



3-day Kailash Kund yatra commences



The annual three-day Kailash Kund yatra commenced today with the sacred 'Charri Mubarak' departing from the ancient Vasuki Nag Temple at Gatha in Bhaderwah town of Doda. Dedicated to Vasuki Nag, the serpent God revered as the presiding deity of Bhaderwah valley, **Cont. on P9 >**

Police SI booked under NDPS Act

A Police Sub-Inspector, posted at a police station in Kathua district, was today booked under NDPS Act after allegedly being found under the influence of an intoxicating substance on the police station premises. According to officials, PSI Amjid Khan was observed allegedly displaying behaviour that raised suspicion of substance consumption. **Cont. on P9 >**

CISF cop shoots himself at Jammu airport

A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) cop allegedly shot himself in the head with his service rifle at Jammu Airport today. The incident occurred outside the airport's exit gate, where the cop, who was identified as Sunil Jasrotia, was posted on security duty, officials said. Jasrotia, a resident of Kathua district, used his service weapon to shoot himself, causing panic among the people present there, officials said. **Cont. on P9 >**

Agencies discuss ways to curb drug menace

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Representatives of various enforcement agencies, including ED, BSF, NIA, Customs and DRI, today deliberated on ways to curb the drug menace in Jammu and Kashmir. The discussion took place at the 2nd UT Level Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting on narcotics control for the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, held here, according to officials. The meeting was chaired by NCB Deputy Director General (North Western **Cont. on P9 >**

Kangra Airport to be connected with Jammu

SHIMLA, SEP 08: The Kangra district, which is being developed as the tourist capital of Himachal Pradesh, could soon be aerially connected with Jammu while proposals to connect it with Jaipur and Dehradun are in the pipeline. "IndiGo Airlines has proposed connecting Jammu to Kangra (Gaggal) Airport. The plan involves establishing connectivity between Jammu and Dharamshala as well as between Dharamshala and Delhi in the coming period," said Amit Saklani, Acting Director of Kangra Airport. He said the service could **Cont. on P9 >**

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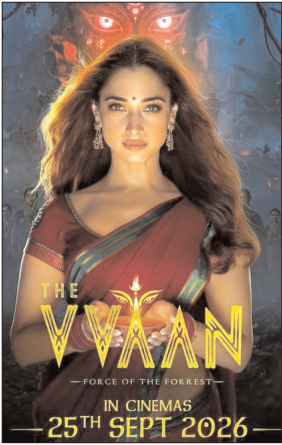
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Chargesheet in Manipuri musician's killing within 8-9 days: Rijiju

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The Vvaan teaser crosses 55 million views and hits number one on YouTube across languages

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'Youth will stand with truth' PM Modi mocks Cong's 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' as 'Jhooth Ki Goonj'

VADODARA, SEP 08: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today countered Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' student outreach campaign, saying the voice and aspirations of India's youth would prevail over what he called 'jhooth ki goonj' (echo of lies).

"Those trying to mislead people could be found at every street corner," he said but asserted that India's youth would march ahead guided by truth.

"You will find people at every street corner trying to mislead you with 'jhooth ki goonj' (echo of lies). But the youth of India move forward driven by the resounding call of truth; they march with that call and strive for it," the prime minister said



while addressing a 'NaMo for Viksit Bharat' event in Gujarat's Vadodara.

His remarks came as he launched and dedicated a series of development projects in Gujarat, including the final three sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC), using the infrastructure

project to contrast what he described as the work culture of his government with that of previous administrations.

The three WDFC sections - New Sanand (N)-New Makarpura, New Umbergaon-New Saphale and New Saphale-New JNPT - cover 326 km and were de-

veloped at a cost of more than Rs 20,700 cr. They were among projects worth more than Rs 35,000 crore that Modi inaugurated, dedicated or laid the foundation stones for during his Gujarat visit.

Calling the freight corridor a "historic achievement for the 21st century", PM Modi said its completion reflected the transformation in India's work culture over the past 12 years.

The PM said the freight corridor was first mooted in 2004 and a special company was formed in 2006 to execute it, but alleged that it made little progress until the BJP came to power in 2014.

"Yet, until 2014, the files merely shuttled back and forth; they were just travelling from one table to an

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5 J&K films selected for IFFJK's competitive section

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Five films, helmed by directors from Jammu & Kashmir, have been selected for the J&K Select Section, the competitive category of the 1st International Film Festival of Jammu & Kashmir (IFFJK).

The films were recommended by the preview committee constituted for the festival, following a review of submissions and assessment of their artistic merit and suitability for the competitive section.

The selection reflects a diverse range of narratives, genres and perspectives, with a particular focus on

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'Significant progress' over Hormuz: Iran

TEHRAN, SEP 08: Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi today said there had been "significant progress" in talks with Oman over the administration of the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

According to an Iranian foreign ministry statement, Araghchi "explained the latest status of Iran-Oman talks on the Strait of Hormuz, reporting significant progress" during a call with his Japanese counterpart.

Iran and Oman, both coastal states on the strait, have for weeks been discussing the future of navigation through the waterway, with Tehran saying progress had been made to agree a temporary shipping

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GoC reviews operational preparedness along LAC



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Fire & Fury Corps GoC Lt Gen Madanraj Pande today met the troops deployed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and reviewed their operational preparedness in the challenging high-altitude terrain.

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Ladakh LG gets addl charge of J&K; to administer oath to HC CJ

NEW DELHI/ JAMMU, SEP 08: Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena was today given additional charge of Jammu and Kashmir during the "absence, on leave" of incumbent Manoj Sinha, with Saxena's new assignment beginning with administering the oath of office to new chief justice of the high court.

This is for the first time since Ladakh became a Union Territory in August 2019 that an LG of the region would administer the oath of office to the chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

Officials said Sinha, who took charge as the LG of Jammu and Kashmir on August 7, 2020, is currently in the United States. He addressed the IIT (BHU) Global Alumni Meet in Chicago yesterday.

"The President of India is pleased to appoint Vinai



Kumar Saxena, LG of Ladakh, to discharge the functions of LG of Jammu and Kashmir, in addition to his own duties, during the absence, on leave, of Manoj Sinha, LG of Jammu and Kashmir," a communique issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan said on Tuesday.

On September 5, President Murmu appointed Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati, a judge of the Rajasthan High Court, as Chief Justice of the J&K and Ladakh High Court. He will succeed Justice Sanjeev Kumar, who has been serving as the Acting Chief Justice since June 2.

The swearing-in ceremony for Justice Bhati will

take place at 11 am at the Convention Centre in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Traditionally, the Jammu and Kashmir LG has administered the oath of office to a newly appointed chief justice of the High Court. However, this time, Ladakh LG Saxena has been designated to administer the oath to Justice Bhati, marking a first for the Union Territory.

The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended Justice Bhati's name for Chief Justice of the J&K and Ladakh High Court on August 31.

Earlier this month, a regulation for a permanent bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in the Union Territory of Ladakh came into effect, a move described by Saxena as a "historic step" towards bringing the justice

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Autumn session of Assembly to begin on Sep 21

Provisional calendar issued

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The legislative assembly is set to convene its autumn session from September 21, with the assembly secretariat issuing a provisional calendar outlining the business to be taken up during the proceedings.

The sixth session will begin on September 21, with obituary references and government business, according to the provisional schedule issued by the assembly secretariat.

As per the calendar, the

assembly would take up the government business on September 22.

September 23 would be a holiday on account of the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh.

The calendar further provides for consideration of Private Members' Bills on September 24 and September 28. Private Members' Resolutions are scheduled to be taken up on September 25.

September 26 would be an off day, while September 27 would be observed as a holiday.

The assembly is sched-

uled to resume with government business on September 29 and September 30, subject to the availability of business.

The provisional calendar has been issued under the authority of assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather.

The detailed schedule is subject to changes depending on the business listed before the House during the session.

The opposition parties, especially BJP and PDP would try to corner the Omar-led NC government

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India-China ties gradually moving in positive direction: MEA

NEW DELHI, SEP 08: After the recent 1st Corps Commander-level talks in Arunachal Pradesh, the Ministry of External Affairs today said that India-China ties were moving in a positive direction.

India and China held their first-ever Corps Commander-level meeting in the eastern sector at the Wacha-Damai border meeting points in Arunachal Pradesh, marking a significant milestone in ongoing bilateral efforts to maintain peace along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Addressing a biweekly media briefing, Ministry of

External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal confirmed that the two-day engagement took place on September 6 at Wacha on the Indian side and September 7 at Damai on the Chinese side.

The high-level military dialogue followed foundational agreements reached between the Special Representatives of both nations in August 2025 and August 2026, alongside recent Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) meetings held in Beijing and New Delhi.

"India-China ties are gradually moving in a positive direction," Jaiswal

stated during the briefing. "This gradual normalisation of ties, people-to-people ties are very important. And when we talk of people-to-people ties or normalisation of people ties, we also talk about visa issues that also help in promoting people-to-people ties."

The Indian Army and the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) convened their inaugural Corps Commander-level dialogue in the eastern sector at the Wacha-Damai border meeting point in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Indian delegation was led by Lt Gen Girish **Cont. on P9 >**

India joins US-led initiative to develop secured 6G networks

WASHINGTON, SEP 08: India has joined the US-led global partnership to accelerate the development of secure 6G wireless networks, the US Department of Commerce said.

The initiative includes countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany and Japan. It intends to help coordinate governments' 6G strategies years before the technology is expected to begin replacing 5G networks in the 2030s.

"Today, we are pleased to announce that India has joined the US and 24 other countries in the effort to ensure that next-generation networks reflect our shared

security interests, strengthen our competitiveness, and drive innovation in 6G," the Department of Commerce said in a post on X.

US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and Minister of State of Commerce Jitin Prasada held discussions on the future of 6G on the sidelines of the G20 Innovation Ministerial in Chapel Hill, North Carolina last week.

"India's joint effort with the United States and 24 other countries to promote innovation and competition in 6G technology will give a new direction to the global digital landscape," Prasada

said in a post on X.

In July, the US government had launched the "Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security," backed by 24 other nations across Europe, the Americas and the Asia-Pacific.

The initiative, led by the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), seeks to advance the objectives of President Donald Trump's 'Winning the 6G Race' December 2025 Presidential Memorandum.

The Memorandum identified 6G networks as foundational to the US's national **Cont. on P9 >**