



Govt adopts Class-IV service rules

The government has adopted Class-IV Services (Special Provision) Regulations, 2014, of Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations as the basis for formulating a similar regularisation mechanism for eligible casual labourers, contingent paid workers, consolidated workers and other similarly placed employees working in Urban Local Bodies across the Union Territory.

An official order issued in this regard says: "Sanction is hereby

CB files chargesheet against 3 officials

The crime branch of police today filed a chargesheet against three public servants in an alleged fraud and corruption case.

Officials said the CB presented the chargesheet in a case registered under relevant sections of RPC and section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, before the court of Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Srinagar, against three accused.

The accused included

NIA court declares Pak-based terrorist proclaimed offender

A special court here has declared a Pakistan-based terrorist a proclaimed offender in a 2022 case concerning terror-funding activities involving Al-Huda Education Trust (AHET) and unlawful activities of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami.

Mushtaq Ahmad Mir, a resident of Thanamang in Darhal tehsil of Rajouri district, had crossed the Line of Control (LoC) in 1995-96 to join terrorism and is currently believed to

BJP gaining ideological ground in Kashmir: Punia



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BJP today said a favourable political atmosphere was emerging for it in Kashmir as it was gaining a comfortable ground on the ideological front and expressed confidence of contesting the next elections in

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Woman among 2 sentenced to death in murder case

MEERUT (UTTAR PRADESH), OCT 14: A court in Meerut on Wednesday sentenced Muskan and Sahil to death in the murder case of Saurabh Rajput.

Advocate Krishan Kumar Dubey informed that both had been ordered to pay a fine of Rs 50,000. "The court has also imposed fines of Rs 50,000 under Section 302 and Rs 20,000 under Section 238A."

"It is a historic verdict. The entire nation was watching; the eyes of the public were fixed on what punishment the perpetrators of this crime would receive. They appeared to

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LAC must be stable for normalisation of ties with China: EAM

Links economic ties with Beijing to border peace

NEW DELHI, OCT 14: **Warning that border disturbances would have consequences for bilateral ties, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today said peace and stability along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) were essential for normalising relations between India and China.**

He linked expansion of trade and investment to peace & tranquility along the border, saying relations had improved as tensions eased since 2024.

"The point we make to the Chinese is: 'If you want a normal relationship, if the rest of the relationship is to move, it's common sense -- It is a no-brainer that the boundary has to be stable and that we need peace and tranquility in the border ar-



eaes," he said.

Jaishankar, speaking at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum here, noted that the situation along the LAC had "settled down" to a great extent since 2024 and that the relationship is "commensurately moving towards normalcy."

In the last few months, both sides have rolled out a series of confidence-build-

ing measures to repair ties frayed by the more than four-and-a-half-year military standoff in eastern Ladakh. The face-off ended in late 2024.

To a question on whether India would allow more Chinese investment in the country in case there was an "early harvest" agreement on the boundary question, Jaishankar broadly said

Vaishnav warns of heightened global turbulence in coming years

NEW DELHI, OCT 14: Warning of heightened global turbulence in the coming years from tech disruptions, artificial intelligence and financial risks, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav on Wednesday said India is strengthening its economic and technological resilience to shield its growth from external shocks.

"Global technology supply chains will continue to span multiple countries and geographies, but companies and governments will need to repeatedly evaluate their partners and ensure that dependence on a particular country or company does not compromise resilience,"



he said while speaking at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum.

"Technology will remain a highly globalised field," Vaishnav - who is Minister for Electronics and IT, Information and Broadcasting and Railways - said.

He emphasized that global value chains will be multi-border, multi-country, and multi-geography, reflecting the nature of the

industry itself.

"Strategic dependencies, which are the countries you can trust, which are the places where you believe that your production, your design, your dependency on a particular country or a company does not make you lose your resilience... Those are the decisions which will have to be taken again and again, continuously," Vaishnav said.

This would mean constantly evaluating partners, making sure that the partners and the producers are on the same page, and have a similar mindset.

The minister warned that

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'Immature & Counterproductive' Sheikh Hasina slams B'desh PM for skipping BRICS Summit

NEW DELHI, OCT 14: Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's decision to skip the BRICS summit in India was "immature" and damaged Bangladesh's national interest, former premier Sheikh Hasina has said, warning that foreign policy driven by personal reactions or short-term political calculations is inherently counterproductive.

She said Bangladesh's participation at the summit of the influential grouping could have opened up new opportunities for the country's economic and social



development, but that chance was lost.

The former Bangladesh prime minister said if her presence in New Delhi was the reason behind Rahman's refusal to attend the summit, it was very unfortunate, as relations between two countries cannot

be determined by personal considerations or political sensitivities involving one individual.

Questioning Rahman's decision, Hasina told a news agency that a responsible government should "open doors for the country, not close them."

New Delhi had extended an invitation to Bangladesh Prime Minister Rahman for the BRICS summit in his role as the current chair of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic

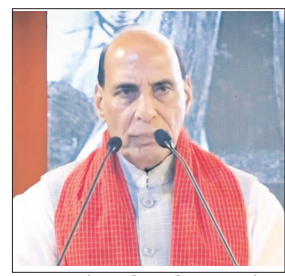
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India seeks Indo-Pacific where all nations make own choices: Def Min

NEW DELHI, OCT 14: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that 'India envisions an Indo-Pacific where all nations -- large and small -- can make independent choices, protect their interests, and pursue peaceful development'.

"India and the 10-nation regional grouping ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) share a clear interest in maintaining an open, stable, and inclusive Indo-Pacific," he said while addressing an event here.

The defence minister also called for respecting state sovereignty, abiding by international law, and keeping dialogue channels open to collectively address both



conventional and emerging "borderless challenges."

"The region is witnessing rapid changes in the face of growing strategic competition and pressure, and no country alone can address the challenges," he said speaking at ASEAN- India Defence Think Tank Forum.

Singh underlined the need to discuss differences

"early and peacefully", before they become disputes, and pitched for a regional order where countries work together without being forced to choose sides.

The defence minister's remarks came amid increasing global concerns over China's increasing military assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific.

"India believes that security is strengthened when countries build capacity together, respect international law and maintain trust through dialogue," he said.

Singh highlighted the centuries-old close ties between India and Southeast Asia and reiterated that the

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that various possibilities were being looked at.

"We are now looking at those possibilities, and we have to see where we go. But we are not insisting that you have to solve the boundary issue in order to do business." "What we are saying is: the bar is lower. The bar is: maintain peace and tranquillity. I wouldn't link the early harvest to anything other than the boundary question resolution. Anything we do on any policy we have on business, market access issues will be dealt with separately."

The External Affairs Minister also flagged concerns over economic issues with China.

"We also have very major economic issues with China. If you look today at the trade balance, it is com

India-US ties 'very strong': Piyush Goyal



NEW DELHI, OCT 14: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal today said India-US relations were "very good" and would continue to improve regardless of shifts in political perspectives in either country.

"The bilateral relationship extends beyond trade to include defence, technology, critical minerals and connection between individuals," he said.

"Naturally, it is already

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NEET paper leak case CBI files supplementary chargesheet

NEW DELHI, OCT 14: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a supplementary chargesheet against an accused in the NEET paper leak case before a Delhi court on Wednesday.

Special Judge Ajay Gupta directed that a copy of the supplementary chargesheet be supplied to the counsel of the 14th accused, Sheshrav Bajrang Suryawanshi alias Raj Suryawanshi, and posted the matter for further proceedings on Thursday.

The agency has alleged that Suryawanshi, a resi

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HC calls for jail report on non-appearance of Yasin Malik

NEW DELHI, OCT 14: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday called for a report from the jail authorities on non-appearance of Yasin Malik from prison in a terror funding case.

A bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Arun Bhargava noted that Malik was to be produced before the court virtually.

"Respondent (Malik) had to be produced virtually before us. However, it is not done. Let a report in this regard be called from the jail superintendent concerned," the bench said.

Malik is lodged in Tihar jail where he is serving a life term in the case.

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LG calls for protecting Himalayan ecosystem, sustainable mountain development

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LG Manoj Sinha today called for protecting Himalayan ecosystem and comprehensive, science-based and people-centric approach to sustainable mountain development.

"Building a resilient Himalayan landscape is no longer merely a subject of discussion but a matter of national importance," he said in his message at the valedictory session of the 13th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit.

Congratulating the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) and SKUAST-Kashmir for jointly organising the Summit, the LG said the summit had provided a platform for meaningful deliberations on issues concerning water resources, forests, land, bio-



diversity and climate change, while amplifying the concerns of millions of people dependent on the Himalayan ecosystem.

He said the challenges posed by climate change, global warming, environmental degradation and unplanned development were becoming increasingly evident across the Himalayan region.

"Over the past two decades, we have witnessed numerous unprecedented challenges unfold before us. The natural disaster in

various parts of the country and the world proves that the intensity of climate change impacts has increased, making these challenges even more serious," he said.

The LG stressed that the Himalayas is the source of rivers, protectors of biodiversity and vital regulators of climate and any disturbance to the Himalayan ecological balance would have far-reaching consequences.

He highlighted the need to establish a balanced relationship between development and conservation, asserting that development achieved at the cost of environmental stability cannot be regarded as true development. "The vision of a developed India can be realised only when the Himalayas remain secure, healthy and vibrant," he

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India's cultural heritage receiving growing recognition internationally: Modi

NEW DELHI, OCT 14 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India's music, dance, cinema and cuisine continue to connect the country with societies across the world, asserting that its cultural heritage is receiving growing recognition internationally.

"Besides preserving monuments, the government is also preserving India's manuscript heritage through the Gyan Bharatam initiative," he said in a written message to the participants at the 'Brihattar Bharat: International Conference on Bharat's Cultural Connections Across the Globe' being held at the Vigyan Bhawan from October 14-16.

Union Culture Secretary Vivek Aggarwal read out the prime minister's message at the inaugural session of the conference.

Efforts to bring back antiquities from foreign countries have gained a "renewed momentum", while India's cultural heritage is receiving growing recognition at the international level, Modi said.



The Indra Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), under the Ministry of Culture, is hosting the conference themed on India's cultural legacy and its wider civilisational heritage beyond borders.

Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat was also present at the inaugural session.

The conference brings together delegates, ambassadors and scholars from different

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Cabinet clears Rs 53,428 cr for NSAC, revises disability pension norms

NEW DELHI, OCT 14: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved an outlay of Rs 53,428 cr for the continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for five years, from 2026-27 to 2030-31, with revised eligibility criteria and assistance rates for disability pension beneficiaries.

The scheme will be renamed the 'Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana', while its pension and family benefit components will also be renamed, according to an official statement.

Under the revised norms,

monthly assistance under the disability pension scheme will be Rs 375 for beneficiaries aged up to 79 years and Rs 625 for those aged 80 years and above.

The benchmark disability requirement for availing of the pension has been reduced from 80 per cent to 40 per cent. The minimum age criterion has also been removed, making persons with disabilities eligible for assistance from birth.

The revised eligibility criteria, beneficiary coverage and assistance rates under the disability pension scheme will be implemented within three

months of the issuance of guidelines, the statement read.

The pension schemes for the elderly and widows, along with the National Family Benefit Scheme, will continue in their existing form.

The cabinet's approval is expected to benefit 3.20 crore beneficiaries across all 36 states and union territories.

The Indra Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme will be renamed the 'Pradhan Mantri Vridhavaस्था Pension Yojana', while the Indra Gandhi

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Kavinder calls for preservation of Mother Tongues, revival of ancient Indian scripts

SHIMLA, OCT 14: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today called for preservation of Mother Tongues, and revival of ancient Indian scripts.

Speaking at a book release function at Lok Bhavan here, he emphasised the need to take pride in one's mother tongue and local dialects while remaining open to learning and understanding other Indian languages.

He also called upon universities to undertake research initiatives for the revival and preservation of ancient Indian scripts.

Congratulating the authors and everyone associ-



ated with the publication, the governor said that the language of a nation reflects its soul, its culture and its collective consciousness.

The book, he said, was not merely an academic discussion on language and education, but a meaningful initiative towards understanding India's roots,

preserving its heritage and shaping its future.

Highlighting the significance of the book's title, he said that letters mark the beginning of knowledge, words provide a medium for thought, and thoughts form the foundation of wisdom.

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