

# Forces intensify patrol along Indo-Nepal border

BALRAMPUR (UP), Sept 12 (PTI)

INDIAN security forces along the Indo-Nepal border have intensified patrols and surveillance here to prevent the entry of inmates who have reportedly escaped from jails in Nepal amidst violent protests and civil unrest. The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), police and an additional 400 personnel from the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) have been deployed in the border regions, including dense forest areas, officials said.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Vikas Kumar said the Balrampur district shares a porous 85-kilometre border with Nepal, a significant portion of which is covered by forests.

“The SSB and police are continuously patrolling these areas, particularly the forest trails, which are frequently used by Nepalese citizens to cross into India,” said the officer.

This heightened vigilance follows the arrest of escaped prisoners in neighbouring Bahraich districts. The security forces are conducting continuous search operations in areas adjacent to the border, including Majhgaon, Belbhariya, Kanchanpur, Chhotka Bhakurwa, Badka Bhakurwa and Bhaunsisal.

At the Koilabas checkpoint and other forest trails, individuals are being subjected to strict questioning. No one is being allowed to cross into India without valid identification.

# UNICEF flags sharp rise of obesity across all age groups in India

NEW DELHI, Sept 12 (PTI)

EXPERTS from UNICEF India on Thursday highlighted that the country is witnessing a sharp rise in obesity across all age groups due to factors including sedentary lifestyle and a high consumption of ultra-processed foods. According to UNICEF's Child Nutrition Global Report 2025 released on Thursday, obesity has, for the first time, surpassed underweight globally as the most common form of malnutrition among school-aged children and adolescents.

At a UNICEF organised national media round-table on healthy diets held here, experts warned that combined with increased screen time, low physical activity, and rising consumption of ultra-processed foods (UPFs) and sugary drinks and an increasing exposure of children and adolescents to an unhealthy food environment.

The experts said India is witnessing a sharp rise in overweight and obesity across all age groups -- from young children to adults.

One in ten children worldwide, nearly 188 million, now live with



obesity, they said, adding that once considered a condition of affluence, obesity is spreading rapidly in low and middle-income countries, including India. Countries in South Asia had the lowest prevalence of overweight in 2000, but by 2022, the prevalence increased almost five-fold among children and teenagers aged 5-19.

In India, the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) data shows a sharp surge in overweight and obesity among under-five children, with prevalence rising by 127 per cent (from 1.5 per cent to 3.4 per cent between NFHS-3 in 2005-06 and NFHS-5 in 2019-21).

Among adolescents, overweight and obesity increased by 125 per cent in girls (2.4 per cent to 5.4 per cent) and a striking 288 per cent in boys (1.7 per cent to 6.6 per cent).

# India votes in favour of UNGA resolution on Palestine

■ **By Yoshita Singh**

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 12 (PTI)

## Endorse two-state solution

INDIA on Friday voted in favour of a resolution in the UN General Assembly that endorses the 'New York Declaration' on peaceful settlement of the Palestine issue and implementation of the two-state solution.

The resolution, introduced by France, was adopted with an overwhelming 142 nations voting in favour, 10 against and 12 abstentions. Those voting against included Argentina, Hungary, Israel and the US.

India was among the 142 nations that voted in favour of the resolution titled 'Endorsement of the New York Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution'.

The declaration was circulated at a high-level international conference held in July

at the UN headquarters and co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia.

In the declaration, the leaders "agreed to take collective action to end the war in Gaza, to achieve a just, peaceful and lasting settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on the effective implementation of the two-state solution, and to build a better future for Palestinians, Israelis and all peoples of the region".

The declaration called on the Israeli leadership to issue a clear public commitment to the two-state solution, including a sovereign, and viable Palestinian State. It also called on Israel to "immediately end violence and incitement against Palestinians, to immediately halt all settlement, land grabs and annexa-

tion activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, publicly renounce any annexation project or settlement policy, and put an end to settlers' violence".

It also reaffirmed "support for the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination".

"Recent developments have highlighted, once again, and more than ever, the terrifying human toll and the grave implications for regional and international peace and security of the persistence of the Middle East conflict," the declaration said. "Absent decisive measures towards the two-state solution and robust international guarantees, the conflict will deepen and regional peace will remain elusive," it added.

Asserting that "the war in Gaza must end now", the declaration further said that, "Gaza is an integral part of a Palestinian State and must be unified with the West Bank."

# HAL set to deliver 2 Tejas Mark-1A jets next month



NEW DELHI, Sept 12 (PTI)

TWO Tejas Mark-1A fighter jets will be delivered to the Indian Air Force next month by State-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), officials said on Thursday.

HAL said it received one jet engine from American defence major GE Aerospace and another engine will be supplied by end of this month which will power the two jets.

In February 2021, the defence Ministry sealed a Rs 48,000 crore deal with HAL for the procurement of 83 Tejas Mk-1A jets for the IAF. The delivery of the jets are facing delays primarily due to GE Aerospace missing several deadlines for supply of its aero engines to power the jets.

# PM Modi in Manipur today, to meet internally displaced people

IMPHAL, Sept 12 (PTI)

**PRIME** Minister Narendra Modi will visit Manipur on September 13, his first trip to the State since ethnic violence broke out two years ago, and will interact with internally displaced people in Churachandpur and Imphal, besides inaugurating development projects worth Rs 8,500 crore.

The Prime Minister's visit, which was officially confirmed by Chief Secretary Puneet Kumar Goel on Friday, comes amid repeated criticism by

**PM Modi to unveil development projects worth Rs 8,500 crore in strife-torn Manipur in his first visit to Manipur since ethnic violence broke out two years ago**

Opposition parties for not visiting Manipur following the ethnic strife between the Kuki and Meitei communities,

which has left over 260 people dead and thousands homeless since May 2023.

Addressing a press conference here, the Chief Secretary asserted that peace is "not only the absence of violence but also the presence of trust, harmony and reconciliation".

"Thus, the visit of the Prime Minister to Manipur will pave the way to peace, normalcy, and accelerated growth in the state. The Prime Minister will be arriving in Manipur on September 13 from Aizawl," he said.

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# Nepal ex-CJ Karki is caretaker PM

■ By Shirish B Pradhan

KATHMANDU, Sept 12 (PTI)

**FORMER** Chief Justice Sushila Karki on Friday night became Nepal's first woman Prime Minister to lead an Interim Government, ending days of political uncertainty after the K P Sharma Oli dispensation was forced to quit in the face of a nation-wide agitation triggered by a social media ban.

President Ramchandra Paudel administered the oath of office to Karki, 73, on Friday evening three days after Oli resigned from the Prime Minister's post following the worst unrest that the Himalayan nation has wit-



nessed in decades.

President Ramchandra Paudel said the new caretaker Government led by interim Prime Minister Karki is mandated to hold fresh  
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## Indian among 51 killed in violence

KATHMANDU, Sept 12 (PTI)

**AT LEAST** 51 people, including an Indian national, have died in the recent 'Gen Z' protest that erupted across Nepal against corruption and a ban on social media sites, police said on Friday.

Senior Superintendent of Police Ramesh Thapa, who is co-spokesperson for Nepal police, said the casualties include one Indian national, three policemen and other Nepali citizens, 'The Kathmandu Post' reported.

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## Both Parlt Houses appeal for peace

KATHMANDU, Sept 12 (PTI)

**THE** Speaker of Nepal's House of Representatives Devaraj Ghimire and Chairman of the National Assembly Narayan Dahal called for resolving political deadlock within the framework of Constitution, according to media reports.

A joint statement said, "President Ramchandra Paudel is taking initiatives to address the situation while respecting people's sovereignty, civil liberties, territorial integrity, national unity, and independence."

# CP Radhakrishnan takes oath as 15th VP of India

Radhakrishnan will hold office till Sept 11, 2030.

■ Delhi Bureau & Agencies

NEW DELHI, Sept 12

**CHANDRAPURAM** Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan was on Friday sworn in as the 15th Vice President of India. He later assumed charge as the chairman of the Rajya Sabha in his office in Parliament. President Droupadi Murmu administered oath to Radhakrishnan (67) at a brief ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several Union Ministers.

Dressed in a red kurta, Radhakrishnan took oath in English in the name of god. Murmu congratulated him after he took oath. Radhakrishnan succeeds Jagdeep Dhankhar, who suddenly resigned from the post on July 21 citing health reasons, necessitating an election.

Radhakrishnan won the Vice Presidential election on Tuesday, defeating joint Opposition candidate B Sudershan Reddy by a margin of 152 votes.

Dhankhar was present at the ceremony, his first public appearance since his resignation as the Vice President. He was seated in the front row, next to his predecessor M Venkaiah Naidu, and was seen conversing with him. Another former Vice President,



President Droupadi Murmu administers the oath of office of the Vice President of India to C P Radhakrishnan during a swearing-in ceremony, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Friday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, JP Nadda and other dignitaries look on. (PMO via PTI)

Hamid Ansari, was seated next to Naidu. Dhankhar's wife, Sudesh Dhankhar, was also present on the occasion.

Besides Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president JP Nadda were in the front row across the aisle.

Former President Ram Nath Kovind, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu

were also present at the oath-taking ceremony.

Chief Justice of India B R Gavai was present and was seated next to Birla. Veteran BJP leader and former Union Minister Murlu Manohar Joshi also attended the oath-taking function at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and some other Opposition leaders attended the ceremony and shook hands with Radhakrishnan. Kharge was seated in the second row.

Dhankhar's term was till August 10, 2027. According to the

Constitution, an incumbent vice president, who enters the office to fill a vacancy arising due to death or resignation, will get a full five-year term.

Radhakrishnan will hold office till September 11, 2030.

After the swearing in, Radhakrishnan went to pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial at Rajghat.

He also paid homage to former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee at Sadaiv Atal and offered tributes to former Prime Minister Charan Singh at Kisan Ghat.

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