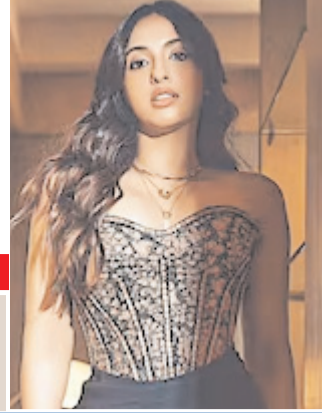




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KPs celebrate Jyeshtha Ashtami

Thousands of Kashmiri Pandit migrants today thronged Kheer Bhawani Peeth at Janipura here to celebrate Jyeshtha Ashtami, one of the most important religious festivals of the community.

The temple, regarded as a replica of the revered Mata Kheer Bhawani shrine at Tulmulla in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, witnessed a steady stream of devotees from the early hours of the morning.

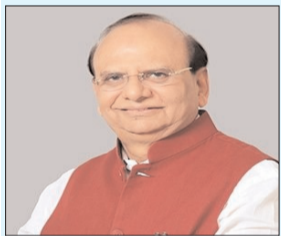
The first 'aarti' (prayer) was held at 3 am, marking the beginning of day-long **Cont. on P9**

MHA assigns seniority to 5 IPS officers

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has assigned seniority and allocated years of allotment to five IPS officers of J&K cadre.

As per an order issued in this regard, the MHA formalised the years of allotment for the officers who were appointed to the IPS cadre in August 2025 following their selection by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) from **Cont. on P9**

Saxena lays foundation stone of high-altitude flower fields



In a major initiative aimed at diversifying Ladakh's biodiversity, enhancing farmers' incomes and creating new livelihood opportunities through floriculture, Ladakh LG Vinay Kumar Saxena, today laid the foundation stone of two high-altitude flower **Cont. on P9**

NTA dismisses video claiming paper leak as 'fake'

NEW DELHI, JUN 22: The National Testing Agency (NTA) has termed as fake a video being circulated on social media claiming that the NEET-UG 2026 paper was leaked.

In a statement on X, the agency said the exam was conducted successfully under comprehensive security and surveillance.

"NTA's attention has been drawn to a fabricated video being circulated on social media regarding NEET (UG) 2026. The video is fake and the claims it makes are false," the statement **Cont. on P9**

Jitendra launches 'IAS e-List'



NEW DELHI, JUN 22: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today launched the IAS e-Civil List 2026 at Kartavya Bhawan here.

Emphasising the growing role of technology in governance, he said that digital platforms, such as the e-Civil list, had emerged as important instruments for administrative planning, **Cont. on P9**

15 students killed in massive fire at coaching centre

Several jump from building

LUCKNOW, JUN 22: In a tragic incident, at least 15 students lost their lives and several others were injured after a fire broke out at a private coaching centre in Lucknow's Aliganj area this afternoon, triggering a massive rescue operation and prompting the Uttar Pradesh government to order an inquiry into the incident.

The fire blazed through a three-floor commercial building in a residential area, trapping several people.

Eyewitnesses said several people jumped out of the building as fire engulfed the structure that houses a pet clinic as well as a coaching centre for students.

Fourteen fire tenders, including a hydraulic platform vehicle, were deployed to control the blaze that was reported at around 3 pm from the building located on Usha Mehta Marg in the Ali-



ganj area.

"The fire broke out suddenly. It was an animation centre. While there is no immediate clarity about the sequence of events, it seems that the children ran towards the back side when the fire broke out... but they couldn't survive. While there is no clarity about the

exact figure, but I saw 11-12 bodies with my own eyes," Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, who was at the site, told reporters.

Eleven people, who were caught in the blaze, were taken out of the building during the rescue operation. Some were carried in body bags while others were

wrapped in blankets.

They were brought out from the terrace of an adjoining building, where rescue teams had drilled two large openings into the affected building to gain access while the fire was still raging.

Senior officials, including **Cont. on P9**

Pak Def Min's warning to India over Indus waters

ISLAMABAD, JUNE 22: Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has warned that Islamabad could resort to military action against India if it believes the country's water security is under serious threat, escalating rhetoric amid the ongoing dispute over the Indus river system.

In an interview, he said Pakistan considered water resources a part of its national security and would not hesitate to respond if it felt its access to river waters was being affected.

"The moment we feel that our national security, and water is part of our national security, is being threatened, we will go to war against India. Definitely," Asif said.

He alleged that India was moving towards using water as a strategic instrument and claimed that any attempt to interfere with water flows meant for Pakistan would have serious consequences.

The remarks come amid heightened tensions over the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty, a World Bank-mediated agreement that regu-

lates the sharing of the Indus river system between India and Pakistan.

India placed the treaty in abeyance after the April 2025 terror attack at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir, in which 26 people were killed. New Delhi accused Pakistan-backed terrorists of carrying out the attack and said the treaty would remain in abeyance until Islamabad takes credible and verifiable action against cross-border terrorism.

The development fol **Cont. on P9**

SC refuses to entertain plea against collegium picks for HC judgeship

NEW DELHI, JUNE 22: The Supreme Court today refused to entertain a petition filed by a judicial officer from Himachal Pradesh, remarking that "we don't want to open a Pandora's box with regard to the proceedings of the collegium."

The petitioner had approached the apex court alleging that names of officers junior to him were recommended for appointment as judges of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Joymalya

Bagchi observed these are matters where ultimately it is the subjective satisfaction of the collegium of the high court.

"Can on the judicial side, the Supreme Court say to the collegium you do this or you do that and you consider the name? It can't be done," the bench said.

"On the judicial side, we don't want to open a Pandora's box with regard to the proceedings of the high court collegium or the Supreme Court collegium," it said.

Senior advocate Balbir Singh, appearing for the

petitioner, said the petitioner is the senior-most judicial officer in the state and has around 10 more years of service left.

The bench observed that merely because someone is high in seniority does not mean that he is entitled to be recommended for elevation.

After the top court showed its disinclination in entertaining the petition, the petitioner said he would withdraw the plea with liberty to seek appropriate reliefs before the competent authority of the **Cont. on P9**

Congress slams Modi govt on rural wage figures

NEW DELHI, JUN 22: The Congress today alleged that the Modi government was "doctoring a rural wages boom" and claimed that it had been manufactured by a methodological change.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said that in 2024, his party had flagged that the Modi government through the RBI had changed the definition of employment to show a boom in job creation, claiming the addition of 168 million jobs since FY18.

The leadership of the

RBI was later rewarded for its efforts with plum postings in the Modi government, Ramesh alleged.

Now, the Modi government was attempting the same with rural wages, he said on X.

"We have consistently flagged that the root cause of India's economic slowdown is the stagnation in real wages, which has weakened consumption growth and deterred private investment. Unable to fix this original sin, the Modi Government is now 'doctoring' a rural wages boom," Ramesh alleged. **Cont. on P9**

Reported annual rural wage growth jumped from 6 pc to 17-18 pc between June 2025 and March 2026, with average daily wages spiking 12.7 pc in a single month, he pointed out.

"This 'boom' in wages has been manufactured by a methodological change. The Labour Bureau without a press release or website disclosure -- adopted a new sampling framework, which brought in workers from many northeastern states, NCT Delhi, and Goa into the sample pool," he **Cont. on P9**

Starmer resigns as UK PM



LONDON, JUN 22: Keir Starmer on Monday announced his resignation as British Prime Minister and the Leader of the Labour Party, setting out a timetable for his successor to be elected in the coming weeks and be in place by September.

The 63-year-old said he will remain in post until a **Cont. on P9**

Anand Jain appointed Ladakh DGP



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The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today transferred IPS officer Anand Jain from Jammu and Kashmir to the Union Territory of Ladakh and ap **Cont. on P9**

We pray for early return of KPs to valley: Farooq



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NC president Farooq Abdullah today said the people in the valley want Kashmiri Pandits to return and expressed hope that the day will not be far.

He, however, said that the **Cont. on P9**

LG pays obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani temple, prays for peace

MKBYWS thanks him for 'excellent' arrangements

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LG Manoj Sinha today paid obeisance at the highly revered Mata Kheer Bhawani temple at Tulmulla in Ganderbal district of the valley on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami and offered prayers for peace, prosperity and well-being of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

On the occasion, he extended his greetings to devotees and wished that the blessings of Mata Ragnya Devi continue to guide everyone towards harmony, progress and spiritual fulfillment.

Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra Welfare Society (MKBYWS) thanked him for ensuring 'excellent' arrangements for the annual mela.

Interacting with Kashmiri Pandit community members, the LG assured that the comprehensive arrangements had been



successfully put in place to ensure a seamless and spiritual experience for everyone.

He commended the proactive efforts of the local administration, emphasising that the administration remains fully committed to enhancing infrastructure and support services to accommodate the growing influx of devotees from across the nation.

He also appreciated all the stakeholders for their seamless coordination and arrangements in organising the annual mela.

Sinha also met represen-

tatives of various Kashmiri Pandit organisations, PM package employees and civil society delegations. He listened to their concerns and assured them of the administration's commitment towards ensuring their welfare.

Speaking to media persons, he said, "Today, I prayed for the well-being, peace and prosperity of all. May the blessings of Mata Kheer Bhawani be upon everyone. This year, the number of devotees visiting the holy shrine is higher as compared to previous **Cont. on P9**

US, Iran agree on roadmap for final deal within 60 days

ZURICH, JUN 22: The US and Iran have agreed on a roadmap aimed at reaching a final agreement within 60 days after hours-long talks at the Swiss resort of Burgenstock.

In a joint statement, the mediators said that the talks were conducted in a "positive and constructive" atmosphere.

"Encouraging progress has been made, including the creation of a mechanism for further technical talks," the joint statement said.

The high-level talks at the Lake Lucerne Summit in Switzerland, held on Sun-

day and Monday, took place under the framework of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the US and Iran on Thursday to advance negotiations on regional security and other contentious issues.

While the US team was led by Vice President JD Vance, the Iranian delegation was led by Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf.

In the joint statement issued after the conclusion of the Lake Lucerne Summit, the first high-level committee meeting since the sign-

ing of the MoU, the mediators said that representatives of Iran, the US, Pakistan, and Qatar reviewed progress made under the agreement.

Building on the MoU, the parties have agreed to the establishment of a High-Level Committee, which will provide political oversight on the mediation, it said.

The committee will receive regular reports from chief negotiators and supervise specialised working groups focused on nuclear, sanctions and dispute resolution mechanisms to en **Cont. on P9**

Doval, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang review ties

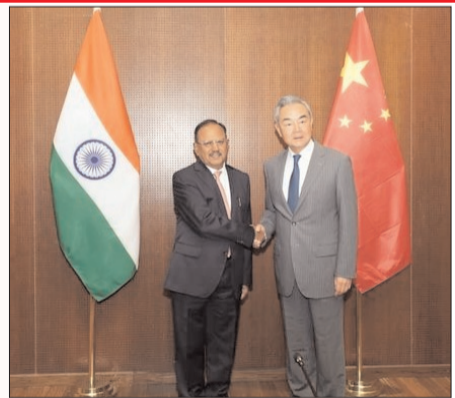
Note progress on normalisation

NEW DELHI, JUNE 22: National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval held a meeting with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday on the sidelines of the two-day BRICS NSAs' Meeting in New Delhi.

During their discussions, both sides reviewed recent developments in bilateral relations and noted the progress towards gradual normalisation.

"NSA Ajit Doval, KC met Member of the CPC Political Bureau and FM of China, Wang Yi on the sidelines of the BRICS NSAs' meeting in New Delhi," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) wrote on X.

"The two sides reviewed recent developments in bilateral relations and noted progress towards gradual normalisation. NSA underlined that stable, predictable



and constructive bilateral relations contribute to building of trust and better understanding between the two sides," it **Cont. on P9**

Kavinder offers prayers at ancient Tara Devi temple

SHIMLA, JUN 22: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today visited the renowned Mata Tara Devi Temple here and offered prayers for the peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being of the people of Himachal Pradesh.

He was accompanied by his wife Bindu Gupta.

The governor paid obeisance at the sacred shrine and sought the blessings of Goddess Tara Devi for the continued progress, harmony and prosperity of the state.

He also prayed for the welfare of all citizens and



for strengthening the spirit of unity, compassion and social harmony in society.

Located at a picturesque hill overlooking Shimla, the historic Tara Devi Temple is one of the

most revered religious sites in the region and attracts devotees from across the country.

Gupta appreciated the serene spiritual atmosphere **Cont. on P9**