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PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT: PATH TO PROGRESS AND WELFARE FOR ALL

K'taka to launch specialised unit to curb communal strife, revenge killings in state

Bengaluru, June 1 (IANS) : The Congress-led government in Karnataka has decided to launch the Communal Violence Control Force -- a specialised unit -- in a bid to curb and control communal strife resulting in a series of revenge killings in the state's Mangaluru, Udupi and Shivamogga districts.

The government has also announced that the personnel serving in the Anti-Naxal Force (ANF) will be reassigned to the Communal Violence Control Force.

The government order released on Sunday in this regard states, among the total available total 648 posts in the ANF, 248 officers and staff are shortlisted to establish the STF. The order states: "The new STF will have three companies and they will be established in Udupi, Shivamogga and Mangaluru districts. The functions and responsibilities of this force include establishing an intelligence unit with a technical cell to monitor and collect information from the media, social



media, and intelligence sources regarding hate speech, provocative incidents.

, and communal-related activities.

“To create an alert system for

potential communal violence through surveillance and human intelligence; to undertake confidence-building measures through effective outreach and influence; to implement measures to identify and monitor radicalisation."

The IGP of the zone will take the necessary steps to deploy special task force officers/personnel during instances of communal riots, it says.

PMK founder Ramadoss blames son Anbumani for party's decline

Chennai, June 1 (IANS) : Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) founder S. Ramadoss on Sunday publicly expressed regret over elevating his son Anbumani Ramadoss to national prominence, accusing him of damaging the party's growth and forcing an alliance with the BJP during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

At a press conference held at his Thailapuram residence near Puducherry, Ramadoss said, "It was my mistake that I made Anbumani a Union Cabinet Minister at the age of 35 [in 2004]." The senior leader, who recently reclaimed the PMK president's post from Anbumani, launched a blistering attack on his son, accusing him of "functioning in a no-holds-barred manner" that weakened the party's foundation.



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'No action taken despite filing complaint': K'taka Legislative Council LoP on his 'detention'

Bengaluru, June 1 (IANS) : Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Council, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, said on Thursday that no action has been taken despite filing complaints regarding his “detention” and attempt to assault him in Chittapur.

He alleged that he registered the complaint with the Chief Minister, the Home Minister, the Chief Secretary, and the Director General and Inspector General of Police. “I was confined for five hours in Chittapur. Our party workers were blocked from reaching me. Ink was thrown on my car. Stones were stockpiled. Preparations were made for pelting eggs and stones. I called and spoke to the Home Minister and the ADGP directly from the location. I spoke to the SP nearly 10 times,” he added.

He added that the Additional SP was with him for five hours, however, no action was taken against those who abused him.

“After five hours, I was forced out of Chittapur. I went to Yadgir and had to cancel all programmes and returned to Bengaluru by train that very night,” he



alleged. He claimed that Ambariaiah Ashtagi, a BJP leader who came to see him in Chittapur, was also assaulted. “His clothes were torn and thrown away. A complaint was filed against him, and he was detained at the Tehsildar’s office. That is why we referred to this as the ‘Republic of Kalaburagi’,” he said.

Narayanaswamy recalled that when Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was the Leader of the Opposition, he had visited Kodagu.

AIADMK MLA Jayaraman, son file Rs 1 crore defamation suit against YouTube channels

Chennai, June 1 (IANS) : AIADMK MLA and former Deputy Speaker Pollachi V. Jayaraman, along with his son Pravin Jayaraman, has filed a Rs 1 crore civil defamation suit in the Madras High Court against eight YouTube channels and three of their guest speakers.



BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH-II AT HYDERABAD

C.P.(IB) No. 156/95/HDB/2024

In The Matter Of Mrs. Zeenath Hasmatullah Personal Guarantor To M/S. Smartec Build Systems Private Limited

Between:
Bank of Baroda, Stressed Assets Management Branch, at 4th Floor, JBAS Building, No.45, Moore Street, Chennai-60000, Rep. by its Authorized Signatory, Chief Manager, Bank of Baroda, SAM Branch, Chennai. ...Applicant/Financial Creditor

AND

1) Mrs. Zeenath Hasmatullah, W/o. Mr. Syed Hasmatullah, Aged about : 68 Years, R/o. Flat No. B-3, Lake View Apartments, Road No.11, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Telangana State. ...Respondent No.1/Personal Guarantor

2) M/s. Smartec Build Systems Private Limited, 239/A, MLA Colony, Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Telangana State. Rep. by its Directors. ...Respondent No.2/Corporate Debtor

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Please take notice that the Financial Creditor has filed an Application Under Section 95 of The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bench-II at Hyderabad, against you and the said case is listed on 02-05-2025 before the said Hon'ble Tribunal and on the said date the Hon'ble NCLT has ordered to serve the notice by way of Publication in English and Vernacular Languages having wide circulation in the area where the personal guarantor resides and adjourned the matter to 29-07-2025 for your appearance.

Hence you are hereby required to appear on 29-07-2025 before the said Hon'ble NCLT Bench-II at Hyderabad at 10.30 am either personally or through your counsel otherwise the matter will be decided as per law.

(By Order of the Hon'ble Tribunal)

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Govt to get extra headroom to spend on defence due to strong fiscal position: Report

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : With the strong emerging fiscal position in 2025-26, the government is likely to have some additional headroom to meet unforeseen expenditure on account of defence, according to a Bank of Baroda report released on Sunday.

The observation assumes importance in the backdrop of the tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

In its outlook for FY26, the report points out that the government has budgeted a fiscal defi-

cit of 4.4 per cent of GDP, assuming 10.1 per cent growth in nominal GDP.

“We expect this growth to be around 11 per cent, as we believe real GDP will range between 6.4-6.6 per cent this year,” the report states.

'40 pc already completed': Won't stop Hemavathi Express link canal work, says Karnataka govt

Bengaluru, June 1 (IANS) : Despite the protest by farmers and the BJP opposing the Hemavathi Express Link Canal Project, which forced the authorities to halt the work temporarily, the Karnataka government said that the project will not stop, as 40 per cent work has already been completed.

Farmers in the region are opposing the Link Canal Project, which they say is aimed at diverting water from the Hemavathi River to Ramanagara. The Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also serves as the Water Resources Minister, is spearheading the project.



Social activist joins Congress

Kolkata, June 1 (IANS) : Pirzada Amin, the general secretary of Basirhat Allama Ruhul Amin R Foundation, a non-government organisation operating from Basirhat in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, on Saturday, joined Congress.

In the recent past, he had been associated with the movements against the newly promulgated Waqf (Amendment) Act.

According to a statement issued by Congress, Amis was inducted into the party by the All India Congress Committee general secretary (West Bengal in-charge) Ghulam Ahmed Mir, the chairman of the AICC’s media and publicity department, Pawan Khera, the state Congress president

Subhankar Sarkar and the state president of Mahila Congress, Subrata Dutta at the AICC office in New Delhi.

In the statement, Amin had been described as a social activist. According to Khera, Amin belonged to a renowned family of West Bengal, which commands a lot of influence in Odisha and Tripura besides West Bengal.

Khera also said that Amin's family played an



important role in the Muslim renaissance and addressed injustices within the community. “His family also contributed significantly to promoting education in society.

BJP keen to form govt in Manipur, says state unit chief after meeting MLAs

Imphal, June 1 (IANS) : Manipur state BJP President Adhikarimayum Sharda Devi after holding a meeting with some MLAs on Saturday said that her party wants to form a "popular" government in the state.

Sharda Devi said that all BJP legislators are united and discussions were held on Saturday for the formation of the government at the earliest.

“The government should focus on development and bring peace and normalcy to the state,” she told the media after the meeting.

Party sources said that 13 BJP MLAs attended the meeting, which was held

at the party's state headquarters in the capital.

BJP legislator Kh Ibomcha said the formation of a government depends on the central leaders.





Simulated emergency exercise conducted at Kolkata Airport

Kolkata, June 1 (IANS) : A hot fire drill, technically known as simulated emergency exercise, was conducted at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata on Sunday, according to a statement issued by the Corporate Communications Department of the airport. According to the statement, the drill was a part of the airport's monthly emergency preparedness routine and on Thursday it started at 3:48 p.m. under the direction of Airport Director P.R. Beuria. "A hot fire drill is a full-scale emergency simulation where multiple agencies perform their designated roles as they would in a real-life aircraft emergency.

Gurjar quota leader Vijay Bainsla warns of protest against Rajasthan govt, announces mahapanchayat on June 8

Jaipur, June 1 (IANS) : Gurjar Reservation Struggle Committee President Vijay Bainsla, on Sunday, issued a stern warning to the Rajasthan government, saying that a decisive Mahapanchayat will be held in Pilupura (Bharatpur) on June 8, where future actions will be determined. Speaking at a Shraddhanjali Sabha (tribute meeting) in Pipalkhedha at Mahuwa area of Dausa, Bainsla accused the state government of failing to honour its commitments to the Gurjar community. He asserted, "We will not return home until our demands are met. The government has done nothing in the past 17 months." In a poster released ahead of the Mahapanchayat, the Gurjar Reservation Committee outlined a series of long-pending demands, including revision of the roster system. The current system allegedly fails to provide full reservation benefits. The committee demands implementation at the state level to ensure fair representation, he added. Another demand is inclusion of five per cent reservation in the Ninth Schedule for the Most Back-



ward Classes (MBC). The state government should get cabinet approval and send a recommendation to the Central government for this constitutional protection, Bainsla said. Withdrawal of cases from previous agitations as well as implementation of Devnarayan Yojana were other demands Bainsla spoke about. Devnarayan scheme has been inactive for 17 months, with no scooty distribution or scholarships. The committee demands monthly review meetings to resume. The pending job appointments reserved under the MBC quota over the past six years have not been given. The state had assured the Jodhpur High Court that MBC reservation

would apply across general, OBC, and finally MBC categories, but it has not been implemented, he said. He also spoke on backlog in Rajasthan Judicial Services. The MBC backlog has not been filled. The demand is to include these vacancies from 2022 onwards, he said. Bainsla added that the families of those who lost their lives during the reservation agitation should be given jobs and appropriate compensation. All agreements made earlier with the government must be respected and pending recruitments must be completed, he said.



K'taka govt replaces Mangaluru Commissioner & SP amid communal strife

Bengaluru, June 1 (IANS) : Following a series of incidents involving mob lynching, revenge murders, and multiple stabbings in the Mangaluru region, the Karnataka government has replaced the Police Commissioner of Mangaluru City and the Superintendent of Police (SP) of Mangaluru district on Sunday. A new SP has also been appointed for the neighbouring Udupi district. According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), the government has taken strict action by transferring senior police officers from the coastal districts in response to the growing unrest. The move comes after several minority community office bearers in Mangaluru district announced their mass resignation from the Congress party, citing police inaction in recent violent incidents, including multiple stabbings and the murder of Abdul Raheem.

MP govt to include Maharaja Chhatrasal's biography in school curricula: CM

Khajuraho, June 1 (IANS) : The biography of 17th-century Hindu warrior Maharaja Chhatrasal will be included in school curricula to educate students about his bravery and legacy, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced on Sunday. The Chief Minister made this announcement while addressing a public ceremony on the occasion of Maharaja Chhatrasal Jayanti in Panna district, in Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh. Yadav said that the state government will also celebrate Chhatrasal Jayanti officially. On the occasion, he also offered floral tributes at the statue of Maharaja Chhatrasal in Chhatrasal Park, and also

paid homage at the Chhatrasal Gaddi. He recalled how Maharaja Chhatrasal had wisely chosen Panna as his capital, and that the city is home to the finest diamonds in India. Fondly known as "Bundelkhand Kesari," Chhatrasal is known for his bravery in resisting Mughal rule and establishing an independent Hindu kingdom. His legacy is immortalised by the grand Ashtadhatu statue in Panna. While addressing a large gathering on this occasion, the Chief Minister also reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for the development of the Bundelkhand region, mentioning especially the Ken-Betwa river linking project. He said that the Ken-Betwa river linking project is a historic step of PM Modi, which



will bring prosperity to Panna, Damoh, Chhatarpur, and the entire Bundelkhand region. "Farmers' lives will change for the better, and happiness will prevail across the area," he said. Meanwhile, Yadav also performed bhoomi-pujan and inaugurated development works worth over Rs 90 crore, including the Shri Jugal Kishore Lok project. Highlighting Panna's historical and natural wealth, the Chief Minister said the land is blessed with courage and

immense diamond reserves. He emphasised the state government's commitment to good governance, citing the closure of liquor shops in Panna and 18 other religious towns. He said the government plans to replace liquor shops with milk parlours and promote animal husbandry and cow protection. The honorarium for cows in cow shelters has been raised from Rs 20 to Rs 40 per day.



Gujarat govt launches Rs 10 lakh cashless health scheme for officers, employees and pensioners

Gandhinagar, June 1 (IANS) : The Gujarat government has rolled out a health initiative, 'Gujarat Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana', aimed at providing comprehensive healthcare coverage to All India Services (AIS) officers, state government officers, employees, and pensioners.



'Sindoordani' gift at mass weddings: UP ministers, leaders laud Yogi govt's outreach to women

Lucknow, June 1 (IANS) : The Yogi Adityanath government has unveiled its plans to gift 'sindoordani' (Vermillion box) to women getting married at mass weddings across the state. The move, seen as a celebration of India's Operation Sindoor - the military strikes that avenged the slaughter of Hindu women's husbands, is being hailed and welcomed across the political spectrum. 'Sindoor' (Vermillion) holds high cultural and religious importance for the people of the Hindu faith, as it is worn by every Hindu



MP: Three of a family killed, two injured in lightning incident

Bhopal, June 1 (IANS) : Three members of a family, including an eight-year-old child, lost their lives in Bara village under the Semariya police station area of Rewa district in Madhya Pradesh after being struck by lightning. The deceased have been identified as Ashish Vasudeva, aged thirty-two, his wife Jyoti Vasudeva, twenty-six, and their son Kishan Vasudeva, aged eight. The tragic incident occurred when the three were standing under a mango tree near their field. Lightning struck them, and they died instantly. Two other family members, Naina Vasudeva, aged two, and Premlal Vasudeva, aged fifty-five, sustained injuries in the accident. Reports suggested that Premlal's wife was also injured, but police denied this claim. The injured individuals were initially taken to the Primary Health Centre in Semariya. However, due to their critical condition, they were later referred to Sanjay Gandhi Medical College in Rewa for further treatment.

AAP MP Raghav Chadha invited to speak at 'Ideas for India' conference in London

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chadha has been invited to speak at the prestigious 'Ideas for India' Conference 2025, to be held on Sunday at the Royal Lancaster London. Hosted by a leading UK-based think tank, Bridge India, the conference is a flagship event of India Week -- an influential global forum focused on India's economic and geopolitical journey. India Week brings together over 1,100 global changemakers, including policymakers, business leaders, investors, academics, and members of the Indian diaspora.



Kapil Mishra hails PM Modi's leadership as NDA completes 11 years in power

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : As the PM Modi-led NDA government completed 11 years at the Centre on Sunday, Delhi Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra praised the Prime Minister's leadership, calling it a result of the people's unwavering support and trust. "The blessings of the people have brought us this far. Indian citizens have repeatedly given their mandate to PM Modi. His only goal is to serve the nation, and that commitment has been consistent over the years. That's why we have remained in power for this long," Kapil Mishra told IANS. The BJP also issued a statement lauding PM Modi's leadership, noting that his

tenure has been marked by "great initiatives, policies, and strategic actions." PM Modi first took the oath as Prime Minister on May 26, 2014, and assumed office for a third term on June 9, 2024. Mishra further responded to the launch of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, a nationwide campaign aimed at modernising Indian agriculture through scientific outreach, sustainable practices, and farmer empowerment. Mishra attended an event in Delhi on Sunday.

Four killed in road accident in Bihar's East Champaran

Patna, June 1 (IANS) : Four persons were killed while four others sustained critical injuries when a speeding three-wheeler collided with a parked truck in East Champaran district on Sunday. The fatal accident occurred on National Highway 27 near the Mewat Line Hotel under the jurisdiction of the Dumariya Ghat police station.



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Centre imposes wheat stock limits on traders to keep prices in check

The Centre has imposed stock limits on wheat applicable to wholesale traders and retailers across the country to prevent hoarding and speculation that drives up inflation. "In order to manage the overall food security and to prevent hoarding and unscrupulous speculation, the Government of India has imposed stock limits on wheat applicable to wholesalers, retailers, big chain retailers, and processors in all states and Union Territories," the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution said on Thursday. The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits, and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2025, dated May 27, is applicable until March 31, 2026, for all states and Union Territories, a ministry statement said. For wholesale traders, the limit of wheat stock is 3,000 metric tonnes (MT) and for retail traders, the stock limit has been fixed at 10 MT. For bid chain retailers, the stock limit is up to 10 MT for each retail outlet, subject to a maximum quantity of (10 multiplied by the total no. of outlets) MT. This will be the maximum stock that can be held at all their retail outlets and depots put together. In the case of processors, the stock limit for wheat has been fixed at 70 per cent of the monthly installed capacity multiplied by the remaining months of FY 2025-26.

All wheat stocking entities are required to declare updates of the stock position on every Friday on wheat stock portal (<https://evegoils.nic.in/wsp/login> which will be migrated in due course of time to <https://foodstock.dfpd.gov.in>). Any entity which is found not to have registered on the portal or violates the stock limits will be subject to suitable punitive action under Sections 6 & 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the order states. In case the stocks held by these entities are higher than the prescribed limit, they will have to bring these to the prescribed stock limits within 15 days of the issue of the notification. Officials of the Central and state governments will be closely monitoring the enforcement of these stock limits to ensure that no artificial scarcity of wheat is created in the country, the statement said. Meanwhile, the Central government has procured 298.17 lakh metric tonnes LMT wheat, as on May 27, through state agencies/FCI, which is sufficient to meet requirements of the public distribution system and other market intervention schemes. The Department of Food and Public Distribution is maintaining a close watch over the stock position of wheat to control prices and ensure easy availability in the country, the statement added.

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South Korea: All four Navy officers aboard patrol aircraft killed after crash in Pohang

All four Navy officers aboard a maritime patrol aircraft were killed after the plane crashed on a mountain in South Korea's southeastern city of Pohang on Thursday, the Navy said. The crash occurred at 1.49 p.m., and witnesses reported smoke rising from the mountain with sounds of explosions. "A P-3 maritime patrol aircraft that took off at 1.43 p.m. for landing and takeoff training from an air base in Pohang crashed at a nearby location at around 1.49 p.m., due to an unspecified reason," the Navy said. Four people were on board -- two commissioned officers and two non-commissioned officers. The Navy said it recovered the dead bodies of all four officers. The officers' identities have yet to be confirmed.



AIIMS Bhopal launches life-saving mobile app to empower people & medical professionals

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Bhopal commemorated the World Medicine Emergency Day with launch of a life-saving mobile application 'Code Emergency' on Thursday, officials said. The application was launched by Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, Ajai Singh, during a programme, highlighting its features and benefits to the medical professionals and general public as well. This transformative app is based on AIIMS Bhopal's 'One State One Health One Emergency' policy of the Madhya Pradesh government initiated last year. Ajai Singh highlighted that

the most notable feature of this app is its inclusive design -- made not only for healthcare professionals but also for the general public. He told that the app is available in both Hindi and English and functions smoothly even without an internet connection once downloaded. "Through audio-visual guidelines, the app enables users to administer CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and potentially save lives anywhere. It includes age-appropriate instructions for all age groups," Singh said. Additionally, the app offers a dropdown menu based on the 'One State One Health One Emergency' policy, providing easy access to information on various emergencies and medical condi-

tions. He also said that the app will soon be available for free download on the Google Play Store. "This app is expected to be highly useful not only for the general public but also as a revolutionary tool for doctors and healthcare providers," he added. On this occasion, AIIMS Bhopal also organised a CPR and First Aid training session for media personnel. During this one-day training, journalists received hands-on instruction in administering CPR. "An awareness campaign about this application should be carried out so that more and more people can know about it and get benefitted," Singh added.

India didn't just win on battlefield, it nailed technology referendum during Operation Sindoor : US warfare expert

The rapid, multidomain military campaign Operation Sindoor not only dismantled cross-border terror networks but became a full-scale validation of India's defence transformation, a leading American defence analyst said on Thursday. In his extensive analysis titled 'India's Operation Sindoor: A Battlefield Verdict on Chinese Weapons — And India's Victory', top urban warfare expert John Spencer reckoned that Operation Sindoor wasn't just a military campaign but a technology demonstration, a market signal, and a strategic blueprint. "India showed the world what self-reliance in modern warfare looks like — and

proved that 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' works under fire," Spencer wrote. "Operation Sindoor pitted India's indigenously developed weapons systems against Chinese-supplied platforms fielded by Pakistan. And India didn't just win on the battlefield — it won the technology referendum. What unfolded was not just retaliation, but the strategic debut of a sovereign arsenal built under the twin doctrines of Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat," he added. Spencer, currently the Chair of urban warfare studies at the Modern War Institute and a Co-Director of the Urban Warfare Project, stated that "Pakistan's proxy dependency" was no match to "India's sovereign power" during Operation Sindoor which demolished ter-



ror infrastructure deep inside Pakistan after the heinous April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. "India fought as a sovereign power — wielding precision tools it designed, built, and deployed with unmatched battlefield control. Pakistan fought as a proxy force, dependent on Chinese hardware that was built for export, not for excellence. When challenged, these systems failed — exposing the strategic

hollowness behind Islamabad's defence posture," Spencer wrote. Spencer also detailed how India's transformation into a modern defence power began in 2014, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Make in India' initiative. The goal, he said, was clear: reduce dependence on foreign arms imports and build a world-class domestic defence industry.



Actress Huma Qureshi visits J&K's Patnitop to promote tourism

Bollywood celebrity Huma Qureshi, on Thursday, explored the scenic landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir's Patnitop and Nathatop, where she experienced a firsthand taste of adventure through activities such as camping and nature walks. At Skyview by Empyrean in Patnitop, she took a ride on the

highest gondola in Asia above the tree line, a marvel of engineering constructed without cutting a single tree. The initiative stands as a significant step towards eco-tourism and sustainable tourism practices in Jammu and Kashmir. During her visit to Skyview by Empyrean, the actress interacted with officials and stakeholders, including Udhampur Deputy

Commissioner Saloni Rai, Jammu Tourism Director Vikas Gupta, Patnitop Development Authority CEO, Devender Singh Bhau, Jammu Joint Tourism Director Aijaz Qaiser, and members of the Patnitop Hotels Association, where discussions were held on strengthening tourism prospects in the region.

NCW to host tricentenary celebrations of Punyashlok Ahilya Devi Holkar in Varanasi

The National Commission for Women (NCW) is set to host a two-day programme in the city to commemorate the tricentenary of Punyashloka Ahilya Devi Holkar, a revered ruler of the Holkar dynasty, renowned for her visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to social welfare and women's empowerment. The programme will be held at the RUDRAKSH — International Cooperation and Convention Centre on May 31, to celebrate the 300th birth anniversary of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar. NCW chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar will deliver the keynote address, reflecting on the exemplary contributions of Punyashlok Ahilya Devi Holkar. The event will also include a special address by Dr. Kumar Vishwas. The programme will include the inauguration of an exhibition on the life and legacy of Punyashlok Ahilya Devi Holkar. The exhibition will feature curated displays by Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Divyanga University (JRDU), and approximately twenty schools from Varanasi. The celebrations will begin on May 30 with a



special lecture on Punyashlok Ahilya Devi Holkar by the NCW chief at the Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth University, followed by tribute at Shubham Lawn and Banquet, Mahmoorganj (Varanasi). Later in the day, a painting competition on the theme of Ahilya Devi Holkar's life will be held at Lalit Kala Bhawan. The evening will feature a rangoli competition at NAMO Ghat, where participants will create a rangoli spanning over 400 square feet area. The event will also include felicitation of winners, a special address by Vijaya Rahatkar and a cultural performance dedicated to the life and achievements of Ahilya Devi Holkar, concluding with the ceremonial lighting of diyas.

After Italy, Indian delegation set to expose Pakistan in Denmark

Rome, June 1 (IANS) : The Indian all-Party Parliamentary delegation led by BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad on Sunday left Rome after the conclusion of a substantive programme in Italy during which they conveyed unequivocally India's firm stance and national resolve against terrorism and those who aid and abet terrorists. The delegation will now begin its mission in Denmark on the next leg of their tour to convey India's resolute stance against terrorism. In Copenhagen, the delegation will also engage with Danish Parliamentarians, members of political parties, media, and the Indian diaspora to share India's position on global terror challenges. Meanwhile, the delegation had a successful visit to Italy during which they engaged with key Ital-

ian leaders, think tanks, strategic experts, and news agencies to underline India's zero-tolerance and 'new normal' policy toward Pakistan-facilitated cross-border terrorism. "We had enriching interactions with Italy's Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Maria Tripodi, Senator Giulio Tremonti, President and Members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and European Commission in the Chamber of Deputies," Prasad posted on X. "We also engaged with prominent think tanks and strategic experts. We shared India's zero-tolerance approach to terrorism and our resolve to combat it in all forms. Encouragingly, we found a common understanding between India and Italy on the

issue of global terrorism. Both nations affirmed their commitment to working together for peace and amity, underscoring the strong relationship between India and Italy," the post added. Earlier in the day, the Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy, Maria Tripodi took to social media highlighting that both Italy and India will jointly confront the common challenges of the world. "Constructive exchange with the Indian parliamentary delegation visiting the Senate of Italy. Italy and India united by strategic partnership, working together to address the common challenges of our time," said Tripodi on Sunday.



Broken suitcases and inedible food — Pakistani pilgrims abandoned to their fate in Mecca during Haj

Islamabad, June 1 (IANS) : In yet another major embarrassment for Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, two prominent Members of National Assembly (MNA) on Sunday shared harrowing experiences of pilgrims from the country who are currently undertaking the annual Haj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia. Making statements in the National Assembly, Shagufta Jumani and Shahida Rehmani from the Pakistan People's Party exposed the claims being made by Sharif government.



Sierra Leone Parliament observes moment of silence in honour of Pahalgam terror attack victims

Freetown, June 1 (IANS) : In an extraordinary gesture reflecting strong relations between both countries, the parliament of Sierra Leone on Sunday observed a moment of silence in honour of victims of Pahalgam terror attack as an all-party delegation from India led by Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Eknath Shinde began its visit to the West African nation. The Indian delegation thanked the Speaker and Parliamentarians of the country

for their special gesture of friendship and solidarity in India's fight against terrorism. It also met Deputy Defence Minister Muana Brima Massaquoi of Sierra Leone, briefing him about India's strategic restraints in its counter terrorism operations and reaffirming zero tolerance for terrorism. The delegation is on a two-day visit to Sierra Leone to reflect India's resolute commitment to counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and underscore its broader effort to engage the international community to

ensure regional and global peace and stability. The visit is a part of diplomatic outreach launched by the Government of India in the aftermath of the heinous terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22 which claimed the lives of 26 innocent civilians. The Indian delegates arrived in Freetown after successful completion of their mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo, underscoring India's zero tolerance.



'India and Saudi Arabia united by shared resolve to combat terrorism'

Riyadh, June 1 (IANS) : The Indian all-party Parliamentary delegation led by BJP MP Baijayant Jay Panda on Sunday shared India's firm resolve towards terrorism with a zero-tolerance approach and the 'new normal policy' in light of Operation Sindoor during a visit to Gulf Research Centre, a prominent think-tank in Saudi Arabia recognised for its expertise in global affairs. The delegation, welcomed by Chairman Abdulaziz Sager, held a frank and productive exchange of views. The discussions also focused on a strong India-Saudi Arabia partnership across all do-

mains, including security and defence cooperation. "India-Saudi Arabia continue to deepen ties across security, defence and global affairs, united by a shared resolve to combat terrorism. Our all-party delegation had a candid and insightful exchange at Gulf Research Centre with Chairman Abdulaziz Sager sharing India's zero-tolerance and new normal approach post-Operation Sindoor and exploring ways to strengthen the India-Saudi partnership," Panda posted on X. Later, the delegation held interactions with President Abdulmajeed Albanyan of Naif Arab University for Security Sciences in Riyadh,

sharing strong concerns about cross-border terrorism and India's position of zero tolerance against terrorism. "Strengthening security ties and advancing counter-terrorism cooperation, the India-Saudi partnership continues to deepen. Along with our all-party delegation colleagues, we visited Naif Arab University for Security Sciences and had a meaningful exchange with President Abdulmajeed bin Abdullah Al-Bunyan, discussing India's firm zero-tolerance approach to cross-border terrorism and shared opportunities in security education and research," Panda posted on X.

Panamanian leaders, prominent personalities back India's fight against terror

Panama City (Panama), June 1 (IANS) : Top politicians and several prominent personalities from Panama attended a reception hosted by Ambassador of India to Panama Sumit Seth for the visiting Indian Parliamentary delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, on Sunday. At the event, Panama's Foreign Minister Javier Martinez-Acha Vasquez publicly spoke against terrorism and extended support to India as the visiting Indian delegation wrapped up its visit to the Central American country. "Our trip ended with a spectacular reception hosted by Amba-

sador Seth for the diplomatic corps and influential Panamanian personalities. The Foreign Minister spoke, as did his Vice-Minister, Carlos Hoyos in strong sympathy for India, expressing support for our fight against terrorism and for enhancing the close cooperation between our two countries," Tharoor posted on X. As delegates, diplomats and others posed for photographs with the visiting delegation, Tharoor said that it was "great to meet and engage" with a cross-section of the diplomatic community in Panama at the Ambassador's reception.



Fundamentalist Yunus regime in Bangladesh cancels progressive diplomat's Kolkata posting

Dhaka, June 1 (IANS) : A Bangladeshi diplomat was recently forced to return to Dhaka instead of joining his new posting in Kolkata after he opposed animal sacrifices on Eid in the High Commission premises to respect feelings of Hindus and non-Muslims. Shabab-bin Ahmed, who was posted as Minister in the Embassy of Dhaka at The Hague, was cleared by Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Administrative Division (Establishment) via an order dated November 21, 2024 to join as Deputy High Commissioner at

the Kolkata mission. He was supposed to take over his new assignment in June this year. However, the order was cancelled on Sunday, reportedly after his statement on banning animal sacrifices on Eid inside the High Commission premises, a practice that has been followed for the last four decades. Apparently, Shabab's principled and courageous stand was not liked by the interim government in Bangladesh led by Muhammad Yunus, a host of his advisors and Jamaat-trained student leaders who have radical-Islamic views and remain anti-India in their approach. Ahmed, who had argued that dip-



lomats "need to respect the customs of the host country", has now been recalled to Dhaka. Analysts, however, praised Shabab-bin Ahmed for his exemplary diplomatic skills in conveying the message with courage at a juncture when the Yunus regime remains dysfunctional. "Knowing fully well that the fundamentalist hardliner regime in Bangladesh is not going to take kindly to any adherence to progressive and civilised behaviour.

Russia has provided North Korea with Pantsir air defence system, jammers since troop deployment : Report

Seoul, June 1 (IANS) : Russia has provided North Korea with its air defence system, electronic warfare jamming devices and other military support since late last year, in blatant violations of UN sanctions amid their deepening ties, an international monitoring report released by Seoul's Foreign Ministry showed on Sunday. Since November 2024, Moscow has transferred at least one Pantsir mobile air defence system and one Pantsir-class combat vehicle to Pyongyang, the Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team (MSMT) said in its first report on the sanctions enforcement. The MSMT was established in October last year with the initiative of South Korea and the United States as an alternative framework to the UN Panel of Experts on North Korean sanctions monitoring. The panel was disbanded in March of the same year due to Russia's veto. Besides South Korea and the US, nine other coun-

tries have joined the mechanism -- Australia, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. The inaugural report, specifically focusing on the illegal military cooperation between Russia and the North, is the MSMT's first assessment on the sanctions enforcement since its launch.



India to save 7,500 million litre diesel annually, says Union Minister Vaishnaw; MP to get three new trains

Bhopal, June 1 (IANS) : The Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Sunday that the addition of the third and fourth railway lines between Ratlam-Nagda railway multi-tracking project in Madhya Pradesh will significantly reduce fuel consumption, saving nearly 7.5 crore litre of diesel annually. Moreover, the initiative is expected to prevent the emission of 38 crore kg of carbon dioxide -- an environmental benefit comparable to planting 1.5 crore trees. The Central government has also announced the introduction of three new train services for Madhya Pradesh, enhancing connectivity across key routes. These trains will operate on the Rewa-Pune route via Satna and Jabalpur, Jabalpur-Raipur via Nainpur and Gondia, and Gwalior-Bengaluru via Bhopal and Pune. "All these are tribal belt and will benefit them the most," Union Minister Vaishnaw said through a video conferencing. Asked about the Gwalior-Bengaluru train, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia had recently in a post on his official X account said, "New train will run between Guna-Bengaluru soon... Heartfelt thanks to



@RailMinIndia for approving the operation of a new train from Guna to Bengaluru on my special request. I express my heartfelt gratitude to Union Railway Minister @AshwiniVaishnaw ji for fulfilling the long-standing demand of the passengers of Gwalior-Chambal. The passengers of Guna region, especially my young colleagues working in Bengaluru, will soon be able to avail the benefit of this railway facility." Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav confirmed that the Ratlam-Nagda railway multi-tracking project has received approval, marking a significant boost to the state's railway infrastructure. This initiative is expected to improve transportation efficiency and facilitate smoother travel for passengers. Union Minister Vaishnav, officially announced the project approval of the third and fourth railway lines for the Ratlam-Nagda section under the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Master Plan.

Hectic efforts on to locate missing MP couple, says Meghalaya CM Sangma

Shillong, June 1 (IANS) : Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on Sunday said that the police, district administration and the local community are on a hectic search operation to trace the tourist couple from Madhya Pradesh, who have been reported missing since May 24 while visiting the state's Sohra-Cherrapunji. In a video message, the Chief Minister said that his Madhya Pradesh counterpart Mohan Yadav spoke to him over the phone, and he also received a call from the office of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) about the missing newlywed couple from Indore. "Our police authority, district police led by Superintendent of Police and local administration, along with the entire local community, are conducting a massive search operation round-the-clock basis to find out and rescue the couple. I am personally monitoring the search and rescue efforts constantly," Sangma said.



900 illegal Bangladeshis residing in Delhi will be deported: Delhi Crime Branch

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : Approximately 900 illegal Bangladeshi nationals residing in Delhi have been identified and will be deported after proper verification, Delhi's Special Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch, Devesh Chandra Srivastava said on Sunday, as the process of deporting undocumented migrants has gained momentum in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. Over the past six months, approximately 700 undocumented migrants in Delhi have been repatriated to Bangladesh under the Indian government's ongoing "push-back" strategy. According to data from the Border Security Force (BSF), Delhi ranks highest among all states in terms of the number of individuals deported across the eastern land border. The crackdown on undocu-

mented Bangladeshi nationals has intensified across several states, particularly those governed by the BJP. In this period, a significant number of alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh have been detained in Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Goa. Following their detention, they have been processed and handed over for deportation. Speaking to IANS, Devesh Chandra Srivastava said, "All our field units, including the Crime Branch and Special Cell, are actively engaged in identifying and taking legal action against Bangladeshi nationals living illegally in Delhi. Those without valid documents have been detained, and legal proceedings are underway. Additionally, action is being taken against individuals who help these migrants obtain fake documents." He added, "This special campaign began in November and is yielding significant results. It is being conducted across Delhi based on secret intelligence inputs and public complaints."

Health revolution begins: Delhi's first Ayushman Arogya Mandir opens this week

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : Delhi's first Ayushman Arogya Mandir is now ready to begin operations from the Tis Hazari Court complex. Previously functioning as a Mohalla Clinic, the facility has now been upgraded.



AI making education more accessible and effective: Tripura CM

Agartala, June 1 (IANS) : Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Sunday said that the use of technology like Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made education more effective and accessible. Addressing the first convocation ceremony of the state government-owned Maharaja Bir Bikram University at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhavan in Agartala, the Chief Minister said that the state government vows to develop MBB University as an advanced learning hub. Saha, who also holds the Education portfolio, said that the state government has taken a series of initiatives to develop the MBB University as the most advanced university with overall quality upgradation, and in this regard, the government is moving forward with a far-reaching plan. He said that the convocation ceremony is a special moment in the lives of degree-winning students.



15 new COVID-19 cases reported in Rajasthan; Jaipur records highest number

Jaipur, June 1 (IANS) : At least 15 new COVID-19 cases were reported in Rajasthan on Sunday, with Jaipur recording the highest number at nine cases. Jodhpur reported two cases, while four were detected in Udaipur. In addition, a new variant of the coronavirus has been confirmed in the state. Samples from four patients sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune revealed two cases each of the XFG and LF.7.9 variants. Currently, these two variants are being reported more frequently in the western and southern states of India. Apart from them, strains from the JN.1 and NB.1.8.1 series are also being detected. Dr. Deepak Maheshwari, Principal of SMS Medical College, stated that the current strains do not appear to be very serious. "There is no need to panic. However, people should remain cautious. Children, the elderly, and individuals with comorbidities should consider wearing masks in crowded places," he advised. According to the state Health Department, Rajasthan has reported a total of 54 COVID-19 cases so far this year, while one fatality has also been recorded.



Mamata Banerjee echoing Pakistan's narrative on Operation Sindoor: BJP

Kolkata, June 1 (IANS) : The BJP on Sunday lashed out at the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for terming the 'name' of Operation Sindoor as "politically motivated", saying that she is echoing Pakistan's narrative on the anti-terror operation launched by the Indian armed forces inside Pakistan. "In Pahalgam, Hindu women were identified by their shankha and sindoor - symbols of their faith - and their hus-

bands and children were selectively targeted and killed. Two Hindu women from West Bengal were asked to recite the kalma simply because they wore sindoor, and were then forced to witness their husbands being brutally gunned down before their eyes," the BJP's Information Technology Cell chief and the party's central observer for West Bengal, Amit Malviya, wrote on X. He added that after Operation Sindoor, these same women said they felt truly respected and



honoured. "Yet Mamata Banerjee dismisses the very name of the operation, calling it nothing more than a political stunt. Shame on her. She is echoing the narrative of Pakistan," Malviya said. Earlier, while reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's multiple accusations against the West Bengal government.

WBSSC job case: Protesting teachers to march to state Secretariat tomorrow

Kolkata, June 1 (IANS) : The "untainted" or "genuine" teachers of state-run schools in West Bengal, protesting the loss of their jobs following a Supreme Court order last month, announced that they would be organising a "March to State Secretariat" on Sunday. The protesting teachers would start assembling at Sealdah from 11 a.m. on Friday and thereafter start the protest march towards the state Secretariat, Nabanna, located at Mandirtala in Howrah district, adjacent to Kolkata. The unique point of the rally will be that the protester will keep certain portions of their bodies bare during the rally as a symbolic mark of protest. "The evolving situation has stripped the 'untainted' teachers. That's why we have decided to keep some portions of our bodies bare as a symbolic protest during our rally towards the Secretariat on Friday," said Chinmay Mondal, the convener of the "Jogyo Shikshak-Shikshika Adhikar Mancha" (Genu-

ine Teachers' Rights Forum), the umbrella body under which the "genuine" teachers had been protesting since last month. Incidentally, on Friday, the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) is scheduled to issue notification for the fresh recruitment for the vacancies arising out of the cancellation of 25,753 teaching and non-teaching jobs following the Supreme Court order last month, which also directed the state government to start the fresh recruitment process by May 31.

Indian exporters worried over US tariff hikes on steel, aluminium goods

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has expressed concern over the recent announcement by US President Donald Trump to double import tariffs on steel and aluminium from 25 per cent to 50 per cent, citing potential disruption to India's steel and aluminium exports, particularly in value-added and finished steel products and auto-components. Reacting to the development, FIEO president S.C. Ralhan stated that the proposed in-

crease in US steel and aluminium import tariffs will have a significant bearing on India's steel exports, especially in semi-finished and finished categories like stainless steel pipes, structural steel components, and automotive steel parts. "These products are part of India's growing engineering exports, and higher duties could erode our price competitiveness in the American market," he said. India exported approximately \$6.2 billion worth of steel and finished steel products to the USA in the financial year 2024-25, including

a wide range of engineered and fabricated steel components and about \$0.86 billion of aluminium and its products. The US is among the top destinations for Indian steel manufacturers, who have been gradually increasing their market share through high-quality production and competitive pricing. The FIEO president further added that while it is understandable that the decision stems from domestic policy considerations in the US.



FII to continue their investment in India amid robust GDP growth: Analysts

Mumbai, June 1 (IANS) : India's better-than-expected GDP growth in Q4 FY25 at 7.4 per cent is an indicator that growth is rebounding which can lead to revival of corporate earnings in FY26, and foreign institutional investors (FIIs) are likely to continue their investment in India, analysts said on Sunday. The change in FII strategy in India which began in April continues in May. FIIs were continuous sellers in India in the first three months of this year.

The big selling began in January (Rs 78,027 crore) when the dollar index peaked at 111 in mid-January. Thereafter, the intensity of selling declined. FIIs turned buyers in April with a buy figure of Rs 4,243 crore. "In May up to 30th, FIIs bought equity for Rs 18,082 crore through the exchanges, as per NSDL data. Global macros like declining dollar, slowing US and Chinese economies and domestic macros like high GDP growth and declining inflation and interest rates are

the factors driving FII inflows into India," said Dr VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Ltd. FIIs have been buyers in autos, components, telecom and financials in the first half of May. According to Ketan Vikam, Head of Sales at Almondz Institutional Equities, any further spike in the US bond yields, equity markets could face downward pressure as risk-off sentiment could come into play and drive investors to prune their holdings.



Vodafone Idea's net loss widens to Rs 7,166 crore in Q4, revenue slips

Mumbai, June 1 (IANS) : Vodafone Idea has reported a wider net loss of Rs 7,166.1 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31 (Q4 FY25), compared to a loss of Rs 6,609.3 crore in the previous quarter (Q3 FY25). This rise in losses comes despite some year-on-year improvement, as the loss had stood at Rs 7,674.6 crore in the same quarter previous fiscal (Q4 FY24), according to its

stock exchange filing. The telecom company also saw a decline in its revenue from operations, which dropped slightly to Rs 11,013.5 crore in Q4 from Rs 11,117.3 crore in Q3 -- a decrease of around 0.93 per cent. Total income also slipped by about 1.22 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) to Rs 11,228.3 crore. At the same time, total expenses rose to Rs 18,396.4 crore from Rs 17,973.6 crore in the previous quarter, reflecting a 2.35 per cent increase. While Vodafone Idea reported a year-on-year (YoY) revenue growth of 3.8 per cent in Q4.

India's forex reserves rise by \$6.99 billion to cross \$692.7 billion

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : India's foreign exchange reserves recorded a robust increase of \$6.99 billion to \$692.72 billion for the week ended May 23, according to RBI's weekly data released on Sunday. Foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, surged by \$4.52 billion to \$586.17 billion, the figures showed. There was also a sharp increase in the value of the gold reserves component of the reserves which went up by \$2.37 billion to \$83.58 billion during the week, according to the RBI data. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) rose by \$81 million to \$18.571 billion. India's reserve position with the IMF rose \$30 million to \$4.401 billion during the week, the figures showed. In the preceding week ended May 16, the country's forex kitty had declined by \$4.89 billion to \$685.73 billion. However, prior to this, the foreign exchange reserves surged by \$4.5 billion to \$690.62 billion for the



week ended May 9. Any strengthening of the country's foreign exchange kitty also helps bolster the rupee vis-a-vis the US dollar. An increase in the foreign exchange reserves reflects strong fundamentals of the economy and gives the RBI more headroom to stabilise the rupee when it turns volatile.



Vipul Organics reports 46 pc sequential drop in Q4 net profit

Mumbai, June 1 (IANS) : Vipul Organics Limited, a specialty chemicals company listed on the BSE, has reported a sharp 45.69 per cent decline in its net profit on a quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) basis for the fourth quarter of FY 2024-25. The Mumbai-based company posted a net profit of Rs 0.78 crore in Q4, down from Rs 1.44 crore in the previous quarter (Q3), according to its stock exchange filing. However, revenue from operations rose to Rs 44.08 crore in Q4, up from Rs 41.4 crore in Q3, marking a sequential increase of 6.47 per cent. Similarly, total income grew by 5.88 per cent to Rs 43.97 crore compared to Rs 41.53 crore in the previous quarter, as per its filing to BSE. However, rising costs weighed on the bottom line. Total expenses surged by 7.83 per cent to Rs 42.81 crore in Q4.



Indian stock markets witness 2nd consecutive week of consolidation

Mumbai, June 1 (IANS) : Indian stock markets ended the week on a cautious note, marking the second consecutive week of consolidation. This subdued performance came amid ongoing global trade tensions and anticipation surrounding domestic policy developments, analysts said on Sunday. The benchmark indices, Sensex and Nifty, witnessed notable volatility through the week, eventually closing lower as investors reacted to uncertainties over U.S. tariff developments and awaited the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) upcoming monetary policy decision. By the end of the week, the Nifty settled at 24,750.70, while the Sensex closed at 81,451.01. "Despite encouraging domestic cues, mixed signals from global markets kept investor sentiment on edge. Initially, optimism prevailed following the RBI's record dividend payout and positive updates regarding the monsoon," said Ajit Mishra, SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd. Sectoral performance remained mixed in line with the overall market consolidation. The realty index extended its winning streak for the

third consecutive week, while banking and energy sectors also ended in the green. Conversely, FMCG, auto, and metal stocks underperformed and emerged as top laggards. Among the broader markets, both the midcap and smallcap indices managed to register gains of nearly 1.5 per cent each despite the choppy trading environment. According to Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Ltd, a fair share of trade tensions with the temporary pause and the subsequent reinstatement of US President Donald Trump's reciprocal trade policies reiterate that the global market may contend with macroeconomic concerns, which may continue to create ripple effects in the emerging markets.

Kotak Securities slashes Ola Electric's target price by 40 pc after dismal Q4 results

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : Kotak Securities on Sunday slashed price target on Ola Electric by 40 per cent to Rs 30 from Rs 50, citing continued losses and rising competition. Ola Electric Mobility shares nosedived 9.7 per cent to their intraday low of Rs 48.07 on the BSE during the trade after the electric two-wheeler maker reported a sharp rise in losses for the March quarter. Kotak Securities flagged two main concerns. It expects EBIDTA losses to continue, driven by weakening brand equity and intensified competitive pressure.



Gautam Adani lauds first batch of women NDA cadets for scripting history

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani on Sunday lauded the first batch of women National Defence Academy (NDA) cadets for scripting history in the annals of the Indian armed forces. The first batch of 17 female cadets graduated from NDA's 148th course on Friday. During the Passing Out Parade in Pune, they marched alongside over 300 male cadets.

Odisha Police arrests dreaded CPI (Maoist) leader

Bhubaneswar, June 1 (IANS) : The Odisha Police arrested one dreaded Maoist leader following an exchange of fire with the CPI (Maoist) cadres in Koraput district on Sunday. The arrested red ultra, Kunjam Hidma alias Mohan, hails from Janaguda village in Bijapur district of neighbouring Chhattisgarh. Kunjum was an Area Committee Member (ACM) in the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) organisation. The police sources claimed that upon receipt of credible intelligence regarding the movement of a group of banned CPI (Maoist) cadres in the forest area near Petguda village under Boipariguda Police Station, the Koraput district Police launched a special operation using the District Voluntary Force (DVF) on Sunday. "In the early hours of 29.05.2025, the DVF team noticed a group of Maoists camping on the hill. As the team moved to surround it, the Maoists, on being alerted, opened fire at the DVF team and fled into the jungle. In response, the team exercised controlled fire in self-defence.



5 Naga bodies protest against Nagaland's job reservation policy

Kohima, June 1 (IANS) : Braving inclement weather, five major Naga tribes on Sunday held protest rallies in various districts of Nagaland, demanding a review of the state's job reservation policy. The protests were carried out by the '5 Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation Policy (CORRP)', formed in 2023 to spearhead the agitation to press for job reservation for these tribes — Angami, Ao, Lotha, Rengma, and Sumi - also. A spokesman of the agitating CORRP said that the organisation had given a memorandum on September 20 last year and an ultimatum on April 26 to the state government, but the government is yet to take any steps to review the state's job reservation policy. "Left with no other alternative, we have started our agitation in a most democratic manner to draw the attention of the state government and highlight our demands," the spokesman said.

He said that if the government did not respond to their demands, the CORRP would intensify its agitation. A state government official said that the Nagaland government on May 7 formed a committee to examine and submit a report on the policy for reservation in government jobs within three months. Meanwhile, amidst the CORRP agitation, the state government has decided to hold a meeting with the CORRP on June 3 in Kohima, he said. The proposed meeting, to be chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton, who holds the Home and Border Affairs portfolios, would discuss the policy on reservation in government employment, the official said. The Nagaland government had implemented the 1977 reservation policy for Backward Tribes (BT) and initially, 25 per cent jobs were reserved for seven tribes in non-technical and non-gazetted posts for a period of 10 years.

Assam to include 37 lakh new people in cash transfer 'Orunodoi' scheme

Guwahati, June 1 (IANS) : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday chaired a series of high-level meetings to assess the implementation of ongoing welfare schemes and finalise plans for several new initiatives aimed at supporting the state's most vulnerable sections. Taking to social media platform X, the Chief Minister outlined a slew of updates spanning financial aid, education, infrastructure, and fuel subsidies. A major highlight was the upcoming expansion of the flagship Orunodoi 3.0 scheme, which is set to include 37 lakh

new beneficiaries. Notably, under the Orunodoi scheme, financial assistance is distributed among women across the select categories in the state. The CM has claimed that Orunodoi is the biggest cash transfer scheme and other states have been following Assam in this regard. Sarma stressed that a "rigorous verification process is ongoing to ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left out", underscoring the government's commitment to equitable welfare delivery. In addition, the government is preparing to roll out a subsidised LPG scheme, with Sarma revealing that the modalities for the program are currently under evaluation. This move comes amid rising con-



cerns over household fuel affordability, particularly in rural and low-income areas. Further, under the 'Eti Koli, Duti Paat' scheme, more than six lakh tea garden workers will receive a one-time grant of Rs 5,000. The distribution of application forms for the scheme will commence shortly, offering direct financial relief to a historically underserved workforce.



K'taka BJP welcomes HC decision to set aside govt's order to withdraw 43 criminal cases

Bengaluru, June 1 (IANS) : The Karnataka BJP unit, on Sunday, welcomed the decision of the High Court to strike down the Congress-led government's order to withdraw 43 criminal cases, including Hubballi riot cases. Former Chief Minister and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai said that the Karnataka High Court has reprimanded the state government for its decision to withdraw the case related to the attack on the Hubballi police station, calling the move inappropriate. Speaking to the media at the BJP office in Bengaluru, he added that the High Court bench has given its judgment on Thursday regarding the Hubballi riot case. He said that the state government had withdrawn a criminal case, and the court ruled

that such a decision was not correct. "I had previously stated that withdrawing a case involving an attack on a police station is not right. However, due to political pressure and appeasement politics, the case was withdrawn. The court has rightly reprimanded the government. The state Cabinet should work in the interest of the state and not indulge in appeasement politics. Even now, action must be taken against those involved in the DJ Halli and KG Halli riots," he added. Asked to comment on the Mangaluru murder case, Bommai said that the state government and the police have failed to maintain law and order. "There is no longer any fear of the police among the people.

Rajasthan Minister raids fake fertiliser factory; vehicle with counterfeit stock seized



Jaipur, June 1 (IANS) : Rajasthan Agriculture Minister Kirori Lal Meena on Sunday uncovered a fake fertiliser manufacturing unit operating in the Udaipur Kalan area of Kishangarh. The unit was allegedly producing counterfeit fertilisers using marble powder, gravel, soil, and synthetic dyes. The incident occurred while Minister Meena was en route to Bhilwara after attending the Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan launch ceremony at Ralawata village in Kishangarh. Around 2 PM, Meena spotted a vehicle on the highway suspected to be transporting fake fertiliser. Acting swiftly, he stopped his car and instructed the accompanying officials to follow the vehicle, which led them directly to Bhumi Agro Industries.

SIT questions Congress leader Ripun Bora in Gaurav Gogoi's 'Pakistan links' case

Guwahati, June 1 (IANS) : Former Assam Congress president and Rajya Sabha MP Ripun Bora on Sunday underwent a marathon questioning by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of state police after he defended Gaurav Gogoi for his visit to Pakistan in 2013. Ripun Bora reiterated his commitment to cooperate with the law, asserting that he has nothing to hide. "They can call me 100 times. We in the Congress party respect the law," Bora told re-

porters, following the interrogation led by SIT head Rosie Kalita. Bora alleged that investigators attempted to corner him with a barrage of detailed questions about his public rebuttal of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's claims against Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi. "They asked me why I challenged the Chief Minister's allegations and what basis I had for doing so," he said, maintaining that he stood firmly by his previous statements and denied all charges levelled against Gogoi. Bora called on the



SIT to extend its probe to BJP MLA Diganta Kalita, who, he claimed, had made a detailed Facebook post describing a supposed 2013 trip by Gogoi to Pakistan, complete with a Karachi flight, hotel stay, and dinner with Pakistani nationals.

Govt committed to protect Manipur's integrity, all efforts underway to establish lasting peace, says CS

Imphal, June 1 (IANS) : The Manipur government is committed to maintaining the integrity of the state, and all efforts taken by the state administration are to establish lasting peace in the state, Chief Secretary Prashant Kumar Singh said here on Sunday. The Chief Secretary said that the 5-day Shirui Lily Festival (May 20-24) was organised in the mountainous Ukhrul district as part of the government's normalcy-restoration process. The festival attracted about 1.70 lakh people, he said, adding that people of all communities travelled with families from valley areas and other parts of the state as well as from outside the state to Ukhrul to attend the festival as the state administration provided full-proof security and a safe environment for festive activities. In view of the festival, the Manipur government had taken extensive security measures after reported threats by some individuals and organisations to the Meitei community against entering Kuki tribal-dominated areas during the festival. Shirui Lily Festival,

mostly organised by the Meitei community, is celebrated in honour of the state flower, the Shirui Lily. The Chief Secretary, accompanied by Security Advisor Kuldip Singh, said that one unfortunate incident occurred on May 20, when a Manipur State Road Transport Bus ferrying journalists to the festival was stopped and the name of the state (Manipur) was reportedly covered, causing widespread criticism. He said that there had been no instructions whatsoever or even a remote thought of covering the name of the state, as has been alleged. "This has been amply clarified by the state government as well as by the responsible political leadership. What transpired on the ground would be revealed after a thorough inquiry only," the Chief Secretary told the media. He said that the state administration has taken the reported untoward incident with utmost seriousness, and the incident is deeply regretted. "In response, the Governor has constituted an inquiry committee comprising the Commissioner, Home and the IT Secretary, which is to submit its report in a time-bound man-



ner," he said. He also assured all concerned that once the report is submitted and those responsible for the lapses, if any, are identified, strict action would be taken. The state would also ensure that such an incident does not occur in future, the Chief Secretary reiterated and once again requested all to cooperate in maintaining the public order. Two media organisations earlier, in a joint letter to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, had said that the security personnel instructed the media team to hide the "Manipur State Transport Corporation" signage in front of the bus carrying 20 journalists and some Information Department officials.



Operation Shield: Mock drills to be conducted in Rajasthan

Jaipur, June 1 (IANS) : In response to the growing need for emergency preparedness, mock drills simulating war-time emergencies will be conducted across four states and two union territories, including Rajasthan, as part of Operation Shield. An official said these drills will include blackouts, siren tests, simulated aerial attacks, and rapid rescue operations. The central government has issued directives for these exercises to be carried out in Rajasthan, Punjab, Gujarat, and Haryana.



Two Indian soldiers to be honoured posthumously at the UN

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : Brigadier Amitabh Jha and Havildar Sanjay Singh will be posthumously awarded the prestigious Dag Hammarskjold Medal by the UN in New York in recognition of their supreme sacrifice in the service of global peace, a defence official said on Sunday. The official informed that Brigadier Amitabh Jha was attached to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). "Brigadier Jha was overseeing the delicate ceasefire arrangements in the Golan Heights, while Havildar Singh was deployed with the United Nations Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO)," he said.



'Cong should demonstrate patriotism', says State Rajasthan Chief on arrest of ex-Minister's aide for espionage charges

Jaipur, June 1 (IANS) : Rajasthan BJP President Madan Rathore said on Sunday that the Congress and its leaders must show patriotism after former Minister and MLA Saleh Mohammad's Personal Assistant was arrested on charges of espionage for Pakistan. He called for a thorough investigation into all individuals connected with the government employee arrested on espionage charges in Jaisalmer. The accused, Shakur Khan, was previously the Personal Assistant to a Minister in the previous Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government. BJP leader Rathore emphasised that the matter is of serious concern, given that personal assistants to Ministers have access to sensitive government information. "If such individuals establish connections with enemy nations and share classified information, it becomes a major threat to national security," he said while speaking to the media. He added, "It is important to uncover who he was in contact with, what channels he was using, and who his known associates are. Strict action must be taken against everyone involved."

Delhi govt succeeded in building positive image on eve of completing 100 days: BJP's Virendraa Sachdeva

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : On the eve of completing 100 days since the BJP came to power in Delhi, State Party President Virendraa Sachdeva said here on Sunday that to assess the performance of the current government after a decade of misgovernance by the previous Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), it is a matter of satisfaction that his party has succeeded in creating a positive image of the state in a short span of time. While addressing a press conference, Sachdeva said that after 10 years of misrule

by the previous Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP government, the public entrusted the BJP with the responsibility of Delhi's development and maintenance by securing an absolute majority in February 2025 Assembly elections. He added that the current BJP government in Delhi



will complete 100 days since being in power in the state. The Delhi BJP President highlighted that the greatest achievement of the Rekha Gupta-led BJP government is that unlike former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.



Major narcotics haul by BSF along Indo-B'desh border in West Bengal

Kolkata, June 1 (IANS) : The Border Security Force (BSF) has made major seizures of narcotics at three locations along the Indo-Bangladesh Border in West Bengal, an official said on Sunday, adding that nearly 6,000 Yaba tablets, a huge quantity of Ganja and over 300 bottles of banned Phensedyl cough syrup were seized dur-

ing these operations. "Around 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, troops of the 102 Bn BSF, posted at Border Outpost Ghojadanga in the North 24-Parganas district of West Bengal, received specific information about a significant quantity of drugs hidden in a nearby parking area.

MP govt committed to realise PM Modi's 'vocal for local' vision : CM Yadav

Bhopal, June 1 (IANS) : Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said on Sunday that his government is fully committed to realising the vision of 'Vocal for local' given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Chief Minister added that the idea given by the Prime Minister plays a significant role in preserving the country's traditional handicrafts, folk

arts, and cultural heritage. It also empowers artisans by promoting self-reliance and independence through recognition of local products, he said. Chief Minister Yadav made these remarks while addressing the inaugural event of the 'Craftroutes' Handicrafts Exhibition at Bhopal Haat, in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel. He remarked that the Craftroutes exhibition is also a meaningful

step in the direction of women empowerment, symbolising the beginning of this larger celebration. "Handicrafts of different regions of the state have their own distinct identity and charm. Exhibitions like these help regional products gain wider recognition and provide artisans with opportunities to grow their businesses," he added. Chief Minister Yadav also emphasised the state government's commitment to expanding indus-

trial activities, from large-scale industries to cottage industries. "Employment-generating industries are being given special encouragement in the state. Handicrafts can serve as an effective alternative to plastic, and support for such products is needed not just from governments and institutions, but also at the individual level," the Chief Minister said. While addressing this event, he also noted that the nation is celebrating



the 300th birth anniversary of Ahilyabai Holkar, who is a shining example of women empowerment and self-reliance. "It is a matter of pride for the people of Madhya

Pradesh that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will grace the Women Empowerment Conference to be held in Bhopal on this occasion," CM Yadav said.



Op Sindoor Outreach: Tharoor-led delegation arrives in Colombia, reaffirms India's anti-terror stand

Bogota, June 1 (IANS) : The all-party Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor arrived in Colombia, continuing its Latin American diplomatic outreach after concluding Panama visit, to highlight India's steadfast position against terrorism. Tharoor, shared an update from Bogota via social media, noting the productive start to the Colombia leg of the visit. "Our Colombia visit got under way today with a briefing to the delegation from our Ambassador, Vanlalhuma, followed by a well-attended press interaction with more than a dozen local media outlets. I then did an interview with Colombian journalist Juan Camillo Ramirez. Getting the message out where it needs to be heard!" he posted on X. The delegation, comprising MPs

Sarfraz Ahmad, Ganti Harish Madhur, Shashank Mani Tripathi, Milind Murli Deora, Bhubaneswar Kalita, Tejasvi Surya, and accompanied by Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu, arrived in Colombia on Sunday night, as part of the Government of India's broader diplomatic initiative under Operation Sindoor. The visit, scheduled from May 29 to 31, underscores India's steadfast position against terrorism and seeks to strengthen ties with strategic partners in Latin America. Over the next two days, the delegation will engage with Colombian lawmakers, ministers, policy think tanks, and media representatives to highlight India's zero-tolerance approach to terrorism and to further deepen bilateral cooperation.

NIA begins probe into heist of explosives by suspected Maoists in Odisha

Bhubaneswar, June 1 (IANS) : A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday launched an investigation into the looting of explosives weighing around four tonnes by the Maoists near the Odisha-Jharkhand border in Sundargarh district on Tuesday, a senior police officer said. The senior police official also said that the NIA team is examining the case to determine whether they should take over the investigation or not. He told the media that the involvement of the Maoists from neighbouring Jharkhand in the looting incident can't be ruled out. "As per the information shared by the driver, the persons involved in the incident.



'Matter of concern', says Gajendra Shekhawat on arrest of former Rajasthan Minister's aide on spying charges

Jaipur, June 1 (IANS) : Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on Sunday, described the arrest of Shakur Khan, the Personal Assistant of former Rajasthan Minister and MLA Saleh Mohammad, on espionage charges as a matter of grave concern. Speaking to media, the Union Minister said, "I have just come from a foreign tour and have been informed that the Personal Assistant of Saleh Mohammad, who has been a former Minister, has now been arrested." He demanded that all those links connected with Khan should be investigated at the earliest and strict action should be taken against those compromising with the security of the country. Khan was detained on Wednesday night by an Intelligence department team who were acting on security-related inputs. Khan, who works in the district employment office, was

found to have phone numbers associated with Pakistan stored on his device, an official said. "There were inputs about Shakur Khan that he could be involved in spying for Pakistan. He was on surveillance following inputs and was detained last night," the official added. A joint questioning was conducted in Jaisalmer following which the Intelligence department team left for Jaipur with Khan. According to sources, the 'spy' Shakur Khan was working as a Personal Assistant to former Minister Mohammad under the previous Congress government in Rajasthan. Khan and Mohammad's villages are nearly eight kilometre away from one another, they said. Mohammad has been a two-time MLA, a Minister, and has fought four elections under the leadership of the previous Ashok Gehlot government.

Assam: AIUDF calls for opposition unity ahead of Rajya Sabha polls

Guwahati, June 1 (IANS) : Ahead of Rajya Sabha elections for two Assam seats, All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) MLA Aminul Islam has stressed the need for a unified opposition, conceding that his party lacks the strength to secure a seat independently. Speaking to reporters, Islam said, "We have only 15 MLAs. That's not enough to contest a Rajya Sabha seat alone. If the opposition comes together, we can easily win one seat. But right now, we're not as united as we used to be. Our party can't do anything on its own." Islam suggested that the Congress, as the principal opposition force in the Assam Assembly, should take the initiative in building a broader coalition. "If Congress president Gaurav Gogoi steps forward to unite the opposition under one banner, it's possible," he added.



Ashok Gehlot slams Rajasthan govt over gravel mafia, SI recruitment delays

Jaipur, June 1 (IANS) : Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched a scathing attack on the state government over rising criminal activities involving the gravel mafia and the delay in Sub-Inspector (SI) recruitment. Speaking to the media at Jaipur airport, Gehlot expressed deep concern over the law and order situation, particularly after the recent death of a police constable in Jodhpur during an attack by gravel smugglers. Referring to the tragic incident in Jodhpur, Gehlot said, "The gravel mafia has become so

powerful that the government appears completely helpless. If the Chief Minister and his ministers are unable to rein in the mafia, it clearly points to collusion between the two." He said that the inability of the government to act raises serious questions. "You may be taking political donations or have other vested interests, but your failure to act against them is evident. The public will assume you're complicit," he said. On the issue of the pending SI recruitment process, Gehlot criticised the government for keeping aspirants in uncertainty. "Do what you have to do. Governments come and go. If there was a paper leak or any irregularity, investigate it, punish the culprits, put them in jail; we have no objection. But don't keep it hanging indefinitely." He emphasised the importance of taking decisive action for the sake of aspiring youth, stat-



ing that prolonged delays only erode public trust and create frustration among job seekers. Gehlot further pointed out the sharp increase in gravel prices, blaming it on unchecked illegal mining. "During our tenure, we tried to curb these activities with honesty. Even if the current government is making efforts, the ongoing collusion is evident," he said. The former Chief Minister concluded by warning that the public is watching closely and will not tolerate inaction and alleged corruption indefinitely.



UP Guv calls on MP counterpart, discusses sickle cell awareness

Bhopal, June 1 (IANS) :Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel called on her counterpart and Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai C. Patel at the Raj Bhawan in Bhopal on Sunday. Madhya Pradesh's Governor Patel gave a warm welcome to Anandiben Patel, and presented a special cover on sickle cell awareness prepared by the Department of Posts to her counterpart. Sickle Cell awareness programme, an initiative launched by the Central government, is being carried out under the supervision of Governor Mangubhai C. Patel in Madhya Pradesh. Governor Mangubhai C. Patel holds meetings at different intervals to review the progress in the ongoing fight

against Sickle Cell disease in tribal communities in the state, and issues necessary directions to the officials working on it. Anandibai Patel was on a tour in Madhya Pradesh to inaugurate a handicraft exhibition at Bhopal Haat. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav was also present at the event as a special guest. While addressing the gathering on this occasion, the Uttar Pradesh Governor suggested that state governments should support inter-state travel for artisans. Citing the example of the yarn bank set up in Maheshwar in Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh, she stressed the importance of ensuring raw materials are easily accessible near artisans' workplaces.



Ramp up early, comprehensive testing to reduce TB incidence and mortality rate : Nadda

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : While India has seen significant improvements in tuberculosis (TB) control, Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda on Sunday urged further reductions in incidence and mortality rates. Speaking at a high-level meeting with Health Ministers of eight states and Union Territories, Nadda stressed the need to ramp up further TB control through early and comprehensive testing, as India aims to end TB by 2025 -- five years ahead of the global target. "The national goal is to bring down the TB incidence rate to 47 cases per lakh population and the mortality rate to below 3 per lakh population," he said. To achieve these targets, states must "re-strategise their TB campaigns, place a sharper focus on vulnerable and high-risk communities", the Minister said, while stressing the importance of expanding access to rapid diagnostic tools, particularly NAAT testing.



Our deeply embedded traditions continue to safeguard dignity of democratic system: Rajasthan Guv

Jaipur, June 1 (IANS) : A workshop titled "Vidhansabha: Kal, Aaj, and Kal" was organised in Udaipur under the aegis of Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, focusing on the evolution and future of legislative processes in India. Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagde, speaking as the chief guest at the event, emphasised the strength of India's parliamentary democracy, rooted in its rich cultural and traditional values. "While there has been a noticeable decline in decorum in recent times, our deeply embedded traditions continue to safeguard the dignity and future of our democratic system," he said. The workshop was chaired by Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani, with former

Speakers Kailash Meghwal, Shantilal Chaplot, and C.P. Joshi attending as special guests. In his address, Vasudev Devnani highlighted the advancements in transparency and digital governance in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. "Our Assembly is leading in the country. With proceedings broadcast live on YouTube, over 8 crore citizens have direct access to the legislative process," he said.



Sikkim CM hails PM Modi for Operation Sindoor

Gangtok, June 1 (IANS) : Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, on Sunday, lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bold steps regarding Operation Sindoor in the aftermath of Pahalgam terror attack. Chief Minister Tamang joined Governor Om Prakash Mathur at Paljor Stadium to commemorate the

50th Statehood Day of Sikkim in a grand celebration marked by the virtual presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who joined the event from Bagdogra. Highlighting India's growing stature under the Prime Minister's leadership, the Chief Minister lauded the Centre's decisive.

PM Modi is 'politicising' developmental projects, claims RJD

Patna, June 1 (IANS) : RJD on Sunday claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day Bihar visit is part of a larger electoral strategy than for the development of the state, asserting that he (PM

Modi) is "politicising" the development projects. "PM Modi's visits will now become a routine, but he must answer the ground realities of Bihar. Imagining the nation's development without Bihar's progress is dishonest. PM

Modi should adopt a collective approach," said RJD Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha while addressing a joint press conference of the INDIA Bloc. Jha was also accompanied by Congress chief spokesperson Rajesh Rathore.



Delhi HC asks YouTuber Mohak Mangal to remove objectionable references from his video

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : The Delhi High Court on Sunday directed YouTuber Mohak Mangal to remove objectionable portions from his video where he had accused a news wire agency of "extortion". A single-judge bench of Justice Amit Bansal was dealing with a defamation suit filed by wire agency Asian News International (ANI) against Mangal's YouTube video titled "Dear ANI". In his video, the popular YouTube content creator, having around 4.21 million subscribers, alleged that the news wire agency was committing "extortion" and "blackmail" in the guise of seeking to enforce its copyright over its content. In its defamation suit filed before the Delhi High Court, the wire agency stated that the video



K'taka: Congress delegation meets Guv, demands action against BJP MLC on Pakistan remarks

Bengaluru, June 1 (IANS) : A delegation of Karnataka Congress Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs) submitted a complaint to the Governor on Sunday, demanding legal and constitutional action against BJP MLC N. Ravikumar for allegedly calling Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Taranum "a Pakistani".

VVIP chopper case: SC rejects alleged middleman Christian Michel James's plea to modify bail conditions

New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : The Supreme Court on Sunday rejected a plea filed by British national and alleged middleman Christian Michel James challenging an order of the Delhi High Court which had directed him to furnish details of the address where he intended to reside post-release on bail in the money laundering case linked to the AgustaWestland chopper scam. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sanjay Kumar refused to interfere with the May 22 order of the Delhi High Court, which had modified the bail conditions in the money laundering case being probed by the En-

forcement Directorate (ED). The Delhi HC, on March 4, had granted bail to James, considering his long period of incarceration of over six years and the delay in the commencement of the trial.





Israel cuts growth forecast due to conflict expansion, US tariff policies

Jerusalem, June 1 (IANS) : The Israeli Ministry of Finance lowered its growth forecast for 2025 to 3.6 per cent, from the 4.3 per cent predicted in January. The ministry on Sunday, explained that the baseline scenario of the previous forecast assumed a reduction in combat and military recruitment in the current year, but this has not materialised so far, Xinhua news agency reported. The revised scenario anticipates an expanded call-up of reserve forces for combat operations in the second quarter

of 2025, followed by a gradual reduction in reserve recruitment beginning only in the third quarter. The new forecast also takes into account the impact of the US new import tax policies and recent official data on the activity of the Israeli economy. The Israeli ministry assumes that the US tariffs rise will lead to a decrease of about two per cent in global trade in 2025 and 2026. It also revised down the Israeli economy's growth forecast for 2026, from 5.4 to 4.4 per cent. Gad Lior, a senior analyst at the Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper, told Xinhua that the reduction in the growth forecast and the recent larger-than-expected rise in Israel's inflation are expected to lead to a decline in economic activity and a hit to tax revenues.

Gujarat: Fire breaks out near Surat airport runway, flights diverted

Surat, June 1 (IANS) : A sudden fire broke out near the runway of Surat International Airport on Sunday, prompting emergency action by the airport authorities. The incident led to the temporary closure of the runway and disruption of multiple flight services. According to airport officials, dry grass in the vicinity of the runway caught fire, likely due to a spark from a gas gun used to deter bird activity around the airport. Upon detecting the fire, authorities immediately halted all runway operations, and fire tenders were rushed to the site. The fire was brought

under control swiftly, and no casualties or property damage were reported. Airport Director Anand Sharma confirmed that the fire was extinguished after quick intervention by the fire department. He



emphasised that the situation was handled efficiently, with all safety protocols followed. Though no injuries were reported, the incident caused disruptions in flight schedules. An Air India Express flight bound for Delhi was halted on the runway and could not take off. A helicopter that was scheduled to land had to be diverted to the Hazira helipad.



In touch with authorities in Iran to locate missing Indian men : MEA

Tehran/New Delhi, June 1 (IANS) : India on Sunday said that it remains in touch with the authorities in Tehran for locating three Indian nationals who have gone missing in Iran. "The three Indian nationals who had landed there some time ago are missing. We are in touch with the Iranian authorities to locate them, ensure their safety and security, and facilitate their eventual return home. We are in daily contact with the authorities there and are receiving good cooperation from the Iranian side.

Hamas says US ceasefire proposal under review, does not meet Palestinian demands

Gaza, June 1 (IANS) : A senior Hamas official said that a US proposal for a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip remains under review, even though it does not meet the core demands of the movement and the Palestinian people. Basem Naim, a member of Hamas's political bureau, said in a statement, on Thursday, that the movement had received the Israeli response to the US proposal brokered last week by US Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff, Xinhua

news agency reported. According to Naim, the Israeli position fails to address key Palestinian demands, including a complete cessation of hostilities and the lifting of the long-standing blockade on Gaza. He said the proposal would allow for the continuation of "the occupation" and humanitarian suffering, even during any temporary truce.



UN extends authorisation to inspect vessels suspected of violating Libya arms embargo

United Nations, June 1 : The Security Council adopted a resolution to extend the authorisation for UN member states to inspect vessels suspected of Libya arms embargo violation.

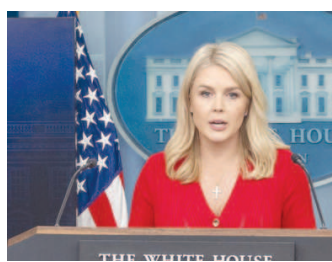


Record 19.58 pc cast ballots on first day of early voting for South Korean presidential election

Seoul, June 1 (IANS) : An all-time high of 19.58 per cent of South Korean voters cast their ballots on Sunday on the first day of early voting for the upcoming presidential election to elect the successor to former President Yoon Suk Yeol.

US says Israel accepts temporary Gaza ceasefire proposal

Washington, June 1 (IANS) : The White House said that Israel has signed off on a 60-day Gaza ceasefire proposal as Israeli army continues its military actions in the war-torn area. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt confirmed at a press briefing that US Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff and US President Donald Trump "submitted a ceasefire proposal to Hamas that Israel backed and supported." "Israel signed off on this proposal before it was sent to Hamas. I can also confirm that those discussions are continuing, and we hope that a ceasefire in Gaza will take place so we can return all of the hostages home," said Leavitt. "I won't comment further, as we are in the midst of this right now," she added. An Israeli official and a US source familiar with the case confirmed that the proposed deal includes not only the 60-day ceasefire.



Indonesia: Indian delegation interacts with political leaders, Ambassadors of 20 countries

Jakarta, June 1 (IANS) : The All-Party Parliamentary Delegation led by Janata Dal (United) MP Sanjay Kumar Jha on Sunday held extensive interactions with prominent think tanks and academia, Resident Ambassadors of friendly foreign missions in Jakarta, as well as with the leaders of National Mandate Party (PAN), a Modernist Muslim Party of Indonesia. The discussions marked a continuation of India's strategic outreach to garner international support against cross-border terrorism emanating from the soil of Pakistan. The delegation interacted with the resident Ambassadors of friendly diplomatic missions of around 20 countries in Indonesia, sharing detailed insights on Operation Sindoor, and clearly explaining the role of Pakistan

in the gruesome April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. They highlighted India's measured, non-escalatory, and targetted response following the Pahalgam attack. The delegation conveyed the message that terror and talks cannot go together and blood and water cannot flow together. They urged support of the diplomatic community for bringing perpetrators of terrorism to justice, recalling the UNSC statement of April 25, which underlined the need for concerted diplomatic action against terrorism and its sponsors. Later, the visiting delegation met the leaders of the National Mandate Party (PAN) of Indonesia including Eddy Soeparno, Vice Chairman of PAN and Deputy Speaker of Indonesian People's Assembly, and Viva Yoga Mauladi, Vice Chairman of the Party and also Deputy Minister

For Transmigration Republic of Indonesia, along with other leaders and Members of Parliament from PAN sharing views on India's stance on zero tolerance for terrorism. "Pleased to lead our All-Party Parliamentary Delegation in an insightful interaction with senior leadership of Indonesia's National Mandate Party (Partai Amanat Nasional – PAN) — including Eddy Soeparno, Vice Chairman of PAN and Deputy Speaker of the Indonesian People's Assembly, and Viva Yoga Mauladi, Vice Chairman of the party and Deputy Minister for Transmigration, along with other Members of Parliament," Jha posted on X. "We conveyed India's firm stand on zero tolerance towards terrorism, sharing the account of the Pahalgam attack.



US student visa interview pause expected to end soon

Washington, June 1 (IANS) : The United States stated that the pause on student visa interviews will end "sooner than later" and encouraged applicants to continue the application process while frequently checking for the resumption of regular services. Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Sunday ordered US missions around the world to pause student visa interviews to incorporate expanded scrutiny of the social media footprints of applicants. An early end to the pause, as indicated by US State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce, would relieve hundreds of thousands of students headed for the US to pursue higher studies later in the year. India is the source country for the largest group of international students in the US and Bruce's comments will be closely followed there. "So right now, there might be some delay. And what I'm told to encourage people to do is to regularly check to see when those spaces open," said Bruce

at the daily news briefing. "So as opposed to, let me just say I would not be recommending that if this was going to be weeks or months. So if you're if you've applied for a visa and you want to please do so then there's no if you're not getting an appointment, just there's this online system you continually recheck to see when those spots might open." "I can't tell you immediately after some, you know, undetermined moment of an action, but I can tell you that it's something that will happen, perhaps sooner than later," she added. The Trump administration has expanded scrutiny of foreign students in US colleges and universities in the wake of political unrest that swept through campuses against Israel's invasion of Gaza in response to the terrorist strike by Hamas in 2023 October. The administration has targeted college authorities for not doing enough to prevent them and protect Jewish students and foreign students from participating in them.

She didn't grow up rehearsing film scenes in the mirror or dreaming of red carpets. Rashmika Mandanna never planned to become an actress and that's exactly what makes her story stand out.

In a recent chat, Rashmika looked back at her journey through Hindi cinema, starting with the explosive success of *Animal*, followed by *Chhaava*. While *Sikandar* didn't quite hit the mark, she takes it all in stride.



Rashmika's Truth Bomb: Acting Wasn't Her Plan

Manchu Vishnu

Breaks Silence on Kannappa Disk

The missing hard drive with crucial VFX footage for *Kannappa* stirred quite a storm, and Manchu Vishnu has finally spoken out to set the record straight. The drive, containing 70 minutes of VFX work, was being sent from a DI company in Mumbai to Hyderabad after the first transfer didn't go as planned. Vishnu explained that the package ended up at his father's Film Nagar home the official GST address because of a family mix-up, instead of the production office. He suspects two people, Raghu and Charita, possibly connected to his brother Manoj's household, might have taken the drive.



Akhanda 2 Shoot Lands in Foreign Territory

While whispers about Nandamuri Balakrishna possibly joining superstar Rajinikanth's upcoming Tamil bilingual '*Jailer 2*' have been making rounds, fans have been more restless about something else entirely - an update on *Akhanda 2*. And now, there's finally something to chew on. The shooting for *Akhanda 2* is in full swing, currently happening amidst the breathtaking backdrops of Kazbegi,

Georgia. The visuals being planned are said to be on a grand scale, matching the expectations built by the cult success of the first film. Interestingly, insiders hint that this schedule won't just capture part two, but may also sneak in the beginning of *Akhanda 3*, with a major twist planned. While the team initially eyed a September release, that plan seems to be off the table now. Word is, a teaser cut is already ready - clocking in at 1 minute and 6 seconds - and might drop soon. Until then, fans wait, but at least this time, there's movement behind the silence.



Chiranjeevi makes Sekhar Kammula's 25th anniversary special

Megastar Chiranjeevi is a name synonymous with everything and anything is achievable. Hailing from a lower middle class family, he dared to dream and achieve them as well. Director Sekhar Kammula, always stated him as his inspiration and hence, he wished to celebrate the special occasion of his 25th anniversary with him. Sekhar Kammula, started off as every middle class family man and after moving to USA for his job, he had decided to take a chance with his ambition.



Rajinikanth's Coolie Joins Costliest Films List with 375 Crore Budget

It started as a buzz and quickly turned into one of the biggest talking points in Indian cinema. *Coolie*, starring Supestar Rajinikanth and directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj, has locked in a massive budget of Rs 375 crore, earning it a spot among the most expensive Indian films ever made. The film brings together a powerful ensemble Rajinikanth, Aamir Khan, Akkineni Nagarjuna, Upendra, and Pooja Hegde. Rajinikanth alone is said to be taking home Rs 150 crore, while Lokesh is drawing Rs 50 crore for his direction. Produced by Sun Pictures, *Coolie* is slated for release on August 14 across multiple languages and has already recovered Rs 240 crore through digital, satellite, and music rights. To break even, the film needs Rs 135 crore in theatrical revenue and a global total of Rs 400 crore. While

initial targets aimed for a Rs 1000 crore run, the team has revised expectations to a more realistic figure, given strong competition from films like *WAR 2*. Much of the box office pressure lies on its Telugu and Hindi market performance, with industry trackers estimating Rs 60 crore and Rs 30-40 crore from those regions. Whether or not *Coolie* smashes records, its scale and ambition have already made it one of the year's most-watched releases.

HHVM: All Set In Telangana, What About AP?

It is already known that Andhra Pradesh, Deputy chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is arriving at the box office this June with his upcoming film, *Hari Hara Veera Mallu*. Preparing for release on June 12, HHVM is a heavy

duty project in the making. Now that the film is preparing for its release soon, the promotional campaign has started and they have started to prepare the ground for the theatrical debut.

"Today, I had the honour of meeting CM Sri Revanth Reddy garu

to discuss our film #HariHaraVeeraMallu. This project is a passion-driven historical epic set in the 17th century during the Mughal period, depicting the Battle of Dharma. It is made on a grand scale with great attention to authenticity and detail,

far beyond the scope of a regular commercial film. I also took this opportunity to speak about the ticket price revision in Telangana, which is crucial for films of such scale and vision. I sincerely thank Hon'ble CM garu for his valuable time, warm reception, and encouraging words. His support means a lot to us and to the Telugu film industry." The producer of the film, Ratnam stated a short while back.



What Next After Thug Life For Mani Ratnam?

It is already known that extremely talented Tamil filmmaker Mani Ratnam, who is absolutely legend of the Indian film industry is awaiting the release of his upcoming film *Thug Life*. Well, this

film is preparing for release on June 4, the promotional campaign has started. According to the latest updates, Director Mani Ratnam is getting ready for his next movie after *Thug Life*, which is set to release



on June 5, 2025. According to reports, his upcoming film will be a romantic drama. The lead roles are expected to be played by popular Tamil actor Silambarasan TR, also known as Simbu, and Kannada actress Rukmini Vasanth. This new pairing has created a lot of excitement among fans. Simbu is known for his powerful performances.



Meghalu Cheppina Prema Katha Teaser : Heartwarming

Naresh Agastya, who left a mark with his skillful performance in *Mathu Vadalara* and *Vikatakavi* series, is starring in a melodious musical romantic tale, *Meghalu Cheppina Prema Katha*. He is playing an NRI who comes to a hill station in India to find his inspiration for composing lasting music.

New Entrant From Ghattamaneni Family On Krishna Jayanthi!

Today marks the Jayanti celebrations of late superstar, Krishna was one of the most followed superstar in Telugu cinema. His birthday is more like a celebrity event for his fans, and now.



Vanga Vs Deepika: Why Bollywood Overreacting?

Sandeep Reddy Vanga is the most original and aggressive film maker of this generation, and this is evident from the fact that both his films *Arjun Reddy* and *Animal* were blockbusters at the box office. In the meanwhile, the latest discussion is about the fallout that happened between Sandeep Reddy Vanga and Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, which became a topic of discussion in mini film circles.

