



J&K likely to receive widespread showers

Amid intense heat and humid atmosphere, the IMD has forecast widespread rainfall with heavy showers in Jammu & Kashmir over the next few days.

"In the north, rain and thunderstorms are likely across the Himalayan region and parts of the northern plains. Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and adjoining areas are expected to receive widespread showers over the next few days," the IMD said.

The rains are likely to give some relief to the

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2 minor sisters die after snakebite

Two minor sisters died after being bitten by a snake at ManmaBarnari in Kalakote sub-division of Rajouri district today.

According to officials, the two sisters were sleeping in a room along with other family members when a snake appeared on their bed and bit both of them.

They were immediately shifted by family members to a hospital, where both of them died. Officials identified them as Amiba (5) and Amiza (3).

Searches conducted at multiple locations

The Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) today conducted searches at multiple locations in Shopian & Kulgam districts of Kashmir.

According to officials, a CIK team carried out searches in a house in Naidgam area of Shopian as part of an ongoing investigation into a case.

Another search operation was conducted in a residential premises in Ladgoo Rambhama area of Kulgam district, officials said.

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Saxena launches project to revive Tso Kar Lake



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Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena has launched a mega project to revive & rejuvenate the 'dying' Tso Kar Lake situated at a height of about 15,000 ft.

The project envisages channelising an average of 132 cusecs or 320 million litres of untapped glacier

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India largest vaccine producer, supplier: Jitendra



NEW DELHI, Sep 13 : Union Minister Jitendra Singh today said that India had, in recent years, emerged as the world's largest vaccine producer and global supplier by volume.

"India has moved far beyond the limitations of a decade ago in epidemic preparedness and has built a vi

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BRICS Summit ends

Modi warns against 'weaponising' technology, critical minerals

NEW DELHI, SEP 13: *As the two-day BRICS Summit concluded here today, with the adoption of New Delhi Declaration, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cautioned global leaders about the dangers of "weaponising technology and critical minerals", warning that such practices could undermine the gains the world has made towards shared progress, inclusive development, and prosperity.*

The summit brought member nations together on a shared platform to call for global peace, multilateralism and greater cooperation, while China took over the group's presidency for 2027.

The 18th BRICS Summit



was held on September 12-13 under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability". The leaders discussed global geopolitical tensions, economic co-operation, reform of global governance and the concerns and priorities of the Global South.

The New Delhi Declaration was adopted by the leaders on Saturday, the first day of the summit. It

reaffirmed their commitment to multilateralism, international law and a more representative global governance system, while calling for dialogue and diplomacy to address international disputes.

"Today, this group is uniting different continents, cultures, and development journeys. This is a testament to the growing strength, attraction, and unwavering confidence of

BRICS," the prime minister said while delivering his closing remarks at the summit held at Bharat Mandapam.

Sitting beside Chinese President Xi Jinping on the second day of the 18th BRICS Summit here, PM Modi also referred to the lessons learnt from the Covid-19 pandemic, which spread from China's Wuhan and eventually reached almost every part of the world, claiming crores of lives.

Stressing the theme of the BRICS Summit - 'Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability: Shaping the Future for Inclusive Global Growth' - PM Modi said that he was happy that, with the support of all the member states, India was able to

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BRICS chairship passes to China

NEW DELHI, SEP 13: As the BRICS chairship has passed to China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today extended his best wishes to the country, which will host the next BRICS summit in 2027, saying the world now expects "concrete results" from the grouping as it enters its third decade.

BRICS was entering its third decade and that the world expected concrete results from the grouping, rather than just ideas and commitments, he said while addressing the open session on the second day of BRICS summit and expressed confidence that the member countries would meet these expectations through their collective efforts.

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Russia imports record fuel from India

NEW DELHI, SEP 13: Russia imported a record 172,000 tonnes of oil products in August, including gasoline refined from Russian crude at a refinery in India that is partly owned by Russia's Rosneft, as Ukrainian drone strikes disrupted Moscow's domestic refining capacity.

According to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA), India supplied 70 per cent of Russia's oil product imports in August, including 120,000 tonnes of gasoline worth 78 million euros, CREA said in its monthly analysis of Russian fossil fuel exports and sanctions.

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Cong slams PM after his meeting with Xi

NEW DELHI, SEP 13: The Congress on Sunday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his approach to India-China ties, accusing him of pursuing a policy of "calibrated capitulation" towards Beijing.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh asked whether Modi's "infamous clean chit" to China on June 19, 2020, has weakened India and why his government has "allowed China's territorial advances in Ladakh and now Arunachal Pradesh".

There was no immediate response from the government or the BJP over the

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'Might makes right has no place'

Jinping calls for stronger BRICS unity with Global South

NEW DELHI, SEP 13:

Calling on BRICS nations to jointly strengthen ties with emerging markets and the Global South, Chinese President Xi Jinping today said that the logic that "might makes right" should have been discarded long ago.

He also proposed a five-point initiative aimed at strengthening cooperation in trade, manufacturing, investment and technology.

Xi urged leaders to work towards writing a "new chapter of strength through unity for the Global South".

He said BRICS should leverage its close ties with emerging markets and the Global South to safeguard supply chains and foster a large, integrated market.

"A world without rules is like a crossroads without traffic lights, where chaos and disorder are all but guaranteed. Fairness & justice is a universal aspiration,



and international rules must be written by all countries," he said while addressing the concluding session of BRICS Summit.

Xi said the Global South countries should jointly "defend the rule of law in international affairs, safeguard the basic norms of international relations including sovereign equality, non-interference in internal affairs, and the peaceful settlement of disputes, and ensure that international

law and international rules are applied to all."

In this context, he underlined the need to shun "double standards", remarks seen as directed at the Western powers "All countries, regardless of their size, strength or wealth, are equal members of the international community," Xi said.

"Global South countries should hold high the banner of multilateralism, uphold the authority and role of the

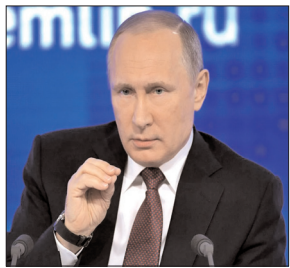
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Putin proposes BRICS grain market to counter global pressures

NEW DELHI, SEP 13:

Russian President Vladimir Putin today proposed creating an insurance mechanism and a collaborative grain market within BRICS, calling for greater economic cooperation among member countries and a collective approach to tackling global challenges.

"The grouping has the potential to develop independent mechanisms for the movement of capital, labour and technology while reducing its vulnerability to external pressures," he said while addressing the concluding session of the BRICS sum-



mit. "We have independent routes for moving capital, labour and technologies. In fact, we can operate regardless of outside pressure," Putin said.

"We have some promising initiatives going forward, such as creating an insurance mechanism and a grain market. These are

Russian proposals, and we invite all other member states to make use of those," he said, without elaborating on the proposed mechanisms.

Putin's proposals come as Russia continues to face extensive sanctions from Western countries over its war in Ukraine, including restrictions affecting the insurance of ships carrying Russian crude.

The G-7, European Union and UK have barred Western companies from insuring vessels transporting Russian crude unless the oil is purchased at or below a specified price cap.

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Iranian ship struck near Strait of Hormuz, 1 killed

CAIRO, SEP 13: An Iranian commercial vessel was struck early on Sunday off Qeshm Island in the Strait of Hormuz, with one person killed and four wounded, Iranian said, a day before Tehran seeks to brief regional countries on its contested efforts to manage shipping traffic there.

State-run IRNA news agency quoted the Qeshm governor as blaming a "terrorist enemy". He also said the person killed was among the cargo vessel's 10-member crew, and that authorities had not yet identified the projectile.

Separately, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade

Operations monitor reported a vessel was hit by a projectile while transiting the strait, with no details.

There was no immediate statement by the US military, which previously has struck Iranian-flagged vessels as it keeps up a blockade of Iranian ports - while facing a new threat in recent days from Iranian ballistic missiles launched at its warships.

Qeshm Island, located about 22 kilometres from the port city of Bandar Abbas, is key to Iran asserting control over traffic through the strait.

Sunday's strike came as tensions continue around

the waterway that was seen as an international one before the US and Israel launched the war on February 28.

Global prices of oil, natural gas and related products have been sent higher, and now Iranian-backed Houthis rebels in Yemen are pressuring a key shipping alternative, the Bab el-Mandeb Strait at the southern end of the Red Sea. While the Houthis say they are targeting only neighbouring Saudi Arabia, which backs Yemen's internationally recognised government, markets are wary.

Iran on Saturday said for

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Himalayan conservation must become people's movement: Kavinder

DHARAMSHALA,

SEP 13 : Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today called for making the conservation of the Himalayas a collective national endeavour and a sustained people's movement, saying that protecting the Himalayan ecosystem was directly linked with the country's environmental security, cultural continuity and long-term development.

Addressing the one-day Orientation and Future Strategy Symposium and Book Release Ceremony on "From Himalayan Conservation to Nation-Building", organised jointly by Hi-



malaya Parivar, Himachal Pradesh, and Himachal Pradesh Central University here, he said the Himalayas are far more than a geographical region.

"The Himalayas are the soul of our civilisation, the

source of our rivers, the repository of our biodiversity and a living testimony to India's cultural and spiritual heritage. Their conservation is not the responsibility of any one institution or gov

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