



DGP reviews border protection grid



DGP Nalin Prabbhat today chaired a high-level security meeting here to review the border protection grid along the International Border and Line of Control in Jammu region.

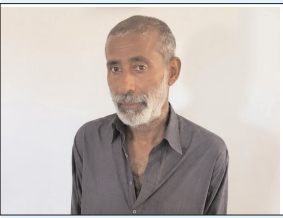
The meeting reviewed the security arrangements

Patwari caught red-handed accepting bribe

The ACB today caught a patwari red-handed while allegedly demanding and accepting a Rs 10,000 bribe from a complainant for issuance of a fard (revenue extract) in Budgam district of the valley.

The accused was identified as Bashir Ahmad Dar, patwari Halqa Gund Ali Nayak, Waterrehal, Budgam.

Pak intruder held near IB



A Pakistani intruder was arrested by security forces in a forward area along the International Border in Kathua district of Jammu today.

According to officials, the intruder was caught near the fencing in the Bobiya area of Hiranagar sub-sector of Kathua.

Murugan asks filmmakers to return to J&K



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Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting L Murugan said that J&K would welcome filmmakers with open arms&unmatched natural landscapes while pitching for the restoration of the region's historic standing as a

Saxena felicitates winners of Silk Route Ultra



LEH, SEP11: LG Vinai Kumar Saxenatoday gave away medals to the winners of "Silk Route Ultra" and "Khardung La Challenge", organised as part of the 13th Ladakh Marathon.

A total of 477 ultra-runners participated in the 122-km Silk Route Ultra and 72-km Khardung La Challenge. The races test participants on the challenging high-altitude terrain of Ladakh, with

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PM Modi nudges Prez Putin to end Ukraine conflict

Raises safety of Indians in Black Sea

NEW DELHI, SEP 11 : In talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reiterated India's readiness to support any peace initiative to end the Ukraine conflict even as both leaders agreed to shore up bilateral trade ties amid growing uncertainties & geopolitical upheaval.

The PM also raised the safety of Indian seafarers in the Black Sea with the Russian President in the meeting took place hours after Putin landed in New Delhi on a three-day visit to participate in the high-stakes BRICS summit.

Following the talks, the two leaders travelled in the same car inside the Bharat



Mandapam complex to reach the venue of a business forum.

Signalling their resolve to maintain deeper engagement across diverse sectors, the two leaders agreed to work on further strengthening the India-Russia Special

and Privileged Strategic Partnership.

According to an Indian readout, the partnership continues to register "significant growth" and has "shown resilience in the backdrop of geopolitical uncertainties".

World going through complex period, BRICS must respond: Pezeshkian

NEW DELHI, SEP 11: Noting that the true strength of BRICS is not confined merely to the size of its members' economies but becomes more apparent when these capacities are transformed into a network of trade, investment and joint financing, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian today called for "a transition from potential cooperation to operational one".

"The world today is going through one of its most complex periods and disruption in supply chains and the increasing use of economic instruments to exert political pressure have made economic environ-



ment more complex," he said while speaking at the Leaders' Session of BRICS Business Forum here.

"Geopolitical uncertainty, disruption in its supply chains and the increasing use of economic instruments to exert political

pressure have made economic environment in which countries operate more complex. The question is, what is BRICS response to these challenges?" he said.

"We believe that the true

India, China should handle differences properly: Beijing

BEIJING, SEP 11: Ahead of President Xi Jinping's visit to India for the BRICS summit and bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, China on Friday said both countries should handle differences properly and view their ties from a strategic and long-term perspective.

President Xi will arrive in New Delhi on Saturday to attend the BRICS summit, his first visit to India in nearly seven years. He is scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting with PM Modi on the sidelines of the summit on Saturday.

Asked how China viewed

the Modi-Xi meeting, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a media briefing here that this will be the third year in a row for the two leaders to meet with each other, following their meetings in Kazan and Tianjin.

"China will work with India to act on the strategic guidance of the two leaders, handle the bilateral relations from a strategic height and long-term perspective, step up communication, enhance cooperation, properly handle differences, and be friends enjoying good-neighbourliness and partners helping each other suc-

ceed," she said.

About the BRICS summit, Mao said it was a key platform for solidarity and co-operation among emerging markets and developing countries.

"President Xi will attend and address the upcoming summit, have in-depth exchanges with other leaders on major issues including the current international situation, the development of BRICS mechanisms, and deepening practical cooperation, and put forward China's important initiatives and propositions, charting the course for the

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Amid global shocks, BRICS must strengthen trade ties: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, SEP 11: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday called for more predictable business environments, resilient supply chains and diversified trade relationships among BRICS countries and said the grouping's economic strength would increasingly depend on its ability to withstand global shocks.

Addressing the BRICS Business Forum here ahead of the summit, EAM Jaishankar said the grouping was meeting at a time of significant geopolitical and economic disruption with conflicts, pandemics and climate-related events reshaping economies. "Volatility, uncertainty, and complexity have become defining features of the world around us," he said.

EAM Jaishankar said the BRICS business community should focus not only on commercial opportunities but also on creating conditions that make cross-border business easier and more resilient.

He identified supply-chain connectivity



and trade facilitation as key priorities, alongside services, agriculture and agri-technology, digital delivery, micro, small and medium enterprises, startups and women-led businesses.

The objective should be to help businesses find more partners, access more markets, connect supply networks and turn

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Reviewing trade and investment ties, the two sides resolved to push annual bilateral trade to USD 100 billion by 2030, up from the current USD 65 billion.

In a social media post, Modi said he and the Russian leader talked about closer trade ties, including implementation of the 'Programme for Economic Co-operation 2030' besides delving into engagement in areas like infrastructure, energy, technology, defence and culture.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in the readout that Modi accepted Putin's invitation to travel to Russia for the annual summit talks between the two countries.

In their over 45-minute talks, Modi and Putin also

India experiencing demographic dividend in real time: FM



MUMBAI, SEP 11: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday hit out at what she described as 'Naraz Foofa Jis' who constantly question India's growth momentum and debate whether its demographic dividend has turned into a burden, saying the country is experiencing the demographic dividend in real time.

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2 killed, 3 injured in car accident

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Two persons lost their lives while three others survived with critical injuries after the car they were travelling in today met with an accident in the remote Bani area of Kathua district of Jammu.

According to officials, the car rolled down the road near an Army checkpoint at Sarthal, Bani.

A rescue operation was launched soon thereafter and the five injured persons, who were travelling in the car, were shifted to the sub-district hospital, Bani. However, during treatment, two of the injured suc

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Northern Command ensuring security in J&K: GOC-in-C



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Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, GOC-in-C of Northern Command, today said the formations of the command had ensured security in Jammu and Kashmir while working to provide opportunities for growth and shaping the future of the

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'You drowned India, we rebuilt it' BJP hits back at Congress over BRICS criticism

NEW DELHI, SEP 11: The BJP today hit back at the Congress and other opposition parties for creating a "negative atmosphere" around the BRICS summit, alleging they were unable to "digest" India's progress as the country moves forward.

The ruling party said that while in 2011-12, under the Congress-led UPA government, India's position within BRICS appeared to be weakening, all BRICS heads of state were now in India and the country was celebrating the summit "as never before".

India is hosting the 18th BRICS Summit on September 12-13 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

A day earlier, the Congress questioned the benefits of hosting the BRICS Summit, with senior leader P Chidambaram saying that he had not seen any significant outcomes from the last two or three meetings.

Senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said that during the tenure of Manmohan Singh, India's position in BRICS had reached a stage where people were saying that "India" should be removed and "Indonesia" should replace the "I" in BRICS.

"The Congress leaders who are lamenting and asking, 'What did India gain?' should remember that the truth is: 'You drowned India, we rebuilt it!'" he told re-

porters here.

"During the Congress regime, India was described as one of the 'Fragile Five' and a 'junk economy', whereas under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has become one of the world's top five economies and emerged as the shining star of BRICS," he added.

Prasad said the BJP had rebuilt and strengthened the country, making it a "bright" spot in the world.

"India is also a bright spot within BRICS, and the world is looking towards India with enthusiasm and confidence. Today, India is a major global economy that contributes to stability in the global economy," he added.

The former Union minister said this had been possible despite challenges such as the energy crisis, problems with global supply chains and the ongoing war in the Gulf, with India's growth rate standing at 7.8%, which the IMF had acknowledged as accurate and described as a sign of the strength of the Indian economy.

"The IMF also appreciated the manner in which India is progressing in the services sector, manufacturing sector and trade," he said.

He alleged that whenever there is a dis

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No-stop toll plazas by March 2027 Nitin Gadkari sets deadline for barrier-free system

NEW DELHI, SEP 11 : Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari today said India was moving towards a fully digital and barrier-free toll collection system expected to be operational across the country by February-March 2027.

"The system will use the Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) model," he said in his address at Global Fintech Fest.

"By next year, your highway journeys could get a lot smoother, as India moves towards a barrier-free, fully digital tolling process," Gadkari said.



"Expected to be rolled out by February-March 2027, the new system will allow motorists to pass through toll points without stopping to pay the fee. With AI and free-flow tolling, India is moving from stopping at toll plazas to simply moving through them. The highway of to-

morrow is intelligent, seamless and cashless," he added.

"The system will combine vehicle number-plate recognition with FASTag for toll collection. FASTag has already reduced waiting times at toll plazas by 80-90 pc from around 12 minutes earlier, and up to 30 minutes in some cases," he said.

Gadkari said that the next phase will eliminate the remaining delays while also boosting toll collections, with the new system expected to add Rs 10,000 crore annually to toll rev

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J&K Bank secures 'Best Bank Award' for digital transformation

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J&K Bank has won the Best Bank Award for Digital Transformation in banking at the Navabharat BFSI Summit & Awards in Mumbai.

This accolade highlights the bank's successful deployment of cutting-edge technology to transform customer-facing banking services.

Zonal Head (Mumbai) Irfan Kawoosa received the award on behalf of the bank during the ceremony held at Taj President, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai.



Commenting on the achievement, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee said that the recognition belongs to the entire J&K Bank family, whose commitment and adaptability continue to

drive the bank's transformation into a future-ready financial institution.

He said, "For us, digital transformation is about simplifying banking, im

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Pejawar Mutt playing key role in preserving India's spiritual heritage: Kavinder

NEW DELHI, SEP 11: Appreciates the role of Muts in promoting social harmony & universal brotherhood, Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today said Sri Pejawar Mutt was playing a key role in preserving India's spiritual heritage & traditional knowledge.

Gupta, who visited Sri Pejawar Mutt, a unit of Udupi Math, at Vasant Kunj here, and met Sri Sri Vishwaprasanna Tirtha Swamiji, the 33rd Peethadhipati of Sri Pejawar Adhokshaja Math, Udupi, called for connecting younger generation with India's rich cultural heritage.



He was warmly welcomed at the Mutt with the chanting of Vedic mantras by the students of the Gurukul, run by the Mutt.

Tirtha Swamiji apprised him of the various activities

being undertaken by the Pejawar Mutt in the fields of education, spirituality, social service and community welfare.

He informed the governor

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