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### Polity & Governance

#### **Permanent Ladakh Bench - 2026**

*Cabinet approves establishment of Bench of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir in Ladakh.*

- **Decision** - Union Cabinet approved permanent Bench in Ladakh.
- **Impact** - Enhances access to justice for citizens in remote areas.
- **Significance** - Reduces time to avail legal services; ensures constitutional safeguards.



**Ladakh Gets High Court Bench.**

Union Cabinet, under the leadership of PM **Narendra Modi**, has approved the establishment of a High Court bench of Jammu & Kashmir in Ladakh.

- Bringing justice closer to the people of remote areas of Ladakh.
- Reducing time and cost for availing legal services.
- Strengthening access to justice and ensuring constitutional safeguards.

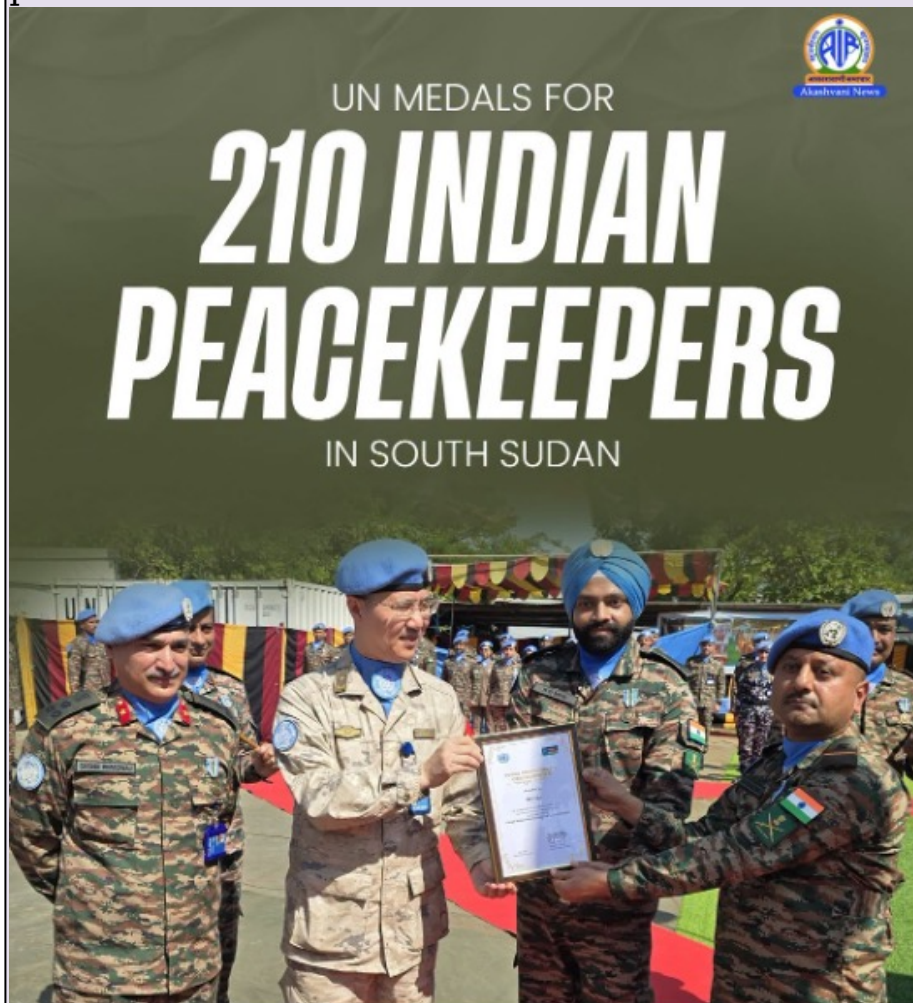
A significant step towards **Ladakh's development** and constitutional safeguards.

### International Relations and Issues

## **UN Medals to UN Mission in South Sudan - 2026**

*Over 200 IPKF personnel in Sudan get UN medals.*

- **Event** - 210 Indian peacekeepers, including 6 women and 7 Staff Officers, awarded UN Medal in Juba.
- **Role** - Recognised for exceptional service, crises response, medical emergencies, lifesaving missions.
- **India's Contribution** - Second-largest contributor with 4,200+ personnel (155 women) across UN missions.
- **UNMISS** - India top troop contributor with 1,775 military personnel deployed.
- **Significance** - Proud moment for India's Blue Helmets, advancing peace, protection & humanitarian service.



## **India-Japan Cooperation on Critical Minerals**

*India and Japan discuss cooperation on critical minerals and e-waste recycling.*

- **Event** - Meeting between Union Minister and Japan's State Minister in New Delhi.
- **Focus** - Strengthening critical mineral supply chains through resource circulation.
- **Agenda** - Advancing e-waste recycling, deepening India-Japan cooperation.



## **BRICS Tourism Ministers Meeting 2026 - Jaipur Declaration**

*BRICS Tourism Ministers adopt Jaipur Declaration in Jaipur under India's Chairship.*

- **Theme** - "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".
- **Declaration** - Framework for cooperation in AI in tourism, sustainable practices, skilling, seamless travel facilitation.
- **Participants** - Ministers from Brazil, Iran, South Africa, UAE; delegations from China, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Russia.



## **12th BRICS Communications Ministers Meeting**

*Union Minister chairs 12<sup>th</sup> BRICS Communications Ministers Meeting in Pune.*

- **Theme** - “Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future”.
- **Focus** - Strengthening cooperation in ICTs, digital transformation, innovation, resilient digital infrastructure.
- **India’s Vision** - Guided by Digital India, aims for resilient, trusted, inclusive, innovative digital future.
- **Deliberations** - Emerging technologies, digital public infrastructure, future networks, cybersecurity, capacity building, inclusive connectivity.



## **BRICS STI Ministerial Meeting 2026**

*16<sup>th</sup> BRICS STI Senior Officials’ Meeting concludes in Chennai, paving way for 14<sup>th</sup> BRICS STI Ministerial Meeting.*

- **Theme** - “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability”.
- **Focus** - Review of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) priorities, Working Groups, Framework Programme.
- **Initiatives** - Plans for BRICS Young Scientist Forum, Young Innovator’s Prize.



## **Ban Use of Glyphosate - Himachal Pradesh**

*Organisations demand ban on glyphosate across Himachal Pradesh.*

- **Issue** - Glyphosate used for pea cultivation on forest land; violations of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, Indian Forest Act 1927, Biological Diversity Act 2002.
- **Demand** - Ban on sale, storage, spraying of glyphosate 41% soluble liquid SL and trade names like Roundup, Glycel, Garuda.
- **Impact** - Risk of soil erosion, slope instability, landslides, water source damage in mountains.
- **Goal** - Protect forests, biodiversity, water security under Mission 32.



**Security**

## **Terrier Cyber Quest 2026 - Territorial Army**

*Territorial Army launches national-level hackathon 'Terrier Cyber Quest 2026'.*

- **Aim** - Develop innovative solutions for defence, cybersecurity, information domain.
- **Collaboration** - Organised with CyberPeace, engaging academia, industry, research, govt, Armed Forces.
- **Focus** - Emerging areas: Artificial Intelligence, cybersecurity, threat mitigation, digital awareness.
- **Tracks** - Bug Hunting, AI Kavach, Creators Challenge.
- **Significance** - Encourages indigenous solutions relevant to national security.



The poster for the Indian Army Terrier Cyber Quest 2026 features a central illustration of a soldier in a green digital camouflage suit, holding a shield with a padlock icon. The background is a dark, futuristic landscape with a large, glowing green shield and a red and orange streak. The text 'INDIAN ARMY TERRIER CYBER QUEST 2026' is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, the tagline 'A MISSION. A CHALLENGE. AN INNOVATIVE DIGITAL INDIA' is written. The poster lists various threats and attack types on the left, and the types of participants who can join on the right. At the bottom, three tracks are highlighted: Bug Hunting, AI Kavach, and Creators Challenge. A QR code is provided for more information, and a list of prizes and benefits is at the very bottom.

**INDIAN ARMY TERRIER CYBER QUEST 2026**

★★★ A MISSION. A CHALLENGE. AN INNOVATIVE DIGITAL INDIA ★★★

THE THREAT IS REAL. AWARENESS IS OUR STRONGEST DEFENCE.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

- DATA ANALYSTS
- DRONE EXPERTS
- AI EXPERTS
- CODERS
- CYBER SECURITY EXPERTS
- CONTENT CREATORS
- INFLUENCERS

**CREATE. INFORM. PROTECT.**  
TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD AN INNOVATIVE BHARAT

**TRACK 1: BUG HUNTING**  
FIND THE FLAWS. SECURE THE FUTURE.  
HUNT VULNERABILITIES. STRENGTHEN OUR DIGITAL DEFENCES.

**TRACK 2: AI KAVACH**  
Cyber Resilience  
AI  
BUILD SMART SOLUTIONS.

**TRACK 3: CREATORS CHALLENGE**  
CREATE IMPACT. INSPIRE CHANGE.  
USE CREATIVITY TO SPREAD AWARENESS AND PROMOTE WELLBEING.  
Content Creators to manage digital and AI disinformation.

Scan the QR code for more information

**Prizes and Benefits:**

- Attractive Prizes
- Certificate of Participation to all participants
- Interaction with Senior Government and Military Hierarchy
- Opportunity to visit key Defence establishment

**Miscellaneous**

## **Afghan Origin Lawmaker**

*US Congress gets first lawmaker of Afghan origin.*

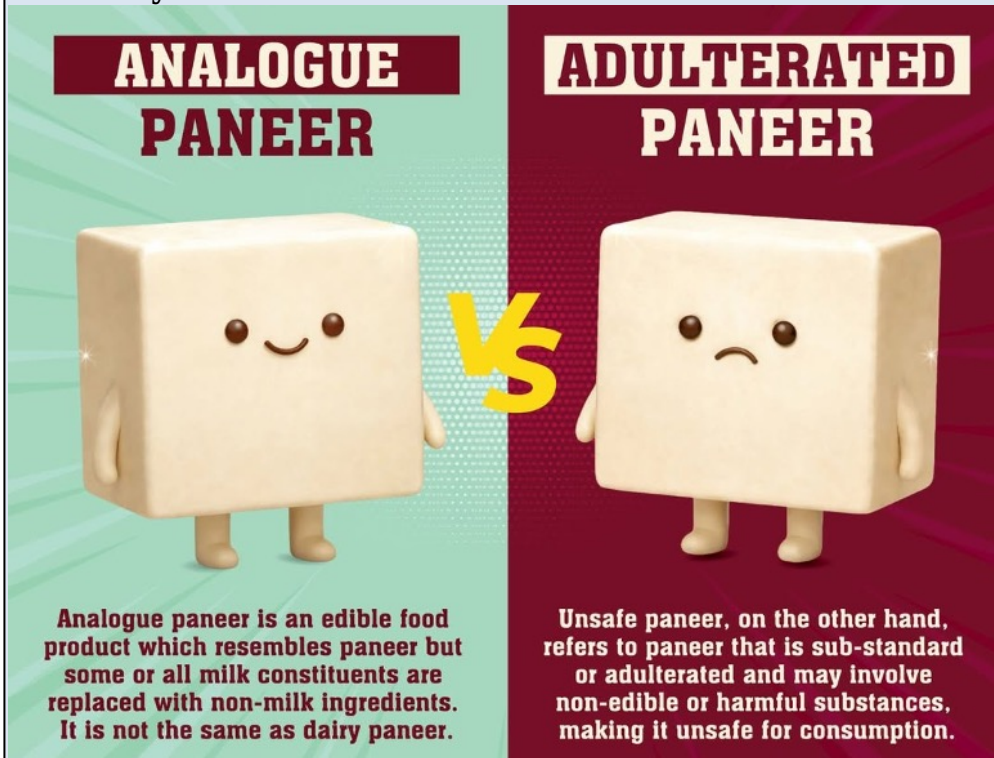
- **Event** - Aisha Wahab wins special election, becomes first Afghan-American in US Congress.
- **Profile** - 39-year-old, daughter of refugee parents, living the American Dream.
- **Representation** - Will serve California's 14th Congressional District till January.
- **Significance** - Already the first Afghan-American elected to public office in US.



## **Sale of Analogue Paneer - Himachal Pradesh**

*Himachal bans sale of 'analogue paneer' as genuine dairy paneer.*

- **Order** - Issued by Food Safety Commissioner under FSS Act 2006, effective for one year.
- **Action** - Prohibits manufacture, storage, distribution, sale of non-dairy paneer passed off as genuine.
- **Findings** - Market surveillance found adulteration, misbranding, use of vegetable oils without labels or invoices.
- **Scope** - Applies to restaurants, hotels, cloud kitchens, dhabas, caterers; non-dairy alternatives must be declared.



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