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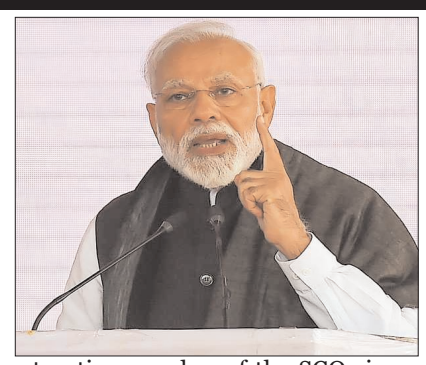
Looking to push India's vision for terror-free region: Modi

Reaches Uzbekistan to review strategic ties

NEW DELHI, AUG 29: ***Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said he was looking forward to advancing India's vision for the SCO, anchored in security, connectivity and opportunity, and to working with fellow members for a region free from the scourge of terrorism.***



Ahead of his two-nation tour to Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic from August 29 to September 1, he also said he was confident that his visit will strengthen India's strategic partnerships in Central Asia and deepen the civilisational connect with the region.

Meanwhile, after he reached Uzbekistan, PM Modi was welcomed by President Mirziyoyev at the airport in Tashkent. This was his fourth visit to Uzbekistan.

Earlier, in his departure statement in Delhi, Modi said he, in the trip, would advance the shared pursuit of peace, stability and prosperity, values that lie at the heart of India's engagement with the world.

"India has been an active and constructive member of the SCO since 2017. I look forward to advancing India's vision for the region, anchored in Security, Connectivity and Opportunity, and to working with fellow members for a region free from the scourge of terrorism, separatism and extremism, which continue to threaten peace and stability in our neighbourhood and beyond," he said.

The prime minister said that at the invitation of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, he will visit Tashkent on August 29-30 for a state visit to Uzbekistan.

"In recent years, India-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership has seen significant advancement," he said.

In Uzbekistan, he would hold delegation-level talks with President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, aiming to further strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries, besides reviewing tradeand defence ties.

"Landed in Tashkent to a warm welcome by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Grateful to him for the special gesture. This is my fourth visit to Uzbekistan, reflecting the depth and growing momentum of our bilateral relations," PM Modi posted on X after arrival.

He visited Yangi Uzbekiston Park and laid a wreath at the Independence Monument after arrival. President Mirziyoyev accompanied Modi to the monument established on the 30th anniversary of the country's independence, symbolising the ideals of freedom and goodness.

Modi is in Tashkent on the first leg of his two-nation visit that also includes the Kyrgyz Republic, aiming to strengthen India's strategic partnerships in Central Asia and deepen the

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Sporting India foundation of invincible nation: LG Sinha

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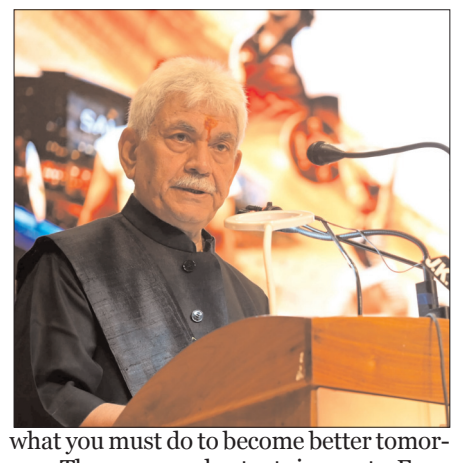

Stating that sports is the most honest teacher in life, LG Manoj Sinha today said that 'sporting India is the foundation of invincible nation'.

"A healthy, fearless, and sporting India is the foundation of an invincible nation," he said in his address at an event, where he paid tributes to Maj Dhyan Chand on National Sports Day.

"Sports is the most honest teacher in life, shaping discipline, unity, and nation-building among youth," the LG said.

Recalling Maj Dhyan Chand's legendary performance, the LG described him as one of the India's deepest and most enduring symbols, whose brilliance compelled the world to pause and acknowledge India's immense sporting talent.

"Every stroke of Major Dhyan Chand's hockey stick symbolised discipline, dedication, and willpower," he saidand added, "Sports is not merely about medals but also about cultivating resilience, unity, and the spirit of nation-building."

"Sport is the life's most honest teacher. The playing field never lies; rather, it tells you precisely where you stand today and what you must do to become better tomorrow. There are no shortcuts in sports. Even on the hockey turf, there is no place for excuses. There is only hard work, opportunity, and a test of your character," Sinha said.

"Sports cultivate the fundamental strength of nation-building that society needs. Sports produce young people who know how to fall and then rise again to hoist the flag of victory. Sports nurture the spirit and sentiment that teach us to believe in shared triumph," he added.

Highlighting the role of youth, the LG said that sports give wings to dreams. He expressed confidence in the young J&K, noting

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Vaishno Devi yatra diverted after landslide

Following a landslide near Himkoti in Trikuta Hills of Katra, the pilgrimage to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan has been diverted to the old track keeping in view the safety of pilgrims.

"The yatra is suspended temporarily on the Himkoti route after the landslide swept debris onto the track," officials said, adding that official men & machinery had been put on the job to clear the track.

Speaking about the yatra's smooth progress along the old route, offi

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Pak drone spotted near LoC

A Pak drone was spotted hovering over forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu's Poonch district, prompting security forces to launch a search operation in the area early Saturday.

According to officials, the drone was noticed in Behroti village near Balakote late Friday evening, and it moved towards the Mangalnar-Dabrote side near the border before returning to Pakistan.

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Kishtwar girl's rape, death case transferred to CB

Probe into the rape and subsequent death of a 15-year-old girl in Kishtwar district has been handed over to the crime branch of police.

The teenager was allegedly raped by her school teacher over several months. She died on August 20 during a pregnancy termination procedure.

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the police had so far arrested six persons in connection with the case, including the

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Sitharaman pitches India as global hub to US business leaders

WASHINGTON, AUG 29: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met business leaders in the US across sectors ranging from agriculture and hospitality to artificial intelligence and advanced technologies, inviting them to explore opportunities to expand their operations and investments in India.

Sitharaman met Brandon Tseng, co-founder and president of Shield AI; Mark SHoplamazian, president and CEO of Hyatt; and Luca Zaramella, executive vice president and COO of Mondelez International, in Chicago.

She also met Monish Patolawala, executive vice president and CFO of Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), and Sachin Lawande, president and CEO of Visteon Corporation.

The meeting with Tseng focused on Shield AI's engagement with India and opportunities to deepen cooperation in AI-enabled autonomy, unmanned systems and next-generation defence technologies, including research and development, technology development, co-development and co-production.

Discussions with Patolawala covered ADM's longstanding commitment to India and opportunities to deepen its engagement across agriculture, food, nutrition, technology and sustainable value chains.

Sitharaman welcomed ADM's investments in India, including its expanding partnerships with farmers, engagement with Farmer Producer Organisations and the establishment of its

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Nepal flood death toll rises to 675

KATHMANDU, AUG 29: The death toll from flash floods in central Nepal rose to 675 on Saturday, with more bodies being recovered and nearly 2,000 people still missing following the disaster.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) said the bodies were recovered from eight districts of the Himalayan nation.

According to the NDRRMA, 233 bodies were recovered from Chitwan, 158 from Nawalparasi East, 51 from Nuwakot, 48 from Gorkha, 47 from Nawalparasi West, 45 from Dhading, 31 from Tanahu and 13 from Rasuwa.

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Judiciary proactively responded to fraudulent schemes like digital arrest: CJI

NEW DELHI, AUG 29: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Saturday said the Indian judiciary has proactively responded to emerging fraudulent schemes such as digital arrest scams rather than waiting for Parliament to address them.

In his closing address at the 43rd International Symposium on Economic Crime in London, he said the Supreme Court had recently taken suo motu cognisance of the "digital arrest" scam, in which fraudsters impersonate police officers, judicial officials, or bureaucrats over video calls to dupe citizens.

"In response, the court has directed the Union and the states to evaluate the extent of this problem and has called for the establishment of a distinct offence, with penalties proportionate to the harm inflicted," the CJI said.

"This exemplifies a broader pattern: an Indian Judiciary that proactively responds to emerging fraudulent schemes, rather than waiting for Parliament to address them," he said.

He said when one looks at India's modern response to economic crime, it is best understood not as a single statute but as a layered architecture, built deliberately over successive decades, in which legislation, institutions and judicial doctrine are each made to do distinct work.

The CJI referred to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act , 2002, and the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018.

"I must note that these are not infallible mechanisms. Numerous individuals have alleged misuse of the PMLA process by inves

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27 killed in Russian attack on Kyiv

KYIV, AUG 29: At least 27 people have been killed following a Russian attack on the Bucha district, close to the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv.

Tymur Tkachenko, head of the local regional military administration, said that at least 50 residential buildings had been damaged in the attack, which also sparked a large-scale fire that spread to homes and a restaurant.

Almost constant air raids in Kyiv have now reached their third day, choking the economy in the Ukrainian capital and severely disrupting civilian life over four and a half years after Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbour.

USCIRF 'open for dialogue' with Bhagwat after RSS sanctions call

WASHINGTON, AUG 29: The head of the US religious freedom panel, Dr Asif Mahmood, said that he was open to having a sit-down with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat, just days after calling for sanctions on the organisation.

The US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), a bipartisan federal agency, had called for sanctions against the RSS ahead of Bhagwat's planned visit to the US. Now, its chair, Dr Mahmood, has expressed his openness to dialogue.

"I would definitely be open to sit down if there is an opportunity. We never give up an opportunity for dialogue. If there is anything that can be arranged, we would be happy to sit down with him, talk more, bring more awareness, and there might be some assurances, there might be some guarantees they can give us, and we can change our mind," Mahmood said.

Mahmood said that the goal of the USCIRF wasn't to "go and hurt anybody" but to "do good for the people who are repressed in that country and society".

"We will very well be willing to do that if that happens. But we haven't been able to get this opportunity. Obviously, as I told you, we have tried many, many times to get the visa," he added.

The USCIRF is a bipartisan body of the US government that monitors religious freedom worldwide and issues nonbinding policy recommendations. Mohan Bhagwat, who is currently visiting the US, is scheduled to speak at an event in New York City on Saturday.

USCIRF had earlier expressed concern over RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's visit to the United States and called on the federal government to revoke his visa. In a statement earlier this week, the panel called on the US government to con

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Red Fort blast case
Court takes cognizance of NIA chargesheet

NEW DELHI, AUG 29: A Delhi court on Saturday took cognisance of the National Investigation Agency's (NIA) 7,500-page chargesheet against 13 accused in the Red Fort blast case.

The high-intensity Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) blast on November 10 last year killed 11 people and left several injured.

Special Judge Prashant Sharma took cognisance of the agency's chargesheet and posted the matter for further proceedings on September 9.

On May 14 this year, the

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Pakistan warns IWT breach could hit regional peace

ISLAMABAD, AUG 29: Pakistan has said that any attempt to deprive it of waters allocated under the Indus Waters Treaty will have "profound consequences" for regional security, according to a media report.

Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, while virtually addressing a seminar on 'The Indus Waters Treaty: South Asian Security at the Crossroads,' also said that the issue was beyond bilateral relations and concerned "the sanctity of treaties."

The 1960 vintage Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) is a World Bank-brokered agreement between India and Pakistan governing the sharing of waters of the six rivers of the Indus basin, allocating the three eastern rivers to India and the three western to Pakistan. India has put it in "abeyance" since April 2025 in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

"The treaty contains no provision permitting either party to unilaterally suspend or place it in abeyance," Dar said, adding that neither country could "through a unilateral political declaration, extinguish obligations solemnly undertaken under international law."

According to reports, Dar, who is also the Foreign Minister, said the issue went beyond bilateral relations and concerned "the sanctity of treaties" and "confidence in international law."

"Pakistan has consistently sought to resolve differences through dialogue, diplomacy and the mechanisms provided under the Treaty," reports said.

Dar said the issue was particularly important for Pakistan as its agriculture, food security, energy production, livelihoods and economic development depended heavily on the Indus river system.

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Jitendra lays foundation of Rs 1,503 cr PMGSY roads

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Union MinisterJitendra Singh today laid the foundation of Rs 1,503 cr PMGSY roads in the sprawling Udhampur-Kathua parliamentary constituency.

He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giv

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Prepared for possible 'glacial lake outburst floods': Kavinder

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Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta on Saturday expressed concern over the devastation caused by the recent flash floods in the Nepal-Tibet region, describing climate change and global warming as major challenges for the world.

"It is a very tragic incident and has become a challenge for the entire world. Climate change and global warming are major issues for all of us. We pray to God that such an incident does not happen again," he said.

Asked about a recent joint report by IIT Ropar and the University of Technology Sydney warning Himachal Pradesh about the threat of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs), the governor said the possibility of such incidents in the Himalayan region was a matter of concern.

"Our concern is that such an incident should not occur anywhere in the Himalayan range. Our Disaster Management Department has been prepared for such situations," Gupta said.

He said there was also a need to focus on helping the families and people affected by the disaster, noting with satisfaction that the Government of India had promptly begun extending assistance to the affected region.

"There has been massive destruction, and if such devastation continues in this

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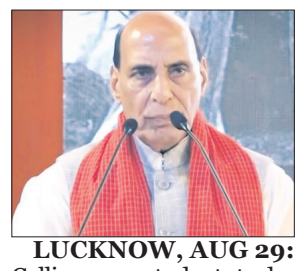
Def Min asks students to cultivate broad mind



LUCKNOW, AUG 29: Calling upon students to develop a broad mind, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said education that merely provides a degree without developing character has little value and is incomplete.

Addressing the 11th convocation ceremony of the Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University here,

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Cong pushing forward unnecessary issues: Dhami

Says party has become issueless

NEW DELHI, AUG 29: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday said the Congress had become "issue-less" and was pushing unnecessary issues, while responding to Rahul Gandhi's statement over the purification row.

Dhami said no BJP worker was among those who carried out the purification programme in Haldwani, where Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge had addressed a rally.

He questioned whether anyone in Uttarakhand knew the caste of Kharge."Religious frenzy slogans were raised there, and people from a specific religion did this. In response, some religious organisations held a purification program there," Dhami said.

"I think the Congress party has become issue-less, so they are pushing forward unnecessary issues," he added.

Dhami also questioned who in Uttarakhand would believe that there was caste discrimination in the state and said work was being carried out under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership with the mantra of "Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas".

"Who in Uttarakhand will believe that there is caste discrimination here? Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, work is being done with the mantra of Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas.

His remarks came after Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, earlier in the day, attacked the BJP and Rashtriya

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