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G7 summit

Modi urges shift from aid-based ties to equal partnerships

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, JUN 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday told the G7 leaders that the world should move from donor-recipient to partnerships based on solidarity and equality.



sula von der Leyen and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, among others.

Speaking at the Outreach Session on 'Forging new Partnerships and rebuilding international solidarity here, he also underscored the importance of "trust" in building international partnerships, especially in an increasingly interconnected world.

Prime Minister Modi, who was seated next to US President Donald Trump, said that the world should move from donor-recipient to partnerships based on solidarity and equality.

The session was attended by French President Emmanuel Macron, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Brazilian President Lula da Silva, President of the European Commission Ur-

-the world is one family.

The Prime Minister conveyed that India "remains firmly committed to advancing sustainable and inclusive global development."

Before the start of the proceedings at the G7 Summit, Modi exchanged pleasantries with G7 leaders.

Modi arrived in Evian-les-Bains after concluding his two-day trip to Slovakia.

The Group of 7 (G7) brings together seven of the world's most advanced economies: Canada, France,

Pak drone sighted, ops launched

A Pakistani drone was sighted in a forward village along the LoC in Rajouri district of Jammu late last night, prompting security forces to launch searches in the area.

According to officials, a drone with a blinking light was seen moving from PoJK side into the Indian territory in Sunderbani sub-sector of Rajouri late Monday night.

The drone flew back after briefly hovering between Mahadev Gap and Kalal village, officials said.

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4 jawans injured in landmine blast

Four Army jawans, including a junior commissioned officer, were injured in an explosion near the Line of Control in Rajouri district of Jammu today.

According to officials, Army troops were on routine patrolling along the LoC in forward Kalal area of Nowshera, Rajouri, when one of them inadvertently stepped on a landmine.

In the subsequent blast, a JCO and three jawans

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IAS officer shifted to Ladakh

The central government has revised the posting of AGMUT cadre IAS officer Himanshu Gupta, transferring him to Ladakh shortly after assigning him to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

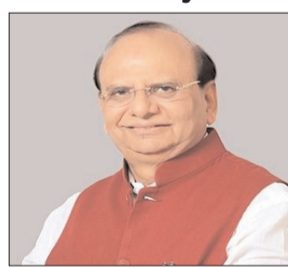
Gupta was recently repatriated to his parent cadre following the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

After his return from central deputation earlier this month, the Ministry of Home Affairs had initially posted him to the island Union Territory.

However, a fresh order now placed him in

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Saxena approves constitution of SHAN Conservation Society



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Reaffirming his commitment to environmental and wildlife protection in the high-altitude ecosystems of Ladakh, LG Vinai Kumar

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Jitendra inaugurates pre-retirement counselling workshop



NEW DELHI, JUN 16: Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who today inaugurated pre-retirement counselling workshop, said that the governance and pension reforms initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 12 years were reaching a wider section of employees and pensioners

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West Asia conflict

Deal to end war requires Israel to withdraw from Lebanon: Iran

DUBAI, JUN 16: Iran's top diplomat said Tuesday that the deal ending the war with the United States would also require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon. But with Israel insisting it will keep forces in Lebanon, questions are growing about the still-unpublished agreement and whether disagreement over its terms could prolong the conflict.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel's continued occupation of southern Lebanon would violate the memorandum of understanding reached between

the United States and Iran.

"The end of the war in Lebanon is an inseparable part of the complete end of the war," Araghchi said in statements made to foreign diplomats in Tehran that were aired on Iranian state TV.

"Without the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories they occupied during this war, the war has not fully come to an end."

Araghchi said further Israeli attacks on Lebanon "will be considered by us a violation of the memorandum of understanding."

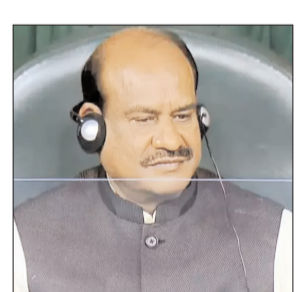
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LS Speaker to seek views of both TMC factions before decision

NEW DELHI, JUN 16: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will hear the defected TMC MPs and the faction led by Mamata Banerjee both before deciding on giving recognition to the breakaway faction.

The speaker's office has also sent an email to the Banerjee-led faction - which is now reduced to a rump - seeking its view, officials said.

Earlier, sources from Parliament said Birla is likely to seek legal opinion on the defected leaders' demand to be recognised as a separate group after a pro-



posed merger with the little-known Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI).

Any decision on the group's demand will be taken before the Monsoon Session of Parliament, which usually commences in the third week of July, they said.

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NEET-UG retest

Telegram blocked as govt cites paper leak risks

NEW DELHI, JUN 16: The Union government has restricted access to messaging app Telegram till June 22 in order to prevent "cheating rackets" from defrauding candidates ahead of Neet (UG) 2026 re-examination on June 21.

The directions were issued under Section 69A of the IT Act, 2000, based on the recommendations of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

A separate direction requires Telegram to disable,

in India, the message-editing feature for messages already posted till 30 June 2026. NTA said the feature had been used to fabricate after-the-event "paper leak" evidence in respect of national examinations.

NTA said the measures were taken in the interest of public order in response to the organised use of Telegram by cheating rackets to target candidates appearing for the Neet (UG) 2026 re-examination.

The agency described the directions as a "last resort"

after intermediate remedies, including channel-level take-downs, had not produced the required platform-level response.

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, has been coordinating the operational response. NTA said I4C acted on inputs from the agency, State police forces including those of Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan, and its own monitoring of public channels and plat

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PM, US Prez hold brief conversation

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, JUN 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump on Tuesday exchanged pleasantries and held a brief conversation at the G7 summit in the French commune of Evian-les-Bains in the first in-person encounter between the two leaders in nearly one-and-a-half years.

Modi and Trump were seen warmly shaking hands, followed by the brief conversation. The two leaders are scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting on Wednesday on the sidelines of the summit.

It was not immediately known what transpired between the two leaders during the encounter.

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Omar meets legislators



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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today met several legislators at the civil secretariat here and listened to their concerns, suggestions and issues requiring government attention.

He met MLAs - Iftikhar Ahmad (Rajouri), Rafiq Ahmad Naik (Tral), Justice (retd) Hasnain Masoodi

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NIA attaches property of LeT operative

NEW DELHI, JUN 16: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday attached a house in Amritsar allegedly linked to a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative in a transnational narco-terror network case with footprints spread across multiple countries.

The property, identified as House No 33, Holy City, Holy Enclave Phase-I, Amritsar, has been attached as the "proceeds of terrorism", an official statement said.

An NIA team carried out the attachment following the due process of law, in the presence of independent

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'Bordering on failure'

India slams UN reform draft on Security Council expansion

UNITED NATIONS, JUN 16: India has cautioned that reform of the UN Security Council will border on "failure" if only its non-permanent category of membership is expanded.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni made these remarks while addressing the Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN) meeting on Security Council reforms.

"UNSC reform would be grossly inadequate, bordering on failure, if expansion is limited only to the non-permanent category as it would fundamentally not change the decision-making power-structure of the P5," Parvathaneni said.

"Groups and member states have waited this long for real and meaningful reforms," he further added.

Parvathaneni was addressing the meeting, with focus on the 'Elements Paper', a document that contains points of convergences and divergences of UN member states on reform of the powerful UN body.

He stressed that by advocating expansion of the permanent category, India's consistent effort has been to bring in a "greater sense of balance and equity" in the Security Council, and change the decision-making parameters of the five veto-wielding permanent members - China, France, Russia, UK and the US.

India has been at the forefront of years-

long efforts for achieving reform of the Security Council, including expansion in both its permanent and nonpermanent categories, saying the 15-nation Council, founded in 1945, is not fit for purpose in the 21st Century and does not reflect contemporary geo-political realities.

Delhi has consistently underscored that it rightly deserves a permanent seat at the horse-shoe table. India last sat at the UN high-table as a non-permanent member in 2021-22.

India was critical of the 'Elements Paper' tabled for discussion, saying that it neither captures the overall state of play accurately nor accounts for the overwhelming sentiments of a majority of member states.

He pointed out that support of a majority for expansion in the permanent category of the Security Council has been reduced to 'a significant number of delegations' in the 'Elements Paper'.

"Despite the categorical position of a majority of member states in favour of expanding the permanent category, as reflected either in the national statements delivered at the IGN or through association with groups such as L69, G4, CARICOM etc., this has not been depicted accurately," he said. Parvathaneni also noted that the 'Elements Paper' mentions

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Without me, there would be no Israel, says Trump

Fumes at Netanyahu

EVIAN, JUNE 16: US President Donald Trump said Tuesday he had suggested to Israel that Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa should deal with Lebanon's Tehran-backed Hezbollah militia as the Israeli campaign was causing too many casualties.

Praising Sharaa as doing an "amazing job", he said at the G7 summit here: "If Israel can't do the job (against Hezbollah) without killing everyone else, then he (Sharaa) will do the job. Syria will do the job."



Sharaa "is very good with Hezbollah, does not like them", Trump said, adding that the Syrian leader, an ex-jihadist who came to power after the fall of Bashar al-Assad, is "no boy scout".

Israel "is fighting Hezbol-

lah too long and too many people are being killed," he said.

"I suggested to Israel to let Syria take care of Hezbollah as, to be honest with you, I think they would do a better job," said Trump.

Following reports that his relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was in decline, Trump said "Bibi (Netanyahu) has to be more responsible with respect to Lebanon."

"Without me there would

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Road projects in J&K have witnessed major boost since 2014: Tamta

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Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Ajay Tamta on Tuesday said road and transport infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir had witnessed a major boost since 2014, with projects worth nearly Rs 1.35 lakh crore taken up to strengthen connectivity across the Union Territory.

He said the massive investment marks a significant departure from the pre-2014 period, when highway development in



J&K was constrained by difficult terrain, frequent landslides and inadequate all-weather connectivity.

Tamta conducted an extensive inspection of key national highway projects, travelling the entire Srinagar-Jammu section of NH44 on Monday.

Highlighting the shift

since 2014, Tamta said J&K has undergone an "unprecedented transformation" in road and transport infrastructure.

"Before 2014, highway development in the region was limited, with difficult terrain, frequent landslides and poor all-weather connectivity. Since then, works worth nearly Rs 1.35 lakh crore have been taken up."

"Of this, 700 km worth Rs 20,000 crore have been completed, 2,300 km worth Rs 50,000 crore are under construction and Detailed Project Reports for another 707 km worth

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SC notice on PIL alleging Aadhaar misuse as proof of citizenship

NEW DELHI, JUN 16: The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought response of the Centre and States on a plea alleging misuse of the Unique Identification Authority of India-issued Aadhaar cards as proof of citizenship, domicile and residential address, and seeking directions to restrict its use strictly for identity verification.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice V Mohana issued notices to the Centre and all the states and UTs on a plea filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay and tagged it with the pending similar

matters. The plea has sought directions to the Centre, states and the Election Commission to ensure that Aadhaar is used as a proof of identity and not as a proof of citizenship, domicile, address and date of birth.

The plea, filed through advocate Ashwani Dubey, also sought directions that the use of Aadhaar as a proof of date of birth and residence in the application form for new voter registration be considered against Section 9 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016, Section 23(4) of the RPA, 1950 and Article

14 of the Constitution.

"Section 9 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 expressly states that 'Aadhaar is not the evidence of citizenship or domicile'. The Unique Identification Authority of India notification dated August 22, 2023 clearly states that 'Aadhaar is proof of identity, not of citizenship, address or date of birth'."

"Despite this, Aadhaar is not only being used as a proof of age, citizenship and domicile for school admission, property purchase and to obtain a birth certificate, ration card, driving licence but also being used in the

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