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Cabinet approves extension of Sarthak-PDS

The Union Cabinet today approved extension of 'Sarthak-PDS' scheme, with an outlay of Rs 25,530 crore to provide assistance to state agencies for intra-state movement of food grains and modernisation of public distribution system.

The Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the 'Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with

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ITBP-Ladakh Cooperatives Deptt sign MoU



In a major step aimed at strengthening local farmers and cooperatives, promoting border-area livelihoods and ensuring supply of fresh produce to security personnel, a Memorandum

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Air India to cut 22pc domestic flights

Air India will reduce up to 22 per cent of its domestic flights amid rising operational costs due to high fuel prices, according to sources.

The loss-making airline, which is facing financial headwinds, has reduced international flights by around 27 per cent, the sources said.

Air India operates around 4,400 weekly flights. Out of them, about 3,600 are domestic and 800 are international services.

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Rs 1,150 cr cocaine seized off Gujarat coast

AHMEDABAD, MAY 27: In a major drug haul, the Gujarat ATS and the Indian Coast Guard have busted an international trafficking network, seizing 115 kg of cocaine valued at nearly Rs 1,150 crore from a vessel off Mundra port, and apprehended three foreign nationals.

The consignment travelled through Latin America, Mexico, the United States and Karachi (in Pakistan) before the cargo vessel 'Europe' anchored near Mundra port in Kutch district, Gujarat's Director General of Police KLN Rao

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Jitendra interacts with civil servants



NEW DELHI, May 27: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Wednesday told a group of civil servants that technology must be used not merely for efficiency but also for improving trust between citizens and institutions.

Interacting with trainee officers of the 2024 batch of

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Demolish all illegal structures within 15 km of IB: Shah

Asks DMs to track mule accounts in border areas

NEW DELHI, MAY 27: Emphasising the need for tracking mule accounts and banking transactions in the border areas, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has directed the authorities concerned to strictly enforce a 'zero-tolerance' policy against illegal constructions within 15 km of the country's borders and demolish all such structures that had come up over the years.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has assigned enhanced responsibility to the district magistrates to ensure legal and financial compliance of banking transactions in the border areas by all banks, verify big business establishments, examine their funding sources, track mule accounts and false companies, identify fake Aadhaar cards and control cross-border smuggling.

Shah, in a meeting at Bikaner, assessed security related issues concerning



the border districts of Rajasthan along the India-Pakistan border.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, senior state officials, and the district magistrates and superintendents of police of five border districts - Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Sri Ganganagar and Phalodi - were present at the meeting.

In a statement, the home ministry said the border districts had been directed to carry out an in-depth study of the sources, patterns and networks behind crimes and the drug menace, and to de-

velop lasting solutions so that these problems do not resurface.

Shah stressed formulating a 360-degree security cover for every border district involving citizens, state machinery and security agencies.

The home minister called for strict enforcement of the zero-tolerance policy against illegal constructions, particularly within 0 to 15 km of the internal borders, and to demolish all such structures, officials said.

He underscored the importance of a coordinated

approach to border management involving the BSF, CBDT, NCB and the state machinery to address issues of infiltration, narcotics smuggling, encroachment, terror financing and other trans-border crimes.

"Emphasis was laid on the successful implementation of the Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)-II for strengthening last mile governance, curbing economic crimes, fulfilling infrastructural gaps and supporting border population," the ministry statement said.

At the meeting, Shah also directed to ensure 100 per cent saturation of all government schemes in the border villages, and called for the effective use of the '1930' call centre to tackle cybercrimes.

"A review and feedback on these issues will be undertaken again after two months; therefore, the districts will have to ensure result-oriented action," the statement said.

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Justice Arun Palli recommended for SC



Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, MAY 27

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the elevation of Chief Justice Arun Palli of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court as a Judge of the Supreme Court, superseding Himachal Pradesh High

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PM asks citizens to take precautions amid soaring mercury



NEW DELHI, MAY 27: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged citizens to take maximum precautions as the country is witnessing soaring temperatures, and said staying hydrated is key during such harsh weather.

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NEET UG paper leak case Doctor, Physics teacher held

NEW DELHI, MAY 27: The CBI has arrested a Latur-based doctor and a physics faculty member at a Pune-based coaching institute in connection with the NEET UG paper leak case, officials said on Wednesday.

The agency arrested Manoj Shirure for allegedly playing a "key role" in facilitating three students, including the son of Shivraj Raghunath Motegaonkar, who runs the Renukai Chemistry Classes (RCC) in Maharashtra's Latur, in getting chemistry questions from NEET paper setter PV Kulkarni, they said.

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India warns Pak of 'consequences' for cross-border terror

UNITED NATIONS, MAY 27: Pakistan will have to accept that there are "consequences" to its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism, India told a UN meeting, underscoring that it has "every right" to defend itself from such terror attacks perpetrated by its neighbour.

"I am compelled to respond to baseless and unwarranted remarks made by Pakistan. India would like to set the facts straight," Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, said at a UN Security Council meeting here.

"Independent India began its life battling with cross-border aggression by Pakistan, which coveted Indian territories that had become a part of India as a result of their complete, legal and irrevocable accession," Parvathaneni said.

Parvathaneni's strong response against Pakistan came during the Security Council debate on 'Upholding the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and strengthening the UN-centred international system', chaired by China, under its presidency of the 15-nation UN body for the month of May.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi presided over the opening session of the debate.

Addressing the UNSC debate, Pakistan Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar had raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and also referred to

the Indus Waters Treaty, which India put in abeyance in the wake of the April 2025 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 civilians were killed.

The Resistance Front (TRF), a front for the Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), had claimed responsibility for the attack.

Slamming Pakistan, Parvathaneni said the "use of cross-border terrorism by Pakistan and its doctrine of 'bleeding India by a thousand cuts' exposes its hollow rhetoric and the rhetoric of commitment to the UN Charter".

"India has every right to defend itself from such cross-border terrorism. Pakistan will have to accept that there are consequences to its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism," he said.

Parvathaneni added that by waging several wars and inflicting unprovoked aggression against India, and through its continued sponsorship of cross-border terrorism, Pakistan has violated the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity and peaceful coexistence.

"Pakistan's harnessing of the malevolent forces of terrorism, religious extremism, violent radicalism, and anti-India rhetoric has continued unabated since its creation. The facts in this regard are on public record and need no further elucidation. Pakistan must credibly and irrevocably end its support for all forms of terrorism," India said.

'Necessary for free & fair polls'

Apex Court upholds EC's power to conduct SIR

NEW DELHI, MAY 27: Delivering a major victory for the Election Commission, the Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld its power to conduct a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls and said the exercise "breathes life" into the constitutional mandate for fair elections.

Ruling on the intensely debated issue, a Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant held that the exercise advances the "constitutional imperative of free and fair elections".

The bench, also comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi, said the poll panel was empowered under Article 324 of the Constitution and Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act (RPA) to carry out special revisions.

Disposing of a batch of petitions challenging the SIR exercise in Bihar, the apex court also held that deletion from the voter list does not amount to a legal declaration that an individual is not a citizen.

"We are equally satisfied that, in its object and de-

sign, the impugned SIR bears a direct nexus to the constitutional goal of a free and fair election. Free and fair elections do not rest merely upon the mechanics of polling. They equally depend upon the integrity, accuracy and purity of the electoral roll which forms the foundation of the democratic process," the court said.

"The SIR breathes life into the constitutional mandate for fair elections," the court said while rejecting arguments that the EC had

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Climate change main culprit behind India's extreme heat: UN

NEW DELHI, MAY 27: The ongoing extreme heat across large parts of India is primarily driven by worsening climate change caused by the massive burning of coal, oil, and gas, UN climate chief Simon Stiell said on Wednesday.

He also highlighted the severe human and economic impact of the heatwave, particularly on people living in homes without cooling facilities and those working long hours outdoors.

"These extremes drive home the importance of measures to adapt to cli-

mate impacts, globally," said Stiell, the executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in a statement.

His remarks came as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Wednesday said heatwave to severe heatwave conditions were likely to persist over central and northwest India for the next two to three days.

The soaring temperatures have also led to a record-breaking power demand across the country. Peak power demand touched 257.3 GW on May

18, 260.4 GW on May 19, 265 GW on May 20, and a record 270.8 GW on May 21.

"India has also seen record-breaking peak electricity demand in recent days. Solar and other renewable energy sources have helped in meeting day-time peaks, and India's strong steps to ramp up solar power have been a benefit," said Stiell.

He added that the extreme heat underscored the importance of home-grown clean energy and energy-efficiency measures, which could help provide

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IPL betting racket case

ED conducts overnight searches in Assam, Delhi

NEW DELHI, MAY 27: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday said it conducted overnight searches at multiple locations in Assam and Delhi as part of a money-laundering investigation linked to an illegal IPL cricket betting racket.

The searches were carried out late on May 26 and continued overnight at premises in Guwahati and Tinsukia in Assam, and in New Delhi under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the federal agency

said in a statement.

The probe stems from an FIR registered by the Crime Branch Police Station in Guwahati against Deepesh Bajoria, Ronak Bajoria, Rajesh Jain and others under various sections of the IPC and the Assam Game and Betting Act, 1970.

The ED said it later expanded the investigation by incorporating two additional FIRs registered at Tinsukia Police Station against other accused linked to similar IPL betting operations allegedly run by an "interlinked syndicate".

According to the agency, the accused were operating a "well-organised, hierarchical and technologically enabled" illegal betting racket on IPL cricket matches.

"Bets were solicited, accepted and settled through mobile phones using encrypted messaging platforms such as WhatsApp, Telegram and Instagram, and through offshore online betting platforms," the ED said.

The proceeds generated from the betting activities

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