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Dr Jitendra meets injured soldiers in Military Hospital; hails their courage, determination

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CDS conducts 'strategic review' at



Army's northern, western commands

Chandimandir Military Station on Sunday.

"We must celebrate our diversity and foster unity to

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan on Sunday carried out a strategic review of the Indian Army's combat readiness at the force's northern and western theatres following the Operation Sindoor.

In separate visits to the two crucial commands that played a major role during the operation, Gen Chauhan commended the overall synergy and timely accomplish-

ment of tasks under challenging conditions.

The Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), while conducting a strategic review and operational assessment, emphasised the importance of continued vigilance, jointness and synergy across the services to address "evolving threats", according to the

Army. The top military official also exhorted the two commands to render a helping hand in rehabilitation of the civilians targeted by the 'adversary".

At the northern command's headquarters in Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir, General Commanding-in-Chief Lt Gen Pratik Sharma briefed Gen Chauhan on operational preparedness as well as efforts to eradicate terrorism in the Union territory, the

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Pakistan on notice, any future misadventure will lead to its destruction: LG Sinha

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday addressed the All J&K Jat Sabha in Jammu.

address, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted the valour of armed forces and reaffirmed the government's resolve to completely rid J&K of terrorism.

"Pakistan is on notice. If it

resorts to any misadventure in future, our armed forces will make sure to destroy this terrorist state. I assure the people that there will be no discrimination between armed terrorists and their supporters and sympathisers. Their actions will be met with similar punishment, the Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor appealed to the brave Jat Community and all sections of society to strengthen their resolve and unite in the fight against the divisive forces threatening our peace and

LG Manoj Sinha speaking at an event being organised by All J&K Jat Sabha on Sunday.

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In these challenging times, your responsibility to uphold national unity is more crucial than ever, he added.

"Jat community has a rich legacy of valour, courage, and sacrifice. A significant population of the Jat community resides near our borders, making them the country's first line of defence. I am proud that your devotion to the motherland has deepened the spirit of nationalism in the society," Lieutenant

ished the dream of a powerful the Lieutenant nation." Governor said.

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The Lieutenant Governor

paid homage to victims of

Pahalgam Terror Attack and those killed due to unpro-

voked shelling by Pakistan. He said the Government of

India is committed to proper rehabilitation of the affected

The Lieutenant Governor,

in his address, further called

for recognising the threat from divisive elements who

are trying to divide the socie-

defeat the Adversary's nefar-

ious designs. Our brave

Armed Forces have scripted

a new saga of valor with

'Operation Sindoor.' It is now

our sacred task to transform

the vision of a United and

Viksit Bharat into reality

and pay a fitting tribute to

our bravehearts who cher-

families

Man's body found in bag; wife

what is being thought

through, in 2.5-3 years, we

will be the third largest econ-

omy," Subrahmanyam said.

Monetary Fund (IMF), in its

World Economic Outlook

(WEO) report released in

April had said that India is

expected to be the fourth

largest economy in the world

with a GDP of USD 4.19

trillion in 2025, ahead of

India's nominal GDP for

2025 (FY26) is expected to

be USD 4.187 billion mar-

ginally more than the

International

among 3 arrested STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A woman was arrested for allegedly being involved in the killing of her husband and dumping his body in a bag in Udhampur's Chenani area, police on Sunday

Besides her, police have arrested a woman and her son for playing a role in the killing.

The matter came to light with the discovery of a bag, lying under stones and emitting a foul smell in the Laddha village on Thursday, spokesperson said.

When it was checked, dispute," police said.

police found a male body in it in a decomposed

The man was later identified as Ravi Kumar, a resident ofChulna-Panchari.

Investigation led police to suspect Nisha Devi, Kumar's wife, her sisterin-law Kanta Devi, and her son Joginder of Nargela village, to be the key figures behind the murder.

The three were taken into custody where they confessed to their being involved in the killing due to a "personal domestic

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 NDA has become synonymous Consequences would be more severe if anyone 1.2 kg Charas with progress, welfare: Amit Shah promotes terrorism on our soil: Om Birla STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Two alleged drug **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Dr Jitendra praises PM Modi as first cherry cargo train set to roll from J&K to Mumbai

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JAMMU: With the first cargo train carrying 24 tons of cherry ready to roll from Jammu and Kashmir to Mumbai next month, Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Sunday appreciated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for personally overseeing the completion of the railway track connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country.

Modi was supposed to inaugurate the direct train service from Katra in Jammu to Srinagar early this month, but the function was put on hold due to inclement weath-

However, the newly created

ASI killed, cop injured in road mishap STATE TIMES NEWS

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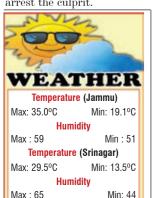
Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) was killed and another cop injured when a speedy vehicle hit them in Samba district on Sunday, officials said. ASI Yog Raj Singh along

with his team had set up a checking point on the border road at Pulpur in Supwal area following information about possible attempts by smugglers to transport bovine animals,

The officials said that the police party tried to stop a speedy mini load carrier at around 4.15 am, but its driver jumped the barricades and hit them, resulting in injuries to the ASI and another policeman.

The injured were rushed to a nearby hospital where the ASI succumbed to his injuries, they said.

The officials said that the police have registered a case and recovered the vehicle. which was found abandoned in a nearby area, while a hunt is on to identify and arrest the culprit.



Sunset: 19:28 Hours

Sunrise: 05:26 Hours

got its first VP indent, a request for allocation of a full parcel van for the shipment of goods, registered from Katra railway station to Bandra (Mumbai) for June Senior Divisional

Jammu railway division has

Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Jammu, Uchit Singhal, had earlier said that the effort undertaken after extensive consultations with the Jammu and Kashmir Horticulture Department and fruit grower associations is a welcome initiative if goes off successfully as it will offload the

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NEW DELHI: The National

Democratic Alliance (NDA),

with its people-centric initia-

tives, has become synony-

mous with progress and wel-

fare, Union Home Minister

Amit Shah said on Sunday.

Shah said this in a post on

X after attending the ruling

NDA Chief Ministers

"Through its people-cen-

tric initiatives, the NDA has

today become synonymous

with progress and welfare,"

The minister said the con-

clave focused on uplifting

Conclave here.

he said.

India has become 4th largest economy, ahead of Japan: NITI CEO to what is being planned and

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has become the fourth largest economy in the world, overtaking Japan, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam

Subrahmanyam said the overall geopolitical and ecoenvironment is favourable to India. "We are the fourth largest economy as I speak. We are a USD 4 trillion economy as I speak, he said. IMFCiting data,

Subrahmanyam said India today is larger than Japan. Till 2024, India was the fifth-largest economy in the

ginalised sections under the

visionary leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi and bolstering the

governance model to secure



NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam, Vice Chairperson Suman Bery and member VK Paul during a press briefing on NITI Council meeting.

"It is only the US, China

and Germany which are larg-

peddlers, including a resident of Punjab, were arrested along with 1.2 kg charas here, an official of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) said on Sunday.

Akshay Dogra of Jammu's Bohri area and Arun Manhas of Punjab's Pathankot were moving in a private vehicle when they were intercepted by a team of ANTF, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Parmandal Morh late Saturday, leading to the recovery of the narcotic substance, he said. The official said that both the

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JAMSHEDPUR/RANCHI (JHARKHAND): Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Sunday asserted that consequences would be "more severe than Operation Sindoor" if anyone promotes terrorism on Indian soil.

Praising the valour and courage of the Indian Army for aptly executing and hitting targets across the border, Birla said India will not only protect itself but also implement new policies and programmes to wipe out ter-Addressing a gathering on

the occasion of the platinum



celebration Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) in Jamshedpur, Birla \mathbf{Prime} Minister Narendra Modi has called upon people to fight terrorism anywhere in the world collectively to crush the men-

"Our army has proved that if any country promotes terrorism on our territory,

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All party delegations tell world leaders about India's new approach to combat cross-border terrorism

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NEW YORK/ MANAMA/ SEOUL: India now has a new approach in combating cross-border terrorism from Pakistan and anyone involved in such crimes will not go unpunished, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said here hours before he led a delegation

Guayana.

Tharoor made the remarks at a community event in New York as the delegation made a stopover -- during which he and other members of the delegation also paid tributes at the 9/11 memorial -- in the American city before leaving for Guyana.

In Bahrain, the all-party Indian parliamentary delegation on Sunday briefed Bahrain's Deputy Prime

Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa about the challenge of cross-border terrorism facing India and New Delhi's firm resolve to combat it. Separate Indian delega-

tions also briefed political

leaders in South Korea and

Slovenia on India's policy of zero tolerance in the wake of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people "India stands together in

declaring zero tolerance for terrorism," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in a post on X as he lauded the efforts put in by the allparty delegations.

In an interaction hosted by the Consulate General of India in New York with a select group of

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under the reformed criminal

"We stand firm in our

pledge to leave none out of

the development ambit," he

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that Operation Sindoor was not just a military mission, but "the face of a changing India" that reflects the country's resolve, courage, and growing strength on the global stage. Addressing his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat, the Prime Minister termed Operation Sindoor as a turning point in the global fight against terror and a symbol of India's growing strength and clarity of pur-

Leaders of the ruling National Democratic Alliance, who had gathered here for a meeting, listened to the Prime Minister's Mann ki Baat address together.



Operation Sindoor was launched on the intervening night of May 6-7 to avenge

the April 22 Pahalgam ter-In retaliation, the Indian armed forces struck terror sites, including the headquarters of Lashkar-e-Taiba,

Jaish-e-Muhammad, and

Hizbul Mujahideen.

The Prime Minister said Operation Sindoor has infused the entire nation with a sense of patriotism with people declaring to prefer Made in India goods over imported ones.

"Today the entire country is united against terrorism, filled with anger and **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Modi asks NDA Govts in states to adopt best governance practices for 'Viksit Bharat' NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on

Sunday that caste enumeration is a step towards bringing into the mainstream of development those left behind, as he emphasised that his government does not believe in caste politics but in the empowerment of the marginalised.

Addressing a conclave of NDA chief ministers and deputy chief ministers, Modi said the success of Operation Sindoon was an endorsement of the country's push towards selfreliance in the defence sector, an apparent reference to the important role played by indigenous defence technology in the recent India-Pakistan conflict, sources said.

Presentations on seven best governance practices, including the Uniform Civil Code in Uttarakhand, in as many states were made by different CMs and deputy CMs. Modi suggested forming a committee to study them and how they can be integrated elsewhere.

A synergised effort from the NDA-ruled states can speed up the realisation of 'Viksit Bharat', he added. Sources said the prime minister also asked leaders to avoid

the tendency to speak out of turn, seen as an expression of disapproval in the backdrop of political **CONTD ON PAGE 9**