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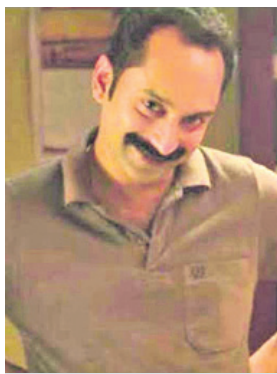
**NEW DELHI:** A Chinese national, suspected to be a member of an organised global in-flight theft syndicate, has been arrested for allegedly stealing debit and credit cards from fellow passengers during a flight from Hong Kong to New Delhi, police said on Saturday. The accused, 30-year-old Benlai Pan, was arrested upon arrival at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport here on May 14 following complaints from multiple passengers aboard Air India flight AI-315, they said in an official statement. **(PTI)**

## Pak to rebuild Muridke's JuD HQ

**Lahore:** The Government of Pakistan has assured to rebuild the mosques — the JuD headquarters — at Muridke destroyed in the Indian strike, the Pakistan Markazi Muslim League said on Saturday. The Pakistan Markazi Muslim League (PMMML) is a political wing of the banned Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD) and is a front for Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) that has carried out terror strikes in many parts of India, including the horrific 26/11 Mumbai attack in 2008. **(REPORT PAGE 7)**

## PSLV-C61 launch countdown begins

**Sriharikota (AP):** The 22-hour countdown for the launch of an earth imaging satellite on-board a PSLV rocket commenced here on Saturday, ISRO sources said. The lift-off for the PSLV-C61 is scheduled to take place at 5.59 am from the first launch pad at this space port on May 18, which is also the 101st mission for the Bengaluru-headquartered space agency. "The countdown started by 7.59 am on Saturday. Total 22 hours countdown," sources said. **(PTI)**



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# Diplomatic outreach sparks political storm

Key oppn leaders join Centre's delegations on Op Sindoor

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NEW DELHI

Opposition leaders Shashi Tharoor and Kanimozhi will join members of the ruling alliance, including Ravi Shankar Prasad and Sanjay Jha, in leading seven all-party delegations to key partner countries to convey India's message of zero tolerance against terrorism following Operation Sindoor.

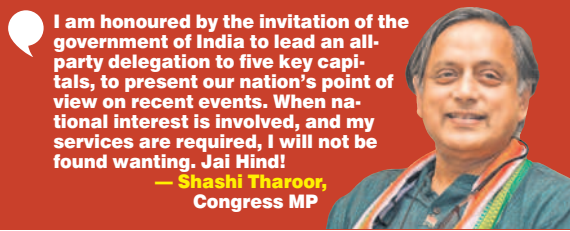
The other MPs picked by the government to present India's "national consensus" in fighting terrorism before the world, including to UN Security Council members, are NCP-SP's Supriya Sule, BJP's Baijayant 'Jay' Panda and Shiv Sena's Shrikant Shinde.

A statement issued by the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry on Saturday said, "The all-party delegations will project India's national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism in all forms and manifestations."

"They would carry forth to the world the country's strong message of zero tolerance against terrorism," Sources said the delegations will be travelling to four of the five permanent Security Council members and not visit China, which has long

## THAROOR TO LEAD TEAM TO US; GOVT PLAYING POLITICS: CONG

**NEW DELHI:** The selection of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor to head a delegation abroad for diplomatic outreach following Operation Sindoor and his subsequent acceptance were frowned upon by his own party, which Saturday accused the government of playing politics with a "mischievous" mindset. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the confidence between the government and the principal Opposition party, which is normally there, has been shattered after the government asked the Congress to give names for all-party delegations abroad but named leaders of its own without consulting it. On Tharoor's inclusion, Ramesh said, "Congress mein hona aur Congress ka hona mein zameen-aasmaan ka antar hai (There is a difference between being in the Congress and of the Congress)."



I am honoured by the invitation of the government of India to lead an all-party delegation to five key capitals, to present our nation's point of view on recent events. When national interest is involved, and my services are required, I will not be found wanting. Jai Hind!  
— Shashi Tharoor, Congress MP

been a Pakistan ally. While the delegation led by Congress MP Tharoor will visit the US, Panda's group, which includes AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi and BJP's Nishikant Dubey, will travel to western European countries such as the UK and France, both UNSC members.

The delegation led by DMK MP Kanimozhi will travel to Russia, another UNSC member.

The sources said the delegation led by BJP MP

Prasad is expected to visit Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Algeria, while Sule's team of MPs will be travelling to Oman, Kenya, South Africa and Egypt.

The delegation led by JD(U) MP Jha is likely to visit Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim population.

Shinde's team of parliamentarians are likely to visit some Gulf and African countries. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Man pulls down Israeli flag in Hyd, arrested

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Saifabad police arrested a man who had allegedly removed the national flag of Israel put up at Tank Bund as part of the Miss World 2025 pageant in the city.

The incident happened early this week and the video of the man pulling down the flag from the post was shared on social media platforms and it soon went viral. It drew criticism from several quarters with people demanding action against the persons who disrespected the flag of Israel. The video was also tagged to the Hyderabad City Police 'X' handle asking the police to take action against persons who were involved in the incident. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## India imposes port curbs on Bangladeshi goods

NEW DELHI

In a trade policy shift, India on Saturday restricted the import of ready-made garments, processed food and other items from Bangladesh to India via land ports, effective immediately. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, issued a notification imposing land port restrictions on the import of certain goods from Bangladesh. **(REPORT PAGE 8)**

to project Pakistan on social media in a positive light.

Danish, who has since been declared persona non grata by India, introduced her to intelligence operatives in Pakistan. She also entered into an intimate relationship with an intelligence operative and travelled to Bali in Indonesia with him. During Danish's stay in Delhi, she was al-



A car goes airborne after hitting the wall in the first turn during a qualification attempt for the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the US on Saturday. — Photo: AP

## FIERY TRACK

# BSF jawan posted in J&K claims land grab back home

STATE BUREAU  
Siddipet

A Border Security Force (BSF) soldier from the district, who has been discharging duties in Jammu and Kashmir, has released a video alleging that some villagers had illegally transferred his family's land on their name at Chowdarpally village in Akberpet-Bhumpally mandal.

The soldier Boora Rama Swamy, who has been working with BSF since 2013, has appealed to the public to circulate the video until the issue reaches Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. He also urged the Chief Minister to resolve the issue. With the video going viral, several people have responded on social media platforms, urg-



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ing the government to resolve the issue immediately and seeking stern action against the culprits.

Collector M Manu Chowdary has ordered Ak-

berpet-Bhumpally Tahsildar to carry out an inquiry. The MRO found that the soldier's statement was true. Since the Collector sought an immediate report, the MRO was preparing a 'panchnama' report.

Speaking to 'Telangana Today', Rama Swamy's younger brother Chandu said his father Boora Venkataiah had bought 24 guntas from Karinakonda Sattavva and 32 guntas in survey number 406 from Kadaru Lakshmaiah in 1992. However, VRA Chukka Ramesh, whose family owns land in the same survey number, managed to transfer 1.16 guntas of land of Venkataiah on to Ramesh's mother Chukka Narsavva's name in 2006-07. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

# YouTuber arrested for espionage linked to Pak

CHANDIGARH

The Haryana Police have arrested six people, including a Hisar-based YouTuber and travel blogger Jyoti Malhotra, on charges of spying and passing sensitive information to Pakistani operatives, officials said on Saturday. These are the prominent arrests in Haryana in less than a week,

after Punjab Police arrested two for espionage linked to the Pakistan High Commission arrest, after India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire. Jyoti, who visited Pakistan twice in 2023, was sent to a five-day police remand. She was linked to a spy network in Haryana and Punjab. Vikas Kumar, a spokesperson for the police, said officials are questioning

her to gather details about the crime.

According to the first information report (FIR), the travel blogger visited the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi in 2023, where she came into contact with Ehsan-ur-Rahim, alias Danish, a staffer. She has been accused of sharing sensitive information regarding Indian locations and was used