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'Siraj bowled yesterday, he looked absolutely fine', says ten Doeschate ahead of Afghanistan Test

India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate on Thursday said pacer Mohammed Siraj looked "absolutely fine" in training ahead of the side preparing... **12**



Canara Bank to raise up to Rs 8,500 crore via bonds in FY27

State-owned Canara Bank has approved a plan to raise up to Rs 8,500 crore through debt instruments during FY27 as the lender looks to strengthen its capital base and support... **07**



Union govt weakened economy, institutions: AP Cong chief

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Telangana restructures land values scientifically: Ponguleti

Hyderabad, June 4 : Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced that significant reforms are underway in the revenue department and its aim is to deliver exceptionally high-quality services to the residents of Telangana, characterised by speed and transparency. The Minister personally reviewed the progress of the integrated sub-registrar office construction project in Talim, Gachibowli on Thursday. Earlier in the day, the Minister had engaged in discussions with journalists at the Secretariat. On the occasion, he clarified that the government has absolutely no intention.



Save Bhadrachalam from Polavaram backwaters : Harish Rao

Hyderabad, June 4 : Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao has written to the CEO of the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA), highlighting the growing threat posed by Polavaram backwaters to Telangana's flood-prone regions and demanding urgent intervention to protect affected families. The letter was handed over personally to Polavaram Project Authority officials visiting Bhadrachalam by BRS leaders from Pinapaka and Bhadrachalam constituencies. In a statement here on Thursday, Harish Rao pointed out that the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of the Polavaram Project is 45.72 metres, which is exactly the same as the first flood warning level at Bhadrachalam. He warned that once the project becomes fully operational, Bhadrachalam could face a constant flood threat. The BRS leader explained that while the riverbed level of the Godavari at Bhadrachalam.

Minister Lokesh's investment hunt in Russia.. Huge projects for AP!

Amaravathi, June 4 : Andhra Pradesh IT and Industries Minister Nara Lokesh participated in the prestigious SPIEF Business Forum being held in Russia. Recalling the long-standing technological and economic ties between India and Russia, Minister Lokesh clarified that AP will play a key role in achieving the bilateral trade target of \$100 billion by 2030. Announcing their goal of transforming Andhra Pradesh into a \$2.5 trillion economy through the 'Speed of Doing Business' policy, they invited international industrialists not just as investors but as equal partners in the development of the state. As part of this conference, Minister Lokesh had a special meeting with Ivan Demchenko, Chairman of the leading Russian steel giant 'Novostal-M'. He appealed to undertake the construc-

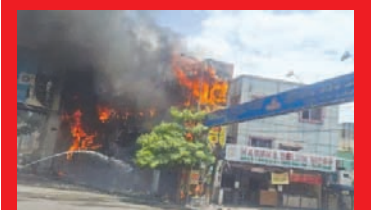


tion of a state-of-the-art EAF green steel plant in India and similarly to set up a railway track rolling mill in the prestigious industrial hub 'Sri City' in AP. Later, Minister Lokesh participated in a meeting with Tagir Sitdekov, President of global investment firm 'Sistema', and discussed the latest transport and technology projects in the state.

Justice for all Telangana activists our primary goal: Keshavarao

Hyderabad, June 4 : Government Advisor K. Keshavarao has clarified that the primary objective of the Congress government is to ensure justice for all activists, who participated directly or indirectly in the movement for the achievement of a separate Telangana state. An all-party meeting was held at the Secretariat on Thurs-

day with the committee constituted under the chairmanship of K. Keshavarao, aimed at ensuring recognition and respect for Telangana activists.



Fire breaks out at Ameerpet garment store; No casualties reported

Hyderabad, June 4 : A massive fire broke out at a garments store located at near Maitri vanam building, Ameerpet, in Hyderabad on Thursday afternoon. The fire erupted at KSR Fashions, a store located on the second floor of the shopping complex near Metro Pillar Number 1043.

CM Chandrababu Naidu urges citizens to use bicycles on World Environment Day

Amaravathi, June 4 : CM Chandrababu Naidu has called on everyone to use bicycles on the occasion of Environment Day June 5. He is participating in an event to be held in Visakhapatnam on Friday. CM Chandrababu Naidu will go on a bicycle to the event. CM Chandrababu has taken this decision to promote the use of environmentally friendly bi-

cycles. CM Chandrababu Naidu has made it clear that everyone, including the people, party leaders and those working in the government, should take a pledge to protect the environment by cycling on Friday. June 5th is Environment Day. On this occasion, he responded through his ex-account on Thursday. What he said was.. 'Tomorrow, on the occasion of World Environment Day, let us all

make a resolution together. The earth is our home... Nature is our livelihood. It is our responsibility to protect the environment. Let us all work hard to protect natural resources and not pollute the air, water and soil. It is necessary to increase greenery and use energy resources economically. As part of that, let's travel on bicycles and e-cycles on June 5, on the occasion of World Environment Day. Let's



each plant a tree. During my Visakhapatnam tour tomorrow, I will travel on a bicycle and try to take the message of environmental protection to the people. I request everyone to cooperate and come together for a good cause,' said CM Chandrababu.



Future leaders will build a strong New India : Pawan Kalyan

Amaravathi, June 4 : Specially remembering the role of youth in his political journey, Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan made key remarks on social media. He said that in 2008, he planned to build a strong youth wing for the Praja Rajyam Party (PRP) youth wing 'Yuvrajyam'. After overcoming many difficulties and struggles in the 12 years since the establishment of the Jana Sena Party, he said that the party workers are now full of experience and maturity and are ready to take on organizational responsibilities, conduct politics and solve public problems. On this occasion, Pawan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Telangana Yuva Rajyam youth wing. Pawan expressed special gratitude to the youth who have trusted and supported him since 2005. Pawan pledged that he will work to develop honest, committed and patriotic youth and dynamic leaders.

Venezuela valued partner in Latin America: PM Modi

New Delhi, June 4 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called Venezuela a "valued partner" in Latin America, asserting that India-Venezuela cooperation holds "immense importance" for the Global South community. "Happy to meet with the Acting President of Venezuela, Ms. Delcy Rodriguez. We had extensive discussions on expanding our cooperation in energy, critical minerals, technology, agri-

culture, health and people-to-people ties," PM Modi wrote on X after the meeting. "As a valued partner in Latin America, our close cooperation with Venezuela holds immense importance for the Global South. We will continue to work together for the mutual benefit of the people of our nations, he added. Earlier in the day, PM Modi and Rodriguez held a meeting at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi. EAM Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and other officials were also present during the meeting. Addressing a special briefing on Rodriguez's visit, MEA's Secretary (East).



"BJP's backing made telangana a reality": Ramchander Rao

Hyderabad, June 4 : Dismissing the claims of both ruling Congress and BRS in for-

mation of Telangana state, BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday as-

serted that the formation of Telangana would not have been possible without the BJP's uncon-

ditional support to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill in Parliament. Addressing the "Meet

the Press" programme organised by the Press Club of Hyderabad, Rao said the BJP remained steadfast in its commitment to Telangana while other parties

adopted shifting positions. He claimed the party's national leadership displayed strong political will in ensuring the passage of the Telangana Bill.

Amaravati Capital Works Speed Up

Minister Narayana Inspects Kondaveeti Vagu Development Projects

Amaravati, June 4 : Former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and Minister Narayana lashed out at YCP. He accused YCP of inciting farmers. He alleged that YCP is trying to create differences among farmers and destroy them. He said that it is ridiculous for YCP to form committees on Amaravati. He said that if you come here and see how the capital works are being done, you will know. He questioned how the farmers' lands will be given back. He asked whether it is possible to give lands after the construction of buildings, roads and

pipelines is completed. Narayana lashed out, saying how a person who was made the former CM can speak without understanding. Thursday, the minister toured the capital Amaravati area. He inspected the development works of Kondaveeti Vagu. He inspected the work of bridges being constructed on Kondaveeti Vagu on N9, N8 and N7 roads. He issued orders to the officials to remove soil under the bridges without obstructing the flow of Kondaveeti Vagu. He suggested that the width of the Kondaveeti stream should be widened further where it is narrow. Narayana inspected the res-



ervoir construction work being done in Neerukonda. The minister said that the development work of trunk roads, bridges and streams is going on rapidly in the capital. He said that 43 bridges are being constructed on trunk roads and 32 in LPS zones. He said that the soil is being removed without disturbing the flow of the Kondaveeti stream during the rainy season. He said that half of the work has been completed in Sakhamuru, Penumaka and Neerukonda reservoirs. Narayana said that if there is heavy rain, the work may be hampered.

Union govt weakened economy, institutions: AP Cong chief

Vijayawada, June 4 : Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee President, Y.S. Sharmila Reddy, claimed on Thursday that the NDA government at the Centre inherited a strong economy, robust institutions, and immense public trust but, in just over a decade, it has weakened all three. She strongly endorsed the concerns raised by Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, regarding the alleged weakening of India's economic foundations and democratic institutions under the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre. Reacting to LoP Rahul Gandhi's remarks on the growing global economic uncer-

tainty and its potential impact on India, Sharmila said in a statement that "the Modi government had inherited a strong economy, credible institutions, and immense public trust, but had steadily undermined all three over the last decade." "Rahul Gandhi has consistently warned the nation that an economy built on publicity and concentration of wealth in the hands of a few cannot withstand major global shocks. Today, as the world faces increasing economic turbulence, those warnings are proving alarmingly relevant," she claimed. Sharmila observed that unemployment, financial stress on households, declining purchasing power, widening inequality, and



the struggles faced by small and medium enterprises have exposed deep structural weaknesses in the Indian economy. She argued that while the BJP government focussed on image-building and headline management, it neglected the real drivers of sustainable growth such as job creation, productive investment, institutional strength, and social harmony.

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DEMAND NOTICE
under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below. The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities/ have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

Sl. No	Name of Borrowers/ Guarantors with Address	Amount claimed as per Demand Notice	Description of the Secured Asset	Date of NPA
1.	Mr. Vompu Praveen Kumar S/o Mr. Late Vompu Yadaiah Borrower R/o No. 2-3-215/3/3/1/A, Kuruma Nagar, Uppal Bagayath, Uppal(M), Hyd-500039 Mrs. Vompu Lakshamma W/o Mr. Late Vompu Yadaiah Co-Borrower R/o No. 2-3-215/3/3/1/A, Kuruma Nagar, Uppal Bagayath, Uppal(M), Hyd-500039	Outstanding: Rs. 26,12,475/- (Twenty Six Lakhs Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Five Rupees Only) Demand Notice Dated: 02-06-2026	All that the House Bearing No 2-3-215/3/3/1/A, (PTI No.1020221654) on part of plot No 2 south part & plot no 3 North part, in Sy No.243, admeasuring 70 Sq Yards, or 58.52 Sq Mtrs, situated at Ward No 2, Block No.3, Kuruma Nagar, Uppal Bagayath, Under GHMC Uppal circle, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist, Telangana. and bounded by:- North: Part of plot No 2 south part, South: Plot No 3 South part, East: 18 ft wide road, West: Neighbour's land	29-05-2026
2.	Mr. Theegala Anjaiah S/o Mr. Theegala Bandaiah Borrower R/o Plot No 100 and 101, Chengicherla Village, Mediaply(M), Hyd-500092 Mrs. Theegala Kavitha W/o Mr. Theegala Anjaiah Co-Borrower R/o Plot No 100 and 101, Chengicherla Village, Mediaply(M), Hyd-500092	Outstanding: Rs. 18,79,419/- (Eighteen Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Nineteen Rupees Only) Demand Notice Dated: 02-06-2026	All that the Plot No 100 part and part of plot no 101 Northern part, in Sy No. 39, admeasuring 75 Sq Yards or 62.7 Sq Mtrs, Situated at Chengicherla Village, Boduppal Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Ranga Reddy Dist, Telangana. and bounded by:- North: Part of plot No 101 Northern part, South: Plot No 100 part, East: Plot No 101 Southern part & 100 part, West: 30 ft Wide Road	29-05-2026

*Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the under signed will be constrained to initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers/ guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 02-06-2026, Place: A.S. Rao Nagar Sd/- Authorised Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Canara Bank NARAYANPET BRANCH H No. 115, High School Road, Chorastha Bazar, Narayanpet Telangana State

SALE NOTICE
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" for recovery of due to Canara Bank from Borrower/Guarantor.

Name and Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s): Mr. Laxman Chary S/o Mr. Narasimulu H no.1-6-74/13b Ashok Nagar colony Naryanpet-509210 Mahabubnagar District Telangana. (Borrower), Mr. Nagender S/o Mr. Narasimulu H no.1-6-74/13b Ashok Nagar colony Naryanpet-509210 Mahabubnagar District Telangana (Co-Borrower), Satyanarayana T S /o. T Chandrappa H No 4-3-1 1 Sacklegiri Narayanpet, Telangana. 509210.. Total liabilities as on: Rs. 21,50,322.41 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Two and Forty One paise), plus interest and bank charges thereon. **Details and full description of the property:** All that RCC roofed residential building (ground floor) in part of Residential House No. 1-6-74/13B on plot no. 9 in Survey no. 259, situated at Ashok Nagar, Pallabuzurg Narayanpet Town & Mandal, Mahabubnagar District Telangana 509210. Bounded by: Boundaries of the property North : 4' Lane & House of Bheemappa Gajji South : Plot no. 10 belong to Narayan Rao East : 12' Wide Road West : 12' Wide Road.

Reserve Price: Rs. 38,82,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs. 3,88,200/-, Bid Multiples: Rs.50,000/-

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Narayanpet Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, Narayanpet Branch on or before 20-06-2026 at 5.00 p.m., For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, NARAYANPET Branch, of Canara Bank, Ph. No. 08546-282527 Mobile : 8328848168 during office hours on any working day.

Date & Time of Auction: 23-06-2026 from 11.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M. (With unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the Sale), Place of Auction: Online.

The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 20-06-2026 at 05.00 P.M

Inspection Date of the Properties with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer, 20-06-2026 before 5:00 PM

The intending bidders should register their names at portal Website: https://baanet.com and get their User ID and password free of cost

* No Known Encumbrances to the Knowledge of the Bank. Mode of Auction: Online Electronic Bidding

Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address wherever applicable. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider Contact : 8291220220, Email: support.baanet@psballiance.com, Website: https://baanet.com/

Date: 02-06-2026, Place: Narayanpet Sd/- Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK

Bank of Maharashtra ZONAL OFFICE HYDERABAD H.No.4-3-488 To 488 & 485 to 488, 1st Floor, Vinoothna Pithi's Majesty, Gopal Bagh, Near Bank Street, Koti, Hyderabad

AX-21/918/2026-27 Date: 04.06.2026

Public Notice for Sale of Vehicles through Auction, Hypothecated as Security to Bank under Hypothecation Deed

In exercise of the powers conferred to the Authorized Officer of the Bank under law and pursuant to the default made by the Borrowers/Guarantors in repayment of dues against availed credit facility(ies) and seizure of secured/hypothecated assets (vehicles) as per the terms and conditions of Hypothecation Deed, the public and all the concerned including the concerned borrowers/mortgagors/hypothecators, their legal heirs/representatives may be, are hereby informed that for realization of the Bank's dues, E auction of the Hypothecated & seized vehicles described herein below is scheduled to be held on 07.07.2026 at 1:00 pm onwards on "As is where is Basis", "As is what is Basis" and "Without Recourse Basis" and on the terms and conditions specified hereunder. The Details of the Vehicles are as under:-

Name of the Borrower :- Mr. Satyanarayana S. Guarantor :- N. A. Branch: Khairatabad Account No.60368520106. Total dues as on 24.01.2024: Rs. 7,05,910/- plus further Interest at applicable rates plus other costs, charges and expenses etc.

Description of the Hypothecated Property
Model: Maruti Suzuki Ciaz Alpha MT BS IV. Year of Making: 2020. Chassis No.MA3EXGL1S00418870JL. Engine No. K15BN9057958. Type of Body: Sedan. Regd. No. TS09FP8254. Fuel used : Petrol. Vehicle Color: Met.Magma Gray.
Reserve Price: Rs. 3,30,000/- . EMD:Rs 33,000/- Bid Increment amount Rs.1,000/-

* Inspection Date and Time: 20.06.2026 between 11.00 am to 5.00 pm (With prior appointment only). Date and Time of Auction: 08.07.2026 at 1.00 p.m. onwards

*Last Date for depositing EMD Amount 07.07.2026.

Note: The Vehicles mentioned above are under Physical Possession of the Bank

Terms and Conditions of Sale: 1). No responsibility attaches to the bank for quality, condition and specification of the vehicles. The vehicles are being auctioned on "AS IS WHAT IS", "AS IS WHERE IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" & "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" condition and at the risk of the borrower and the purchaser. Bidders to satisfy themselves regarding the quality, condition and specifications of the vehicles kept for sale in auction 2) The EMD should be deposited before 07.07.2026 through RTGS/NEFT in Account The Authorized Officer, Bank of Maharashtra, through RTGS/NEFT in Account Name: The Authorized Officer, Bank of Maharashtra, Account No.6049282592. Branch name: Sultan Bazar Branch. IFSC Code: MAHB0000018. No interest will be paid on the said amount. Photos of CD/PO are not acceptable. 3). The successful bidder shall pay the entire balance amount (Bid amount minus EMD) by the end of the next working day after the auction date and take delivery and possession of the vehicle within two days at his/her absolute risk and responsibility and the said bidder shall not have any recourse to our Bank for any reason whatsoever. In the event of default thereof the 10% of the amount deposited earlier shall be forfeited and vehicle will be re-sold or will be offered to the person offering the next highest bid. 4). Purchaser shall have to bear registration charges, Permit transfer expenses, all taxes, cess, GST, Insurance premium expenses etc. for getting the vehicle transferred in his/her name. 5). This is also notice to the Borrowers/Guarantors, their legal heirs/representatives about holding of auction sale on the above-mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full before the date of auction. 6). The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest bid and the Authorized Officer / Bank has absolute discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale and to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason thereof. The Authorized Officer / Bank has absolute discretion to either reject or accept any bid without assigning any reasons whatsoever. 7). If any bidder after deposit of EMD amount, fails to attend the auction on the scheduled date, Bank shall deduct 10% of the deposited EMD amount. 8). The Authorized Officer / Bank reserves its right to put to auction or withdraw from auction all or any of the vehicles hypothecated in the account as considered necessary or stop auction at any time without any prior notice and without assigning any reason therefor and at its absolute discretion. 9). The interested party may contact the concerned branches of BANK OF MAHARASHTRA as mentioned in the above table or to the Authorized Officer (Shri Prabhakar das CM Hyderabad zone, Contact number -8446865687) for further details. 10). If the successful bidder fails to deposit the entire bid amount as above and/or does anything which may give rise to a necessity of adjourning/postponing/canceling the auction or holding fresh auction sale, he/she shall be liable to indemnify to the Bank to the extent of loss if any, caused on account of his/her act /abstinance / negligence or lapses which may come in the way of completing the auction. 11). Separate auction sale will be conducted for each vehicle and the vehicle will be sold at the highest bid to the highest bidder. 12). The participating bidders shall have to submit self-attested ID proof for participating in the auction before or at the time of deposit of EMD. 13). All the rights in respect of vehicle auction are reserved by the Bank. The decision of the Authorized Officer / Bank shall be final and binding on all the concerned.

Date: 04.06.2026, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

PSUs urged to support Salar Jung Museum modernisation, expansion : Governor

Hyderabad, June 4 : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has called upon Central and State Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to extend support for the modernisation and expansion of the Salar Jung Museum as it prepares to celebrate its Platinum Jubilee year. Chairing a meeting with representatives of various PSUs at Raj Bhavan on Thursday evening, the Governor, who is also the Chairman of the Salar Jung Museum, discussed plans for the week-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations scheduled to be held from June 14 to 21. The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretary to the Governor M. Dana Kishore and Joint Secretary Shashikiran Achary. Addressing the gathering, Shukla said the celebrations.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 -011 ("Arcil") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") calling upon the following borrower to repay the amount mentioned against their respective name together with interest rates thereon at the applicable rates mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

And whereas, the said "Original Lender" has unconditionally and irrevocably assigned, transferred and released in favour of the Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (Arcil), in our capacity as the sole Trustee of "Arcil - Trust -2026 -011" all its rights, title and interest, in the financial assets along with the underlying securities, in terms of section 5 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 vide Assignment Agreement dated 09/09/2025.

Sr. No.	Loan No	Name of the Borrower/ Mortgagee/Guarantor	Outstanding due as on 27/02/2026	Date of Notice 13(2)	Date of Notice 13(4)	Date of Possession	Type of Possession	Description of Secured Assets	Financial Institution
1	0273SB ML00098	Mr./Ms. Rammohanreddy Chinnamunthala (Borrower) Mr./Ms. Padmavathamma Chinnamunthala (Co Borrower) Mr./Ms. Shivasankarreddy Chinnamunthala (Guarantor)	₹ 1842982.3/-	27/02/2026	03-06-2026	03-06-2026	Symbolic	D.No.10-153, Syno.372, Ward No. 17, Subbarao Peta, Nandikotkur Municipality, Nandikotkur (M) Mandal District-518401 The Property Bearing Comprised In. Admeasuring About 51.00 Sq. Yds Or 459.00Sq. Ft. G-Rcc. 459.00 Sft. First Floor 337.50 Sft, Total Plinth Area 796.50 Sft. Built Area: 51.00 Sq. Yds Or 459.00Sq. Ft. G-Rcc. 459.00 Sft, First Floor 337.50 Sft, Total Plinth Area 796.50 Sft. and bounded as follows: North: House Of Chulika Chinnna Subbalahe Heirs South: House Of Markapuram Ramana East: House Of Panyam Venkateswarulu West: Rastha	Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
2	0273SB ML00035	Mr./Ms. Yellagoud Dadiyala (Borrower) Mr./Ms. Jeevitha Dadiyala (Co Borrower)	₹ 1154726.79/-	20/02/2026	03-06-2026	03-06-2026	Symbolic	Kurnool District, Kurnool (M) Dinnedevuru Padu. The Property Bearing Comprised Survey Number 403/1,403/3, Admeasuring About Sq. Yds 173 Or Sq.Ft 1557, Plot No.: 07. Built Area: Sq. Yds. 173 Or Sq.Ft.1557 and bounded as follows: North: Plot No.06 South: Plot No.08 East: 33'0" Wide Bt Road West: Plots Of Skanda Hills Venture	Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
3	0273SB ML00062	Mr./Ms. Sriramulu Mangali (Borrower) Mr./Ms. Sujatha Mangali (Co Borrower)	₹ 1049146.16/-	21/01/2026	03-06-2026	03-06-2026	Symbolic	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Belonging To Sujatha Mangali An Extent Of Plot No. 48, (North Part), L.Dis. No. 72/71, Lakshmi Priya Venture, Kallur, Kurnool Municipal Corporation Kurnool District-51803. The Property Bearing Comprised In Survey No. 235, Admeasuring About 122.22 Sq. Yds Or 1099.98 Sq.Ft With The Following Boundaries: and bounded as follows: North: 30 Feet Road South: Plot No. 51 East: Plot No. 49 West: Remaining Site In The Same Plot	Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
4	0274SB ML00132	Mr./Ms. Vadla Shali Basha (Borrower) Mr./Ms. Vadla Ashravun (Co Borrower)	₹ 639280.28/-	20/02/2026	03-06-2026	03-06-2026	Symbolic	All That Piece And Parcel The Property Admeasuring An Extent Of 1089 Sq.Ft. Bearing House No. 1B-1-66, Comprised In Survey No. (S) 215, Situated In Ward No.-1, Boyalakuntla Village, Within The Sub-Registration District Of Sirivella. Total 121 Sq.Yds, 1089 Sq.Fts. and bounded as follows: North: Patan Shaker Reukulashad., South: Rasta. East: Abdulla Site. West: Nazer Basha Site 7 Rafi Hut.	Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited

With further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till date of payment and/or realisation.

Wherever since the Borrowers mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and in public in general that the Authorised Officer of Arcil has taken a physical possession of the properties/ Secured Assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above.

The Borrowers mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited. For the above said amount with interest and expenses thereon.

The Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 05-06-2026 Place: Kurnool - Andhra Pradesh

Sd/-, Authorised Officer For Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited (Trustee of Arcil - Trust -2026 -011)

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Govt aims to raise farmers' incomes and ensure India's food, nutrition security: Chouhan

Jaipur, June 4 : Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Thursday said that the three primary goals for Indian agriculture were to enhance farmers' incomes and ensure the country's food and nutrition security. Addressing the Western Regional Agricultural Conference organised here, Chouhan stated that formal one-day rabi-kharif meetings are now being replaced by theme-based regional conferences for different agro-climatic zones. He described the initiation of this new conference series in the presence of agriculture ministers, senior officials, scientists, and progressive farmers from Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Goa gath-

ered on one platform. Chouhan said that India's wheat and rice stocks are so abundant that even storage space poses a challenge, but self-reliance in pulses and oilseeds still needs to be achieved so that food security can be entirely based on the nation's own production capacity and dependence on imports can be eliminated. He said that agriculture is the backbone of the Indian economy and farmers its soul, therefore, enhancing farmers' income, improving their standard of living, and making farming easier remains the government's top priority, while also emphasising nutrition security as an essential component of policy to provide nutritious food to the public.



Farm loan waiver: Maha eyes 2.8 pc fiscal cap despite welfare sops

Mumbai, June 4 : The approval of the Rs 36,585 crore Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Farmers' Loan Waiver Scheme has sparked critical debate over its dual impact on Maharashtra's economic health and banking infrastructure. The scheme bridges urgent short-term relief for the rural population with complex structural challenges for the state's economy. The immediate fiscal challenge lies in absorbing a massive Rs 36,585 crore cash outflow without violating statutory fiscal discipline. According to state finance de-

partment sources, despite the high cost of this scheme alongside other welfare programmes like the Ladki Bahin Yojana (Rs 26,500 crore), the state's Budget targets a fiscal deficit of 2.8 per cent of GSDP (Rs 1,50,491 crore). This is technically a slight improvement from the previous year's revised estimate of 3.0 per cent, keeping the state within the 3 per cent cap recommended by the 15th Finance Commission. While the broader fiscal deficit is capped, the scheme directly expands the state's revenue deficit, projected at Rs 40,552 crore (0.7 per cent of GSDP). Because loan waivers are classified as revenue

expenditure, the government is effectively using borrowed money to cover operational relief rather than capital investments, sources said. Economists warn of a "crowding out" effect, in which massive welfare allocations limit future growth in capital expenditure for long-term rural infrastructure such as irrigation projects, cold storage networks, and market connectivity. While banks receive immediate liquidity as the government clears outstanding bad debts, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has expressed caution about the long-term impact on credit culture.



TRE-4 notification will be issued in July: Bihar Education Minister

Patna, June 4 : Bihar Education Minister Mithilesh Tiwari has announced that the notification for the fourth phase of the Teacher Recruitment Examination (TRE-4) will be issued in July under all circumstances, providing fresh hope to thousands of teacher aspirants across the state. Speaking to journalists during his visit to Khagaria on Tuesday, the minister said the state government remains committed to the teacher recruitment process and is actively working to fill vacancies in the education sector. He urged candidates preparing for government teaching jobs to continue their studies with full dedication, assuring them that official details regarding the recruitment process would be released soon.

Mamata Banerjee vows to oust BJP from Bengal

Kolkata, June 4 : Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo and former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said that if she survives, she will surely displace the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from power in the state after foiling alleged attempts by the saffron camp's central leadership to disintegrate TMC. "If I survive, I will surely displace the BJP from the position of power in West Bengal. Their central leadership in New Delhi is trying to disintegrate the Trinamool Congress. They are threatening our elected public representatives like MPs, MLAs, and councilors. But I will ultimately foil all such attempts," she said at a sit-in demonstration at Y-channel in Kolkata. This was her first public programme since the assembly

election results were announced on May 4, marking a landslide defeat for TMC and the end of Mamata Banerjee's 15-year rule. She made the statement at an unusually small gathering, with just five TMC MPs and six party legislators present at the dais. The MPs present were the party's Chief Whip in the Lok Sabha, Kalyan Banerjee; Lok Sabha member Mala Roy; and Rajya Sabha members Derek O'Brien, Dola Sen, and Samirul Islam. Currently, TMC has 41 MPs in both Houses of Parliament. The legislators present were Firhad Hakim, Biman Bandopadhyay, Nayna Bandopadhyay, Madan Mitra, Sovande Chatteropadhyay, and Ashok Deb. At present, TMC's tally in the 294-seat West Bengal assembly is 80, including Ritabrata Banerjee and Samiran Saha, who were expelled from the party on Monday.



Speaking on the occasion, Mamata Banerjee also criticised two private hospitals, which reportedly denied admission to her nephew and TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee after he was assaulted at Sonarpur in South 24 Parganas district on May 30. She said that when she took him to the hospital in serious condition, officials initially demanded permission from the chief executive officer to admit him. He was admitted to trauma care, but later, the CEO told her that due to pressure, he was unable to admit him. The private hospital at Minto Park in central Kolkata, which Mamata referred to, decided not to admit Abhishek Banerjee after a thorough medical examination and issued a certificate stating "admission not required", a copy of which is available with IANS.

Polyhouse farming transforms farmers' lives in J&K's Samba

Samba, June 4 : Polyhouse farming has become a game-changer for farmers in Samba district, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), significantly improving their economic conditions. The shift from traditional farming to polyhouse farming, promoted by the Agriculture Department, has led to increased crop yields and higher incomes for local farmers. Polyhouse farming involves growing crops in a controlled environment, typically enclosed with plastic sheets, protecting the plants from adverse weather conditions. This technique allows farmers to cultivate crops year-round, leading to consistent production and better market prices.



Chhattisgarh: 40 children undergo successful surgeries under Chirayu health scheme

Raipur, June 4 : Chirayu health scheme, a joint initiative of the Centre and the Chhattisgarh government, is proving to be a boon for poor and needy families, particularly those residing in remote hinterlands. At least 40 families in the Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki district have received affordable treatment under the Chirayu scheme and had their children successfully operated upon. Following the children's recovery, an atmosphere of joy prevails among their families.



Indian national jailed in Nepal drug case, escaped during prison unrest, held in Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, June 4 : Ahmedabad's Special Operations Group (SOG) Crime Branch has arrested an Indian national who had earlier been jailed in Nepal in connection with an international narcotics case and later escaped during a prison break amid widespread protests, police said on Thursday. The accused has been identified as Dharmesh Chunara, a resident of Ahmedabad.



INDIA-UK Launch critical minerals observatory

Hyderabad, June 4 : India and the United Kingdom on Thursday launched the India-UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO) in New Delhi, a major initiative aimed at strengthening cooperation on critical mineral security and resilient supply chains. The Observatory was formally inaugurated by G. Kishan Reddy, Union minister for coal and mines, and Yvette Cooper, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, United Kingdom. The platform is a joint initiative of TEXMiN, Indian Institute of Technology (ISM) Dhanbad and University of Cambridge.

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OPINION MAIL



Godavari Pushkaralu should showcase Andhra's rich culture

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday directed officials to organise the Godavari Pushkaralu-2027 on a grand scale, showcasing the state's rich cultural, historical and spiritual heritage. Emphasising the importance of spiritual tourism, the Chief Minister noted that the Godavari river basin is home to numerous sacred temples and pilgrimage centres, making the Pushkaralu an excellent opportunity to promote spiritual tourism and boost economic activity across the region.

Naidu, reviewing arrangements with the Ministers' Committee and senior officials at the Secretariat, said all departments must work closely to ensure the prestigious event runs smoothly.

He also reviewed the Akhanda Godavari Development Project. He reiterated that the Polavaram Project would be completed and dedicated to the nation before the commencement of the Pushkaralu, creating an additional attraction for visitors.

The Chief Minister proposed developing the stretch from Dhavaleswaram to the Polavaram Project as an "Akhanda Godavari Corridor" and instructed officials to ensure that all infrastructure developed for the Pushkaralu becomes a lasting asset for the Godavari basin region. He expressed confidence that the event would significantly contribute to transforming Rajamahendravaram into a major metropolitan city. Naidu directed officials to focus on highway and railway traffic management and make special arrangements for the large influx of pilgrims from rural areas. To ensure convenience and avoid confusion, he instructed that all Pushkar ghats be numbered systematically.

He called for improved road connectivity through national and state highways and enhanced railway services between Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada. He directed officials to write to Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw seeking additional special trains and financial assistance from the Centre.

He also suggested exploring the establishment of Kumbh Mela-style tent cities and homestay facilities to accommodate pilgrims and tourists. Referring to the recent field visit by Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Naidu instructed officials to incorporate his recommendations into the planning process.

The Chief Minister directed officials to construct roads on both sides of the Polavaram Project and undertake extensive beautification of the Godavari River embankments. He also suggested renovating the residence of social reformer Kandukuri Veeresalingam in Rajamahendravaram. Prominent spiritual leaders, heads of religious institutions, political leaders and film personalities will be invited to participate.

CMS administrator

Dr Oz says pharma investment shifting to US



Washington, June 4 : Pharmaceutical companies are increasingly investing in the United States as the Trump administration pushes to expand domestic drug manufacturing, Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Dr Mehmet Oz said on Thursday. Speaking at a White House briefing, Oz said major drugmakers were already expanding operations in the United States and suggested the trend could accelerate as the administration pursues policies aimed at boosting innovation and reducing dependence on overseas production. "There is a lot of investment coming to America," Oz said. His comments came in response to a question about when Americans could begin seeing the results.

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Measles outbreak in Bangladesh claims six more lives; death toll nears 600

Dhaka, June 4 : At least six more children died from the measles outbreak in Bangladesh on Thursday, taking the total number of confirmed and suspected deaths to 594 since March 15 this year, local media reported. Amid the worsening health crisis in the country, 309 deaths from measles and related symptoms were recorded in May alone.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), the six deaths were reported in the 24 hours leading up to Tuesday morning. Among the latest fatalities, all

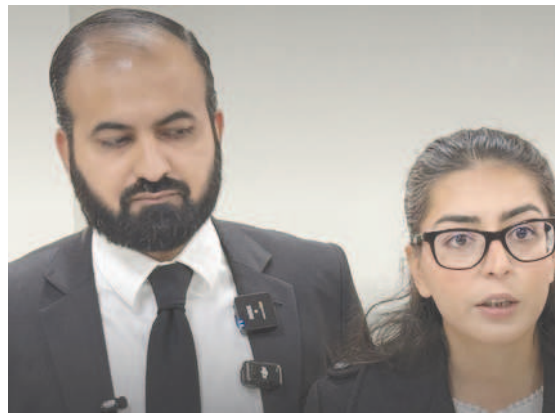
were identified as suspected, Bangladeshi daily Dhaka Tribune reported. Reports suggest that while the number of confirmed deaths remained at 90, the total number of suspected deaths climbed to 504. The DGHS recorded a total of 1,292 suspected measles cases in the last 24 hours, bringing the overall tally of suspected cases to 73,362. Additionally, 42 new confirmed cases were reported, increasing the total to 9,136 during the same period.

As Bangladesh grapples with an escalating measles outbreak, the infections and fatalities continue



to rise across the country despite the conclusion of the preliminary phase for the one-and-a-half-month special measles-rubella vaccination drive on May 20, Bangladesh's leading newspaper,

The Daily Star, reported. The data from DGHS showed that daily cases exceeded 1,000 per day throughout the last month, with exceptions only on May 9, 16, and 23.



Pakistan: 'Deeply flawed' trial of human rights lawyer couple grows more complex

Islamabad, June 4 : The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) has challenged Pakistan Supreme Court's May 12 order that directed Islamabad High Court (IHC) to decide on the sentence suspension pleas of lawyers Imaan Zainab Mazari-Hazir and her husband, Hadi Ali Chattha, in the social media posts case within two weeks, local media reported. While the May 26 deadline given by Supreme Court has passed already, the IHC, at the request of the prosecution, adjourned the hearing of Imaan Zainab Mazari-Hazir and her husband's pleas requesting suspension of their sentences, leading Pakistani daily Dawn reported. The couple was sentenced in the case in January, with subsequent petitions being filed against their conviction in February. More than three months after the pleas were filed, the Supreme Court on May 12 directed the IHC to decide on Imaan Zainab Mazari-Hazir and Hadi Ali Chattha's petitions in two weeks.



Rubio signals sanctions relief possible in Iran deal

Washington, June 4 : Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Thursday indicated that the Trump administration could consider sanctions relief and the release of frozen Iranian assets as part of a future nuclear agreement, if Tehran agrees to surrender highly enriched uranium and permanently curb its enrichment activities. The comments offered one of the clearest public signals yet that the administration is prepared to use sanctions relief as leverage in negotiations aimed at preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. Appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Rubio said any future agreement would be tied to verifiable Iranian actions rather than promises alone. "Iran is being sanctioned because they enrich uranium. Iran is being sanctioned because they have highly enriched uranium.

Iran is being sanctioned because of their nuclear activities," Rubio said. "If they agree to give up those things, there will be sanctions relief associated with their commitment and compliance with those agreements." The issue emerged during an extended discussion about the future of U.S.-Iran negotiations following recent military confrontations and the ongoing closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Senator Rand Paul welcomed reports that the administration was willing to consider sanctions relief in exchange for concrete steps by Tehran.

China's Belt and Road Initiative faces new US pushback

Washington, June 4 : Two Republican lawmakers have introduced legislation aimed at countering China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), arguing that Beijing is using infrastructure financing and investment deals to expand its economic and strategic influence around the world. Congressman Scott Fitzgerald of Wisconsin and Congressman Zach Nunn of Iowa on Tuesday unveiled the Thwarting Regional Adversary Investments Now (TRAIN) Act and the Build Responsible Infrastructure Development for the Global Economy (BRIDGE) Act.

The measures seek to strengthen the US response to what the lawmakers described as China's growing use of economic leverage through overseas investments, loans and infrastructure projects. "China has turned the Belt and Road Initiative into a weapon of economic coercion, building leverage through debt, controlling critical infrastructure, and pulling countries deeper into Beijing's orbit," Fitzgerald said. "The TRAIN Act helps countries avoid walking into those traps in the first place, and the BRIDGE Act ensures the United States is better positioned to address this challenge," he added. According to Fitzgerald's office,



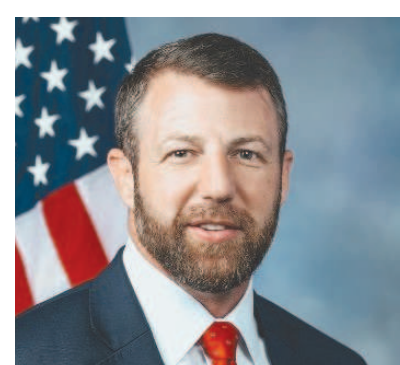
the TRAIN Act would direct the State Department to assist partner governments that are not considered adversarial in analysing and mitigating legal and financial risks before accepting investment or lending from China or other foreign adversaries. The lawmakers said the effort is intended to help countries better evaluate the long-term implications of infrastructure financing and investment arrangements. The BRIDGE Act would establish it as US policy to counter

efforts by the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party to create what the legislation describes as an integrated economic and political order under Beijing's leadership that could threaten US national security, foreign policy and economic interests. Under the proposal, the Secretary of State, working with the Secretary of Commerce, the chief executive officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation and other agencies, would be required to submit a report to Congress within 180 days assessing China's use of BRI to advance its global objectives. The legislation comes amid continuing debate in Washington over how to respond to China's expanding economic footprint in developing countries.

US DHS chief clashes with Democrats on court rulings

Washington, June 4 : US Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin repeatedly clashed with Democratic senators over immigration enforcement, court orders

and the rule of law, exposing deep divisions over the Trump administration's handling of border security and deportation policies. The sharpest exchange came during a Senate Appropriations



Subcommittee hearing when Senator Christopher Murphy of Connecticut questioned whether the Department of Homeland Security would comply with federal court rulings that found agency actions unlawful. Murphy accused DHS of operating outside legal boundaries.

Uganda confirms six new Ebola cases, total rises to 15

Kampala, June 4 : Uganda has confirmed six new cases of Ebola, bringing the total number of confirmed infections in the ongoing outbreak to 15, the Ministry of Health said on Thursday. According to the ministry's latest Ebola update, the six new cases were identified among contacts of previously confirmed patients. The ministry said 12 Ebola patients are currently admitted to treatment facilities, while two patients have been discharged after recovery, Xinhua news agency reported. The East African country declared the latest Ebola outbreak in May after confirming two imported cases of Ebola Virus Disease, including one fatality. Health authorities are

currently monitoring 668 contacts linked to confirmed cases as part of efforts to contain the spread of the disease, according to the update. Charles Oloro, director general of health services at the Ministry of Health, on Monday urged those with Ebola-like symptoms to report to health facilities early, saying that there are higher chances of survival. Authorities have intensified contact tracing, surveillance, and public awareness campaigns to curb further transmission. Meanwhile, India dispatched the second tranche of medical assistance to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).



20,000 women to be screened for HPV in Mongolia this year

Ulan Bator, June 4 : At least 20,000 women in their 30s and 40s will undergo screening for the human papillomavirus (HPV), a leading cause of cervical cancer, in Mongolia this year, local media reported, citing the country's health ministry.

The ministry emphasised that cervical cancer is preventable and urged women in the targeted age group to actively participate in the screening programme.

According to the National Centre for Communicable Diseases, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among women in Mongolia and the fourth most common cancer nationwide. In 2025, Mongolia, with a population of 3.5 million, recorded 551 new cases of cervical cancer and 171 related deaths, Xinhua news agency reported.



India releases Rs 42.3 crore to Bhutan to support 13th Five-Year Plan projects

Thimphu, June 4 : India and Bhutan held the 17th Monthly Coordination Meeting in Thimphu, where both sides discussed progress and charted next steps for projects underway in the Himalayan nation with the Indian government's support. The meeting organised on Thursday was co-chaired by the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India in Thimphu and the Director General of the Department of Macro-Fiscal and Development Finance (DMDF) in Bhutan's Ministry of Finance. During the meeting, Indian Deputy Chief of Mission Aniket

Govind Mandavgane handed over cheques amounting to Rs 42.3 crore (Bhutanese Nu 423 million) to the Bhutanese Ministry of Finance towards the implementation of projects under the 13th Five-Year Plan of the Himalayan nation. According to the Indian Embassy in Thimphu, Rs 16.86 crore (Nu. 168.6 million) was released for strengthening infrastructure facilities for the Zhung Dratshang, the Central Monastic Body in Bhutan. The funding aims to create conducive living, learning, and spiritual environments; preserve and continue cultural and spiritual

practices; and ensure the sanitation, safety, and well-being of monks and nuns.

Additionally, Rs 15.01 crore (Nu. 150.1 million) was allocated for the construction of the modern, high-standard Khuru-Kuenphen bridge on Bajo-Khuru SNH, which was inaugurated on March 27.

Meanwhile, to improve road transport, Rs 5.44 crore (Nu. 54.4 million) was released for upgrading 17 km of road to the standard of a Primary National Highway to align with the entire length of the Northern East West Highway (NEWH).

US sees stable China trade, flags WTO crisis

Washington, June 4 : The United States has described its trade relationship with China as "stable" while warning that the global trading system risks becoming "less relevant" if reforms are not undertaken, US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said. Speaking at the Hudson Institute on Thursday (local time), Greer said Washington is

maintaining a cautious balance with Beijing, avoiding escalation while protecting economic and national security interests. "Right now, the United States and China, I would characterise our economic and trade relationship as stable," he said. "What we are not looking for is massive confrontation."

At the same time, he underlined that the US continues to impose

"substantial tariffs on Chinese goods," particularly in advanced manufacturing sectors, as part of efforts to address a "huge trade deficit that's exploded." Greer noted that the US goods trade deficit with China fell by \$130 billion last year, a 30 per cent decline, calling it evidence of "real change."

He added that Washington is also seeking to secure supply chains,

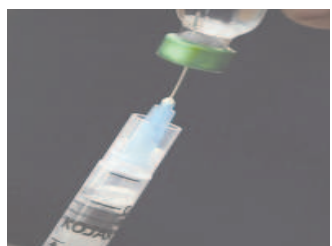


including access to rare earth materials, which remain central to ongoing discussions with Beijing. "We almost always talk about rare earth with the Chinese," he said, adding that the US is also pursuing domestic self-sufficiency and partnerships to reduce dependence.



South Korea: Court allows live broadcast of ruling on ex-first lady's corruption case

Seoul, June 4 : A South Korean court on Thursday allowed live broadcasts of this week's ruling on the corruption and bribery case of former first lady Kim Keon Hee. The Seoul Central District Court said it accepted broadcasters' request to air the verdict, which will be delivered at a hearing scheduled for 2:10 p.m. Thursday, Yonhap News Agency reported. The court typically allows live broadcasts in consideration of the public interest. Special counsel Min Joong-ki's team has requested a 15-year prison term for Kim on charges of violating the Capital Market Act, the Political Funds Act and a law on the acceptance of bribes for mediation.



Over 12,000 Mongolian children vaccinated against HPV

Ulan Bator, June 4 : At least 12,847 children aged 11 have been vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV) as part of Mongolia's nationwide campaign, as per the country's Health Ministry, reports said. The vaccination drive, officially launched late last month, aims to combat cervical cancer -- a significant public health concern in Mongolia. Hospitals across the country are offering free HPV vaccinations to 11-year-old girls and boys with parental or guardian consent, following the government's decision in December 2023 to include the HPV vaccine in the National Immunisation Schedule for this age group, Xinhua news agency reported citing local media. According to the ministry, there are more than 78,600 children aged 11 in Mongolia.



Rubio warns China, cites tensions near Philippines

Washington, June 4 : Voicing concerns over China's activities in the South China Sea, Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Thursday reaffirmed U.S. support for the Philippines, describing Manila as a critical partner in the Indo-Pacific amid growing regional tensions. Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Rubio said he had raised concerns about Chinese actions near the disputed Scarborough Shoal in multiple engagements with Chinese officials and warned against efforts to alter the status quo.

"We're very concerned about recent activity, once again, near Scarborough," Rubio said. He added that the issue

had been raised during his first meeting with Chinese officials and in subsequent diplomatic exchanges.

Rubio's remarks came during an exchange with Senator Bill Hagerty, who highlighted the Philippines' strategic importance due to its location along key maritime trade routes in the Indo-Pacific.

The secretary described the Philippines as "a critical partner" and pointed to expanding defence and economic cooperation between Washington and Manila.

"I spoke to President Marcos on Sunday," Rubio told lawmakers, referring to Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. He said the two countries were working together on defence cooperation, military interoperability, technology development, and economic diversification.

Rubio cited a new agreement involving a former U.S. military facility in the Philippines that will support joint activities in artificial intelligence and advanced technologies.



Chinese scientists identify key Ebola virus mutation

Beijing, June 4 : Chinese researchers have unveiled a crucial mutation in the Ebola virus that significantly enhanced its infectivity during a major outbreak, providing new insights for epidemic surveillance and drug development.

The study, published in the journal Cell, focused on the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) from 2018 to 2020, the second-largest in history, which caused over 3,000 infections and more than 2,000 deaths, Xinhua news agency reported. "The research tells us that during major emerging infectious disease outbreaks, real-time genomic surveillance and evolutionary analysis of the pathogen are crucial," said Professor Qian Jun from Sun Yat-sen University.

"This is not only able to warn of changes in transmission risk but also to prospectively assess the effectiveness of existing drugs and vaccines, guiding us to preemptively adjust control strategies," Jun added.

Trump's DNI pick sparks Capitol Hill storm

Washington, June 4 : US President Donald Trump's appointment of Bill Pulte as Acting Director of National Intelligence triggered a sharp political clash on Capitol Hill, with top Democrats questioning his qualifications while Republicans largely deferred judgment and pointed to the temporary nature of the move. House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries called the appointment "another indication of how unserious, reckless and dangerous Donald Trump and his administration are with respect to the national security of the American people."





Hanuman Beniwal serves legal notice to Raj BJP chief, seeks public apology

Jaipur, June 4 : The ongoing political confrontation between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) in Rajasthan has taken a legal turn, with Nagaur MP and RLP convener Hanuman Beniwal serving a legal notice to State BJP President Madan Rathore over allegedly defamatory remarks made against him. In the notice on Tuesday, Beniwal has objected to statements reportedly made by Rathore on public

platforms and through the media, alleging that they have caused serious harm to his personal, social, and political reputation. The RLP Chief has demanded a public apology and withdrawal of the remarks made by state BJP President Rathore. According to the notice, allegations made without adequate facts or evidence are defamatory in nature and have the potential to create confusion and hostility within society.

UP TGT recruitment exam underway amid extensive security measures

Lucknow, June 4 : The Uttar Pradesh Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) recruitment examination for 3,539 teaching posts commenced on Thursday under stringent security arrangements across the state. More than 8.6 lakh aspirants are appearing for the competitive test. The examination is being conducted over two days, June 3 and June 4, at designated centres spread across 36 districts of Uttar Pradesh. Authorities have put in place elaborate monitoring and security mechanisms to ensure the smooth conduct of the examination and prevent any irregularities. According to the Uttar

Pradesh Education Service Selection Commission (UPESSC), the examination is being held in offline mode in two shifts on both days. The morning session is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., while the afternoon session is conducted from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the first day of the examination, candidates are appearing for papers in Social Science, Physical Education, Science, Urdu, Hindi, Mathematics, Agriculture and Music (Vocal). The remaining subjects, including English, Home Science, Biology, Music (Instrumental), Sanskrit, Commerce and Art, will be conducted on Thursday. To maintain the integrity of the examination process, authorities have enforced strict rules regard-



ing prohibited items. Electronic gadgets such as mobile phones, Bluetooth devices, smart gadgets and digital watches have been barred from examination centres. Candidates have also been directed to strictly comply with all instructions mentioned in their admit cards. Speaking to IANS, an invigilator at an examination centre in Prayagraj said, "This examination will be conducted over two days, on June 3 and June 4. Everyone is fully alert, and the administration is strictly following all govern-

ment guidelines." Candidates appearing for the examination also expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made by the authorities. One aspirant told IANS, "The arrangements are quite good, as a significant number of administrative officials and personnel have been deployed." Another candidate said, "I am hopeful that I will clear the examination. The arrangements are good. Tight security is in place to avoid any misdeeds."

Global seafood buyers eye Lakshadweep as sustainable tuna export hub

Kochi, June 4 : Lakshadweep's traditional tuna fisheries are drawing growing international attention, with an eight-member delegation of seafood traders and fisheries experts from the United States, Thailand, South Korea, the Maldives, Vietnam, and Austria exploring sourcing and export op-

portunities from the island chain. The visit signals a potential breakthrough for the region's marine economy, long constrained by logistics and limited market access. The delegation visited key islands, including Kavaratti, Agatti, Minicoy and Androth, holding extensive discussions with local fishers, fishermen cooperative societies, and seafood entrepreneurs.

Central to the talks was Lakshadweep's pole-and-line tuna fishery, globally regarded as one of the most eco-friendly fishing practices. Delegates highlighted the premium quality of tuna harvested from the islands' pristine waters and expressed keen interest in both fresh and processed exports. Beyond raw tuna, the visiting traders explored opportuni-

ties in value-added products, including frozen loins, ready-to-cook formats, and masmin, the traditional dried tuna delicacy that has niche demand in international markets. Industry experts underlined that rising global preference for sustainably sourced seafood has significantly increased the commercial appeal of Lakshadweep tuna.



In UP's Prayagraj, women getting empowered, turning self-reliant through RSETI training

Lucknow, June 4 : The Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs), operational in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj district, are training youth and women in various forms of vocational training and preparing them to have an economic standing of their own. RSETIs, an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), is a dedicated infrastruc-

ture platform in each district to impart training and skill upgradation of rural youths, including women, geared towards entrepreneurship development. RSETIs are managed by banks with active co-operation from respective state governments. A couple of trainees, enrolled for the 35-day 'Junior Beauty Practitioner' (Small Entrepreneur)



Backtracking from MSP promise, barricading to stop farmers show gov't's 'cruelty': Cong MP Tiwari

New Delhi, June 4 : As farmers were staging a protest march towards the national capital, barricades have been set up to stop them, drawing sharp criticism from Congress leader Pramod Tiwari. Referring to the government's stance as "cruelty," Tiwari recalled the 2020 farmers' protests that resulted in the "deaths" of over 700 ryots.

Jharkhand chefs at Bharat Parv offer visitors a culinary journey with cultural pride

New Delhi, June 4 : Celebrating indigenous ingredients and traditional cooking, the Jharkhand stall at the 25th Bharat Parv near Red Fort is attracting many visitors, an official said on Thursday. Looking to savour the authentic and time-honoured flavours of Jharkhand at the Institute of Hotel Management (IHM) Ranchi Stall, visitors are enjoying each moment of the culinary journey, the official from the Ministry of Tourism said. The stall showcases the state's rich food heritage, rooted in tribal traditions, rural practices, and sustainable, millet-based cuisine, it said.

resented under the umbrella of Jharkhand Tourism, the stall's menu highlights a wide range of traditional and festive preparations that represent everyday food practices across Jharkhand. A signature offering, Dhuska with Aalo Chana ki Sabji, features crispy fermented lentil-rice bread served with a wholesome potato and chickpea curry, a beloved comfort dish across the state, said the statement. Traditional sweets such as Arsha Pitha, made from rice flour and jaggery, showcase age-old festive recipes, while lesser-known indigenous snacks like Dumbu invite visitors to explore Jharkhand's unique culinary identity, said the statement.



A key focus of the state's food stall is its emphasis on millet-based cuisine, aligning with national initiatives promoting nutrition, sustainability, and climate-resilient agriculture. Innovative offerings such as Ragi Sev and Ragi Samosa reinterpret popular snacks using nutrient-rich finger millet. Wholesome meal options like Chawal Chilka with Sabji and Madua Chilka with Sabji reflect traditional grain-based diets, paired with seasonal vegetables to provide balanced and nourishing meals, said the official statement.

Gujarat residents save big with PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

Ahmedabad, June 4 : In the Sola area in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, residents are saving big by installing solar panels, thanks to PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana initiated by the Central government. This initiative, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is transforming lives by enabling families to generate their own electricity through solar panels, significantly reducing their dependency on the grid and slashing power bills. One such success story is that of Pradeep Rawal, a resident of the Sola area in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, who is getting financial benefits

brought by adopting solar energy. Three years ago, he installed a 6-kilowatt solar panel system at his home. Since then, his electricity bills have been a thing of the past. In fact, Rawal no longer pays any power bills, instead, the electricity department credits him for the energy he generates. Rawal, who previously spent an average of Rs 60,000 annually on electricity bills, now enjoys the savings and even earns credits for the surplus energy his system generates. "I used to pay around Rs 15,000 to Rs 17,000 every year, but after installing the solar panel, I am getting credits. In March, the electricity department deposits around Rs 60,000 into my bank account,



thanks to the energy produced by my rooftop panels," Rawal shared. The 25-year guarantee on his solar panel system ensures he can continue reaping the rewards without any issues. "I paid a one-time fee of Rs 7,000 for the system installation. Since then, there have been no problems. In our society, nearly everyone has installed solar panels. It's an

excellent scheme," he added. Rawal also praised PM Modi's initiative to promote solar energy, calling it a remarkable vision for the country. "The way PM Modi's initiative to provide electricity through solar panels is progressing is quite impressive. It's truly beneficial for everyone," he said.

Vijayan govt opposes CBI probe into Kannur ADM suicide case

Kochi, June 4 : The Vijayan government on Thursday moved the Kerala High Court opposing a CBI probe into the Kannur Additional District Magistrate suicide case. On November 27, the court accepted the petition of K. Manjusha for a CBI probe into the death of her husband Naveen Babu, who was found hanging at his official residence. After a preliminary hearing, the court had directed that notices be served to the Kerala government and the CBI. On Friday, while the state government opposed the

CBI probe, the investigative agency said that if the High Court gave the nod, it was ready to investigate the case. The Court said it would decide on the CBI probe after reviewing whether the police investigation was on the right track, and posted the case for a detailed hearing, on December 12.





NPCI International launches UPI acceptance in Cambodia via KHQR

New Delhi, June 4 : NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) -- the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) -- in partnership with ACLEDA Bank Plc., on Tuesday launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) acceptance in Cambodia through KHQR, the country's national QR code system. The launch was marked by a formal ceremony in Phnom Penh attended by H.E. Dr. Chea Serey, Governor of the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC), along with representatives from the Reserve Bank of India.

In addition, the initiative is the first phase of cross-border QR payment linkage between India and Cambodia, enabling Indian travellers to make seamless QR-based payments using UPI-enabled applications at over 4.5 million merchant outlets across Cambodia, including tourist attractions, restaurants and retail stores. In the next phase, Cambodian visitors to India will be able to make payments at millions of UPI QR-enabled merchant locations across the country using their domestic banking or payment applications, creating a two-way interoperable payment corridor between the two nations. NPCI International said the collaboration is aimed at delivering real-time.

TCS inks 5-year deal with Telenor Denmark to deliver IT infra services

Mumbai, June 4 : IT major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Thursday said it has extended partnership with Telenor Denmark (TnDK), the second largest mobile operator in the Danish market, to deliver IT infrastructure services. The extended partnership will see TCS manage the telecom operator's IT infrastructure with an automation-first delivery approach. Over the past six years, TCS has deployed its 'Machine

First Delivery Model' to modernise the IT infrastructure of TnDK, which serves over 1.6 million subscribers. "Our partnership with TCS has been an important factor in driving innovation and ensuring resilience in our IT infrastructure. By continuing our collaboration, we are confident that TCS will continue to deliver the strategic insights and technological expertise required to navigate the complexities of our evolving business environment," said Louise Haurum, Chief Technology Officer, Telenor



Denmark. TCS said it will leverage its extensive experience managing TnDK's infrastructure to enhance digital assets, including advanced automation solutions. "This extended partnership strengthens our strategic relationship with Telenor and highlights

our commitment to delivering secure, managed services," said Akhilesh Tiwari, President, Communications, Media and Information Services (CMI), TCS. TCS is engaged with over 160 telecom companies across the globe.



Mother Dairy chief says no plans to hike milk prices

New Delhi, June 4 : Mother Dairy said on Thursday that there are no plans currently to further increase the retail price of milk as the supply situation is "comfortable". Mother Dairy, a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), sells around 55 lakh litre of milk every day across various states in the country. On May 14, the company increased retail milk prices by Rs 2 per litre to partly offset rising input costs. Mother Dairy Chairman Meenesh Shah said at a press conference here that milk prices were increased last month after a gap of one year due to a rise in

input costs. "I do not foresee any further increase. But then if there is any increase in input cost and we are in a situation where we are unable to meet our ends, we will see." "But, as of now, we have no intention to increase the consumer price," Shah added, who is also the Chairman of NDDB. He asserted that the milk supply situation and procurement of milk from farmers in the country are comfortable now. Shah said the country's milk production is expected to rise 4-6 per cent during the current financial year from around 250 million tonnes in the previous year. The NDDB Chairman noted that

the annual growth in milk production is in line with rising consumption and there would not be any issue in meeting this growing demand for dairy products over the next 10-15 years. Shah said the Union government has taken various measures to boost milk production through improvement of animal health and their productivity. More dairy cooperative societies are being formed across the country. Last month, Mother Dairy had said the "revision in prices has been necessitated in view of the sustained increase in farmer procurement prices, of around six per cent over the past one year, despite continued efforts to limit the impact on consumers".

9 in 10 Indian firms say cloud transformation fuelling AI adoption: Report

New Delhi, June 4 : At least nine in 10 Indian businesses now affirm that embracing cloud transformation is a critical enabler of AI adoption, according to a report on Thursday. Notably, 67 per cent of Indian companies are currently transitioning applications to the cloud, reinforcing the nation's commitment to innovation and efficiency, according to an EY India report. Most Indian companies are adopting a hybrid approach, with 80 per cent managing enterprise applications partly on the cloud and partly on-premises. This balanced strategy allows for flexibility while enabling gradual progress toward full cloud migration. "The rapid adoption of cloud technology in India is more than just a technological upgrade.



69 pc of \$1 trillion FDI inflow into India came in last 10 years : Govt

New Delhi, June 4 : Total FDI inflows into India over the last decade (April 2014 to September 2025) amounted to \$709.84 billion, accounting for 68.69 per cent of the overall FDI inflow in the past 24 years which crossed the \$1 trillion mark, according to the Commerce and Industry Ministry's year-end re-

view released on Thursday. "This landmark achievement was bolstered by a nearly 26 per cent rise in FDI to \$42.1 billion during the first half of the current fiscal year," the review stated. Such growth reflects India's increasing appeal as a global investment destination.



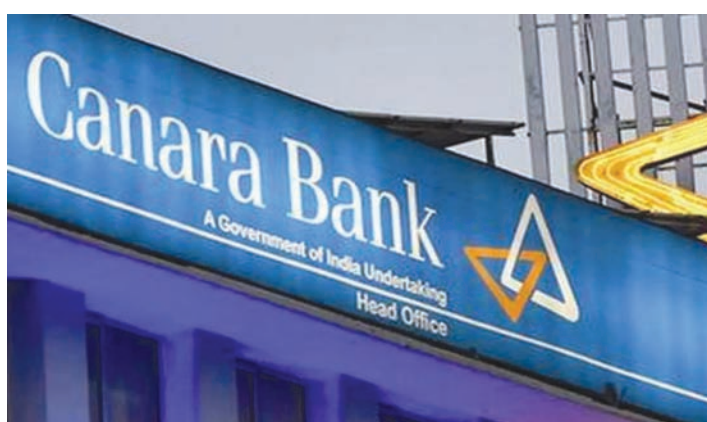
73 pc of e-commerce, tech startups planning workforce expansion in India

Bengaluru, June 4 : About 73 per cent of the e-commerce and tech startups are planning workforce expansion, signalling a net employment change of 8.9 per cent, a report showed on Thursday. This surge is fuelled by advancements in AI, the rise of Web 3.0 applications, and the increasing adoption of direct-to-consumer (D2C) models, said the 'Employment Outlook Report' for October 2024 to March 2025 by TeamLease Services. Employee retention has also taken centre stage. With 88 per cent of e-commerce firms intensifying their focus on targeted incentives, recognition programs, and career development opportunities, companies are prioritising a motivated.

Canara Bank to raise up to Rs 8,500 crore via bonds in FY27

New Delhi, June 4 : State-owned Canara Bank has approved a plan to raise up to Rs 8,500 crore through debt instruments during FY27 as the lender looks to strengthen its capital base and support future business growth. In an exchange filing, the public-sector bank said its board had approved raising up to Rs 4,500 crore through Basel III-compliant Additional Tier I (AT1) bonds and up to Rs 4,000 crore through Basel III-compliant Tier II bonds. The fundraising will

be carried out during FY27, subject to market conditions and regulatory approvals. The decision was taken at the bank's board meeting held on June 2. The proposed capital infusion is aimed at improving the lender's capital adequacy position and providing greater flexibility to support credit expansion amid rising loan demand. Shares of Canara Bank ended 1.13 per cent higher at Rs 129.40 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) ahead of the announcement.



SEBI clarifies cousins of promoters not barred from independent director roles

New Delhi, June 4 : The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has clarified that cousins of promoters or directors will not automatically be treated as related persons under listing regulations, potentially allowing such individuals to be considered for independent director positions, subject to meeting other statutory conditions. The clarification came in re-

sponse to informal guidance sought by Maithan Alloys, which had sought regulatory interpretation on whether a promoter-group member's cousin could qualify for appointment as an independent director under existing rules. The issue arose after the company proposed appointing an individual related to a promoter-group member and sought clarity on whether such a relationship would violate independence requirements under

SEBI's Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) Regulations. According to the market watchdog, the interpretation depends on the legal definition of relative under applicable laws. It noted that the definition of relative under the Companies Act and SEBI's LODR regulations is restricted to immediate family members such as spouse, parents.

US prepares massive security operation for 2026 World Cup, DHS chief says

Washington, June 4 : Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said Thursday that U.S. authorities are preparing for an unprecedented security operation ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, describing the tournament as "78 Super Bowls in 38 days" as millions of fans are expected to travel across North America for the event. During Senate Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on the

Department of Homeland Security's fiscal year 2027 budget request, lawmakers questioned the department's readiness to secure one of the largest sporting events in history. Senator Bill Hagerty of Tennessee noted that the tournament would bring millions of visitors to the United States beginning later this month and asked what steps DHS was taking to ensure public safety amid growing global security concerns.



"How are we going to protect our homeland, given the fact?" Hagerty asked. Mullin said extensive planning was already underway involving federal, state and local authorities.

"I've learned more about it than I ever have in my life when it comes to football or soccer, what we call it here in the US," Mullin told lawmakers. The Secretary said the World Cup presented a unique security challenge because of the number of matches, venues and visitors involved. "The fact that I got to inherit this is pretty neat," he said before describing the scale of preparations. According to Mullin, DHS is working closely with local governments and law enforcement agencies across host cities to secure venues and manage crowds. "We are going to be prepared and we're working every single day on it and we're locking down stadiums with sweeps, we're pushing out perimeters."



Bangladeshi citizens living in Indore should be sent back : BJP MLA

Bhopal, June 4 : Madhya Pradesh BJP MLA Usha Thakur said on Thursday that Bangladeshi citizens living in Indore or any other areas of the state should be sent back to their country. Senior leader Usha Thakur (58), who is an MLA from Mhow in Indore, claimed many Bangladeshi citizens are living in Indore and they have established their businesses in prominent markets in the city. "I have written a letter to Indore district administration and have requested that all Bangladeshi citizens should be identified and sent back. I know many of them have established their business in Sadar Bazar and Sarafa Bazar," said Thakur.

Engineering student shot dead while resisting robbery bid in Bihar's Chhapra

Patna, June 4 : An engineering student was gunned down after being attacked by unidentified robbers in Bihar's Chhapra city on Thursday evening. The incident occurred near Kachari Railway Station in Chhapra city, the district headquarters of Saran. The deceased has been identified as Vikas Tiwari, a resident of Shakti Nagar locality under the Nagar police station area. According to family members, Vikas Tiwari is an engineering student studying in Patna and was returning home on Tuesday evening after getting down at Kachari railway station. While on his way home, criminals allegedly attempted to snatch his mobile phone and other belongings. When he resisted the robbery attempt, the attackers shot him at close range, leaving him severely injured. Local residents rushed to the spot after the incident and helped transport the injured student to Sadar Hospital. He succumbed during the treatment. The incident created panic and anger in the area, with locals expressing concern over rising criminal activities. Upon receiving information, a team from Nagar Police Station reached the hospital and initiated an investigation.



Medical colleges in Budhni, Chhatarpur and Damoh to be operational from next semester : Rajendra Shukla

Bhopal, June 4 : Construction of three new medical colleges in Budhni (Sehore district), Chhatarpur, and Damoh is nearing completion, and the institutions will be made operational from the next academic semester, Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla said here on Thursday. Addressing a review meeting of the Public Health and Medical Education Department, Shukla said officials have been directed to ensure that all remaining infrastructure work, procurement of furniture and equipment, and recruitment of teaching and support staff are completed on time to facilitate the approval process of the National Medical Commission (NMC). "The construction of medical colleges in Budhni, Chhatarpur, and Damoh is in the final stage. Officials have been instructed to initiate the NMC approval process so that these institutions can become operational from the next semester," Shukla said in a statement. During the meeting, the Deputy CM also re-

viewed the recruitment process for medical assistants and paramedical staff across the state. He stressed the need for regular monitoring of recruitments being conducted through the Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Board and directed officials to complete all formalities on priority. Shukla further called for a detailed review of existing recruitment models for specialist doctors and directed that the necessary recruitment process be initiated immediately. "Timely posting of specialists is essential for developing community health centres as first referral units."



Congress leaders must thank CM Sarma for beef ban: Assam BJP chief

Guwahati, June 4 : Assam BJP chief Bhabhesh Kalita said on Thursday that the opposition leaders must credit the ruling party for banning the beef in the state. "Rakibul Hussain brought up the beef issue during the election. He accused us of distributing beef to get votes. This accusation did not go well with the voters and Congress put up a very poor show in the Samaguri assembly by-election," he told media persons. He also asserted that Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was quick to challenge the Congress on this false narrative.

CBI registers case against ex-Punjab DGP Mustafa, wife after son's death

Chandigarh, June 4 : The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed an FIR against former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Mohammad Mustafa, his former legislator wife Razia Sultana, among others, regarding the death of their son Aqil Akhtar under mysterious circumstances in Haryana's Panchkula.



Blue economy seen as key to US security

Washington, June 4 : The United States must strengthen its fisheries, maritime infrastructure, shipbuilding capacity and workforce development to remain competitive in the rapidly expanding global blue economy, lawmakers and industry leaders told a Senate hearing. At a Congressional hearing on "The Blue Economy: Advancing American Fisheries, Maritime Industry, and Coastal Economies," Sen. Dan Sullivan said America's oceans, coasts and waterways are central to economic growth, food security and national defence. "The blue economy encompasses the industries, activities and of course, the communities that rely on our oceans, coasts."

US Senators press DHS on H-1B fee for rural doctors

Washington, June 4 : US senators from both parties raised concerns about the impact of a \$100,000 H-1B visa fee on rural hospitals, pressing Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin to consider relief for foreign doctors recruited to underserved communities. During a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on the Department of Homeland Security's fiscal year 2027 budget request, Senator Susan Collins of Maine raised the issue of difficulties that

the rural healthcare providers face in attracting specialised medical professionals. Collins told the hearing that a hospital in Presque Isle, a rural community in northern Maine, recently had to pay the fee to secure a much-needed surgeon from overseas. She argued that medical providers serving remote areas should be treated differently from employers recruiting highly skilled workers in sectors with larger domestic labour pools.



Trump drug plan adds 160 medicines

Washington, June 4 : Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Dr Mehmet Oz on Thursday said the Trump administration has added 160 more medicines to its drug-price transparency platform and announced that eligible Medicare beneficiaries will be able to obtain certain weight-loss drugs for \$50 a month beginning July 1. Speaking at a White House briefing, Oz said the

administration's effort to lower prescription drug costs was already producing savings for consumers. "Almost 1 in 3 Americans, when they go to a pharmacy to pick up a medication that their doctors prescribe for them, leave empty-handed because they can't afford the medication," he said. Oz argued that Americans pay significantly more for medicines than consumers in other countries for the same products manufactured by the same companies.

"Our drug prices are about three times higher on average than the same drugs made in the same facilities and the same American factories, often than they are charging patients overseas in Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world," he said. The CMS administrator said the administration negotiated with 17 major pharmaceutical companies and secured agreements under a "most favored nation drug pricing strategy".

Manipur: Union Minister Savitri Thakur hails Jiribam's progress in health and education

Imphal, June 4 : Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development Savitri Thakur on Thursday lauded the commendable progress made in key sectors such as health and education in Manipur's mixed-populated Jiribam district. The Union Minister chaired a district-level meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's office with the district administration and district-level officers of various departments, and reviewed the Central schemes and projects. The officials of various departments highlighted the achievements and progress of schemes and flagship programs implemented in the district, adjoining southern Assam. She highlighted the excellent work done under the Communicable Disease Control Programme and the National Child Health Programme in the health sector. In education, she noted that the Jiribam district has 110 private schools and has a primary school within every 1-kilometre radius. An official statement said that some notable achievements mentioned by the visiting Minister included the residential school at Lalpani providing boarding and lodging to children from remote areas, Water supply projects underway under the Jal Jeevan Mission, good progress in the electricity sector and special attention being paid to road infrastructure. Minister Thakur highlighted the importance of the Jiribam-Tipaimukh Main road project, a 32-



kilometre stretch from National Highway 37 to the Manipur-Mizoram border. She said the project will play a vital role in promoting access to public transport and connecting remote areas. The Union Minister emphasised the importance of collective efforts in achieving the vision of a developed India by 2047. She expressed confidence that with everyone's support and efforts, the dream of a developed India will come true. The meeting was attended by senior officials, including Superintendent of Police Jiribam, Prakhar Pandey, and Additional Deputy Commissioner Jiribam Th. Manoranjan Singh, Divisional Forest Officer, E. Nirmala Chanu, Sub Divisional Officer, Jiribam, L. Tarajeet Singh, Zonal Education Officer, Amurashi Chanu, and officials of various departments.

Increased hostilities in Syria gravely concerns humanitarians: UN

United Nations, June 4 : UN humanitarians have said that they are gravely concerned about increased hostilities in northwest Syria. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said on Thursday that local authorities reported tens of thousands of displaced families in Hama, some of whom fled to Homs. Hama is the destination city for people fleeing fighting in and around Idlib and Aleppo. Now, there are re-

ports of heavy fighting in Homs, Xinhua news agency reported. OCHA said it had worked in Hama with humanitarian partners before fighting broke out to provide relief, including health support and essential items, to those newly displaced. Some 3,000 families were displaced to Homs. The office said colleagues and partners continue to provide support to people displaced by the hostilities wherever possible.



UN regional commissions call for urgent, equitable, sustainable energy transition

Bangkok, June 4 : As the 13th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development concluded in Bangkok, five United Nations Regional Commissions issued a joint statement underscoring the urgent need for a just, sustainable and equitable global energy transition. The statement emphasised a commitment to support UN member states in accelerating renewable energy deployment and improving energy efficiency, intending to triple global renewable energy capacity and double energy efficiency improvement rates by 2030, helping member states meet both SDG 7 and Paris Agreement objectives, Xinhua news agency reported.

South African Dy President calls for public involvement in tackling food safety issues

Cape Town, June 4 : South African Deputy President Paul Mashatile has called for active citizen involvement in ensuring food safety and urged the public to report suspicious food-handling practices to authorities.

He made the call during an oral question-and-answer session at the National Assembly of Parliament in Cape Town, the country's legislative capital, amid rising concerns about contaminated food linked to recent student deaths across the country, Xinhua news

agency reported. "As government, we condemn in the strongest of terms, the irresponsible acts that have led to the loss of lives due to food-contamination cases affecting mainly children in recent weeks," Mashatile told the National Assembly when

replying to a question about the cases. He outlined key government measures, including mandating all spaza shops and food-handling facilities to register with municipalities within 21 days to ensure legal compliance.



US lawmaker flags China-linked car security risk

Washington, June 4 : A senior US lawmaker has raised concerns over a Commerce Department decision allowing a foreign automaker with significant ties to China to continue selling and producing connected vehicles in the United States. This could expose sensitive data, undermine national security safeguards and create loopholes in restrictions aimed at keeping Chinese technology out of the American auto market, Representative Debbie Dingell, a Michigan Democrat, warned. In a letter to Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, he questioned a

recent authorisation granted by the Office of Information and Communications Technology and Services (OICTS) despite the administration's connected vehicle security restrictions. "The Department of Commerce finalized these rules because connected vehicle technologies present clear national security risks," Dingell wrote. She said modern connected vehicles are capable of collecting and transmitting large amounts of sensitive information, including geolocation data, driving patterns, infrastructure mapping.

More illegal miners rescued in South Africa amid police crackdown

Johannesburg, June 4 : Authorities confirmed that 16 illegal miners were rescued in the past 24 hours from an old mine shaft in Sabie, a small town in Mpumalanga Province, eastern South Africa, where they were trapped while conducting illegal mining activities. "The increase in illegal mining activities in seven hotspot provinces, which in-

clude Mpumalanga where we are now and North West Province where we are heading to later this afternoon, called for an immediate integrated and multidisciplinary approach to put a stop to these illicit mining activities," South African Police Service (SAPS) National Commissioner Sehlahle Fannie Masemola said on Thursday. The rescue operation in Sabie is separate from another illegal mining incident in Stilfontein in North West Province, where over 1,000 illegal miners have been underground for weeks.



New round of Israel-Lebanon talks starts in Washington

Washington, June 4 : A new round of direct Israel-Lebanon talks has commenced here after U.S. President Donald Trump said he had secured commitments from Israel and Hezbollah aimed at easing regional tensions. Lebanese authorities have confirmed that Hezbollah has agreed to a U.S. proposal for a "mutual cessation of attacks" with Israel, according to a statement by the Lebanese presidency on Monday, citing the Lebanese embassy in Washington, Xinhua news agency reported. Lebanese authorities have confirmed that Hezbollah has agreed to a US proposal for a "mutual cessation of attacks" with Israel, according to a statement by the Lebanese presidency, citing the Lebanese embassy in Washington.

India emerges as global torchbearer linking economic growth with environmental sustainability : Dr Jitendra Singh

New Delhi, June 4 : India has emerged as a global torchbearer in linking economic progress with environmental sustainability, guided by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to achieve a net-zero target by 2070 and encourage a lifestyle in harmony with nature through the LiFE- Lifestyle for Environment movement, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Thursday.

Delivering the inaugural address at the Asian Conference on Geography (ACG 2025) at Jamia Millia Islamia here, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Science and Technology said that the conference is timely and crucial, as it addresses three deeply interconnected issues - climate change, urbanisation, and sustainable resource management, that collectively determine the sustainability of our shared future. The minister lauded Jamia Millia

Islamia for hosting the first-ever edition of this prestigious conference in India and commended Vice Chancellor Prof. Mazhar Ali and the organising team for bringing together international experts, academics, and students to deliberate on these global challenges. Asia lies at the centre of global transformation, marked by impressive industrial and economic dynamism, yet contributing to more than half of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, he said.

Citing the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report, he cautioned that the region faces growing vulnerability to extreme weather events, including heatwaves, floods, and water stress, if emissions continue at current levels. The minister highlighted that South Asia alone is home to over 750 million people exposed to severe climate hazards, from Himalayan glacier melt to coastal flooding and urban heat islands, emphasising that Delhi, Dhaka,



Bangkok, and Manila are among the most climate-vulnerable megacities projected by 2050. Dr Singh pointed out that

urbanisation, while a symbol of progress, has also emerged as a major challenge due to unplanned expansion.



Mizoram's strong SDG progress makes it ideal for CSR investments: CM Mizoram

Aizawl, June 4 : Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Thursday said that the state's peaceful environment, low levels of corruption, high literacy rate, steady progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the people's deeply ingrained spirit of tlawmngaihna make Mizoram an ideal destination for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) investments. The Chief Minister said that the people of Mizoram's well-established spirit of tlawmngaihna (Mizo cultural concept meaning to be selfless, hospitable, courageous, and helpful to others, even at personal cost) makes the state an ideal place for CSR and other investments for the purpose of socio-economic benefit of the people. Inaugurating the CSR Matchmaking Portal – "Mizoram CSR Connect" at the Aijal Club, Lalduhoma invited corporate entities and civil society organisations to actively engage in CSR initiatives in Mizoram.

Indonesia to import two million live cattle by 2029

Jakarta, June 4 : Indonesia will import two million live cattle by 2029, with an annual target of around 400,000, to support the increase in domestic meat and milk production, said the Ministry of Agriculture on Thursday. "There are more than 200 investor entities committed to the livestock sector, with most local investors opting for partnership schemes, while foreign investors tend to build their own farms," said Agung Suganda, director general of livestock and animal health at the Ministry of Agriculture. He noted that 134 investors are engaged in dairy cattle farming, while around 70 are involved in beef cattle farming. About 90 per cent of farms in the country are small-scale and not integrated with the processing industry, Xinhua news agency reported. Investments in dairy cattle farming are expected to be realized by 2025, with at least 1.5 million hectares of land available across the country.



Himachal CM urges Centre for re-calculation of tree cover

New Delhi, June 4 : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu on Thursday called on Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav here and apprised him about the discrepancy registered in the actual tree cover of 29.5 per cent against the officially recorded 27.99 per cent. He said this arises due to the non-inclusion of trees outside the forest in the consolidated representation of the state's forest and tree cover. He said the state also exercised strict regulatory control over harvesting private lands under a different status for which the state

doesn't receive any credit from the Centre. He emphasised including this 1.5 per cent component in the forest cover in order to recognise the State's true ecological and forestry contribution. He added that the trees outside the forest contribute to the conservation of green cover while preventing ecological degradation of the fragile Himalayas. The Chief Minister urged the Union Minister to recognise 29.5 per cent forest and tree cover for all calculations relating to forest and ecology under the Finance Commission or other allocations from the Central government. He demanded that 1.5 per cent of trees outside the forest

component may be acknowledged as a legitimate and policy-relevant contribution to ecosystem services, conservation effort and environmental governance. He said undervaluing the trees outside the forest component undervalues the true contribution of Himachal Pradesh to the national ecosystem services and creates a bias against the state that protects trees. The Union Minister assured all possible support to the state. Meanwhile, CM Sukhu also called on Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and held detailed discussions about strengthening the road infrastructure.



Prataprao Jadhav highlights people-centric approach to cancer awareness, integrative care

New Delhi, June 4 : Integrative models combining modern oncology with Ayush systems can significantly improve quality of life, particularly for the vulnerable sections of society, Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav said on Thursday. He emphasised that safeguarding public health requires a proactive and people-centric approach to cancer awareness and prevention. Jadhav noted that the Ministry's expanding initiatives — including integrative cancer care centres, collaborative research efforts and community-focused programmes — aim to ensure that affordable.

No gas shortage behind industrial unit closures in Morbi, Surendranagar: Gujarat officials

Ahmedabad, June 4 : No industrial units in Gujarat have shut down due to gas shortages despite the ongoing West Asia crisis, officials claimed on Thursday, underlining that disruptions in the sector are linked to supply chain and viability issues. Speaking at a state-level press briefing in Ahmedabad, K.C. Sampat, Additional Commissioner of the Industries and Mines Department of Gujarat, said a comprehensive review across districts showed that out of the state's 4,11,733 registered industries, 1,212 are currently non-operational and around 28,517 are functioning at reduced capacity. A significant concentration of affected units is in Morbi,

where 984 units are shut, and 1,577 are operating at partial capacity out of 2,568 units, along with 217 closures in Surendranagar. "The impact of the West Asia situation has currently remained limited on the state's industrial sector, and most industries are operating regularly, although some are partially affected," Sampat said. He attributed closures to "issues such as transportation, supply chain disruptions and viability constraints," adding that "no major incidents of worker layoffs have been recorded." Sampat said the government is working at all levels, from the state to districts, with continuous coordination involving industries, GIDC offices and labour departments. "Industrialists and associations are providing real-time inputs, and issues related to

raw materials, transportation and supply chains are being addressed continuously," he said. Meetings with major industrial associations were also held in South Gujarat on March 28 to address labour concerns, including food security. To support workers, 159 industrial community kitchens have been operationalised, providing daily meals to around 50,000 workers. Authorities are also supplying five kg LPG cylinders for daily use, and prioritising piped natural gas (PNG) connections for essential services and industrial canteens. Highlighting supply management, Sampat said LNG and LPG constraints at the national level are being closely monitored while ensuring domestic supply remains unaffected. "Operations are being carried out under the highest priority to ensure that domestic LPG



and PNG supply remains uninterrupted," he said. Fuel supply has been prioritised for key sectors including steel, automobiles, textiles, dyes, chemicals and plastics, with lower reductions for fertiliser and dairy units. He added that industrial gas supply has been rationalised to protect domestic consumption, and temporary permission has been granted from March 30 for three months to use alternative fuels such as coal, kerosene, biomass and waste-derived fuels.

"The restriction on solid alternative fuels for industrial and commercial units has been removed for three months to ensure operational flexibility," Sampat said. LPG distribution hours have also been extended, including night-time delivery. Dipen Chauhan, Senior Vice President of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation, said gas supply across the state remains stable, with no disruption to CNG or PNG availability.



Delhi L-G chairs high-level MCD meet, discusses structural safety, monsoon prep

New Delhi, June 4 : Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu chaired a review meeting with officials from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to discuss urban governance, improvements to civic infrastructure, and enhanced structural safety throughout the city. The meet-

ing addressed several key issues, including the desilting of stormwater drains in preparation for the monsoon season, road and pavement repairs to control dust, intensified sanitation efforts, and the acceleration of the Pradhan Mantri Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi Awas Adhikar Yojana (PM-UDAY) for unauthorised colonies.

Additionally, the meeting explored corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives for rejuvenating parks. Following the meeting, the L-G took to X and said, "Took a high-level review meeting of MCD to drive a comprehensive action plan for stronger urban governance."

MP govt to honour Urdu poet Bashir Badr with literary award

Bhopal, June 4 : In a heartfelt tribute to the celebrated Urdu poet Bashir Badr, the Madhya Pradesh government has announced the establishment of a literary award in his name to preserve and promote his rich literary legacy. The announcement was made by Culture Minister Dharmendra Singh Lodhi during his visit to the poet's residence in Bhopal's Eidgah Colony on Tuesday. Lodhi met with Badr's grieving family members, including his wife Rahat Badr and son Tayyab Badr, to offer condolences and discuss the poet's invaluable contribution to Urdu literature.



PM Modi prioritises Northeast development: MoS Murugan

Aizawl, June 4 : Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting L. Murugan on Thursday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central government accord high priority to the development of the entire Northeast region. Addressing an interactive session in Kolasib district, the Union Minister said the Prime Minister has often emphasised that the development of the Northeast is integral to India's development. He added that significant efforts are being undertaken to improve road connectivity.

Critical minerals now central to US diplomacy: Rubio

Washington, June 4 : Critical minerals have become a central pillar of American diplomacy, with US embassies around the world increasingly focused on securing supply chains and reducing dependence on China, Secretary of State Marco Rubio told lawmakers. Testifying before the

House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State and Related Programs, Rubio said the Trump administration has elevated critical minerals to the forefront of its diplomatic agenda as competition with China expands beyond trade and technology into strategic re-

sources. "In every embassy around the world, critical minerals are a key component of our diplomacy," Rubio said.

The Secretary described critical minerals as essential to the future of advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, defence systems, semiconductors and clean

energy technologies. He said the administration is working with partners across multiple regions to develop alternative supply chains that can reduce vulnerabilities created by China's dominance in mining, refining and processing key minerals. Rubio pointed to recent diplomatic initiatives, including international meetings focused on mineral security and cooperation among allied nations.



Indian Ambassador intensifies engagements in the US, visits Lehigh University

Washington, June 4 : India's Ambassador to the United States Vinay Kwatra visited Lehigh University campus in Pennsylvania to discuss US-India relations and global partnerships in higher education. He also held a fireside chat with former US Ambassador to India Richard Verma.

Kwatra posted on X on Thursday, "Spoke with brilliant young students at @LehighU University in Pennsylvania at a fireside chat with my friend @RichardRVerma. We discussed India's growth vision, strong India-US relationship and the role of the Indian American diaspora in furthering the partnership."

During the chat, Kwatra highlighted the contributions of the In-

dian-American community in the country. "There are a large number of Indian origin, American nationals, who are contributing enormously to the community building and to the nation building in the US," the Lehigh Daily News quoted him as saying.

On energy, Kwatra highlighted that India's purchases from the US have increased 60-70 per cent in the last few months.

The Indian ambassador has intensified his engagement efforts, meeting multiple stakeholders in the country.

On Wednesday, Kwatra met US Senator Steve Daines and discussed current bilateral trade engagement, signing of the 10-year defence framework agreement

and opportunities for collaboration in technology and innovation between the two nations.

"It was an honour to meet Senator Steve Daines, esteemed member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Thanked the Senator for his strong support in strengthening the India-US ties. We had an enriching conversation on the current bilateral trade engagement, the signing of the 10-year defence framework agreement and opportunities for collaboration in technology and innovation between our countries. Appreciate his leadership in steering the priorities of our bilateral relationship in the US Senate," he posted on X.



Bulgaria busts migrant smuggling network

Sofia, June 4 : Bulgarian authorities have dismantled an organised crime group involved in smuggling illegal migrants from Asia and North Africa to Western Europe, arresting five suspects.

The operation took place on Thursday in Sofia, leading to the arrest of three Syrian citizens. Two additional members of the group, also Syrian nationals, were subsequently identified and apprehended, Xinhua news agency reported.

During the operation, authorities confiscated phones, SIM cards, vehicle documents, and detailed notes related to the organisation and payment of illegal migrant groups. Witnesses, including Bulgarian and foreign nationals, were also interrogated.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the group arranged transportation using trucks and vans to move migrants from the Black Sea city of Burgas, located 75 km north of the Turkish border, to Sofia.

US visa delay threatens 2,000 foreign students

Washington, June 4 : A New Hampshire university could lose as many as 2,000 international graduate students unless the Department of Homeland Security quickly approves a pending application tied to a new doctoral programme, prompting lawmakers to press the Trump administration for urgent action.

The issue surfaced during a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on the Department of Homeland Security's fiscal year 2027 budget request, where Senator Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire raised concerns about delays affecting New England College and its ability to enrol foreign students in a new Doctorate in Busi-

ness Administration programme.

During a Congressional hearing, Shaheen told Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin that the college faces a critical July 1 deadline and warned that failure to secure approval could have serious consequences for the institution and its students.

"As I explained on the phone, there is real urgency about this because, without approval by July 1st, they're going to potentially lose 2,000 students, graduate students," Shaheen said.

The senator said the institution prepares students for careers in artificial intelligence, national security, healthcare management and other high-demand sectors.



Tech to defence, India and US deepen partnerships via Seattle

Seattle, June 4 : Over a year after its opening, the Indian Consulate in Seattle continues to deepen New Delhi's relations with the Pacific Northwest states of the United States through opening of new visa application centres and enhanced Indo-US cooperation in the fields of technology, higher education, defence and agriculture.

It was agreed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's US visit in June 2023 that India would take steps to operationalise its Consulate in Seattle before the end of 2023. A few months later - in November 2023 - the first Consulate General of India in Seattle was opened.

Located in one of the world's leading tech hubs that is home to major companies like Microsoft, Amazon, and Boeing, its inauguration marked a new chapter in India-US diplomatic ties that have grown tremendously over the last 10 years under the leadership of

PM Modi. Its consular jurisdiction spans over nine Pacific Northwest States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Consul General Prakash Gupta, an Indian Foreign Service officer, told IANS that the consulate continues to focus intensely on strengthening India-US cooperation in areas of technology and data.

"Given that technology is our focus, India must have a footprint where the tech hub is," he maintains.

Gupta highlighted that, as technology continues to evolve, India's young population will have a decisive role to play in future, especially in the sphere of artificial intelligence.

He also noted that the defence sector is one area where US giants can deepen their engagement with India.



US continues to work with Quad partners, says State Department official

Washington, June 4 : A State Department official told IANS that the Trump administration remains committed to working closely with its Quad partners and such cooperation will continue in the future.

While responding to a question from IANS at the State Department, Casey Mace, US Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Forum

(APEC), on Thursday, termed the collaboration among the Quad partners as "fruitful." "I can say and confirm that we continue to work with our Quad partners. It's been a really, very fruitful configuration for us to cooperate with these close partners of ours, and that work continues," Mace told IANS.

Pakistan: BLF chief accuses 'puppet' Balochistan CM of enacting draconian detention law

Quetta, June 4 : Balochistan Liberation Front (BLF) chief Allah Nazar Baloch has accused Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti of implementing a "draconian detention law" while alleging that, on an average, five people are abducted and disappeared daily in the province by the Pakistani law-enforcement agencies.

In a statement shared on social media platform Truth Social, Baloch urged the United Nations, the European Union, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the global intelligentsia

to speak out against the ongoing genocide of Baloch people in the province. "The puppet Chief Minister of occupied Balochistan, acting on the advice of his masters, has enacted a draconian detention law. I strongly appeal to international human rights organisations to raise their voices against this tyranny," Baloch wrote on Truth Social. "These detention centres are reminders of Nazi concentration camps. On average, five people are abducted and disappeared daily by Pakistan's law-enforcement agencies. The policy of 'kill and dump' has been further intensified by this rogue state in Balochistan," he added. Allah

Nazar Baloch questioned Baloch parliamentarians of remaining silent on brutal actions taken by the authorities in Balochistan, terming silence in times of injustice "complicity." He termed Baloch freedom movement "legitimate" and in accordance with international laws and principles. "I also want to address those Baloch parliamentarians who claim to be non-violent. If that is truly the



case, why is there complete silence from them in the face of such brutal actions by the hard state? Silence in times of injustice is complicity. The world is moving toward a multipolar order, yet the United Nations still exists and carries moral and legal responsibility. "I urge the UN, the European Union, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the global intelligentsia to speak out against the ongoing genocide of the Baloch nation. The Baloch freedom movement is legitimate and conducted in accordance with international laws and principles.



Can Argentina break the Champions' curse at FIFA World Cup 2026?

New Delhi, June 4 : As the world gears up for the FIFA World Cup 2026 in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, one question continues to dominate football discussions: Can Argentina successfully defend their title and end a drought that has lasted more than six decades? In the tournament's 96-year history, 22 teams have been crowned world champions, but only two nations, Italy (1934 and 1938) and Brazil (1958 and 1962), have managed to retain the trophy. Since Brazil's triumph in 1962, every reigning champion has failed to lift the World Cup again at the next edition. As Lionel Messi's Argentina pre-

pare to enter the tournament as defending champions, they have the opportunity to break one of football's most enduring patterns and etch their names into history once more. The so-called "Champions' Curse" has become a widely discussed theme in World Cup history. Many defending champions have faced tough challenges in the following edition. The situation worsened in the 21st Century as France was eliminated in the group stage in 2002, Italy suffered the same fate in 2010, Spain exited early in 2014, and Germany were also knocked out in the group phase in 2018. This curse seemed so powerful that many expected France to struggle in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. However, Kylian Mbappé's team reached the final, becoming the first defending champion since Brazil in 1998 to make it that far.



Playing 50th Test a huge milestone for Pant, IPL struggles don't define him, says childhood coach Sharma

New Delhi, June 4 : India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant will bring up his 50th Test appearance when the hosts face Afghanistan in a one-off match starting in New Chandigarh on Saturday, with Devender Sharma, his childhood coach at Sonnet Club, calling the milestone 'a very big deal,' while adding that his recent IPL struggles do not necessarily define him in red-ball cricket.

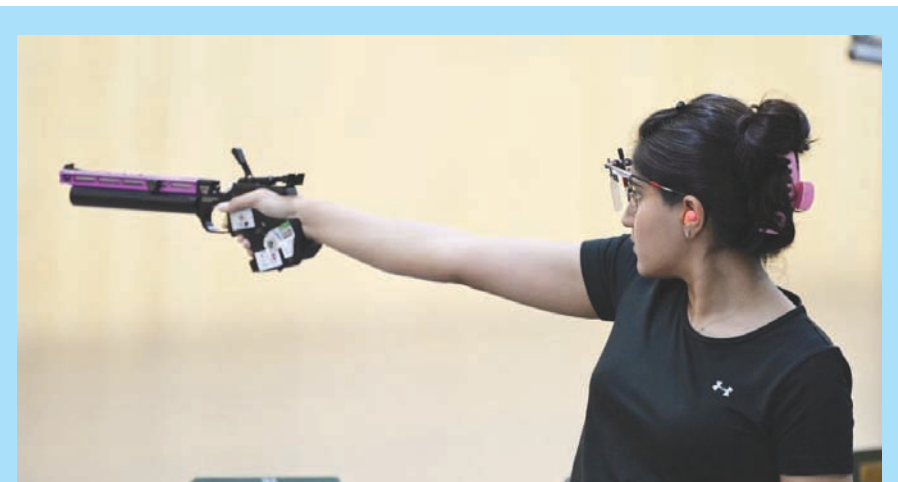
Before Pant, only MS Dhoni and Syed Kirmani are the only wicketkeeper-batters to have played more than 50 Tests for India. But the past few weeks have been a turbulent one for Pant, after making only 312 runs in 14 games for Lucknow Super Giants, who finished at the bottom of the IPL 2026 points table, he was let go of as the vice-captain of the Indian Test team and left out of the ODI team for the three-game series against Afghanistan. "This is a very big milestone for him. To be on the verge of playing his 50th Test match as a wicketkeeper-batter for India is a very huge thing for Rishabh. One must remember that IPL is a white-ball tournament, while Test cricket is played with a red ball, which makes both formats different.

"We all know that Rishabh is a champion player in red-ball cricket. On the last overseas tour of India, which was in England, he scored twin tons in Leeds and despite sustaining the foot fracture, he came to bat and hit a fifty for India. But playing the 50th Test match for India, it's a big deal for anyone, let alone him.

Indonesia Open: Sindhu, Ayush lose as India's singles campaign ends; Hariharan-Arjun advance

Jakarta, June 4 : India's challenge in the singles discipline at the Indonesia Open came to an end on Thursday after PV Sindhu and Ayush Shetty suffered losses in their respective pre-quarterfinals matches, but the men's doubles pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi Arjun kept the tricolour flying with a hard-fought victory. Sindhu's campaign ended at the hands of world No. 1 An Se Young, who continued her dominance over the Indian star with a 21-17, 21-15 win in the women's singles Round of 16.

The two-time Olympic medallist matched the South Korean for significant periods of the opening game and showed glimpses of her attacking best. However, An's ability to raise her level during crucial exchanges once again proved decisive.



'No less than opposite gender': Shooter Esha Singh lauds government's push for rise of women in sports

Hyderabad, June 4 : Highlighting the growing impact of government support for female athletes, pistol shooter Esha Singh has lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives aimed at promoting women in sports, calling them an "amazing" step forward for the country. Government-led flagship programs like the Khelo India Games and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) have

played a pivotal role in bridging structural gaps, offering athletes state-of-the-art training facilities, financial assistance, and international exposure.

"It's an amazing initiative, and our country is doing that for women in sports, something not many platforms or places acknowledge.



'It was a 30-second meeting; everybody said Shafali': Harmanpreet recalls Pratika's replacement during 2025 ODI WC

New Delhi, June 4 : India captain Harmanpreet Kaur has revealed that the decision to bring in Shafali Verma as a late replacement for the injured Pratika Rawal during the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup was taken in 'just a 30-second meet-

ing', with unanimous backing from the team and the board. Pratika had suffered an ankle injury in the rain-hit game against Bangladesh in Navi Mumbai, thus ruling her out of the knockout stages. Shafali then came in and smashed 87 while picking two wickets in the final against South Africa to ensure India lifted its first-ever ODI WC trophy, that too on home soil.



'Siraj bowled yesterday, he looked absolutely fine', says ten Doeschate ahead of Afghanistan Test

New Chandigarh, June 4 : India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate on Thursday said pacer Mohammed Siraj looked "absolutely fine" in training ahead of the side preparing for the one-off Test against Afghanistan starting on Saturday.

India have just a five-day turnaround from the end of IPL 2026 to play just their second Test match against Afghanistan, which is not a part of the ongoing World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

The hosts also need to decide on the bowling combination, as spinners Harsh Dubey and Manav Suthar tussle for a spot in the absence of a rested Ravindra Jadeja.