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Ladakh admin pushes 100 pc solar coverage

The Ladakh administration has intensified efforts to achieve 100 pc rooftop solarisation of government buildings under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and has asked all departments to identify and report buildings suitable for installation of rooftop solar systems.

According to a circular issued by the Chief Engineer, Distribution, Power Development Department, rooftop solar plants have already been in

Forest guard held in graft case

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) today trapped and arrested a Forest Guard posted in Marwah, Kishtwar, for allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 15,000 from a complainant.

According to an ACB spokesperson, a written complaint was received alleging that the accused official had demanded Rs 20,000 for expediting the release of security deposits

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Tpt Commr cancels OLA's aggregator license

The Transport Commissioner, Jammu and Kashmir, has cancelled the motor vehicle aggregator license of M/s ANI Technologies Private Limited, known as OLA with immediate effect.

The order, issued by Transport Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan, stated that the license (No. 0001) granted to M/s ANI Technologies Private Limited (OLA) was revoked after its registered branch office in Jammu was found to be "non-functional" and "non-traceable" during an inspection.

Mukesh Singh assumes charge as Manipur DGP



UKHRUL, JUNE 01: Mukesh Singh on Monday formally assumed charge as the Director General of Police (DGP), Manipur, at the Police Headquarters (PHQ), Mantripukhri.

He was accompanied a ceremonial Guard of Honour by personnel of the Manipur Police. Senior officers of the

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Rly Divn earns Rs 66.50 lakh from ticket-checking drive

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Northern Railway's Jammu Division has earned Rs 66.50 lakh through a special ticket-checking drive conducted across its jurisdiction in May 2026 to curb ticketless and irregular travel and protect railway revenue.

According to official figures available till May 31, the division registered 12,693 cases against passengers travelling without tickets or involved in other

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India, Australia underscore maritime freedom, supply chain security



NEW DELHI, JUN 01: India and Australia on Monday underscored the importance of freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded maritime trade amid disruptions in energy supply chains following the West Asia crisis as well as concerns over China's increasing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific.

These issues figured prominently during wide-ranging talks between De-

fence Minister Rajnath Singh and Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles in New Delhi.

The two ministers affirmed the importance of enhancing cooperation with regional partners to help maintain a free, open, peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific while emphasising the strategic importance of defence industrial collaboration and engagement between India and Australia.

Following the talks, Singh and Marles announced that the two countries would begin developing a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the provision of defence articles and defence services as the next step in deepening defence industrial collaboration.

"The ministers discussed advancements in bilateral maritime security cooperation and efforts to finalise the Joint Maritime Security Collaboration Roadmap," a joint statement said.

It said Singh and Marles agreed to progress the collaborative maritime domain awareness activities by maritime patrol aircraft and explore opportunities to enhance undersea domain awareness.

"The ministers affirmed the importance of enhancing cooperation with regional partners to help maintain a free, open, peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific," according to the statement.

"The ministers underscored the importance of freedom of navigation and overflight, and their strong support for unimpeded trade in the region and other lawful uses of the sea consistent with international law, particularly the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)," it said.

Singh and Marles also underlined the strategic importance of India-Australia defence industrial collaboration and engagement and welcomed Canberra's first

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Fight against drugs requires constant alertness, unity: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha today led 'Drug-Free J&K Padyatra' at Kulgam in the valley and addressed a public meeting. He said this people's movement had connected every heart across Jammu & Kashmir with a shared purpose to make their village, their town drug-free.

"This campaign belongs to the people. Parents, teachers, religious leaders and young volunteers have stood shoulder to shoulder with the administration. The road ahead is long. The fight against drugs will take sustained effort, constant alertness and unity. We must remain steadfast. We must encourage our young people, protect our families and strengthen our communities," he said.

The LG said that 51-days ago people of Jammu Kashmir kindled a spark of change and with massive participation of the people that spark in Jammu Kash-



mir has become a fierce flame of hope, courage and resolve.

"This campaign is striking directly at the financial backbone of terrorism. Every rupee spent on drugs fuels extremist violence, and narco-terrorists survive on that blood money. By halting the drug trade, we cut off the lifeline that sustains terror networks. I want people of Jammu Kashmir to remember that this is not only a public-health struggle, but also a fight for national security. When we choke off drug smuggling, we weaken those who seek to destabilize our nation, spill the

blood of innocent people of J&K, and divert our youth from the path of progress," he said.

In his address, he highlighted that for many years Jammu & Kashmir endured attacks on the society by narco-terrorists. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of Home Minister Amit Shah, Nasha-Mukt Bharat Initiative launched in 2020 marked the turning point.

"I stand before you not only as your Lieutenant Governor but as a member of your family who shares your pain, your struggles,

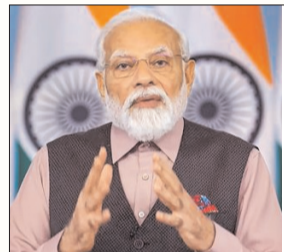
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PM SVANidhi transformed lives of countless street vendors: Modi

NEW DELHI, JUN 01: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the PM SVANidhi scheme supporting street vendors has transformed the lives of countless hawkers by ensuring access to collateral-free credit, financial inclusion and new opportunities for growth.

On the completion of six years of the scheme, he also said that PM SVANidhi is all about trust, dignity and empowerment.

"Today we mark #6YearsofPMSVANidhi, a scheme which has transformed the lives of countless street ven-



dors by ensuring access to collateral-free credit, financial inclusion and new opportunities for growth. This scheme is all about trust, dignity and empowerment. My best wishes to all beneficiaries whose determination and enterprise continue to strengthen our nation's economy," Modi

said in a post on X.

The Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) is a central sector scheme supporting street vendors through affordable working capital, financial inclusion and social protection measures.

The PM SVANidhi was launched during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide affordable working capital loans to street vendors whose businesses had been severely affected. As the first dedicated micro-credit scheme for street ven-

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Justice Sanjeev appointed as acting CJ of J&K, Ladakh HC



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The President of India has appointed Justice Sanjeev Kumar, a Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir

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US bombs Iranian military sites; Kuwait hit by drone

DUBAI, JUNE 01: The United States bombed Iranian radar and drone control sites in Iran after Tehran shot down an American MQ-1 Predator drone this weekend, the American military said Monday.

Iran acknowledged launching a retaliatory strike, while Kuwait said it was intercepting incoming drone and missile fire.

The duelling attacks reflect the fragility of a weeks-long ceasefire in the Iran war, which has seen repeated attacks even as American and Iranian officials try to negotiate a deal to extend it.

Iran has maintained its chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz in the meantime, disrupting global energy supplies as a fifth of all oil and natural gas traded once passed through the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf.

Meanwhile, fighting continues to escalate as Israel extends its occupation of Lebanon beyond the Litani River and as the militant group Hezbollah continues to launch drones into Israel.

The US military's Central Command said it carried out the strikes in Iran on Saturday and Sunday around the city of Geruk and on Qeshm Island.

"The measured and deliberate strikes occurred ... in response to aggressive Iranian actions that included the shootdown of a US MQ-1 drone that was operating over international waters," Central Command said.

"US fighter aircraft swiftly responded by eliminating Iranian air defences, a ground control station, and two one-way attack drones that posed clear threats to ships transiting regional waters."

The Predator has been phased out of service by the US Air Force, which now flies the MQ-9 Reaper,

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ECI schedules RS polls for 27 seats on June 18

NEW DELHI, JUNE 01: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday issued notifications for elections to 27 Rajya Sabha seats - 24 vacancies arising from retirements in 10 states and three by-elections in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Odisha caused by resignations.

Polling for all 27 seats will be held on June 18, with counting scheduled for the same day after 5 pm, the ECI said. The last date for filing nominations is June 8 till 3 pm. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be conducted by the respec-

tive Returning Officers on June 9, while June 11 has been fixed as the last date for withdrawal of candidature, the notification said.

With the regular biennial vacancies for 24 seats from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Mizoram have been created and three casual vacancies cropped up due to resignations, indications are there that the Opposition block is set to gain at least three seats in the Upper House. But, the ruling BJP-led

NDA is expected to maintain its current strength.

Prominent members retiring next month include Congress president and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, former prime minister HD Deve Gowda, senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh, and Union ministers Ravneet Singh Bittu and George Kurian.

Of the 27 seats going to the polls, the ruling NDA is set to increase its strength by one seat to 19.

The NDA currently holds

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India, US finalise most aspects of trade deal

NEW DELHI, JUNE 01: Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said India and the US have resolved most aspects of the first phase of their bilateral trade pact, with talks now centred on a handful of minor details, describing them as "commas and full stops".

He said that the US team is in New Delhi to hold talks on finalising the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement (BTA). The talks will take place here from June 2-4.

On February 3, both

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SC gets 5 new judges; strength goes up to 37

NEW DELHI, JUN 01: Five new judges were on Monday appointed to the Supreme Court, which will now have 37 judges, one short of the upgraded sanctioned strength of 38.

According to separate notifications issued by the department of justice in the Union law ministry on Monday morning, senior SC advocate Venkita Subramani Mohana, Justice Shree Chandrashekar, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva,

Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court, and Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, have been elevated as top court judges. Once they take oath and assume charge, the SC will formally have 37 judges. The Government last month promulgated an ordinance amending a law to increase the sanctioned strength of the apex court to 38 from 34, including the Chief Justice of India.

While there were already two vacancies, after the sanctioned strength was increased, altogether

six posts became vacant in the apex court.

With five appointments on Monday (June 1, 2026), the Supreme Court has one vacancy.

The five names were recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on May 27 and the appointments came through in four days.

Meanwhile, a Full Court Reference was held in the Court Room of the Chief Justice at the Srinagar Wing of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to honour Chief Justice, Arun Palli, on his elevation as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

J&K leads UTs in census self-enumeration: Amit Sharma

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Jammu and Kashmir is leading among the Union Territories and ranked eighth among states in the country in the self-enumeration phase of Census 2027, a senior Census official said, adding that over 6.67 lakh households voluntarily have submitted their details through the official portal.

He said that 6,67,517 households in Jammu and Kashmir and 7,009 households in Ladakh completed self-enumeration before



the commencement of house listing operations (HLO), which began on Monday.

The official appealed to all residents of Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh to extend full cooperation to enumerators and supervi-

sors visiting households during the month-long census exercise.

"J&K has emerged as the leading Union Territory and 8th among states in the country in self-enumeration under census

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'TRF's Pahalgam attack claim originated from Pak'

NEW DELHI, JUNE 01: NIA, in its charge sheet, has stated that both the claim of responsibility for the April 2025 Pahalgam terror attack and a later denial issued by the banned outfit The Resistance Front (TRF) originated from Pakistan.

Investigators said the first post appeared on the open-source social media platform Mastodon at around 4.32 pm on April 22, barely two-and-a-half hours after terrorists carried out the attack at Baisaran meadows near Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir. The message

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Kavinder flags off NCC Mt Deo Tibba Expedition



SHIMLA, JUNE 01: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today flagged off NCC Mt Deo Tibba Expedition-2026 from Lok Bhavan here in a ceremonial send-off for the cadets and staff undertak-

ing the prestigious Himalayan mountaineering expedition.

The ceremony was attended by Major General Vikas Bhardwaj, Additional Director General, Head-

quarters Directorate General NCC, along with senior military officers and civil dignitaries.

Addressing the cadets, the Governor congratulated

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