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Monsoon humidity can extend summer heat stress

Hot and humid conditions prevailing during India's monsoon season could extend the duration of uncompensable heat stress of the summer season under a global warming of 2 degrees Celsius, a study has found.

Findings highlight a "surge of UHS (uncompensable heat stress) during the monsoon season (July-October) as the climate warms".

Researchers from the Indian Institute of Tech

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3 mortar shells found, defused

Three mortar shells were today found at two different places along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu.

While two mortar shells were found in Jhanghar forest area, another was found abandoned at a secluded location in Makri village of Nowshera sector in the morning, the officials said.

Officials said a bomb disposal squad of Army defused all the three mortar

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HC forms committee for interviews of civil judges

The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has constituted a two-member committee to conduct interviews of eligible candidates being considered for promotion to the post of Civil Judge (Senior Division).

As per an order issued by the acting Chief Justice, the committee comprises Justice Sanjay Parhar and Justice Shahzad Azeem.

The interviews will be conducted in terms of Rule 7(c) of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Judicial Service Rules, 2025, for candidates falling within the zone of consideration for promotion.

Tobacco-based mouth fresheners banned in Leh

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Authorities in Ladakh have prohibited the storage, sale, display, distribution and supply of mouth freshener products containing tobacco or similar substances across Leh district.

Leh District Magistrate Romil Singh Donk ordered the ban under section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNS), citing growing concerns over the availability of such products to school-going children, particularly

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1.6 lakh applied for post-result services: CBSE

NEW DELHI, JUN 08: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Monday said its post-result services portal was fully functional during the notified application period and more than 1.6 lakh candidates successfully submitted requests for over 3.8 lakh answer books.

In a statement on X, the board said the application window for verification and re-evaluation was fully functional throughout the notified period, June 2-7, under the supervision of government technical agencies and teams from the IITs.

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Trinamool's tumultuous turmoil 20 TMC MPs write to LS Speaker, lend support to NDA

KOLKATA, JUN 08: The political crisis in TMC deepened on Monday after senior party MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar said that nearly 20 TMC parliamentarians had decided to support NDA and communicated their position to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

The TMC presently has 28 Lok Sabha MPs and 12 Rajya Sabha MPs.

As per reports, Ghosh Dastidar said a letter had already been sent to the Speaker conveying the group's desire to back the ruling alliance at the Centre.

"Nearly 20 TMC MPs, including me, have written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla about our decision to support the NDA," she said.

Claiming that she continued to be the party's chief whip in the Lok Sabha, Ghosh Dastidar said the decision was taken after consultations with fellow MPs.

The development comes amid an intensifying internal crisis within the Mamata Banerjee-led party, which has witnessed open dissent and resignations by senior leaders in recent days.

Ghosh Dastidar said the group had decided to align itself politically with the NDA, arguing that it reflected the

popular mandate.

"We have accepted the people's verdict and believe that our future political course should be aligned with the NDA," she said.

The TMC leadership has not yet responded to the claims.

Mamata has been grappling with a crisis even more damaging than the poll drubbing - a rebellion led by expelled leader Ritabrata Banerjee that has brought the TMC on the verge of disintegration. What is astonishing is how a party that appeared politically unassailable until recently unravelled at such breakneck speed, with over 100 councillors resigning and top leaders voicing dissent against the leadership almost every other day.

The fault lines started to emerge days after the results, where the BJP secured 207 seats, leaving the TMC with just 80. Leaders like Ritabrata and Riju Datta, who have also been expelled, started voicing resentment over the influence wielded by Mamata's nephew Abhishek Banerjee. However, the dissent leaders have stopped short of criticising Mamata, suggesting that much of the anger is directed towards Abhishek.

Dastidar was removed as TMC chief

whip in the Lok Sabha on May 20 and replaced by Kalyan Banerjee.

She had called her removal "arbitrary and unilateral." "The party chairperson may have announced my replacement from the post, but that does not alter the constitutional and parliamentary position overnight. We have accepted the people's verdict and believe that our future political course should be aligned with the NDA. Accordingly, we will be communicating our decision to the Speaker. We want to be part of the NDA," she has said in her letter.

The unravelling of TMC's parliamentary party comes on a day when party president and former CM Mamata Banerjee was in Delhi with her nephew Abhishek to attend the INDIA bloc meeting and senior leader Sukhendu Sekhar Ray resigned from his Rajya Sabha seat and the party's primary membership.

A senior TMC MP, who is part of the rebel group, said that over a dozen of the rebel MPs had met BJP leader and Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav at his residence Monday morning. West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari also met Yadav, but the rebel TMC MPs had left by then.

Omar asks INDIA Bloc to join statehood restoration protest

NEW DELHI, JUN 08: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today sought the support of opposition parties for the National Conference's proposed protest in Delhi, demanding restoration of statehood to the Union Territory.

NC said that Abdullah invited INDIA bloc constituents to join the agitation during a meeting of the opposition alliance here.

Abdullah raised the issue at the INDIA bloc meeting and informed leaders about the party's planned protest in the national capital, the NC said.



"In the INDIA bloc meeting held today, the CM asked all the participants to join NC when we come to Delhi to protest for the restoration of statehood. He also informed them that we would be writing to each of them individually as well," the party said in a post on X.

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India witnessed many transformations in 12 years: Modi

NEW DELHI, JUN 08: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday highlighted the various welfare measures undertaken by his government in the last 12 years, saying India has witnessed many transformations and at the core of these changes is the welfare of the poor.

On the completion of the second year of his third term, Modi cited initiatives like the Direct Benefit Transfer, Swachh Bharat, PM Awas Yojana and Ayushman Bharat, and said they have been driven by a



simple objective of ensuring people have dignity and opportunity.

"Over the last 12 years, India has witnessed many transformations and at the core of these changes is the welfare of the poor and downtrodden," he said in a post on X.

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LG visits Mubarak Mandi Complex, reviews progress of ongoing projects

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LG Manoj Sinha today visited Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex and reviewed the progress of ongoing projects pertaining to conservation and development.

He inspected the restoration work initiated for the damaged wall and slab of historic Gadadharji temple adjacent to the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

The LG directed officials to expedite the restoration



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India issues fresh Iran travel warning

DUBAI, JUN 08: India on Monday reiterated its warning to its nationals in Iran to avoid any travel to the country and exit the region by available means of transport.

The advisory comes in view of the latest developments in the region.

In the urgent advisory, the Indian Embassy in Iran reiterated its earlier advice to all Indian nationals to avoid travel to Iran.

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Def secy reviews operational preparedness in Leh sector

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Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh visited forward areas along the Indo-Pak and Sino-Indian borders in the Leh sector and reviewed the operational preparedness, border infrastructure and logistical sustainability of troops in Ladakh.

During visits to forward areas in eastern Ladakh, including base camp and northern glacier, he inter

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Rs 7 cr sanctioned for strengthening infra for KP migrants

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The government has sanctioned key infrastructure projects worth Rs 7.05 cr under Capex Budget aimed at strengthening facilities and enhancing welfare measures for Kashmiri migrants residing in Jammu.

The approved projects include the construction of a Multipurpose Community Hall at Migrant Camp Muthi, which will also accommodate a library and dedicated shops for Self

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India, China must see each other as partners, not rivals: Beijing

BEIJING, JUN 08: China and India should stick to the "right strategic perception" that they are not rivals but cooperative partners and opportunities for each other's development, not threats, a top Chinese official said on Monday.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian made the remarks at a media briefing here in response to a question on Russian President Vladimir Putin's comments on Sino-India relations and Moscow's efforts to maintain close ties with both of them during an interaction with heads of leading global news agencies.

Currently, the China-India border situation is generally stable and the two sides have a smooth communication channel, Lin said.

"China and India should stick to the perception that the two countries are cooperative partners, not competitors and rivals, and both countries are opportunities for each other's development, not threats," he said.

"The two sides need to view and handle the bilateral relations from a strategic height and long-term perspective, enhance mutual trust and expand cooperation, properly handle differences and promote sound and steady development of China-India relations," he said.

On India's concerns over China's close ties with Pakistan, Lin said Beijing support both India and Pakistan in properly handling their differences through dia-

logue and consultation, and jointly keeping the region peaceful and stable.

Commenting on India, China and Russia ties, Lin said the three countries are emerging economies, and maintaining sound relations is not only in the respective interests of the three countries but also world peace, security and stability.

"China is ready to maintain communication with Russia and India on advancing trilateral cooperation," he added.

Putin had praised both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping and said Russia's decades-long partnerships with both New Delhi and Beijing grew naturally and are entirely independent of one another.

"This is a delicate, multi-faceted relationship between India and China, and interfering into them is not a good idea. Of course, we interact with both our friends - both India and China," Putin said.

"President Xi and Prime Minister Modi are both trying to resolve all the issues of mutual interest, including the border issue," he said.

Highlighting Moscow's strategic equilibrium in Asia, Putin characterised Russia's ties with India and China as having evolved organically.

He had stressed that Moscow's growing synergy with New Delhi does not come at Beijing's expense, just as Russia's deep alliance with China does not compromise its bond with India.

Oppn leaders begin deliberations to forge unity, rework strategy



NEW DELHI, JUN 08: Top leaders of the Opposition INDIA bloc on Monday began deliberations here to forge unity and rework their strategy to take on the BJP, while ironing out differences within after the defeat of regional outfits like the TMC and DMK in the recent

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Centre, J&K govt committed to expanding access to quality education: Pradhan

NEW DELHI, JUN 08: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today held a meeting with Jammu and Kashmir Education Minister Sakina Itoo and discussed issues pertaining to teacher education institutions.

He also reviewed the progress of school and higher education initiatives in the Union Territory.

The meeting focused on teacher training, institutional development, skilling and other measures aimed at strengthening the education ecosystem in Jammu and



Kashmir. "Held a productive discussion with Sakina Itoo, Minister for Education, Health & Medical Education and Social Welfare, Government of Jammu &

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Kavinder asks students to actively participate in nation's progress

SHIMLA, JUNE 08: Asserting that academic excellence must go hand in hand with strong cultural roots, Governor Kavinder Gupta today asked students to actively participate in nation's progress.

Students should actively participate in nation's progress and become agents of positive change, while addressing Bharatiya Sanskriti Gyan Pariksha Prize Distribution Ceremony organised by All World Gayatri Pariwar here.

"Indian culture is the foundation of nation build-



ing," Gupta said and emphasised the need to connect younger generation with the country's rich cultural heritage, traditions and moral values.

He said that a strong and prosperous nation can be built only when its youth remain rooted in the civilisational values that have

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