressed confidence that the blood donated today would serve as a credible reserve for needy soldiers and their families in the future.

He described blood donation as 'jivandan' and 'mahadan', stressing that despite remarkable advances in science and medicine, no artificial substitute for human blood has yet been developed.

Since (human) blood can only be produced by the human body and donated by one person to another, Singh said, blood donation remains "one of the noblest forms" of charity.

He underlined that every blood donor

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Shri Amarnathji Yatra

Chhari Mubarak to begin sacred journey to cave shrine on Aug 13

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, AUG 09

Eve as Shri Amarnathji Yatra was suspended yesterday as a precautionary measure in view of the adverse weather forecast, Chhari Mubarak (holy mace of Almighty Shiva) would start its sacred journey to the holy cave shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas on August 13.

The Chhari-Mubarak would be taken to the historic Shankracharya Tem-

ple in Srinagar on August 12 and the Sharika Bhawani Temple on August 13 before rituals are performed for Chhari-Sthapana at Shri Amareshwar Temple, Dashnami Akhara, Srinagar, on August 15.

"Traditional Chhari-Pujan shall be performed at Dashnami Akhara on August 17 on the auspicious occasion of 'Nag-Panchami'. Embarking on the main course of pilgrimage on August 22, the holy mace will be taken to the

shrine of Baba Amarnathji to perform puja and have 'darshan' on auspicious occasion of 'Shravan-Purnima' on August 28," Mahant Deependri Giri said.

There would be night halts at Pahalgam on August 22 & 23, Chandanwari on 24, Sheshnag on 25 and Panchtarani on 26 and 27, respectively.

He said a letter had been sent to the Union Territory government for making all the necessary arrangements to preserve the age-

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Netanyahu vows no pullout until Hamas disarms

Rejects US Gaza plan

JERUSALEM, AUG 09: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday rejected a Gaza plan hailed by US President Donald Trump, vowing no military pullout until Hamas is "genuinely" disarmed.

After more than a week of gradually escalating criticism of the plan, Netanyahu explicitly opposed it as he faced pushback from his right-wing base ahead of elections.

"Israel rejects the 15-



point document," Netanyahu said, referring to a plan endorsed in late July by Hamas.

The Israeli military "will not carry out any withdrawal until Hamas is genuinely disarmed and will

continue to thwart threats against our forces and our citizens," Netanyahu said at a cabinet meeting.

The document, the latest stage in a US-led ceasefire announced in October that has reduced but not ended Israeli operations in Gaza, said Hamas would surrender weapons to a nascent Palestinian governing body.

The plan said Israel would begin pulling out forces in tandem with the

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Kavinder calls for sustained efforts to protect Himalayan ecosystem

SOLAN, AUG 09: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today emphasised the need for sustained efforts towards environmental conservation, forest regeneration and protection of the fragile Himalayan ecosystem, saying that safeguarding nature was essential for ensuring a healthy and secure future for generations to come.

"Tree plantation should not be treated as a ceremonial activity, but as a long-term commitment towards environmental sustainability," he said while addressing the 11th Annual Planta-



tion Drive organised by Sabhya Re-Foresters at Gauhawi (Tikkar village) in Solan district.

Gupta appreciated the or-

ganisation for its sustained efforts in environmental protection, forest conservation and creating awareness

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