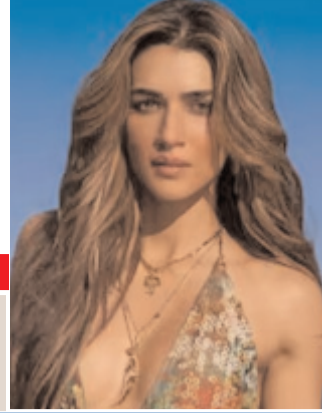




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Op Sheruwali enters 11th day

White Knight Corps GOC, Lt Gen P K Mishra reviewed the progress of Operation Sheruwali, the ongoing anti-terror operation in the dense forests of Rajouri district that entered its 11th day today. The GOC, accompanied by GoC of Counter Insurgency Force (CIF) Romeo, visited Gambhir Mughlan area to assess the operational situation and review efforts to track down terrorists believed to be hiding in the forested terrain of the Manjakote sector.

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CISF cop injured in accidental fire

A CISF cop was injured after his service rifle went off accidentally while he was waiting for a train at the railway station here today.

According to officials, the incident occurred when the CISF cop was waiting for a train for his deployment on Amarnath yatra duties.

He was immediately provided medical assistance. No other person was injured in the incident, officials added.

Man killed, wife injured as tree falls on them

A man was killed and his wife injured after a tree, uprooted by strong winds, fell on them at Ganjiwara in Anantnag district of the valley today.

Officials said as the area was lashed by strong winds and rains, a tree got uprooted and fell on a CRPF bunker. While the CRPF men escaped unhurt, Mohammad Rafiq & his wife Mareena from Briarigan sustained injuries.

Rafiq later died in hospital while Mareena was undergoing treatment. The meteorological de-

Govt invites nominations for CM's award

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The government has invited nominations for the Chief Minister's Award for Honesty, Integrity and Meritorious Public Service-2026, aimed at recognising outstanding government employees for exemplary public service.

According to a GAD notification, the award will be conferred on deserving government officials who have demonstrated exceptional honesty, integrity and dedication in the discharge of

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Gold rebounds Rs 1,050 on firm global cues

NEW DELHI, JUN 02: Gold prices rebounded by Rs 1,050 to Rs 1.61 lakh per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid a firm trend in the global markets and a weak US dollar.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity appreciated by Rs 1,050 to Rs 1,61,450 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) from Monday's closing level of Rs 1,60,400 per 10 grams.

Silver prices also advanced by Rs 1,300 to Rs 2,71,000 per kilogram (in

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2 cloudbursts hit Ktwr, trigger flashfloods; roads damaged, blocked

LG Sinha personally monitoring situation

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Nearly a year after devastating flashfloods devoured several in Kishtwar's Chisoti, two massive cloudbursts hit the district today, triggering flashfloods, and damaging & blocking some roads. LG Manoj Sinha was personally monitoring the situation.

Amid heavy rainfall, the cloudbursts occurred along the ridge between Drabshalla and Gujuwa, resulting in flashfloods that affected roads including Drabshalla Zero Point, Suru-Sarthal, Gahan and Machhipal routes, according to officials.

Soon after the news of the incident was received at the district headquarters, rescue teams were rushed to the affected areas for the safety of people.

There was, however, no



casualty in the affected areas. Also, no loss to property was reported, officials said. The rescue teams were

continuing their operations by deploying machinery for road clearance. A weather advisory, warning residents

against venturing out near vulnerable water bodies, was also issued by the au-

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NIA charge sheet flags possible Hamas link in Pahalgam attack

NEW DELHI, JUNE 02: In a significant development in the last year's Pahalgam terror attack investigation, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has formally flagged the need to examine possible links between Pakistan-backed terror groups and Hamas.

In its charge sheet, the NIA said further investigation was required to establish whether Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and its proxy The Resistance Front (TRF) had any connections with the Gaza-based Hamas, as well as other globally desig-

nated terrorist outfits, including Al Qaeda and its affiliates.

According to probe officials, their suspicion was based on the fact that they found some similarities in the modus operandi between the October 7, 2023 attacks against Israeli settlers and the April 22, 2025 attack on tourists in Baisaran meadow of Pahalgam.

The disclosure marks what was believed to be the first time India's premier anti-terror agency had named Hamas in an ongoing terror probe while examining its potential oper-

ational linkages with Pakistan-based groups.

According to the charge sheet, officials said, investigators were seeking to determine the nature, extent and operational dimensions of any such ties as part of a broader effort to map the international networks linked to the accused organisations.

The probe aims to establish whether global terror entities played any role in facilitating, inspiring or supporting terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, they added.

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Govt shunts out 2 CBSE officials

NEW DELHI, JUN 02: The government on Tuesday removed two top CBSE officials following alleged irregularities in the class 12 digital evaluation system and ordered a probe by a high-powered committee to investigate how the national educational board procured these marking services.

Simultaneously, a 17-year-old student from Jharkhand affected by the CBSE's online marking system, appeared before a parliamentary panel where he pointed out the anomalies in the tendering process of the Central Board of Sec

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J&K, Ladakh internal matters of India Those with no locus standi should stop commenting on them: MEA

NEW DELHI, JUN 02: India on Tuesday strongly rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir in a joint press communique issued following the 8th round of the European Union-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue, asserting that those with no "locus standi" on the matter should refrain from commenting on India's internal affairs.

During the weekly media briefing, MEA official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India categorically rejects such references.

Reiterating India's longstanding position, the MEA spokesperson stressed that the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of India, further noting that individuals or entities with no standing in the matter should avoid making comments on issues that are entirely internal to India.

"We would like to say that we categorically reject

such unwarranted references in the joint press communique on matters internal to India. The Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of India. Those who have no locus standi on such matters should desist from making any comment on them," he stated.

This comes after a joint press communique issued following the dialogue between Pakistan and the EU on Monday, which stated that Islamabad briefed the European Delegation on Jammu and Kashmir, with the EU side briefing the Pakistani side on the Ukraine war.

"The Pakistani side briefed on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. The EU side briefed on Russia's war against Ukraine," the joint press communique read.

Last month, India strongly rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir in a joint statement is-

sued by China and Pakistan, stating that "Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts" of the country, and no other country has the locus standi to comment on the same.

Responding to media queries on the references to the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the Joint Statement between China and Pakistan, Jaiswal said India's position is consistent and well known to the concerned parties.

"India categorically rejects unwarranted references to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the Joint Statement between China and Pakistan. India's position is consistent and well-known to the concerned parties. The Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India. No other country has the locus standi to com-

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'Compassionate appointment' Married daughters' exclusion from family 'manifestly arbitrary': SC

NEW DELHI, JUNE 02: The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that married daughters are entitled to be considered for compassionate appointment, saying their exclusion from the definition of "family" is manifestly arbitrary, unjustified and constitutionally untenable.

A bench comprising Justices PS Narasimha and Alok Aradh made the observation while setting aside an order of the Allahabad High Court that held the definition of "family" doesn't include a married daughter

for the purpose of compassionate appointment.

The top court was hearing an appeal filed by a woman, a married daughter of a deceased dealer, who challenged an order of the high court that rejected her claim for appointment as a fair price shop dealer on compassionate grounds.

The woman challenged a 2019 government order that excluded married daughters from the definition of "family".

The top court said the exclusion of a married daughter from the definition can-

not be sustained as the object of allotment under the dependent quota is to provide immediate succour to the family of the deceased dealer facing financial hardship.

"The relevant considerations are dependency, financial need, residence, and the ability of the applicant to discharge the obligations attached to the dealership. Marital status bears no rational nexus to any of these considerations," the bench said.

The apex court said the

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CJI administers oath of office to 5 new SC judges

Strength rises to 37

NEW DELHI, JUN 02: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant today administered the oath of office to five new judges of the Supreme Court, taking the strength of judges in the top court to 37, the highest ever.

The CJI administered the oath of office to Justices Sheel Nagu, Shree Chandrashekar, Sanjeev Sachdeva, Arun Palli and V Mohana as apex court judges.

The swearing-in cere-



mony was held at the apex court premises.

The strength of judges at the apex court will now be

37, one short of the up-graded sanctioned strength of 38.

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Congress slams 'task forces'

NEW DELHI, JUNE 02: The Congress on Tuesday alleged that Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh governments have constituted task forces to "institutionalise" the RSS role in the implementation of PESA, 1996 and FRA, 2006, and said these "subvert" the basic democratic structure of implementation of the two laws.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh also claimed that Odisha will soon be the third state to constitute such task forces. He alleged that the essential character of Panchayat (Extension to

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J&K Bank partners with SMVDU for value-added banking solutions

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Continuing its efforts to strengthen institutional partnerships and extend value-added banking solutions to employees of reputed organisations, J&K Bank today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Kakryal, Katra, under its Corporate Salary Package (CSP).

The agreement will enable the university employees to avail a host of cus-



tomised banking benefits and preferential financial services designed to enhance their banking experience and financial well-being.

The MoU was signed in the office chamber of

SMVDU vice-chancellor, with registrar Ajay Kumar Sharma and zonal head (Udhampur) Lalit Prakash signing the agreement on behalf of the University and J&K Bank respectively

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Israel-Lebanon direct talks begin in Washington

WASHINGTON, JUNE 02: The ambassadors of Israel and Lebanon began a new round of direct talks in Washington on Tuesday after US President Donald Trump said he had received commitments from both sides to de-escalate.

The fourth meeting between representatives of the two countries, which do not have diplomatic relations, is taking place at the State Department and is scheduled to last two days.

Participants include Israel's ambassador to the United States Yechiel Leiter and Lebanese envoy

Nada Hamadeh Moawad, as well as Daniel Holler, a senior advisor to Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

None of the officials, however, made any statements.

The talks come as Hezbollah and Israel continue to exchange fire, despite Trump announcing an agreement Monday to halt attacks.

Israel said it would continue targeting Hezbollah's bastions in Beirut's suburbs if the Iran-backed group continues to attack northern Israeli towns.

Recent days have seen a dramatic escalation in

fighting and bombardment as Israeli troops stage their deepest incursion into Lebanon in two decades. Lebanon's health ministry said that Israeli strikes a day earlier near a hospital in the southern city of Tyre killed four people and wounded 127 others, including 39 staff from the facility.

Israel has portrayed the capture of a crusader-era fortress as a turning point in its offensive against Hezbollah, but the operation has also sparked fears of a new quagmire in south Lebanon.

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Delhi govt removes income clause for Kashmiri migrant relief

NEW DELHI, JUN 02: The All India Kashmiri Samaj (AIKS) on Tuesday thanked Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta for granting a one-time amnesty to Kashmiri migrants and removing income and property-related anomalies for cash assistance, which had remained suspended for nearly two years.

The decision will benefit 1,832 such families registered with the Delhi government, officials said. The government has removed the income-related eligibility condition for relief that was

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DG of National Academy of A&A calls on Kavinder

SHIMLA, JUN 02: Director General of the National Academy of Audit and Accounts, Shimla, S Alok today paid a courtesy visit to Governor Kavinder Gupta at Lok Bhavan here.

During the meeting, he briefed the governor on the academy's training, capacity-building and research initiatives for officers of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department and other institutions, aimed at strengthening professional competence, financial accountability and public financial management.

The governor said, "The



institutions engaged in training and capacity building play a crucial role in

strengthening governance and ensuring transparency

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