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Searches launched in Majalta, Billawar woods

Following inputs about the movement of terrorists, security forces today launched searches in Majalta&Billawar woods of Udhampur and Kathua districts.

According to officials, searches were underway in the forests of Soan, Khuban, Chore and Nagan in Udhampur's Majalta, and Sadrouta, Bhed&Balore in Kathua district.

No contact had been established with the sus

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2 landmines found, destroyed

Two landmines were this morning detected by troops near the border fence in Basoni area of Mendharsub-sector of Poonch.

Officials said two landmines were spotted by troops during the ongoing track construction near the LoC.

Both the explosive devices were later destroyed by Army experts in a controlled explosion, the officials added.

More than a dozen

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Mining deptt officers get 'more' powers

The government has authorised key officials of Geology &Mining Department, including its director, joint directors, deputy directors, and district-level officers of or above the rank of assistant mineral officer, to directly file written complaints in designated special courts against illegal mining, storage, and transportation offenses.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 83 of the Jammu &Kashmir

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RBI will continue efforts to keep rupee stable: FM



NEW DELI, OCT 13: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the rupee had depreciated "significantly" over the past year and a half, and the RBI will continue its efforts to prevent excessive volatility in the domestic currency.

Speaking at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum 2026, she said the

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Saxena chairs Advisory Council meeting



LEH, OCT 13: LG Vinai Kumar Saxenatoday chaired the first meeting of Advisory Council of the Union Territory of Ladakhto deliberate upon the major developmental projects being undertaken in the UT.

The meeting witnessed detailed discussions on critical areas, including long-term water security, agricultural sustainability, local employment, tourism promotion, her

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India grows 'with world, not at anyone's cost': Modi

Cites strong economic fundamentals

NEW DELHI, OCT 13: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India's economic growth was anchored in strong fundamentals and a sustained reform drive, declaring that the country sought to expand its global economic influence through shared prosperity rather than at the expense of other nations.

"We do not grow at anyone's cost. We grow with the world. And for the world," he said, pitching India as a reliable economic partner amid geopolitical tensions, trade disruptions and growing competition over critical technologies and resources.

Addressing the Bloomberg Economic Forum, he cited the country's 7.8 per cent economic growth in the April-June quarter, foreign-exchange



reserves exceeding USD 700 billion and reforms spanning taxation, insolvency and labour laws as evidence of its resilience. "In this world full of uncertainties, India inspires reliability and stability," he said.

"This year, in the April to June quarter, India's economic growth was 7.8 per cent. And this growth is taking place on a strong foundation," he said citing strong macroeconomic fundamentals, including drastic reduction in India's current account deficit from over 4 per cent 12-13 years back to about half a per cent now.

Modi argued that economic and technological strength should be measured not merely by the power a country com-

mands, but by how effectively it creates opportunities for others. "The real question is not who has the power. The real question is, how is this power being used?" he said, summarising his approach as "power to empower".

The prime minister highlighted India's digital public infrastructure, expanding startup ecosystem and clean-energy capacity as examples of how domestic capabilities could support inclusive growth. He said India was sharing its experience in digital identity, payments and public infrastructure with partner countries, particularly in the Global South.

"For us, reforms are not a compulsion. Reforms are our conviction," he said.

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2 Maldivian pilots held over plot to down Flydubai aircraft

DUBAI, OCT 13: Two Maldivian pilots employed by flydubai have been arrested by UAE police in connection with an alleged attempt by an Omani co-pilot to hijack and crash a Dubai-Tel Aviv flight, in which Indian Captain Smit Machchhar was injured while foiling the suspected plot.

The duo were taken into custody, and their families have been formally informed of their detention by the Maldivian Embassy in the United Arab Emirates.

The Maldivian authorities have declined to comment on the detention of the two pilots, it said.

No official details have so far been released by the

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Terrorist hideout busted



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JAMMU, OCT 13

Security forces today recovered arms and ammunition from a terrorist hideout which was busted by them in Satharban woods of Surankote in Poonch district.

During searches in Satharban woods, a joint team of Army&police came across a natural cave which

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Truck falls off NH; 1 killed, 1 injured

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A truck today skidded off the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway near Nachlana in Ramban district and fell into a gorge, resulting in the death of its driver and injuries to the conductor.

The ill-fated truck was on its way from Srinagar to Gujarat. However, when it reachNachlana, Banihal, its driver lost control over it as a result of which it rolled down into a gorge.

In the incident, both the driver and the conduct sustained injuries and were shifted to the Sub-District Hospital (SDH), Banihal,

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Meeting of BIMSTEC countries

Make sure terror networks don't find haven in region: Shah

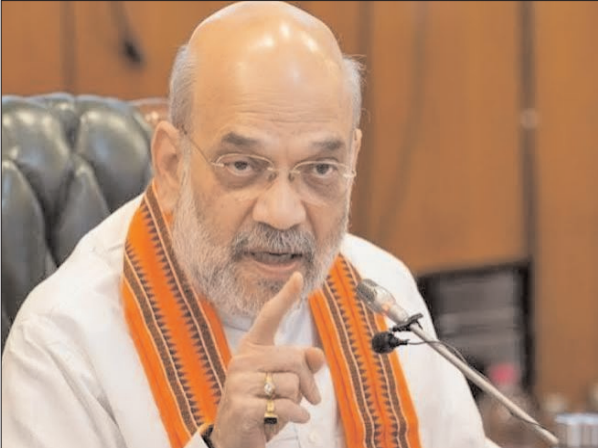
NEW DELHI, OCT 13:

Calling for a stronger regional cooperation among BIMSTEC countries to combat terrorism, disrupt terrorist financing and organised crime, Union Home Minister Amit Shah today emphasised the need for making sure that terrorist networks do not find a haven in the region.He also reaffirmed India's zero-tolerance policy against terrorism.

"India follows a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism," he said while addressing the first Home Ministers' Meeting of BIMSTEC countries here.

The home minister stressed the need for collective action to strengthen regional security.

"Hosting the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting is a matter of great pride and fortune for India.



BIMSTEC, in a way, has become an essential platform for regional integration, economic cooperation and collective security. With the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, India is going ahead today," Shah said.

"We have always been committed to peace, coexistence and human welfare. We continue to be committed to these even today. In-

dia has never believed in attacking any country or establishing dominance over them. India has always believed in upholding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of every country and peaceful resolution of differences," he added.

He said the trust underlying the partnership of BIMSTEC countries was

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Omar reviews arrangements for Darbar Move to Jammu

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JAMMU, OCT 13

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today reviewed arrangements for Darbar Move at a high-level meeting, directing the departments concerned to ensure a smooth, secure and well-coordinated transition of offices from Srinagar to Jammu, along with adequate facilities for employees.

At the outset, GAD secretaryMRajugave a detailed presentation on transport and logistical arrangements for the darbarmove convoy.

Omar directed the JKRTC Managing Directorand the traffic department to ensure adequate bus availability and organise the down convoy over two consecutive days, ieOctober 31 and November 1, for the safe and efficient movement of employees and equipment.

He stressed close coordination among all



the concerned departments to ensure hassle-free transportation.

Reviewing security arrangements, traffic management along the National Highway and residential accommodation for employees moving to the Winter Capital, the chief minister directed police department and other agencies to put in place comprehensive security measures, particularly in residential areas where the employees

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Murugan resigns, sparks speculation of imminent cabinet reshuffle

NEW DELHI, OCT 13: Union Minister of State L Murugan today resigned from the Modi government and said he wanted to return to Tamil Nadu to strengthen BJP in the state, raising speculation about an imminent reshuffle in the Council of Ministers.

This was the third resignation of a Minister of State (MoS) from the Council of Ministers after George Kurian and Ravneet Singh Bittu, who quit in June and July respectively after they were not renominated for Rajya Sabha elections by the party.

Murugan has been a



member of the Rajya Sabha since September 2021 and was re-elected to the Upper House in April 2024 from Madhya Pradesh. His tenure ends in April 2030. The minister said he wants to give up his Rajya Sabha membership.

Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri was also not renominated by the BJP in the just-concluded Rajya Sabha elections from Uttar Pradesh. However, he continues to be a member of the Union Cabinet.

Similarly, MoS in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, BL Verma, was also not renominated for the polls to the Upper House. He too continues to be in office.

Two other Ministers of State, Pankaj Chaudhary and Harsh Malhotra, who were made chief of BJP's Uttar Pradesh and Delhi

Kavinder performs Navratri Havan, prays for state's prosperity

SHIMLA, OCT 13: On the third day of Sharad Navratri, Governor Kavinder Gupta today performed a Yajna and offered prayers at Lok Bhavan for the peace, happiness, prosperity and continued progress of Himachal Pradesh.

Officers and employees of Lok Bhavan participated in the religious ceremony with devotion. The governor, along with Lok Bhavan officials and staff, offered 'purnahuti' in the yajna and prayed for the well-being and prosperity of the people of the state.

Extending his greetings to the people on Sharad Navratri, he said the festival



symbolises devotion to the nine forms of Goddess Durga.

He expressed faith that the blessings of the Goddess inspire strength, courage and well-being in the lives of devotees.

"Himachal Pradesh is

blessed with several revered Shakti Peeths," he said and prayed that the state remains safe from natural calamities and that every citizen enjoys happiness, prosperity and well-being.

He also expressed hope

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