NATIONAL NEWS

**Doval briefs PM on security situation**
New Delhi, Oct 3 (UNI) National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval today met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and briefed him on the latest security situation, sources said. The meeting took place a day after the Baramulla attack, in which a jawan was killed. Meanwhile, there were also reports in the Pakistani media, quoting Mr Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, that their NSA and Mr Doval had a telephonic conversation. However, there was no confirmation of these reports from the Indian side.

**Cong leader & Ex MP Harsh Vardhan passes away**
New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) Veteran Congress leader and former Member of Parliament Harsh Vardhan passed away here this morning after a brief illness. He was admitted at AIIMS where he breathed his last early today. Vardhan was 68. He is survived by his daughter. Vardhan represented Maharajganj Parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha twice in 1989 and 2009. He was also elected as MLA from Anandnagar assembly constituency in Maharajganj in 1984.

**Lankan PM arriving tomorrow for India Economic Summit**
New Delhi, Oct 3 (UNI) Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe is arriving here tomorrow to take part in the India Economic Summit on October 6. The Sri Lankan Prime Minister will attend the Opening Plenary of the India Economic Summit, along with Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State (IC) for Commerce and Industry. During the visit, he will call on President Pranab Mukherjee. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is hosting a lunch for the visiting dignitary.

**Two hurt as 10 coaches of Jhelum Exp derails in Punjab**
New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) As many as two people were injured when 10 coaches of 11078 Jhelum Express derailed near Sutlej bridge in Punjab early morning today. The Ministry of Railways in its tweet said, "11078 (Jhelum exp) derailed on approach to river Sutlej bridge Philore- Ladowal sec NR/ FZR div, No casualty & only 2 minor injuries". According to the Railways the derailed coaches are B5,S1,PC,S2, S3,S4,S5,S6,S7 and S8.

**SC reserves ruling over ban against Chennai Super Kings team**
New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) The Supreme Court today reserved its order on pleas for lifting ban on the Chennai Super Kings(CSK) cricket team. An apex court bench, headed by Chief Justice Tirath Singh Thakur reserved its order after hearing arguments from applicant sitting BJP MP Dr Subramanian Swamy. Swamy while making submission pleaded before the court that the ban should be lifted on CSK. He told the bench that this matter is of public interest.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

N Korean missile advances expose Japan in two-decade arms race-sources
TOKYO, Oct 4 (Reuters) Successful rocket tests have propelled North Korea ahead in a two-decade long arms race with Japan, leaving Tokyo unsure it could fend off a missile strike by the Pyongyang regime without US help, military sources told

Northern Ireland court to consider whether Brexit requires parliament vote
BELFAST, Oct 4 (Reuters) Northern Ireland's High Court is to begin hearing a legal challenge today against British plans to leave the European Union without a vote in the Westminster parliament. The case is being brought by a cross-party group of

Turkey says suspends 12,801 police over alleged links with cleric Gulen
ANKARA, Oct 4 (Reuters) Turkish authorities have suspended 12,801 police officers from duty, police headquarters said today, over their suspected links with US-based cleric Fethullah Gulen and his network, blamed by Ankara for orchestrating a failed

Dollar rises vs yen on upbeat U.S. data, "hard Brexit" fears beset pound
TOKYO, Oct 4 (Reuters) The dollar rose against the yen early on Tuesday after receiving a boost from upbeat U.S. economic data, while the pound wallowed near a three-decade low on concerns over a potential "hard Brexit" for

Leading al Qaeda figure killed in Syria -jihadist sources
AMMAN, Oct 4 (Reuters) A leading figure in al Qaeda who became a prominent member of its Syrian Nusra Front offshoot was killed in a drone attack on Monday, the group and jihadist sources said. They said Sheikh Abu al Faraj al Masri, who spent

OTHER NEWS

RBI cuts repo rate by 25 bps to 6.25 pc
Mumbai, Oct 4 (UNI) Bank accounts freezing row : BCCI see no other option but to cancel all domestic and international matches

BCCI reacts strongly as Lodha panel freezes its bank accounts
New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) today strongly reacted to Lodha Committee's move of freezing its bank accounts and hinted at possibility of cancellation of all domestic and international matches, including the ongoing India-New Zealand Test

Bizarre new species of reptiles look like dinosaurs that came much later
New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) A multi-institutional team of paleontologists have identified a new species of extinct reptile they have named Triopticus primus - meaning the "First of
Three Eyes" because the large natural pit in the top of its head lends the appearance of an "extra" eye.

**Nana Patekar criticises Salman over support to Pakistani artistes**
Pune, Oct 3 (UNI) Bollywood actor Nana Patekar has denounced Salman Khan for lending support to Pakistani artistes a few days ago and said no hero can be better than the Indian soldiers, the real hero are soldiers, who are fighting with terrorists

**Mahindra introduces new Scorpio**
New Delhi, Sep 27 (UNI) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd, India’s leading SUV manufacturer, today announced the introduction of its new mild hybrid technology ‘Intelli-Hybrid’ on the New Generation Scorpio with the 1.99 Litre 'mHAWK'