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Hyderabad, June 3 (NSS): Minister for Tourism Jupally Krishna Rao announced that the Miss World Pageant-2025 held in Telangana was a remarkable success, effectively presenting the state's rich history, culture and other tourist destinations to a global audience. He emphasized that as the youngest state in India, Telangana has demonstrated its capability to host large-scale international events, including Olympic games, in the future. In a press conference at the Secretariat on Tuesday, alongside BC Welfare Minister Ponnampallabharathi, Jupally Krishna Rao noted that throughout the month-long event.

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KTR meets students of University of Texas Dallas

Dallas (USA), June 3 : BRS working president Kalvakuntla Tarakarama Rao met students of University of Texas. Continued on pg 02



Konda Surekha unveils poster on ending plastic pollution

Hyderabad, June 3 (NSS): On the occasion of World Environment Day 2025, Minister for Forests, Environment and Endowments Konda Surekha on Tuesday

day launched a new awareness campaign with the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution". As part of the campaign in collaboration with the Telangana Pollution Control Board (TSPCB). Continued on pg 02

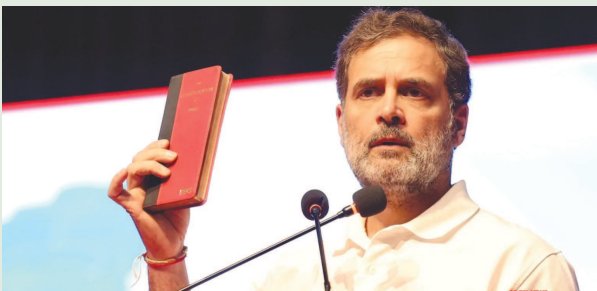


Bhu Bharati will permanently solve land problems: Telangana Deputy CM Vikramarka

Hyderabad, June 3 (IANS) : Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has said that the Congress government brought the Bhu Bharati Act to permanently solve the land woes faced by people, especially farmers. He, along with Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, attended 'Revenue Sadassu' in Mulugumadu

village of Yerrupalem mandal in Khammam district on Tuesday. Bhu Bharati Revenue Sadassu are being organised from June 3 to 20 to create awareness among farmers about the Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights) Act, which came into force in April. Bhu Bharati portal was launched by the state government as a solution to land-related issues, which cropped up after the introduction of the Dharani portal by the pre-

vious Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government. The Deputy Chief Minister claimed that the Congress government brought the legislation in a transparent manner. Vikramarka described Bhu Bharati as the best revenue legislation in the country. The legislation aims to conduct a survey of farmers' lands and fix their boundaries without any disputes. Continued on pg 02



Rahul Gandhi accuses PM Modi of 'submitting' to Trump; calls BJP-RSS 'submissive' in global affairs

Bhopal, June 3 : Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Tuesday, took a sharp jab at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, claiming that when US President Donald Trump called.

TDP govt misusing police to implement its 'Red Book' constitution in Andhra, says Jagan

Amaravati, June 3 (IANS) : Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) President, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday alleged that 'Red Book' constitution in Andhra Pradesh has gone out of control. Jagan was referring to the 'Red Book' of state minister Nara Lokesh in which the latter has written names of all the officials and others who allegedly harassed TDP leaders and cadres when the YSRCP was in power. Jagan

Mohan Reddy accused the TDP-led coalition government of misusing the police force to implement its 'Red Book' constitution and to target those questioning the government. He was speaking to the media in Tenali town of Guntur district after calling on the families of three youth who were publicly beaten up recently by the police. Continued on pg 02



CP CV Anand visits Goshamahall Police Ground

Hyderabad, June 3 : Hyderabad CP CV Anand today visited Goshamahall Police Ground. Ahead of the construction of the new Osmania Hospital at Goshamahall Police Ground, a shed was built near Chaknawadi from the horse ground. In this context, the newly established temporary horse ground area was inspected by the CP. Later, the CP inspected the training on self-defense for women police officers.



Kishan Reddy demands govt to install street lights, CC TV cameras in basthis

Hyderabad, June 3 : Union Minister Kishan Reddy today visited various areas of Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency. Members of various welfare associations in Jubilee Hills Assembly segment's Vengal Rao Nagar Division met with the Union minister, including various slum dwellers. Later, Reddy spoke to the slum

dwellers in Nagarjuna Nagar, Srinagar Colony Division. The Union Minister also held a meeting with officials related to various departments and inquired about the problems of the people in the colonies. Continued on pg 02

Congress to launch Ministers' interactive session with people from today

Hyderabad, June 3 : The Telangana Congress is set to resume its program of interactive sessions between Ministers and the people starting Wednesday.

On the first day of the initiative, Minister for BC Welfare and Transport Ponnampallabharathi, will be available for discussions with people from 11 AM to 1 PM at Indira Bhavan.



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<p>DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: BLNGRTF2303280005-Description of the Immovable Property: All that the Open Plot bearing No.40, in Sy.No.233, 233/A, admeasuring area 125 Sq.Yds., Situated at "Padmaravati Colony", of Annaram Village & G.P., Gummadalada Mandal, Sangareddy District Bounded as follows: North: Plot No.39, South: Plot No.41, East: Plot No.33, West: 20'-0" Wide Road.</p> <p>This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise default with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.</p>	
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Rajasthan: Jodhpur, Kishangarh airports closed till May 10; leaves of Rly officials cancelled

Jaipur, June 3 (IANS) : A high alert has been issued across Rajasthan in the wake of air strikes by Indian Armed Forces in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, prompting stringent security measures across the desert state, an official said on Tuesday. Authorities have suspended all flight operations from Kishangarh and Jodhpur airports until May 12. Additionally, Bikaner airport has been closed for the day, and IndiGo Airlines has canceled all its flights to Bikaner until further notice. According to Jodhpur Airport Director Dr. Manoj Uniyal, nine flights were canceled on

Tuesday, and passengers were promptly informed through text messages. A Help Desk has also been established at the airport to assist travelers. A total of 16 flights operating from Kishangarh and Jodhpur will be affected due to the suspension over the next three days. As a precautionary measure, schools in Sri Ganganagar, Barmer, Jaisalmer, and Bikaner -- all located near the international (India-Pakistan) border -- were closed on Wednesday. Ongoing school examinations were also canceled following directives issued by respective District Collectors. In Bikaner and Sri Ganganagar, all government employees have been instructed not to leave their headquarters.



Their holidays have been cancelled, and they need to remain available for emergency duties as needed. In a significant move, the North Western Railway has canceled all holidays of its officers and employees amid the heightened alert. A circular issued by the General Manager of the railway zone directed all Divisional Railway Managers and department heads to ensure their staff report back to duty immediately. These emergency steps are part of a broader state-level response to the regional security situation and aim to ensure preparedness for any eventuality along the border.

IAS officer Pradeep Dahiya takes charge as Gurugram's Municipal Commissioner

Gurugram, June 3 (IANS) : Senior IAS officer Pradeep Dahiya took charge as Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) on Tuesday. Dahiya was earlier posted as Deputy Commissioner in Jhajjar district. Earlier, he also served as Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) and RTA Secretary in Gurugram.



Punjab Police arrest man for sharing sensitive information with Pak on Op Sindoor

Chandigarh, June 3 (IANS): Acting swiftly, Punjab Police have arrested Gagandeep Singh of Tarn Taran for sharing sensitive information concerning army movements during Operation Sindoor, Director General of Police Guarav Yadav said on Tuesday. The accused had been in contact with the Pakistan's ISI and Khalistani supporter

Gopal Singh Chawla. Investigations have revealed that he was engaged in sharing classified details, including troop deployments and strategic locations, posing a threat to national security, DGP Yadav wrote on the social media platform X. Preliminary investigation revealed that Singh had been in touch with Pakistan-based Khalistani supporter Chawla for the past five years, through whom he was introduced to the Pakistani intelligence operatives. He also received payments from operatives via Indian channels, the DGP said.

Bengal govt questions observation of Calcutta HC in teachers recruitment case

Kolkata, June 3 (IANS) : A new bench of the Calcutta High Court on Tuesday started a detailed hearing on alleged

irregularities in the recruitment of primary teachers of state-run schools, made by the West Bengal Board of Primary Education



(WBBPE). As the hearing began by the bench of Justices Tapabrata Chakraborty and Reetobrata Kumar Mitra, the state government counsel questioned the observation of the then Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay, who cancelled 32,000 teacher jobs.



Stalin reaffirms commitment to inclusive growth, confident of returning to power in 2026

Chennai, June 3 (IANS) : Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday asserted that his government remains steadfast in promoting holistic development across all sectors, districts, and communities, aiming not just for economic upliftment but also for meaningful social transformation. Speaking at a function commemorating the completion of four years of his tenure, Stalin expressed confidence that the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) would secure victory in the 2026 Assembly elections. "I have never claimed that I've accomplished everything in these four years," he said. "I still have responsibilities to fulfil, schemes to implement, and we have one more year remaining in this term. After

that, with the support of the people, we will win the next Assembly elections and continue this Dravidian model government." The Chief Minister reflected on the trust placed in him by the people of Tamil Nadu, stating: "I am proud to say that I have stayed true to that trust. The people are satisfied that Tamil Nadu stands tall under our Dravidian model government. They are also happy that their grievances are being heard and addressed swiftly." Looking back on his government's achievements since taking office on May 7, 2021, Stalin emphasised the transformation Tamil Nadu has witnessed. "When we formed this government, we called it a dawn, a new beginning. After being pushed to the margins for a decade, Tamil Nadu needed revival. We resolved to bring a dawn of hope to Tamil Nadu and the Tamils.



Indians pledged to stand with PM Modi & armed forces: K'taka BJP

Kolar, June 3 (IANS) : Karnataka BJP chief and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra claimed on Tuesday that the Indians have pledged to stand with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with the armed forces of the country. "PM Modi has taken bold steps to act against the terrorists responsible for the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 people. The people of India and the BJP have pledged to stand with PM Modi and the armed soldiers," said Vijayendra while addressing a protest rally organised as part of the BJP's 'Janakrosh Yatra' against the Congress government.

Vijayendra appealed to BJP workers and the public across the state to visit their local temples and offer prayers. "Let us pray for strength for our soldiers. May all the nations of the world bless PM Modi with even greater strength," he said. He urged people to pray for divine power to uproot the terrorists and their hideouts completely, adding that the fight against the anti-people, anti-farmer, anti-poor, and anti-Hindu Congress government must continue until it is overthrown. "At this time, the whole country, every Indian, must come together and show unity in supporting our soldiers. All political parties, including the Congress, must send a clear message of unity to the world," he stated. He added that Pakistan must not dare look toward India in the future, adding that the terrorists should never rise again. "We must extend our full support to this end," he said, reiterating that for the BJP, the nation always comes first. He again made a heartfelt appeal to morally strengthen the soldiers. Referring to BJP founder Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Vijayendra recalled his words: "Ek desh mein do nishan, do pradhan nahi chalega." (In one country, there cannot be two constitutions or two prime ministers).

Trinamool strongman Anubrata Mondal again under CBI scanner

Kolkata, June 3 (IANS) : Trinamool Congress strongman and the party's former district president in Birbhum, Anubrata Mondal, who was recently released on bail after spending almost two years in Tihar Jail in New Delhi for his involvement in the cattle smuggling case in West Bengal, has again come under the scanner of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Mondal has come into the spotlight again after an audio clip went viral where he was heard threatening a police officer



from the district to "rape" the latter's mother and wife. Following this, the district police filed a case against him. Trinamool Congress leadership also censured him, and after that, he tendered a public apology. The CBI officials, who are conducting a probe in the cattle-smuggling case.

Law student arrested by Kolkata Police should be released: Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury

Kolkata, June 3 (IANS) : Former West Bengal Congress President and four-time party Lok Sabha member, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, has said that Sharmistha Panoli, the 22-year-old law student and social media influencer, who was arrested recently by Kolkata Police on charges of hurting religious sentiments and promoting disharmony and hatred, should be released immediately.

APPELLATE TRIBUNAL, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MINISTRY OF FINANCE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

4th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003. Landline No. 011-20819916, Email: registry-atpf@gov.in

FPA-PMLA-1821/HYD/2024 Indusind Bank Limited. Versus ...Appellant

The Deputy Director, ED, Hyderabad. ...Respondent

PUBLICATION NOTICE UNDER ORDER 5 OF RULE 20 CPC

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS:

1. Hitesh Jain, Plot No.51, Radhaswamy Nagar Colony, Near Vegetable Market, Bowenpally, Secunderabad, Hyderabad-500009.

2. Ramesh Otharmal Jain, Plot No.51, Radhaswamy Nagar Colony, Near Vegetable Market, Bowenpally, Secunderabad, Hyderabad-500009.

Notice in Appeal No.FPA-PMLA-1821/HYD/2024 is issued on the direction of Hon'ble bench at Appellate Tribunal, 4th Floor, C-Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi. Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Hon'ble bench that the respondents above named cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. Hence, this proclamation under order 5 Rule 20 of CPC is hereby issued against them and should appear personally or through their counsel on 28.07.2025 at 11:00 AM before The Appellate Tribunal.

Take notice that, in default of appearance on the day before mentioned, the above said case will be heard and determined in their absence.

By Order Sd/- Anoop Kumar Parmar Panjeekar

Place: New Delhi Date: 08-05-2025

NOTICE OF HEARING OF APPLICATION FILED U/S 95 OF INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY CODE, 2016

Attention of Mrs. K Anjamma w/o K Ramulu (Personal Guarantor to Corporate Debtor M/s Coastal Projects Limited), last available address of guarantor on record H.No. 20-3, Flat No 503, SSB Residency, Kodandaram Nagar, Gaddianaram, Hyderabad - 500080, is drawn towards an application (CP 55/2023) filed under section 95 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 by Bank of Maharashtra Through Resolution Professional Mangesh Vitthal Kekre, on 25.11.2023 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Cuttack Bench for initiation of Insolvency Resolution Process against this Personal Guarantor, for default in repayment of Bank dues.

The said application is pending adjudication and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bench at Cuttack on 09.06.2025. The said Respondent i.e. Mrs. K Anjamma may remain present personally or through his authorised representative on the said date of hearing as mentioned hereinabove. A copy of the said petition can be obtained by sending a request over email pg.coastalprojects@gmail.com.

Date : 04-06-2025 Place: Indore

Mangesh Vitthal Kekre Resolution Professional

Reg. No. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00539/2017-2018/10964

Address: 607 Chetak Centre, RNT Marg, Near Shreemaya Hotel, Indore - 452001.

AFA Valid till 31.12.2025

Canara Bank Regional Office, Hyderabad South #4-1954, 3rd Floor, Abids, Beside Hollywood Footwear, Hyderabad-500001.

Pocharam Branch, D.No.1-40, Annojiguda Main Road, Pocharam-500088.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

1 Name of the Borrower(s): 1. Sri. Sandesh Raju Kodali, S/o Late K.Vardhan Raju, Block No.C1, Flat No.902, Sanskruthi Township, Annajiguda, Pocharam-501301. 2. Smt. Razia Sulthana, D/o Khasim Peyyati, Block No.A25, Flat No.101, Sanskruthi Township, Pocharam, Hyderabad-500088.

Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 26-05-2025; Demand Notice Dtd: 27-05-2025 Outstanding Amount: Rs.29,73,415.52 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five and Fifty Two paise only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs thereon.

Brief Details of Security/ies:- All that the one pent House Flat in Block C1, Flat No.902 in 9th and 10th floors, Municipal No.12-12C1-902 (Assessment No.1228306959) admeasuring 2218.40 Sq ft or 206.17 Sq mts, in sy no.2 part and 10 part of Pocharam village at AP Housing Board Singapore class township at pocharam, along with undivided share of land admeasuring 78.75 Sq yds situated at Pocharam village and Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District under SRO Narapally. Block C1 Boundaries: North: Road. South: Open and Block-C2. East: Block A30. West: Road. Boundaries of Flat: North: Open to sky. South: Flat No.903. East: open to Sky. West: Flat No.901.

CERSAI ID: 400053758291; Name of Title holder: Sri. Sandesh Raju

2 Name of the Borrower(s): 1. Smt. Razia Sulthana, D/o Khasim Peyyati, Block No.A25, Flat No.101, Sanskruthi Township, Pocharam, Hyderabad-500088. 2. Sri. Sandesh Raju Kodali, S/o Late K.Vardhan Raju, Block No.C1, Flat No.902, Sanskruthi Township, Annajiguda, Pocharam-501301.

Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 26-05-2025; Demand Notice Dtd: 27-05-2025 Outstanding Amount: Rs.22,14,843/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Three only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs thereon.

Brief Details of Security/ies:- All that the one pent HIG Flat in block No.A-33, Flat No.308 in 3rd Floor, MCH No.12-A33, admeasuring 1400 Sq.Ft. or 130 Sq.Mts., in Sy.No.2 part & 10 part, along with undivided share of land area 49.70 sq yds, out of total block area of 1420 sq yds of pocharam Village, at AP Housing Board Singapore class Township at Pocharam Village & Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District under SRO Narapally. Block A33 Boundaries: North: Road. South: Open and Block No.A25, East: Block A34. West: Block A32. Boundaries of Flat: North: Common Corridor and Flat No.301. South: Open to Sky. East: Open to Sky & Flat No.307. West: Open to Sky. CERSAI ID: 400028693052; Name of Title holder: Smt. Razia Sultana

In respect of loans availed by you at our branch, which have become Non Performing Asset(s) with balance outstanding mentioned above along with interest and costs etc. we have already issued detailed demand notice under Sec 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by Courier/ Registered post with acknowledgement due to you which has been returned, unserved and undelivered.

We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned by the borrowers as per Sec 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned above within 60 days. You are advised (1) to collect the original notice/cover addressed to you and returned by Courier/Postal Authorities for the undersigned for more and complete details and (2) to pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs etc., within 60 days from the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act.

Date: 03-06-2025, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

OPINIONmail



After month-long exposition in Vietnam, holy Buddha relics return to India

The holy relics of Lord Buddha returned to India on Tuesday after a spiritually significant month-long exposition tour across Vietnam. The relics were ceremoniously received at Palam Air Force Station in New Delhi. The delegation accompanying the relics was led by Hari Babu Kambhampati, Governor of Odisha, along with representation from the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), led by Ven. Shartse Khensur Jangchup Choeden Rinpoche, Secretary General, and National Museum officials.

"The holy relics will be publicly displayed at the National Museum, Delhi, for a day, allowing devotees and dignitaries to offer their respects. A formal prayer meeting with senior monks, IBC officials, and diplomats will follow," the IBC said in a post on X. "On June 4, the relics will travel in a Presidential cavalcade to Sarnath via Varanasi, where they will be ceremonially enshrined at Mulagandha Kuti Vihar, marking the grand conclusion of this historic international pilgrimage," it added. The extraordinary spiritual movement swept across Vietnam as millions of devotees participated in a historic veneration pilgrimage of the Buddha's sacred relics from India. The sacred tour, spanning multiple revered locations from the south to the north of the country, drew more than 17.8 million devotees in total, uniting Buddhists and spiritual seekers in a profound display of reverence and cultural solidarity.

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar had called the exhibition of these relics in Vietnam an "expression of close and friendly ties over centuries." The veneration not only affirmed Vietnam's deep-rooted Buddhist heritage but also became a vibrant expression of national unity and peace.

Ceremonies included relic processions, meditative gatherings, chanting, and educational sessions, fostering spiritual mindfulness among attendees of all ages. The holy relics arrived in Vietnam from India on May 2 with an Indian delegation led by Union Minister of Parliamentary and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju which also included Andhra Pradesh Minister Kandula Durgesh and senior monks and officials.

The relics were supposed to remain in Vietnam until May 21 as part of the UN Day of Vesak celebrations. However, responding to a formal request from the Vietnamese government after receiving a recommendation from the Committee for Ethnic and Religious Affairs, India agreed to extend the enshrinement of sacred relics of the Buddha in Vietnam beyond May 21, according to the reports of Vietnamese local media. The relics were displayed at Thanh Tam Pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City, then in Ba Den Mountain in Tay Ninh province, Quan Su Pagoda in Hanoi, Tam Chuc Pagoda in Ha Nam, Bai Dinh Pagoda in Ninh Binh province, Phuc Son Pagoda, Bac Giang Province, Truc Lam Yen Tu Monastery in Quang Ninh, Chuong Pagoda in Hung Yen and Quan Am Ngu Hanh Son Pagoda in Da Nang City of Vietnam.

Coal India posts 12 pc rise in Q4 net profit at Rs 9,604 cr; declares dividend of Rs 5.15 per share

Government-owned Coal India on Wednesday reported a 12 per cent growth in its consolidated net profit at Rs 9,604 crore in the January-March quarter of financial year 2024-25, compared with the corresponding figure of Rs 8,572 crore in the same quarter of the previous financial year. The coal giant's Board of Directors have recommended a payment of final dividend at the rate of Rs 5.15 per share for the financial year 2024-25.



TN conducts security drills at Kalpakkam, Chennai Port to bolster emergency preparedness

Senior officials in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday conducted large-scale civil defence drills at two critical installations — the Madras Atomic Power Station at Kalpakkam and the Chennai Port — to evaluate and enhance emergency response preparedness. The exercise is aimed at rehearsing coordinated actions in the

event of a crisis, ensuring the safety and security of both personnel and the general public. As part of the drill, various emergency scenarios were simulated, including the safe evacuation of people to designated shelters and the swift transport of injured individuals for medical treatment. Officials said the exercise was

designed to replicate situations such as an incoming air raid, testing the readiness of systems and personnel to respond effectively under pressure. The State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) was activated for the drill and operated from the premises of the State Disaster Management Authority at Ezhilagam, Chennai.

Tamil Nadu to launch organised cancer screening programme in 12 districts

In a major step towards improving cancer detection and treatment in rural areas, the Tamil Nadu Health Department is set to launch an Organised Cancer Screening Programme across 12 districts. The initiative, aimed at early diagnosis and timely medical intervention, will be implemented under the National Health Mission (NHM). The pilot project will be rolled out in Thiruvallur, Kanchipuram, Vellore, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Dharmapuri, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Theni,

Madurai, Tiruchy, and Karur districts, and the launch is tentatively scheduled for May 9, according to a senior health department official. "The primary objective of the programme is to diagnose cancer at the earliest possible stage and provide necessary medical support to affected individuals," the official said. He noted that district-level training sessions have already been conducted for healthcare personnel who will be deployed on the ground. Explaining the rationale behind the initiative, the official pointed out that cancer diagnosis and treatment are currently concentrated in



government and private hospitals, making them less accessible to people in remote areas. "Many in rural regions may misinterpret symptoms or delay seeking treatment due to a lack of awareness or access. This programme aims to bridge that gap by bringing screening services directly to the village level," he added. Through the screening camps, residents will be encour-

aged to undergo health check-ups. Those exhibiting cancer-related symptoms will receive counselling and be referred to nearby government hospitals for further evaluation and treatment. "This proactive approach will enable early detection and significantly improve the chances of successful treatment," the official emphasised.

Bihar youths benefit from Udyami Yojana; Saharsa's Dilkhush shares success story

The fortunes of unemployed youths in Bihar are changing due to the Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana. Dilkhush Kumar, a 22-year-old resident of Saharsa district, has seen drastic changes in his life because of this scheme.

He once used to wander around in search of a job but today has become a successful entrepreneur. He and his family are running a self-reliant venture and also employed two youths. However, the financial condition of Dilkhush, son of a farmer - Fulendra, was not good earlier.

Having lived life in penury, he thought of starting his own business after completing graduation.

He got information about CM Udyami Yojana from his acquaintances and took a loan of Rs 10 lakh, under Udyami Yojana. He started a bakery in his village with this amount and brought modern machines from Patna and other districts.

The business, which he started from a small room has seen startling success in short span of time and today he and his family have been able to repay all their debts.

Dilkhush's bakery is first of its kind in the village, making and selling different types of biscuits in the market.



UNESCO renews call for enhanced protection of Africa's heritage sites

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has renewed its call for enhanced protection and recognition of Africa's heritage sites, given their contribution to cultural pride and tourism. Louise Haxthausen, UNESCO Regional Director for Eastern Africa, told an international conference on cultural heritage in Africa, taking place in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, that the continent is a repository of world-famous archaeological sites and priceless artifacts that should be preserved for future generations. Haxthausen said that a sound policy and legal framework is required to boost the protection of Africa's heritage sites amid threats posed by climate change and human activities. A more inclusive approach involving policymakers, local communities and multi-lateral partners is required to enrich discourse related to the conservation of heritage sites

on the continent, Haxthausen said, noting that the Africa Union Agenda 2063 champions for safeguarding the health of historic sites and monuments in the continent, given their intrinsic value to indigenous communities. According to UNESCO, Africa accounts for 12.26 per cent of World Heritage Sites globally, but the sites' future is uncertain given the threat of rapid urbanization, weak protection laws and climatic stresses. Attendees at the May 6-9 conference, convened by UNESCO, the Kenyan government, and the African World Heritage Fund, include senior policymakers, scholars and cultural enthusiasts.

TN's Mettur dam sees sharp rise in water level, farmers cheer

Chennai, June 3 (IANS) : The Stanley Reservoir in Mettur, popularly known as the Mettur Dam and a lifeline for millions in Tamil Nadu, has witnessed a remarkable increase in water levels this year, due to the sustained rainfall brought by the southwest monsoon.

As of June 2, the dam is holding 81,983 million cubic feet (mcf) of water -- 87.71 per cent of its full storage capacity of 93,470 mcf. This marks a significant improvement compared to the same period last year, when the storage

level stood at only 15,632 mcf, which was a mere 16.72 per cent of its total capacity.

Officials of the Water Resources Department (WRD) described the current storage as among the highest in the past six years, second only to 2022 when the reservoir reached 89,431 mcf or 95.68 per cent of its capacity. The WRD revealed that Tamil Nadu received 305 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft).

Krishnamoorthi announces he's running for US Senate

Washington, June 3 (IANS) : Democrat lawmaker Raja Krishnamoorthi on Tuesday announced that he is running for the US Senate, which, if he wins, will write him into history as only the second American of Indian descent elected to the chamber. "I've made it my mission to fight for families like the ones I grew up with. People who just

want a chance to work hard and realise their dreams," Krishnamoorthi said in a video message announcing his Senate bid. He will roll out his campaign with multiple events across Illinois on Friday. Krishnamoorthi currently serves as a member of the House of Representatives from Illinois state and he is vying for the Senate seat vacated by Dick Durbin,

a long-time member from the solidly Democratic state. Krishnamoorthi was born in New Delhi and his family moved to the US when he was three. He studied law and went on to become a Policy Director for Barack Obama's successful campaign for the Senate. In 2016, Krishnamoorthi was elected to the House of Representatives and quickly made a mark on the na-



tional political scene with among other things, coining the phrase 'Samosa Caucus' for the group of four members of the House of Indian descent — Ami Bera, Ro Khanna and Pramila Jayapal.



Syria's diplomatic outreach unfolds as it grapples with internal unrest

Damascus, June 3 (IANS) : As Syria's new leadership ramps up diplomatic efforts with visits to world capitals, it finds itself simultaneously confronting a deepening sectarian crisis at home, posing a critical test of its capacity to govern a fractured country. Interim leader Ahmed al-Sharaa's arrived in Paris on Tuesday, marking his first official trip to a European nation since assuming office after the ouster of Bashar al-Assad in December 2024. According to Syria's state-run SANA news agency, al-Sharaa will discuss with French President Emmanuel Macron reconstruction efforts, cooperation in energy and aviation sectors, regional security challenges, and particularly the Israeli airstrikes that have increasingly targeted Syrian military installations. This diplomatic outreach comes on the heels of foreign affairs chief Asaad al-Shibani's visit to the United States, where he raised Syria's new flag at the United Nations and engaged with senior US officials. Both visits signal the new government's bid to break the international isolation Syria has endured, and to attract investment and support for the country's economic revival.

'Support India's right to self-defence,' Israel backs 'Operation Sindoor'

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : Israel has extended its support to India's right to defend itself from terrorism as Indian armed forces carried out 'Operation Sindoor' against nine high-value terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. In a calculated military strike following the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, the Indian armed forces launched Operation Sindoor late on Tuesday night. "Israel supports India's right for self-defence. Terrorists should know there's no place to hide from their heinous crimes against the innocent," Reuven Azar, Ambassador of Israel to India, posted on X. The military operation struck camps and logistical hubs linked to terror groups held responsible for orchestrating the Pahalgam attack, which claimed the lives of 26 innocent civilians in Jammu and Kashmir.



US advises its citizens in Pak to leave active conflict zones

Islamabad, June 3 (IANS) : The US mission in Pakistan issued a security alert to American citizens on Tuesday, advising them to depart from areas of active conflict zones. This came hours after the Indian armed forces launched Operation Sindoor, targeting nine high-value terror locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 innocent civilians. "We are aware of reports of military strikes by India into Pakistan. This remains an evolving situation, and we are closely monitoring developments. US citizens are reminded of the 'Do Not Travel' advisory for areas in the vicinity of the India-Pakistan border and the Line of Control due to terrorism and the potential for armed conflict, and the US Department of State's 'Reconsider Travel' advisory for Pakistan generally," the diplomatic mission said in a statement. The US Department of State had issued a travel advisory in March, also urging its citizens to "reconsider travel to Pakistan due to terrorism and the potential for armed conflict."

No impunity for terrorists: Rishi Sunak justifies India's 'Operation Sindoor'

London, June 3 (IANS) : Former UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Tuesday justified the strikes conducted by Indian defence forces on the terror camps operating in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), saying that there can be no impunity for terrorists. In a post on social media platform X, Sunak said, "India is justified in striking terrorist infrastructure. There can be no impunity for terrorists." Earlier, reacting to the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that claimed 26 innocent lives, Sunak had affirmed that his country stands in solidarity with India and added that "terror will never win". Meanwhile, backing India's move, Reuven Azar, the Ambassador of Israel to India, said, "Israel supports India's right to self-defence. Terrorists should know there's no place to hide from their heinous crimes against the innocent." After India's action against terrorists codenamed 'Operation Sindoor', United Kingdom Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds said that his country is ready to support both India and Pakistan to de-escalate tensions. Calling upon India and Pakistan to show "restraint", Russia said that it hoped that tensions could be resolved through peaceful and diplomatic means.



Russia, Japan express concern over escalating India-Pak tensions

Moscow, June 3 (IANS) : Russia and Japan expressed deep concern on Tuesday over escalating military tensions between India and Pakistan. "We are deeply concerned by the heightened military tensions between India and Pakistan in the wake of a terror attack near the town of Pahalgam," Russian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Maria Zakharova said. The remarks came after the Indian armed forces launched Operation Sindoor, targeting nine high-value terror locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in response to the dastardly April 22 terror attack, which killed 26 innocent civilians. "Russia resolutely condemns acts of terrorism as it opposes any manifestations of it and accentuates the need to join forces globally for an effective fight against this evil," Zakharova said.



UK's terrorism charges against seven Iranian nationals baseless: Tehran

Tehran, June 3 (IANS): Iran's Foreign Ministry has rejected allegations made by the UK Home Office and certain British parliamentarians following the arrest of several Iranian nationals over terrorism charges, state media reported on Tuesday. The British Police arrested the suspects in separate operations from different parts of the United Kingdom. Alireza Yousefi, the Director General for the Western Europe department at Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, warned about the "negative consequences" of the "baseless accusations" and urged London to immediately inform the legal basis for detention of the Iranian nationals and to facilitate consular visits without delay, country's official news agency IRNA reported.

Israel says to move entire Gaza population to south

Jerusalem, June 3 (IANS) : Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said on Tuesday that a planned expanded military operation in the Gaza Strip would force the enclave's entire population to either relocate to a confined area in the south or to "voluntarily" emigrate, as Israeli forces prepare to seize control of the entire territory. "We will act with full force and will not stop until all objectives are achieved, including the voluntary emigration plan for Gaza residents," Katz said during a a situational assessment meeting with senior commanders held in preparation for the operation, according to a statement

issued on his behalf. The announcement came amid growing international concern over the worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where populations have faced mass starvation and famine since Israel blocked all humanitarian aid on March 2. Katz said the new operation, approved by the Israeli security cabinet on Monday, is intended to dismantle Hamas's military and governing capabilities and to secure the release of 59 hostages still held in the enclave. Unlike past operations, "the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) will remain in every area it captures," he said, Xinhua news agency reported.



Kenya lauds sentencing in wildlife crime case over smuggling of 5,000 ants

Nairobi, June 3 (IANS) : The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) on Tuesday welcomed the sentencing of four individuals, including three foreigners, for attempting to traffic more than 5,000 live garden ants out of the East African country. The KWS, a state corporation mandated to conserve and manage Kenya's wildlife, said the decisive action against two Belgian nationals, a Vietnamese citizen and a Kenyan national, who were each fined one million Kenyan shillings (about 7,740 US dollars), sends a clear and resounding message that Kenya will not waver in its fight against wildlife crime, no matter the species

involved. "The smuggling of these ants is not merely a wildlife crime. It is an act of biopiracy," the KWS said in a statement issued in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, Xinhua news agency reported. The offenders were apprehended last month in Nairobi and the lakeside town of Naivasha for illegal possession of the ants, valued at 9,288 dollars, without the requisite permits. The ants were destined for the European and Asian exotic pet trade, where rare and ecologically unique species can command prices of up to 1,350 dollars each. Senior Principal Magistrate Njeri Thuku on Wednesday sentenced each offender to a fine of

7,740 dollars or serve 12 months in prison in case of default. Thuku underscored the collective responsibility to safeguard Kenya's biodiversity, saying that no species is too small to protect. "Our wildlife, from ants to elephants, sustains our ecosystems and national heritage," she said. The seized ants (Messor cephalotes), a critical species in maintaining soil health and ecosystem balance, are to be handed over to the National Museums of Kenya if no appeal is lodged within 14 days. "Today's ruling sends an unequivocal message: Kenya will not tolerate the plunder of its biodiversity."



Amarinder Singh warns Pakistan against attempt to escalate conflict

Chandigarh, June 3 (IANS) : Warning Pakistan against trying to escalate the conflict, BJP leader and former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Tuesday hailed the Indian defence forces' precision strikes on terror camps inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Reacting to the strikes, Singh observed that "the action was overdue, as Pakistan had not been desisting from exporting terror into our country". He pointed out that just two weeks ago, 26 innocent people were killed in Pahalgam by "Pakistan-trained terrorists". The former Punjab Chief Minister, himself a former army officer, congratulated the defence forces for exercising utmost restraint by specifically targeting the terror camps inside Pakistan and PoK. He pointed out that there was no targeting of civilian or military installations.



NIA appeals to people to share info on Pahalgam terror attack

Jammu, June 3 (IANS) : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday appealed to all tourists, visitors and local people who might have information, photographs or videos related to the Pahalgam terror attack to contact the agency. The agency has already taken possession of a sizeable number of photographs and videos showing various aspects of the attack and is examining them. The NIA has decided to scale up its efforts to ensure that no useful information or evidence is missed during the investigation. In an appeal issued on Wednesday, the NIA has urged all such people to call up the agency on mobile number 9654958816.



TN to operate over 3,400 special buses for wedding season, Chitra Pournami festival

Chennai, June 3 (IANS) : In anticipation of a surge in travel demand due to the upcoming auspicious wedding dates and the Chitra Pournami festival, the Tamil Nadu State Transport Undertaking announced the operation of special bus services across the state from May 9 to May 12. According to the Managing Director of the State Express Transport Corporation, a significant increase in passenger.

Doctor duped of Rs 26 lakh in Gurugram

Gurugram, June 3 (IANS) : Three, including two Delhi-based doctors, allegedly duped Rs 26.57 lakh from a doctor for helping him to pass the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE). The suspects are yet to be arrested, police said. Based on a complaint filed by the victim, Ravi Kumar, a resident of Rajiv Nagar, Gurugram, an FIR was registered against all three accused under sections 420 (cheating) and 406 (criminal breach of trust) of the IPC at the Sector 14 police station on Tuesday, police said. Kumar told the police he had

completed his MBBS degree from the International Higher School of Medicine, University in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. After returning to India, he had to pass the FMGE exam, which is mandatory for foreign medical degree holders. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, he was on duty at the Burari Government Hospital in Delhi. During duty.



Six kids among seven killed in road accident in Punjab's Samana

Samana (Punjab), June 3 (IANS) : In a terrible road accident on Tuesday, six schoolchildren and a driver lost their lives when a car carrying students collided with a tipper truck near Samana in Punjab's Patiala district, officials said. The students were returning home from Bhupindra International School in Patiala when the accident occurred. The car, reportedly carrying 14 students, was struck by a heavy soil-laden tipper truck. The impact was so severe that five children died on the spot, while one more succumbed to injuries on the way to the

hospital. The driver of the vehicle was also killed in the collision. The children, residents of Samana, commuted daily to the private school in Patiala -- a routine that ended in an unspeakable tragedy. Punjab Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh visited the hospital where the injured children were being treated.



Anyone spreading fake news will be strictly dealt with : CM Banerjee

Kolkata, June 3 (IANS) : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday cautioned against the circulation of fake news or fake information that might aggravate internal tensions in the wake of 'Operation Sindoor' crushing terrorist bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The Chief Minister said that her administration would take strong action against offenders in the matter. "If anyone gives fake news through any channel or Facebook, or YouTube, action will be taken against the persons concerned," Chief Minister Banerjee said at a brief media interaction on Tuesday, where she refused to entertain

any questions from media persons. Chief Minister Banerjee also refused to divulge anything about the meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah had with the Chief Ministers of states having International Borders, which she also attended, considering that West Bengal has International Borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. "I will not speak anything on the proceedings of the meeting. I also request you not to ask me any questions today. All I can say is that this is not the time to spread wrong information. This is the time to present factually correct information or news. So I request all to refrain from spreading information based on speculations or rumours," Chief Minister Banerjee said. Chief Minister Banerjee also requested media channels to refrain from broadcasting television debates in the wake of the current situation in the country.



Gurugram: Three arrested with illegal weapons for planning robbery

Gurugram, June 3 (IANS) : A crime branch team of the Gurugram Police has arrested three accused with illegal weapons to commit robbery at gunpoint, police said. A senior official said that the team received information regarding an attempt by three suspects to rob passers-by at gunpoint near Laser Valley Park, Gurugram. He said that the police team acted promptly on the information and formed a special police team and raided the place, where three accused were arrested with weapons. The official identified the accused as Roz Mohammad, Vishnu Sharma, and Anand Kumar, all residents of Bihar. "One pistol, one live cartridge, one iron rod, one knife, and one torch from the possession of the accused have been recovered. A case has also been registered against the accused under the relevant sections in police station DLF Sector-29, Gurugram," he said. He added that during police interrogation, the accused revealed that they had also committed four other incidents of theft from

Gurugram. "After examining the criminal records of the accused, it was found that accused Roz Mohammad has 11 cases registered against him for theft, one case under the Arms Act in Faridabad, and one case in relation to theft in Gurugram, while the accused Anand Kumar has seven cases registered against him for theft under the Arms Act in district Faridabad," he said. The official said that the accused will be produced before the court for further action in the case, adding that the investigation of the case is ongoing.

Assam varsity Assistant Professor suspended over 'sexual harassment' allegations

Guwahati, June 3 (IANS) : After a series of agitations, an Assistant Professor of the Assam University, a central varsity, was suspended on Tuesday on charges of sexual harassment, officials said. Assam University Registrar, Pradosh Kiran Nath, in an order said that Ajit Kumar Jena who is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Work, was suspended for 90 days with immediate effect. The Registrar in his order said that complaints of sexual harassment have been received from some of the students of the Department of Social Work against Jena and there was a report on the matter from the head of the department as well. "Based on the complaints and reports, a detailed enquiry into the matter has been initiated. Pending the enquiry, Jena was asked to proceed on leave on May 5 by applying.

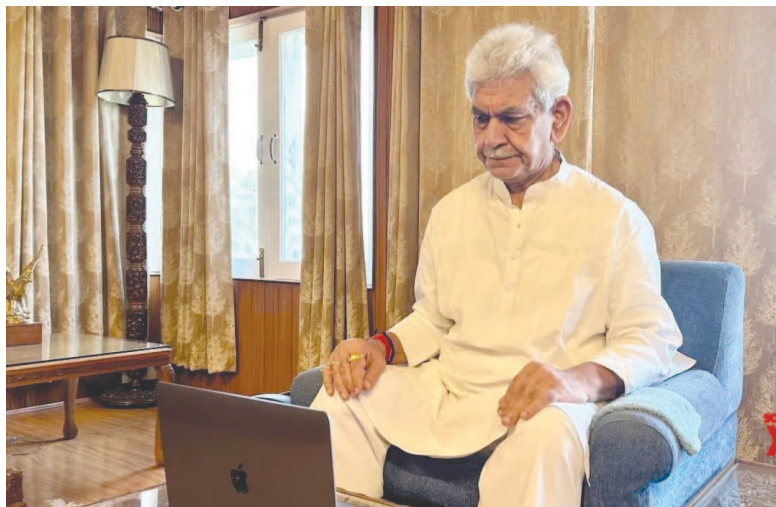


J&K L-G attends high-level security meeting chaired by HM Amit Shah

Srinagar, June 3 (IANS) : Jammu and Kashmir Lt governor Manoj Sinha attended the high-level meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday through virtual mode. The Lieutenant Governor was joined by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP

Jammu and Kashmir; Mahesh Dixit, Special Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB); Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Jammu and Kashmir; and Pankaj Thakur, Joint Director IB at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar. The Lieutenant Governor affirmed that the instructions of the Union Home Minister will be implemented in letter and spirit. After the meeting, the Lieutenant Governor gave instructions to the officials to take necessary steps as per the guidelines of the Union Home Minister and to neutralise any potential threat in time. He also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his strong

leadership and vowed zero tolerance against terrorism. The meeting was held hours after the Armed Forces, during Operation Sindoor, targeted terrorist infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed.



Indian economy has potential to do much better than China in near future: Jim Rogers

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : India is going to be one of the most exciting investment destinations in the world and it will certainly be compared to China and, maybe, even do much better than China in coming years, ace investor Jim Rogers has said. In an interaction with IANS, he said that “I have been around the investment world for decades, and for the first time in my life, I see that the people in Delhi understand economics”. “India's rising again. I think that the people in Delhi understand what needs to be done and are trying to do it. And that would be so wonderful for India and for the world. If India can actually open up and have trade with the whole world. You cannot believe how exciting India can be in the future,” said the American investor and financial commentator. “I don't have investments in India right now, but I really, really want to invest more in the fastest-growing economy,” he added, adding that if the market goes



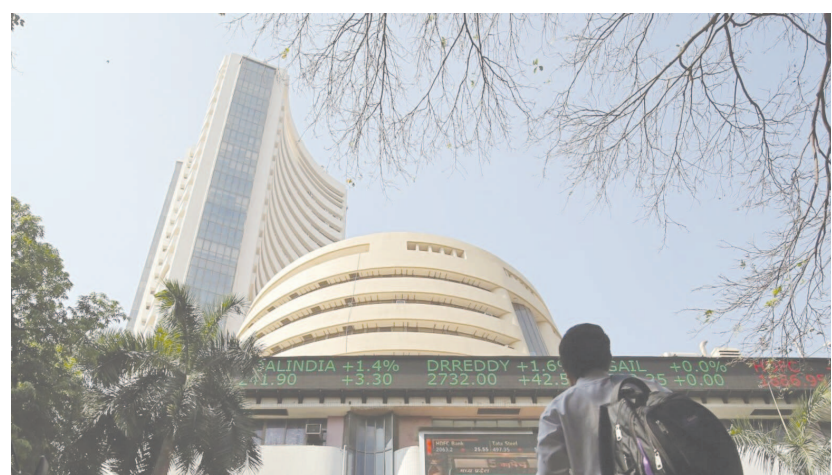
down and stays down for a while, “I want to put more money in India”. India is poised to become the world's fourth-largest economy in 2025 with the country's nominal GDP rising to \$4,187.017 billion during the year to surpass Japan's GDP pegged at \$4,186.431 billion, according to the IMF's latest 'World Economic Outlook' report. On free trade agreement (FTAs), Rogers told IANS that more free trade is better for the world, especially India. “It will be extremely exciting for the world, including foreign investors,” he mentioned. India has signed 13 FTAs with its trading partners.

50 pc Indian tech professionals now getting AI training at work: Report

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : Nearly half of technology professionals in India are getting some level of Artificial Intelligence (AI) skilling support from their current employers, according to a report on Tuesday. The report, based on a survey conducted by job portal Naukri on National Technology Day, highlighted a significant trend in India's tech ecosystem. The survey, which gathered insights from over 16,000 technology professionals across industries, shows that while self-learning remains a

key pathway, a clear shift toward structured upskilling is visible. The report "signals that AI upskilling has firmly entered the mainstream, From freshers to experienced professionals, the direction is clear: the Indian workforce is leaning into the AI era". Among freshers, over half of them reported that either some basics have been covered or full-fledged AI training is underway. Cities like Bengaluru and Gurugram, long known as tech hubs, are seeing this shift firsthand. Around one-third of professionals (33 per cent) in these cities confirmed that their organisations are

actively training them on AI tools, the report said. Given the nature of work in the IT/Software Services sector, where tech evolution is part of daily operations, professionals in tech roles here are naturally seeing more structured upskilling opportunities compared to their peers in non-IT sectors.



Sensex, Nifty clock best single-day rally in 4 years; investors richer by Rs 16 lakh crore

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : The understanding for a ceasefire between India and Pakistan brought cheers for investors who were richer by more than Rs 16 lakh crore in a single day -- as Sensex and Nifty gained a massive nearly 4 per cent in a bull rally seen after February 2021. The Indian stock markets delivered their best single-day performance in four years, as positive global and domestic cues boosted market sentiment. At the close of trade, Sensex soared 2,975.43 points, or 3.74 per cent, to end at 82,429.90, while Nifty jumped 916.70 points, or 3.82 per cent, to finish at 24,924.70. This was the second-biggest percentage

gain for both indices in the last four years, with the only larger rally recorded on February 1, 2021, when the indices rose over 4.7 per cent. The bull rally came amid a string of encouraging developments, including an understanding for a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, a breakthrough in US-China trade talks, and reports of peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. These developments helped ease geopolitical tensions, improving the global risk appetite and lifting investor confidence. All sectoral indices ended in the green, showing a broad-based recovery across sectors. Even the Nifty Pharma index, which had opened with a 2 per cent loss after US President Donald Trump's comments about slashing drug prices by up to 80 per cent.



Some Groww users become millionaires, others lose money over tech glitch; now resolved

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : Online trading platform Groww on Tuesday said some of its users faced discrepancy in stock prices, which was a temporary issue and has now been resolved. Earlier in the day, the tech glitch led to erroneous increases in users' investment values. Some users reported seeing their investments.



Adani Group stocks surge over 8 pc as markets rebound strongly

Mumbai, June 3 (IANS) : The Adani Group stocks rallied sharply on Tuesday, riding the wave of a broader market rebound as global and domestic cues turned favourable. Investor sentiment was buoyed by a series of positive developments, including an understanding for a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, progress in US-China trade talks, and signs of easing geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe.

C-DOT, Synergy Quantum to develop key tech for drone-based systems

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : In a major step toward advancing India's capabilities in secure communication, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) on Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Synergy Quantum India to place the country at the forefront of drone-based quantum secure communications. This partnership aims to jointly develop cutting-edge Quantum Key Distribution (QKD).



Above-average monsoon drives rural demand for Indian automobile sector: HSBC

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : The above-average monsoon is driving rural demand for the Indian automobile sector, and tractor demand

maintains momentum following the good rabi harvest, a report showed on Tuesday. Channel partner commentary signals the higher number of auspicious days for marriage and a good rabi harvest sustained two-wheeler (2W) growth momentum in May.



S. Korea to decide on Google's transfer of high-precision map data by August

Seoul, June 3 (IANS) : The South Korean government will decide by August whether to allow Google to transfer the country's high-precision map data overseas amid heated debates over national security, digital sovereignty and other trade issues, officials said on Tuesday. In February, the U.S. tech giant submitted an application to the state-run National Geographic Information Institute, seeking approval for the transfer of 1:5,000-scale high-precision map data to its data centres abroad.

The review panel must notify Google of the result within 60 days of the application date, with the possibility of a 60-day extension. Holidays are excluded from the review period, reports Yonhap news agency. The initial deadline, accordingly, was mid-May, but the government has decided to extend the review period and make a decision before the second deadline of Aug. 11, as the June 3 presidential election was designated as a temporary holiday. The decision will be made by the

map data export review panel, which involves officials from major ministries, including the defense, foreign affairs, industry and science ministries, as well as the National Intelligence Service, the officials said. Currently, Google provides South Korean maps using publicly available lower-resolution 1:25,000-scale map data combined with aerial and satellite imagery. This results in lower-quality mapping services compared with domestic map service providers.

Jyothy Labs' Q4 net profit dips 2.4 pc as rising costs offset revenue growth

Mumbai, June 3 (IANS) : Homegrown FMCG player Jyothy Labs on Tuesday reported a 2.4 per cent dip in consolidated net profit for the quarter ended March 2025 (Q4 FY25), as rising input and operating costs outpaced revenue gains. The company posted a net profit of Rs 76.25 crore, down from Rs 78.15 crore in the same quarter last fiscal (Q4 FY24), according to its stock exchange filing. Despite a marginal revenue increase of just over 1 per cent from Rs 659.99 crore in Q4 FY24 to Rs

666.96 crore in Q4 FY25 -- higher expenses across raw materials, employee costs, finance charges, and depreciation weighed on the bottom line. Costs of material consumed surged to Rs 311.71 crore, up from Rs 295.63 crore in the year-ago period. For the full financial year FY25, material costs stood at Rs 1359.66 crore, compared to Rs 1242.60 crore in FY24. Employee benefits expense rose to Rs 78.28 crore in Q4, from Rs 72.56 crore in Q4 FY24 -- an increase of 7.89 per cent. Finance cost climbed 31.75 per cent to Rs 1.66 crore, compared to Rs 1.26 crore a year earlier.

Depreciation and amortisation expenses also rose by 13.14 per cent, reaching Rs 14.55 crore from Rs 12.86 crore. In contrast, advertisement and sales promotion expenses provided some relief, declining 10.61 per cent to Rs 53.41 crore, down from Rs 59.75 crore last financial year. Still, total expenses in Q4 increased slightly by 0.97 per cent, reaching Rs 571.23 crore, up from Rs 565.73 crore. The company also booked a loss of Rs 4.30 crore on a consolidated basis under 'Exceptional Items.'





Rajasthan: Training sessions held in Jaipur on possible enemy attack

Jaipur, June 3 (IANS) : Superintendent of Police and Nodal Officer for Community Policing, Pankaj Chaudhary (IPS), on Tuesday, conducted a series of awareness and training sessions on a possible enemy attack preparedness across schools and slum areas in Jaipur. The programme aimed to educate students, teachers, and local residents on emergency

response measures such as air raid sirens and blackout procedures. The first session was held at 9:30 AM at The Cambridge School, Mahesh Nagar, as part of a public awareness campaign. The event began with the National Anthem and was attended by the school staff, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, social workers.



Assam: Drugs worth Rs 9.5 crore seized, three held

Guwahati, June 3 (IANS) : Assam Police seized drugs worth Rs 9.5 crore and arrested three drug peddlers, including a woman, in two separate operations, officials said on Tuesday. An Assam Police spokesman said that based on credible intelligence regarding the transportation of contraband from Silchar (southern Assam) to Guwahati via the Silchar--Coimbatore Express train, a team from Panbazar Police station was deployed at Guwahati railway station on Wednesday. A female suspect was identified and apprehended upon the train's arrival, he said. Following due legal procedures and in the presence of independent witnesses, the search led to the recovery of 20,000 highly addictive methamphetamine tablets, valued at Rs 5 crore, one mobile handset and Rs 1,000 in cash. The ac-

cused, identified as Parvina Khatun Bibi (31), has been taken into custody. The detainee is a resident of Sadialer Khuti village in West Bengal's Cooch Behar district. In another operation, the Assam Police on Tuesday night arrested two drug peddlers at Salchapra in Silchar in the state's Cachar district, and seized 847 grams of heroin and 4.035 kg of opium from them. The total estimated value of the drugs is Rs 4.5 crore. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma appreciated the police for the seizure of the drugs. According to the police spokesman, legal actions were undertaken under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act 1985.

Armed robbers loot jewellery worth Rs 4.5cr from bank in Bihar's Samastipur

Patna, June 3 (IANS) : In a daring daylight robbery, eight armed robbers stormed a Bank of Maharashtra branch in Kashipur locality of Samastipur on Tuesday, looting jewellery worth Rs 4.5 crore and Rs 15 lakh cash, an official said. The bank, situated in one of the busiest areas of the city, witnessed the crime unfold in broad daylight, leaving the residents in shock. According to Superintendent of Police Ashok Mishra, the incident was carried out by a gang of eight, of which three posed as customers intending to open accounts. Soon after, five more individuals entered, taking bank employees



and customers hostage at gunpoint. They locked the employees and customers in one room, broke the lockers and took away the jewellery. "The miscreants looted valuables from both the bank counters and the lockers. They also snatched mobile phones from the staff and customers to prevent any alarms or communication," Mishra said.

ECI crosses milestone of training over 2,300 field-level election functionaries at IIDEM

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : In a significant stride towards strengthening electoral management at the grassroots level, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has completed the training of over 2,300 field-level election functionaries at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIDEM), New Delhi, in recent weeks. Marking a pioneering initiative, the Commission has begun conducting training in regional languages -- a step aimed at greater inclusivity and comprehension. As part of this initiative, a dedicated training programme for officials from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry is currently underway in Tamil language.



Meghalaya has highest budgetary allocation for health sector: Conrad Sangma

Shillong, June 3 (IANS) : Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said on Tuesday that Meghalaya has the highest budgetary allocation for the health sector compared to other states in the country. He said that the government is committed and focused on the health sector in spite of the numerous challenges inherent in the sector. "Meghalaya has the highest budgetary allocation in the health sector compared to any other state in the country; a large amount of the budget is for improving the infrastructure," he

said. Continuing with the state government's policy of financially supporting non-profit hospitals of the state in a bid to improve healthcare services to the people, especially the vulnerable, underprivileged and marginalised, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, on Wednesday, handed a cheque of Rs 1 crore to Nazareth Hospital, Shillong. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said, "Our goals are ultimately the same that is to provide quality, efficient and affordable healthcare to the people and this is where we can partner

with different hospitals," Sangma also informed the gathering about the genesis and the conceptualisation of the Meghalaya Health Advancement Policy. Expressing his gratitude to people serving in the health sector, he called upon them to continue to serve with passion, dedication and compassion. The CM also stressed the need for hospitals to communicate with each other, not only for improving overall patient outcomes but also to enable collaboration among healthcare professionals.

Jharkhand HC extends stay on CGL exam result; CID finds no evidence of paper leak

Ranchi, June 3 (IANS) : The Jharkhand High Court on Tuesday extended the stay on the publication of the state Combined Graduate Level (CGL) examination results conducted by the Staff Selection Commission in 2024. The decision came during a hearing on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking a CBI probe into alleged irregularities in the examination. A division bench headed by Chief Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao heard the matter, where the state government, represented by Advocate General Rajiv Ranjan, informed the court that the CID is currently investigating the allegations. He said that no concrete evidence of a paper leak has emerged so far, and the investigation is expected to be completed within a month. The government also told the court that a charge sheet has been filed against three individuals who had allegedly taken money from candidates under the pre-



text of providing them with the leaked question paper. The court directed the state to submit an updated investigation report in the next hearing. Meanwhile, the petitioners sought additional time to present their arguments. After hearing both sides, the court decided to continue the stay on the exam results and scheduled the next hearing for June 18. The CGL exam, conducted on September 21 and 22, 2024, was held across 823 centres in Jharkhand to fill over 2,000 government posts.



CBI Director Praveen Sood gets one-year extension amid lack of consensus on successor

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : In the absence of a consensus on appointing a new chief, the Central government on Tuesday extended the tenure of CBI Director Praveen Sood by one year. Sood, a 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Karnataka cadre, was originally scheduled to complete his two-year fixed term on May 24 this year. However, a decision on his successor could not be finalised following deliberations by the high-powered selection committee.

Rajasthan: Leaves of police personnel cancelled amidst border tensions

Jaipur, June 3 (IANS) : Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has cancelled leaves of all police personnel amidst rising border tensions between India and Pakistan following 'Operation Sindoor'. "Leaves of all police personnel stand cancelled. They should ensure their mandatory presence at headquarters. ADG Range In-Charges and Secretaries should maintain close coordination with district officials and oversee the strict implementation of these directives," said the Chief Minister while chairing a high-level meeting with senior police and administrative

officials at the Chief Minister's Office to review and reinforce the state's internal security and civil preparedness. During the meeting, the Chief Minister issued key directives, emphasising strict vigilance in border areas, especially given Rajasthan's strategic location adjacent to Pakistan, tight security measures across the state, ensuring full compliance with national standards, swift and strict action against individuals attempting to disturb communal harmony or spread misinformation via social media, among others. He also directed close coordination with the Union Home Ministry and central security agencies to tackle any potential threats, en-



suring basic services such as water, electricity, medicines, oxygen, and ambulances are readily available and operational in all districts and conducting effective mock drills and blackout preparedness exercises for civil defence. He underlined the importance of disaster management readiness, directing hospitals to ensure the availability of essential medicines, healthcare personnel, and emergency infrastructure. He also reviewed the civil security mechanisms and emphasised

maintaining seamless public services during emergencies. He also praised the Indian Air Force for executing a successful and precise air strike at nine locations inside Pakistan. He said this was a befitting response to the cowardly attack on Indian tourists in Pahalgam, reaffirming that 'New India', under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is fully committed to bringing terrorists and their handlers to justice.



Macron criticises Israeli airstrike in Syria 'bad practice'

Paris, June 3 (IANS) : French President Emmanuel Macron has criticised Israeli strikes in Syria, warning such actions would not guarantee "Israel's long-term security". He made the remarks on Tuesday during a joint press conference with Syrian interim leader Ahmed al-Sharaa at the Elysee Palace in Paris, Xinhua news agency reported. "As far as bombing and incursions are concerned, I think this is bad practice. You don't ensure the security of your country by violating the territorial

integrity of your neighbours," Macron said. "The right method is increased cooperation," he added. Macron's comments followed a series of Israeli airstrikes early Friday targeting a site near the official residence of the Syrian President in central Damascus. Loud explosions were heard across wide areas of the capital. Israeli aircraft were also reportedly observed flying reconnaissance missions over Damascus shortly after the strikes.

Lalu Prasad Yadav expresses pride in armed forces over Operation Sindoor

Patna, June 3 (IANS) : Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) president Lalu Prasad Yadav on Tuesday strongly supported the armed forces following its successful Operation Sindoor targeting terrorist hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). "We are proud of our country's army. We stand with the Indian Army," said Lalu Prasad Yadav while addressing the media persons at Patna airport after returning from Delhi following a month-long medical treatment. He arrived in Patna accompanied by his elder daughter and Pataliputra Lok Sabha MP Misa Bharti, who also commended the armed forces' capabilities, stating, "Our army is fully capable of responding to terrorism and will give a befitting reply to those who challenge our country's security." The statement of Lalu Prasad Yadav and Misa Bharti came af-

ter Operation Sindoor was conducted by the Indian Defence Forces at nine places in Pakistan and PoK in the early hours of Wednesday. This has led to massive destruction in the terrorist camps of internationally banned outfits like LeT and Jaish-e-Mohammad. Lalu Yadav was greeted with enthusiastic chants and a massive turnout of RJD supporters, who had gathered at the airport for a glimpse of their leader. Arriving in a wheelchair, the veteran leader was visibly moved by the reception. The area around Patna airport echoed with slogans of "Lalu Yadav Zindabad." On April 2, Lalu's health deteriorated in Patna due to low blood pressure and injuries to his shoulder and hand, after which he was initially admitted to Paras Hos-



Israeli PM lowers number of living hostages in Gaza to 21

Jerusalem, June 3 (IANS): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has lowered the number of living hostages in the Gaza Strip from 24 to 21. "There is no dispute that 21 hostages are alive," Netanyahu said on Tuesday in a video posted via his social media accounts. "Unfortunately, there are three others whose conditions are uncertain." Hamas took 251 hostages to Gaza during its October 7, 2023, attack on southern Israel, Xinhua news agency reported. The Israeli side said previously that 59 Israeli hostages remain in Gaza, with 24 of them believed to be alive. Israel halted the entry of goods and supplies into Gaza on March 2, following the expiration of the first phase of a January ceasefire

agreement with Hamas. It resumed attacks on Gaza on March 18, which have so far killed 2,545 Palestinians. On Monday, the Israeli Security Cabinet approved a plan to expand its military offensive in Gaza, which includes intensified assaults, continued occupation of the strip, and full control of aid distribution. Netanyahu said the plan aims to "defeat Hamas and, in the process, secure the release of the hostages". Earlier on Wednesday, Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said the plan approved on Monday would force Gaza's entire population to either relocate to a confined area in the south or to "voluntarily" emigrate, as Israeli forces prepare to seize control of the entire territory. Katz added that even if a ceasefire is reached, "Israel will



not withdraw from the security buffer zone," referring to land the Israeli army has already seized. Global concern over the ever-worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza has been growing recently amid the Israeli blockade, renewed assaults, and newly-ap-

proved operation expansion plan. Families of the hostages held in Gaza said in separate statements that the Israeli government's moves are expected to kill their loved ones in Gaza, accusing Netanyahu of sabotaging efforts to reach a ceasefire deal.



Foiled nefarious design of BBMB to steal our waters: Punjab CM

Chandigarh, June 3 (IANS) : Asserting that the state was fighting twin battles, one against Pakistan to safeguard the borders and the other against the Union and Haryana governments to protect its water rights, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday said they "foiled the nefarious design" of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to steal the state's waters. Chief Minister Mann staged a sit in at Nangal town to ensure that the BBMB Chairman cannot divert the waters of the state to Haryana. He said, "If Punjabis can protect the borders of the state, then they are capable enough to save its water also. It is shameful the BJP-led Union government is playing dirty games over the waters of the state in this crisis when the country is supposed to fight the enemy unitedly." CM Mann said on Thursday, "When in the entire country sirens are being blown for blackout as a part of a strategy to battle Pakistan, the BJP is playing petty politics with Punjab." He said the BJP and its allies were in a haste to steal the waters of Punjab whereas Haryana has been using 4,000 cusecs for the entire year.

SC rejects BJP MLA's plea, directs him to surrender in two weeks



Jaipur, June 3 (IANS) : The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday rejected the Special Leave Petition (SLP) of Baran Anta MLA, Kanwarlal Meena of the BJP, and directed him to surrender before the trial court within two weeks. Meena was earlier sentenced to three years in prison for pointing a pistol at an SDM and destroying government property during a 2005 incident. A SC bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and Sanjay Karol heard the case. Meena's lawyer, Namit Saxena, argued that no revolver had been recovered and therefore, the charge of using criminal force could not be sustained. He also pointed out that the alleged video cassette, said to have been broken and burned, was never recovered. However, the bench rejected all arguments, upholding the findings of the lower courts. On May 1, the Rajasthan High Court upheld the conviction by the Appellate Court (ADJ, Aklera, Jhalawar), which had found Meena guilty of obstructing government work, intimidating officials, and damaging public

property. According to the Representation of the People Act, 1951, any lawmaker sentenced to more than two years in prison is disqualified from the legislature. With the High Court upholding his sentence, Meena's legislative membership is under threat. Following the High Court's ruling, the Congress party approached the Assembly Secretary demanding action. A notice was then issued to Meena, requiring him to submit a SC stay order by 12 noon on May 7. In response, Meena's counsel mentioned the matter before the SC, which had earlier granted a temporary stay on his surrender on May 5, but did not stay the High Court's entire judgment. The case relates to an incident on February 3, 2005, near the Dangipura-Rajgarh turn in Jhalawar, where villagers had blocked the road demanding re-polling for the Khatakhedi Deputy Sarpanch elections. Officials, including then SDM Ramnivas Mehta, IAS probationer Pritam B Yashwant, and Tehsildar Ramkumar, had reached the spot to control the situation.

Rajasthan: Leaves of all medical staff cancelled, control room activated

Jaipur, June 3 (IANS) : Amid heightened concerns over potential tension in the India-Pakistan border areas, the Rajasthan Department of Medicine and Health has taken major precautionary steps, cancelling all leaves

for doctors, nursing, and paramedical staff with immediate effect, an official said on Tuesday. Additionally, officials have been deployed in the state-level control room to ensure readiness and effective response.

Principal Secretary of the Medical and Health Department, Gayatri Rathore, stated that the department has issued comprehensive instructions for disaster management preparedness, especially concerning the border and vulnerable districts.



Iran rejects report of proposing direct talks with US

Tehran, June 3 (IANS): Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei has dismissed a recent media report and the speculations about a proposal by Tehran on direct nuclear talks with Washington and an imminent meeting between the Iranian and US Presidents. He made the remarks on Tuesday to Iran's Press TV while reacting to a recent report by the Israeli news website Ynet, which

claimed that Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi had approached US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff, requesting direct nuclear negotiations with the US delegation due to "frustration" with Omani mediation efforts to bridge the gap between the two sides. Baghaei also rejected media speculations that US President Donald Trump, during his upcoming visit to Saudi Arabia next week, may meet with his Iranian counterpart, Masoud Pezeshkian,

Xinhua news agency reported. The spokesman described the media report and rumors as "fabricated and baseless," saying that "all updates on Iran's diplomatic activities, including indirect talks with the US, are communicated transparently, professionally, and in a timely manner by the (Iranian) Foreign Ministry". The delegations of Iran and the US, headed by Araghchi and Witkoff, have so far held three rounds of indirect talks. The first

and third rounds were held in the Omani capital Muscat on April 12 and April 26, and the second one in Rome on April 19. The fourth round, which was originally scheduled for May 3 in Rome, was postponed due to what the mediator Oman described as "logistical reasons". Nour News, affiliated with Iran's Supreme National Security Council, reported on Tuesday that the fourth round of indirect talks between Iran and the US would be



held in Muscat on Sunday. However, Baghaei said earlier on Wednesday that the definite date

and venue of the fourth round of Iran-US dialogue have not been determined yet.

Issue would've been resolved if similar strike followed Mumbai attacks: K'taka BJP leader

Bengaluru, June 3 (IANS) : The Leader of Opposition in the Karnataka Assembly, R. Ashoka, said on Tuesday that if Operation Sindoor-like counterstrike had been carried out after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, the issue would have been resolved then only. Speaking at a press conference on Wednesday in Bengaluru, he said that Indian soldiers have eliminated terrorists in retaliation for the killings of Hindus

by terrorists. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has delivered a major blow to Pakistan. India has shown it can strike even on Pakistani soil. If such a counterstrike had been carried out during the Mumbai terror attacks, the issue would have been resolved then," he said. "Even in such circumstances, the Congress party has posted about peace on social media. The Uttar Pradesh Congress President made a video tying a lemon to a fighter

jet. Yet, Karnataka Minister Zameer Ahmed says he will go with a bomb strapped to himself. Last time, during the surgical strike, Congress leaders demanded evidence. Now, evidence has appeared in all media before they could ask for it," Ashoka stated. "Will Congress leaders still search for evidence or keep chanting peace mantras?" Which side is the Congress party, chanting peace mantras, on? Karnataka Congress,

talking about peace during times of war, has completely lost its way. This is an insult to the nation," said Ashoka. "While Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge supports the Central government, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah says no to war. Karnataka Congress and the National Congress are entirely different. They give no value to senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh's warnings. Which side is the peace-chanting Congress on?



This is an insult to the nation. Mallikarjun Kharge should at least now take action against Karnataka Congress leaders," Ashoka said. He said Congress is worried that

if there is a war against Pakistan, it will lose Muslim votes. "While all states are deporting Pakistani citizens, Karnataka has not yet done so.

8 pistols, 16 empty magazines found on train arriving in Agartala from Punjab

Agartala, June 3 (IANS) : The Government Railway Police (GRP) and Railway Protection Force (RPF), in a joint operation on Tuesday, recovered eight pistols and 16 empty magazines from an express train after it reached Agartala railway station from Punjab, officials said.

A senior official said that after the Tripura Sundari Express Train from Punjab's Firozpur reached the Agartala railway station, the GRP and the RPF personnel con-



ducted a routine inspection inside the train and platform and found two unclaimed bags. "Eight pistols and 16 empty magazines were recovered from the two bags. We have yet to identify the owner or carrier of these bags," the official said. Senior police.

Bihar govt cancels leaves amid escalating India-Pakistan tensions

Patna, June 3 (IANS) : Amid rising tensions between India and Pakistan, the Bihar government has cancelled all leaves for administrative, police, health, and disaster management personnel with immediate effect, citing heightened security preparedness. The order, issued by B. Rajendra, Additional Chief Secretary, General Administration Department, on Tuesday, comes as a precautionary measure to ensure the state's readiness in the face of any potential emergency or security threat.

According to the directive, no officer or employee at any level in the administration or police departments will be granted leave until further notice.

All officials have been instructed to report to duty without delay and remain stationed at their respective postings to handle any situation that may arise.



"This is a precautionary step considering the emerging national security environment. All departments must remain fully alert and prepared," stated Rajendra in the official communication on Thursday.

VIP Chief Sahani backs Operation Sindoor, calls it befitting reply to terrorism

Patna, June 3 (IANS) : Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) founder and former Bihar Minister Mukesh Sahani on Tuesday voiced strong support for the Indian Army's retaliatory airstrike under 'Operation Sindoor', describing it as a decisive action against the roots of terrorists in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Speaking after the successful operation, Sahani said, "India has always given the message of peace to the world, but we have never tolerated terrorism. Whoever has challenged our sovereignty has received a befitting reply." Sahani extended his party's full

support to the Central government's military response following the April 22 Pahalgam attack.

"Our party stands firmly with the Central government in taking any military action. The attack on terrorist bases in Pakistan is not an act of aggression, but a step toward dismantling the foundation of terrorism," he added. He hailed the operation as "historic and bold", carried out jointly by India's Army, Air Force, and Navy, saying: "Our brave soldiers have eliminated nine terrorist bases that were the womb of terrorism. We salute our forces and are proud of their courage and valour." In Bihar, celebrations

erupted in several districts following the operation. Local people in Motihari, Jamui, Begusarai, Saran, Vaishali and Siwan took to the streets, bursting firecrackers, smearing gulal, and chanting slogans like "Bharat Mata ki Jai" in a display of patriotic fervour. Residents echoed a common sentiment: "Whenever Pakistan provokes India, it will be answered with strength and resolve. India will not spare those who threaten its sovereignty."

The Indian Air Force conducted air raids on the nine locations belonging to terror groups in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir between 1.05 a.m. to 1.30 a.m. on Wednesday. The Indian Army's



spokesperson emphasised the precise nature of the strikes, stating, "Our actions have been focused and precise. We have only targeted terrorist camps from where attacks against India have been planned and executed."



MUDA case: Lokayukta seeks time; special court adjourns hearing against CM's closure note to May 29

Bengaluru, June 3 (IANS) : The Special Court for MLAs and MPs on Tuesday adjourned the hearing on the petition challenging the closure report against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case to May 29. The adjournment followed a request by the Karnataka Lokayukta seeking more time to submit the final report in the case.

Earlier, on April 15, the Special Court had stated that a decision on the closure report against CM Siddaramaiah would be taken only after the completion of the Lokayukta probe.

Meanwhile, petitioner Snehmayi Krishna submitted a plea before the court under Section 200 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), alleging that the investigators were deliberately delaying the submission of the final report

in the MUDA case. "I suspect that the evidence may be tampered with or destroyed. Therefore, I request the court to consider the submitted report as final, take cognisance of the objections and documents provided by me, allow me to present my arguments, and issue appropriate orders," he stated. He further submitted in his petition that there was little likelihood of the Lokayukta police filing a report against accused number one, CM Siddaramaiah, and others who have already been given a clean chit in the interim report. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has also registered its objection to the closure report in the MUDA case involving CM Siddaramaiah, his wife and others. The court earlier stated that the Lokayukta has not completed the probe.

War not the answer to a terror attack; terrorists must be hunted down, says Raj Thackeray

Mumbai, June 3 (IANS) : Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray, reacting to Operation Sindoor -- the Indian Armed Forces' air strikes targeting terrorist camps in Pakistan -- stated that war is not the answer to a terrorist attack. He emphasised that the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack, which claimed 26 lives, must be traced and eliminated. "When the attack in Pahalgam

occurred, I said in my first tweet that the terrorists responsible must be taught a lesson their future generations.



CPI-M wants India to continue pressure on Pakistan to hand over terrorists involved in Pahalgam massacre

Kolkata, June 3 (IANS) : Amid "Operation Sindoor" where Indian armed forces struck terror bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir, the CPI-M on Tuesday called on the government to continue building pressure on Pakistan so that the latter hands over the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam massacre.

"Along with these actions, pressure should be continued on Pakistan to hand over those responsible for the massacre of innocent people in Pahalgam and to ensure that no terrorist camps operate

from its territory," the CPI-M Politburo said in a statement on Tuesday. At the same time, the CPI-M leadership has also urged the Indian government to ensure that the unity of the people and the integrity of the country are protected. In the statement, the CPI-M leaders reiterated their earlier stand of backing any initiative by the Indian government to arrest terrorist activities in the country.

"In the All Party Meeting convened by the Union Government, all the political parties had extended support to the measures taken by the Union Government aimed against the terrorists and their handlers," the Politburo

statement read. The CPI-M leadership appreciated the Indian defence forces for carrying out the strikes within Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in a focused, measured, and non-escalatory manner. "Operation Sindoor was carried out by the Indian armed forces with the objective of destroying terrorist camps and infrastructure in PoK and Pakistan. According to the armed forces, these strikes were focused, measured and non-escalatory and carried out successfully at nine places," the Politburo statement read. Earlier in the day, the family members of the tourists from West Bengal who were killed in the ghastly massacre at Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir last month, where terrorists aided by Pakistan selectively killed several tourists on the basis of religion, have thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi over "Operation Sindoor". So far, there has been no detailed reaction from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee except "Jai Hind! Jai India!" posted on her X handle.



Jobless during pandemic, Bihar youth who went 'vocal for local' now runs bag factory

Patna, June 3 (IANS) : A youth from Bihar's Motihari district has become a shining example of 'Vocal for Local' campaign, initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to help people explore their latent potential and also the strength of their indigenous resources.

The pandemic that broke out in 2020-21 destroyed many businesses and rendered many jobless, however, there were some who found an opportunity in crisis, a mantra given by PM Modi, and started their own ventures and enterprises.

Many people returned to their hometowns and started businesses of their own.

A Motihari youth named Mohammed Nurez has set an example of how one's own enterprise could change destiny.



Trump offers 'help' to stop tensions escalate between India and Pakistan

Washington, June 3 (IANS) : Amid escalating tensions with Pakistan after India launched airstrike on terror launchpads in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, US President Donald Trump has expressed concerns and said that "he will be there" to offer help and wants the escalating conflict between the two countries to "stop". "It's so terrible. My position is I get along with both. I know both very well and I want to see them work it out. I want to

see them stop and hopefully they can stop now. They have gone tit for tat so hopefully they can stop now. I know them both, we get along with both the countries very well," Trump said. "I have good relationships with both and I want to see it stop. And If I can do anything to help I will be there," Trump said in response to a question on the 'war' between India and Pakistan. India launched Operation Sindoor early Wednesday hitting nine terror targets in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Pakistan in retaliation for the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22 that killed 26 people.

NYT calls Pahalgam attackers 'terrorists' after backlash but retains disputed Kashmir terminology

Islamabad, June 3 (IANS) : As India executed 'Operation Sindoor', a notable shift was observed in the editorial tone of prominent American daily The New York Times, which for the first time referred to the perpetrators of the Pahalgam massacre as "terrorists" in its headline -- a marked departure from its earlier usage of softer terms such as "militants" and "gunmen". The front-page headline on the NYT website stated: "India Strikes Pakistan Two Weeks After Terrorist Attack in Kashmir," signalling a distinct editorial change that has come amid growing criticism over the paper's earlier coverage. The Pahalgam attack, which occurred on April 22, left 26 people dead, including 25 Indian tourists and one Nepali citizen, when they were gunned down in cold blood in Jammu and Kashmir's Baisaran valley. Despite the headline change, the NYT continued to use controversial terminology within the body of its report, referring to the region as "Indian-administered Kashmir".



India heading to become 3rd largest economy, Pakistan on brink of collapse

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : While Pakistan has threatened to respond forcefully to India's attack on terrorist infrastructure in the neighbouring country, the stark economic contrast between the two countries also bears testimony to the disparate paths that the two neighbours have been pursuing since they became independent from British rule. India has emerged as the world's fastest-growing economy, with World Bank figures for 2024 showing that the country's GDP is close to \$3.88 trillion, which is more than 10 times the size of Pakistan's economy at a mere \$0.37 trillion. India is poised to become the world's fourth-largest economy in 2025, with the country's nominal GDP rising to \$4.187 billion during the year to surpass Japan, according to the IMF's World Economic Outlook report. India has a massive forex kitty of \$688 billion. Pakistan is on the verge of economic collapse and is surviving on IMF loans, with its forex reserves down to \$15 billion.



Will wrap up tensions if India backs down, says Pak Defence Minister Khawaja Asif

Islamabad, June 3 (IANS) : Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has said that the current tensions and escalated confrontation between India and Pakistan can come to a halt only if New Delhi backs out of its aggressive position. Asif's remarks came after India launched 'Operation Sindoor', targetting nine locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) striking alleged terror hideouts. Pakistan also claimed to have responded to Indian airstrikes with counter-offensive measures along the Line of Control (LoC). Speaking to Bloomberg, Asif said that Pakistan holds the right to respond to any aggression by India, insisting that Islamabad "was only responding" to India's attacks and should not be seen as the aggressor in the current conflict. "This has been initiated by India. If India is ready to back down, we will definitely wrap up this tension," he said. "As long as we are under attack, under fire, we have to respond. We have to defend ourselves. But if India backs down, we will wrap up this tension", the Pakistani Defence Minister added. Pakistan's Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director



General Lt. General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said that at least 26 people have been killed and 46 others injured in the airstrikes that New Delhi stated were conducted on terror camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Punjab province. The country has been put on a 'red alert', with government hospitals ready for any emergency; airspace for all domestic and international flights closed for at least 24 to 36 hours; all educational institutions in capital Islamabad and the Punjab province closed; and, all forces on stand by following the late night Indian air strikes on terror hideouts in different parts of the country. The Indian strikes and Islamabad's retaliation has jolted locals who fear that it could potentially lead to a full-scale war between the two countries. The strikes targeted six different locations inside Pakistan, including Masjid SubhanAllah - the alleged hideout of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Maulana Masood Azhar in Ahmedpur Sharqia area of Bahawalpur city in Pakistan's South Punjab province.



Danish Foreign Minister to summon US Ambassador over reported espionage against Greenland

Oslo, June 3 (IANS) : Danish Foreign Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen has said that he will summon the US Ambassador to Denmark for a meeting following media reports suggesting that Washington plans to intensify espionage activities targeting Greenland. The move comes after The Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday that US intelligence agencies have been instructed to identify individuals in Greenland and Denmark who support American strategic objectives for the Arctic island, citing anonymous sources. "I have read the article, and it worries me a lot -- because we do not spy between friends," Rasmussen told Danish broadcaster DR on Wednesday on his way to a meeting of Foreign Ministers in Warsaw, Poland. Acknowledging that the report could not be verified, Rasmussen noted that it had not been strongly denied by US officials, Xinhua news agency reported. "That worries me," he added. He confirmed that the American Ambassador will be summoned for talks at the Ministry of Foreign

UAE Deputy PM calls for restraint, de-escalating India-Pak tensions

Abu Dhabi, June 3 (IANS) : Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of UAE, has called on India and Pakistan to exercise restraint and de-escalate tensions, and avoid further escalation, said the country's foreign ministry on Tuesday. "He stressed the importance of heeding the voices calling for dialogue and mutual understanding to prevent military escalation, strengthen stability in South Asia, and avoid further regional tensions," the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement. He reaffirmed that diplomacy and dialogue remain the most effective

means of peacefully resolving crises, and achieving the shared aspirations of nations for peace, stability, and prosperity," it read. "He further emphasised that the United Arab Emirates will continue its efforts to support all initia-



tives aimed at achieving peaceful resolutions to regional and international conflicts and mitigating their humanitarian consequences," the statement added.



World Central Kitchen to halt Gaza operations due to supply depletion

Gaza, June 3 (IANS) : The food relief organisation World Central Kitchen (WCK) has announced that it will halt cooking in the Gaza Strip due to the depletion of humanitarian supplies. "After serving more than 130 million total meals and 26 million loaves of bread over the past 18 months, World Central Kitchen no longer has the supplies to cook meals or bake bread in Gaza," the Washington, D.C.-headquartered charity said on Tuesday in a press statement. "Since Israel closed border crossings in early March, WCK has been unable to replenish the stocks of food that we use to feed hundreds of thousands of Gazans daily."

UN monitors in Kashmir safe: Spokesperson

United Nations, June 3 (IANS) : UN ceasefire monitors in Kashmir and in the Pakistan-occupied area are safe and accounted for after the Indian missile strikes on "terror infrastructure" and the Pakistan shelling, according to a UN spokesperson. "We checked with our colleagues in peacekeeping, and they said everybody was accounted for, and everybody was safe," Stephanie Tremblay, the UN Secretary-General's associate spokesperson said on Tuesday. Formally known as the UN Military Observers Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) has 44 military personnel and 75 civilian staff posted on both sides of the Line of Control (LOC) in Kashmir. Now headed by Mexican Major General Ramon Guardado Sanchez, UNMOGIP began operations in 1949 monitoring the fragile ceasefire in Kashmir under a UN Security Council mandate. India has called the UNMOGIP redundant and called for its termination. The Resistant Front, an offshoot of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorist organisation,



owned responsibility for the religiously targeted massacre of 26 people in Pahalgam, a tourist spot in Kashmir. India launched a missile attack in retaliation, hitting nine places in Pakistan and Kashmir territory it occupies that New Delhi identified as terrorist locations. Pakistan shelled India across the Line Of Control killing at least 10 people, and downing three Indian jets, according to media reports. On Tuesday night, Pakistan served notice that it was preparing for further attacks on India, telling the UN Security Council that it reserves the right to hit back. Earlier on Wednesday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres remains "very concerned" about India's military operation against Pakistan, saying "the world cannot afford a confrontation between the two countries."



Greece, Egypt forge strategic agreement with focus on regional stability, migration

Athens, June 3 (IANS): Greece and Egypt have signed a strategic partnership agreement, with a focus on migra-

tion cooperation. Both countries agree to tackle regional challenges while deepening bilateral ties, Xinhua news agency reported.



Gill, Sudharsan unavailable for second India A vs England Lions match: Report

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : India’s newly appointed Test captain Shubman Gill will not feature in the second unofficial Test between India A and England Lions, set to begin on June 6 in Northampton. Although the BCCI had earlier announced that Gill and his Gujarat Titans opening partner B Sai Sudharsan would join the India A squad ahead of the match. However, both players will now

travel directly with the senior Test squad, which arrives in England on June 6, ESPNcricinfo reported. In contrast, KL Rahul is expected to turn out for India A after linking up with the squad on Tuesday. The first Test of the five-match series between India and England is scheduled to begin on June 20 in Leeds. England Lions, who fielded a relatively inexperienced side with only six Test caps in the opening game in Canterbury.

Smriti Mandhana nominated for ICC Women's Player of the Month for May

Dubai, June 3 (IANS) : India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana has been nominated for the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May following her strong show during the ODI tri-series in Sri Lanka last month. West Indies captain Hayley Matthews and South Africa all-rounder Chloe Tryon have

also been nominated in the women's category for their stellar performances in limited-overs formats. In the men's category, all-rounders Brendon McCullen of Scotland and Milind Kumar of the United States and the United Arab Emirates opener Muhammad Waseem have been nominated after their stellar show in the white-ball formats.



Golf: Amandeep Drall, Vani Kapoor seek more success in 8th Leg of WPGT

Bengaluru, June 3 (IANS) : Amandeep Drall, who ended a 15-month-long title drought last week, will seek to add to that success as she tees up in the eighth leg

of the Women’s Pro Golf Tour (WPGT) at the Bangalore Golf Club. The prize purse this week is Rs.16 lakh. The 29-year-old from Kapurthala, who is the only Indian pro to have won each year since she became a pro in 2015, will be a strong contender alongside her close friend, Vani Kapoor, winner of three titles this season.



Amy Jones and Tammy Beaumont gain big in women's ODI rankings

Dubai, June 3 (IANS) England’s Amy Jones and Tammy Beaumont have made the biggest gains in the ICC Women’s ODI Batting Rankings after scoring centuries in the three-match series opener against the West Indies in Derby. Jones jumped three places to seventh in the Laura Wolvaardt-led list after scoring her maiden ODI century (122 from 121 balls).

Indonesia Open: Sindhu goes past Okuhara, Sen crashes out

Jakarta, June 3 (IANS) : Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu fought her way into the second round of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 badminton tournament while Lakshya Sen made an early exit after a hard-fought loss in the opening round on Tuesday. Sindhu edged past her long-time rival Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in a thrilling one-hour and 19-minute women’s singles match, winning 22-20, 21-23, 21-15.



Sindhu and Okuhara were locked in a hard-fought battle marked by unforced errors and multiple game and match points. In the opening game, the Indian shuttler displayed nerves of steel, saving a game point and firing timely attacking shots to edge it 22-20. The second game saw Sindhu take a narrow early lead before trailing 7-11 at the interval.

India aim to boost confidence with Thailand friendly ahead of Asian Cup qualifiers

Pathum Thani (Thailand), June 3 (IANS) : The Indian men's national team will take on Thailand in a FIFA International Friendly on Wednesday.



UTT Season 6: Dabang Delhi eye revenge against Dempo Goa in 2024 final rematch

Ahmedabad, June 3 (IANS) : Dabang Delhi TTC will be looking to settle scores when they face reigning champions Dempo Goa Challengers in a rematch of last year’s final in the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 6 on Wednesday. Later, at 7:30 pm, Kolkata ThunderBlades will square up against PBG Pune Jaguars, both sides looking for their second win of the season.



Huge boots to fill within the lineup: Keshav Maharaj reacts to Klaasen's retirement

New Delhi, June 3 (IANS) : South African spinner Keshav Maharaj reacted to his long-time teammate Heinrich Klaasen's decision to bid adieu to international cricket, saying the Proteas batter's retirement leaves huge boots to fill within the South African lineup. One of the most destructive batters of the modern era, Klaasen called time on his international career that spanned just seven years, having debuted in 2018. The 33-year-old played a pivotal role in South Africa’s white-ball resurgence.



Indonesia Open: Satwik/Chirag leads Indian charge as Sindhu survives; Sen & Prannoy exit

Jakarta, June 3 (IANS) : India’s top-ranked men’s doubles pair, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, kept the country’s hopes alive at the prestigious Indonesia Open Super 1000 with a determined opening-round win on Tuesday. Against the home favourites, Leo Rolly Carnando and Bagas Maulana, the Indian duo showed composure and

grit, bouncing back from a game down to secure an 18-21, 21-18, 21-14 victory in 67 minutes. Their win comes as a timely boost for the Indian contingent, with top singles players Lakshya Sen and H.S. Prannoy exiting early in Jakarta. Satwik and Chirag, who have consistently led India’s doubles revolution over the past couple of seasons.