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LG chairs meeting of Red Cross Society



LG Manoj Sinhatoday chaired the annual general meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society, J&K, and reviewed its functioning, activities and future roadmap.

The LG, who is the president of Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT,

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India records hottest August since 1901

Monthly rainfall over India as a whole during September is most likely to be below normal, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday in its monthly forecast.

The IMD also said that India experienced the hottest August in 2026 since 1901, with the mean

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Sunita gets addl charge of DG prosecution

Sunita Kargotra, director prosecution, has been assigned the additional charge of Director General of Prosecution, J&K, with immediate effect.

According to a home department order, she shall hold the charge of Director General of Prosecution, J&K, till further orders, in addition to her existing duties.

The order states that she will take over the additional charge, relieving Deepak Kumar, Director General of Police (prisons), of the additional charge of Director General of Prosecution, J&K.

Fiscal deficit touches 26.8 pc of year target

NEW DELHI, AUG 31: The central government's fiscal deficit for 2026-27 stood at 26.8 per cent of the full-year target at the end of July, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Monday.

The deficit was at 29.9 per cent of Budget Estimates (BE) of 2025-26 for the first four months of the previous financial year.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit, or gap between the government's expenditure and revenue, was Rs 4,55,144 crore in the April-July period of the 2026-27

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Saxena lays foundation for 30 bus shelters



LEH, AUG 31: LG Vinai Kumar Saxenatoday laid the foundation stone for 30 Ladakhi Smart Bus Shelters - 15 each in Leh and Kargil.

The project is designed particularly keeping in view the region's challenging climatic conditions and the needs of students, senior

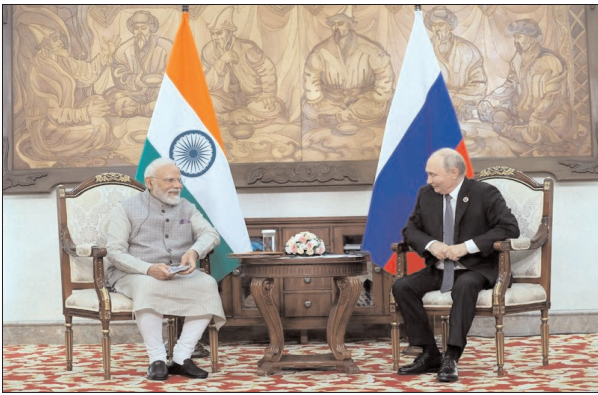
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Must move from endless war to end of war: Modi to Putin

Calls for end to Russia-Ukraine conflict

BISHKEK, AUG 31: *Calling for an immediate end to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to move from "endless war to the end of war," asserting that a peaceful resolution of the conflict is humanity's shared priority.*

"Every day of war sets the humanity back, and India, the land of Gandhi and Buddha, supports all efforts towards peace and will continue to do so," he said in a meeting with Putin on the sidelines of SCO summit in this capital city of Kyrgyzstan.



The two leaders also extensively deliberated on ongoing cooperation in areas of trade and investment and energy and fertiliser security among others.

"We have been discussing Ukraine issue. When we met previously, you briefed

me in detail on all aspects of the matter. As you know, India supports all efforts towards peace and will continue to do so," Modi said in his televised opening remarks at the meeting.

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'India bloomed, Doomsayers doomed'

NEW DELHI, AUG 31: Hitting out at critics of India's economic growth story after government data showed the economy expanded by a stronger-than-expected 7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter of the 2026-27 financial year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said "doomsayers were doomed and India bloomed yet again".

He described the quarterly growth as an "exemplary" performance and said it was a "herculean

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Death toll rises to 903 in Nepal flash floods

KATHMANDU, AUG 31: The death toll from flash floods in Nepal rose to 903 on Monday, with more bodies being recovered and nearly 4,250 people still missing following the disaster, authorities said.

Bodies have been recovered from all eight affected districts as rescuers race against time to search for those missing and rescue those stranded on the sixth day since the disaster.

The disaster, believed to have been triggered by a collapse or avalanche of ice and rock near the Nepal-Tibet border, devastated t

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Xi, Putin discuss visa-free travel

BISHKEK, AUG 31: Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin met in Kyrgyzstan's capital Bishkek on Monday and discussed a visa-free regime between the two countries, besides exchanging views on international and regional issues of common concern.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit 2026 being held in Bishkek.

Putin said Russia was ready to work with China to make the visa-free regime permanent if Beijing considers this possible and useful.

AK rifle, pistol recovered from terror hideout



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Security forces recovered arms & ammunition from a hideout of terrorists which was busted by them in NaikporaMemenderarea of Shopian district of the valley.

Officials said a joint team

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India rejects Hague Court's Indus Waters Treaty ruling

NEW DELHI, AUG 31: India today rejected the "so-called" award issued by the Court of Arbitration on the Indus Waters Treaty and termed the tribunal "illegally constituted," asserting that its pronouncements have no bearing on India's sovereign decisions.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the arbitration body was established by the World Bank in "patent breach" of the terms of the 1960 treaty. India, it said, has never recognised

the legal existence of the tribunal and has consistently refused to participate in its proceedings.

"This so-called Court of Arbitration has no jurisdiction whatsoever to pronounce on India's sovereign decisions," the MEA said.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said India's decision to hold the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in abeyance remains in force.

New Delhi decided to put the IWT in abeyance as part of a series of punitive diplo-

matic and economic measures unveiled soon after the Pahalgam terror attack in April last year that killed 25 Hindu tourists and one local.

Pakistan had approached the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague in March this year to determine the status of the treaty virtually challenging India's action.

"Today, the illegally constituted so-called Court of Arbitration (CoA) has is

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'Sukh Dukh Ke Saathi'

Committed to support Nepal in rescue, rehabilitation: Def Min

NEW DELHI, AUG 31: Describing India as Nepal's close friend and "Sukh dukhkesaathi", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said New Delhi stands shoulder to shoulder with "our Nepali brothers and sisters", and it is committed to support Kathmandu's efforts for search, rescue and rehabilitation following the large-scale devastation caused by the flash floods in that country.

"Went to the Embassy of Nepal in New Delhi and expressed my condolences by signing the condolence



book," he said in a post on X.

"On behalf of the government and people of India, I extend my deepest condolences to the people of Nepal and their Government, on the loss of precious lives and large-scale devastation caused by the

flash flood on 26 August 2026," the defence minister wrote.

"This tragic natural calamity has affected the citizens of Nepal along with a number of foreign nationals, including Indians," he said.

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India, B'desh review cooperation to strengthen shared bonds

DHAKA, AUG 31 : Bilateral interactions between New Delhi and Dhaka progressed on Monday as officials conferred on matters of shared concern aimed at bolstering grassroots connectivity.

The deliberations transpired during a meeting between India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Dinesh Trivedi, and the Adviser to Bangladesh's Prime Minister for the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, in Dhaka.

"They discussed broad issues of mutual interest with the aim of advancing people-to-people cooperation," India's High Commission in Bangladesh posted on X.

Earlier, on August 25, High Commissioner Trivedi met Bangladesh's Minister of Commerce, Industries, Textiles and Jute Khaddaker Abdul Muktadir, wherein both delegations conferred on multiple facets of economic partnership while probing avenues to strengthen bilateral collaboration.

"The high commissioner emphasised the important role of businesses and the private sector in steering the economic partnership for mutually beneficial trade and investment. A broad gamut of issues of mutual interest and mutual benefit was also discussed," the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh posted on X.

"The discussions also highlighted the importance of strong people-to-people ties as an enduring founda

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'Time of strategic churn' Threat perception evolving, posing new challenges: Navy Chief

MUMBAI, AUG 31: Amid heightened tensions in West Asia, Navy chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan on Monday said the world is witnessing a period of "significant strategic churn", with the maritime environment becoming increasingly contested and threat perceptions evolving rapidly.

"The threat perception is constantly evolving, manifesting in newer forms of challenge and complexity," he said while speaking after the commissioning of the deep-sea diving vessel INS Nipun into the Indian Navy in Mumbai.

The ship has the capacity to support diving operations up to 300 metres. It also has the capability of providing rapid submarine rescue. It can also be deployed for disaster relief and humanitarian operations.

"We are living today through a period of significant strategic churn; the maritime environment is becoming increasingly contested," Admiral Swaminathan said.

"The induction of this capability today, apart from its ceremonial significance, is an



opportunity for us to reflect upon our unifying purpose to build and maintain robust operational and combat capability that safeguards India's security and maritime interests at all times and at all places. We are living through a period of significant strategic churn. The maritime environment is becoming increasingly contested," he added.

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MHA alert

Malicious 'pornography'apps linked to financial fraud

NEW DELHI, AUG 31: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued an advisory warning of a rise in financial frauds carried out through malicious Android applications disguised as pornography apps and promoted through advertisements on Facebook and Instagram.

The National Cybercrime Threat Analytics Unit (NC-TAU), under the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), issued advisory TAU/ADV/018 on Au-

gust 26, warning users about fake apps named "Night Play", "Reloop", "Kysss", "Vimo", "Rivo", "Nexo" and "Vixa".

According to the advisory, the apps are advertised on Meta's platforms and redirect users to phishing websites, mainly on "live" domains. Users are then prompted to download and install an APK file outside the Google Play Store.

The malware follows a six-stage process. After installation, it downloads a

second package disguised as an app update and seeks Accessibility permissions. These permissions can allow the malware to read the screen, click buttons, enter OTPs and PINs and initiate fund transfers.

Some variants also install a VPN to route the victim's internet traffic through attacker-controlled servers. The apps may also resist normal uninstallation.

The MHA advised users to download applications

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Over 100-year-old temple demolished in Pak's Punjab province

LAHORE, AUG 31: An over a century old Hindu temple has been demolished reportedly to include its land in a madrasa in Punjab province of Pakistan.

Local people, minority bodies and a political party said a group of religious zealots demolished the temple to include its land in an adjacent seminary, while the government claimed that the old temple collapsed due to torrential rains.

Occupying approximately 1,000 sq metres of land, the 100-125-year-old temple

was located in Siraj village of Narowal, some 130 kms from Lahore.

The people who demolished the temple on August 21 reportedly belonged to the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), a banned far-right Islamic party.

The Pakistan Masiha Milat Party (PMMP) has urged the Punjab government to take action against those involved in the demolition of the temple and ensure its reconstruction.

PMMP chairman Aslam Parvez Sahotra said he had met the Additional Home Secretary Punjab and sub-

mitted a written application, seeking action against the alleged perpetrators and officials accused of failing to protect the temple.

He alleged that the temple shikhar's metal fittings, other material and bricks from the demolished structure were subsequently removed from the site.

The land adjoining the temple had previously been leased by the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) for a madrasa, he said, adding, the lease was later cancelled after the rent allegedly remained unpaid for several

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Kavinder calls for collective action to build drug-free society

NEW DELHI, AUG 31: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today exhorted youth to stay away from drugs and alcohol, saying that only healthy and responsible youth can contribute effectively towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

"Society must translate its thoughts and concerns into concrete action to create an environment that rejects substance abuse. Great people build great nations, and greatness comes from



strong character, a stable mind, a healthy body and a purposeful life," he said while addressing Nashamukt Bharat & Rashtriya Nashamukti

Samman 2026 programme-organised by Kashiyaana Foundation at the India International Centre, New Delhi.

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