



### Saxena inaugurates high-altitude flower fields



LG Vinai Kumar Saxena inaugurated the world's highest-altitude twin flower fields here today to mark the 76th birth anniversary of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Besides being the highest in the world, the flower fields at Choglamsar and Stakna in

### ACB registers FIRs against JKAS officer

The ACB has registered two FIRs against JKAS officer Sheeba Inayat over alleged disproportionate assets and irregularities in the distribution of government foodgrains in Baramulla district of the valley.

According to officials, the first case was registered at ACB police station, Baramulla, against Sheeba, who had served as Block Development

### Man dies from 'mysterious' gunshot injury

A man died in a 'mysterious' firing incident at Resham Ghar Colony in the heart of city here today.

Officials identified the dead as Deepu Sharma. Officials said Sharma sustained a gunshot injury inside his house under circumstances that were yet to be ascertained. He was rushed to hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead, the officials added.

Post-mortem was conducted on his body by a

### NTA releases tentative exam calendar

NEW DELHI, SEP 17: The National Testing Agency (NTA) has released a tentative schedule of examinations from December 2026 to March 2027.

"The proposed schedule for NTA examinations from December 2026 to March 2027 has been released. Dates are tentative and may undergo changes owing to administrative, academic, statutory, logistical or other unforeseen circumstances," a senior official said.

A total of 14 competitive examinations are scheduled to be conducted during the period.

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### Consider deferring 3-language policy: SC to CBSE

NEW DELHI, SEP17: The Supreme Court today asked the CBSE to consider implementing its policy mandating the study of three languages, including two native Indian languages, for class 6 students from the next academic session starting 2027.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), represented by Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, told the bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joyimalya Bagchi & V Mohana that it would consider the suggestion.

Justice Bagchi, at the out

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## 'Semiconductor leap' India rising as trusted global hub for chip manufacturing: Modi

NEW DELHI, SEP 17 Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday pitched India as a trusted destination for global chip manufacturing and said the government is taking all measures to ensure the industry's success through enabling policies and frameworks.

Speaking at the inauguration of the SEMICON India 2026, the PM said that the semiconductor ecosystem is expanding rapidly, opening new opportunities for innovation, investment and growth.

The world needs new and trusted locations for chip manufacturing, and India is preparing itself for this, he said.

"India is taking all measures to become a preferred destination for semicon-



ductor manufacturing," the prime minister said.

So far, 12 chip-making projects have been approved, and the next phase will see the numbers increase further, the PM noted.

India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 expanded out-

lay to USD 13.5 billion from USD 8 billion in the first phase, he said, adding, "Be it policies, regulatory framework...whatever is needed for you (manufacturers) to succeed, government is taking all steps and efforts to ensure that."

The Indian economy is

expanding rapidly, and so is the world's confidence in India, he said, citing Q1 GDP growth and Japanese rating agency JCRA's India rating upgrade.

India is seeking to build a complete semiconductor ecosystem, expanding beyond chip design and assembly to fabrication, advanced packaging, equipment, materials, research and talent as it looks to strengthen electronics manufacturing and reduce dependence on global supply chains.

India is betting that the global push to diversify semiconductor supply chains away from concentrated manufacturing hubs can help position the country as a major chipmaking and electronics manufacturing hub.

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## Renovated J&K House inaugurated Omar reiterates demand to restore J&K statehood

AMRITSAR, SEP 17: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, whotoday inaugurated the renovated J&K House here, reiterated his demand to restore J&K's statehood, saying all they had received so far on the matter were verbal assurances.

Talking to mediapersons here, Abdullah also wished Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 76th birthday, saying, "We wish him on his birthday."

Asked what announcement he expected today, he said, "What can I say as to what he (Modi) does... If nothing else, let him grant us statehood; what else could we want?"



Abdullah was in Amritsar to inaugurate the renovated heritage building of the

Jammu & Kashmir House on Court Road.

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## Autumn Session of LA In all-party meet, Speaker calls for ensuring smooth conduct of House

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, SEP 17

Ahead of the autumn session of legislative assembly scheduled to commence on September 21, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rathertoday convened an all-party cum BAC meeting and called upon the members to ensure smooth conduct of the House proceedings.

In the meeting, Rather emphasised the need for ensuring smooth, orderly and people-oriented functioning of the House.



He sought the 'valuable suggestions' of the members for making the forthcoming assembly session more fruitful, meaningful and responsive to public concerns.

He emphasised the need

to provide adequate opportunities to the elected representatives to raise issues pertaining to their respective constituencies and bring matters of public importance to the floor of the

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## PM's leadership has brought major development to J&K: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha today celebrated the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the children of Palaash&Pareeshahomes in Srinagar, saying that J&K had witnessed major development under the PM's leadership.

On the occasion, he distributed school bags, sports kits, and sweets, and also reviewed the residential facilities provided to ensure their well-being. Subsequently, he visited the children's hospital at Bemina to spend time with the young patients and wish them a



full and speedy recovery.

It is pertinent to mention that the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' begins today, marking a month-long festival of selfless service till October 17. This campaign celebrates 25 years of the PM's public service, transforming

India from the "Fragile Five" to the world's top five economies.

Over the next month, 12 programmes will include school competitions on 'Mere Sapno ka Bharat', honouring Anganwadi and

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## US' Russia Sanctions Act India committed to ensure its energy security: MEA

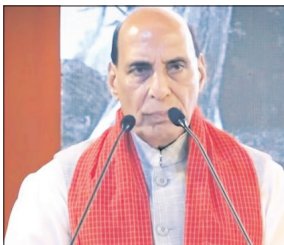
NEW DELHI, SEP 17: India remains firmly committed to ensuring energy security for its 1.4 billion people, and it will continue to do so through diversified sourcing, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said today while reacting to the US' Russia sanctions legisla-

tion. The US House of Representatives has passed the Lindsey O Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act that authorises President Donald Trump to impose sanctions on Russia and steep tariffs on its trading partners such as India and China in the oil and gas sector.

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## India heading towards 'Viksit Bharat' goal: Rajnath



NEW DELHI, SEP 17: Stating that India was "moving with confidence" towards achieving the 'Viksit Bharat 2047' goal under Narendra Modi's leadership, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today extended wishes to the prime minister on his 76th birthday.

In a post on X, he also said the country was moving for

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## Properties of 2 terrorists attached

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DGP Nalin Prabhat today ordered the attachment of properties belonging to two terrorists of Kupwara district, who were presently operating from Pakistan.

According to officials, the attached properties belong to terrorists - Abdul Majeed Qureshi & Parvaiz Ahmad Qureshi - residents of Kachamavillage in Kupwara district.

"Of the attached properties, a piece of 10 kanals of land belongs to Abdul Majeed and five kanals to Parvaiz Ahmad," officials said,

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## 'Architects of 9/11 were not hiding in caves' India slams Pak at UNSC over safe havens for terrorists

UNITED NATIONS, SEP 17: In a scathing attack on Pakistan, India said the "architects" of 9/11 attacks were not hiding in "caves or badlands," but had long evaded detection, asserting that the same "permissive environment" continues to support terror groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed.

"Al-Qaeda terrorists Osama bin Laden and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed were eventually found in settled communities rather than remote hideouts," India's Permanent Representative Harish Parvathaneni said in his address at a UN Security Council meeting while invoking the history of September 11, 2001 attacks.

"The international community supported the global campaign to counter terrorism in the wake of

9/11. Let us not forget, however, that al-Qaeda's terror ecosystem established its strategic depth beyond Afghanistan through its affiliates," he said.

Addressing the UNSC meeting on the situation in Afghanistan, Parvathaneni listed the names of al-Qaeda terrorists who had planned and perpetrated the September 11, 2001 attacks and who were captured in Pakistani cities.

"The terrorists of al-Qaeda who conceived and directed these 9/11 attacks did not escape justice in the wilderness of some un-governed frontier," he said.

The Indian envoy said that bin Laden, who ordered and financed the 9/11 plot, was "tracked down and killed in a fortified compound within a settled, guarded community under Operation Nep-

tune Spear."

"Mohammed, the principal architect of the operation, was found sheltering in an ordinary residential house. Ramzi Binalshibh, who coordinated the hijacker cell after being denied a visa to join them, was sheltering in an urban centre," he said.

Senior al-Qaeda operative Walid bin Attash, who helped select and prepare several hijackers, was captured separately. Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi, a key financial and logistical facilitator of the 9/11 operation, was captured under similar circumstances, he said.

"In each case, these were not fugitives hiding in caves or badlands, they were men who had long evaded detection. Draining this swamp that provided an enabling environment for such mon

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## 2 Pak terrorists of JeM killed, OGW held in Majalta woods

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Following an overnight encounter with them, security forces today eliminated two Pakistani terrorists of Jaish-e-Mohammad outfit in the dense Majalta woods of Udhampur district, besides capturing an Over Ground Worker (OGW) of terrorists.

The movement of terrorists was noticed in the forested area last week. Since then, security forces were looking for them. As a specific input last night suggested the presence of terrorists in the dense Brattal

Sohan & Khubbanwoods of Majalta, bordering Kathua district, a joint operation was launched by Army's White Knight Corps, police and CRPF amid heavy rains at about 9 pm, officials said.

The operation was launched amid hostile weather, difficult terrain and poor visibility. The initial contact was established soon after the operation was launched.

A few rounds of firing and blasts were heard soon thereafter, officials said, adding that the area, however, remained largely quiet through the night before the lull ended on Thursday morning, when the terror-

ists opened heavy fire in an attempt to break the cordon.

Fire was returned. In the exchange of fire that ensued, two terrorists of JeM outfit, headquartered in Pakistan, were neutralised, officials said.

A US-made M4 carbine and an AK assault rifle, along with a large quantity of ammunition, were recovered from the scene of the gunfight.

"The operation is still in progress, with search and surveillance continuing in the area. Security forces remain deployed to track and neutralise any remaining

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## NBW issued against Pak terrorist linked to Pahalgam attack

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, SEP 17

A special NIA court here has issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against Pakistan-based top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Saifullah for his involvement in several major terror attacks in the valley, including the April 22, 2025 Pahalgam massacre that had led to the killing of 25 Hindu holidayers and a local.

Saifullah hails from Changa Manga village in Pakistan's Kasur. He is also known in terror ranks by

the aliases of Sajid Jatt, Ali Bhai, Habibullah Malik, Langda, Noomi, Numan, Usman Habib and Shani.

According to officials, he is a key figure in the terror outfit's operations and has remained active for over two decades.

The NBW comes after NIA busted a "deep-rooted" LeT module headed by Pakistani terrorist Abdullah, alias Abu Hureira, who was arrested with another Pakistani accomplice, Usman alias Khubaib, and three local operatives early this year.

Quoting an order issued by the special NIA court, of-

ficials said the case arose after police intercepted a LeT operative in the Pandach area of Srinagar in March, leading to the successful arrest of the entire group, particularly Abdullah, who had been on the run for 16 years, and had successfully established bases outside the Union Territory.

Seeking the NBW against the LeT commander for his role in the terrorist module, the NIA told the court that Saifullah, the designated terrorist listed under the Fourth Schedule of the UAPA, had been operating from Pakistan and provid

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## Kavinder calls on Maharashtra Guv, discusses key issues

MUMBAI, SEP17: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Guptatoday paid a courtesy visit to Maharashtra Governor Jishnu Dev Varma at Lok Bhavan here, and discussed key issues concerning the two states.

During the meeting, the two governors exchanged greetings and held cordial discussions on matters of mutual interest, besides sharing their views on the rich cultural, spiritual and developmental heritage of Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The meeting reflected the cordial institutional relations and the spirit of cooperation between the two states.



The governors also exchanged views on the important constitutional and ceremonial responsibilities

associated with their respective offices.

Gupta was accompanied by his wife Bindu Gupta.