



Sakeena to attend ITB Asia in Singapore



The government has deputed an official delegation, headed by Minister for Health & Medical Education, School Education, Higher Education and Social

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2 landmines defused near LoC

Two landmines were today detected and defused by troops near the border fence in Basoni area of Mendhar sub-sector of Poonch.

According to officials, the landmines were discovered during track construction at 8.25 am and 12.10 pm, officials said, adding that both the explosive devices were later destroyed by Army experts in a controlled explosion.

Around a dozen landmines were detected and

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Ex-minister Harbans Singh dies



NC leader and former minister Harbans Singh passed away at a private hospital in Jammu early Monday.

He was 84. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah visited Singh's residence to offer his condolences to

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Pak army's training aircraft crashes, 2 pilots killed

ISLAMABAD, OCT 12: Two Pakistan Army pilots were killed on Monday after their training aircraft crashed due to a technical fault.

The incident occurred near Quetta, the provincial capital of Balochistan.

"(At) midday, a Mushshak training aircraft of Pakistan Army Aviation crashed near Nawan Killi, Quetta, due to a technical fault," the army said in a statement.

Both pilots, MajHusnain Shehzad Humayun, the instructor, and CaptAbdul Samad, a student, died in the "unfortunate crash," it

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Ladakh records growth in tourist arrivals

LEH, OCT 12: Ladakh continues to witness impressive tourist footfall, with September 2026 recording 55,582 tourist arrivals, against 34,610 tourists in September 2025, marking a year-on-year increase of 60.60 pc.

Between January 1 and September 30, 2026, Ladakh received 4,60,667 tourists as compared to 3,35,872 visitors during the entire year of 2025. The tourist arrivals during the first nine months of 2026 have already surpassed the total footfall recorded in the previous year by 37.16 pc, reflecting Ladakh's growing ap

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Geeta Basra excited about comeback with Punjabi film 'Mehtar'

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Terrorism will one day harm its sponsors as well: Vice-Prez

Warns countries abetting terrorism

NEW DELHI, OCT 12: *Stating that India aims to become a global power without dominating others, Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan today warned countries sponsoring terrorism that such "unlawful weapon" would eventually harm their own people.*

He said the political leadership in such countries must recognise the long-term consequences of supporting unlawful activities.

"The countries that sponsor terrorism have to realise that in the long run, it will harm their own people as well," he said while delivering a talk on 'India's Core National Interests, Values and Strategic Objectives' at the National Defence College here.

The "unlawful weapon"



looks like it is harming others. "One day it will harm us also. That has to be understood by the leaderships," he underlined.

Emphasising India's national security priorities, Radhakrishnan said the country's objectives include maintaining a secure internal environment, protecting

national unity and development, and safeguarding its territory, airspace and maritime interests, including trade routes vital to the economy.

He also underlined the importance of protecting India's cyberspace and strengthening constructive engagement with other na-

tions to promote regional and global peace and international stability.

Describing national security as essential for the country's progress, the vice president said it was about creating an environment in which India could develop, prosper and realise its aspirations securely.

He said India's ambition to become the world's most powerful nation was not intended to dictate terms to others, but to ensure that no one could impose unethical terms on India.

He stressed that India's national strategy must translate national purpose into action and national intent into tangible outcomes.

"India seeks to become a leading global power not to dominate others, but to ensure that no country dic

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Vessels with 22 Indians attacked in Hormuz

NEW DELHI, OCT 12: Two merchant vessels with 22 Indian crew members came under attack in Strait of Hormuz triggering a strong condemnation by India.

First ship, MT Peteo Dolphin was reportedly struck by a drone on Sunday, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

"We condemn the attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz region on October 11. MT PETRO DOLPHIN was reportedly struck by a drone, with two of the 11 Indian seafarers onboard reported missing," it said.

"MT VALTHERA, a Marshall Islands-flagged

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NIA attaches property used to harbour terrorists

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 12

The National Investigation Agency today attached a residential property in Srinagar in connection with across-border terror conspiracy involving Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, citing its use for harbouring Pakistani terrorists and concealing incriminating material linked to the terror network.

NIA said the residential property at Danihama, Srinagar, belonging to accused Ghulam Mohammad Mir alias Mama Gas was at

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Lady follower held with heroin

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In separate incidents, police today laid hands on a lady police follower for possessing heroin, and two others who were found carrying heroin as well as pistols.

Officials said a police team intercepted a scooter driven by Shameem Begum of Dak Banglow, Marialian, at Balol Naka near Indra Nagar, Miran Sahib, during routine checking of vehicles.

During checking, approximately 15 grams of heroin-like substance was allegedly recovered from the possession of Shameem, who is a police follower, officials

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J&K's survival depends on protecting mountain ecosystems: Omar



Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 12

Calling for a practical and balanced approach to sustainable mountain development, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said 'J&K's survival depends on protecting mountain ecosystems while safeguarding livelihoods'.

After inaugurating the 13th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit, he stressed that environmental protection, economic growth and people's livelihoods must go hand in

hand.

The summit was jointly organised by SKUAST-Kashmir and the Integrated Mountain Initiative, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JK-STIC).

The summit, held under the J&K Agriculture Science Congress-2026, is themed around sustainable Himalayan landscapes for inclusive Viksit Bharat and the formulation of a Sustainable Mountain Development Policy for Jammu and Kashmir.

In his address, the chief minister emphasised the urgent need to protect the region's fragile mountain ecology. "Climate change, erratic snowfall, water scarcity, extreme rainfall and landslides are increasingly affecting Jammu and Kashmir, making sustainable development essential for its long-term survival," he said.

"We do not take care of our mountains, our environment as much as we should. We cannot stop global warming on our own, nor can we reverse it.

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Prez appoints Guvs in 6 states, Arlekar gets Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI, OCT 12: President Droupadi Murmu today appointed governors for six states, giving Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar full-time charge of Tamil Nadu and moving Sikkim Governor Om Prakash Mathur to Keralam.

The appointments include changes in the governorships of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Karnataka, Uttarakhand and Sikkim. The new appointments will take effect from the dates on which the respective appointees assume charge of their offices.

As per the official communiqué, Om Prakash Mathur, the incumbent Governor of Sikkim, has been appointed Governor of Kerala.

Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor of Kerala, has been appointed Governor of Tamil Nadu.

Braj Mohan Ram has been appointed Governor of Odisha while DrSudha Yadav has been appointed Governor of Karnataka. DrDhal Singh Bisen is appointed Gover-



nor of Uttarakhand while Dushyant Gautam is appointed Governor of Sikkim.

The communiqué states that the appointments will become effective once the respective governors formally assume charge of their new offices.

Arlekar had held additional charge of Tamil Nadu since March, when R N Ravi

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4 'terrorists' killed in LoC blast across Poonch

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, OCT 12

At least four Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists, including a top commander, were today said to have been killed in a powerful blast across the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu.

While sources said the blast occurred while they were attempting to infiltrate into this side of the LoC, earlier reports suggested they were PoJK residents who were laying pipes on their side of the border.

Sources said the blast, caused by a landmine, took place in Nangi Takri area of Krishna Ghati (KG) sub-sector in the afternoon when a group of four terrorists attempted to sneak into the Indian territory.

In the blast, all the four lost their lives,

sources said.

Sources identified the dead as Faizan Sagheer, Ishtiaq, Waqas Shariefna d Asim Rafiq of Battal Mandhol, PoJK. Another report, however, identified them as Muhammad Ishtiaq, Muhammad Waqas, Muhammad Asim and Muhammad Faizan, all residents of PoK.

Earlier reports, quoting preliminary information received from across the LoC, said that some PoJK residents were laying pipes across the LoC when the explosion took place, killing four of them.

However, following the explosion, security forces sounded an alert across the sector and intensified vigilance along the LoC to assess the situation and prevent any possible security breach, officials said.

A tight vigil was being maintained all along the LoC, the officials added.

Kavinder unveils 100-day youth development roadmap for 'Viksit Bharat'

SOLAN, OCT 12: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today released the 100-day 'roadmap for youth development' of DrYashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, aimed at promoting skill development, entrepreneurship, employment generation and sustainable rural livelihoods in alignment with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Prepared in accordance with the directions of the Chancellor's Inter-University Viksit Bharat Task Force, the roadmap seeks to strengthen innovation, promote best practices and enhance coordination among universities to improve the quality and relevance of higher education and contribute to the development of Himachal Pradesh.

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Bharat Task Force to bring universities across the state onto a common platform.

During an interaction with Vice Chancellors, Gupta, who is also the university's chancellor, directed all universities to pre

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