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New Delhi (Agency): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that from predictive analytics to autonomous decision-making systems, Artificial Intelligence has the potential to revolutionize military operations. Speaking at the 62nd National Defence College Course Convocation Ceremony, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, "Artificial Intelligence or AI has the potential to revolutionize military operations, from predictive analytics to

autonomous decision-making systems. You will be the leaders, who will have to decide where and how to leverage this technology." He said that in today's interconnected world, a firm grasp of geopolitics, international relations, and the complexities of global security alliances is a must for military leaders. "The decisions made by military leaders can have far-reaching consequences that extend beyond the battlefield and into the realm of diplomacy, economics, and international law. As such, strategic learning in these areas is crucial," the Defence

Minister said. In what appeared to be a reference to Israel's hacking of Hezbollah paggers to attack them the Defence minister said, "We find ourselves in a time of unprecedented threat, where the very tools and technologies that permeate our daily lives have the potential to be weaponized on a massive scale. I think all of you can guess which recent incident I am referring to." "The mere thought that our adversaries could exploit these capabilities serves as a sobering reminder of the urgency with which we must prepare for such a stark possibility," he added.

The National Defence College, New Delhi is the premier seat of learning in India in the field of Defence and Strategic Studies. A Total of 100 officers of the rank of Brigadier and equivalent from the Indian Armed Forces and Joint Secretary level officers from civil, police and allied services attend the prestigious NDC Course each year. Armed forces officers from about 25 friendly foreign countries also attend the course. NDC alumni have gone on to occupy the highest positions in the armed forces and the government both in India and abroad.

IN BRIEF

Air India Express, Vistara flights make emergency landings

New Delhi (Agency): An Air India Express flight IX-196 from Dubai to Jaipur, carrying 189 passengers, was hit by a bomb threat on Saturday via email, according to Jaipur Airport Police Station House Officer Sandeep Basera. The aircraft landed safely at Jaipur International Airport at 1:20 am, where security forces conducted a thorough inspection. "Nothing suspicious was found. This incident adds to a troubling pattern of bomb threats plaguing domestic airlines over the past week.

BJP fields Navya Haridas against Priyanka Gandhi in Wayanad Lok Sabha seat



New Delhi (Agency): The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday fielded Navya Haridas from Kerala's Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency, where the Congress has fielded Priyanka Gandhi for her electoral debut. Navya had unsuccessfully contested in the Kerala assembly election in 2021 from Kozhikode South constituency.

2 ITBP jawans killed in IED blast in Abujhmad

Raipur (Agency): Two security personnel from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were killed in a major Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast while they were returning from a joint operation in Abujhmad in South Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district Saturday. The jawans were from different police camps from Oreha, Mohandi and Irakbhathi when the blast occurred near Kodiliyar village. They were headed towards Dhurbeda for an operation after learning of the presence of some Naxals in the area.

Indo Latin American Chamber of Commerce & VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. Signs Landmark Agreement to Propel India's Vision of Becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047

New Delhi : The Indo Latin American Chamber of Commerce (ILACC) and VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. signed a landmark agreement at the Constitution Club of India, marking a significant step in driving India's vision of becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047. The agreement, valued at USD 10 billion, focuses on large-scale investments in India, including the Industrial Corridor Development Program, Semiconductor Mission, National Logistics Policy, Production Linked Incentives (PLI) Scheme, Make in India and Made From India and many other initiatives focused towards defence and infrastructure development.

Minister of State, Mr Tokhan Sahu from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs attended the agreement signing ceremony alongside global dignitaries, including H.E. Mr Juan Angulo, Ambassador of the Republic of Chile, H.E. Mr Federico Salas Lotfe, Ambassador of the Embassy of Mexico, Acting High Commissioner Mrs Ronald Edwards-Horatio, The Cooperative Republic of Guyana and H.E. Anisa Kapufi Mbega, Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania, emphasizing the international importance of this landmark partnership.

Global Support and Strategic Importance:



The presence of U.S. dignitaries and ambassadors at the signing ceremony highlights the global importance of this partnership. It also reinforces India's growing significance in the international arena, with Latin American and North American stakeholders showing strong interest in supporting the nation's ambitious development goals. This agreement will not only deepen ties between India and the Latin American region but also serve as a strategic bridge for future economic cooperation between India and global economies. Mr Raj Kumar Sharma, President of the Indo Latin American Chamber of Commerce (ILACC) Recg. By Govt. of India, highlighted, "Today's agreement is not just a financial commitment; it's a strategic alignment reinforcing our dedication to India's development goals. We are incredibly proud to partner with VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. to make substantial contributions to India's defence and infrastructure sectors. Our joint efforts

will significantly accelerate the country's progress towards becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047."

This agreement marks the beginning of a long-term partnership aimed at fostering sustainable development across critical sectors in India. It represents a shared vision between ILACC and VPVV Techno Construction, where both organizations are committed to playing a pivotal role in India's journey to becoming a global powerhouse. The partnership is expected to drive employment, enhance technological growth, and attract additional foreign investments, all of which are key elements in making India the third-largest economy and propel towards the mission of Viksit Bharat by 2047. Mr Venkata Venkat, Chairman of VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd., expressed enthusiasm as he stated "This partnership represents a major leap forward for both organizations. VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. is deeply invested in India's future, and

through this agreement, we aim to support the nation's infrastructural and defence capabilities to ensure sustainable growth. We are confident that our combined efforts will contribute significantly to making India a global leader."

Mr. Yeleti Padmaraj Gopal, Chief Strategist of VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd., is the main architect for this collaboration who worked tirelessly to make this collaboration happen between both of the organizations. The signing of this collaboration is just the beginning of what promises to be a dynamic and long-lasting partnership. Both ILACC and VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. are committed to supporting India's ambitious growth plans across various sectors. It is expected to generate thousands of jobs, stimulate innovation, and increase India's GDP. Additionally, it sets the stage for future collaborations with international partners, attracting more investments and driving India closer to its goal of becoming the third-largest economy in the world.

2 terrorists behind grenade attacks in Poonch: J&K ADGP

New Delhi (Agency): Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police on Saturday claimed to have solved several grenade attack cases in Poonch with the arrest of two terrorists of the Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF) in the district. The arrested terrorists were identified as Abdul Aziz and Munawar Hussain of Hari village. Additional director general of police Anand Jain said, "On Friday, two terrorists along with some arms and ammunition were arrested in Poonch. During sustained interrogation, they turned out to be part of a larger conspiracy." "For the past



year, there have been grenade attacks on a temple, an army location, a gurdwara and a hospital in Poonch in an attempt to vitiate communal harmony," said Jain. He informed that there was a sinister design to disturb peace in the society and pointed out that anti-national posters pasted at different

locations in the past year were part of the conspiracy to create fear among the people. "With the arrest of two terrorists, all cases of grenade attacks in Poonch in the past year have been worked out. However, the angle of funding is being probed and we are getting inputs from their contacts across the LoC.

Violence erupts in Manipur as militants attack village in Jiribam district

New Delhi (Agency): Fresh violence broke out in Manipur on Saturday as militants attacked a village in Jiribam district, an official said. Using sophisticated weapons, the militants opened fire, targeting the village in the vicinity of the Borobekra police station around 5 am, he said. They also charged bombs, he added. CRPF and police personnel retaliated and a heavy exchange of fire was underway, the official said. Additional security forces were being rushed to the spot, he said.

We will increase reservation, scrap 50% quota limit, says Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi (Agency): Leader of the opposition Rahul Gandhi has reiterated his demand for removing the 50% cap on reservations and conducting a caste census without delay. He clarified that he was misquoted about his stance on reservations and stated, "Somebody misquoted me yesterday, saying that I am against reservations... I have been saying again and again and again - we are going to increase reservations beyond 50%, and I am not against reservation." Speaking at the



National Press Club in Washington, Gandhi addressed various issues, including attacks on minorities in Bangladesh, which his team discussed with US lawmakers. He emphasized that it is the responsibility of the Bangladesh government to stop these attacks.

The BJP also challenged Kejriwal to come along with his party's leaders and take a dip in the Yamuna River

Toxic foam surfaces on Yamuna River in Delhi; BJP labels it 'Kejriwal's poisonous politics'

NEW DELHI (Agency): As Delhi grapples with rising air pollution, toxic foam was seen floating on the Yamuna River in the Kalindi Kunj area on Saturday.

A thin layer of smog engulfed the national capital as the Air Quality Index dropped to 226 at 8 am, categorised as 'poor' by the Central Pollution Control Board. The highest AQI was at the Akshardham and Anand Vihar area at 334 at 8 am, categorised as 'very poor', followed by an AQI of 253 at AIIMS and surrounding areas. At India Gate, the AQI dropped to 251

at 8 am, categorised as 'poor'. According to the Central Pollution Control Board, an AQI in 'poor' category can cause breathing discomfort to most people with prolonged exposure, while an AQI in 'very poor' category can lead to respiratory illness with extended exposure. Meanwhile, the BJP launched a blistering attack against the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, with saffron party spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla claiming that it is the poisonous politics of Arvind Kejriwal that has



made the water and air in the national capital poisonous. He further challenged Kejriwal to come along with his party's leaders and take a dip in the Yamuna River.

"The Yamuna water has turned into poison. Arvind Kejriwal claimed that he would clean Yamuna till 2025... the river has been polluted because the fund

that was allocated for the cleaning of Yamuna river has been spent by Arvind Kejriwal for advertisements and on himself," Poonawalla claimed. Hitting out at the AAP for playing a blame game, Poonawalla said, "Now they will blame Uttar Pradesh and Haryana governments. The question that arises is why has Delhi become a gas chamber today. The reason behind poisonous water and air is poisonous politics. AAP indulges in polluted blame game politics." A resident, Ashish Kumar Meena, said that pollution

near the Akshardham area had increased a lot in the past two days, which had been causing problems to the residents. "the pollution level here has increased a lot in the last two days. It has led to choking in the throat and breathing issues and has also been irritating the eyes. After Diwali, the pollution levels will increase more. The government needs to take steps to control the level of pollution. People who are burning substances in the fire should be punished with fines. The ones who have respiratory problems must be suffering so much."

AAP, Kejriwal will decide my future political roles: Satyendar Jain

NEW DELHI (Agency): Senior AAP leader Satyendar Jain on Saturday said his future political responsibilities will be decided by the party and its convenor, Arvind Kejriwal. The former Delhi Health minister was on Friday night released from Tihar jail after spending 18 months in the prison in a money laundering case. "I will do whatever our party and Arvind Kejriwal say. The Rouse Avenue court granted bail to Jain on Friday afternoon.

