



Gumri, Zojila receive season's first snowfall

The higher reaches of Gumri&Zojila witnessed season's first snowfall today, marking the onset of cooler weather conditions in the high-altitude areas of the valley.

Fresh snowfall was reported over the mountain peaks and upper reaches of Gumri and Zojila, turning the surrounding landscape white and adding to the scenic beauty of the region, officials said.

Officials said further changes in weather conditions in the higher reaches could lead to a drop in

NCB exposes 2 heroin supply routes

NCB's Jammu Zonal Unit, in a sustained intelligence-led operation, has exposed two distinct routes being used to push heroin into Jammu and Kashmir directly from Pakistan through the Uri sector and indirectly through Punjab.

Officials said in four heroin interceptions in Jammu division within about a month, along with a linked follow-up recovery in Punjab, the

Regulation enabling HC bench in Ladakh comes into effect

The Union Territory of Ladakh (Sitting of Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh) Regulation, 2026, which provides for a bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to sit in the Union Territory of Ladakh, came into force today, with LG Vinai Kumar Saxena appointing September 5, 2026, as the date on which the regulation shall come into effect.

Sakina to move resolution on TET issue



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Education Minister Sakina Itoo today said the government would bring a resolution in the upcoming session of the legislative assembly on Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) issue, amid

Lt Gen Pratik reviews troops' readiness in Ladakh



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GOC-in-C, Northern Command, Lt Gen Pratik Sharma reviewed the operational preparedness of troops deployed in the challenging high-altitude areas of Ladakh.

He visited the forward areas of the Union Territory and interacted with troops

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Soniya Bansal join the 'Malamaal Weekly 2' cast

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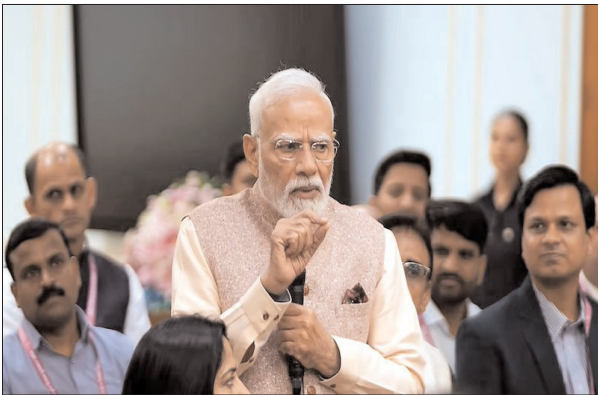
Modi urges teachers to watch for student drug addiction

Asks them to observe minutely changes in any child

NEW DELHI, SEP 05: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while interacting with the national award-winning teachers today at his Lok Kalyan Marg residence, urged them to stay alert to drug addiction cases among students and help them regulate excessive screen time by engaging them in extracurricular activities like sports, physical play, and creative hobbies.

"Teachers are required to look beyond the academic capability of students and notice their behaviour and everyday activities," he said.

Talking on drug cases, Modi said that in metropolitan cities and big universities, it is rather difficult to spot if any student gets affected by the problem, as no one knows who gives whom



what. "In these circumstances, teachers should take the initiative for awareness and also observe minutely if any change (in behaviour) is witnessed in any child," he added.

He advised teachers to look beyond books and syllabuses, inside the lives of the students. "You should not allow the childhood of a student to die. The biggest contribution can be given by

the teachers by keeping childhood alive in students' lives," he said.

He then shifted teachers' attention towards students spending excessive time on phones and encouraged them towards outdoor sports activities. He suggested that screen time can be reduced naturally by inculcating an interest in sports, physical games and creative activities.

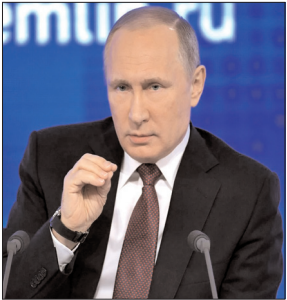
Russia-Ukraine war

Putin orders 72-hr pause in strikes as US envoys arrive in Moscow

MOSCOW, SEP 05: Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a 72-hour pause in strikes on Kyiv, the Kremlin said Saturday, as US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner arrived in Moscow to try to revive a stalled push to end Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

"Putin has ordered that no strikes be carried out against Kyiv for three days, starting at midnight today," presidential spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told Russia's Tass news agency.

He said the decision was tied to preparations for Witkoff and Kushner's



planned visit to the Ukrainian capital, which Kyiv has said will take place on Sunday.

The envoys' trip comes as both sides escalate aerial attacks, some 4 1/2-years after the Kremlin's invasion of its neighbor. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Ze-

lenskyy said Friday that Ukraine would halt airstrikes during the envoys' visit and urged Moscow to do the same.

Washington's push to end the fighting, now in its fifth year, has lost momentum as U.S. attention has been focused for the last six months on its war with Iran. The last known visit to Moscow by Witkoff and Kushner, U.S. President Donald Trump's son-in-law, was in January, when they met Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin. They have never previously visited Kyiv.

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Crisis of credibility biggest problem in media sector: Gadkari

NAGPUR, SEP 05: Union minister Nitin Gadkari today stressed the importance of independent judiciary and media for the progress of a democracy, and said that among all institutions, media suffered the biggest problem of crisis of credibility.

"India is the mother of democracy and it is the largest democracy in the world," the Road Transport & Highways Minister said while addressing a gathering at IIM Nagpur Media Conclave 2026 on the theme of 'Media, Leadership and the New World Order'.



Seeking a qualitative transformation in democracy, he said, "The Constitution has very clearly specified the responsibilities of the four pillars of democracy, that is legislature, executive, judiciary and media. Independent, impartial and fair judiciary and media

are very important for the progress and development of a democracy."

"Politics and political parties are the biggest strength of a democracy," Gadkari said.

"There can be differences of opinion or ideological differences, but there should be commitment towards one's ideology," the veteran politician said.

He also made a pitch for raising public awareness on social, economic, educational issues in order to strengthen democracy.

"Awareness among people about democracy and

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BRICS Chief Justices' Forum modern fabric woven with tradition: CJ

NEW DELHI, SEP 05: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant on Saturday described the Supreme Court-hosted BRICS Chief Justices' Forum as a modern fabric woven with traditional threads, with a shared quest to seek solutions that serve humanity and envision a world where law can guide the river of development towards the ocean of shared prosperity.

Delivering the welcome address on the second day of the BRICS Chief Justices' Forum attended by chief justices, presidents of supreme courts and senior judicial leaders from the BRICS member states and



partner countries, he said, "We are not merely a collection of jurisdictions, we are a fellowship of judicial minds, bound together by the shared belief that the enduring values of justice can meet the dynamic challenges of our time."

Addressing the delegates, he said as guardians of constitutional principles and

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He said teachers should share creative approaches to make classroom learning more engaging.

He said teachers have an increasingly important role to play in the lives of children now that there are fewer joint family set-ups.

A video of the interaction at the prime minister's Lok Kalyan Marg residence was released on Saturday.

The prime minister said children have the same basic nature and curiosity, and if teachers nurture and channelise this curiosity, they can make a significant contribution to their development.

He said screen time has become a major concern among students, as he urged the teachers to speak to parents about how much time their children spend on screens and whether

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Nepal floods

Death toll rises to 1,344; 4,900 missing

KATHMANDU, SEP 05: The death toll from the devastating flash floods in Nepal rose to 1,344 on Saturday as more bodies were recovered from the affected districts.

Rescue teams continued to search for around 4,900 people who remain missing.

Of the total bodies recovered so far, 758 were adults, 85 were children and 501 were recovered with body parts missing, officials said, attributing the condition of the bodies to prolonged exposure to water and the weight of debris.

The flash floods, triggered by an ice-rock avalanche near the Nepal-Tibet border on August 26, devastated towns and villages in northern and central Nepal. The

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20 J&K teachers selected for Teachers' Day awards

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The government has approved awards for 20 teachers for their outstanding contribution in the field of education on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the grant of awards to teachers on the occasion of Teacher's Day for their excellence in services in the field of education which is being celebrated on September 5 every year," an order issued by the school education department said.

The awardees are: Badhar Singh, Namarita Sharma,

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2 killed in oil tanker accident

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An oil tanker today met with an accident at Pathimhal in Palmar area of Kishtwar district of Jammu, resulting in the instant death of two persons who were travelling in it.

According to officials, the oil tanker was met with the accident after it went out of control of its driver at Pathimhal. A total of two persons were travelling in it and both of them were killed on-the-spot.

The dead were identified as Shakoor Ahmad and Abdul Majid.

Police had taken cognizance of the incident.

Budgam encounter

Slain terrorist identified as Pak national 'Yasir', search on for Musa

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The Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist, who was yesterday gunned down by security forces in an encounter in Budgam woods of the valley, was today identified as Yasir, a Pakistani. A massive operation was on to hunt down his accomplice Musa too.

Yasir was involved in the killing of seven persons at Gangangir in the valley's Sonamarg, the ambush of an IAF convoy in Poonch district and several other terror acts.

Acting on a specific information about the presence of two terrorists in the dense woods of Ashdar Gali in Budgam district, a joint team of Army, police and CRPF actually launched a combing operation in the area on September 1.

While the cordon remained, contact with the terrorists was established on September 3 when gunshots were also heard.

The operation was suspended on September 3 night due to darkness but the cordon remained to prevent the terrorists from escaping. The operation restarted at first light on September 4.

Officials said when the search parties no-



ticed the terrorists on September 4, they challenged them. When the terrorists reciprocated by opening fire, troops retaliated and killed one of them. Arms & ammunition were also recovered from him.

A hunt for a second terrorist, hiding be

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India votes in favour of UNGA resolution endorsing new world map

UNITED NATIONS, SEP 05: India has voted in favour of a UN General Assembly resolution aimed at correcting the world map to promote a "more accurate representation" of continental landmasses.

The 193-member UN General Assembly on Friday overwhelmingly adopted the resolution "Correct the map": rebalancing global cartographic representation and promoting equitable representation of the world's regions, particularly Africa'.

The resolution was sponsored by Togo, receiving 164 votes in favour, with abstentions from Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania,



Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine, and a lone vote against from the United States.

The resolution noted that the Mercator projection, designed in the 16th century for navigational pur-

poses, remains widely used in educational, media, digital and official materials, despite the considerable distortion of landmasses to the North and South, far from the equator.

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LAB warns of intensified agitation ahead of Sep 9 talks with MHA

quiry commission report.

LAB and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) are jointly spearheading the agitation with the demands since the granting of UT status to Ladakh in August 2019 and have held several rounds of talks with the Centre since 2021.

LAB chairman Chering Dorje Lakruk said that though the group welcomes the meeting with MHA, it would assess the talks on the basis of their outcome.

"If the meeting produces a positive outcome... and if there is constructive and result-oriented dialogue on these issues, we will welcome it. Otherwise, we will intensify our agitation very

strongly," he said.

Lakruk also expressed disappointment over the delay in the report of the inquiry commission constituted to investigate the September 24 incidents of last year that claimed four lives.

He also questioned the pendency of cases against people booked in connection with the September 24 violence. Even as he welcomed the reported move to withdraw cases related to the July 20 Jantar Mantar incident in Delhi, he accused the Centre of "double standard" in the case of Ladakh.

According to Lakruk, only 25 cases of the 80 related to

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Governor Kavinder confers state awards on 32 teachers

SHIMLA, SEP 05: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today conferred State Awards on 32 teachers and honoured one teacher with the National Award for 2025 at a state-level Teachers' Day function held at Lok Bhavan here.

Congratulating the award-winning teachers, he said teachers, parents and students have an important role to play in strengthening the education system. "Teachers should be sensitive towards their responsibility of imparting education and values, as only then can the process of teaching and learning become truly



effective," he said.

Paying tributes to former President, eminent educationist and philosopher Dr-Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary, the governor said that teachers

play a vital role in shaping not only the future of students but also that of the nation.

He said a teacher does much more than imparting textbook knowledge. "A