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LG, CM grieved over deaths in Surankote road accident

LG Manoj Sinha & Chief Minister Omar Abdullah have expressed deep grief over the tragic road accident at Surankote in Poonch district which claimed six lives and left several others injured.

"Pained by the loss of lives in a tragic road accident in Poonch. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. Praying

Eid Milad-Un-Nabi celebrated across J&K

Eid Milad-un-Nabi was today celebrated across Jammu and Kashmir with religious gaiety fervour and gaiety.

Thousands of devotees thronged mosques and offered special prayers on the occasion. All the mosques were tastefully decorated.

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Mortar shell detected, destroyed

Army today detected and safely destroyed amortar shell near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu's Poonch district.

According to officials, the mortar shell was found by troops in Nangi Tikri area along the LoC. It was later destroyed by a bomb disposal squad of Army.

The shell was neutralised through a controlled disposal operation carried out by the Army's bomb disposal squad (BDS), officials said.

Gold falls Rs 600 to Rs 1.66 lakh/10gm

NEW DELHI, AUG 26: Gold prices declined by Rs 600 to Rs 1,66,500 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday, snapping a four-day gaining streak amid weak trends in the international markets.

The yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 1,67,100 per 10 grams in the preceding session.

However, silver rebounded modestly, rising Rs 500 to Rs 2,50,500 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) from Tuesday's closing level of Rs 2.5 lakh per kg, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

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Saxena inaugurates Suru Summer Festival



KARGIL, AUG26: LG Vinai Kumar Saxena today virtually inaugurated the 2nd Suru Summer Festival being organised at Damsna in the picturesque Suru Valley on August 26-27 to showcase the region's rich cultural heritage, spectacu

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Nepal flash floods damage bridges, other infra

At least 95 killed; 105 Indians, 37 NRIs missing

Modi speaks with Nepal PM, offers assistance

KATHMANDU/DELHI, AUG 26: Devastating flash floodstoday swept through Nepal's Rasuwa district near the Tibet border, killing at least 95 people and causing widespread damage to settlements and infrastructure. At least 105 Indians and 37 NRIs were among nearly 400 people reported missing.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah and conveyed condolences over the loss of lives due to floods in the Himalayan nation. He said In-



dia was ready to provide all possible humanitarian assistance.

The sudden surge in the Bhote Koshi River struck the Rasuwagadhi-Timure

area at around 9 am local time, affecting Rasuwa as well as parts of neighbouring Nuwakot and Dhading districts.

The flooding washed

away vehicles, goods, bridges and other infrastructure, while several hydro-power projects were also damaged.

According to a preliminary list compiled by the Nepal Tourism Board, 384 travellers, including 291 foreign nationals and 93 Nepali nationals, were reported missing following the flash floods.

Of the foreign nationals, 105 are Indian tourists and 37 are non-resident Indians (NRIs). The list also includes travellers from the US, Malaysia, the UK, South Africa, Australia and the

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PM to motivate youth to take up sports



NEW DELHI, AUG 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with youth at the 'Khelo India Dialogue' on Thursday as part of efforts to engage with them on the country's sporting journey, share their aspirations, and contribute ideas for a stronger youth-

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5 OGWs held with pistols, grenades

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A day after the apprehension of eight Over Ground Workers terrorists in the valley, security forces today laid hands on five OGWs in Kulgam district and recovered arms & ammunition from their possession.

The OGWs were arrested during search operations carried out by security forces on a specific information in Bugam area of Kulgam, officials said.

At their instance, security

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SC judge writes to CJI against Acting CJ of Rajasthan HC

NEW DELHI, AUG 26: Supreme Court judge Sandeep Mehta has urged Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant to appoint with "immediate effect" a chief justice from outside Rajasthan to head the high court in the state, alleging serious administrative irregularities and selective case listings under its acting Chief Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma.

Justice Mehta, in his three letters, has accused

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Advanced care must become right, not privilege: LG

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Calling upon hospitals to transform themselves into research institutions, LG Manoj Sinha today said that advanced care must become a right and should not be a privilege reserved for the economically rich section of society.

"Quaternary care should not be a privilege reserved for the economically rich section of society. It must become a right of citizenship and a guarantee of the nation," he said while addressing the Quaternary Healthcare & Research Summit in Srinagar.

The LG called upon hospitals to transform themselves into research institutions capable of organ transplantation, robotic & precision surgery, advanced genomics, cellular therapies, and AI-supported diagnostics.

"We must develop new inventions ourselves instead of importing innovation from abroad," he said.



"The summit marks a turning point in J&K and India's healthcare journey, where the Union Territory and the nation must move beyond tertiary care and embrace quaternary-level treatment and research to ensure equal access for all citizens," he added.

Recalling his visit to Akhnoor during 'Back to Village' programme in 2020, he shared a poignant interaction with doctors

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'Politically motivated, highly malicious'

India denounces UN Racial Discrimination Committee remarks

NEW DELHI, AUG 26: India on Wednesday rejected the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination's observations concerning the country, characterising them as "politically motivated" and "highly malicious".

In an official statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) noted that it has taken note of the remarks released by the Committee on the Elimination of

Racial Discrimination following India's 11th periodic review under ICERD, conducted in Geneva on August 11-12.

The MEA clarified that the exercise constituted a routine treaty-body review, in which India participated in a spirit of constructive engagement. It stressed that India's commitment to combating racial discrimination remains firm and unwavering.

Throughout the review

process, India underscored its constitutional safeguards, comprehensive legal framework, pluralistic ethos, and continuous efforts directed at safeguarding disadvantaged communities.

"While we will respond to the committee's observations through the established procedure, the inter-Ministerial delegation, which was led by the Solicitor General of India, Shri

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Cross-border drug cartel busted

Kingpin among 3 held with 5 kg heroin at Panjtirthi

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Busting a major cross-border drug cartel, NCB achieved a major success when its sleuths laid hands on three persons, including the kingpin, in separate operations and recovered 5.16 kilograms of heroin from them.

The heroin, worth crores, was seized on a tip-off, according to officials.

While two persons were

arrested from Panjtirthi in the heart of city, the third was apprehended from Leh in Ladakh, officials said.

Acting on a specific intelligence, NCB sleuths intercepted a vehicle at Panjtirthi and recovered 5.16 kilograms of heroin from two of its occupants, both residents of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said.

An immediate follow-up action was launched based on crucial leads regarding another resident of Bara-

mulla, who was the mastermind and supplier of the drug trafficking network, the officials added.

The NCB team traced him to Leh district of Ladakh where he was taken into custody. "Prima facie investigation indicates that the seized heroin forms part of an organised cross-border supply chain, with the contraband suspected to have originated from Pakistan and entered India through

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Kavinder presents GI certificates to artisans of traditional crafts

SHIMLA, AUG 26: Emphasising the need for promoting indigenous products, Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today presented GI certificates to the artisans of state's traditional crafts.

Artisans associated with three traditional products of Himachal Pradesh - Ransingha, wood carving and handmade carpets - which had recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, called on the gov-



ernor at Lok Bhavan. The GI registration process was facilitated by the National Bank for Agri-

culture and Rural Development (NABARD), Himachal Pradesh Regional

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