

National News

PM Modi inaugurates and lays foundation stone of several development projects at Rohtak

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed happiness that the Haryana government is giving extensive emphasis on the education of the girl child. Addressing Vijay Sankalp Rally in Rohtak, Mr Modi said Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign has been a success in Haryana. He said the manner in which the ratio of daughters has increased is being discussed all over the country. The Prime Minister said that



people of Haryana have benefited from BJP led government in the Centre as well as in the state. He said at present, work is going on in Haryana with the help of the Central Government on large projects worth about 25

thousand crore rupees. Earlier, Mr Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects at Rohtak. Mr Modi laid the foundation for Shri Sheela Mata Devi Medical College in Gurugram, 576 housing units for police officials in Bhondsi, a mega food park in Rohtak and Integrated Command and Control Center in Karnal. He also inaugurated affordable housing complexes in Rohtak, the revival of Dulhera distributary and Integrated Command and Control Center in Faridabad.

Chandrayaan 2 lander located on moon surface, trying to establish contact: Isro chief

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The lander of Chandrayaan 2—Vikram—has been located on the surface of the moon, Indian Space Research Organization (Isro) chief K Sivan said on Sunday. "The orbiter has clicked a thermal image of lander. But there is no communication yet. We are trying to establish contact," Sivan told news agency Agency. Scientists lost contact with the the Vikram lander at



1.53am in the wee hours of Saturday, less than two minutes before it was supposed to make a soft landing on the lunar surface. Vikram lander was trying to make history by making India the first country to "soft land" on the South Pole of the moon. Scientists believe there could be water ice on the moon's South Pole.

On 100 days of Modi 2.0, Amit Shah tweets on historic decisions, promises more

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Union home minister Amit Shah enumerated the "historic decisions" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "decisive leadership" on Sunday, a day after the BJP-led government at the Centre completed its first 100 days in office. Amit Shah said, in a series of tweets, the Modi government is "synonymous with national security, development and welfare of the poor" and promised more. "... It is a symbol of hope for every section of our society. Within 100 days of Modi 2.0, PM @narendramodi has taken several historic decisions, for which every Indian had been waiting since 70 years (sic)," Amit Shah wrote in one of his tweets. "Whether it was the decision

to remove Article 370 & 35A from J&K or to free Muslim women from the curse of Triple Talaq or strengthening nation's security apparatus by amending the UAPA Act... All these historic decisions are a result of PM Modi's decisive leadership. #MODIFIED100 (sic)," he posted. "I also assure all our countrymen that Modi government will leave no stone unturned for the development, welfare and security of our nation. #MODIFIED100." Narendra Modi was sworn in as country's Prime Minister for a second term on May 30 after the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) returned to power with a massive mandate. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had decided to highlight the achievements as that of a

confident government capable of taking tough decisions. Union information minister Prakash Javadekar is likely to address a press conference to put out the government's achievements of the first 100 days. The BJP is also likely to hold press conferences from Monday onwards in all the state capitals. They are scheduled to be addressed by the state leaders rather than those from Delhi. Meanwhile, the Congress party hit back at the government on Twitter, saying "three words that describe the first 100 days of BJP 2.0 - tyranny, chaos and anarchy." "A steep fall in GDP from last year is a direct result of the govt's ignorance & gross mismanagement of economy. By disregarding voices of the industry, economists &

former PM Dr. Singh, BJP has proved itself to be completely incompetent in handling the economy (sic)," it also posted. Before that, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had similarly attacked the government on Saturday over its plans to mark 100 days in office, saying sectors such as automobile, transport and mining will see it as a celebration of their "ruin". Priyanka Gandhi Vadra made the remarks on Twitter as she shared a media report highlighting the problems being faced by the country's auto industry. "The BJP government is going to celebrate 100 days in office. But the auto sector, transport sector, mining sector will look at it as a celebration of their ruin," the Congress general secretary had tweeted in Hindi.

Pakistan sponsored terrorists making desperate attempts to create turmoil in J&K, says NSA Ajit Doval

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National Security Advisor Ajit Doval has said, Pakistan sponsored terrorists are making all efforts to prevent the restoration of normalcy in Jammu & Kashmir. In a scathing attack on Pak sponsored terrorism, Mr. Doval said, efforts made by Pakistan to create turmoil in Jammu & Kashmir reflect its desperation. He said they have been thoroughly exposed and lost face in front of those whom they sold false dreams.

Interacting with media yesterday, he reiterated that amendment in the constitution is an internal matter of India and majority of Kashmiris support the abrogation of Article 370, which was a special discrimination, not a special status. Mr. Doval said, the safety of people is the most important priority of the Government. However, reasonable restrictions are necessary for peace and protection of life as the right to life is the most important human right.

Talking about the measures taken for the restoration of normalcy in Jammu & Kashmir, Mr. Doval said, restrictions have been eased progressively. He said, more than 92 percent of the geographical area of Jammu & Kashmir is now without restrictions. He informed that only ten out of the 199 police districts in the region still have prohibitory orders. He said landline telephones and mobile services have been restored fully in Jammu & Ladakh region. The NSA said, more than 4 lakh patients have visited

Hospital's OPD and eleven thousand surgeries have been done since the abrogation of Article 370. On the issue of the detention of political leaders in J&K, he said that everything is done according to the framework of law and they can challenge their detention in Court. Mr. Doval told that they are in preventive detention. Also, there could have been problems in maintaining law and order in case there were gatherings. Since terrorists would have used the situation to foment

South east Asia

South Korea surveying damage from powerful typhoon Lingling

Courtesy The Straitstimes Seoul Sept. 8.

South Korea on Sunday (Sept 8) was surveying the impact of one of the most powerful typhoons to ever hit the Korean Peninsula, but the country appears to have escaped widespread damage. The country's Interior and Safety Ministry said in a statement that it is reviewing the damage from Typhoon Lingling and engaging in recovery work. The storm killed three people, damaged buildings and knocked out power to about 161,640 homes. Typhoon Lingling swept along South Korea's west coast on Saturday before making landfall in North Korea. A 75-year-old woman in the central South Korean town of Boryeong was killed after strong winds blew her off her feet and crashed her into a wall 30m away, the ministry said. A 39-year-old was killed in the western city of Incheon after

being crushed by a collapsed wall at a hospital parking lot, while a 61-year-old Chinese national died in the border town of Paju after being hit by a blown-off roof tile. South Korea's government said on Saturday at least 15 people were being treated for injuries, including an elderly couple from Boryeong who were injured after steel scaffolding collapsed on their home. The storm toppled hundreds of trees and streetlamps, blew signboards off buildings and damaged traffic signs across the mainland and Jeju. More than 200 flights were grounded at airports nationwide, while 38 people were forced to evacuate from their flooded homes in Gwangju, a city near Seoul. Typhoons that made a landfall in South Korea in past years caused greater damages and more casualties. Rainstorms could be a catastrophe in North Korea because of poor drainage, deforestation and decrepit

infrastructure in the impoverished country. Residents in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang were on Saturday seen using umbrellas to shield themselves from wind and rain while struggling to walk through wet streets. North Korea's state TV on Saturday reported that an unspecified number of homes and buildings had been damaged and showed footage of flooded streets and toppled trees. But the country's state media hasn't publicised any typhoon-related deaths or injuries. According to the North's Korean Central News Agency, leader Kim Jong Un "urgently convened" an emergency meeting on Friday to discuss disaster prevention efforts and scolded government officials who he described as "helpless against the typhoon, unaware of its seriousness and seized with easygoing sentiment." The storm was moving near Russia's Vladivostok as of Sunday morning.

Japan's Foreign Minister Taro Kono may move to defence in Cabinet shuffle: Report

Courtesy The Straitstimes Tokyo Sept. 8.

Japan's Foreign Minister Taro Kono is being considered for the role of defence minister when Prime Minister Shinzo Abe reshuffles his Cabinet next week, the country's Sankei Shimbun reported on Sunday (Sept 8). Citing unnamed sources, the newspaper said Kono may be tapped to succeed current Defence Minister Takeshi Iwaya following the foreign affairs minister's tough stance against South Korea over wartime issues which

have strained political and trade ties between the two countries. Abe is hoping that the 56-year-old Kono, who is known for his close ties with the United States and positive relationship with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, will strengthen Japan's role in trilateral security cooperation between Tokyo, Washington and Seoul amid the ongoing dispute, the Sankei said. The Defence Ministry was not immediately available for comment on the issue. Tensions between Japan and South Korea have been

mounting recently, with Japan removing South Korea from a list of preferred trading partners and South Korea terminating an intelligence-sharing pact with Japan. On Sept 7, South Korean foreign ministry spokesman Kim In-chul said in a letter to the Wall Street Journal that Japan has "stonewalled dialogue and instead retaliated on the trade front," accusing it of "historical revisionism." Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said on Sunday South Korea is responsible for the worsening relationship with Japan.

Sports News

Hopefully we bat well, save the game and enjoy a beer after: Trevor Bayliss on 4th Ashes Test

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England somehow need to produce a second 'miracle' if they are to avoid Australia retaining the fourth Test at Old Trafford. Yet coach Trevor Bayliss believes they can reproduce the spirit of their remarkable comeback in the third Test at Headingley and at least grind out a draw. England need another 365 runs to win with eight wickets remaining heading into the final day and they will resume with Jason Roy and Joe Denly at the crease. Joe Root's side had chased down a record target of 359 in dramatic fashion in Leeds, but they had started the day only needing 203. "Anything is possible. We saw that in the last Test match," said Bayliss.

"We have got a couple guys out there and a few guys in the shed who are more than capable of scoring a hundred. We know it will be difficult on this wicket against this attack but as Ben Stokes showed last week, anything is possible," he said. "We spoke about last week about who will put their hand up and be remembered. It is another opportunity tomorrow (Sunday) for someone. "When you lose a couple of wickets like that close to the close of play it is a little disappointing but we are pretty upbeat about what we might be able to do tomorrow. Hopefully we bat well, save the game and enjoy a beer after," he said. Steve Smith, whose 82 in Australia's second innings was incredibly his lowest score of the series and his ninth straight half-century or more against England, believes Australia are not about to repeat their

Headingley meltdown. Smith says the surface is offering plenty for the pace bowlers, as Australia showed with two quick wickets in the final session. "I think it will be difficult (for England), particularly while the ball is hard. I found when I first went out to the middle, when you bowl a good length, there was enough up and down and sideways movement," he said. "For us it's pretty clear what we need to do tomorrow, quicks hit the good length, Gaza (Nathan Lyon) hit the rough as much as possible and when he bowls to left handers just pitch it on the stumps and try and hit the stumps as much as possible and bring lbw and caught behind the wicket into play. "It's just about relaxing and going out and just enjoying it and hopefully executing our skills well enough to bowl England out tomorrow."