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## Hyderabad needs an IIM: CM Revanth appeals to the Centre

**New Delhi, June 11 :** Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy remarked that education and healthcare form the strong foundation for the country's development. He participated in the 11th NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting held in Delhi on Thursday under the chair-

manship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speaking at the NITI Aayog forum, he outlined Telangana's development model in the context of the caste census. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister stated that education—rather than money or land—is the key factor influencing social backwardness. He referred to the details of the caste survey (SEEEPC) during his address. He invited Chief Ministers and officials from any state in the country to visit Telangana and see the 'Young India Schools' being constructed there.



## Uttam directs officials to vigorously pursue Sitarama project clearances



**Hyderabad, June 11 :** Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday directed officials to vigorously pursue and fast-track the environmental.



## BJP rising, Cong-BRS losing public trust : Ramchander Rao

**Hyderabad, June 11 :** Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday asserted that the BJP is steadily expanding in the state while the Congress and BRS are rapidly losing public confidence. It was during the tenure of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari

Vajpayee and under the governance of Narendra Modi that India received true recognition worldwide, he claimed. Addressing party workers at the two-day 'Deen Dayal Prashikshan Taragathulu' (training classes) in Siddipet, Rao ac-

cused both Congress and BRS of corruption and alleged that the two parties were protecting each other's interests. He demanded transparent investigations into the Kaleshwaram project and Formula-E car race controversies.

## CM Revanth has not yet reviewed the Agriculture Department: Kavitha

**Nalgonda, June 11 :** Kalvakuntla Kavitha, President of the Telangana Rakshana Sena, lashed out at the Revanth Reddy government, calling it a "shameless" administration that has extorted 1,200 crore from farmers under the guise of deductions and transportation charges. A round-table meeting addressing farmers' issues was held in Nalgonda on Thursday. Speaking at the meeting, Kavitha alleged that a conspiracy is underway to scrap free electricity for farmers under the pretext of the "Rythu DISCOM" initiative.



He criticized CM Revanth Reddy for not holding a review meeting on the Agriculture Department since assuming office. He expressed anguish that agriculture is being left to fate, with 'Mother Earth' being treated lightly. He empha-

sized that if governments possess iron-willed determination, they can work wonders in the agricultural sector. On this occasion, Kavitha suggested to the government that agriculture be recognized as an industry and that farmers be extended the same facilities provided to entrepreneurs. She explained that the Telangana Rakshana Sena would undertake a special action plan to make the farmer a 'king'.

## TDP and Janasena candidates elected unopposed as Rajya Sabha MPs!

**It appears that four candidates from the TDP and Janasena have been elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Andhra Pradesh. Reports indicate that their election became uncontested as the deadline for the withdrawal of nominations passed with only four candidates remaining in the fray for the four seats.**



cluding Andhra Pradesh. The Commission stated that elections for a total of 27 Rajya Sabha seats would be held on June 18. The terms of 24 Rajya Sabha members are set to expire in June and July. Additionally, by-elections are to be held for three other seats that fell vacant before the completion of the members' terms. The Election Commission announced that nominations will be accepted from June 1 to June 8.

It scheduled the scrutiny of nominations for the 9th of this month and set the deadline for withdrawal of nominations for the 11th. The Commission also stated that the election process would be completed by June 20.

**Amaravati, June 11 :** It appears that four candidates from the TDP and Jana Sena have been elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Andhra Pradesh. With the deadline for the withdrawal of nominations having passed and only four candidates remaining in the fray for the four seats, their election has been confirmed as unanimous. Sana Satish, Bashyam Ramakrishna, and Chintakayala Vijay are the can-

didates from the TDP, while Lingamaneni Ramesh filed a nomination representing Jana Sena. However, with only four candidates remaining in the fray, their election appears all but certain. Shortly, Returning Officer Vanitha Rani will officially present the certificates of election (Form-22) to the elected candidates. On June 1, the Election Commission of India announced the election schedule for Rajya Sabha seats across 10 states, in-



## Empowering India's youth remains a priority: PM Modi

**New Delhi, June 11 :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that empowering India's youth remains a priority as they will be the "driving force" in the country's journey towards Viksit Bharat. Chairing the NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting here, PM Modi said: "India's demographic dividend is a historic opportunity that we cannot afford to lose. Creating the right

ecosystem for our youth through quality education, demand-driven skilling, and employment opportunities must remain a priority. Empowered youth will be the driving force behind our journey towards Viksit Bharat."

## Jagan demands CBI probe into irregularities in DSC exam, recruitment

**Amaravati, June 11 :** Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy alleged large-scale irregularities in the Mega District Selection Committee (DSC) exam and recruitment process and demanded a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).



Addressing a press conference on Thursday, he said that all the facts coming to light regarding the Mega DSC for recruitment of teachers are extremely shocking.

## Future skills for students through AI learning and quantum technology: CM Chandrababu

**New Delhi, June 11 :** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu stated that a new population management policy would be introduced in the state. He also mentioned that AI learning, quantum technologies, and advanced programs would be brought

in for students. CM Chandrababu attended the 11th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog held in Delhi on Thursday.



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### Harish alleges massive corruption in education, borrowings, Future City project

**Hyderabad, June 11** : Former minister and BRS deputy floor leader Harish Rao launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging large-scale corruption in the education sector, reckless borrowing, excessive spending on luxury projects, and policies that are hurting farmers, students, employees and the common people. Speaking during an informal media interaction at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, Harish Rao alleged that the postponement of school reopening was linked to a massive ₹2,000 crore scam in the Education department. He claimed that schools were not reopened on schedule because contracts related to uniforms, bags, notebooks, belts and other supplies had not been finalised due to commission-related issues. According to Harish Rao, the previous BRS government had entrusted the stitching of uniforms to handloom workers and the manufacture of shoes and belts to LIDCAP to support Dalit families and local livelihoods. However, the Congress government allegedly

centralised the process and handed contracts to a Gujarat-based contractor. He alleged that supplies meant for nearly seven lakh Gurukul students, including uniforms, bags, belts and notebooks, had still not reached schools. "During the BRS government, students received all materials on the very first day of school. Today, even after postponing the reopening of schools, the required supplies have not reached students," he said. Harish Rao alleged that tender rates had been nearly doubled compared to previous years, resulting in large-scale corruption. He further claimed that irregularities had occurred even in the procurement of eggs supplied to students in residential schools. He also accused the government of failing to implement the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme properly, delaying payments to women's self-help groups under Amma Odi committees and withholding salaries of school scavengers for the past four months. Turning to Congress affairs, Harish Rao alleged that the rejection of the nomination of Telangana Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan was the result of an internal conspiracy by leaders within the party itself. He claimed that a close associate of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy



was responsible for leaking information that led to the rejection of her nomination. "Curtailing the political prospects of one's own party in-charge reflects the internal state of the Congress. The Chief Minister must order an inquiry and reveal the truth behind this episode," he said. Harish Rao also criticised what he described as extravagant spending by the Chief Minister despite claiming that the state treasury lacked funds. He alleged that a luxury guest house named Bodhi Pavilion was being constructed at a cost of nearly ₹100 crore near the Chief Minister's residence in Jubilee Hills. According to him, a project initially sanctioned for ₹7 crore as a VVIP guest house had now expanded into a ₹100 crore facility, accompanied by additional spending on fencing and recreational infrastructure. He further alleged that the Chief Minister was spending nearly ₹5 crore every month on helicopter travel, compared to about ₹2 crore

earlier. "If there is no money for fee reimbursement, farmers' welfare, employees' dues and welfare funds, where is the money coming from for luxury guest houses and helicopter rides?" he asked. Harish Rao alleged that the government was imposing financial burdens on the public through increased RTA charges, registration fees, fuel taxes and other levies. He criticised the increase in petrol and diesel taxes, claiming that the government would generate an additional ₹2,000 crore in revenue while burdening ordinary people. He also expressed concern over proposed additional levies linked to the Future City project, including impact fees and toll-based charges. According to Harish Rao, the government was relying heavily on brokers to arrange borrowings beyond normal limits and paying huge commissions in the process.

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Mr. Bugganalla Mallesh Mrs. Manika B (Prospect No 987622)	H.No.2-16, Ootpali Village, Doma Mandal, Vikarabad District, Ts 501101 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 2236 Bounded By: North: Shymala House South: Road East: Ramaswamy House West: Ramalamma House	Rs.1138342/- Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two Only	04-12-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Narsimulu Mamilla Mrs. Padamma Ovsar Com Driver (Prospect No IL10462312)	H.No.1-21,Nagasamundur Village, Yalal Mandal Vikarabad District, Ts 501141 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 1053 Bounded By: North: Cc Road South: House Of Edigi Narsimulu East: Gp Road West: House Of Mettu Padamma	Rs.1098638/- Rupees Ten Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight Only	05-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Mettu Srinivas, Miss Mettu Padamma Construction Workers Welfare Board Vegetable Seller On Road Side (Prospect No IL10737422)	H.No. 6-16, Rasnam Vilage, Yalal Mandal, Vikarabad District, Telangana 501141 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 1268 Bounded By: North: CC Road South: Remaining Land Of Padigayala Ramesh East: House Of P. Mukundar Reddy West: House Of K. Chandraiah	Rs.886196/- Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six Only	09-03-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Padigayala Ramesh, Mrs. Jothi Divya (Prospect No IL10739691)	Door No.4-46a, Sy. No.497/1b, Jutur Village, Pattikonda Mandal, Kumool District, AP-518380 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Carpet Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 610.00, 610.00 Bounded By: North: Road South: Road East: House Of Rangih Kumar West: Road	Rs.700515/- Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Only	13-10-2025	09-06-2026
Mr. Harjania Baburao Sri Ramalingaswaraswamy Auto Mobiles, Mrs. Padamma (Prospect No IL1029324)	Sy No 115-A1, H No 4-246, 4th Ward Kadimela, BC Colony Yemmiganur, Kadimela, Near By Main Road Kadimela 2, Kumool, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518360 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 921.00, 988.10 Bounded By: North: Road South: Empty Place East: P.Khaja West: B.Shreenivasulu	Rs.334129/- Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mrs. Pinjar Dastagiramma Mr. Dudesula Dashagani Mr. Pinjar Basaha Dhashtagiramma Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10360486)	H.No. 3-32, Sy No 217, Pedda Hulthi, Pattikonda Mandal, Kumool, A.P-518452 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 1633.50, 1005.80, 804.70 Bounded By: North: 5 Feet Road And Site Of Chukkala Lakshmi South: Site Of Yerram Narayana Reddy East: Church And Way West: Site Of Harjania Chukkala Chinnna Narasanna And	Rs.706085/- Rupees Seven Lakh Six Thousand Eighty Five Only	15-10-2025	09-06-2026
Mr. Jaggal Chinnna Hultheppa Rangamma Agriculture Farmer Mrs. Jaggal Rangamma Chinnna Hultheppa Auto Services (Prospect No IL10487775)	Survey No 447-382, 56-56, Iskapaalem, Hanjananawada, Buchreddypalem, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India-524305 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Super Built Up Area Property Area: 1302.00, 329.00, 148.00 Bounded By: North: Alladi Sikkandar, South: Road, East: Road, West: Empty Place	Rs.307901/- Rupees Three Lakh Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Sikkandar Alladi Sikkandar Electrical Works (Prospect No IL1055928)	H.No. 10-202, Assessment No. 4230, Sy No. 1182, Vinjamur Village Area, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India-524228 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 2250 Bounded By: North: Road South: House Of Kanata Sarada East: Site Of Kurra Rattamma West: Road	Rs.529245/- Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Only	05-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Pavankumar Manam, Mrs. Bingi Mounika Mrs. Bingi Sushila Pavankumar Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10581781)	H.No.25431, Sy.No:162, Putchakayalameda Village, Pathikonda Mandal, Andhra Pradesh, India-518380 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 750 Bounded By: North: Road South: House Of S.Bibi East: House Of Venkanna West: House Of Kallinadi	Rs.445412.16/- Rupees Four Lakh Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred Twelve and Paise Sixteen Only	05-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Ramakrishna Kottapalli Mahesh Sujatha Ramesh Krishna Gouds And Services Sujatha Agriculture Farmer (Prospect No IL10605899)	Sy No 526/1, H No 7-116, 7, B Colony, Dudekonda, Nagappa Katta, Andhra Pradesh, India-518380 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 756 Bounded By: North: House Of V.Rangaswamy South: House Of V.Venkat Ramudu East: Rastha West: House Of V.Sivanna	Rs.389819/- Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Only	04-11-2026	09-06-2026
Mrs. Boya Saraswati Mr. Boya Govindu Saraswati Kirana General Store (Prospect No IL10640414)	Rs No 447-448, 448/2, Plot No 351, 14th Ward, Allur Sptel Nellore-524315 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 350.00, 350.00 Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports South: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports East: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports West: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports	Rs.267729/- Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Katta Balajiah Mrs. Katta Lakshmi Balajiah Daily Wage Earner (Prospect No IL10682776)	Sy.No. 37 To 42, Plot No. 1804, Akkacheruvupadu, Nellore, Nellore, Near Ysr Colony, Andhra Pradesh, India, 524001 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: 2.157 Feet Road East: Road, West: 1803	Rs.52344/- Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four Only	08-08-2025	09-06-2026
Mrs. Bikhshahiganna Divya Bharrathi, Mr. Jangali Manindra Shekar (Prospect No IL10751233)	Sy No 144-2, Asst No 276, Sangam Mandal, Makthapuram Gram Panchayit, Makthapuram, Makthapuram Village, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India, 524306 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Super Built Up Area Property Area: 2522.00, 522.00, 223.00 Bounded By: North: Road South: Road East: House Of T. Prakash, West: Some part house of T. Prasad and House of K. Penchalaiiah	Rs.966755/- Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mrs. Gummudatala Venkata Ramanamma, Mr. Sreekanth Gummudatala, Venkataramanna Provisions And Fancy (Prospect No IL10752921)	Sy No 88/B, H No 6/286, 6th Ward, Nagaladinne Village, Sc Colony, Nagaladinne, Near By Mean Road, Kumool, Andhra Pradesh, India, 518360 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 505.00, 478.00 Bounded By: North: Road South: Mangal Ramu Place East: Ramudu House	Rs.275449/- Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty Nine Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Parampogu Ramanna Mrs. Madiga Bibi Ramanna Metal Injaining Works (Prospect No IL10746490)	Sy.No:622, Anundhathiwada Vinjamur Dr.No10/202, Assessment No 3926 Vinjamur, Near By Ramalayam, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India, 524228 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Super Built Up Area Property Area: 1485.00, 415.50, 200.00 Bounded By: North: Road South: House Of Gochipathala Srinivasulu East: Road West: House Of Gangapathala Masthanamma	Rs.552632/- Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Gosipathala Mahesh Mrs. Gosipathala Sujatha Mahesh Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10796536)	Door No.4-134, Sy.No.887-2b, Tuggali Village And Mandal, Kumool District, Ap 518390 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 514 Bounded By: North: House Of Erukata Nettikantiah South: House Of Pinjar Dastagiri East: Road West: House Of Pogula Nettikantiah	Rs.376829/- Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Only	05-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Pinjar Mahabasha Mr. Katturi Durgam Begum Driver (Prospect No IL10858673)	Door No.1159, D.No.413/3, Situated At Nandivulgu Village, Tenali Mandal, Guntur Dist, A.P.522006 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 868 Bounded By: North: Feet Joint Wall South: Property Of K Venkiah & Others East: Property Of K Joseph West: Road	Rs.1083696/- Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six Only	04-12-2026	09-06-2026
Mrs. Katturi Jayamma Mr. Katturi Kondalaram Jayamma Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10212947)	Plot No 888, Sy.No. 261, 267, 269, 270, 271, 2736, Kancharam Village, Rajam Mandal, Srikulam District, AP-532127 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 380 Bounded By: North: Plot No 878 South: Road East: Plot No 877 West: Plot No 889	Rs.153960/- Rupees One Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Kanaka Raju Merugu Mrs. Merugu Dhanu Laxmi Kankarajuri Centring Works (Prospect No IL10458347)	1p, Plot No Sec D3 135, Jaganadhapuram, Anandapuram, Anandapuram New Colony, Visakhapatnam, AP-531061 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 154 South: Plot No. 150 East: Plot No. 150 West: 30' Wide Road	Rs.280375/- Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Only	26-07-2026	09-06-2026
Mrs. Ladhya Routhula Mr. Ravibabu Routhula, Gold Covering Works (Prospect No IL10491180)	Plot No. 540, Sy No. 414-2b, Pedana Village And Mandal, Krishna, A.P 521366 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Property Area: 436 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 541 South: Plot No. 539 East: Plot No. 557 West: Road	Rs.540016/- Rupees Five Lakh Four Thousand Sixteen Only	05-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mr. Purnachandrarao Vempugani, Mrs. Nagalakshmi Vempugani, Purna-chandrarao Transport Services (Prospect No IL1051842)	Dr.No:185, Sy.No:30/3, Bhogredipalle Village, Bandaru Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, India-521131 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 3158 Bounded By: North: Road South: Place Of V.Nagababu East: Place Of V.Prasad Rao West: Road	Rs.319194/- Rupees Three Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Only	05-01-2026	08-06-2026
Mrs. Syed Fathima, Mr. Syed Rahaman, Fathima Tailoring Works (Prospect No IL10749840)	200/1, Plot No.175, VNRO1094117, Yer Jagananna Colony, Bobbili, Near Agricultural College, Vizianagaram, AP, India-535558 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 380 Bounded By: North: Plot No 166 South: Road East: Plot No 176 West: Plot No 174	Rs.154583/- Rupees One Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Three Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mrs. Mirapala Sampurna Roja Mr. Mirapala Narasimhu, Vegetable Works (Prospect No IL10917683)	Sr No 452/3c, Plot No 49, Majeru, Challapalli Mandalam, Challapalle, Kottamreddy, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh, India-521126 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 50 South: Plot No. 48 East: Plot No. 74 West: Road	Rs.292052/- Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Fifty Two Only	09-01-2026	09-06-2026
Mrs. Talupula Kalyani, Mr. Talupula Yedukondala (Prospect No IL10939306)	Plot No 123, Sy No 1069-1, 2, 3a, Chinnthalpudi Village & Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India-521131 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area, Measuring Property Area: 648 Bounded By: North: Cc 25 Links Road South: Plot No 124 East: Plot No 126 West: 25 Links Road	Rs.319194/- Rupees Three Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Only	05-01-2026	08-06-2026

For further details please contact to Authorized Officer at Branch Office: Door No. 9-9-11 1st Floor, Bank Street, Arundelpet, Narsaraopet D.No. 6611, Balaji Nagar, Tangellamma, Kandrikugudem Center, Eluru, W.G.D.I. P.534005/ D.No.37-1-175/82, 1st Floor, Opp. Konjeti Patel Park, Kumool Road, Ongole-523001/KTR Complex, Ground Floor, Door No.6-1-116, Beside More Super Market, Balaji Road, Tumri-53401/1st Floor, Centre 4th Floor, Dwarakanagar 2nd Lane, Vishakhapatnam-530016 Area Measuring (In Sq Ft.). Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 380 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 50 South: Plot No. 48 East: Plot No. 74 West: Road

Place: Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Date: 14-06-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.



### Southern command GOC-in-C calls on Governor

**Hyderabad, June 11** : Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain, AVSM, SM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Southern Command, Pune, called on Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Thursday as part of his official visit to the State. Senior military officers of the Southern Command

were also present during the meeting. During the interaction, Lt. Gen. Jain briefed the Governor on various initiatives, welfare programmes and security measures being undertaken under the jurisdiction of the Southern Command. Later, Malka Komaraiah, MLC representing the Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Teachers' Constituency, called on the Governor at Lok Bhavan.



### Civic agencies, police collaborate to redesign Cyberabad streets for safety

**Hyderabad, June 11** : Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner G. Srijana participated in the creating safer streets for all in cyberabad capacity-building workshop organised by the Cyberabad Police at the Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre on Thursday. The programme was attended by Dr. M. Ramesh, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad.

**SHRIRAM Finance Limited**  
 Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Administrative Office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aarum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.  
 Branch At # 16-207, 2nd, Opp.R&B Guest House, Main Road, Mahabubabad - 506163

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**  
 Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer M/s. Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aarum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and branch office at Thorrur (hereinafter referred as Company/ Lender), under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 11th day of June, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Padma Vaddhiraju, W/O Venkateshwarlu, Age: 54 Years, Occ: Bhoomatha Polity Farm & Feed Plant, Ingurthy, Kesamudram. # 3-2, Temple Veedhi, Ingurthy(Vill), Kesamudram (Md), Warangal(Dist)-506112. And Also At 1) Padma Vaddhiraju, W/O Venkateshwarlu, Age: 54 Years, Occ: Bhoomatha Polity Farm & Feed Plant, Ingurthy, Kesamudram. # House Pliny Open Sy.No.439/A, 439/Aa, 233.33 Sq.Yards, 195.05 Sq.Mtrs, Nekkonda, Warangal (Dist. 2) Venkateshwarlu Vaddhiraju, S/O Narayana, Age:56 Years, Occ: Prohibition & Excise Constable, Proh & Excise Station, Mahabubabad, # 3-2, Temple Veedhi, Ingurthy(Vill), Kesamudram(Md), Warangal(Dist)-506112. 3) Venkanna Kandukuri, S/O Itlaiah, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Police Constable 1184, Armed Reserve, Police Department, Warangal, # Ingurthy(Vill), Kesamudram(Md), Warangal(Dist)-506112.

**Description of Property**  
 THURTF1904300019 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property Holder Name Is Vaddhiraju Padma Mortgage Deed Dated 08.05.2019 Registered As Document No.1819/2019 on the File of the Office of Sub-Registrar at Narsampet) House Plot/Open Place In Sy.No.439/A, 439/Aa To An Extent Of 233.33 Sq.Yards Or 195.05 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Nekkonda Village And Grampanchayath And Mandal Of Warangal District. The Limits Of The Registration District, Warangal And Sub-Registrar, Narsampet Is Located Within The Following Bounded As Under: East: Open Place Of G.Komurath, West: Agricultural Land Of Ch.Yadagiri, North: Open Land Of Gandrakota Lakshmaiah, South: 15 Ft Road

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Date: 11-06-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place: Nekkonda, Shriram Finance Limited

**SHRIRAM Finance Limited**  
 AUTHORIZED OFFICER /ZONAL OFFICE, H.No:11-4-12/15, 2nd Floor, SBI Buildings, Wyra Road, Khammam-507001 And Branch Office At Sathupally , Khammam- Dist., Regd Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032;

**E AUCTION SALE NOTICE IN RESPECT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BELONGS TO: PENDRA DURGA RAO**  
 E Auction Sale Notice for sale of the Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules under Rule 9 (1) issued now after expiry of 30 days of the intending sale Notice dated 14.04.2023. Since all of you have failed to exercise your right of redemption as contemplated under section 13 (8) of Act 54/2002 r/w Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002, this notice for e-auction sale is issued. This is to inform the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Co Borrower/Guarantor and Mortgagor to the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, will be sold on in "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 15.07.2026 11.00 A.M. to 01.00P.M. for recovery of dues Rs.61,33,123/- (Sixty One Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand One Hundred And Twenty Three Rupees Only) as on 14-04-2023 with further interest, costs other charges and expenses thereon from 10.09.2025 due to the Shriram Finance Limited, Secured Creditor as per Demand Notice dated 14.04.2023 issued U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, to the Borrower/Guarantor(s) mentioned below.

Agreement No: STPLTF1903280004, Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor(s) 1) Raghu Ram Matta S/O Kasiviswanadha Rao (Borrower), Age:43yrs, Occu:Contractor, R/O:H.No.2-15, Main Road, Bethupally, Near Ramalayam, Gangaram, Khammam, Pincode:507303. 2) Matta Leela Rani W/O Raghuram (Co- Borrower/Guarantor), Age:40yrs, R/O:H.No.2-15, Main Road, Near Ramalayam, Bethupally, Gangaram, Sathupally, Khammam, Pincode:507303 3) Matta Rajeswari W/O Kasiviswanadha Rao (Co- Borrower/Guarantor), Age:66yrs, R/O:H.No.2-15, Main Road, Near Ramalayam, Bethupally, Gangaram, Khammam, Pincode:507303. 4) Gadiparthi Venkateswara Rao S/O Narayana (Co- Borrower/Guarantor), Age:52yrs, R/O:H.No.9-119, Dwarakapuri Colony, Road No.8, Ayyagaripeeta, Sathupally, Khammam Dt. Pincode:507303.

Description of immovable property (Property belongs to PROPERTY HOLDER NAME: MATTA LEELARANI WITH DOCUMENT NO: 1190/2019) House Site In An Extnt Of 2420 Sq.Yards Covered In Sy.No.197/AA/4 Situated At, Bethupally Revenue Village Sathupally Mandal Khammam District is Bounded By: Towards East : Grampanchayathi Road, Towards West : Site Of Matta Raja Rajeswari, Towards North: Site Of Manikala Venkateswara Rao, Towards South : Site Of Matta Raja Rajeswari. Know Embracements, if any: NIL

Agreement no	Reserve Price Of The Property	EMD Amount	By way of Sub EMD	Bid Increase Amt	Auction Date	EMD Submission Date	Property Inspection Date
STPLTF1903280004	Rs.16,45,600.00 / (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs forty five thousand six hundred Only)	Rs.1,64,560/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty four thousand Five hundred and sixty only) (10% on Reserve Price)	DD in favour of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD	Rs.15,000/-	15-07-2026	14-07-2026	13-07-2026

The interested



Delhi court defers decision on framing charges against Lalu Yadav in money laundering case

New Delhi, June 11 : A Delhi court on Thursday deferred, till July 16, the pronouncement of its decision on framing of charges against Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, his family members and others accused in the alleged money laundering case linked to the IRCTC hotel scam being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Devi, and their son and Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, Tejashwi Yadav. The ED case relates to the alleged laundering of proceeds of crime arising out of the IRCTC hotel scam registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The agency has alleged that irregularities were committed in the awarding of contracts for the operation of IRCTC hotels during Lalu Prasad Yadav's tenure as the Railway Minister between 2004 and 2009. According to the prosecution, the hotel maintenance contracts were allegedly awarded without following prescribed norms to a private company linked to close associates of the RJD supremo.

It has further been alleged that, in return, three acres of prime land were acquired through a benami company allegedly linked to the family members and associates of Lalu Prasad Yadav. The accused in the case include Lalu Prasad Yadav, his wife Rabri Devi, sons Tejashwi Yadav and Tej Pratap Yadav, daughters Misa Bharti and Hema Yadav, besides others. Earlier, the special court judge had reserved the order on framing of charges after hearing detailed arguments advanced by counsel appearing for the accused persons and the ED. The Delhi High Court is also seized of criminal revision petitions filed by Lalu Prasad Yadav, Rabri Devi and Tejashwi Yadav challenging the trial court order directing the framing of charges against them in the corruption case linked to the same alleged scam. In October last year, the Rouse Avenue Court framed charges against the accused persons for offences related to cheating, criminal conspiracy and corruption under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Prevention of Corruption Act after they pleaded not guilty. Lalu Prasad Yadav has consistently denied the allegations and maintained that the tenders for the IRCTC hotels were awarded in a fair and transparent manner.

From Naxalbari to near extinction: How Modi govt crushed Maoist menace in India

New Delhi, June 11 : In 1967, a peasant uprising in West Bengal's Naxalbari village gave rise to a far-left movement in India. What began as a movement claiming to protect the land rights of rural communities, resist tribal exploitation, and address governance gaps gradually evolved into a violent movement sustained by extortion and intimidation. For years, it was projected as a people's movement, drawing support from sections of the local population and sympathisers who viewed it as a struggle against social and economic injustice. Later, the Naxalite movement spread across parts of West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh. Alongside its expansion, reports of violence,

coercion and attacks on civilians and security personnel became common. An official said that while the red rebels maintained their presence in remote villages, they also benefited from support networks in urban areas, where certain sympathisers and activists allegedly sought to justify or promote the movement through propaganda. When the National Democratic Alliance government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power at the Centre in 2014, it resolved to tackle the Left-Wing Extremism (LWE). An official said that national security planners believed it was necessary not only to address the threat on the ground but also to counter the narratives and ideological messaging targeting youths.



Retired Pune IT professional duped of Rs 4.43 crore in investment scam

Pune, June 11 : A major cyber fraud case involving more than Rs 4.43 crore has surfaced in Pune, where a retired IT professional was allegedly duped by fraudsters posing as investment experts on WhatsApp and Telegram. The accused reportedly lured the victim with promises of extraordinary returns through stock market investments and displayed fictitious profits worth over Rs 26 crore on a fake online trading platform before demanding additional payments in the name of service charges. According to the complaint, the victim, 46-year-old Ujjwal Digambar Chaudhary, is a resident of Roseland Residency in the Pimple Saudagar area of Pune and a retired IT professional.

Christian leaders at the United Christian Protection India Council (UCPIC) round table meeting

Vijayawada, June 11 : Christian leaders organized a round table meeting at a hotel in Vijayawada on Thursday under the auspices of the United Christian Protection India Council (UCPIC) demanding that the government take immediate action by focusing on the attacks

and disturbing situation on Christians in Andhra Pradesh. On this occasion, they discussed the attacks and disturbing situation on Christians in the state. The founder and national president of the United Christian Protection India Council, Dr., who participated as the chief guest in the meeting, Kola Prasad

An inquiry should be conducted into the attacks on Christians in the state and Protection should be provided to Christians

said that attacks on Christians and Christian places of worship have increased in the state. He expressed his concern over incidents that violate the religious

freedom of Christians. He said that according to the Constitution, every citizen has freedom of religion.. but.. incidents are taking place today that violate religious freedom.



Hyd to host global logistics leaders at ICSL 2026

Hyderabad, June 11 : The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), in association with MPL Logistics, will host the International Conference on Shipping & Logistics of Commerce and Industry (ICSL) 2026 on June 12 at Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre.

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Advertisement for Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited, featuring an appendix of immovable property with details on borrower names, amounts, and descriptions.

Transferring Brahmin Corporation to Endowments is a historic decision



Vijayawada, June 11 : The Andhra Pradesh Purohita Brahmin Samakha has expressed happiness over the state government issuing a GO transferring the Andhra Pradesh Brahmin Welfare Corporation from the EWS department to the Endowment Department. On this occasion, a delegation of the Samakha participated in a press conference organized at the Samakha members' residence in Satyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada on Thursday and thanked CM Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan and Brahmin Corporation Chairman Brahmasri Buchi Ramprasad. Speaking on this occasion, the founder of the Samakha, Yamijala Narasimhamurthy, said that the ill-considered decision taken by the previous YSRCP government to transfer the Brahmin Corporation from the Endowment Department to the BC Welfare Department had seriously damaged the sentiments of the Brahmin community. Brahmin Corporation Chairman Brahmasri Buchi Ramprasad said that it is commendable that the coalition government has taken the appropriate decision and released this GEO as a result of the continuous struggle they have been waging since then. He

said that by bringing the Brahmin Welfare Corporation back under the purview of the Endowment Department, the path has been paved for the implementation of the main promise in the coalition manifesto, namely, 'the government will recognize priesthood as a Brahmin caste profession'. Recalling his memories of working as the director of the Brahmin Corporation in the past, Yamijala Narasimha Murthy said that this will be a great relief to the 1.20 lakh priests in the state and their families. He said that if there was a Brahmin Corporation under the endowment department officials would be managing directors, they would give a big role to priests.

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale table with columns for Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset, Date of Physical Possession, Reserve Price, and EMD Last Date. Includes terms and conditions for the auction.

## OPINION MAIL



## NDA defies doom

## predictions, stays united as Modi 3.0 turns two

When the 2024 Lok Sabha election results were announced in June, naysayers rubbed their hands in glee; not because the mandate returned the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as the single largest party in the Lower House of Parliament, but that it ran short of an absolute majority by a few seats. When the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) partners, including Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) and the Chandrababu Naidu-led Telugu Desam Party (TDP), again extended their support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the total strength of the Treasury benches rose to 293 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha. Though the alliance comprised some 44 member-parties, the naysayers still dismissed the new government as "short-lived".

Two years later, the nation is celebrating the anniversary of Modi 3.0 at the Centre; the NDA remains a cohesive front, while the Opposition bloc crumbles. The 75-year-old veteran JD(U) leader has since moved to the Centre as a Rajya Sabha member, voluntarily vacating his position with blessings for his successor, Bihar's new BJP Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and another ally, former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Deve Gowda, penned paens on Modi's leadership while celebrating an uninterrupted three-term governance, now completing 12 years. Incidentally, the nonagenarian JD(S) leader has reportedly announced retirement from electoral politics, opting out of the Rajya Sabha race and ending a seven-decade-long Parliamentary career.

In an article in The Times of India, he reflected that Modi becoming the longest continuously serving democratically elected Prime Minister after surpassing the record of Jawaharlal Nehru reflects both the strength and evolution of Indian democracy, while crediting his leadership for what he described as uncompromising protection of national interest and sustained public support.

Nehru's first term as the Prime Minister of Independent India was not through direct popular votes; the general election to elect the first Lok Sabha was held between 1951 and 1952. Though he won three consecutive elections, he spent two years in office after the 1962 Parliamentary poll.

Deve Gowda also observed that the Congress at that time functioned as a dominant political force with minimal opposition, while by the time Modi assumed office in 2014 and returned for a third term in 2024, India had transformed significantly in terms of diversity and economic complexity. He said it would not be exactly prudent to suggest that becoming Prime Minister in 1952 was easier than in 2014 or 2024, adding that even by 1996, when he himself became Prime Minister, India's political environment had already become more competitive, questioning, and mature.

He also stressed the fact that, unlike dynastic or privileged political backgrounds, leaders such as PM Modi and himself did not have access to inherited political capital, patronage, or social advantage that could serve as a springboard into national leadership.

Meanwhile, Naidu, penning his thoughts in The Indian Express, hailed Modi's tenure as having rediscovered India's cultural pride and national self-belief. He heaped praise on the Prime Minister and asserted that this milestone reflects the enduring trust that millions of Indians have placed in a model of governance anchored in the principle of "Nation First". History, he mused, will remember this period not merely for economic growth or political stability, but for the restoration of India's confidence in itself. The TDP chief also believed that this is India's defining moment, the beginning of a golden era for India. Despite the naysayers, the Modi government has completed 12 years at the helm. The administration looks secure and confident under him; strong performance has exceeded expectations, with alliance partners standing committed under the Prime Minister's leadership. That commitment is reflected in the fact that the NDA government has successfully steered several major bills through Parliament, ranging from economic reforms and social legislation to constitutional amendments.

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the indian mail

## Praful Patel, Tatkare regain clout in NCP amid leadership tussle

The nomination of Rajendra Jain to the Rajya Sabha and Aniket Tatkare's election to the state council have enabled Praful Patel and Sunil Tatkare to reassert their authority within the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) led by Sunetra Pawar.

Ahead of the party's 27th anniversary on June 10, the developments signal that their influence in the organisation remains intact.

The brief but intense attempt to sideline Praful Patel and Sunil Tatkare within the NCP recently marked a major flashpoint in the party's internal evolution. Following the tragic passing of Ajit Pawar, the sudden rise of the "Pawar Gen-Next" cohort -- centered around Parth Pawar and newly appointed party president Sunetra Pawar -- threatened to centralise all decision-making authority within a tight familial orbit.

The rift became public when Sunetra Pawar submitted a list of national office-bearers to the Election Commission (EC) on April 29, which conspicuously omitted both Patel and Tatkare. Although both Patel and Tatkare were inducted into the newly constituted national working committee, their designations as the party's national working president and Maharashtra unit chief, respectively, were missing. Instead, Patel was mentioned as the NCP leader in the Rajya Sabha and Tatkare as the NCP leader in the Lok Sabha.

However, within a matter of weeks, the veteran duo pulled off an institutional counter-manoeuver, firmly re-establishing their hold and prominence over the party's machinery.

## Pakistan reactivates 70 terror launchpads in PoK, 800 terrorists ready for infiltration

**New Delhi, June 11** : Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and its army have reactivated at least 70 terror launchpads across the Line of Control and International Border, planning a mass infiltration of nearly 800 terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir, intelligence sources revealed on Thursday. The Pakistan establishment aims to exploit the current global focus on the Middle East conflict and the ongoing state elections in India to facilitate the infiltration, an official said. Global attention has largely been centred on developments in the Middle East following the conflict between the US, Israel, and Iran. Even as Pakistan attempted to facilitate talks between the US and Iran, which failed, its Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), along with the army, has directed the reactivation of terror launchpads in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Amid these global developments and the ongoing assembly elections in various states in India, the Pakistan establishment is believed to be seeking an opportunity to step up infiltration efforts, an official said. The numbers have been rising steadily, with several terrorists being moved into Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and kept ready on the launchpads for infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir. Intelligence inputs indicate that at least 70 launchpads are active across the border, including around 10 along the International Border and the rest along the Line of Control (LoC). Estimates suggest that nearly 800 terrorists are currently waiting for an opportunity to infiltrate. An official from the Intelligence Bureau said that the infiltration strategy has been revised after several attempts to enter Jammu and Kashmir in recent months were foiled due to heightened vigilance by security forces along the borders. "The plan now is to attempt coordinated infiltrations from multiple entry points to stretch security forces. Groups of 10 to 15



terrorists may be pushed in simultaneously, with the expectation that at least a few will manage to get through," the official said. He added that Pakistan is seeking to take advantage of ongoing developments in India and abroad, in the hope that any operational gap could be used to facilitate infiltration.

A sense of urgency has reportedly set in after Operation Sindoor in May last year, in which Indian armed forces targeted and destroyed terror infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK. The operation was carried out in response to the Pahalgam attack in April last year that left 26 Indian tourists dead. Since then, Indian forces and security agencies have thwarted multiple infiltration attempts. Sources indicate that Pakistan's ISI and the army are facing pressure from terrorist groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba over the lack of operational activity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Officials said Jammu and Kashmir remains central to the functioning of these groups, making continued unrest a key objective for the Pakistan establishment, particularly in the context of local dynamics.

## India can play key role in helping Africa's green energy push

**New Delhi, June 11** : India can play a key role in helping Africa scale up its renewable energy, as the country has, over the last decade, successfully added over 130 gigawatts of solar and wind capacity, with renewables now accounting for just over half of installed electricity capacity, according to an article.

Across Africa, the energy transition is not a distant policy target; it is a practical attempt to turn sunlight, wind, and mineral wealth into hospitals with steady power, farms that can irrigate after sunset, and factories that can plug into something more reliable than expensive diesel generators, according to the India Narrative article. It points out that 600 million

people in Africa are still without electricity, although access rates are increasing and renewable energy projects are being set up. It sees immense potential for India to provide technology and institutional experience to drive this transition ahead. "India's expansion has been driven by competitive auctions, clear policy signals, and a focus on distributed solar



that reaches small town grids and rural households. For African governments, some of those lessons -- transparent tenders, predictable tariffs, and a strong domestic engineering base -- are transferable.



## Nashik case flags emerging radicalisation pattern, PFI's Vision 2024 parallels under lens

**New Delhi, June 11** : Radicalisation has become one of the biggest threats facing India. The agencies warn that radicalisation camps can come up at unassuming locations as they largely remain off the radar. The TCS case is one such example where the police found that professional seniority was used as a leverage to allegedly radicalise and also convert vulnerable junior employees between 2021 and 2026. While the probe is

ongoing, the agencies are set to look into a larger pattern. More such modules may be in the works in various other places and firms, and the agencies will study the patterns and possible links to the Nashik case, an official said.

Another official said that it is becoming increasingly clear that the larger design is to set up more such radicalisation centres. The focus is more on radicalisation and changing the mindset of society rather than going in for conventional terror attacks. Outfits such as the Popular Front of India (PFI), Islamic State and Al-Qaeda have long focused largely on radicalisation.

## Akasa Air to launch new Gwalior-Delhi-Bengaluru flights: Jyotiraditya Scindia

**New Delhi, June 11** : Union Communications and Development of Northeastern Region Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said on Thursday that regular flight services of Akasa Air connecting Gwalior with Delhi and Bengaluru will soon commence from the Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Airport in the Madhya Pradesh city.

In a post on X, Scindia said that the new Akasa Air services, namely Gwalior-Delhi-Bengaluru and Bengaluru-Delhi-Gwalior, will further strengthen the connectivity of the Gwalior-Chambal region, offering passengers faster and more reliable access to major cities. He said the services will also provide fresh momentum to opportunities in trade, industry, education and employment.

"Our resolve to connect the region to national-level air facilities through a modern airport is now taking concrete shape. I am fully confident that this initiative will play a pivotal role in propelling Gwalior's overall development to new heights," he said.





## 'Illegal and unacceptable': UN Special Rapporteur condemns detention of Afghan women over dress code

**Kabul, June 11** : The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, Richard Bennett, has expressed concern over the detention of Afghan women for violating the Taliban's dress code, terming the action "illegal and unacceptable" and calling for their immediate release. Bennett's statement comes after Taliban morality police detained at least 21 women and girls in Herat for alleged non-compliance with the dress code, Amu TV reported, citing local sources. In a post on X, Bennett stated, "I am deeply alarmed that for a 3rd consecutive day, scores of women in Herat continue to

be arbitrarily arrested and detained for violating the Taliban's dress code. It is illegal and unacceptable. The arrests must stop, and the women must be released immediately." The sources revealed that Afghan women and girls were detained in several parts of Herat, including the southern road, Almas Market and the Qasr area, as per the report. The women who have been detained reportedly include a nurse who worked at Herat Regional Hospital. The arrest of Afghan women and girls comes after the Taliban's Directorate for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice in Herat issued a directive, which ordered male family members to ensure that women follow the Taliban's interpretation of Islamic dress requirements. According to the directive, women seen in public without a prayer veil, uncovered faces, or wearing tight clothes or makeup could face detention and will be taken to a women's detention facility, Amu TV reported. The latest incident comes amid reports of increased implementation of the Taliban's morality law in several parts of Afghanistan.

## South Korean prosecutors seek arrest warrant for chief of Army Special Warfare Command in martial law probe

**Seoul, June 11** : South Korea's prosecutors on Thursday sought an arrest warrant for the head of the Army Special Warfare Command over his role in President Yoon Suk Yeol's short-lived imposition of martial law. Lt. Gen. Kwak Jong-keun is accused of sending troops to the National Assembly when martial law was imposed on December 3, and allegedly colluding with Yoon and former Defence Minister Kim Yong-hyun to incite a riot to subvert the Constitution. Prosecutors sought the arrest warrant on charges of insurrection and abuse of power. The National Assembly voted on Saturday to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol over his botched imposition of martial law, suspending him from his duties until the Constitutional Court decides whether to reinstate him or remove him from office.



## Survivors of Iranian naval vessel depart Sri Lanka

**Colombo, June 11** : Survivors of IRIS Dena, the Iranian naval vessel sunk in a US attack in early March, have left Sri Lanka for Iran, a senior Sri Lankan military official said. According to Aruna Jayasekara, deputy defence minister of Sri Lanka, 32 survivors were repatriated alongside more than 200 personnel on board IRIS Bushehr, another Iranian naval vessel. The personnel were said to have departed Sri Lanka on a special flight on Tuesday, reports Xinhua news agency. IRIS Dena was attacked and sunk by a US submarine near Sri Lankan waters in the early days of the military conflict in the Middle East. During the rescue operation, the Sri Lankan Navy recovered 87 bodies and rescued 32 people. IRIS Bushehr sought permission

to enter Sri Lankan waters in early March. On March 6, personnel on board the vessel were evacuated to Colombo Port by the Sri Lankan Navy and have been under Sri Lankan custody ever since. Meanwhile, another Iranian naval vessel, IRIS Lavan, had docked in Kerala's Kochi after India granted emergency permission following a reported technical malfunction, even as the sinking of another Iranian warship by an American torpedo has triggered wider geopolitical ripples. The Iranian warship reached Kochi on March 4 after the Union government approved Tehran's request to allow the vessel to make an urgent halt for technical reasons. The ship had earlier detected a fault while operating in the region and sought India's assistance to dock for necessary checks and support.



## North Korea's economy entering recovery phase amid closer ties with Russia, China: Seoul

**Seoul, June 11** : North Korea's economy has entered a recovery phase thanks to closer relations with Russia and China, overcoming a period of recession, the unification ministry in Seoul said on Thursday. The unification ministry made the assessment in its five-year plan for inter-Korean relations, covering 2026 to 2030, submitted to the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee, reports Yonhap news agency. The unification ministry said that North Korea has "formed and is maintaining cooperative ties" similar to an alliance with Russia, including in

high-tech weapons and technology transfers, while seeking a practical recovery in relations with China, a trend that is putting the national economy on a recovery path. North Korea, in particular, is seeking to boost its "strategic autonomy" and "negotiating power" by leveraging the growing Sino-US rivalry while boosting diplomacy with countries in traditional friendship with the regime, the unification ministry said in its assessment. The blueprint for inter-Korean relations is drafted every five years.

## Brunei, Singapore advance ties on agri-tech food zone

**Bandar Seri Begawan, June 11** : Brunei's Ministry of Finance and Economy (MOFE), in collaboration with Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and the Singapore

Food Agency, will conduct a joint feasibility study on establishing a Brunei-Singapore Agri-Tech Food Zone (ATFZ). According to a press statement issued by MOFE on Saturday, the ATFZ aims to strengthen food

supply resilience for both countries, attract high-value agri-food investments, create employment opportunities, and build local capabilities within the agri-food sector, Xinhua news agency reported. It also fosters agri-technology in-



novation and positions Brunei and Singapore as regional leaders in sustainable and technology-driven agri-food production.

## South Korean PM says suffrage is foundation of democracy amid outrage over ballot shortages

**Seoul, June 11** : South Korean Prime Minister Kim Min-seok said on Thursday he seriously takes the shocking shortage of ballot papers at dozens of polling stations in last week's nationwide local elections, stressing that suffrage is the foundation of democracy. Kim made the remark at the start of a youth policy meeting with related ministers, saying he was ashamed of the incident. "We should have been more sensitive to such issues and should've responded more quickly to come up with solutions, but we couldn't. It was truly regrettable and it reinforced our sense of responsibility," Kim said, Yonhap News Agency reported.

Ballot shortages led to the temporary suspension of voting at 26 stations in Seoul and elsewhere in the June 3 elections, something unheard of in South Korea's election history. The incident sparked public outrage and younger voters in their 20s and 30s have been holding protests around a ballot counting place in Seoul's southern district of Jamsil for the fifth day on Tuesday.



South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has pledged a thorough investigation and measures to overhaul the National Election Commission. On Sunday, Lee Jae Myung expressed deep regret over ballot shortages that disrupted last week's local elections and ordered the launch of a thorough joint investigation by prosecutors and police into the matter. "The people's right to vote is a constitutional right that must not be restricted or infringed upon for any reason, and this is a serious issue that undermines the foundation of popular sovereignty," Lee wrote in a message on X, formerly Twitter, calling the National Election Commission (NEC) "an institution that lost public trust." "As a citizen and as the president responsible for the government, I express my deep regret." He requested the National Assem-

bly to launch a parliamentary inquiry to clearly determine what happened, devise measures to prevent a recurrence and discuss institutional reforms for the election watchdog. "The government will also take all possible measures at the executive level in light of the gravity of the situation," he said. "I have instructed the formation of a joint investigation task force involving prosecutors and police to clearly establish responsibility and thoroughly investigate the full scope of the case." A dozen locations in Seoul, including the eastern Songpa district, reported ballot shortages during Wednesday's elections, prompting the temporary suspension of voting at affected polling stations.

## Pak stares at \$1.2 billion of vaccine import bill by 2031 as India halts supply

**New Delhi, June 11** : The disruption in affordable pharmaceutical imports from India, especially vaccines, has sharply increased Pakistan's financial burden and the country stares at an annual import bill of \$1.2 billion by 2031, according to reports. The disruption due to last year's military clashes exposed Islamabad's heavy reliance on foreign manufacturing and donor support for routine immunisation as the country provides 13 vaccines free of cost but with zero domestic vaccine production, reports said. Pakistan Health Minister Mustafa Kamal said a halt in Indian vaccine shipments is already hurting the economy and the situation could be more dire when international support for vaccine procurement ends by 2031.



## Mango clothing chain founder Isak Andic dies in cliff fall in Spain

**Madrid, June 11** : Isak Andic, the founder of the global fashion chain Mango, passed away after falling off a cliff in Spain, the company announced. The 71-year-old billionaire reportedly slipped and fell 150 metres while walking with his wife and son in the Salitre de Collbato caves, close to Barcelona, at around 13.00 local time (1200 GMT). "It is with deep regret that we announce the unexpected death of Isak Andic, our non-executive chairman and founder of

Mango, in an accident that occurred this Thursday," said Mango Chief Executive Toni Ruiz in a statement, Xinhua news agency reported. Ruiz praised Andic's lifelong dedication to Mango, saying that his departure 'leaves a huge void'. Spain Prime Minister Pedro





### 'House of cards collapsing': NDA leaders on 20 Trinamool MPs writing to LS Speaker

**New Delhi, June 11** : Amid reports that around 20 rebel Trinamool Congress MPs have extended support to the NDA government, leaders across the ruling alliance have launched a sharp attack on the party, alleging a deep internal crisis and lack of democracy within the West Bengal-based outfit. Reacting to the development, Rajya Sabha MP and JD(U) National Working President Sanjay Kumar Jha said the situation in the Trinamool reflected a breakdown of internal order. He said, "Booth capturing was something that the TMC was accused of doing, but now everything is coming out openly."

## Amritpal's detention immune from judicial review, rules Punjab and Haryana HC

**Chandigarh, June 11** : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday dismissed Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh's plea challenging the legality of the third successive detention order issued against him under the National Security Act (NSA). "It is clear as daylight that the impugned order of preventive detention passed against the petitioner is immune from the powers of judicial review. Consequently, the petition stands dismissed," a Bench headed by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu observed while pronouncing the order in the court. Amritpal Singh, in his petition, had claimed that the detention was "arbitrary, void of jurisdiction and violative of constitutional safeguards under Articles 21 and 22".

His counsel had submitted that Amritpal Singh had remained under preventive detention since April 2023 despite the absence of any supporting material for continued incarceration. Self-styled Khalistani preacher Amritpal Singh, who claimed that he is inspired by slain Khalistani leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, was arrested on April 23, 2023, two months after an attack at the Ajnala police station, after 36 days of cat-and-

mouse chase across several states. Lodged in the Dibrugarh Central Jail in Assam since his arrest under the NSA, Amritpal Singh, who won the Lok Sabha poll from the Khadoor Sahib constituency in Punjab in 2024. Amritpal Singh was briefly granted a four-day parole to take oath in the Lok Sabha, a move cleared after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) offered no objection.



### 'Rename it Andhkaar scheme': Opposition slams reduction in Ujjwala LPG subsidy refills

**New Delhi, June 11** : Opposition leaders on Thursday criticised the government's decision to reduce the number of subsidised LPG cylinder refills available under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) from nine per year to four, with some quipping that it should now be renamed the "Andhkaar Scheme". Talking to IANS, Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit said the decision reflected the government's failure to sustain welfare support for citizens. "What this means is that PM

Modi first took over Congress-era schemes, under which we used to provide almost unlimited subsidies. Later, the number was reduced to around eight or nine cylinders, and then it was rebranded as the Ujjwala scheme. Now, however, this scheme should be called the 'Andhkaar Scheme'," he said. Dikshit argued that the government could have continued providing subsidies on at least six to nine cylinders annually. "The government often claims that the work done in the last 12 years surpasses what was achieved in 70 years."

## Govt unveils 'Jalvahak' to boost inland waterways

**New Delhi, June 11** : Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal on Thursday unveiled a major policy for cargo promotion -- 'Jalvahak'. Jalvahak is aimed at incentivising the movement of

long-haul cargo via National Waterways 1 (river Ganga) as well as for National Waterways 2 (river Brahmaputra) and National Waterways 16 (river Barak). "The government has made a concerted effort to realise the tremendous potential of our rich

network of inland waterways. With its advantage of being an economical, ecologically sound, and efficient mode of transportation, we want to boost cargo movement via waterways, to decongest the railways and roadways," Sonowal said.



### Jharkhand: Ayushman Bharat cards in demand, Sahebganj residents rush to the centre

**Ranchi, June 11** : Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY), since its launch in 2018 has evolved into a game-changer scheme, playing an instrumental role in transforming the country's health landscape. Over the years, lakhs of people and their families have benefitted from the scheme, also called Ayushman Bharat. In Jharkhand's Sahebganj district, thousands of people have got their Ayushman Bharat cards issued under the PM-JAY scheme while thousand other applications are in the pipeline. Scores of people are making formal applications for getting Ayushman Health cards issued for them as well as their families.

## Bangladesh unrest has delayed execution of some vital projects : Tripura CM



**Agartala, June 11** : The ongoing unrest in Bangladesh has delayed the execution of various projects involving the neighbouring country, Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha said here on Thursday. Laying the foundation

stone of seven projects at Udaipur in southern Tripura's Gomati district, the Chief Minister said the 'Maitri Setu' built over the Feni River connecting India and Bangladesh by road was ready for operation but due to unrest in the neighbouring country cannot be utilised yet. Besides the 'Maitri Setu', there are other projects which have also been delayed in view of the unrest in Bangladesh, he said, adding that the double-lane bridge would be the gateway for all the northeastern states.

## Jagdambika Pal criticises Akhilesh Yadav over Ram Temple donation remarks

**New Delhi, June 11** : Political controversy intensified on Thursday over Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav's remarks regarding alleged irregularities in donations received at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, with the BJP strongly attacking him while opposition leaders from the Congress and CPI called for an independent inquiry into the matter. BJP MP Jagdambika Pal accused

Akhilesh Yadav and the Samajwadi Party of having a long history of opposing the Ram Temple movement. He said, "Akhilesh Yadav and Mulayam Singh Yadav have always opposed that temple. The way bullets were fired at Ram devotees is well known. Today, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a 500-year-old blot has been erased and the grand temple of Lord Shri Ram has been built.



People from all over the world are coming there. They are hurting the sentiments of crores of people..." Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit, however, said the allegations raised by the Samajwadi Party chief were serious and warranted an impartial investigation. He said, "This is a very serious allegation, and if a senior leader like Akhilesh Yadav has made such an allegation."

## OPS, welfare initiatives to continue despite financial crunch, says Himachal CM

**Shimla, June 11** : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu on Thursday reaffirmed the state's commitment to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and various public welfare initiatives, despite the Central government's withdrawal of the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG). Chief Minister Sukhu emphasised the government would continue these schemes by mobilising its own resources, ensuring that the rightful entitlements of the people remain protected under all circumstances. Refuting the Opposition's stance, the Chief Minister told the media here that had the BJP been in power, they would have replaced the OPS with the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), effectively ending the security currently enjoyed by government employees. Drawing from his own

background in a common family, he expressed a deep understanding of the concerns of the public and vowed that his administration would never compromise on their interests. He said while the Finance Department managed the technicalities of the state's fiscal health, the government's priority remained the enhancement of resources to drive the state forward. CM Sukhu levelled allegations against the previous BJP government led by Jai Ram Thakur, accusing it of gross financial mismanagement between 2018 and 2021. CM Sukhu pointed out that during its five-year tenure, the previous government received a substantial Rs 54,000 crore as RDG and Rs 16,000 crore as GST compensation. However, he said these funds were misused to favour contractors and cited the expenditure of nearly Rs 1,000 crore on the construction of buildings that currently stand vacant and

underutilized. In contrast, the Chief Minister said the present government has received only Rs 17,000 crore in RDG over the past three years but has successfully maintained strict economic discipline. He said the government has generated Rs 26,683 crore from its own resources and plans to implement further stringent measures to bolster the economy. Stressing that the interests of the state must transcend party lines, he urged the BJP to support the state's pursuit of its rights before



the Central government rather than deceiving the public. Addressing the critical nature of the Revenue Deficit Grant, which is being provided under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution to bridge the revenue-expenditure gap, the Chief Minister warned that the annual loss of Rs 10,000 crore would severely constrain the budget of a small hill state like Himachal Pradesh. CM Sukhu characterised the withdrawal of the grant as "step-motherly treatment" by the Centre, asserting that Himachal Pradesh, by its geographical and economic nature, remains a revenue-deficit state. He declared his resolve to meet with the Prime Minister to seek the restoration of the RDG.



## Bima Sakhi Yojana empowering hordes of women in Maharashtra's Palghar

**Mumbai, June 11** : The 'Bima Sakhi Yojana', launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is empowering the women in Palghar district of Maharashtra by providing them specialized training in key areas of interest and enabling them to become self-sufficient. Many women beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to the government while highlighting on how the scheme is helping them achieve their dreams and become financially independent.

Talking to IANS, Purnima Pandey, a woman from Palghar, said, "I want to thank PM Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for this scheme. It is truly empowering women. Through this scheme, we are gaining knowledge and receiving stipends, which are helping us fulfill our dreams as well as those of our children. It is a step towards our empowerment." Sachin Singh, another local resident, referred to the initiative as a 'gift' for women ahead of the New Year.

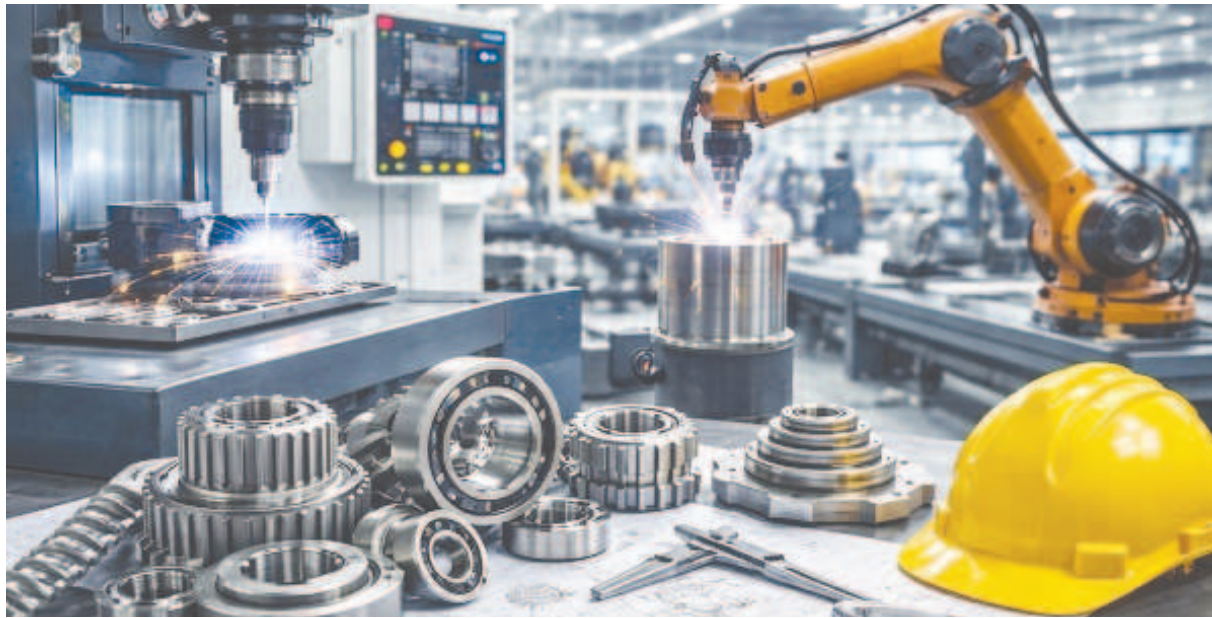
## Gold, silver edge higher on hopes of West Asia de-escalation

**Mumbai, June 11** : Gold and silver prices rose on Thursday even after US President Donald Trump's remarks on easing geopolitical tensions and the opening of the Strait of Hormuz. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures (June 5

contract) climbed as much as 0.67 per cent or Rs 1,042 to hit an intraday high of Rs 1,54,990 by 10.57 a.m. Silver futures also jumped up to 1.58 per cent or Rs 3,993 to Rs 2,55,735, logging an intraday high. The yellow metal was trading at Rs 1,54,911, up Rs 963 or 0.63 per cent, after touch-

ing an intraday low of Rs 1,54,501, up 0.35 per cent or Rs 553. The white metal was trading at Rs 2,54,997, up Rs 3,255 or 1.3 per cent, after hitting an intraday low of Rs 2,53,720, up 0.78 per cent or Rs 1,978. The surge in precious metals comes after Trump hinted at hopes of an end to the

West Asia conflict. According to commodities experts, sentiment remains mildly positive, with macroeconomic factors offering support, although momentum is still developing and would require confirmation for a sustained uptrend. "Gold is trading in the Rs 1,54,500-Rs 1,55,000 range with buying interest at lower levels. A sustained move above Rs 1,57,000-Rs 1,58,000, while a break below Rs 1,54,000.



## India's engineering goods exports hit record of \$122 billion in FY26

**New Delhi, June 11** : India's engineering goods exports reached an all-time high of \$122.43 billion in FY 2025-26, surpassing the previous record of \$116.75 billion in FY2024-25 and posting a growth of about 5 per cent, industry body EEPC India said on Thursday.

The body called the achievement a testament to the sector's resilience amid an exceptionally challenging external environment. The record was achieved against a backdrop of geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions stemming from the West Asia conflict, shifting trade policies under the Trump administration, and elevated freight and energy costs, headwinds that the engineering sector navigated through market diversification, new product lines, and strategic use of free trade

agreements, it said.

Even in March 2026, when one of the key sea routes was disrupted due to the West Asia conflict, engineering exports recorded a marginal growth of 1.1 per cent, rising to \$10.94 billion from \$10.82 billion in March 2025.

The ability to maintain positive growth during peak supply chain stress was cited by EEPC India as evidence of the sector's adaptability. EEPC India Chairman Pankaj Chadha attributed the record performance to a combination of industry initiative and timely policy support.

"The engineering community, while dealing with these issues, also identified new opportunities and went into the market as well as product diversification," he said.

Free trade agreements provided

the framework for the sector to pivot to new geographies as traditional trade routes came under pressure.

Looking ahead, EEPC India said it remains cautiously optimistic on the export growth outlook for FY 2026-27.

The West Asia conflict -- which erupted on February 28 -- has caused sustained supply chain disruptions, pushed energy prices sharply higher, and contributed to raw material inflation.

"We expect the geopolitical tensions to ease and conflicts to settle, paving the way for robust engineering exports growth in the current fiscal," Chadha said, while flagging that the inflationary environment and global uncertainty warranted a measured outlook.

## TCS row: Infosys dismisses social media allegations over harassment at Pune facility

**New Delhi, June 11** : Amid the ongoing workplace harassment probe at TCS Nashik, IT bellwether Infosys has dismissed social media allegations of workplace harassment at its Business Process Management (BPM) facility in Pune.

The clarification comes amid heightened scrutiny of Maharashtra's IT sector, following a separate investigation into Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) in Nashik over allegations of workplace harassment and forced religious conversion.

The Infosys controversy emerged after a series of posts on social media platform X alleged inappropriate behaviour towards female employees at its Pune facility. However, the posts were later deleted. Maharashtra minister Nitesh Rane said the government has taken note of the allegations.

Infosys said it follows a zero-tolerance policy towards harassment and discrimination.

"Infosys maintains a zero-tolerance approach to any form of harassment or discrimination," the company said. The IT firm added that any issue reported is treated seriously and investigated by an independent committee, and that it promotes a "speak-up culture" encouraging employees to report concerns through multiple channels. The company also stated that it has activated internal processes and preventive mechanisms in line with its global Code of Conduct to examine the matter.



## S. Korea's economy grows 1.8 pc in Q1, faster than earlier estimate

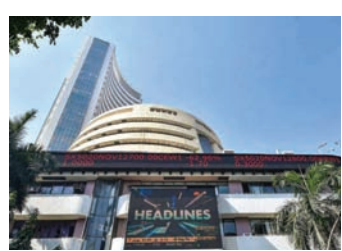
**Seoul, June 11** : The South Korean economy grew at the fastest pace in more than five years in the first quarter, supported by strong exports and solid domestic demand, central bank data showed on Thursday.

The real gross domestic product (GDP) rose 1.8 percent in the January-March period from the previous quarter, 0.1 percentage point higher than the earlier estimate, according to preliminary data from the Bank of Korea (BOK), reports Yonhap news agency.

The reading marked the strongest quarterly growth since the third quarter of 2020, when the economy grew 2.3 percent.

On a yearly basis, the economy expanded 3.8 percent in the first quarter, a sharp pickup from the 1.6 percent growth recorded in the fourth quarter of last year. The on-year growth was the highest since the fourth quarter of 2021, when the economy grew 4.5 percent from a year earlier.

The BOK said the 0.1 percentage-point upward revision to first-quarter GDP came as updated statistics related to facility investment and private consumption were reflected in the latest figures.



## Indian market opens in green amid positive mixed global cues

**Mumbai, June 11** : The Indian stock market jumped more than 600 points in early trade on Thursday amid positive mixed global cues. At around 9:29 am, Sensex was trading at 78,665.83 after gaining 624.24 points or 0.80 per cent, while the Nifty was trading at 23,773.45 after gaining 185.95 points or 0.79 per cent.

The market trend remained positive. On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), 1,223 stocks were trading in green, while 494 stocks were in red. According to experts, in the short run, there will be market rebounds which may be followed by renewed FII selling. "A sustained rally is possible only when we have indications of a growth revival in the economy. This is likely in early 2025," they said.

## Adani Energy Solutions signs pact to buy IntelliSmart in Rs 3,050 crore deal

**Ahmedabad, June 11** : India's leading energy solutions provider, Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL), on Thursday announced that it has signed a binding securities purchase and subscription agreement (SPSA) to acquire a 100 per cent stake in smart metering company IntelliSmart Infrastructure

Private Limited in a transaction valued at Rs 3,050 crore.

The proposed acquisition will strengthen AESL's position in the smart metering segment and take its total smart meter portfolio to more than 4.7 crore meters -- India's largest smart metering platform, according to the company. AESL said the transaction includes the acquisition of the en-

tire equity share capital of IntelliSmart as well as the redemption of optionally convertible debentures held by NIIF. The completion of the deal remains subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. IntelliSmart is a leading smart metering joint venture between the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).



## India poised to lead global race towards 6G: COAI

**New Delhi, June 11** : India is poised to lead the global race towards 6G, with an exciting opportunity to drive technological leadership, the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) said on Thursday.

## UPI-NPI linkage goes live for real-time cross border payments in Nepal

**New Delhi, June 11** : NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) -- the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) -- on Thursday announced the launch of a cross-border payment linkage between India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Nepal's National Payments Interface (NPI), enabling real-time, low-cost and secure money transfers between the two countries. With this integration, users in India and Nepal will be able to undertake seamless person-to-person (P2P) transactions using mobile numbers, virtual payment addresses (VPAs) or UPI IDs, without the need to share sensitive bank account details.

The facility is currently live through select banks and is expected to be expanded to a wider network of financial institutions in the coming phases.

According to NPCI, the linkage represents a significant step towards strengthening cross-border digital payments and enhancing financial inclusion, while further deepening economic and digital connectivity between India and Nepal. In addition, the project aligns with broader global efforts, including the G20 agenda, to make cross-border payments more accessible.



**Complaint against Bengal ex-Minister Indranil Sen, wife over 'misuse' of UNESCO name**

**Kolkata, June 11** : An international tourism company has lodged a police complaint against former state minister Indranil Sen and his wife, accusing them of illegally selling pre-Puja tickets by misusing the name of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). The complaint was filed at the Bowbazar Police Station in central Kolkata. There are allegations that they were running an illegal commercial racket centred around Durga Puja. On behalf of the international organisation, Joydeep Mukherjee filed a complaint against the former minister, Indranil, and his wife.



**Pregnant woman among three killed in highway crash in TN's Karur**

**Karur (Tamil Nadu), June 11** : A pregnant woman and her husband were among the three people killed while two others, including the couple's two-year-old girl, sustained serious injuries in a tragic road accident near Aravakurichi in Tamil Nadu's Karur district early on Tuesday, police said. The deceased were identified as V. Aravind, 30, his wife A. Janani, 28, who was eight months pregnant, and the car driver, P. Veera, 40. Aravind and Janani were residents of Karuthi Veeranpatti near Usilampatti in Madurai district, while Veera hailed from Nethaji Nagar in Usilampatti. The injured were the couple's two-year-old daughter, A. Vaveera, and P. Pandithurai, 32, of Kalaivanar Street in Aravakurichi. Both were rushed to a hospital and are undergoing treatment. According to police, Aravind, Janani and their daughter were returning to their native place in Madurai district.

**Haryana State Women Commission vice-chairperson, driver held for taking Rs 1 lakh bribe**

**Chandigarh, June 11** : The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) team of Jind on Thursday evening arrested Sonia Aggarwal, vice-chairperson of the Haryana State Women Commission, while her personal assistant (PA)-cum-driver Kulbir was

caught red-handed while allegedly taking a bribe of Rs 1 lakh in lieu of making settlement in a marital dispute between a couple, an official said.



**Suvendu Adhikari govt forms task force to expedite pending railway projects in Bengal**

**Kolkata, June 11** : West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari has constituted a special task force, inducting representatives from various state government departments and the Indian Railways to expedite pending railway projects in the state. Insiders from the state secretariat of Nabanna said that, headed by the West Bengal Chief Secretary, Manoj Kumar Agarwal, the task force includes senior bureaucrats from various government departments like

Home, Transport, Land and Revenue. On the other hand, in the same task force, there will be representatives from Eastern Rail.



**RG Kar case was the time when I decided to resign: Former Trinamool MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy**

**New Delhi, June 11** : A day after he resigned from the Rajya Sabha as well as the Trinamool Congress, Sukhendu Sekhar Roy said that the RG Kar rape and murder case was the "cracking point" for him, and he gauged that the public anger following the incident reflected that the party was going to lose the Assembly polls.

**Kerala CPI(M) eyes course correction after poll setback amid ED heat**

**Thiruvananthapuram, June 11** : The Communist Party of India (Marxist) is looking at a significant internal reset following its sharp electoral setback in Kerala, with the state leadership acknowledging the need for a course correction after a high-level review meeting that concluded here. The discussions come at a time when the party is simultaneously facing political criticism, administrative scrutiny, and legal pressure involving senior leaders and close associates of the leadership. At the centre of the internal recalibration is an attempt to rebuild political narrative and

governance credibility. Former Finance Ministers of the state, K.N. Balagopal and his predecessor T.M. Thomas Isaac, are reported to have begun work on an alternative White Paper, aimed at countering an assessment released by the new government led by V. D. Satheesan. The government's document had raised questions over fiscal management and governance performance during the previous Left Democratic Front tenure, prompting the CPI(M) to mount a rebuttal. However, the party's challenges extend beyond political narrative. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has intensified its probe into alleged financial irregularities

linked to the Exalogic-CMRL case, in which Veena Vijayan, the daughter of former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, has been summoned for questioning. She has been asked to appear before ED officials in Kochi on Friday. The case relates to allegations of financial transactions involving her IT firm, Exalogic Solutions, which is now reported to be defunct. The political fallout has been significant, with protests and clashes in parts of the state leading to arrests of CPI(M) cadres, further intensifying the atmosphere of tension around the investigation. The party, however, maintains that it is facing politically motivated targeting, while the ED continues



its procedural inquiries. For the CPI(M), the current moment represents a convergence of electoral disappointment, administrative scrutiny, and reputational challenges. Internally, leaders have flagged issues ranging from organisational rigidity to voter disconnect, while

also acknowledging erosion in key social support bases. For Pinarayi Vijayan, the pressure appears particularly acute, as the leadership navigates both political criticism and legal developments surrounding close family members.



**Patna court stays arrest of Khan Sir in coaching centre firing case**

**Patna, June 11** : A Patna court on Thursday granted interim relief to popular educator Faisal Khan, widely known as Khan Sir, by staying his arrest in connection with the recent coaching centre firing case. The District Judge's court pronounced its order on Tuesday after reserving its verdict on Khan Sir's anticipatory bail plea following a hearing on Thursday.

**Delhi govt tells officials to sincerely respond to Assembly Committees' queries**

**New Delhi, June 11** : In a move to streamline legislative oversight, the Delhi government on Thursday issued a formal directive mandating bureaucrats to prioritise the proceedings of the newly constituted House Committees of the Eighth Legislative Assembly, an official of the Assembly Secretariat said. A circular, issued by the General Administration Department of the Delhi government, requires all Administrative Secretaries to personally attend House Committee sittings and ensure the "full cooperation" of their departments through the timely submission of all requested documents and reports, said the official in a statement. To prevent delays in issues related to governance and leg-

islative oversight, the circular stipulates that any absence must be replaced by a well-informed senior deputy only with prior approval, signalling a push for heightened accountability and seamless coordination between the executive branch and the Delhi Legislature, it said. The circular signed by Joint Secretary, GAD, Pradeep Tayal said that "Committees may, from time to time, require the presence of senior officers of various departments of GNCT of Delhi for deliberations, presentations or furnishing of information relating to matters under consideration before it." "Accordingly, all Administrative Secretaries are requested to attend the sittings of the House Committees whenever called upon by the Assembly Secretariat. In case the Administrative Secretary is unable to attend due to any



unavoidable circumstances, a suitable senior officer, fully conversant with the subject matter, should be deputed with prior approval to ensure smooth conduct of proceedings and timely submission of required information/records," said the circular. All Administrative Secretaries are further requested to extend full cooperation to the Assembly Secretariat by ensuring the timely submission of documents, information, reports or any other materials as requisitioned by the House Committees, said Tayal. Recently, in connection with the Atishi video row, the Committee of Privileges of the Delhi Legis-

lative Assembly had directed the Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Punjab, to submit written comments in the matter, latest by February 12 2026. In addition to this, written replies were sought from the Director General of Police, Punjab, and the Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, in connection with the conduct of the Punjab Police authorities and the handling of communications and information sought by the Delhi Legislative Assembly Secretariat. The action follows a complaint dated February 2, received from Delhi Cabinet Minister Kapil Mishra, along with a note dated February 4, placed before the Committee. Upon review of the actions of the Punjab Police authorities, including their replies and the non-furnishing of documents sought by the Delhi Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

**BJP raising Shamli conversion issue ahead of UP polls due to lack of real election issues: Congress**

**Lucknow, June 11** : The Congress on Thursday accused the BJP of attempting to turn the Shamli conversion row into a major political issue ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections due to a lack of substantive electoral issues. Talking to IANS, Congress spokesperson Surendra Rajput said: "Under the Bharatiya Janata Party government, various illegal activities are taking place. If two adults have converted their religion voluntarily, without any force, inducement, or pressure, then no one should have any objection. However, if the conversion involved coercion, greed, or temptation, then the police should certainly take strict action." He further alleged that the

BJP was trying to politicise an issue that could otherwise be handled through normal legal procedures. "As the Assembly elections are approaching, the BJP does not have any real issues to contest the polls. Therefore, it is searching for issues that can be used for political gains. Such matters could be resolved at the police station level, but they are trying to project them as national issues. This strategy will not work anymore," he said.



## UN envoy hopes for Syria's swift recovery after Assad's ouster

**Damascus, June 11** : UN Special Envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen said Thursday that the UN is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving situation in the country and is looking forward to the next steps toward a political transition following the ouster of former President Bashar al-Assad on December 8. Speaking to reporters in Damascus, Pedersen emphasized the importance of Syrian state institutions fully resuming their functions under secure conditions, Xinhua news agency reported. "We are working with all segments of the Syrian people ... and we want to see no acts of

revenge. Instead, we must ensure that institutions return to work, backed by the necessary security measures," he said. The UN envoy expressed hope that the removal of sanctions on Syria would be expedited, paving the way for a swift start to

the nation's economic recovery. "We hope to see a quick end to sanctions so that the recovery process can begin soon," Pedersen added. While acknowledging the complexity of the political landscape.



## Afghan children with heart disease receive free treatment

**Kabul, June 11** : A total of 404 Afghan children with congenital heart disease (CHD) have received free surgical treatment over the past nine months in Afghanistan's capital Kabul, Mawlawi Mudassir Hamraz, spokesperson for the Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) said on Thursday. "The Afghan Red Crescent Society has facilitated free treatment for 404 children with congenital heart defects during the past nine months, and nearly 30,500 Afghan children with CHD, registered across the country, are in urgent need of treatment," the local media quoted Hamraz as saying. The treatment of each child costs \$750 to 2,350, fully covered by the ARCS, reports Xinhua, quoting private media outlet Tolo News. Most of the children treated come from low-income families who could not afford medical care due to severe economic hardships.

## Bangladesh MP raises concern over worsening law and order situation

**Dhaka, June 11** : Bangladesh independent lawmaker Rumeen Farhana expressed grave concern over the worsening law and order situation in the country, local media reported. Citing statistics from Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), she said that the incidents of murder, abduction, and violence against women had surged during the Tarique Rahman-led Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) government's first 100 days in office. Addressing the Parliament, she drew attention to the vacant seat of Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed, saying, "He was supposed to be present on Thursday, but his chair is empty. What can I do? I must speak in his absence." Speaking on an issue of urgent public importance Rumeen said that Bangladesh witnessed 605 murders, 294 muggings, 90 robberies, and 196 abductions in March and April alone. She added that police came under attack in

129 incidents, while 2,214 theft cases were also recorded, Bangladesh's leading newspaper The Daily Star reported. Highlighting the violence against women and children, Rumeen noted that 3,496 cases of abuse were reported during the period, including 78-102 rapes, 30-36 gang rapes, and 49-71 child rapes. "These figures clearly show how fragile and alarming the law and order situation has become in just three months," she said. Rumeen argued that economy and law and order are key benchmarks for determining a government's success or failure.



## UN chief expresses alarm over renewed escalation in West Asia, calls for exercising restraint

**New York, June 11** : United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres has expressed concern over the renewed escalation in West Asia and urged all parties to immediately stop attacks, exercise maximum restraint, and refrain from any action that could further inflame an already volatile situation. He urged all parties to fully abide by the ceasefires in Lebanon, Iran and Gaza, and avoid any steps that could undermine ongoing diplomatic efforts. "The Secretary General is also deeply concerned by the decision by Israel to close

crossings into Gaza. He reiterates his call for the immediate reopening of all crossings to ensure the rapid, safe and unhindered passage of humanitarian assistance at scale throughout Gaza," Deputy Spokesperson for the Secretary General, Farhan Haq, said in a statement. Guterres underscored that the exercise of navigational rights and freedoms, in accordance with international law, must be respected. He urged all parties to uphold their obligations under international law and take all feasible precautions to protect civilians. "The Secretary General reiterates

that there is no military solution to the conflicts in the Middle East. The only way forward is through dialogue and negotiations. He therefore urges all concerned parties to work towards diplomatic solutions that advance regional and international peace and security," Haq said in the statement. The UN chief's statement comes amid ongoing tensions in West Asia following recent exchanges between Iran and Israel on Monday. On Thursday, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said that it had struck "several targets" at the petrochemical complex in Iran's Mahshahr area.



## Rise of Global South to push global economy through headwinds : Malaysian official

**Kuala Lumpur, June 11** : The rise of the Global South countries is pushing the global economy through expected headwinds and keeping international trade vibrant, a Malaysian official said on Thursday. These developments, in turn, will help unlock potential and facilitate cooperation in addressing a range of pressing issues, including managing climate change, enhancing supply chain resilience, ensuring food security.



## UK housing policy sparks debate over development, conservation

**London, June 11** : The Labour government's new planning policy has mandated local councils to meet the target of building 370,000 homes a year to fulfill a government promise for 1.5 million new homes in Britain over five years. The updated National Planning Policy Framework

includes guidelines for releasing land from the Green Belt - protected areas surrounding urban regions designed to prevent urban sprawl - under strict criteria, prioritizing brownfield and "grey belt" sites first. The target of 1.5 million homes includes a focus on affordable housing.

## Greer said US will raise tariffs if no progress made on non-tariff barriers: South Korean FM

**Seoul, June 11** : South Korea's Foreign Minister Cho Hyun said Thursday that US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told him the United States will revert reciprocal tariffs to the pre-agreement level of 25 per cent if Seoul makes no progress on addressing non-tariff barriers. Cho shared details with law-

makers of his meeting with Greer in Washington last week, as Seoul seeks to keep the trade deal with the ally intact following US President Donald Trump's warning of raising the tariff rate from 15 per cent, citing South Korea's slow legislative process. "The US is seeking to raise tariffs on South Korea to reduce its trade deficit if there is no progress in

talks with Seoul over non-tariff barriers," Cho said at a National Assembly session, Yonhap news agency reported. Seoul has committed to investing US\$350 billion in the US in exchange for Washington lowering the duty to 15 per cent. But Trump threatened to raise tariffs on South Korea as legislation to implement the trade deal has remained pend-

ing in the National Assembly since its introduction in late November. Non-tariff barriers largely refer to South Korea's regulatory moves concerning digital platform services, like Google Inc., quarantine measures for agricultural imports, and certification requirements for autos, pharmaceuticals and other sectors. Washington has expressed con-

cerns that Seoul's push to tighten regulations on digital services is discriminatory and has called for easing existing requirements in agriculture and other sectors. According to Cho, Greer pointed to sluggish progress on the investment pledge and noted that discussions on non-tariff issues have yet to take place despite US calls to move the deal forward.



## Democratic Socialist Nithya Raman wins spot in primary to challenge Los Angeles Mayor



**New York, June 11** : Nithya Raman, a Democratic Socialist in the mould of New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani, has emerged as the challenger to embattled Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass in the November election to lead the second-biggest US city. She took the second spot in the open primary election, edging out the Republican candidate Spencer Pratt, to face Democrat Bass in a runoff.



## Time to boost measures to prevent drowning, save children : WHO

**New Delhi, June 11** : The World Health Organization (WHO) on Thursday called on countries in the South-East Asia region to strengthen measures to prevent drowning, which disproportionately affects children and the vulnerable population. The region reported 83,000 drowning fatalities in 2021, which accounts to 28 per cent of the

global drowning burden and contributing substantially to the nearly 30 lives lost to drowning every hour, globally, according to WHO's first Global status report on drowning prevention. About 43 per cent drowning fatalities in the region involved children aged 14 years or younger.

## India, Fiji discuss bilateral ties, possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure

**New Delhi, June 11** : Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita held a meeting with Fiji's Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development Esrom Immanuel in New Delhi on Thursday, discussing bilateral ties, shared priorities, and

possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure. "Pleased to meet Hon. Esrom Immanuel, Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development of Fiji, this morning. Held productive discussions covering the entire gamut of India-Fiji bilateral relations and

shared priorities, with particular focus on development partnership, capacity building, and possibilities for cooperation in digital infrastructure, including ongoing collaboration and the way ahead," Margherita posted on X.

On February 2, India's High Com-



missioner to Fiji Suneet Mehta held a meeting with Fiji Parliament Speaker Filimone Jitoko and discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation. Following their talks, India's High Commission in Fiji in a post on X stated, "High Commissioner Suneet Mehta was honoured to call on the Speaker of the Fiji Parliament, Filimone Jitoko. Productive discussions were held reaffirming strong parliamentary ties.



## K'taka BJP chief accuses Cong of shedding 'crocodile tears' over Deve Gowda RS nomination issue

**Bengaluru, June 11** : Karnataka BJP President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra has launched a sharp attack on Congress leaders, stating that there was no need for what he termed "crocodile tears" over former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda not being considered for a Rajya Sabha nomination.

Vijayendra was responding to Karnataka Congress in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala and KPCC President B.K. Hariprasad. In his statement on Tuesday, Vijayendra alleged that Congress leaders have forgotten the party's past actions against Deve Gowda, including attempts to weaken his political career. He said it was the Congress party that once tried to bring down a Prime Minister who held the country's highest constitutional office and accused it of continuing "dirty politics" despite such history.

He further said that Congress leaders were now engaging in "fake concern" for Deve Gowda, which he described as "ridiculous." Vijayendra claimed that the

Bharatiya Janata Party has always treated Deve Gowda with respect and dignity. Referring to recent political developments, Vijayendra said Deve Gowda has supported the BJP-led NDA alliance and believes that national integrity and development are best ensured under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said Congress leaders are unable to accept this political alignment and are attempting to use Deve Gowda's name for political purposes. He also stated that the Prime Minister himself has, in Parliament, spoken emotionally about Deve Gowda's contributions and praised his public service. Vijayendra said that such respect reflects a strong personal and political bond, and that attempts to create mistrust in this relationship amount to "distorted politics" by Congress leaders.

Concluding his statement, Vijayendra said that the people of Karnataka understand the political reality.

## 35 miners trapped under rubble in Afghanistan

**Aybak, June 11** : About 35 miners were trapped under the rubble of a coal mine in Afghanistan's Samangan province, local officials said on Thursday. The provincial health director Sayed Usman Hamidi counted 35 miners under the debris, saying rescue teams and health personnel have been dispatched to the area to rescue the trapped miners, Xinhua news agency reported. "Preliminary reports indicate that several miners were busy in a coal mine in Dara-i-Sufi Payin

district of Samangan province yesterday, but part of the mine caved in, and resultantly several miners were trapped under rubble," a statement from the provincial police office released on Sunday said. The statement further said that police personnel, local officials, and villagers have rushed to the site to rescue trapped miners from under the debris. Rescue operations were on to rescue workers trapped under the debris, but none have been freed yet, according to local Taliban officials. The incident occurred around 6 p.m. Tuesday, according to



Bakhtar News Agency.

Earlier this week, two workers died from gas exposure at a coal mine in Bamiyan province's Khwaja Ganj village.

In February 2002, at least 10 miners lost their lives after being trapped underground when a coal mine collapsed in Afghanistan.

In 2019, at least 30 people were killed in the collapse of a gold mine in Afghanistan, officials

said. The collapse occurred in the Kohistan district of Badakhshan province.

Afghanistan houses vast resources of minerals but many of the mines are old and poorly maintained.

Afghanistan's mining sector has seen frequent fatal accidents, often attributed to inadequate safety measures and a lack of proper equipment.

## Philippines orders full evacuation amid possible volcanic re-eruption

**Manila, June 11** : The Philippines on Thursday ordered local government units to complete the evacuation of people within the six-km danger zone around Mount Kanlaon volcano by Thursday amid rising activity.



Kanlaon, which straddles the provinces of Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental on the island of Negros in central Philippines, erupted on December 9, spewing a voluminous plume that rose more than 4,000 meters into the sky, Xinhua news agency reported. The order, issued by Raul Fernandez, director of the Office of Civil Defense in Western Visayas, directed local government units of both provinces to complete the evacuation by Tues-

day. The order came in light of increased volcanic activity, prompting authorities to act swiftly to protect residents from potential hazards.

However, some residents refused to leave the danger zone despite the threat of another explosive eruption.



## Bangladesh in fiscal mess due to massive debt burden: Report

**New Delhi, June 11** : Bangladesh's public finances are in a precarious position due to huge interest payments and repayment of loan instalments that the government has to make on the country's massive debt burden, according to an article in a Dhaka-based newspaper. The huge outgo of funds for this debt-servicing leaves very little funds to allocate for the country's economic development which is reflected in the rising levels of poverty, said the report in Dhaka-based The Business Standard. The country's economists are of the view that growing cost of interest payments is emerging as a major policy challenge that requires urgent action. The article cites economist Selim Jahan, former director of Human Development Report Office, UNDP as saying that Bangladesh may face vulnerabilities in the coming years as its external debt stock and interest obligations continue to rise, according to the report.

## Punjab's textile sector set to grow with India-US pact, says state BJP chief

**Amritsar, June 11** : Punjab Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Sunil Jakhar on Thursday said that the India-US trade agreement has opened doors for the country's progress towards becoming a developed nation while providing a protective shield to Indian farmers. He told the

media that the agreement would act as a "runway" to take the country to new heights of development. Also, Punjab's textile sector will gain. Jakhar said the BJP "understands its responsibility and accountability towards the people, especially farmers, and therefore it is informing the public about various aspects of this trade agree-

ment". Urging the Opposition to refrain from misleading propaganda regarding the agreement, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserved congratulations for successfully securing a deal in the national interest amid challenging international circumstances. The state BJP chief said while the US President is working on the principle of



"Make America Great Again", Prime Minister Modi has pursued the policy of "Make India Great", ensuring that the agreement fully safeguards India's agriculture sector while enabling the country to sell its industrial products to the US and purchase advanced technologies as needed.



## Piyush Goyal exhorts domestic plastics industry to double exports

**Mumbai, June 11** : Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday exhorted the Indian plastics industry to aim at doubling exports, focus on sustainability and adhere to international standards. In his address at an industry event here, the minister emphasised the need to continue to focus on the growth and global competitiveness of the sector by branding India as a high-quality and cost-competitive producer.

## Indian Oil takes significant step forward in India's upstream progress

**New Delhi, June 11** : Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Thursday announced that it has taken an important step forward in India's upstream energy journey with the commencement of first domestic production from the Jyoti-1 well in Gujarat.

Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced the development on social media, calling it a small but significant milestone in boosting the country's energy security.

According to Puri, IOC began production from the Jyoti-1 well in Block CB-ONN-2005/9 at the IUVL site on November 14, 2025.

"A small but significant step forward in India's upstream progress. Energy Maharatna @IndianOilcl has commenced first domestic production from the Jyoti-1 well in Block CB-

ONN-2005/9 at the IUVL site in Gujarat on November 14," the Union Minister said in a post on social media platform X.

He said that this revival marks a turning point for the Energy Maharatna, which is now making a renewed push into the upstream sector.

The minister added that the effort aligns with the government's broader goals of achieving greater energy independence and optimising domestic resources under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The minister also highlighted that

the achievement was the result of coordinated efforts between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) and Indian Oil Corporation. He congratulated all teams involved for pushing forward India's upstream capabilities.

This development comes at a time when the government has been focusing on strengthening India's energy security through multiple channels. Earlier in the day, in a major move to diversify fuel sourcing, Puri had announced that Indian public sector oil companies



had signed a one-year deal to import liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) from the United States for the first time. Calling it a "historic first," he said the agreement would help secure around 2.2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of LPG for the contract year 2026. India, one of the world's largest and fastest-growing LPG markets, has been working on expanding both domestic production and international partnerships.

## US moves to revoke citizenship of 17 immigrants

Washington, June 11 : The US Department of Justice has launched proceedings to revoke the citizenship of 17 naturalised Americans accused of concealing crimes or lying during the immigration process, including an Indian-origin businessman convicted in a visa fraud case. The Justice Department said Thursday that the denaturalisation actions, filed in federal courts across the country, target individuals accused of offences ranging from sexual abuse of minors and healthcare fraud to money laundering, securities fraud and immigration-related crimes. Among those named is Neeraj Sharma, 50, a native of India and former owner and chief executive officer of New Jersey-based staffing company Magnavision LLC.



According to the Justice Department, Sharma signed and filed 11 fraudulent H-1B visa petitions containing false representations that workers would be employed by a global financial institution. The petitions allegedly included forged signatures of company executives. In 2017, Sharma applied for US citizenship and, according to the complaint, falsely stated under penalty of perjury that he had never committed a crime for which he had not been arrested, never provided false information to US government officials and never lied to obtain immigration benefits. The Justice Department said Sharma became a US citizen

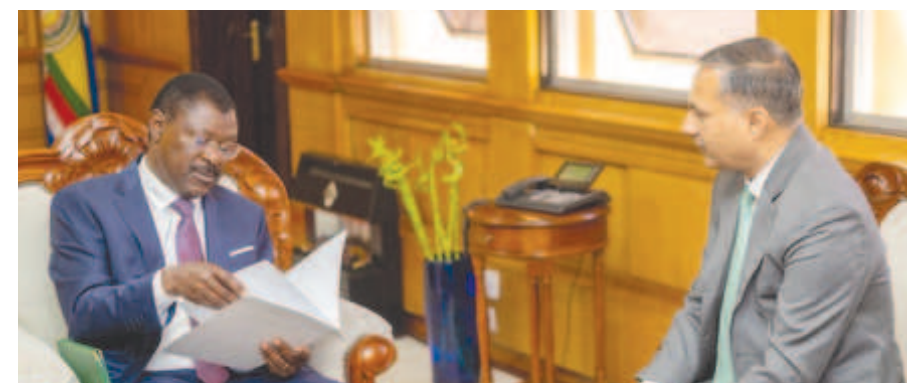
in December 2017. He was later convicted of fraud and misuse of visas for conduct that occurred between April 2015 and April 2017. The government is seeking to revoke his citizenship, alleging that he failed to disclose unlawful acts, provided false testimony and concealed material facts during the naturalisation process. Announcing the actions, Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche said, "When criminal aliens exploit the naturalisation process by breaking the law, there are consequences. Criminal aliens are lying about their past crimes, including drug dealers, sexual predators, and fraudsters." "Gaining US citizenship is a privilege and under the steadfast leadership of President Trump, this Department of Justice maintains a zero-tolerance policy for the abuse of this process," he said. Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said citizenship "must be earned honestly". "If you come here break our laws, and lie in your immigration proceedings, you forfeit that privilege," Mullin said. The Justice Department said the 17 cases involve individuals originally from India, China, Haiti, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, Jamaica, Somalia, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago and several other countries.

## 27th Constitutional Amendment empowers Pakistan military, curbs SC authority : Report

Islamabad, June 11 : The 27th Constitutional Amendment recently passed by Pakistan Parliament accords sweeping powers to the Pakistani military and effectively reduces the legal authority of the country's Supreme Court. The move ends Supreme Court's powers to carry out whatever checks it previously had on Pakistani politicians and the leadership of the armed forces, a report claimed. "It is often said about our western neighbour that while most countries have an army, in the case of Pakistan its military has a country attached to it. This cliché has once again acquired new traction as the all-powerful Pakistan military, under its self-appointed Field Marshal Asim Munir, Chief of the Army Staff, has ensured that the civilian government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif steered the Pakistan Parliament into passing the controversial 27th Amendment to the Constitution. This amendment accords sweeping powers to the Pakistan military and effectively reduces the legal authority of the country's Supreme Court," Kamal Davar, a retired lieutenant-general and a strategic analyst, wrote in an opinion piece in Deccan Chronicle. "The neutering of the Supreme Court removes whatever checks it previously had on Pakistani politicians and the leadership of the armed forces. Amazingly, barring a few eminent lawyers, opposition to this draconian move has so far been muted, perhaps due to the prevailing fear psychosis within Pakistan's civil society, which has



prevented any vociferous protests. What could earlier have been legally struck down by the Supreme Court is now history. Field Marshal Asim Munir, already the most powerful functionary in Pakistan, has now effectively graduated from de facto authority to de jure power," he added. Notably, Asim Munir is Pakistan's second Field Marshal after Ayub Khan, who led a coup in 1959. Pakistan's fragile democracy has seen four coups, yet the Army has maintained total control over defence and foreign policy issues in every civilian government, particularly concerning India and the neighbourhood, including the launch of terrorist activities in India and Afghanistan.



## India and Kenya discuss further strengthening parliamentary exchanges

Nairobi, June 11 : India's High Commissioner to Kenya, Adarsh Swaika called on Kenya's National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula in Nairobi on Thursday as the two sides held discussions on further strengthening parliamentary exchanges and advancing bilateral ties through the Friendship Groups. During the meeting, Swaika handed over a letter of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to Moses Wetang'ula, conveying the constitution of the India-Kenya Parliamentary Friendship Group in the Indian Parliament. "High Commissioner called on Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya Moses Wetang'ula and handed over a letter from Hon. Speaker of Lok Sabha Om Birla conveying the constitution of the

India-Kenya Parliamentary Friendship Group in the Indian Parliament," the Indian High Commission in Kenya posted on X. "Discussions pertained to further strengthening India-Kenya parliamentary engagement and advancing bilateral ties through the Friendship Groups. Also present were Convenor of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for India in Kenyan Parliament Hon. MP David Ouma Ochieng and member of the group, Indian-origin Hon. MP Rahim Dawood," it added. On Tuesday, Swaika called on Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Salim Mvurya, discussing strengthening cooperation in youth engagement, sports partnerships, and the creative economy, including capacity building, talent exchange, and skilling initiatives, according to the statement released by the Indian High Commission in Kenya. Swaika also met Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen, discussing bilateral ties and growing cooperation across multiple sectors.



## UN OCHA warns funding shortage could disrupt humanitarian operations in Afghanistan

Kabul, June 11 : The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) warned on Thursday that funding shortage could halt humanitarian work in Afghanistan between October-December, local media reported. OCHA said the potential disruption would impact life-saving assistance, including food supplies, clean water, education support and basic health services relied upon by millions of Afghan residents, Afghanistan's leading news agency Khaama Press reported. The agency emphasised that immediate funding is important for keeping humanitarian work operational, noting that even short gaps would have "serious humanitarian consequences" as the winter is approaching.



## Peace summit on eastern DRC conflicts 'called off': DRC Presidency

Kinshasa, June 11 : A peace summit scheduled for Thursday to address conflicts in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) was "called off," the DRC presidential office said. Angolan President Joao Lourenco was set to host DRC President Felix Tshisekedi and Rwandan President Paul Kagame in a bid to ease tensions gripping the eastern DRC, Xinhua news agency reported. According to Kinshasa, the Rwandan delegation refused to participate in the meeting, leading to its cancellation. Tshisekedi arrived in Luanda early Sunday for the summit and met with his Angolan counterpart.

## 3.8 million girls remain out of school in Afghanistan: UN

Kabul, June 11 : The United Nations has warned that Afghanistan risks creating a "lost generation" as nearly 3.8 million girls continue to remain out of school due to restrictions imposed by the Taliban, local media reported on Tuesday. Addressing the UN Security Council on Thursday, the Acting head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), Georgette Gagnon, said an estimated 3.8 million girls aged between seven and 18 years remain out of school.



## Sudhan Gurung to be reappointed as Nepal's Home Minister after inquiry report

Kathmandu, June 11 : Sudhan Gurung, who stepped down as Nepal's Home Minister on April 22 following controversy over his financial dealings, is set to return

to the post. He is likely to take the oath of office later on Tuesday after Prime Minister Balendra Shah recommended President Ram Chandra Poudel.



## Afghan Police seize illicit drugs, arrest 21 smugglers

Kabul, June 11 : Afghan counter-narcotics police seized a quantity of illicit drugs, including crystal meth, and arrested 21 suspected smugglers in separate operations across multiple provinces, the Ministry of Interior Affairs said in a statement on Thursday. The seizure included 86 kg of raw hashish, 5 kg of crystal meth, a quantity of methamphetamine, stimulant tablets, and some other types of narcotics. The drugs were discovered during a series of routine police operations, said the statement, Xinhua news agency reported.

## Israel confirms attacking UN peacekeepers in Lebanon, citing 'misclassification' amid poor weather

Jerusalem, June 11 : The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed in a statement that it has opened fire at two UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon, citing misclassification "due to poor weather conditions." After identifying "two suspects" in the Al-Hamames area, Israeli troops fired warning shots and forced them to withdraw, but after a later review of the incident, the two were found out to be UN peacekeepers



patrolling in the area, it said. "The IDF emphasizes that no deliberate fire was directed toward UNIFIL soldiers, and the matter is being handled through official liaison channels," it said, adding that it will continue operations to "remove any threat" to Israel.

## UK officially joins Asia-Pacific trade bloc CPTPP

London, June 11 : The U.K. officially joined the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) on Thursday, becoming the first European nation to join the Asia-Pacific trade bloc. The 12-country landmark trade agreement is expected to boost the British economy by 2 billion pounds (about

2.52 billion U.S. dollars) annually in the long term, according to the Department for Business and Trade, Xinhua news agency. The department noted on its website that the UK's accession to CPTPP is a cornerstone of the government's Plan for Change, which aims to deliver economic growth and increase household incomes.



## If you don't win the first match, you're in a difficult position: SA coach Broos ahead of FIFA WC opener against Mexico

Mexico City, June 11 : South Africa manager Hugo Broos said his side is ready and motivated ahead of its FIFA World Cup opener against co-host Mexico on Friday (IST), insisting his players must focus on winning the opening game and not be intimidated by the atmosphere at the Azteca Stadium.

Broos acknowledged that Mexico have quality throughout their squad and will enjoy strong backing from the home crowd, but said South Africa would take the field with the belief that they can get a positive result.

"They play good football. They have very good play-



ers, players who can decide a match. And playing in front of their own fans gives them a boost," Broos told reporters on Thursday. With South Korea and the Czech Republic also in Group A, Broos stressed the importance of making a strong start to the tournament.



## 'One Last Dance': Five icons set for their FIFA World Cup swansong

New Delhi, June 11 : As the FIFA World Cup 2026 approaches, fans around the world are preparing for a month of unforgettable moments and dramatic finishes, but beyond the race for football's biggest prize, the tournament is also expected to mark the end of an era.

For several of the game's most celebrated names, this World Cup could be the final chapter of careers that have inspired millions and defined a generation of football. Some have already lifted the trophy, others are still chasing the one achievement, but all will step onto the field know-

ing this could be their last appearance on the sport's grandest stage. Here are five football legends who are likely playing their final FIFA World Cup.

1. Lionel Messi (Argentina)  
After completing football's ultimate dream by leading Argentina to World Cup glory in 2022, Lionel Messi returns for what is expected to be his final appearance at the tournament.

The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner ended decades of debate by lifting the trophy in Qatar and now has a chance to achieve another historic feat, helping Argentina become the first nation since Bra-

zil in 1962 to successfully defend the World Cup title. Regardless of how far Argentina go, Messi's legacy as one of football's greatest players is already secure.

2. Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)  
Few athletes have redefined longevity quite like Cristiano Ronaldo. The Portuguese superstar has enjoyed a remarkable international career spanning more than two decades and remains his country's biggest inspiration.

The World Cup is the only major trophy missing from Ronaldo's collection, making 2026 one final opportunity to complete football's ultimate challenge.



## Fresh off IGPL Congo triumph, Aryan Anand looks forward to his International Series Morocco debut

Rabat, June 11 : Aryan Roopa Anand, who made a breakthrough in the Indian golf scene with consecutive victories at the prestigious All India Amateur titles, finally secured a win in professional golf at the scenic Lubumbashi Golf Course in Congo during the IGPL Tour.

## Women's T20 WC: Australia coach Nitschke 'hopeful' for Litchfield to play opener amid injury concern

New Delhi, June 11 : Australia's preparations for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup have been clouded by a fitness concern surrounding Phoebe Litchfield, but the defending champions remain optimistic that the young batter will be available for their opening fixture against South Africa.

Litchfield did not feature in Australia's warm-up games af-

ter experiencing discomfort in her quad, prompting team management to take a cautious approach ahead of their campaign opener. With the six-time champions set to begin their quest for a record seventh title in Manchester on Saturday, head coach Shelley Nitschke expressed confidence that the left-hander would be ready when it matters most. Yeah, we hope so. Obviously, she had some quad awareness, and it was just on the conservative side to leave her out of these two games.



## 'I demanded that': Tuchel happy as England beat Costa Rica in FIFA WC warm-up

New York, June 11 : Thomas Tuchel was pleased with what he saw from his team, as England swept aside Costa Rica in Orlando to take one more step towards the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Although the kick-off in Orlando was delayed for an hour after a torrential storm flooded the pitch, England produced a crisp and aggressive performance, in contrast to Saturday's lackluster outing against New Zealand.

An early goal from Declan Rice set the Three Lions on their way, before a second-half penalty from Anthony Gordon and a late header from Ollie Watkins sealed the victory. "I wished for that, I demanded that; I said before the match we want to push it to the next level, from intensity, commitment, cohesion, and we did that," said Tuchel as quoted by Xinhua.



## Delhi-born Nikhil Chaudhary added to Australia squad for Bangladesh T20I

Sydney, June 11 : Australia have added Delhi-born uncapped spinner Nikhil Chaudhary to their squad for their upcoming T20I series against Bangladesh. The 30-year-old drafted into the squad following Travis Head's withdrawal on personal leave.

Chaudhary could become the only Indian-born male player to play for Australia in more than 60 years after the Hobart Hurricanes all-rounder was called up for the T20I series against Bangladesh.

Chaudhary, currently playing for JB Bruges in the EUT20 competition in Belgium after a stint with Delhi Capitals in the IPL, is set to join the Australian squad in Dhaka on Friday. Born in Delhi before moving Down Under at the start of the decade, the leg-spin all-rounder.

## Bhavika Ahire to lead India U19 as BCCI unveils squads for SL U19 white-ball series

Mumbai, June 11 : India's pathway programme for emerging women's cricketers will take centre stage later this month as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the squads and schedule for the upcoming Under-19 white-ball series against Sri Lanka at home.

The six-match assignment, comprising three T20s in Chennai and three One-Day matches in Puducherry, is set to provide another important testing ground for players pushing to establish themselves in India's growing youth cricket ecosystem. The announcement highlights Bhavika Ahire's elevation as wicketkeeper-batter and captain in both formats, reflect-



ing her leadership qualities and recent age-group cricket performances. Supporting her will be Mahak Narwase, appointed vice-captain for both the T20 and One-Day teams. This leadership pair will manage a squad composed of players who have progressively advanced through domestic and junior levels. While the selectors have maintained a strong core across both formats.