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Hope US-Iran peace deal holds: Omar



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said 'he hopes the agreement to end the US-Iran war holds until the formal signing of the accord. Official signing of the accord to permanently end the over three-

Police return lost bag to Vaishno Devi pilgrim

The security wing of Katra police today traced and returned a lost bag to a Vaishno Devi pilgrim. It contained Rs 72,220 and some important documents, according to officials.

Vipin Sonkar reported the loss of his bag, suspected to have been misplaced at either Katra or Sanjichhat helipad, officials said. Acting promptly, police

19 booked for tenant verification lapses

The Samba police today filed 19 FIRs against property owners for not providing them details of tenants. The cases were registered at Samba and Bari Brahmna police stations during a special verification drive launched to enhance security measures and ensure strict adherence to mandatory tenant verification norms, officials said.

The verification process was initiated for the outsiders staying as tenants and domestic helpers. During the drive, 13 cases were registered at Bari Brahmna police

Gold Futures rise to Rs 1.52 lakh/10g

NEW DELHI, JUN 15: Gold prices bounced back in futures trade on Monday, rising sharply by Rs 2,242 to Rs 1.52 lakh per 10 grams, tracking strong global trends after the announcement of a US-Iran peace deal which lifted the market sentiment.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange, the yellow metal for august delivery jumped Rs 2,242, or 1.49 per cent, to Rs 1,52,770 per 10 grams in a business turnover of 8,948 lots. Last week, gold futures declined Rs 5,066, or 3.2 per cent, to settle around Rs 1.50 lakh per 10 grams.

PAF aircraft crashes; both pilots killed

ISLAMABAD, JUNE 15: A Pakistan Air Force trainer aircraft crashed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa area of the country on Monday, killing both pilots onboard. The Pak army said the aircraft was on a routine "training sortie" when it crashed near Mardan in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Both pilots, Flight Lieutenant Muhammad Qasim Abdullah (Pakistan Air Force) and Lieutenant Taha Abbas (Pakistan Navy), were killed in the crash. A board of inquiry has been constituted by Air Headquarters to ascertain

US, Iran agree deal to end months-long war

Hormuz to reopen on June 19

WASHINGTON, JUN 15: The US and Iran finalised a deal to end their 107-day war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway used to ferry one-fifth of the global oil supplies, after in-person signing of the agreement in Switzerland.

US President Donald Trump made the announcement on Truth Social on Sunday evening, easing pressure on the global energy markets, as officials said the peace agreement would be signed on June 19 in Switzerland. "The deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran is now complete. Congratulations to all," he said, adding that it would reopen the Strait of Hormuz and end the US naval blockade on Iranian ports. "I hereby fully authorise the toll-free opening of the Strait of Hormuz and, simultaneously, authorise the immediate removal of the United States Naval blockade. Ships of the world, start your engines. Let the oil flow!" Trump said.

However, in a subsequent post, the US president said the Strait of Hormuz would open on Friday after the official signing of the agreement.

The finalisation of the deal, on a day when Trump turned 80, capped a tumultuous week of war and diplomacy

when the US carried out strikes on Iran and the US president, at the last minute, backed off a threat to take control of the Kharg Island, the oil export hub of the Islamic Republic. "This Great Deal will bring Peace and Security to the whole Region. Many presidents have tried to make Peace with Iran, and all have failed before me," Trump said.

"The Leaders of the Region have, for the first time, found a President who can help them achieve real Peace. With the opening of the Strait upon the signing of the Deal on Friday, for purposes of mine removal, oil will flow on both ends again for the Region, and the World," he said. Hours before the deal was to be finalised, Israel's airstrike at Hezbollah targets in Beirut saw tensions flaring and Trump engaging in a heated conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

He told US media that he had told Netanyahu and the Iranian negotiators to guard against a fresh round of attacks. The agreement calls for the US and Iran to negotiate over Iran's nuclear enrichment and the disposal of its highly enriched uranium during a 60-day window.

The deal was negotiated through mediators that included Pakistan and Qatar, who initially got a two-week ceasefire agreement on April 8. The ceasefire was extended till the completion of the talks.

The US and Israel launched attacks on Iran on February 28 that saw Tehran lose several of its top leadership, including the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council Ali Larijani, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Commander Mohammad Pakpour, Defence Minister Aziz Nasirzadeh among others. Khamenei's son, Mojtaba, is now the supreme leader, but has not been seen in public since the war began.

World leaders welcomed the new cease-fire deal and diplomatic road map to ending the months-long US war with Iran, as oil prices tumbled and Iranians expressed wary relief that a conflict that had killed thousands across the Middle East could soon end.

The framework announced on Sunday by Trump and Iranian officials includes a cease-fire of 60 days to pave the way for negotiations toward a final peace agreement. Mr. Trump said it would reopen the Strait of Hormuz, a

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World welcomes, Israel rejects US-Iran peace deal

Says won't withdraw from Lebanon, Syria, Gaza

JERUSALEM, JUNE 15: As the United States of America and Iran agreed to end the 107-day long war that has held the world on an economic chokehold, reactions from global players including the United Nations, European Union and other nation states poured in.

While most nations welcome the possible end of war in the region, Israel has dismissed the peace talks and stated that 'we are not partners to it,' declaring that the nation is not bound to the ceasefire.

Israel's defence minister said Monday that Israeli forces would remain in Lebanon, Syria and Gaza indefinitely, hours after the United States and Iran agreed to end the Middle East war, including in Lebanon.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and I are pursuing a clear policy under which the IDF will remain in the security zones in Lebanon, Syria and Gaza for an unlimited period of time, in order to protect the border and Israeli communities from their jihadist elements," Israel Katz said in a statement that did not make any reference to the US-Iran deal.

"The area will be cleared of local residents, and all terrorist infrastructure, both above and below ground -- including the houses in the frontline villages that served as terrorist outposts -- will be destroyed. "Holding territory and maintaining secu-

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rity zones are among the IDF's greatest achievements... therefore we oppose an IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, despite all the existing pressures and those that will come," Katz said, adding that Netanyahu had informed President Donald Trump about this.

Katz also warned Iran that if the Islamic republic attacked Israel in response to its campaign in Lebanon, Israel would retaliate with "full force".

"We will not compromise on Israel's paramount security interest and the protection of our citizens, and we will not withdraw from the security zones," he said.

The EU's top officials welcomed the deal between the United States and Iran to end the Middle East war, saying Europe was ready to contribute to "a lasting peace".

"I look forward to an end to this costly war and to the full restoration of freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz," Antonio Costa, the president of the European Council representing member states, wrote on X.

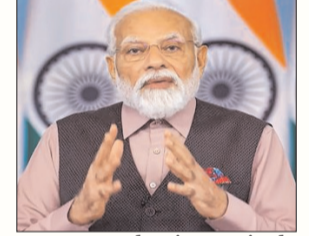
"Weapons must now fall silent," Costa urged, saying the "European Union is ready to contribute to advancing a comprehensive strategy for lasting peace across the Middle East."

The United States and Iran said they Cont. on P9 >

Focused on improving citizens' quality of life in 12 yrs: Modi

NEW DELHI, JUN 15: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the NDA government has increasingly focused on improving ordinary citizens' quality of life over 12 years and worked on easier access to opportunities, better infrastructure, improved public services and quality education, among others.

Terming his dispensation "a government for the middle class", he said it a privilege to be working towards fulfilling the aspirations of the middle class as they have contributed to nation-building in countless ways. "Over the last decade,



governance has increasingly focused on improving the quality of life of ordinary citizens. Our efforts are about easier access to opportunities, better infrastructure, improved public services, affordable healthcare, quality education, cleaner cities and reduced burdens in everyday life," Modi said in a post on X.

The 'MyGov India', a flagship citizen engagement platform of the central government, stated that under Modi's leadership, India's middle class has seen a strong rise in living standards over the past 12 years, supported by better infrastructure, improved connectivity, tax relief measures, and expanded public services.

From smoother transport to stronger digital access, everyday life has become more efficient and opportunity-rich for millions of families across the nation, it said.

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India, Slovakia upgrade ties

BRATISLAVA, JUNE 15: India and Slovakia today elevated their ties to the level of a comprehensive partnership and vowed to boost bilateral trade and defence cooperation following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Slovak counterpart Robert Fico.

The two leaders also agreed to work towards the "earliest" implementation of the India-European Union free trade agreement that is expected to significantly shore up the bilateral economic engagement.

Modi is in Bratislava as part of his week-long visit to

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RTI activism has become new business: SC

Refuses anticipatory bail to activist

NEW DELHI, JUN 15: The Supreme Court today said that RTI activism had become a new business, while refusing to grant anticipatory bail to an activist and other accused of obstructing a public servant in road construction work.

A bench of Justices Sandeep Mehta and Vijay Bishnoi denied bail to RTI activist Rakesh Kumar Behl and his aide, and questioned their authority to monitor the road construction work. Justice Mehta said, "RTI activism has become a new

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business. The central government has issued funds; it will take care of the construction of the road. You are nobody. So-called RTI activist! Yellow journalism. Dismissed."

Concurring with the views of Justice Mehta, Justice Bishnoi said, "Who are you to monitor the construction of all these roads? Are you some superior authority or what?"

Behl had challenged the Punjab and Haryana High Court's order denying him anticipatory bail.

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His counsel contended that they had been falsely implicated in the case as they had highlighted the corruption involved in the road construction work.

According to the FIR, Behl along with another accused Rajiv Kumar alias Mintu allegedly obstructed the ongoing road construction work in Batala of Gurdaspur district of Punjab and also intimidated the complainant under whose supervision the work was being executed and the

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FM flags possibility of weaker monsoon due to El Nino

Says farm incomes can take hit

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Monday flagged the possibility of a weaker monsoon due to El Nino conditions, warning that farm incomes could come under pressure this year even as the government remains confident of avoiding any food shortage because of adequate buffer stocks.

"Unfavourable weather remains an economic risk as policymakers are preparing for a less favourable monsoon out-



come. Because of the El Nino effect, I think we are preparing for not so good a monsoon," she said while speaking at the inaugural session of 16th edition of the Mindmine Summit 2026, themed 'Uncertain

Times, Confident Choices, India Recalibrates'.

Declaring that food security is not a concern, Sitharaman acknowledged that farmers' incomes could take a hit if rainfall was deficient or unevenly distributed.

She flagged concerns over possible headwinds in the domestic consumption this year due to the impact of El Niño which was likely to adversely affect the agricultural income and productivity.

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NEET paper leak Court allows CBI to quiz 3 accused in jail

NEW DELHI, JUN 15: A Delhi court today allowed a plea by the CBI to question three accused in the NEET-UG paper leak case in jail, saying they were "prime conspirators" requiring further probe.

Duty judge Surender Mohit Singh was hearing the agency's plea to question three accused in judicial custody - Manisha Sanjay Waghmare, Dhanunjay Nivrutti Lokhande and Shubham Madhukar Khairnar.

"It has been revealed that the (three) accused are the

Cong slams Modi's 'blind devotion to Israel'

NEW DELHI, JUN 15: The Congress today hit out at the Modi government's handling of the foreign policy, saying Pakistan seems to have acquired a new regional and global influence and this coupled with China's deep embedding in Pakistan's strategic apparatus, poses a formidable geopolitical challenge for India.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the news that the US and Iran will be signing an agreement on June 19 in Geneva to halt hostilities in West Asia is to be welcomed, even though the full details are yet to be made

Logistics, clean tech sectors to see 55 pc surge in drone usage

NEW DELHI, JUN 15: Use of drones in logistics and clean tech sectors is expected to surge 55 per cent in three years, with the Indian logistics market expanding from USD 228 billion in 2024 to USD 428.7 billion in 2033.

The logistics sector is at the cusp of a new era of growth and transformation, propelled by rapid digitalisation, evolving delivery models, infrastructure modernisation, and sustained policy support. The Indian logistics market, valued at USD 228 billion in 2024, is projected to nearly double to USD

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428.7 billion by 2033, said a survey by Nexgen Exhibitions Pvt Ltd (NEPL).

The convergence of sustainability and aerial intelligence is unlocking new opportunities to enhance efficiency while reducing operational and environmental costs.

Amid this wave of innovation, the survey forecasts a 55 per cent surge in drone deployment across India's logistics and clean tech sectors over the next three years.

The survey was conducted among 1,000 professionals, including drone manufacturers, logistics

experts, solar manufacturers, wind power companies, power distribution companies and technology providers in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Pune.

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It found that drones are rapidly becoming the backbone of next-generation supply chains and sustainable businesses beyond national security operations. NEPL is organising the

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PoJK protests JAAC accuses authorities of suppressing rights movement

MUZAFFARABAD, JUN 15: The Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) has reiterated its commitment to continue its struggle for rights in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), accusing authorities of using force against peaceful protesters while ignoring their long-standing demands.

Sharing its Charter of Demands on the social media platform X, JAAC claimed that both the Government of Pakistan and the PoJK administration

had acknowledged these demands in the past.

However, the committee alleged that political parties were now attempting to divert attention from the issues raised by the movement.

"This is our Charter of Demands, which has been recognised by the Government of Pakistan and the Government of PoJK. All political parties have devised a plan to crush the people by deviating from these demands, relying on the basis of force," JAAC

said.

Among JAAC's key demands are the abolition of privileges enjoyed by the ruling elite, elimination of Assembly seats reserved for Pakistan-based refugees, provision of free healthcare and uniform education, establishment of an international airport, and ending employment quotas for Pakistan-based refugees in PoJK.

The committee described the ongoing movement as a people-driven

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Kavinder, Meghwal launch Nyaya Prabodh-Awakening to Justice campaign

KANGRA, JUNE 15: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta and Union Law & Parliamentary Affairs Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal today inaugurated the Nyaya Prabodh - Awakening to Justice campaign during the Regional Workshop and Reform Utsav organised by the Department of Justice, Government of India at the Dharamshala government college in Kangra district of the state.

Addressing the gathering, the governor said that the foundation of Indian democracy rests on the



principles of justice, equality and the rule of law.

He emphasised that the Constitution of India is not merely a document of rights but also a guarantee of dignity and equal access to justice for every citizen.

The governor said that Article 39A of the Directive Principles of State Policy entrusts the State with the responsibility of ensuring that no individual is denied justice due to economic or

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