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'Padyatra' covers all 20 distts; LG says aim is to eliminate narco-terrorism

menace requires a shift from indifference to action. 'Not my problem' mindset only emboldens drug smugglers and drug peddlers, who rely on public silence to expand their networks," he added.

"True change happens when communities stand united. A drug-free society is built by those who choose to speak up and act, recognising that this is a shared battle affecting us all. A prosperous society requires both economic progress and vigilant citizens. To change mindsets and dismantle supply chains, our past 57-day campaign has cracked down hard on the drug network in J&K. Over 1,130 smugglers were arrested under 1,038 FIRs, 63 detained under PITT-NDPS, and more than 100 properties attached. To completely immobilise these criminals, we have also cancelled 700 driving licenses and moved to revoke 130 passports," Singa said.

He called for the 'Drug-Free J&K' campaign to reach every household and become a permanent part of public consciousness. "True prevention lies in giving youth a purpose through education, skills, sports, and transforming them into the ultimate weapon against drug addiction," he said. "The strategy relies on two powerful pillars. First, mobilise Youth Clubs to act as frontline defence against local drug networks, and putting women in leadership position so that mothers and sisters can drive the campaign to make every village drug-free," he said.

The LG announced that law enforcement agencies had been given a free hand to completely eradicate the narco-terror ecosystem.

"Under a newly issued SOP, individuals involved in drug smuggling will face immediate, severe consequences and their passports, driving licenses, arms licenses, and Aadhar are being cancelled, while their movable and immovable assets are being attached under the NDPS Act," he added.

"A drug-free Jammu & Kashmir will be born of this mass movement. Police, law enforcement and narcotics agencies are to ensure that no drug smuggler or drug peddler operates within their jurisdiction. The road ahead is long, but we will not stop until every narco-terror network is dismantled. Our determination is unwavering, our unity invincible, and our mission is to win," the LG said.

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

move bilateral relations beyond entrenched geopolitical narratives.

"We represent a completely new political reality in Nepal," Khanal said. "Our rise is driven by an extraordinary and historic mandate centred on uncompromising good governance, strict meritocracy and direct accountability. Because we are a new generation of leadership, we are absolutely unencumbered by the past."

The Rastriya Swatantra Party emerged as Nepal's dominant political force following the May elections, which came after a youth led political movement that toppled the government of former Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli amid widespread opposition to restrictions on Nepal's digital ecosystem in 2025.

Khanal argued that the new leadership does not view India through what he described as the "distorted, hyper sensitive lens" of past geopolitical rivalries.

"The Rastriya Swatantra Party wants to shift the entire vocabulary of Nepal India relations away from geopolitical friction and square it firmly on development diplomacy," he said. "We want to look at India with clear eyes and a single transparent agenda of Nepal's economic transformation."

Khanal's comments came a day after his talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, during which both sides announced the operationalisation of peer-to-peer digital payments under an agreement between Nepal Clearing House Limited and the National Payments Corporation of India.

The Nepalese minister described the initiative as a significant step towards deeper financial and digital integration between the two neighbours and said his visit had helped revive high level political engagement.

He confirmed that Nepal's Finance Minister Swarnim Wagle is expected to visit India soon, while indicating that Prime Minister Shah remains focused on domestic governance priorities and therefore no timeline has been fixed for his visit to New Delhi.

Khanal also addressed the fate of the long pending report of the Eminent Persons Group, a bilateral panel established over a decade ago to recommend ways of strengthening Nepal India relations.

The report, which has never been formally submitted, remains politically sensitive in both countries.

"The EPG was commissioned by the agreement of two Prime Ministers, and the report can only be submitted to two Prime Ministers. So, I have no authority to make that public, accept, or do anything," Khanal said.

Despite persistent disagreements over the border issue, Khanal expressed confidence that the dispute could be resolved through dialogue. "No problem is too large and complex when both sides engage with an open heart, a rational mind and mutual respect," he said, stressing Kathmandu's commitment to resolving differences through bilateral diplomacy.

Rains likely after June 10

11 to June 14, the weather was likely to remain partly to generally cloudy, with light rain, brief intense showers, thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds expected at scattered to many places across the Union Territory.

The Met official said brief intense rainfall in parts of Kashmir and Jammu divisions may trigger flash floods, mudslides and localised flooding in vulnerable areas between June 11 and June 14.

The Met department has advised people to follow official weather updates during the forecast period.

2 Rajasthan shooters held

J&K police, apprehended two shooters from Rajasthan involved in the murder of Gurcharan Singh Gaba of Makhru, Ferozepur, from Jammu & Kashmir, and recovered one Beretta .30 bore pistol along with 10 live cartridges from their possession," Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said in a post on X.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused had a criminal background involving extortion, robbery, dacoity, theft and violations of the Arms Act. They were also carrying a reward of Rs 10,000 announced by the Rajasthan Police, the DGP said, adding that further investigation is underway.

Shopkeeper Gurcharan Singh Gaba was shot dead by two unidentified assailants in Makhru town of Ferozepur district on June 1.

According to the police, the attackers arrived at the market on a motorcycle and opened fire at Gurcharan. He later succumbed to his injuries.

Shops gutted in fire at Bufliaz

agency services department. Officials said the blaze was brought under control within 30 minutes, restricting the damage.

Preliminary investigation suggested that the fire was caused by a short circuit in one of the shops and immediately spread to nearby shops, officials said.

Police had taken cognizance of the incident.

BOPEE cancels MSc Nursing Entrance Exam

cial said that the discrepancy surfaced during the mandatory pre-examination verification process.

"According to established examination protocols, sealed examination material is opened 10 minutes before the commencement of the test in the presence of supervisory staff, observers and student representatives. During this process, a

significant mismatch was noticed in the candidate-specific OMR answer sheets," the official said.

JKBOPEE is expected to issue a separate notification regarding fresh examination dates after completing its assessment of the printing error and related procedural issues.

Saxena approves project for beautification of old Leh town

tion of old Leh town. This includes the "Construction of Multipurpose Trench and Common Utility Duct in the Old Town" for underground placement of overhanging electric cables, sewerage lines, water supply networks, and communication cables. This also includes developing public amenities and beautification works around the historic Leh Palace.

The project includes development of heritage-compatible pedestrian footpaths, facade improvement, parking facility, installation of ornamental lighting and benches in sync with the local architecture, flower pots, heritage-style signage, wayfinding infrastructure and other public amenities, aimed at enhancing the overall visitor experience in the Old Town.

The project comes in the wake of LG's directions for a complete makeover of the old Leh town on March 15. The works will be completed by September this year at an estimated cost of Rs 7.62 cr.

The initiative is in line with the LG's vision of transforming Leh into a clean, organised, pedestrian-friendly and world-class tourist destination, while preserving its unique heritage and architectural character. The project aims at providing a sustainable and long-term solution for coordinated utility management, minimising repeated excavation works and promoting environmentally sensitive urban infrastructure in the heritage area.

"Old Leh town is the cultural and historical heart of Ladakh and one of the most iconic heritage precincts in the Himalayas. Our endeavour is to preserve its unique character while providing modern, efficient and sustainable urban infrastructure. This project will not only improve public utility services and pedestrian facilities but also enhance the overall experience of residents and visitors. It is a major step towards creating a clean, organised, heritage-sensitive and tourist-friendly urban environment that reflects the rich legacy of Ladakh while meeting the aspirations of a modern society," the LG said.

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

"If we make a deal, if we make a deal now, we're friendly, we'll all go together" to recover this uranium, he said. "We'll take it out and destroy it."

The fate of the enriched uranium is one of the most difficult points in reaching an agreement to end the war waged by the United States and Israel against Iran.

Speaking at NBC's "Meet the Press," Trump also called for more "surgical" strikes against Hezbollah in Lebanon and said he is not demanding the conflict be included in a peace deal with Iran.

Trump's comments came as Israel continued strikes on Lebanon, despite a ceasefire deal with the Lebanese government.

"I'd like to see a more surgical attack on Hezbollah. I think it should be more surgical," Trump said.

"I'd like to see Lebanon have a better life," he added.

Israel carried out strikes on Sunday on the southern suburbs of Beirut, claiming it was retaliating for attacks targeting its territory.

Asked whether he was demanding that Lebanon be included in the Iran deal, Trump replied: "No, no."

"Not at all. I'm not demanding," he said. "I think they'd like to see it, but I'm not demanding."

Trump has said previously he would like to "separate" the discussions on Lebanon from the negotiations on an agreement with Iran, while Tehran, on the contrary, wants to link the two conflicts.

Trump confirmed last week that he had a tense phone call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during which he reportedly reprimanded his close ally about the Israeli offensive in Lebanon.

Israel has killed over 3,560 people, including children and journalists, since it intensified attacks on Lebanon since March 2, days after it attacked Iran in a joint operation with the US.

29 Israeli soldiers and one civilian contractor have also been killed in the fighting in Lebanon, according to the army.

A ceasefire that was supposed to end fighting between Israel and Hezbollah took effect on April 17, but has never been fully respected.

Trump also said that Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa - a former jihadist who has forged close ties with the United States -- would "love to help" forge an agreement in the Lebanon conflict.

"We can recommend Syria. Syria's doing a very good job of cleaning up their act. They have a very good leader," he said. "And he would love to help."

Tributes paid to Lt Goswami

gorge during an anti-terror operation in the Dorimaal-Gambhir Mughalan belt of Rajouri district on Saturday evening, officials said.

The Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by Dulloo and Additional Chief Secretary Shaleen Kabra, attended a wreath-laying ceremony with full military honours at the Air Force Station, Jammu.

The Army officer was accorded tributes by senior military, police, paramilitary and civil officials before his mortal remains were dispatched to his native village, Pandey Khola, in Uttarakhand's Almora district for the last rites.

Lt Gen Mishra led all ranks of the White Knight Corps in paying homage to Lt Goswami in Jammu. Army personnel laid wreaths and saluted the mortal remains of the officer.

Expressing grief over the officer's death, the White Knight Corps said in a post on X, "GOC White Knight Corps and all ranks express profound grief on the untimely demise of Lieutenant Beereswar Goswami, who made the supreme sacrifice while undertaking operational duties in an area marked by rugged terrain, steep cliffs and adverse weather conditions."

The Army said the officer's unwavering devotion to duty, indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation would remain an enduring inspiration to all ranks.

The Corps also expressed solidarity with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Officials said Lieutenant Goswami was part of the security forces engaged in 'Operation Sheruwalli', which entered its 16th consecutive day in the Dorimaal-Gambhir Mughalan belt of Rajouri district on Sunday.

The operation was launched to track down two to three Pakistani terrorists believed to be hiding in the forested area, they added.

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

Indian states, shares the longest international boundary with Bangladesh, stretching 2,217 km, out of a total of 4,096 km.

Stating that his government has started deporting illegal immigrants, who do not fall under the Citizenship Amendment Act, as per a law of the Union government, Adhikari said, "These people are being handed over to the BSF directly."

Though the law was applied in other states of the country, the previous Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal did not implement it, he said, adding that illegal immigrants were kept in the state's jails and had availed facilities at the taxpayers' expense.

"Around 4,800 illegal immigrants have been sent back from holding centres set up in the state's border districts," Adhikari said, adding that 836 such people are awaiting deportation from those facilities.

Pointing to the flow of people at the Hakimpur border in North 24 Parganas district, Adhikari said that many illegal immigrants have already left on their own.

"The demography of Bengal has changed," the chief minister claimed, adding that the BJP had made infiltration from Bangladesh and demographic change the biggest issues in the West Bengal assembly election, and accused the Mamata Banerjee-led party of being complacent on both issues for political reasons.

Alleging that the census work had not been started in the state by the previous TMC dispensation, Adhikari said the BJP government has commenced the process and that house surveys will take place from August 1 to 15.

"The census will be completed by the end of next February, and delimitation will be held based on it," the chief minister said.

He said the government has already transferred Rs 3,000 each to 50 lakh women in the state under the Annapurna Yojana scheme, in keeping with the BJP's poll promise for doubling the financial assistance they enjoyed under the Lakshmi Bhandar of the TMC government.

"On the very first day, we gave the Annapurna Yojana benefit to 28,25,769 women, which is our biggest achievement," Adhikari said.

Pointing to criticisms from some quarters about the 12-page application form for the Annapurna Yojana beneficiaries, he said, "The money to be given is from the government exchequer. So it has to be properly verified." The chief minister alleged that 27 lakh names out of 2.2 crore Lakshmi Bhandar beneficiaries were not on the voter list, adding that "three lakh more are males who took advantage" of the women-only welfare scheme.

He termed this irregularity as "dangerous corruption". "Over the next 50 years, the government will benefit from the transparent process we adopted," the chief minister said.

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

course of action and will aim to put a united face to take on the Modi government on national issues in the run-up to the next election cycle in states and the 2029 Lok Sabha polls.

The recent defeat of Trinamool Congress (TMC) in West Bengal has also forced the opposition bloc to come together to take on the saffron surge in the country.

The TMC is likely to raise the issue of alleged attacks on its leaders in Bengal and rally support of INDIA bloc parties.

"Meeting with a common purpose and clear intent. INDIA united. Many parties look forward to meeting in the spirit of camaraderie," TMC MP Derek O'Brien said.

The recent assembly elections have, however, also brought out differences within the opposition bloc, with the CPI-M set to raise with the Congress the charge that the Left had a political understanding with the BJP in Kerala polls. The Left parties lost against the Congress-led UDF in the only state they were in power.

The CPI(M) which will be represented by its Rajya Sabha leader John Brittas at the meeting, is likely to flag the issue and seek clarifications from the Congress leadership, sources said.

CPI(M) general secretary MA Baby has written to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, saying such accusations were inconsistent with the spirit of cooperation that underpins the opposition alliance.

BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said Baby's letter raises questions about the unity of the INDIA alliance. "This is the real state of the INDIA alliance -- no mission, no vision, only confusion, division, allegations and ambition for positions," he said in a video statement.

However, Ramesh said that like India, the "INDIA janbandhan" continues to stand united through its diversity, he asserted.

He said the parties which are unable to attend have conveyed their "strong opposition to the Modi government's policies and actions that are snatching away the right to vote for millions of Indians, assaulting the Constitution daily, attacking Opposition leaders through investigative agencies..."

He said that they are against the Modi government's policies that are "seriously damaging the livelihoods of crores of Indians, breaking household budgets through relentless price rise, betraying the hopes and aspirations of lakhs of youth, dampening investment climate, and compromising the national interest by its foreign policy".

The last official meeting of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) was held in New Delhi on June 1, 2024, just ahead of the Lok Sabha election.

On August 7, 2025, Rahul Gandhi hosted a crucial strategy dinner for top INDIA bloc leaders at his New Delhi residence that brought together nearly 50 leaders from over 25 opposition parties, where the issue of alleged electoral manipulation, particularly the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls in Bihar, was raised.

The INDIA bloc leadership has since then got together formally during consultations ahead of Parliament sessions, when opposition parties discussed floor coordination and issues to be jointly raised against the central government.

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

the re-examination will be conducted in pen-and-paper mode from 2 pm to 5:15 pm across 551 cities in India and 14 cities abroad.

The NTA clarified that the exam city intimation slip is not the admit card and is being issued solely to inform candidates about the city where their examination centre will be located.

"This is NOT the Admit Card. It shows only your exam city. The Admit Card will be issued later," the agency said. It said that all efforts are made by the NTA to give 1st choice city to all students.

The agency further urged candidates to stay updated through its official websites for the latest announcements regarding the examination and admit card release.

The NEET-UG for admissions into medical courses took place on May 3 this year but was cancelled by the NTA on May 12 amid allegations of paper leak. The CBI is currently investigating this matter, and a retest is scheduled for June 21.

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

Partnership has witnessed a strong growth in recent years," Jaishankar said.

The External Affairs Minister said the two sides held "substantive discussions" on political, defence and security cooperation, maritime and shipping connectivity, fintech, pharmaceuticals, fertilisers, critical minerals, tourism, education and cultural exchanges.

Both ministers also exchanged views on regional developments and discussed ways to advance coordination in multilateral forums, including efforts to deepen engagement between India and ASEAN.

The discussions reflected the increasing strategic convergence between New Delhi and Jakarta, particularly in the maritime domain. Since elevating ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during Modi's 2018 visit to Indonesia, both countries have steadily expanded defence cooperation and coordination in the Indo-Pacific.

The adoption of the India-Indonesia Shared Vision on Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific has emerged as a key pillar of the relationship.

The meeting also built on recent high-level engagement between the two countries. Jaishankar and Sugiono had met on the sidelines of the BRICS Foreign Ministers'

Meeting last month, where they reviewed progress under the bilateral partnership and ASEAN cooperation frameworks.

Relations received a further boost in January 2025 when Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto paid a State Visit to India and attended the Republic Day celebrations as Chief Guest, coinciding with the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

As India prepares for Modi's forthcoming engagements in Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand, officials view the tour as an opportunity to reinforce New Delhi's Indo-Pacific strategy through deeper economic, maritime and strategic partnerships with key regional stakeholders.

Kavinder calls 'Rashmirathi' timeless message of social harmony

alities who shaped the national consciousness of India." Referring to Swami Vivekananda, Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar', he said that although they illuminated society through different paths, they all shared a common vision of placing the nation, society and humanity above all else.

"Swami Vivekananda inspired youth to rise and awaken, Lokmanya Tilak transformed Swaraj into the birthright of every Indian, Atal Bihari Vajpayee demonstrated that politics is rooted in dialogue and sensitivity, while Dinkar immortalized these values through the power of poetry," he said.

Referring to the central character of Rashmirathi, Gupta said that Karna's life is not merely an ancient tale but a mirror reflecting the struggles and aspirations of every individual. He urged young people to draw inspiration from Karna's perseverance, courage and determination.

"The true Rashmirathi was not the one who possessed everything, but the one who conquered the darkness of adversity through his own inner light. You are the charioteers of your own destiny. Pursue knowledge, work hard, innovate and achieve success, but never forget your roots, your language, your culture and your national values," he said.

He expressed confidence that the younger generation would imbibe the timeless values reflected in Dinkar's works and emerge as torchbearers of India's bright future.

On the occasion, the governor also released a commemorative publication titled "Rashmirathi Se Samvad" and watched the theatrical presentation based on the celebrated literary masterpiece Rashmirathi.

Former Union Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey, who attended the event as the Guest of Honour, congratulated the organisers for holding the two-day festival dedicated to promoting an egalitarian, harmonious, inclusive and culturally vibrant society.

He also spoke about the life and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and attended a theatrical performance based on his life.

Earlier, Chairman of Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar' Smriti Nyas, Shri Neeraj Kumar welcomed the Governor and highlighted the objectives of the event. Renowned litterateur and theatre personality from Mumbai, Shri Mubeeb Khan also shared his views on the literary legacy of Dinkar.

Member of the Nyas, Sandeep Shahi briefed the audience about the significance of Rashmirathi Parv, while the programme coordinator, Shri Narendra Sharma, proposed a vote of thanks.

Cong slams govt over LPG price hike

sponse to the West Asia conflict and asked what became of that.

Why does a shortage of LPG persist in rural areas even today, he asked. The Congress president's remarks came after the price of a 14.2-kg domestic LPG cylinder in Delhi was raised to Rs 942 from Rs 913, while beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) will continue to pay an effective Rs 642 per cylinder after receiving a subsidy of Rs 300 per refill on the first four refills annually, down from 9 refills announced last year.

The increase follows a Rs 60-per-cylinder hike on March 7, taking the cumulative hike to Rs 89 per 14.2-kg cylinder. State-run oil marketing companies were estimated to be losing about Rs 703 on every LPG cylinder sold before the latest revision.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharge said, "Soaring domestic LPG prices threaten to devastate the kitchens of the common people! The Modi government has hiked the price of domestic LPG cylinders by Rs.89 over the last four months." "We have three questions: Modi ji had made grand claims in Parliament about diversifying fuel sources across 41 countries in response to the West Asia conflict. What became of that? Why does a shortage of LPG persist in rural areas even today? Under the Ujjwala scheme, 5.56 crore families did not get even a single refill (or got only one) during 2025-26. Of these, 3.30 crore families did not opt for a single cylinder refill. This situation predates the West Asia crisis. Is this not the result of the Modi government's profiteering?" Kharge said.

"Modi and BJP leaders used to raise a hue and cry about inflation during the UPA era. Is it not true that the Modi government has increased domestic LPG prices by Rs 530 over the last 12 years? Why aren't BJP leaders taking to the streets with LPG cylinders in protest now?" he said.

The government on Sunday said Indian households continue to pay among the lowest prices for cooking gas globally despite a sharp rise in international PG prices triggered by disruptions in West Asia. In a statement, the government said the cost of supplying a domestic LPG cylinder has risen to more than Rs 1,600 following a surge in international prices that followed the outbreak of war in West Asia at the end February.

India's LPG import costs are linked to the Saudi Contract Price (CP), the global benchmark for the fuel. The benchmark has risen about 46 per cent since February after disruptions linked to the Strait of Hormuz tightened supplies from the Gulf region, according to the statement.

Despite the increase, domestic LPG prices remain below those prevailing in neighbouring countries such as Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, and significantly lower than prices in advanced economies, including the United States, Australia, and Canada, the government said.

The government also said India was among the few countries able to maintain uninterrupted energy shipments through the Strait of Hormuz during the crisis, ensuring there was no shortage of LPG or other petroleum products in the country. Domestic LPG production was increased and supplies diversified through alternative sourcing arrangements to safeguard availability, it added.

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

the BJP and its allies.

On May 14, the poll authority had launched phase III of SIR in 16 states and three Union Territories involving 36.73 crore voters in a staggered manner beginning May 30.

The states and UTs where the SIR is being carried out are Delhi, Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh, Telangana, Punjab, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Tripura, Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

Punjab, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Telangana are opposition-ruled among the states where the SIR exercise will be held.

Over 3.94 lakh BLOs will go house-to-house of 36.73 crore electors during the latest poll roll revision exercise. They will be assisted by 3.42 lakh booth level agents (BLAs) appointed by political parties during the enumeration phase.