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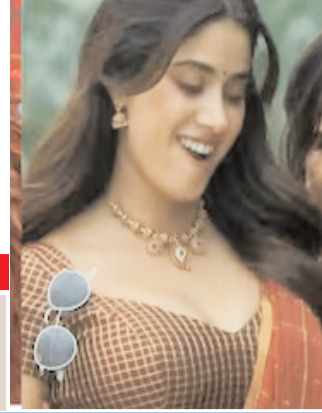
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## Rains likely after June 10

The Meteorological Department has forecast generally hot and dry weather across Jammu and Kashmir till June 10, while warning of rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hailstorms and gusty winds at several places from June 11 onwards. Weather conditions are expected to remain largely hot and dry from June 7 to June 10, although brief showers at isolated places during afternoon hours cannot be ruled out, according to a Met official. He said that from June

## 2 Rajasthan shooters held

Two shooters allegedly involved in the killing of a shopkeeper in Punjab's Ferozepur district have been arrested from Jammu and Kashmir. The accused were arrested by the Punjab Police's Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) in a joint operation with the J&K police. "In a breakthrough, AGTF, Punjab, in a well-coordinated operation with Ferozepur police and

## Shops gutted in fire at Buzliaz

Nearly a dozen shops were gutted in a major fire in the Buzliaz central market in Poonch district of Jammu early this morning. No casualties were reported. According to officials, the fire broke out at about 5 am in the Buzliaz central market along Mughal Road, affecting mostly shops constructed of wood and tin. Officials said locals, with the assistance of Army and CRPF personnel, initiated the firefighting operation and were later joined by a team from the fire and emer

## BOPEE cancels MSc Nursing Entrance Exam

The J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (JKBOPEE) today cancelled the MSc Nursing Entrance Examination across the Union Territory after a critical mismatch was detected in candidate-specific OMR answer sheets minutes before the test was scheduled to begin. The cancellation affected 513 candidates, including 165 aspirants in Jammu and 348 in Srinagar. A senior JKBOPEE offi

## Saxena approves project for beautification of old Leh town

LEH, JUNE 07: In a major step towards preserving the heritage character of Leh city, while improving urban infrastructure and visitors' experience, Ladakh LG Vinai Kumar Saxena has approved a project for comprehensive infrastructure upgradation and beautifica

## 'Drug-Free J&K' campaign 'Padyatra' covers all 20 distts; LG says aim is to eliminate narco-terrorism

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**Joining 'Drug-Free J&K' campaign at Poonch, LG Manoj Sinha today completed 'padyatra' in all the 20 districts of the Union Territory, reiterating his commitment to eliminate narco-terrorism from the region.**

"Padyatra has covered all 20 districts of the UT, and the objective is to free the soil of Jammu & Kashmir from the scourge of drugs and eliminate narco-terrorism," he said in his address after taking part in the padyatra. "The fight for a drug-free Jammu & Kashmir intensifies today in Poonch district. For the next 43 days, every citizen, panchayat, and ward must unite to target drug smugglers, drug peddlers, drive awareness, and accelerate rehabilitation,"



the LG said and added that collective responsibility would build a gangthier future. "During the past 57 days, I have visited every district of Jammu & Kashmir and promised people that the perpetrators harming our society will not go unpunished. Today, I assure all the citizens that we will light the

lamp of a brighter future," he said. "In the next 43 days, we must launch a massive movement in Poonch district and across the UT that will be dedicated to making every panchayat, every lane, and every household in the district drug-free," he added. "The people of Poonch

know that, being a border district, narco-terrorists attempt to exploit the geography. Cross-border drug smuggling is destroying young lives and, at the same time, financing terrorism. We must confront this through a whole-of-society approach," the LG said. "Confronting the drug

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## Trump threatens to 'blow hell out of' Iran if talks fail

### Calls for more 'surgical strikes' in Lebanon

WASHINGTON, JUNE 07: US President Donald Trump on Sunday threatened to "blow the hell out of" Iran if the negotiations for a ceasefire deal failed.

"We are very close to a deal but if negotiations fail, I'm gonna blow the hell out of them," he said. In an interview broadcast on Sunday, Trump also stated that he will not unfreeze Iranian assets before reaching an agreement with Tehran. Asked whether he would



be willing, as part of a potential agreement, to unfreeze Iranian assets or lift certain sanctions against Iran, Trump replied: "No." "(That) comes after. If they behave, if they do a good job, we start talking." Iran has demanded that

billions in frozen assets be unblocked. According to a source close to the matter, the US Treasury is considering the possibility that Iran's assets could be tapped to compensate Gulf states for damages caused by Iranian strikes.

Trump reiterated that he knows exactly where the enriched uranium is located in Iran and wants to recover it one way or another, while remaining vague about whether he would send in US troops to do so.

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## Oppn INDIA bloc all set to meet after post-election shake-up

NEW DELHI, JUNE 07: As many as 23 political parties of the opposition INDIA bloc will meet on Monday to redraw their strategy to take on the BJP and iron out differences amid changed power dynamics after the defeat of regional anchors TMC and DMK in the recent assembly polls.

Top leaders of opposition parties including Congress's Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, TMC's Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav of

RJD and Uddhav Thackeray of Shiv Sena (UBT), besides Left leaders and those from smaller parties, are likely to attend the meeting at the Constitution Club in the national capital.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said that 23 political parties have confirmed their participation in the "INDIA janbandhan" meeting, while asserting that the opposition bloc continues to stand united through its diversity.

Ramesh claimed some parties have expressed their inability to attend this

meeting for their own reasons even though they have conveyed their strong opposition to the Modi government's policies and actions.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has already publicly distanced itself from the bloc, while the DMK earlier announced its decision to boycott the gathering after the Congress snapped ties with it in Tamil Nadu and joined the TVK-led government.

The alliance is set to deliberate on the future

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## Kavinder calls 'Rashmirathi' timeless message of social harmony

SHIMLA, JUNE 07: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today said that 'Rashmirathi Parv' was not merely the remembrance of a great poet but a call to imbibe the values of social harmony, equality and patriotism in our lives.

He said that the true tribute to Rashtrikavi Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar' would be to uphold these ideals and contribute towards building a stronger and more inclusive nation.

The governor was addressing the inaugural session of the two-day 'Rash-



mirathi Parv' organised at the historic Gaiety Theatre, Shimla, to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee Year of Rashmirathi, the immortal epic poem of Rashtrikavi Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'. In his address, he said, "The festival also serves as a tribute to the great person

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## Tributes paid to Lt Goswami



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LG Manoj Sinha and GOC of White Knight Corps, Lt Gen P K Mishra, on Sunday paid homage to Lt Beereshwar Goswami, who was martyred while undertaking operational duties in Rajouri district of Jammu.

Lieutenant Goswami died after slipping into a deep

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## NTA releases NEET-UG re-exam slip; test on June 21

NEW DELHI, JUNE 07: The National Testing Agency (NTA) today released the exam city intimation slip for the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination, scheduled to be held on June 21.

Candidates can now check their allotted examination city for NEET-UG 2026. Log in with your application number and password to view and download your slip, the NTA said in a post on X.

According to a public notice issued by the agency,

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## Cong slams govt over LPG price hike

NEW DELHI, JUN 07: The Congress on Sunday launched a scathing attack on the Modi government over domestic LPG price hike, asking why the BJP leaders aren't taking to the streets with cylinders in protest now when they used to raise a hue and cry about inflation during the UPA era.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made "grand claims" in Parliament about diversifying fuel sources across 41 countries in re

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## No 3rd-party mediation in border dispute with India: Nepal FM

NEW DELHI, JUNE 07: Nepal has clarified that it is not seeking third-party mediation in its long-running Kalapani Lipulekh Limpiyadhura border dispute with India, and is instead focused on strengthening its territorial claims through access to historical records.

Addressing a press conference at the Nepal Embassy in New Delhi on Sunday, Nepal's Foreign Minister Shishir Khanal said Kathmandu remains committed to resolving the dispute through existing bilateral mechanisms with India and is not seeking external mediation. "We want to solve our disputes through diplomatic processes. We just want to see if we can access some of the documents that might be in libraries or museums in the U.K. Our position was not that we were asking for mediation," Khanal said.

His remarks come days after Prime Minister Balendra Shah told Nepal's Parliament that Kathmandu was in contact with both the United Kingdom and China regarding the disputed tri junction area.

The statement triggered political debate in Nepal and drew a response from the External Affairs Ministry, which reiterated that border issues between India and Nepal should be addressed through established bilateral channels and leave no scope for third-party intervention.

Khanal argued that Britain's colonial era role in drawing regional boundaries justified Nepal's efforts to access historical records. "The problems that existed when British



India left the region still persist, so we believe Britain also has a role to play in this matter," Shah had earlier told Parliament. The border issue resurfaced in April after India announced the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra for 2026 through the Lipulekh Pass, a route claimed by Nepal as part of its sovereign territory.

The pilgrimage, organised in coordination with China, prompted Kathmandu to lodge formal diplomatic protests with both New Delhi and Beijing.

"We have expressed our position through an official diplomatic note to both India and China. We have clearly said to both countries that the land belongs to us. That's been our historical claim," Khanal said.

Seeking to distinguish the ruling Rastriya Swatantra Party from Nepal's traditional political establishment, Khanal said the Shah government represents a generational shift in Nepal's politics and intends to

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## 4,800 illegal immigrants sent to B'desh, 836 awaiting deportation: WB CM

KOLKATA, JUN 07: West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Sunday said around 4,800 illegal immigrants have been sent to Bangladesh from holding centres set up in the state's border districts, and around 836 such people are awaiting deportation from these facilities.

Adhikari asserted that illegal immigration was a big issue, and said his government has already handed over land to the BSF to erect around 100 km of fencing, out of the 556 km required to secure the India-Bangladesh border.



The land handover is a continuous process and is necessary for the security of the country, he said, adding that securing the international boundary is the state government's priority.

"We have handed over to the BSF around 100 km stretch of land out of 556 km required for fencing, and

prioritised the Chicken's Neck corridor in north Bengal," the chief minister said, while addressing a preparatory meeting for the BJP's special training camp.

The 'Chicken's Neck', officially known as the Siliguri Corridor, is a narrow stretch of land- about 20-22 km wide and nearly 60 km long- in north Bengal that connects the rest of India with its northeastern states. It is considered a critical and sensitive lifeline from both security and strategic perspectives.

West Bengal, among all

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## India, Indonesia review strategic ties ahead of Modi's Jakarta visit

NEW DELHI, JUNE 07: India and Indonesia on Sunday reviewed the full spectrum of their expanding strategic partnership, with Indonesian Foreign Minister Sugiono stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Jakarta would provide fresh momentum to bilateral ties at a time when both countries are seeking a larger role in shaping the Indo-Pacific strategic landscape.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Sugiono met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the 8th India-Indo-

nesia Joint Commission Meeting in New Delhi.

"Looking forward to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Jakarta. The visit will be an important opportunity to further deepen our cooperation and deliver tangible benefits for our peoples," Sugiono said.

Sources indicated that Modi's visit to Indonesia is expected to be part of a wider regional tour that will also take him to Australia and New Zealand next month, highlighting New Delhi's growing focus on strengthening partner-

ships across the Indo-Pacific amid shifting geopolitical dynamics.

The meeting reviewed cooperation across a broad range of sectors under the India-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, including defence, maritime security, trade, digital connectivity, critical minerals, health, infrastructure and people-to-people exchanges.

"A pleasure to co-chair the 8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting alongside FM Sugiono. Our Comprehensive Strategic

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## EC state machinery to share details of 'foreigners' with authorities

NEW DELHI, JUN 07: The Election Commission has directed its state poll machinery to refer cases of "suspected foreign nationals" to competent authorities during the special intensive revision of voters' list.

The EC also underlined that for electors whose enumeration forms have not returned, the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) would identify a probable cause, such as absent, shifted, dead and duplicate entry based on an inquiry from

the nearby electors and would note the same.

In a detailed set of instructions circulated on May 14 to state chief electoral officers on procedure to be followed while holding SIR, the poll authority said "...Also, electoral registration officers (EROs) will refer cases of suspected foreign nationals to the competent authority under the Citizenship Act, 1955. For these purposes, assistant EROs shall exercise ERO's powers independently..."

As the EC was preparing for SIR in Bihar last year, its officials had claimed that several nationals from Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar were found by its grassroots level functionaries.

But eventually, the poll authority did not share any numbers or proof of such people who were not eligible to be on the voters' list. Opposition parties had dubbed the EC's claims as a ploy to carry out SIR to target electors not aligned to

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