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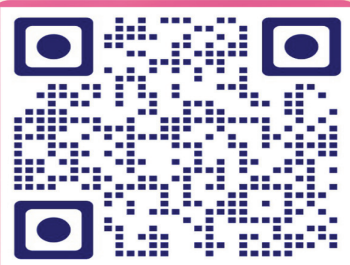
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LG, CM extend Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi greetings

LG Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today extended greetings to the people on the eve of Milad-un-Nabi.

In a message, the LG said: "On the blessed occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to everyone."

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Labourer killed as bridge pier collapses

A labourer was crushed to death, while another survived with critical injuries after a concrete bridge pier collapsed during construction work at Jakh Morh near Vijaypur in Samba district today.

According to officials, the incident took place at Cont. on P9 >

IPS officer posted to AGMUT cadre

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today ordered the posting of Abdul Jabbar to the Jammu & Kashmir segment of Joint AGMUT cadre with immediate effect.

According to the order, the posting comes following the IPS officer's repatriation from central deputation.

The order stated that Abdul Jabbar had been posted to the Jammu & Kashmir segment of the Cont. on P9 >

DGP reviews security ahead of upcoming festivals



DGP Nalin Prabhat today chaired a high-level security review meeting to assess and further strengthen security arrangements on the eve of upcoming festivals, including Raksha Bandhan & Eid Milad-un-Nabi.

The meeting held detailed discussions on security deployment, crowd man Cont. on P9 >

JMC seals 46 shops at Indira Chowk

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The Jammu Municipal Corporation today sealed 46 shops at the Indira Chowk vegetable market in the city for failing to pay rent for more than four years.

A JMC team pasted notices and put locks and seals on the shops after they failed to clear their outstanding dues despite repeated notices, including a final notice, officials said. The shopowners subse Cont. on P9 >

India-China border issue

Doval-Wang hold key talks ahead of Xi's India visit

NSA says ties 'returning to normalcy'

BEIJING, AUG 25: **National Security Advisor Ajit Doval today held Special Representatives talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the India-China boundary question and improvement of relations between the two countries, saying 'the restoration of normalcy in ties between the two countries has been a direct outcome of peace & tranquillity being maintained along the border'.**

The talks assumed significance as they were held



ahead of Chinese President Xi Jinping's much-anticipated visit to New Delhi to attend the BRICS summit on September 12-13.

The meeting is also taking place at a time when differ-

ences over the border and Arunachal Pradesh continue to weigh on bilateral ties. Relations between New Delhi and Beijing had come under severe strain after the 2020 Galwan Val-

ley clash and the prolonged military stand-off in eastern Ladakh, though both sides have since taken steps to stabilise ties.

Both Doval and Wang are the designated Special Representatives for the boundary talks mechanism, which was established in 2003 to comprehensively address the dispute of the India-China border spanning 3,488 km.

Holding an extensive round of talks, both Doval and Wang emphasised delivering on the "clear and positive" direction given by Prime Minister Narendra

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PM invites citizens to share their UPI experiences



NEW DELHI, AUG 25: On completion of a decade of the Unified Payments Interface, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed it as a major turning point in India's digital payment journey and said its sheer scale is something every Indian must be proud

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Jaishankar-Lavrov talks focus on bilateral ties, global issues

MOSCOW, AUG 25: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held wide-ranging talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov here today, covering bilateral cooperation, regional hotspots, global challenges and multilateral issues.

The two ministers discussed the situations in Ukraine, Iran and Afghanistan, with Russia's state-run TASS news agency quoting the Russian Foreign Ministry as saying that the two sides coordinated their approaches on



the three issues.

"A wide-ranging conversation this evening with FM

Sergey Lavrov of Russia. Discussed our bilateral co

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Trade war escalates

Canada hits back at US with retaliatory tariffs

TORONTO, AUG 25: Canada struck back at the United States on Tuesday with retaliatory tariffs on about USD 20 billion worth of American goods, including steel, dairy products, appliances and farm equipment, as the trade war between the once-friendly neighbours escalated sharply.

The tension threatened one of the world's largest trading relationships. The

new tariffs extended well beyond industrial goods, hitting everyday purchases such as seafood, cheese, clothing, cosmetics and toilet paper, with some facing duties as high as 50 per cent.

Canada's retaliation came after the Trump administration imposed 50 per cent tariffs over the weekend on Canadian goods following the collapse of trade negotiations.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney accused Washington of trying to subordinate Canada and said the US demands during the failed talks showed that Americans wanted to "destroy our major industries".

President Donald Trump intensified the confrontation on Monday, telling Canadian leaders to "fall in line" or face consequences

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'From reactive relief to proactive resilience'

Yadav highlights India's best practices for drought resilience

ULANBAATAR (MONGOLIA), AUG 25: Union Minister Bhupender Yadav today highlighted India's best practices and how it was pushing for a fundamental shift in the global approach to drought - from reactive relief to proactive & technology-enabled resilience.

"Drought is no longer an occasional event, but a defining developmental challenge touching water



security, food systems, biodiversity and economic stability," he said while presenting India's views at the Ministerial Dialogue on 'Ac-

celerating Drought Resilience' at COP17 of UNCCD in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

"India integrates early warning, mitigation, relief and community resilience through a coordinated multi-institutional approach," the union minister for environment, forest & climate change said.

He noted of India's practices, such as rainfall track

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8 OGWs of terrorists arrested

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Security forces have arrested eight underground workers during searches in different areas of the valley.

On a tip off, Army & police launched a joint search operation in an orchard at Imamsahib in Shopian district and recovered arms & ammunition, besides posters of a banned terror outfit.

Three OGWs, identified as Ashiq Hussain Kumar, Arif Kumar and Harris

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Govt authorises additional 25 pc funds for salaries

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The government today authorised the release of an additional 25 pc of funds through BEAMS across all departments for the financial year 2026-27, bringing the total budget releases to date to 75 pc under the approved Revenue Budget estimates.

According to a finance department order, the newly

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OBC creamy-layer criteria

SC to set up special bench to hear Centre's plea

NEW DELHI, AUG 25: The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to consider setting up a special bench to hear Centre's plea seeking clarification on the applicability of its March 11 judgement on OBC creamy-layer criteria to candidates of the Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2025.

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) seeks directions allowing the government to proceed with service allocation of the 958 candidates recommended by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for CSE-2025 on the basis of the OBC creamy-layer determination applied before the March 11 verdict.

At the outset of day's proceedings, a bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, that the DoPT has filed a miscellaneous application in a disposed of matter seeking some urgent directions and it has to be listed before a bench headed by Justice P S Narasimha.

Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for a litigant, said that a bench comprising justices Narasimha and R Mahadevan had passed the order on March 11 and the instant miscellaneous application has to be heard by the same bench as the judges sit in different combinations now.

"We will have to set up a special bench," the CJI said, adding that he will speak with the judges and set up the bench.

The DoPT's plea arises from the top court's judgement in a case titled as Union of India vs Rohith Nathan, in which the court, on March 11 held, among other things, that the October 14, 2004 clarifying letter could not override the September 8, 1993 office memorandum governing identification of the OBC creamy layer. South Asians & Diaspora

The court also held that the salary or income of a parent employed in a public sector undertaking or the private sector could not by itself be treated as the determinative cri

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SIA re-opens probe into 1998 massacre of 23 KPs at Ganderbal

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The State Investigation Agency has reopened investigation into the 1998 Wandhama massacre where 23 Kashmiri Pandits were brutally massacred by terrorists in Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

The reopening of the case comes at a time when SIA has already re-launched investigation into several cases involving the murder of KP Hindus in the valley.

According to officials, the investigation seeks to identify the terrorists and the persons who assisted them, and establish their role in the Wandhama massacre.

On January 25, 1998, terrorists had entered homes of Kashmiri Pandit families in Wandhama village and killed 23 people, including nine women and four children.

The terrorists, who were dressed in Army uniforms, had appeared in the village. They had first engaged in a conversation

with community members and then asked KP Hindu families to assemble at one place. The terrorists had then sprayed bullets on them, killing 23 on the spot.

The victims belonged to four families who had not migrated and stayed back in the valley when terrorism had erupted in 1989-1990.

An FIR in this connection was registered at Ganderbal police station, but the case remained unsolved for nearly three decades. According to police, the mas

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Trump declares Strait of Hormuz cleared of all mines

Warns Iran against new mining

WASHINGTON, AUG 25: US President Donald Trump today announced that all naval mines had been removed and/or detonated from the international waters of the Strait of Hormuz, and warned Iran that any vessel found placing new mines in the waterway would be immediately and systematically destroyed.

He described the US position as a "zero tolerance" policy towards any further



mining of the Strait. The announcement represents the latest US assertion that American forces have achieved effective control of the maritime security envi-

ronment in one of the world's most strategically important waterways.

The Strait of Hormuz, a narrow maritime passage connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea, lies between Iran to the north and Oman and the United Arab Emirates to the south and east. Its geographical position makes it indispensable to the international energy trade because a large pro

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Kavinder constitutes Inter-University Viksit Bharat Council

SHIMLA, AUG 25: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today announced the constitution of Chancellor's Inter-University Viksit Bharat Council/Task Force to bring universities across the state together on a common platform and promote coordinated efforts towards the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

He directed universities to prepare a 100-day roadmap within 10 days for



promoting innovation and best practices in their respective institutions and share successful initiatives

with other universities so that collective efforts could contribute to the develop

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