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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"There is no instinct like that of the heart."
- Lord Byron

Preamble sacrosanct, words added during Emergency a 'festering wound', says Dhankhar | P5

Jayasuriya stars in SL's innings win vs B'desh | P8

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Ronie Chowpoo becomes first officer from Arunachal to command Indian naval warship

By Our Reporter
NAMSAI/ITANAGAR, Jun 28: Commander Ronie Chowpoo, a first-generation Indian Navy officer from Nalong village, Chongkham in the Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh, has made history by assuming command of a frontline Indian naval warship in the Eastern Fleet, also known as the 'Sunrise Fleet'. This remarkable achievement marks a significant milestone as he is the first officer from Arunachal Pradesh to command a warship, serving as a beacon of inspiration for the youth of the state. An alumnus of the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, and Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun, Commander

Chowpoo was commissioned into the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy in 2008. As a Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist, he has served on a variety of frontline warships, including guided missile destroyers and frigates. His extensive career includes holding crucial operational and staff appointments at Naval Headquarters, Fleet Headquarters, and other organisations. The journey of Commander Chowpoo, the son of the late Chow Mithey Chowpoo and Nang Thinkham Chowpoo, is a testament to his dedication and perseverance. His path from humble beginnings in the 'Land of the Rising Sun' (Arunachal Pradesh) to commanding a warship in the Indian Navy's "Sunrise Fleet" is truly inspirational.



ern Fleet, based in Visakhapatnam, is a powerful and vital component of the Indian Navy's operational command. It is a critical force responsible for safeguarding India's maritime interests in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region. Chief Minister Pema Khandu has also congratulated Commander Ronie Chowpoo for his achievement. Khandu on 'X' said: "Breaking barriers and charting new waters — Commander Ronie Chowpoo of Nalong vil-

lage, Namsai district, has etched his name in history as the first-ever officer from Arunachal Pradesh to command a frontline Indian Naval Warship in the prestigious Eastern Fleet!" He also said, "An alumnus of RIMC Dehradun and NDA Khadakwasla, Commander Chowpoo's journey from the serene hills of our frontier state to the high seas of national defence is nothing short of extraordinary. With expertise in Communication and Electronic Warfare, he has served on some of the Navy's most advanced warships and held critical appointments ashore." His achievement is not just personal, but a moment of immense pride for the entire state — a shining example of discipline, dedication, and unwavering service to the nation, the CM added.

46 students including 29 from Arunachal presented with graduating certificates

Guv advises TRIHMS' graduating doctors to uphold principle of 'service before self'



ITANAGAR, Jun 28: Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) graced the graduation ceremony of 2019 MBBS batch of Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences

(TRIHMS) held at the TRIHMS Complex, Naharlagun and presented graduating certificates to 46 students, including 29 from Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor, who was present at the event as

Chief Guest, congratulated the graduates and called the ceremony a milestone for the young doctors as well as for society. He advised the graduating doctors to uphold the principle (Cont. P.6)

Arunachal poised for industrial growth under UNNATI scheme: Nyato Dukam

ITANAGAR, Jun 28: Arunachal Pradesh Industries Minister Nyato Dukam on Saturday said the State is ready to become a launch pad for industrial growth and innovation, offering vast potential for sustainable investment and entrepreneurship.



Addressing an investment and entrepreneurship workshop on the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialisation Scheme (UNNATI 2024) here, he urged investors and entrepreneurs to see Arunachal Pradesh as a gateway to growth in the Northeast.

"If you wish to build in India, Arunachal Pradesh is your launch pad. If you seek to invest in sustainability, we offer the greenest canvas. If you dream of bridging tradition with innovation, we welcome you with open arms," he said. The minister urged the (Cont. P.6)

Tirap DC office recognises heroic efforts of Nocte freedom fighters Wangto Lowang, Wangmaan Lowangdong



Cannonball believed to be from the Anglo-Nocte War of 1842. PORTRAIT OF WANGMAAN LOWANGDONG Chief of Borduria, by Lt. Col. R.C. Westmoreland, 1919. Depicted during the British punitive expedition against the Noctes and Wangtos.

heroic efforts of two prominent Nocte freedom fighters - Wangto Lowang, then Chief of Kheti village and Wangmaan Lowangdong, then Chief of Borduria village. Both leaders played pivotal roles in resisting British colonial expansion in the 19th Century. This formal acknowledgment, issued on June 27, 2025, records the Anglo-Nocte War of 1842, led by Wangto Lowang. The war began (Cont. P.6)

State BJP President wraps up 5-day interaction tour



ITANAGAR, Jun 28: The five-day interaction tour of Arunachal Pradesh State BJP President Kaling Moyong concluded at Rupa in West Kameng district today. As part of the extensive

outreach initiative, Moyong interacted with the office-bearers of the West Kameng district BJP at Bomdila, where he reviewed organizational activities and encouraged active grassroots (Cont. P.6)

Papum Pare identified as facing 'very high risk' of ASF outbreak

Wangsu issues advisory for State's farmers to safeguard livestock from disease outbreak
ITANAGAR, Jun 28: Arunachal Pradesh Minister Gabriel D. Wangsu has issued an urgent advisory to the farmers of the State following forecast of potential disease outbreak by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology (ICAR-NIVEDI) through their National Animal Disease Referral Expert System (NADRES v2). In the advisory, issued by Minister Wangsu, who holds the portfolios of Ag-



riculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Fisheries, Legal Metrology & Consumer Af-

fairs and Food & Civil Supply, Papum Pare district has been identified as facing a 'very high risk' of African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak. Minister Wangsu has outlined comprehensive preventive measures that pig farmers must implement immediately to safeguard their livestock and livelihoods. "Strict biosecurity measures are the most effective way to prevent and control the disease," (Cont. P.6)

Doimukh Police recovers stolen items worth Rs 2.57 cr, arrests 2



DOIMUKH, Jun 28: The Doimukh Police has made a record breaking recovery of stolen items worth 2.57 crore and arrested two persons in this connection.

Papum Pare Superintendent of Police (SP) Taru Gusar informed that the Doimukh Police made the breakthrough in recovering the stolen items in connection with a case lodged at Doimukh police station vide Doimukh PS Case No.82/25 u/s 331(1)/305 (a) BNS. The case was endorsed to ASI TD Goiba for investigation. (Cont. P.6)

State's Techi Tagung to represent India at Kudo World Cup 2025

ITANAGAR, Jun 28: It is a proud moment for Arunachal Pradesh and the nation that a talented mixed martial artist, Techi Tagung, son of Techi Tayo and Techi Yape of Rissi village under Kra Daadi district of the State, has been selected to represent India at the prestigious Kudo World Cup 2025, scheduled to be held in Bulgaria from July 3-10, 2025.



He will leave for Bulgaria tomorrow from Itanagar. Techi Tagung, currently pursuing LLB at Jarbom

Gamlin Govt. Law College, Itanagar and a B.Tech (Civil), has been practising Kudo - a Japanese hybrid

mixed martial art combining elements of Karate, Judo, BJJ and Kickboxing - for over last 7 years. With his excellent achievements at State and national championships, his selection comes after an exceptional performance at the National Kudo Championships held in Surat in November 2024, where he secured a bronze medal in the [-270] PI category. The selection process itself was an intense crucible, where the national medalists, viz. (Cont. P.6)

RGU Hindi officer GN Lombi receives National Folk Literature Award



RONO HILLS, Jun 28: Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) Hindi officer Gumpi

Nguso Lombi received the 'National Folk Literature Award' from Central State

Library, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh in collaboration with Gwalior Sahitya Sansthan, Madhya Pradesh. The award was presented to her during a day-long national seminar held in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. She has been honoured with the award in recognition of her dedication to Indian (Cont. P.6)

DEVELOPMENT Vs PEACE

By M Panging Pao
Debate is raging on two seminal theories: Is 'Peace & Stable Society' required for 'Sustainable Development'? Or is 'Development' needed for 'Peace & Stability' in society? Experts and intellectuals are still analysing which is needed first 'Development' or 'Peace'? Development and peace are intrinsically inter-connected. Many people support the theory that peace and stability in society are the fundamental requirements for sustainable development. These theories were used to justify the backwardness of tribal regions and North East India for many decades. However, a reverse theory could also hold rel-

development cannot be sustained. Peace and stability provides a secure and stable environment for economic activities, business, industrial growth and services industries like hotels, restaurants, home stays, hospitals, etc. Tourism is also sustained and boosted by a peaceful and stable society. Peace facilitates the proper functioning of education and healthcare institutions also. Overall peace and stability are the catalysts for sustainable development. These theories were used to justify the backwardness of tribal regions and North East India for many decades. However, a reverse theory could also hold rel-

evance. Equitable development ensures that all classes of citizens have decent incomes and remain engaged in different economic activities. Equitable development ensures that benefits of progress are shared by all citizens, can reduce social frictions and prevent grievances that could create divisions in society. Development improves living standards, provides economic opportunities which could reduce the likelihood of individuals resorting to violence, anti-national activities out of desperation and frustration. Hungry citizens without meaningful employment are more likely to resort to anti-social activities like drugs, drinking, smoking, extor-

tion, rowdiness, etc. Equitable development fosters social cohesion and unity by creating common goals and a feeling of collective identity, reducing the scope for conflicts based on ethnic, religious, or racial divisions. Sustainable development can reinforce governance and institutions leading to better service delivery, reduced corruption and increased public trust. If most of our youth are gainfully employed with adequate income, they would remain busy focusing on earning and sustaining their families. With adequate income, citizens would be able to provide quality education to their children and provide better healthcare for their family members. Being economically self-sufficient, citizens

would afford travelling and exploring different places. Being busy living decent family lives and sustaining livelihoods, most youth and citizens would stay away from anti-social/anti-national activities like drugs, drinking, smoking, extortion, violent protests, riots, terrorism and bandhs! In conclusion, it may be summarized that bringing in development could be the alternative panacea for prevention of anti-social activities like drugs, drinking, smoking, extortion, violent protests, riots, terrorism and bandhs! Ushering in development on all fronts could be the alternative solution for all social evils plaguing our society and nation! Do you agree? (The author is a retired Air Force Officer based at Pasighat)

Guv celebrates his 72nd birthday with Oju Mission School students

ITANAGAR, Jun 28: Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen (Retd) KT Parnaik marked his 72nd birthday on Saturday in a heartwarming celebration with the students and faculty of Oju Mission School at Naharlagun, near here, an official statement said. Accompanied by his wife, Anagha Parnaik, the Governor visited the school campus run by the Oju Welfare Association



and viewed various student projects, a statement issued by the Raj Bhavan said. He also appreciated a photo (Cont. P.6)

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**Indian Air Force
Recruitment 2025 -
Agniveer Vayu Online**

Last Date: 31/07/2025.
Indian Air Force has released the official notification for the recruitment of Agniveer Vayu vacancy for Agniveer Vayu Intake 02/2026 under Agnipath Scheme or Agneepath Scheme across the country. Interested and eligible candidates who want to enter Indian Air Force as a soldier may apply online here.

Name of post: Agniveer Vayu
No of posts: To be updated later
Name of batch: Agniveer Vayu Intake 02/2026
Name of scheme: Agnipath Scheme
Duration of service: 4 Years
Name of department: Indian Air Force
Name of ministry: Ministry of Defence, India
Date of launch of the scheme: 14th June 2022
Job location: All India
Mode of application: Online
Helpline: For queries pertaining to filling up of online application form, candidates may also contact on Telephone No. 020-25503105/25503106.

Age Limit: Candidates born between 02nd July 2005 and 02nd January 2009 (both days inclusive) are eligible to apply for Agniveer Vayu posts. In case, a candidate clears all the stages of the Selection Procedure, then the upper age limit as on date of enrollment is 21 years.

Educational Qualification:
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Examination Fee: Examination fee of Rs.550/- plus GST is to be paid by the candidate while registering for the online examination. The payment can be made by using Debit Cards/ Credit Cards/ Internet Banking through payment gateway. The examination fee can also be paid by Challan payment at any Axis Bank Branch.

Starting date of submission of online application: 11th July 2025

Last date of submission of online application: 31st July 2025

Date of issue of Admit Card: 23th September 2025 onwards

Date of exam: 25th September 2025 onwards

Release of provisional select list: To be updated

Release of final enrollment list: To be updated

**SSC CHSL Recruitment 2025
- CHSL Exam, Online Apply
For 3131 Posts**

Staff Selection Commission (SSC).

Last Date: 18/07/2025.

Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has released the official notification of Combined Higher Secondary Level (10+2) Exam 2025 for the recruitment to the 3131 Group C posts in the cadre of Lower Divisional Clerk/Junior Secretariat Assistant, Data Entry Operator Grade A and Data Entry Operator (DEO) in various Ministries/ Departments/ Offices of the Government of India and various Constitutional Bodies/ Statutory Bodies/ Tribunals, etc.

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Data Entry Operator, Grade "A"

No of posts: 3131 posts (approx.)

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Age Limit: Candidates age must be between 18 to 27 years as on 01st January 2026 i.e. Candidates born not before 02-01-1999 and not later than 01-01-2008 are eligible to apply.

Age Relaxation: The category-wise age relaxation is as mentioned below

SC/ST: 5 years

OBC: 3 years

PWD: 10 years

PWD (OBC): 13 years

PWD (SC/ST): 15 years

ESM: 3 years

Educational Qualification:

Data Entry Operator (DEO)/ DEO Grade 'A' in Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Ministry of Culture: 12th Standard pass in Science stream with Mathematics as a subject from a recognized Board or equivalent.

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Important Dates of SSC CHSL Exam 2025

Starting date of submission of online application: 23rd June 2025

Last date of submission of online application: 18th July 2025

Schedule of Tier-I (Computer Based Examination): 8th to 18th September 2025

Schedule of Tier-II (Computer Based Examination): February-March 2026

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TIP OF THE DAY

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5. Helps lower blood sugar levels
6. Supports regular bowel movements

Over 20 lakh from tribal areas screened for sickle cell anaemia in past 8 years: CSIR DG

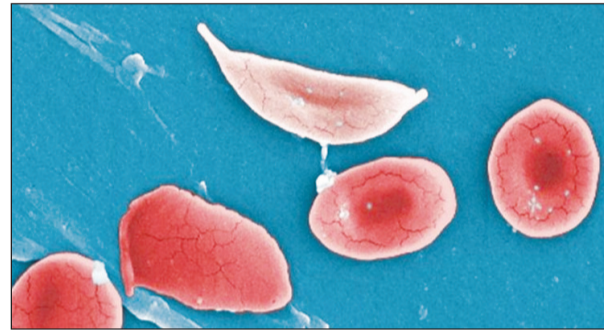
More than 20 lakh people from tribal areas have been screened since we started the sickle cell anaemia project eight years back, said CSIR's Director General Nallathambi Kalaiselvi, terming it among the institute's more successful missions.

Introduced in the Union Budget 2023 and launched in July the same year, the 'National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission' is aimed at eliminating the blood disease from the country by the end of 2047.

The genetic disorder affects red blood cells, making them sickle-shaped, instead of the usual round one. Common symptoms include acute painful episodes, blocking of blood vessels and possible organ damage.

Speaking to PTI Videos, Kalaiselvi, who is also the Secretary of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, said, "While the country started talking about sickle cell anaemia only three years back, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) started addressing sickle cell anaemia eight years back, thanks to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, who gave the funding for the first five to six years."

"It is actually one of our



very visionary, successful missions, I would say," she said.

Kalaiselvi made history when she was appointed the first woman chief of CSIR -- the country's largest research and development organisation, with 37 national laboratories and over 3,400 scientists.

She explained that the sickle cell anaemia mission was divided into three parts, first being the screening and surveillance done by the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad.

"If you just see the screening and surveillance, it is a great success story for our team, headed by Dr Giriraj Chandak (at CCMB), which went to Raipur, Bilaspur and other places," Kalaiselvi said, adding that 20 lakh people have been screened so far.

"They interacted with the tribal communities and provided counselling pre and post-marriage, before and

Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialties to be Himachal's first to perform robotic surgery

The Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialties at Chamiana in Shimla is set to become the first medical institute in Himachal Pradesh to perform surgeries using the latest robotic technology, officials said on Friday.

Only a very small incision is required in robotic procedures, which means less blood loss and minimal need for transfusions. Moreover, the patients experience less pain, recover faster and can be

discharged from hospital sooner, Principal of the Institute Dr Brij Lal said in a statement issued here.

A state-of-the-art surgical robot, procured at a cost of Rs 28 crore on the lines of All India Institute Of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, has already arrived at Chamiana and the installation process will be completed by July, following which surgeries using the advanced technology will begin.

The surgeons too will benefit from this technol-

ogy as robotic systems would provide them better precision and control, the statement said.

Surgeons will feel less fatigued during long surgeries allowing them to perform more procedures in less time. The system also offers a clear and magnified three dimensional view inside narrow and complex areas of the body reducing the chances of any errors.

Following the directions of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the robotic surgery equip-

ment will soon be delivered to Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda as well, the statement added.

These machines will also be installed in IGMSC Shimla, Medical College Hamirpur and other government medical colleges in a phased manner. It will benefit thousands of patients across the state and reduce the need to travel outside Himachal for expensive surgeries. (PTI)

President Murmu inaugurates state-of-the-art cancer-care centre at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a state-of-the-art cancer-care centre at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) here on Thursday and interacted with patients during her visit to the facility. Describing the event as a moment of pride, the hospital authorities said the president's presence marked a recognition of the institution's legacy of delivering ethical, affordable and quality healthcare for more than seven decades.

The newly-inaugurated Comprehensive Cancer Care Centre brings together medical, surgical and radiation oncology, along with day-care chemotherapy, under one roof, aiming to offer a one-stop destination for cancer diagnosis, treatment and long-term care, according to a statement issued by the hospital.

Equipped with cutting-edge diagnostic and therapeutic technologies, the facility is designed to offer personalised and multidisciplinary treatment to cancer patients, the statement said.

Murmu also unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the premises, commending the hospital's continued commitment to patient-centred care and medical excellence.

Doctor DS Rana, chairman of the Sir Ganga Ram Trust Society, said the launch of the cancer-care centre was a significant step toward the hospital's vision of accessible and compassionate healthcare.

"For the past 50 years, the hospital has been run by a dedicated Board of Management consisting of 25 eminent doctors. We are proud to follow a sustainable, charity-based healthcare model. The Cancer Care Centre is not just an infrastructure milestone — it is a reflection of our dream to serve more communities and eventually establish SGRH Medical College," Rana said.

Echoing the sentiment, Doctor Ajay Swaroop, chairman of the Board of Management, added, "This centre marks the culmination of the dream of our stalwarts and positions the hospital as a total comprehensive healthcare provider. We now offer the most-advanced diagnostic, therapeutic and after-care services for all types of cancer." The hospital was founded in 1954. Hospital officials said the cancer-care centre aligns with the SGRH's longstanding mission of blending advanced medical science with humility, empathy and service. (PTI)

Tata Memorial Centre to provide affordable high-dose MIBG therapy for neuroblastoma



A high-dose MIBG (metaiodobenzylguanidine) therapy for treating neuroblastoma, a type of cancer mostly found in children, will be provided at an affordable cost of Rs 7-8 lakh at a research body associated with the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC).

The Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC), a unit of TMC at Kharghar in Navi Mumbai, treated a 17-year-old with a supra-high dose of 131I-mIBG on May 5.

Talking to reporters on Friday, TMC director Dr Sudeep Gupta said the treatment of children with high-risk neuroblastoma, which requires a multi-modality approach including anti-GD2 immunotherapy, costs around Rs

75 lakh and has a long-term cure outcome of 50 per cent.

"The anti-GD2 immunotherapy is exceptionally expensive and is not accessible to many patients in India. However, the high-dose 131I-mIBG therapy costing Rs 7-8 lakh is affordable. With 41 'hot beds' medical isolation ward, the largest in the world, the TMC plans to routinely provide this treatment to eligible patients with high-risk neuroblastoma," he said.

Even the toilet and wash water from the room are piped to a sealed "delay-decay" tank so the radioactivity can fade before the wastewater is released into the regular sewer system.

This is the first high-dose 131I-mIBG therapy administered in India with a 25-35 per cent long-term

cure outcome, where the patient was administered 800 mCi of 131I-mIBG.

In India, the standard dose of 131I-mIBG is 5 millicuries per kilogram (maximum 300 mCi).

"The previous highest total dose of 131I-mIBG in a single setting in India has been 300 mCi. Specialists from the departments of nuclear medicine, paediatric oncology, haematological oncology (bone marrow transplant) and transfusion medicine were involved in the planning and execution of this complex treatment," Dr Gupta said.

For the higher dose, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) gave its approval after the TMC submitted a report from a simulation experiment at the premises, addressing issues such as isolation protocols, radiation safety concerns, dosimetry calculations, patient monitoring and management of emergency crises.

He said this treatment requires coordination of doctors, physicists, technical staff, nurses and auxiliary staff from the departments of nuclear medicine, paediatric and haematological oncology (bone marrow transplant unit) and transfusion medicine, and the Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology (BRIT).

In India, 1,500 children are detected with neuroblastoma annually, Dr Gupta added. (PTI)

FDA requires updated warning about rare heart risk with COVID shots



The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday it has expanded existing warnings on the two leading COVID-19 vaccines about a rare heart side effect mainly seen in young men.

Myocarditis, a type of heart inflammation that is usually mild, emerged as a complication after the first shots became widely available in 2021. Prescribing information from both Pfizer and Moderna already advises doctors about the issue.

In April, the FDA sent letters to both drugmakers asking them to update and expand the warnings to add more detail about the problem and to cover a larger group of patients. While the FDA can mandate label changes, the process is often more of a negotiation with companies.

Specifically, the new warning lists the risk of myocarditis as 8 cases

per 1 million people who got the 2023-2024 COVID shots between the ages of 6 months and 64 years old. The label also notes that the problem has been most common among males ages 12 to 24. The previous label said the problem mostly occurs in 12- to 17-year-olds.

The FDA's labeling change appears to conflict with some prior findings of scientists elsewhere in the U.S. government.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention previously concluded there was no increased risk of myocarditis detected in government vaccine injury databases for COVID-19 shots dating back to 2022. Officials also noted that cases tend to resolve quickly and are less severe than those associated with COVID-19 infection itself, which can also cause myocarditis.

The FDA announce-

ment came as new vaccine advisers appointed by Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. met to debate the continuing use of COVID-19 vaccines for key groups, including pregnant women. It's the first meeting of the CDC advisory panel since Kennedy abruptly dismissed all 17 members of the group, naming a new panel that includes several members with a history of anti-vaccine statements.

The FDA's label update is the latest step by officials working under Kennedy to restrict or undercut use of vaccines. FDA Commissioner Marty Makary and a top deputy recently restricted annual COVID-19 shots to seniors and other Americans at higher risk from the virus. They've also suggested seasonal tweaks to match the latest circulating virus strains are new products that require extra testing.

Outside experts said the new warning is the wrong approach.

"They are right to suggest that we need to consider myocarditis risks associated with the vaccine, but what they propose is exactly the wrong solution," said Dr. Robert Morris, a public health specialist at the University of Washington. "We should be investigating who is prone to myocarditis to see if we can predict and mitigate that risk." (AP)

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Indigenous Faith awareness campaign, free eye screening camps held across Kurung Kumey Resolution adopted to revive defunct Nyedar Namlo indigenous prayer centre in Koloriang

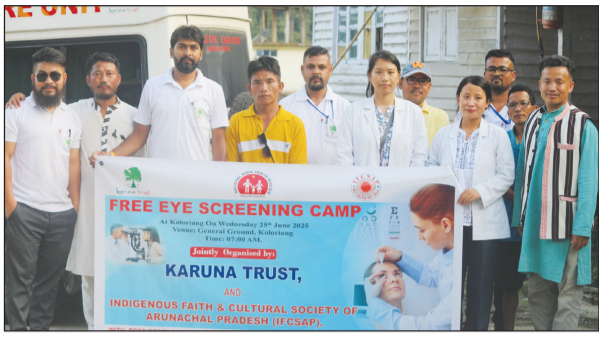
KOLORIANG, Jun 28: A four-day Indigenous Faith Awareness Campaign-cum-Free Eye Screening Camp was successfully organised from June 25 to 28 across multiple locations in Kurung Kumey district.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Tadar Chachung, Assistant General Secretary, Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP), Western Arunachal.

The initiative was jointly organised by IFCSAP, Taniak Development Welfare Society (TDWS), Nyapin Nyobia Sangram Phassang Students' Union (NNSPSU), and Karuna Trust, with the aim of delivering essential healthcare services while promoting Indigenous Faith awareness and cultural revival.

The campaign was formally inaugurated on June 25 at Koloriang by Chukhu Cheechung, Deputy Commissioner of Kurung Kumey, along with Dr. Tadar Tagh, District Reproductive and Child Health Officer (DRCHO).

Altogether 275 patients were screened during the eye camp, with 155 power glasses distributed



free of cost. Additionally, 19 cataract cases were identified for further treatment.

On June 26, a joint meeting was convened between IFCSAP's Central Executive Council (CEC), its Kurung Kumey District Unit, and Indigenous Faith believers from the region. A key outcome was the resolution to revive the long-defunct Nyedar Namlo (traditional Indigenous prayer centre) at Koloriang.

A social service programme was undertaken under the leadership of Tadar Chachung, who also conducted an inspection of the non-functional Tribal Heritage Centre in Koloriang and its associated land, with a view to initiating future development.

On June 27, a screening camp was held at the Inspection Bungalow in

Nyapin. Altogether 255 patients were checked, with 146 spectacles distributed. The medical team identified 24

cataract, 69 blood pressure, and 33 random blood sugar (RBS) cases.

Later the same day, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, an Indigenous Faith Awareness Campaign was conducted at Leya village, Phassang Circle. A Nyedar Namlo Lapang Committee was constituted for Lungsa and Leya villages, with Phassang Bachi as Chairman and Phassang Siba as Secretary.

Phassang Bungbi, President of the BJP Kurung Kumey District Unit, pledged free land for the construction of a new Nyedar Namlo.

Former pastor Phassang Sime, who had served for six years, publicly declared

his return to the Indigenous Faith and committed to initiating construction by winter through community crowdfunding, without seeking government assistance. Further support came from Ringu Tapin, Vice President of IFCSAP Kurung Kumey District Unit, who announced the donation of his one-month salary toward the project.

Speaking to the media, Tadar Chachung announced that all identified cataract patients from the three-day camps will be provided free surgeries at TRIHMS, Naharlagun, and Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar, based on each patient's personal preference.

"We are committed to ensuring that medical help reaches everyone who needs it, in the way they are most comfortable with," he stated.

The final leg of the campaign was conducted on June 28 at Sango village, organised by NNSPSU. Altogether 275 patients were screened, 155 spectacles distributed, and 19 cataract, 120 blood pressure, and 70 RBS cases were recorded.

Tadar Chachung pledged

to present the needs and aspirations of Koloriang, Nyapin, and Phassang before IFCSAP's Central Executive Committee. He extended his gratitude to all dignitaries and supporters who contributed to the campaign's success, including Er. Tai Nikio, MLA, Chukhu Cheechung, Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Tadar Tagh, DRCHO, Philip Tayeng, SDO, Sangram, Er. Kipa Rinia, EE, RWD, Tawang, Tadar Tadey, ZPM, Nyapin, Ha Tatu, President, IFCSAP, Kurung Kumey Unit, Ringu Tapin, Vice President, IFCSAP, Kurung Kumey Unit, Sangha Babung, General Secretary, IFCSAP, Kurung Kumey Unit, Bengia Tais, President, Youth Wing, Bengia Tado, Advisor, Chello Kama, Bengia Tado, Senior Citizen, Tadar Guntey, Chairman, TDWS and Phassang Bungbi, BJP District President.

The campaign, combining healthcare outreach with cultural rejuvenation, has set a significant milestone in strengthening Indigenous identity, community leadership, and service-driven development across Kurung Kumey.

Kaso inspects ongoing school building projects, NH-415 Package-B works



By Our Reporter

ITANAGAR, Jun 28: As per schedule, Itanagar MLA Techi Kaso conducted an early morning inspection of various ongoing infrastructure projects

within the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) on Saturday.

The inspection focused on education department buildings under the Rural Works Department (RWD), Itanagar Division.

The sites included the

G+2 school buildings of Government Middle School (GMS) C-Sector, Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Arunodaya, and GMS Jollang.

MLA Kaso was accompanied by ICR Deputy Commissioner Toko Babu, ICR DDE S.T. Zara, Executive Engineer PWD CD-B Er. Tarh Gongkap, and other officials from line departments. The team reviewed the pace and quality of the ongoing construction works.

Following the school building inspection, the team also took stock of the progress under NH-415 Package-B, emphasizing the importance of continuous monitoring to ensure timely completion of the project.

Arunachal Wushu team leaves for 24th Jr National Wushu C'ship in Hyderabad



ITANAGAR, Jun 28: The All Arunachal Pradesh Wushu Association (AAPWA) has announced that the State Wushu team has departed to participate in the 24th Junior National Wushu Championship, scheduled to be held in Hyderabad, Telangana.

"The team comprises 8 highly-skilled Sanda athletes and 6 talented Taolu athletes, all of whom have undergone intensive training and preparation. These young warriors are determined to represent Arunachal Pradesh with distinction on the national

stage," said a statement issued by John Tara Baky, General Secretary, AAPWA.

The technical unit is led by Umesh Yadav, a certified NCEO coach while Yorna Roshni, a celebrated international medalist, has accompanied the team as team manager.

The team embarked on this journey under the leadership of Likha Tadh, Vice President of AAPWA, and John Tara Baky, General Secretary of AAPWA.

Sippi-Chetam-Nilling PMGSY road reopened after 16 days of disruption

Former 2008 batch Anchal Samity members restore lifeline

CHETAM (Upper Subansiri), Jun 28: After 16 days of complete disconnection, the crucial PMGSY road linking Sippi to Nilling and Chetam Circles has finally been restored, bringing relief to thousands of residents affected by the unprecedented disruption.

The road was rendered impassable since the night of June 12, 2025, when heavy monsoon rains washed away two major sections at Rokba Koroh stream and near Lerak Habu, close to the Mali Maji stream, between Soki and Chetia villages. The damage effectively paralysed the lifeline of two administrative blocks—Chetam Circle and Nilling Circle—marking one of the worst road blockages in the region's recent history.

In response to growing public outcry and logistical paralysis, a Mass Social Service Programme was organised on June 28 by former 2008 batch Anchal Samity Members (ASM) and current Gram Panchayat Chairpersons



(GPC) of the affected areas. The initiative was sponsored by Pudi Tamin Dasi and saw active participation from local villagers and stakeholders.

Restoration efforts, which involved nearly 10 hours of intense work using hydraulic JCB machines and TATA Sigma Dumpers, successfully cleared the two major blockage points. Community members from both circles joined the technical teams in the mission, ensuring that the road was reopened for vehicular and pedestrian movement by late evening.

Throughout the two-week shutdown, Panchayati Raj leaders,

students' unions, and concerned citizens had made repeated appeals for urgent government intervention. Essential services—including ration supplies, medical access, schooling, and transportation—were severely impacted, leaving the affected areas virtually cut off and neglected.

With the road now functional, residents are hopeful for more permanent solutions and proactive disaster management efforts in the future to prevent such prolonged disruptions during the monsoon season.

ASBA congratulates Kyon Tamin, Debia Tagu on their Bronze medal win

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"Kyon and Debia's bronze medal win is a testament to their hard work and the quality coaching they have received. We are confident that they will continue to make the state proud with their future endeavours," he said.

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ASBA congratulates Kyon Tamin and Debia Tagu on their well-deserved success and wishes them all the best for their future endeavours in badminton.

Mita Ao Welfare Society felicitates meritorious students at Likabali



LIKABALI, Jun 28: The Mita Ao Welfare Society (MAWS) conducted its Annual Academic Topplers Felicitation & Career Counselling Programme today at the Conference Hall of the Circuit House, Likabali, to honour those, who have excelled in the academic field and to guide the youth in career choices.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by MAWS General Secretary Chimo Taipodia, followed by the felicitation of meritorious students from Class 10 and 12, who brought laurels to the community with their meritorious performance in

the academic field. A key highlight of the event was an insightful PowerPoint presentation and motivational session by resource person Nyatum Doke, DIPRO, Lohit district. He not only shared valuable insights from his professional journey but also conducted an interactive career counselling session, equipping the students with practical guidance on future academic and career pathways.

Senior members of the Mita Ao community also addressed the gathering, offering words of encouragement and shared wisdom. President of MAWS, Yumpe Taipodia, spoke on

the importance of education, perseverance, and community empowerment through knowledge. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Rikmo Taipodia, Convenor of MAWS, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, parents, students, and volunteers for their enthusiastic participation and continued support.

This annual programme continues to serve as a motivational platform for young minds while reinforcing the society's commitment to nurturing talent and inspiring the next generation, said a press communiqué.

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Assam journos protest minister's 'derogatory words'; CM apologises

GUWAHATI, Jun 28: Journalists across Assam on Saturday protested the use of derogatory words against a local television channel reporter by a state cabinet minister, even as Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tendered an apology for any defamatory statement by his colleague.

State Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah had on Friday refused to answer a question posed by the reporter of a local news satellite channel, with which the

BJP leader has been locked in a feud over allocation of government dairy promotion scheme funds and buying of Gir cows from a state-funded project in the name of a firm owned by his wife.

Baruah, at that press conference, had said that he would not answer to "low-class" people like the reporter and would respond to the owner of the channel, 'Pratidin Time'.

Guwahati-based journalists participated in a protest organised by the Gauhati Press Club (GPC), condemn-

ing such recurring incidents of verbal insult of scribes by politicians of different parties.

Referring to the latest instance, the protesting journalists demanded an apology from the minister and assurance from all quarters of no further recurrence of such abuse of media persons.

Protests by journalists were organised in different parts of the state, including Sivasagar, Samaguri and Dibrugarh as journalists wore black badges and

raised slogans against the minister.

Asked for his reaction to Baruah's statement, Sarma said, "If he has said anything derogatory to any journalist, he should apologise. I will myself tell him to do so as journalists are not part of our political feuds."

"I also apologise for it, though I haven't heard what he had said," the chief minister added.

Sarma maintained that if Baruah had said anything bad, it must have been "a

slip of the tongue" as he himself comes from humble beginnings.

"You (journalists) know him well. He is himself from common or humble roots. We all are," Sarma said.

Referring to spats between the ruling party and some media houses of the state, Sarma said, "Owners of media houses and journalists are different. Journalists are revered... if we say something about the owners, journalists should not interfere in it." (PTI)

Gogoi writes to PM demanding inquiry into beneficiaries of dairy project in Assam

GUWAHATI, Jun 28: Assam Congress president and Lok Sabha MP Gaurav Gogoi on Saturday alleged that family members and associates of ministers and MLAs of the ruling dispensation were getting benefits of a government scheme, depriving genuine beneficiaries in the state.

Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's role in it through "open endorsement" of political favouritism" and attempting to justify the selection of such connected people as beneficiaries.

Gogoi, in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requested a review of beneficiaries of the Assistance to Entrepreneur for Estab-

lishment of Commercial Dairy Farming (2022-23) in Assam.

The allegations by the Deputy Leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha came following reports of the inclusion of family members of ministers and MLAs in the list of beneficiaries under the dairy farming promotion scheme. (PTI)



A riot drill module and discipline parade was conducted in Anini on Saturday to train personnel in the graded use of force during law and order situations. The drill focused on a step-by-step response mechanism — beginning with verbal warnings, followed by controlled use of lathicharge, and, if necessary, deployment of non-lethal measures such as gas guns. The objective was to ensure effective crowd control while minimizing harm to civilians and upholding human rights.

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DGCA audit reveals systemic safety lapses

THE devastating crash of Air India flight AI171 in Ahmedabad, killing 275 people, has jolted the nation into confronting the simmering crisis in Indian aviation. As grief engulfs the families of the deceased, the preliminary audit by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) reveals a grim reality: systemic safety lapses across the aviation ecosystem. From dangerously worn aircraft tyres and ineffective repairs to faded runway markings and poor lighting at major airports, the findings suggest not an isolated oversight but a culture of complacency. In the aftermath of the tragedy, the DGCA's 360-degree audit framework and deployment of multidisciplinary teams are welcome steps. But the rot runs deeper.

Disturbingly, just days after the crash, another Air India flight — AI130 from London to Mumbai — saw seven individuals, including crew members, fall ill mid-air. Passengers experienced nausea and dizziness, allegedly due to food poisoning or possible cabin decompression. These mid-air medical emergencies further spotlight the glaring gaps in in-flight safety and quality control. Meanwhile, multiple international flights have been cancelled in recent days, disrupting passengers and exposing further cracks in the airline's operations.

This isn't a coincidence; it's a pattern of overlooked warnings, underfunded maintenance, lax oversight and poor crisis preparedness. It is no longer about a single crash or isolated incident; India's aviation sector is in the midst of a systemic failure. Passengers are paying the price, some with inconvenience, others with their lives. India's booming aviation market cannot be built on compromised safety. Regulatory reforms must now be matched by accountability. Airlines that repeatedly flout norms must face penalties, and whistleblowers should be encouraged to speak up. The AI171 crash must become a watershed moment. The country must finally stop treating air safety as an afterthought. Lives depend on it.

26 lawmakers of Imran Khan's party suspended

As many as 26 lawmakers of Imran Khan's party were on Saturday suspended from Pakistan's Punjab Assembly for disrupting proceedings during Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's speech.

Punjab Assembly Speaker Malik Ahmad Khan ordered the suspension of 26 opposition members of the Punjab Assembly (MPAs) belonging to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for 15 sittings for their "rowdy behaviour and using abusive language".

The suspended lawmakers had raised slogans against Maryam and her father, three-time former premier Nawaz Sharif.

They called Maryam a "selected" chief minister by the military establishment and also alleged that Nawaz Sharif is living a retired life.

The PTI lawmakers are also accused of interrupting Maryam's speech in the provincial assembly and protesting in front of the

Speaker's desk and blocking the way of some treasury members.

"The suspended lawmakers became disorderly, beyond all parliamentary reasoning and practices, including tearing the agenda papers and hurling torn pieces towards the treasury benches, as well as using offensive, abusive, and unparliamentary language and slogans during Friday's session," the speaker said.

Ten members of the opposition have also been fined PKR 200,000 each for allegedly damaging public property during the session.

Maryam, responding to a jibe by the suspended lawmakers, said that "the man (Imran Khan) who used to say that Nawaz Sharif had been removed from the political arena himself stands excluded from the national political scene".

Former prime minister Imran Khan has been in jail for nearly two years in multiple cases.

State government finances witnessed deterioration in 2024-25

By Dr. Gyan Pathak

Consolidated state government finances as per the data for provisional accounts witnessed deterioration in 2024-25. The consolidated Gross Fiscal Deficit (GFD) to gross state domestic product (GFD-GSDP) ratio of states rose in 2024-25 owing to a short-fall in tax revenue and lower grants from the centre.

The State of the Economy presented in the latest bulletin (June 25, 2025) of Reserve Bank of India has said that the moderation in revenue receipts outweighed the decline in revenue expenditure, leading to a widening of the revenue deficit.

However, it says that the capital expenditure, as a per cent of GSDP, remained stable, aided by a significant year-end surge in most states. For 2025-26, states have budgeted a GFD-GDP ratio of 3.3 per cent, along with a rise in capital outlay to 3.0 per cent of GDP, reflecting a continued focus on enhancing the quality of expenditure within a calibrated fiscal path.

As for the Central government finances, RBI says that the provisional accounts for 2024-25 released on May 30, 2025, confirmed that the fiscal indicators are more or less in line with the revised estimates (RE). The gross fiscal deficit (GFD) of the union government stood at 4.8 per cent of GDP, lower than the initially bud-



geted estimate (BE) but slightly above the revised estimate (RE).

On the other hand, the revenue deficit (RD), at 1.7 per cent of GDP, was lower than BE and RE. The moderation in revenue expenditure, along with robust growth in revenue receipts paved the way for fiscal consolidation.

On the receipts side, the gross and net tax revenue posted healthy growth of 9.5 per cent and 7.4 per cent, respectively. Gross tax revenue stood at 11.5 per cent of GDP in 2024-25. While the growth in the corporation tax was higher than RE, the growth in income tax was slightly lower than RE. Although the union excise duty and custom duty collections were broadly in line with RE, their growth rate contracted from

the previous year.

Apart from higher surplus transfer from the Reserve Bank, higher dividend transfer from central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) pushed non-tax revenue growth in 2024-25 above RE.

The total expenditure of the union government registered a growth of 4.8 per cent in 2024-25 over 2023-24. As per cent of GDP, while revenue expenditure declined in 2024-25 vis-à-vis RE, capital expenditure remained broadly unchanged. The growth in interest payments moderated, while that of subsidy outgo saw a contraction during 2024-25 in line with RE. Furthermore, the ratio of revenue expenditure to capital outlay (RECO) declined to 4.2, lower than RE (from 4.4 in 2023-24), which bodes

well for the quality of public expenditure.

Central government finances for April 2025 indicated an improvement in GFD and RD — both in absolute terms and as per cent of BE — vis-à-vis the corresponding period of the previous year, aided by substantial growth in non-tax revenue, and non-debt capital receipts (including disinvestment receipts). While revenue expenditure recorded a contraction due to a decline in interest payments, capital outlay grew by 20.9 per cent.

The provisional estimates of GDP show India's real GDP growth at 6.5 per cent. Private final consumption expenditure contributed 4 percentage points and gross fixed capital formation contributed 2.4 per-

centage points.

High-frequency indicators for May present mixed signals on aggregate demand. Urban demand showed signs of moderation as passenger vehicle sales declined with a sharp drop in entry-level segment. However, rural demand improved as evident from the increase in the retail sales of two-wheelers.

During May 2025, household demand for work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) picked up, following the pursuit of alternative avenues for employment in the pre-sowing lean agricultural period and an increase in MGNREGS wage rates.

Employment indicators in May 2025 present a mixed picture. As per monthly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the all-India unemployment rate rose to 5.6 per cent in May from 5.1 per cent last month, with a sharper increase in rural vis-à-vis urban areas. Increase in unemployment was partly driven by seasonal agricultural patterns and extreme heat in some regions, limiting outdoor work.

Organised job listings, as per the Naukri JobSpeak Index, moderated — dragged down by information technology (IT), retail, and banking and financial services — while sectors like insurance, real estate, oil and gas and emerging technologies recorded growth. However,

the PMI employment diffusion indices signalled strong job creation in organised manufacturing and services, with 14 per cent of firms reporting increased payrolls.

Overall economic activity remained robust in May 2025, with key high-frequency indicators like E-way bills, Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue, toll collections, and digital payments showing strong growth. GST revenue collections surpassed the Rs 2 lakh crore mark for the second consecutive month in May, boosted by import-related GST receipts. Petroleum consumption expanded for the first time in the last four months, driven by petrol. Unseasonal rains and premature onset of monsoon, however, led to a reduction in electricity demand.

India's merchandise exports contracted by (-) 2.2 per cent (y-o-y) to US\$38.7 billion in May 2025 due to an unfavourable base effect. Exports of 13 out of 30 major commodities (accounting for 59.0 per cent of the export basket in 2024-25) contracted on a y-o-y basis in May, 2025.

Merchandise imports also contracted by (-) 1.7 per cent (y-o-y) to US\$60.6 billion in May 2025. Imports of 10 out of 30 major commodities (accounting for 51.5 per cent of import basket in 2024-25) contracted on a y-o-y basis in May 2025. (IPA Service)

72 years have passed since Moncada attack by Castro

By Krishna Jha

Fulgencio Batista was the ruler dictator in Cuba from 1952 to 1959. Under him, Cuba became a safe haven for all kinds of crimes and corruption. After coming to power, in 1952 in a coup d'etat, among the first things that Batista did was he destroyed democratic set up of the society and consolidated power. People could not take it for long and against him they surged in rebellion. Batista was overthrown in 1958-59. The upsurge was armed and political. It was led by a young lawyer Fidel Castro.

Castro had challenged the takeover by Batista, though his initial efforts failed. It was then that Castro along with his brother Raul led an armed attack on the Moncada Barracks, a Cuban military post, on July 26, 1953, but that also failed. Fidel Castro and his group were arrested. In detention itself, "M-26-7" — as the 26th July Movement was called — was formed. At his trial, Fidel Castro spoke for two hours. The impact of the speech was all over the country. In an attempt to win public approval, Batista granted amnesty to the surviving Moncada Barracks attackers and the Castro brothers went underground. They were in Mexico where they consolidated their strategy and returned to Cuba in 1956. They were accompanied by Che Guevara, whom they had met in Mexico. While coming back aboard the ship Granma, the Castros and Guevara faced attack from Batista's troops. They had to escape to Sierra Maestra where they reorganized the "M-26-7" rebel forces, engaging in urban sabotage and covert recruitment.

Over time the Popular Socialist Party, once the largest and most powerful organization opposing Batista, started losing its influence in favour of the 26th of July Movement. As the irregular spurts against Batista escalated, the rebel forces organized themselves and got transformed from crude, guerrilla fighters

into a cohesive fighting force and could confront Batista's army in military engagements. Soon after Batista was ousted, the revolution was being driven by a coalition between the Popular Socialist Party, the 26th of July Movement and the Revolutionary Directorate of 13 March. The 26th of July Movement rebels finally toppled Batista on December 31, 1958, after which he fled the country.

Batista's government was dismantled as Castro became the most prominent leader of the revolutionary forces. Soon thereafter, the 26th of July Movement established itself as the de facto government. Although Castro was immensely popular in the period immediately

following Batista's ouster, he quickly consolidated power, leading to domestic and international tensions. 26 July 1953 is celebrated in Cuba as Día de la Revolución (from Spanish: "Day of the Revolution"). The party thus established was reformed along Marxist-Leninist path becoming the Communist Party of Cuba in October 1965, with Castro as general secretary.

There were significant domestic and international repercussions of the revolutionary process unleashed in Cuba. It was specific in the context of Cuba-United States relations that were severely damaged and the strain remained alive despite attempts at reconciliation. There was thaw on part of Cuba, in the decades of 2010s and 2020s. In addition, the Cuban Revolution also had profoundly sent

ripple effects across many Latin American states as well, serving not only as a symbol of resistance but as a blueprint for what a successful revolution looks like. Cuba became the ideological and strategic inspiration for Latin American revolution. At the same time though, heavy conservative regimes in the Americas began to crack down on this newfound inspiration for dissent, in hopes of preventing "another Cuba."

In the aftermath of revolution, Castro's government initiated a program of nationalization, a centrally formed media and consolidated political power, which transformed the country's economy and civil society, alienating the rich and ex-

tory and the subsequent efforts to establish socialism in Cuba. Rooted in Marxist ideas, he developed and implemented concrete policies for Cuba's post-revolutionary shift towards socialism. The profound structural changes he introduced in liberated Cuba from its semi-colonial dependence, integrating it fully into the socialist bloc as an independent nation. Guevara's distinct contributions to Marxism lie in his focus on the political economy of socialist transition, the importance of cultivating a "new man" through socialist construction, and his "foco" theory, a revolutionary strategy for the Global South.

Che Guevara's revolutionary zeal led him next to the



African nation of Congo, a campaign that ultimately failed, sending him back to Cuba. He soon left Cuba for Bolivia. Meanwhile, the Bolivian government, aware of Che's presence in Bolivia, formed a special army unit to capture him dead or alive. The American CIA was also helping Bolivia in this operation. With the help of the CIA, Che and a handful of his associates were cornered in the jungle on their way out of Bolivia. Che and his colleagues resolutely resisted the army. Che was injured in the exchange of fire. His gun also became useless. The Bolivian soldiers came very close to them. He was arrested. On October 9, 1967, Che was killed in cold blood. "Shoot, you coward, you can only kill a man," were Che Guevara's legendary last words. (IPA Service)

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That is why, despite tough rhetoric and continued air

Ceasefire was the only option available



By K Raveendran

Ever since Israel and the United States jointly launched strikes against Iran's nuclear facilities, de-escalation began to shape the contours of strategic discourse in West Asia. What was initially presented as a bold and surgical operation against Iran's suspected nuclear infrastructure quickly unfolded into something far more perilous, chaotic, and revealing.

For Israel, the ambition to eliminate or at least set back Iran's nuclear program had long stood at the centre of its national security calculus. A nuclear Iran, in Tel Aviv's reckoning, would be an existential threat. That notion drove countless covert sabotage operations, diplomatic lobbying campaigns, cyberattacks, and eventually culminated in a direct military strike this month with American backing. But the aftermath of this latest escalation forced a sobering reassessment in Israel's war rooms. Tel Aviv discovered that while a nuclear-capable Iran posed a strategic threat in the long term, a ballistic missile-capable Iran was an immediate and terrifying danger. The sheer volume, range, and precision of Iranian missile strikes during the 12-day war left Israel's layered defence systems rattled, and the civilian

population deeply shaken.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1888 First known recording of classical music is made, Handel's "Israel in Egypt" on wax cylinder
- 1891 Street railway in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, commences operation
- 1891 US National Forest Service organized
- 1895 Doukhobors burn their weapons as a protest against conscription by the Tsarist Russian government.
- 1899 Brazo River in Texas floods 12 miles wide causing \$10 million damage
- 1900 The Imperial Chinese Court issues what is essentially a declaration of war against foreigners in China, blaming them for hostilities and giving license to the Boxers for even greater ferocity
- 1903 British government protests against abuses in Belgian Congo
- 1904 Two prehistoric bones are found in Weerdingerveen, Drenthe in the Netherlands
- 1906 US Congress pass the Hepburn Act, permitting the regulation of rates charged by railroads, pipelines, and terminals engaged in interstate commerce
- 1911 Freiherr Gautsch von Frankenthurn becomes Minister-President of Austria
- 1913 An attack by Bulgarian General Michael Savov on Greek and Serbian positions causes the start of the Second Balkan War
- 1918 A provisional government opposed to the Bolsheviks establishes itself at Vladivostok, the Russian port on the Sea of Japan
- 1922 France grants 1 km² at Vimy Ridge "freely, and for all time, to the Government of Canada, the free use of the land exempt from all taxes."
- 1925 Canada House opens in London, England
- 1926 Carter G. Woodson wins Springarn Medal for research into Black history
- 1927 1st flight from West Coast arrives in Hawaii
- 1927 First test of Wallace Turnbull's controllable pitch propeller

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Preamble sacrosanct, words added during Emergency a 'festering wound', says Dhankhar

NEW DELHI, Jun 28: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday asserted the preamble of a constitution is "not changeable" but was changed in India during the Emergency which signals a betrayal of the "wisdom" of the framers of the Constitution.

He also said the words inserted in the Preamble in 1976 during the period of Emergency, were a "nasoor" (festering wound) and could cause upheaval.

"It is nothing but belittling the civilisational wealth and knowledge of this country for thousands of years. It is a sacrilege of the spirit of Sanatan," the vice president said at a book launch event here.

Dhankhar described preamble as a "seed" on which a constitution grows. He also underlined that the preamble of no other constitu-



tion has undergone change except that of India.

"The Preamble of a constitution is not changeable. But this Preamble was changed by the 42nd Constitution (Amendment) Act of 1976," he said noting that the words "socialist", "secular", and "integrity" were added.

He said it was a travesty of justice that something that cannot be changed was

altered "casually, farcically, and with no sense of propriety" and that too during Emergency when several opposition leaders were in jail.

"And in the process, if you deeply reflect, we are giving wings to existential challenges. These words have been added as nasoor (festering wound). These words will create upheaval," Dhankhar cautioned.

"We must reflect," he said, adding that B R Ambedkar did painstaking work on the Constitution and he must have "surely focused on it".

His remarks came after the RSS on Thursday called for reviewing the words 'socialist' and 'secular' in the Preamble of the Constitution, saying they were included during the Emergency and were never part of the Constitution drafted by Ambedkar.

The Congress and other opposition parties have slammed RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale's call for a national debate on whether the terms 'secular' and 'socialist' should remain in the Preamble, terming it "political opportunism" and a "deliberate assault" on the soul of the Constitution.

As Hosabale's strong pitch for a review of the two

words inserted in the Preamble of the Constitution during the Emergency days (1975-77) kicked up a political row, an article published in an RSS-linked magazine Organiser said it is not about dismantling the Constitution but about restoring its "original spirit", free from the "distortions" of the Congress' Emergency-era policies.

Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that "there is no need for socialism in India" and noted that "secularism is not the core of our culture".

Another Union minister Jitendra Singh sought to defend the call by the second senior most functionary of the RSS, saying any right-thinking citizen will endorse it because everybody knows that these words were not part of the original Constitution written by Ambedkar. (PTI)

Constitution framed after much discussion, deliberation, won't let anyone change it: Sule



NAGPUR, Jun 28: NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule on Saturday called the Indian Constitution a product of extensive debate and asserted that nobody would be allowed to alter it.

The Lok Sabha MP from Baramati was addressing a press conference in Nagpur. To a query about RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale's recent call for reviewing the words 'socialist' and 'secular' in the preamble of the Constitution, Sule said that in a democ-

racy, everybody has the right to speak.

"He said what he felt," said Sule. Addressing an event on the 50 years of the Emergency, Hosabale had said, "The preamble of the Constitution Baba Saheb Ambedkar made never had these words (socialist and secular). During the Emergency, when fundamental rights were suspended, Parliament did not work, the judiciary became lame, then these words were added."

Sule said such controversy remind her of late former BJP leader Arun Jaitley, who used to say that if "you (media)" stopped spotlighting these incidents, people wouldn't talk about them.

"The Constitution is the result of much discussion and deliberation. We will not let anyone change the Constitution in this country," she said.

Asked about the raging controversy over Hindi for students in primary school, Sule asked, "Is Hindi compulsory in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh or Telangana? When Hindi is not compulsory everywhere, then why is it being made mandatory in Maharashtra?"

The language row erupted after the state government last week issued an amended order stating Hindi will "generally" be taught as the third language to students in Marathi and English medium schools from Classes 1 to 5. (PTI)

Resolve to make India a world leader in every sphere by 2047: Shah urges youth

GODHRA, Jun 28: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday called for the youth to resolve towards making India a world leader in every sphere by 2047, when it celebrates the centenary of its independence.

He also recalled the contributions of tribal leader Govind Guru in India's freedom struggle, saying he awakened the conscience of the people from the region during the British rule.

Shah was addressing via video link a programme where development works worth Rs 125 crore for Shri Govind Guru University at Vinzol near Godhra in Gujarat's

Panchmahal district were launched.

Describing Govind Guru a hero of India's freedom movement who fought against the British rulers, Shah said, "Around 1,512 tribal brothers and sisters were martyred in that struggle against the British, and Mangadh (in Gujarat) became an important place in the history of India's fight for independence."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken forward the heroism of Govind Guru, and is determined to make India a great nation by 2047, he said.

"It is a matter of importance for all of us. Our youth and children should

make a resolution of creating an India where it attains the first position in every field in the world when the country celebrates the centenary of its independence," Shah added.

The Union minister said the idea of setting up the Govind Guru University was conceived by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his tenure as Gujarat chief minister.

"Today, it is a very important day in the history of Panchmahal (district). As the then Gujarat chief minister, PM Narendrabhai conceived a university and memorial dedicated to Govind Guru which could serve as a place of inspira-

tion for tribals from across the country," Shah said in his brief virtual address as he could not remain present at the event physically due to inclement weather conditions.

The university was set up in 2015, and today various initiatives worth Rs 125 crore are being inaugurated or foundation stones are being laid for them, he said.

The infrastructure projects of the university that were launched include a centre for excellence, an indoor multipurpose sports complex, a synthetic track, football and cricket grounds, an artificial lake and a hostel building. (PTI)

17 dead, 4 missing in rain-related incidents in Himachal this monsoon; 38 roads closed

SHIMLA, Jun 28: A total of 17 people have died while four others are missing in rain-related incidents in Himachal Pradesh since the onset of monsoon on June 20, the state emergency operation centre said on Saturday.

Among the 17 fatalities - seven were killed in flash floods, four drowned, two each were electrocuted and fell from height, while a person died of snake bite and another due to other causes, it said.

Light to moderate rainfall lashed several parts of the hill state on Saturday. So far, 38 roads were closed in the state -- 23 in Kullu, nine in Mandi, four in Una and one each in Lahaul and



Spiti and Sirmour districts.

The local meteorological office issued an orange warning for heavy rainfall in four to six out of the state's 12 districts for Sunday and Monday.

Isolated places in Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Solan and Sirmour districts are likely to receive heavy to very heavy

rain on Sunday, while Bilaspur, Shimla, Solan and Sirmour are expected to be affected on Monday, it said.

A moderate to high flash flood risk has also been forecast in parts of Solan, Kangra, Mandi and Sirmour till Sunday.

Palampur recorded 66.2 mm of rainfall since Friday

evening, followed by 48 mm in Kasauli, 40.2 mm in Berthi, 34 mm in Sarahan, 28.5 mm in Bilaspur, 25 mm in Manali, 19.4 mm in Paonta Sahib, 12 mm in Sundernagar, 11.8 mm in Kangra and 11 mm in Mandi, the weather office said.

Thunderstorms were witnessed in Sundernagar, Kangra and Palampur, while gusty winds of 31 to 65 kmph lashed Reckong Peo, Seobagh, Neri and Tabo.

There was no significant change in temperatures. Keylong was the coldest at night at 12.4 degrees Celsius, while Una recorded the highest day temperature at 35.2 degrees Celsius. (PTI)

UP Police initiate probe into cop's 'assault' on Army officer



LUCKNOW, Jun 28: Police have launched an investigation into allegations that a police sub-inspector assaulted an Indian Army officer in Lucknow, officials confirmed on Saturday.

The incident has drawn strong condemnation from the Army, with senior officials meeting the Lucknow Police Commissioner to demand swift and impartial action.

The Lucknow-based Surya Command of the Indian Army took to their official 'X' handle on Friday, stating, "A case of misconduct against a serving Army officer in Lucknow is

being pursued with utmost seriousness. An FIR was lodged immediately, and CCTV footage has been examined."

The post further revealed that Major General Sahil Seth, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Madhya Uttar Pradesh Sub Area (MUPSA), accompanied by the station commander, met with Lucknow Police Commissioner Amrendra K Sengar to press for a prompt and impartial investigation.

"The Indian Army stands resolutely with its personnel and expects prompt and exemplary action," the statement con-

cluded.

Police sources indicated the alleged assault occurred on June 22 within the PGI police station area.

Lieutenant Colonel Anand Prakash Suman, currently posted at the NCC Directorate Bihar & Jharkhand in Patna, filed a complaint detailing the incident.

He alleged that while driving his car at the Telibagh intersection towards the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, a policeman, driving on the wrong side of the road, began verbally abusing him and slapped him as soon as he rolled down his car window.

Based on Lt Col Suman's complaint, police registered a case against an unknown person under sections 281 (rash or negligent driving), 125(a) (act endangering life or personal safety of others), 115(2) (voluntarily causing hurt), and 352 (intentional insult with the intent to provoke a breach of peace) of the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS). (PTI)

NEW DELHI, Jun 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday India is the most ancient living civilisation of the world due to the immortal ideas and philosophies of its saints and seers.

Speaking at the centenary celebrations of Jain spiritual figure Acharya Vidyana Maharaj Ji's birth anniversary here, PM Modi paid rich tributes to his contribution in different fields and asserted that his ideas have inspired the government's welfare schemes.

Be it providing house, drinking water or health insurance, the government is ensuring saturation coverage of its welfare measures so that no one is left behind, he said.

PM Modi also referred to the preceding speech of a Jain seer, noting that he was apparently blessing Operation Sindoor.

The prime minister's mere mention of "Jo humein chhedega" brought massive cheers from the audience but he did not dwell

India most ancient living civilisation due to immortal ideas, philosophy of seers: PM Modi



any further on the issue.

PM Modi asserted that India is a country where service and humanity is central to its ethos.

"When for ages, efforts were being made to quell violence with violence, then India introduced to the world the power of 'ahimsa' (non-violence)," he said.

"We have kept the sentiment of serving humanity supreme. Our ethos for serving is unconditional and beyond selfishness, and inspired by 'paramarth' (the Supreme Being)," the

PM said.

In his address, he added that his government is working by taking inspiration from those ideals.

Whether it is PM Awas Yojana, Jal Jivan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, and other such welfare schemes, they signify the "sense of service" towards the last person in the social hierarchy, he said.

All should walk together and grow together - this is the inspiration of Acharya Vidyana Maharaj Ji, and "this is our resolve," PM

Modi said.

The event was held at the Vigyan Bhawan and hosted by the Ministry of Culture in collaboration with the Bhagwan Mahaveer Ahimsa Bharti Trust, Delhi, to honour the 100th birth anniversary of one of India's most revered Jain spiritual leaders, scholars, and social reformers.

The revered saint was born on April 22, 1925 in Shedbal, Belagavi (now in Karnataka).

"He received his initiation at a young age and went on to become one of the most prolific Jain scholars of modern times, having memorised over 8,000 Jain Agamic verses," the ministry said.

He authored more than 50 works on Jain philosophy and ethics, including Jain Darshan, Anekantvad and Mokshamarg Darshan.

Modi extolled Acharya Vidyana Maharaj Ji's legacy and his contribution to revival of the Prakrit language, restoration of many old temples and his contribution in the fields of litera-

ture and music.

His life was an unparalleled confluence of 'vidya' (knowledge) and 'anand' (bliss), the PM said.

"Our India is the oldest living civilisation in the world, we are immortal for thousands of years, because our thoughts are immortal, our thinking is immortal, our philosophy is immortal," he said.

And, the source of this philosophy is "our saints, seers, mahants and acharyas".

He asserted that voices of Indian Tirthankars, saints and seers, their teachings, are equally contextual in different eras.

Hailing the Jain seer being celebrated as a "Yug Purush" and "Yug Drashta", Modi underlined that through his literature and music, he had endeavoured to revive the ancient Prakrit language.

Prakrit is one of the oldest languages of the world. It is the language of sermons of Bhagwan Mahaveer. Ancient texts of Jainism are scripted in this language, he said. (PTI)

Tribals in MP protest against 'eviction' for sanctuary, Chouhan promises them justice

SEHORE (MP), Jun 28: Hundreds of members of the tribal community on Saturday protested here in the presence of Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, claiming that they were being evicted for the proposed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sanctuary.

Chouhan, whose Vidisha Lok Sabha constituency includes Sehore, arrived here to attend a meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring

Committee.

The former Madhya Pradesh chief minister accused the state forest department of tarnishing the government's image and assured the protesters that he would discuss the issue with chief minister Mohan Yadav.

The forest department recently demolished more than 50 houses of members of the tribal community in Khivni Sanctuary in Dewas district, terming them as encroachment.

The local tribal community claimed they were being evicted from their land for the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sanctuary.

Hundreds of protesters gathered at the collector's office here and submitted a memorandum of demands to Chouhan.

"Tribal brothers and sisters came to meet me. They have narrated their problems. Our chief minister Mohan Yadav is poor and pro-tribals...there has been talk of setting up a sanc-

tuary where their villages are located and evicting them," Chouhan told reporters.

Addressing the protesters, the Union minister said, "No one can snatch the land of tribals."

"Mama' is with the tribals," said Chouhan who is fondly called 'mama-ji' (maternal uncle).

"What the forest department is doing... is an attempt to tarnish the government's image... they should not do it," he said. (PTI)

Dance teacher sentenced to 52 yrs jail term by Kerala court for minor boy's sexual assault

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Jun 28: A Kerala court on Saturday sentenced a male dance teacher to a cumulative 52 years in jail for repeatedly sexually assaulting a seven-year-old boy, one of his students, six years ago.

Thiruvananthapuram Fast Track Special Court (POCSO) judge Anju Meera Birla sentenced 46-year-old Sunil Kumar to varying jail terms under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Juvenile Justice Act for

a total of 52 years.

However, as the sentences are to be served concurrently, Kumar will be imprisoned for 20 years, the highest of the varying jail terms, according to the court order.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 3.25 lakh on the convict and directed that if the amount is recovered from him, it shall be paid to the victim as compensation.

According to the prosecution, led by special public prosecutor R S Vijay Mohan, the accused en-

gaged in unnatural sex with the minor boy on several occasions in a room near the hall where he taught dance.

During the period from 2017-19, the child went to learn dance from the accused who subjected the victim to unnatural sex several times, the prosecution told the court.

Finally, the child refused to go for the dance lessons, but did not tell anyone what happened due to the accused's threats, the prosecution said.

The child revealed the ordeal suffered by him only when his parents decided to send his younger sibling for dance lessons to the accused, the prosecution said.

The prosecution examined seventeen witnesses and presented seventeen documents during the trial.

The prosecutor also said that another case has been registered against the accused for allegedly raping a 12-year-old boy and the trial is underway in that matter. (PTI)

NFR revises schedules of 23 trains for enhanced punctuality

MALIGAON, Jun 28: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has revised the timings of twenty-three (23) trains at selected stations across its network to improve passenger convenience and ensure better punctuality.

The revised schedules will be implemented in phases effective from June 29 for two trains, June 30 for five trains, July 1 for two trains, July 3 for seven trains, July 4 for four trains and July 5 for three trains.

Effective from June 29, 2025: Train No. 13173 (Sealdah – Sabroom) Kanchenjunga Express will run as per revised timings at Hojai, Lunka, Lumding and New Haflong stations. Train No. 12515

(Coimbatore Jn. – Silchar) Express will run as per revised timings at Hojai, Lumding, Maibang and New Haflong stations.

Effective from June 30, 2025: Train No. 12424 (New Delhi – Dibrugarh) Rajdhani Express will run as per revised timings at Guwahati and Chaparmukh stations. In return direction, Train No. 12423 (Dibrugarh – New Delhi) Rajdhani Express will run as per revised timings at Guwahati and Rangiya stations.

Train No. 13181 (Kolkata – Silghat Town) Kaziranga Express will run as per revised timings at New Coochbehar, New Alipurduar and Fakiragram stations. Train No. 13175 (Sealdah

– Silchar) Kanchenjunga Express will run as per revised timings at Lumding and New Haflong stations.

Train No. 15625 (Deoghar – Agartala) Express will run as per revised timings at Chaparmukh, Lumding and New Haflong stations.

Effective from July 1, 2025: Train No. 13182 (Silghat Town – Kolkata) Kaziranga Express will run as per revised timings at New Coochbehar station.

Train No. 12507 (Thiruvananthapuram Central – Silchar) Express will run as per revised timings at Hojai, Lumding, Maibang and New Haflong stations.

Effective from July 3, 2025: Train No. 12345 (Howrah – Guwahati)

Saraighat Express will run as per revised timings at Kamakhya and Guwahati stations.

Train No. 13063 (Howrah – Balurghat) Express will run as per revised timings at Malda Town and Balurghat stations.

Train No. 15464 (Siliguri Jn. – Balurghat) Express will run as per revised timings at Siliguri and Balurghat stations. Train No. 13147 (Sealdah – Bamanhat) Express will run as per revised timings at Malda Town, New Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, New Maynaguri, Dhupgri, Falakata, New Coochbehar, Dinhat and Bamanhat stations.

Time schedules of many other trains have also been revised.

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Wangsu issues advisory for State's farmers...

emphasized the Minister.

He urged the farmers to implement controlled access to farms with mandatory disinfection of all equipment and vehicles entering farm premises.

The advisory specifically warns against feeding swill or kitchen waste to pigs, a common practice that significantly increases disease transmission risk. Farmers have been instructed to dispose of any carcasses through deep burial with lime treatment or incineration, following proper protocols.

Movement restrictions within and outside affected zones have been mandated, with farmers required to maintain regular monitoring systems and report any unusual pig mortality to veterinary authorities immediately.

West Siang district faces an equally serious threat from Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), with risk levels assessed as 'very high' by ICAR-NIVEDI forecasting systems. The Minister has called for immediate vaccination campaigns to protect cattle and other cloven-hoofed animals in the region.

The comprehensive FMD prevention strategy includes ring vaccination within an 8-kilometer radius of any suspected cases, using vaccines appropriate for circulating serotypes O, A, and Asia-1. Livestock movement controls will be strictly enforced during outbreak situations, with quarantine measures mandatory for newly introduced animals.

"Animals aged four months and older should receive biannual vaccinations to maintain immunity," stated Minister Wangsu.

The advisory emphasizes immediate isolation of infected animals, as their excretions and secretions contain active virus particles capable of rapid transmission.

All feed and fodder that comes into contact with infected animals must be discarded immediately to prevent further contamination, according to the guidelines.

Speaking about the advisory, Minister Wangsu highlighted that farmers in the State have previously suffered significant losses due to minor negligence in disease prevention protocols. "We cannot afford to take these warnings lightly. Prevention is always better and more cost-effective than dealing with full-scale outbreaks," he stated.

The Minister revealed that he maintains constant communication with renowned research institutes, including ICAR-NIVEDI, following his personal visits to these institutions to understand the latest disease forecasting methodologies and prevention strategies.

Doimukh Police recovers stolen...

Sharing the information, SP Gusar said, "On receipt of a written complaint from Tech Tania of Tigdo village in Doimukh that in between June 17, 2025 to June 25, 2025 while he was in his native village, some unknown miscreants broke his house situated at Tigdo and had stolen away gold ornaments, local ornaments and cash."

On the basis of the complaint, the Doimukh Police under the supervision of the SP and SDPO Doimukh police swung into action and based on human intelligence, some suspects were apprehended and interrogated.

"During interrogation, two persons namely Nabam Ako, 22 years, son of Nabam Bapu of Tigdo village and Teri Apang, 19 years, son of Teri Loma of Tigdo village admitted commissioning of the crime. On their disclosure, the stolen property has been recovered and seized today from Rono village and Tigdo village. The seizure has been video-graphed through e-Sakhya app. After evaluation of the recovered property, the cost of the goods has been estimated to be worth approximately Rs 2.57 crore. Both the alleged accused have been formally arrested and will be produced before the court tomorrow," the SP informed.

Tirap DC office recognises heroic...

on November 25, 1842, when Captain J. Brodie, then Sub-Assistant of Sibsagar, Assam, and his soldiers marched towards Kheti to challenge Wangto's sovereign rule. During the confrontation, one British soldier was killed and four others were injured, forcing the detachment to retreat. In retaliation, a British force assembled, consisting of detachments from the Assam Light Infantry Battalion, the 2nd Sebundies, and the Local Artillery Company, led by Captain Brodie, Captain S.F. Hannay, Lieutenant Rowlatt, and Lieutenant Reid. The combined British forces then launched a punitive expedition against Kheti on December 23, 1842.

Wangto and his people valiantly resisted the heavily armed British troops but were ultimately forced to retreat and abandon their village.

The British forces burned down Kheti and established an army outpost at the neighbouring village of Khela to deter future acts of resistance. This marked the end of the first Anglo-Nocte War on December 29, 1842.

The DC office also acknowledged the contributions of Wangmaan Lowangdong in the Nocte Resistance of 1875. The resistance began in August 1874, when Colonel R.H. Keatinge, the first Chief Commissioner of British Assam, issued a notice through Lieutenant Holcombe, then Assistant Commissioner of Jeypore, Assam. The notice stated that the Government of British India intended to annex the Namsang and Hukanjuri tea gardens, along with the tract of land between them. Lieutenant Holcombe further warned Wangmaan that any act of aggression would be met with swift military retaliation, as Borduria village occupied an exposed position, easily assailable from Assam. Although Wangmaan wished to retaliate, he

did not want his people to suffer at the hands of the superior British forces. Therefore, he coerced the Chief of Ninu village and its allies into killing Lieutenant Holcombe and his survey team by threatening to cut off vital salt supplies and block the strategic trade route to Assam.

This incident triggered the Anglo-Wancho War of 1875.

Following an investigation, C.U. Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of British India, concluded that Wangmaan had orchestrated the attack and directed the course of the war. As a result, on May 18, 1875, the British formally annexed the tea gardens and the tract between them. Additionally, Wangmaan was ordered to retrieve and surrender all arms lost at Ninu and capture one of the fugitives involved in the conflict.

The recognition is based on authentic documentation retrieved from the National Archives of India, New Delhi, and presented by Wangtum H. Lowang, Director of Nocte Digest. Lowang is also a Member Secretary of the Sub-Committee on Unsung Heroes of Arunachal Pradesh since 2021.

"These two events represent not only courage and leadership of the Nocte people, but also a broader narrative of indigenous resistance that has long remained underrepresented in mainstream history," stated Techu Aran, Deputy Commissioner of Tirap district. "Their legacy shall now be formally recorded, honoured, and shared," the DC said.

The names and contributions of these two chiefs will be archived officially in the district records and may be referenced in future commemorative events, educational materials and cultural initiatives. All government departments and educational institutions have been advised to extend support in preserving and disseminating this vital chapter of regional history.

State BJP President wraps up 5-day...

engagement. He also visited the District Craft Centre Bomdila. While appreciating the local artisans, he stressed the importance of promoting indigenous industries for regional economic growth.

The final leg of the tour took place at the Rupa Mandal office in West Kameng district where Moyong addressed the Mandal office-bearers and urged them to stay proactive and well-prepared for the upcoming Panchayat elections.

During the programme, Moyong also handed over appointment orders to newly inducted Mandal office-bearers, officially welcoming them into their respective roles and responsibilities.

The event was graced by several State office-bearers of the party including Ashok Sangchoju, Vice President; Tadar Niglar, General Secretary; Vinay Gupta, Treasurer; Dolang Tako, Convenor, Media Cell; Nalong Mize, Chairman, APFCL; Nima Sange, Chairman, Resources Mobilization Committee, Planning & Investment, GoAP and Okiam Moyong Borang, Chief Councillor, PMC.

Also present were office-bearers from West Kameng District BJP and Mandal leaders from Rupa and Kalaktang, reflecting the united and determined spirit of the party at all organizational levels.

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Guv advises TRIHMS' graduating...

of 'Service before Self', stating that medicine is a moral calling as much as it is a profession. He urged them to serve where they are needed the most, particularly in rural and underserved areas and to remain lifelong learners, grounded in humility and guided by ethics.

He commended their perseverance, sacrifices, and dedication, reminding them that their white coats symbolize achievement and at the same time a lifelong commitment to serve humanity with empathy, integrity, and skill.

The Governor emphasized that real education begins now, beyond textbooks in hospital wards, health camps, and patient interactions. He encouraged the young doctors to wield knowledge with humility, balance science with compassion, and let empathy be the foundation of their healing journey.

Commending TRIHMS for its role as a vital pillar of healthcare in Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor expressed appreciation for Director Dr. Moji Jini and the faculty for their dedication in shaping the next generation of medical professionals.

He said TRIHMS has rapidly emerged as a hub for education, innovation, and service in the state.

Highlighting the Government of India's healthcare vision under Viksit Bharat@2047, the Governor stressed the need to align with national priorities by augmenting infrastructure, expanding rural outreach, and embracing technology in education. He advocated for integrating Artificial Intelligence, telemedicine, and digital health platforms into the curriculum, alongside modules on soft skills, ethical practices, and cultural sensitivity.

The Governor made a special mention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for healthcare, stating that the Prime Minister has consistently championed a holistic and patient-centric approach. He highlighted the national commitment to the 'Heal in India' initiative, which aims to make the country a global hub for wellness and medical excellence.

He also highlighted the Prime Minister's emphasis on leveraging technology in healthcare, such as digital health IDs and telemedicine, to bridge gaps in accessibility, especially in remote regions, and reduce the financial burden on citizens.

Addressing the TRIHMS faculty, the Governor urged a dual focus, i.e., upgrading teaching infrastructure while nurturing compassionate, community-minded doctors. He called for mandatory rural rotations and stronger partnerships with local health systems to address the healthcare gap in remote areas.

Dean and Principal, TRIHMS, Dr. Shyamal Bhattacharya, administered the oath to the graduating students of the 2019 MBBS batch.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Biyuram Wahge, Rajiv Gandhi University Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. K. Nayak, TRIHMS Director, Dr. Moji Jini, and Dr. Mika Umpo also spoke on the occasion.

As topper in the batch, Hage Sonya (2020-21), Tsering Pema, (2021-22), Prem Lata (2022-23), Smile (2023-24) and Dr. Badal Kumar Pandit (2024-24) received the Minoti Riba Memorial Gold Medal in Anatomy as topper of their batch in their respective years from the Governor on the occasion.

Resum Kamki (2020-21), Dibyadarshi Suman (2021-22) and Dr. Phancha Wangsu (2024-25) received the Nirmali Taba Memorial Gold Medal in ENT.

Dr. Indira Moyong of Roing, Lower Dibang Valley Arunachal Pradesh of 2019-20 MBBS batch received the award as the topper in Final Year MBBS Examination held in 2024.

Dr. Angellie Kahmei and Dr. Sushamanka Das received their diploma certificate for Obstetrics and gynaecology, while Dr. Animesh Nameo and Dr. Millo Apo received their diploma certificate for Anaesthesiology. Dr. Lenong Lego received diploma certificate for Radiodiagnosis and Dr. Taru Tari received Diploma certificate for Radiology from the Governor on the second Graduation Day ceremony of TRIHMS.

Arunachal poised for industrial growth...

participants to collaborate in creating a development narrative that is inclusive, green, and forward-looking.

"Let us come together to script the next chapter of Arunachal's growth, one that is inclusive, sustainable, and truly transformative," he added.

Reaffirming the state government's commitment to fostering an investor-friendly environment, Dukam highlighted the importance of continuous engagement between the government and entrepreneurs to transition Arunachal Pradesh from a consumer economy to a producer economy.

He also encouraged participants to learn from the workshop to build resilience and competitiveness in their ventures.

Advisor to the minister, Dr. Mohesh Chai, in his address, called upon entrepreneurs to contribute to building a 'Viksit Arunachal'.

Pointing to Arunachal Pradesh's strategic location bordering Myanmar, Bhutan, and Tibet, he said the state can become a regional hub for trade and industry. He also referenced the transition from the Centre's 'Look East' to 'Act East' policy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and urged attendees to use this momentum to make UNNATI 2024 impactful.

Chief Secretary Manish Gupta highlighted the importance of leveraging the State's strengths by developing its secondary and tertiary sectors. He praised the organisers for hosting a timely and relevant workshop, aligning with the vision of a developed Arunachal.

Industries Secretary Saugat Biswas also addressed the gathering, elaborating on the key components and opportunities under the UNNATI 2024 scheme.

Organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), in collaboration with the state industries department, the workshop drew over 300 aspiring entrepreneurs, banking officials, industry experts, consultants, heads of departments, and key stakeholders from across the state.

The workshop was designed to catalyse industrial development in the Northeast by creating business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-government (B2G) linkages, enhancing policy awareness, expanding access to finance, and promoting digital on-boarding for entrepreneurs.

The workshop featured technical sessions, experience-sharing platforms, DPIIT inter-departmental consultations, B2G meetings, and other activities aimed at strengthening the entrepreneurial landscape of the state. (PTI)

State's Tech Tagung to represent...

gold, silver and bronze, had to compete with one another and the winners got selected to represent India at the upcoming Kudo World Cup 2025 in Bulgaria and the boy from Arunachal managed to reserve his spot at this prestigious event. "I'm honoured and excited to represent my country on an international platform," said Tech Tagung said, adding, "This is a dream come true, I am incredibly grateful to Kudo International Federation India (KIFI) and Arunachal Kudo Association (AKA), whose guidance and support have been instrumental in shaping me into the athlete I am today." "My family and friends have been an unshakable pillar of support, providing the encouragement needed to push me through every challenge, and to my training partners @ Abrasumente Academy, as their relentless pushes have made me stronger and I'm trying hard to bring glory to India," Tagung said.?

Moreover, Tagung informed that Kudo World Cup attracts elite fighters from around the globe, testing their discipline, skill, and endurance in full-contact combat. This year's competition is expected to host athletes from over 50+ countries. He is known for his exceptional achievements in Kudo with a gold medal at 10th Kudo National Tournament held at Khandala (Maharashtra) in May 2019, bronze medals at 15th Kudo National Tournament and 5th Kudo Federation Cup 2024 and also a bronze medal at Akshay Kumar Kudo International tournaments at Surat (Gujarat) in November, 2024. ? As Tech Tagung prepares to don the tricolour on the world stage, the Nyishi Elite Society (NES) Kra Daadi District Unit chairman, Tichi Tabang and who is also a Vice President of Gerchi Welfare Society (GWS) expressed immense pride and confidence in the young athlete's abilities. "On behalf of the entire society, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Tech Tagung for being selected to represent India at the Kudo World Cup 2025 in Bulgaria and Wish you best of luck," Tabang said.

"Your dedication, discipline, and passion for the sport have brought immense pride to our community, Gerchi Society, State of Arunachal Pradesh and India as well. It is truly an honour to see one of our own members achieving such a remarkable milestone. You are not just representing our society, community, state and the nation, but also inspiring every young mind in our nation to dream big and work hard. We wish you all the success in this global arena and will be cheering you on every step of the way. Go, make India—and all of us—proud!" Tabang said.

He rallied in support of the young athlete and appealed to the state Govt. to encourage such athletes and give him full recognition for his immense contribution towards the state and the Nation, Tabang further said.

RGU Hindi officer GN Lombi receives...

languages, promotion of the Hindi language, preservation of folk literature and her notable contribution as the first Hindi officer from Arunachal Pradesh.

Lombi presented a research paper on the topic 'Progress of Hindi in Arunachal Pradesh & Preservation of Folk Literature'.

The occasion was graced by renowned figure Dr. Bhagwan Swaroop Chentanya, Chairman, Gwalior Sahitya Sansthan, Dr. Rajrani Sharma, litterateur, Dr. Keshav Pandey, senior journalist, Dr. Ashok Mishra, Co-Editor, Lokmangal Patrika, Raj Kumar Sharma, Managing Editor, Vivek Kumar Soni, Library Manager, Central Library, Gwalior, Dr. Mukta Agarwal, Assistant Professor, Dr. Lalji, Dr. Bhatnagar and other dignitaries. A book written by Dr. Girija Narvaria titled 'Lok Sahitya: Pragati Aur Parampara' was also released on the occasion.

Guv celebrates his 72nd birthday...

gallery showcasing OWA's longstanding contributions to social service and education in the state.

Parnaik was deeply moved by the enthusiasm, discipline, and talent displayed by the children, many of whom come from underprivileged backgrounds, the statement said.

Praising their performances, he encouraged them to maintain their curiosity and love for learning.

"Education is not just about acquiring knowledge, it is about shaping character and discovering your true potential," he told the students, whom he affectionately referred to as 'The Shining Stars'.

The governor advised the children to set high goals; stay focused, and not fear failure, the statement said.

"Each setback is an opportunity to grow stronger," he said, underlining the importance of integrity, hard work, and service to others as the foundation of good citizenship.

He urged the students to adopt this motto in their own lives.

"True strength lies not only in the body but also in a sharp mind and a kind heart," the statement quoted the governor as saying. To mark the occasion, the governor also participated in a tree plantation drive within the school campus under the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', reinforcing the message of environmental responsibility and value-based living. (PTI)

Renuka Shahane on animated film *Loop Line*: Wanted to write about women who can't change their lives

Most stories about women end with them taking a big or small step towards a solution but what about those who don't have the means to change their circumstances? This question inspired Renuka Shahane to explore one such life in her animated film "Loop Line".

Shahane, a known name in cinema and TV right from the Doordarshan days, said she kept thinking about many housewives stuck in an endless loop of emotional and verbal abuse.

"I had this idea in my mind that when we read women's stories, in the end, they take a big or small revolutionary step to solve their problems. But what about those who never take that step or have no way out? They are stuck in a loveless marriage where they don't get any respect for their work and the mental abuse is normalised," the actor-filmmaker told PTI in an interview.

"Loop Line", an over eight-minute short, is about

a middle-aged Mumbai housewife, who cooks, cleans and has no life outside the small flat that she shares with her emotionally abusive husband.

But her inner life is full of imagination that takes her places: be it romancing the screen hero that she is watching on TV or freely floating in a pond full of water lilies, a scene that instantly evokes the image of Claude Monet's famous painting.

There are moments of angst that also find a voice in her fantasies.

Shahane, who made her directorial debut with "Tribhanga" in 2021, said she initially wrote the story for the live-action format but she kept seeing the inner life of the character in animation.

"When I was writing this, I realised that the fantasies of the woman in this particular film, I could see only in animation. And then I realised that the combination of animation and live action doesn't seem right.



So I decided to make a full animation film.

"I love animation. It is such a deep art form. And I have been fascinated with it since childhood. But I don't have any background in visual arts. So this was a

big step for me," she said.

It was, in fact, a giant leap for Shahane as she made a mature story in animation, a format that is mostly associated with children's stories in India.

"There is no place or in-

stitution where we are showing mature-level animation films in India. So I knew this will be my passion project where I will invest money and I won't expect it to come back. I was adamant that I want to do this content only in animation. My animators at Paperboard Design Studio were surprised when I approached them."

Shahane is happy that artists in India are waking up to the possibilities of the animation format beyond children's stories.

"It has not yet picked up in our country like it has in Japan or other countries... Even Disney films, though they are children's stories, are aimed at the adult audience as well. Any art form is dependent on money. If it's not viable it's very difficult to make anything. Animation is a labour-intensive process. It takes a lot of time. So you need economically viable animation," she said.

The film is titled "Loop Line" because Shahane

could see the parallel between her character and Mumbai's local trains. Both keep working without receiving any gratitude and are like lifelines to their family and the city.

Shahane said she wants to keep exploring stories where she has complete creative control like she had in "Loop Line".

"As an artist, I am backing myself... Every artist should take that leap of faith. I am 58 years old and I have done a lot of work. During your struggle, you made compromises, but when you are comfortable, you should be committed to your art." "Loop Line" features voices of actors Mitalee Jagtap and Anand Alkunte. The movie has been screened at film galas like 19th Tasveer South Asian Film Festival, Mumbai Short and Documentary Film Festival and New York Indian Film Festival.

It is produced by Shahane's Padachinha Production. (PTI)



DAILY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar 21- Apr 19)

Your emotions are more peaceful and easier to control today, Aries. It's almost as if you're merging with the energy around you. The one thing to be careful of is indecision. When it comes to taking action on something and you aren't sure which way to go, you'd do better to hold off. Make your big move some other day.

TAURUS (Apr 20- May 20)

Go with the flow today, Taurus. Find the freedom you seek by simply following the path of least resistance. There's no reason for you to be unhappy. Life doesn't have to be difficult or complicated. Just be completely yourself. People will act the way they need to in relation to you. Don't worry about their feelings. They aren't your responsibility.

GEMINI (May 21 - Jun 21)

Your heightened sensitivity could get you in trouble today, Gemini. The more you try to pin down a specific answer to something, the more resistance you may encounter. Don't expect a straight answer from anyone or you will be disappointed. People may be flighty or forgetful. Try not to take anything too seriously today.

CANCER (Jun 22-Jul 22)

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LEO (Jul 23 - Aug 22)

Your general mood is at a peak today, although this mood is slightly off due to indecision on your part, Leo. Don't let this get you down. If you find it hard to make a choice about something, the solution is simple. Put off making the choice until you feel more comfortable about it. If you must make a decision today, go with your instincts.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

You may be a bit confused today, Virgo. Nothing seems to fit right. It's as if you're faced with many different roads, unsure of which one to take. All the choices seem reasonable and you may fear you will miss out on something great whichever one you choose. The truth is that you can find a way that incorporates what you've learned from previous paths. Trust yourself.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

You may be tormented by an important decision today, Libra. The good news is that once you make up your mind, you will feel much better about yourself. Until then, however, you may vacillate from one side to the other. Asking others for advice may put you in even more of a quandary. The only one who can decide your path is you.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21)

You may be a little hesitant today, Scorpio, and not really sure why. Just when you thought you had it all figured out, another aspect comes up with a completely different perspective. It may be hard to choose one path and stick with it. Keep in mind that your unique path may incorporate many different side paths. This is one of your many gifts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21)

Watch your back today, Sagittarius. There's a distinct presence nearby that requires your attention. Luckily, your emotions are a lot more stable than usual, and you're more strongly connected with your feelings. In fact, you may be in the clouds. You shouldn't have any problem navigating through this part of the atmosphere. Others may look to you for advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19)

You may look confused today, Capricorn. It may be hard for you to stick with one subject. Your attention may jump from one thing to another. That's OK. There's a distinct advantage to seeing all sides of the story. You will have greater perception and awareness of things today. Take this opportunity to put yourself in other people's shoes so you know how to deal with them in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18)

You may find it difficult to keep things neat and organized today, Aquarius. It seems like you're trying to organize a room full of feathers buffeted by gusts of wind. Buy a paperweight. Meanwhile, you might want to give up organizing the feathers and deal with it another time. You may feel too lazy to fight the wind.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)

Your expansive, outwardly directed plans are moving at full force, but once in a while self-doubt slows things down, Pisces. Today is one of those days in which insecurity may hamper your progress. The secret to success is to consider all the options and trust your instincts. Use your keen powers of observation to collect data and arrange facts in an orderly fashion.

From 'O Haseena' to Ek Ladki ko Dekha', the many moods of RD Burman

Celebrated composer R D Burman revolutionised the Indian music industry with his compositions through different decades.

As fans celebrate his 86th birth anniversary on Friday, here is a look at some of his biggest hits:

"O Haseena Zulfonwale Jane Jahan": The song from the 1966 film "Teesri Manzil" was picturised on Shammi Kapoor and Helen and established R D Burman as the rightful successor to his equally famous music composer father, S D Burman.

"Mere Samne wali khidki": This romantic solo by Kishore Kumar is picturised on Sunil Dutt and Saira Banu in the 1968 film "Padosan" that also featured other hits by Burman.

"Chala Jaata Hoon": This song is from Rajesh Khanna and Tanuja-starrer 1972 film "Mere Jeevan Saathi". It is sung by Kishore Kumar.



"Dekha Na Haye Re":

Another hit from 1972, this song features Amitabh Bachchan and Aruna Irani in "Bombay to Goa".

"Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo Dil Ko": In 1973, Burman gave his fans another blockbuster hit in the form of "Chura Liya Hai Tumne", a popular duet by Asha Bhosle and Mohammed Rafi from the film "Yaadon

Ki Baarat".

"Dum Maaro Dum": This song from Dev Anand and Zeenat Aman-starrer "Hare Rama Hare Krishna" became an instant classic when the film released in 1971. The song epitomises the peak of the hippy culture that was the centre of the story. "Mehbooba Mehbooba": This popular song from "Sholay" was sung by Burman and remains one of the most requested number in parties even today.

Aap Ki Aankhon Mein: A romantic duet between Lata Mangeshkar and Kishore Kumar was picturised on Vinod Mehra and Rekha in the 1978 movie "Ghar".

"Mera Kuchh Saman": Written by Gulzar for his 1987 film "Ijaazat" is counted among one of the best songs from Asha Bhosle's career. The soft composition by Burman let's Bhosle's voice soar. (PTI)

TV actor Shefali Jariwala of *Kaanta Laga* fame dies at 42



Actor Shefali Jariwala, best known for her iconic single "Kaanta Laga", passed away Friday night, a hospital source said.

She was 42.

Jariwala was rushed to Bellevue Multispeciality Hospital in suburban Mumbai by her husband, actor Parag Tyagi.

"She was brought to the hospital around 11:15 pm. The on-duty doctor de-

clared her dead on arrival," a hospital source said.

As per media reports, Jariwala died of a heart attack though there was no official statement yet from the family or her representatives.

Jariwala gained popularity through her participation in reality shows like "Nach Baliye", a dance-based show series, with her husband, and later, Salman Khan-hosted "Bigg Boss

13".

Jariwala's sudden death has shocked many industry friends and colleagues, who expressed grief.

Singer Mika Singh said he is unable to fathom the news about the death of his dearest friend, Jariwala.

"I'm deeply shocked, saddened, and feeling a heavy heart... Our beloved star and my dearest friend @shefalijariwala has left us. Still can't believe it. You will always be remembered for your grace, smile, and spirit. Om Shanti," Singh wrote.

"I can't get over this news...my heart is sinking. Shefali," actor Kamyra Punjabi wrote.

Actor Aly Goni wrote, "RIP Shefali."

Jariwala rose to prominence in 2002 with the massive popularity of "Kaanta Laga", a remix of an old Lata Mangeshkar song from the 1972 movie "Samadhi". (PTI)

Ceasefire was the only option...

(Cont. From P.4)raids in the early days, Israel's war cabinet, led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, began recalibrating its objectives. Initially conceived as a swift, decisive blow to Iran's nuclear ambitions, the military operation was swiftly overtaken by a new imperative — survival in the face of a powerful and determined adversary with immense missile depth. Compounding the military calculus was the growing uncertainty around the actual impact of the strikes on Iran's nuclear capability.

While the attack had succeeded in damaging several facilities and set back centrifuge development by months, if not years, doubts began to surface about the true efficacy of the mission. Intelligence assessments started to suggest that Iran's nuclear infrastructure was more dispersed, hardened, and covertly protected than previously assumed. If the price of the attack was a missile war, and the gain was only marginal delay in Iran's nuclear timeline, then the trade-off no longer looked so advantageous. What began as a campaign of strategic assertiveness quickly turned into a high-stakes gamble.

For Iran, the war offered an opportunity to showcase deterrence and resilience, but it also imposed substantial costs. The Islamic Republic did not seek a protracted war with Israel or an open confrontation with the United States. Rather, Tehran wanted to demonstrate capability, not inevitability — to show that its missile arsenal was credible, operational, and scalable. The goal was not total war, but calibrated retaliation. And that is exactly what it delivered. The missile strikes were intense but largely limited to military and strategic sites, with many analysts noting that Iran could have inflicted far more

damage if it truly wanted to escalate to total war. This restraint was by design. Iran knows that while it can cause significant damage to Israel, a long war would risk bringing U.S. forces deeper into the conflict, invite regional instability, and jeopardize its own economic recovery.

Moreover, Tehran was already benefiting from the geopolitical side-effects of the war. Since the outbreak of hostilities, Iran's oil exports surged by 30 to 40 percent — a remarkable jump for a country that has long operated under heavy sanctions. Global energy markets, jittery with the prospect of expanded conflict in the Gulf, began pricing in higher risk premiums. This served Iran's interests well. Its posturing over the Strait of Hormuz — that narrow waterway through which a significant chunk of the world's LNG and oil supplies pass — added another layer of volatility to markets. The mere threat of disruption, even without any actual blockade, was enough to send energy prices climbing. But this too followed a pattern.

For decades, Iran has mastered the art of using Hormuz as a bargaining chip, a strategic pressure valve. And yet, it has almost never fully executed the threat of closing the strait. The reasons are obvious: Hormuz is not only vital for global trade, it is also crucial for Iran's own economy. Disrupting it would cut off Iran's principal oil export route, further destabilise its economy, and likely provoke international military response. So the threat is constantly deployed but rarely acted upon — a game of brinkmanship designed to raise the stakes without flipping the table. (IPA Service)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1 : Famous classical singer Prabha Atre, who passed away recently, belonged to which family?

- (A) Gwalior Gharana'
- (B) Patiala Gharana'
- (C) Kirana Gharana'
- (D) Rampur Gharana'

Correct Answer : C

2 : Who has recently become the new king of Denmark?

- (A) Prince Williams George
- (B) Yuvraj Mihir Warley
- (C) Prince Donald
- (D) Prince Frederick X

Correct Answer : D

3 : What is India's rank among the world's most powerful armies in the Global Firepower Ranking?

- (A) 2
- (B) 3
- (C) 4
- (D) 5

Correct Answer : C

4 : Who will be awarded the highest honour of Assam state 'Assam Vaibhav'?

- (A) Amit Shah
- (B) Raghuram Rajan

(C) Ranjan Gogoi

(D) Ratan Tata

Correct Answer : C

5 : Which country will host the 'Global Peace Summit' on Ukraine?

- (A) USA
- (B) France
- (C) Switzerland
- (D) Japan

Correct Answer : C

6 : The Punganur cow, recently seen in the news, is native to which state of India?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh
- (B) Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Rajasthan
- (D) Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer : A

7 : Kachchi Kharek (Dates), Waheech Hans Risiyaveda is a Geographical Indication (GAI) tag, belonging to Waheech State?

- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Himachal Pradesh
- (C) Rajasthan

(D) Madhya Pradesh

Correct Answer : A

8 : On which date is 'Indian Army Day' celebrated in India?

- (A) 14 January
- (B) 16 January
- (C) 15 January
- (D) 17 January

Correct Answer : C

9 : Where is the 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace being organized?

- (A) Kathmandu
- (B) Colombo
- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Dhaka

Correct Answer : C

10 : With whom has the Maharashtra government signed an agreement for the state's first green ammonia plant?

- (A) Inox Air Products
- (B) Tata Chemicals Limited
- (C) Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited
- (D) Deepak Fertilizers

Correct Answer : A

Rahi, Mehuli and Niraj finish on top at shooting trials

DEHRADUN, Jun 28 : Olympian Rahi Sarnobat, mixed team rifle Asian champion Mehuli Ghosh, and Navy's Niraj Kumar came out on top in their respective finals of the national selection shooting trials 3 and 4 here on Saturday. In the women's 25m pistol T4 final, 2018 Asian Games gold medallist Sarnobat produced a clinical performance to outclass the field. She scored 40 hits in the final, finishing six points clear of Maharashtra's Abhidnya Ashok Patil, who scored 34. Haryana's Vibhuti Bhatia rounded off the podium with a score of 27. Earlier in qualification, it was a close duel between Rahi and Olympian Rhythm Sangwan, both registering scores of 582.(PTI)

Jayasuriya stars in SL's innings win vs B'desh



COLOMBO, Jun 28 : Left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya took his 12th five-wicket haul in test cricket to lead Sri Lanka to a dominating win over Bangladesh by an innings and 78 runs in the second cricket test and a 1-0 victory in the two-match series. The fourth day started with Bangladesh struggling on 115 for six need-

ing 97 more runs to make Sri Lanka bat again. But the rest of the match lasted less than 30 minutes as Jayasuriya polished off the tail by taking three of the last four wickets at the Sinhalese Sports Club. Bangladesh was all out for 133 in its second innings having made 247 in the first. Sri Lanka scored 458 in its first innings dominated by a brilliant century from opener Pathum Nissanka and backed up by half-centuries from Dinesh Chandimal (93) and Kusal Mendis (84). Litton Das (14) edged Jayasuriya to wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis with one run added to the overnight score Saturday. Jayasuriya lured Nayeem Hasan (5) for a drive and he was

Mandhana ton leads India to 97-run win



NOTTINGHAM, Jun 28 : Stand-in skipper Smriti Mandhana's graceful maiden T20 International hundred adorned India's smooth 97-run win over England in the opening match here on Saturday. The visitors now lead the five-match T20I series 1-0. Mandhana (112, 62 balls) and Harleen Deol (43, 23 balls) added 94 runs for the second wicket as India posted a commanding 210 for five after being invited to bat. Skipper Nat Sciver Brunt (66, 42 balls) waged a lone battle for England, who were limited to 113 all out in 14.5 overs by the on-song Indian bowlers. For India, debutante left-arm spinner Shree Charani (4/12) was the most successful bowler, as there was nothing much left in

England's innings after they lost half of the line-up inside the first 10 overs for a sub-100 score. Mandhana, who led the team in the absence of injured regular captain Harmanpreet Kaur, stole the day with an innings that was a full-fledged display of her style, aggression and ability to play shots around the field. She gave the Indian innings some early impetus, making 77 runs with a struggling Shafali Varma (20, 22 balls), whose return to top-flight cricket after a gap of eight months was less than satisfactory. Mandhana was the dominant figure in that alliance off just 8.3 overs. Shafali's dismissal did not deter Mandhana as the left-hander raised a further 94 runs for the second wicket with an equally aggressive Harleen, who was dropped on 26 by Danny Wyatt-Hodge off off-spinner Alice Capsey near mid-wicket. Mandhana did not give any such chances to England, and she started off with three boundaries off left-arm spinner Linsey Smith in the fourth over, and hardly took her foot off the accelerator. (PTI)

"Rohit wanted me to bring aggressive outlook to KL Rahul's batting"

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 : Former India assistant coach Abhishek Nayyar says then skipper Rohit Sharma had entrusted him with the task of giving an "aggressive outlook" to KL Rahul's batting when he took over the role with the Indian team last year. However, Nayyar had to leave the job after India's 1-3 series defeat against Australia in the 2024-25 Border-Gavaskar Trophy. "When I first picked up that role, I remember I had a conversation with Rohit, and he said that one of the things he was really keen on me doing was working with KL and bringing out a more aggressive outlook to how KL played the game, and bringing the best out of him," Nayyar told ESPNcricinfo. Rahul had some reasonable outings in the last one year, scoring 276 from 10 innings against the Aussies with a couple of fifties, and the right-hander made 140



runs in five matches in the ensuing Champions Trophy while batting down the order. "He (Rohit) believed strongly that KL would play a major role in the Champions Trophy, World Cup and everything going forward including the BGT and the Tests in England," said Nayyar. Even though India lost the first Test at Leeds, Rahul made a bright beginning to the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, making 42 and 137 while opening the innings. The beginning of Rahul's transformation, Nayyar said, was in the training they did prior to the tour of Australia.

Keith to replace former manager Thomas Frank

LONDON, Jun 28 : Keith Andrews has been appointed the manager of Brentford, succeeding Thomas Frank at the Premier League club. Andrews steps up after being hired as the set-piece coach under Frank and following roles with Sheffield United and Ireland. Frank took over at Tottenham this month. "Keith is clear in what he wants, he's detailed, and the players and staff like and respect him," Brentford director of football Phil Giles said. "He understands the players in the building and the way we've played and trained under Thomas Frank." Brentford has become an established club in England's top flight since being promoted in 2021, and produced upsets against some of the biggest teams. Andrews faces a challenge to preserve the club's place in the division following Frank's departure and the sale of numerous first team players.(AP)

Hazlewood 5-for leads Australia to 3-day win over WI



BRIDGETOWN (Barbados), Jun 28 : Australia blew away the West Indies for 141 and won the first Test by 159 runs at Kensington Oval on day three. The West Indies was set a stressful 301 target to win on a tricky pitch and folded in 33.4 overs on Friday. The chief destroyer was **BARBADOS TEST** Head, Beau seamer Josh Hazlewood with 5-43 from 12 overs. The West Indies collapsed to 86-8 inside 27 overs but the Australians didn't mop up the last resistance until the day's last over in an extra 75

SPORTS BRIEF

Tanvi Sharma, Ayush Shetty progress to semifinals of US Open

IOWA (US), Jun 28 : Promising Indian shuttlers Tanvi Sharma and Ayush Shetty marched into the semifinals of the US Open badminton tournament with convincing wins to continue their impressive run in the Super 300 Tournament here. The 16-year-old Tanvi wrapped up her match in 33 minutes with a fine 21-13, 21-16 victory over her higher-ranked Malaysian opponent Karupathevan Letshanaa. Ayush also dished out an excellent performance as he got the better of junior world champion Chinese Taipei's Kuo Kuan Lin 22-20, 21-9 in straight games. However, the men's doubles pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi lost their quarterfinal match 9-21, 19-21 to Chiang Chien and Wei Wu Hsuan-yi of Chinese Taipei at Mid-America Centre on Friday.(PTI)

Spain star Aitana Bonmati hospitalized with meningitis

BARCELONA, Jun 28 : Spain midfielder Aitana Bonmati, the two-time Ballon d'Or holder, has been hospitalized with viral meningitis less than a week before the Women's European Championship begins. Spain coach Montse Tomé said late on Friday that her star player had felt ill and was taken to a hospital in Madrid where she tested positive for meningitis. Spain's team is set to travel to Switzerland on Sunday for the tournament. Its first game is against Portugal on Thursday in Bern. It will also face Belgium and Italy in Group B at Euro 2025. "Aitana is a very important player for us and we will wait for her," Tomé said after Bonmati missed Friday's friendly against Japan in the Spanish capital when Spain beat the visitors 3-1. Tomé said that Bonmati started feeling bad with a fever during practice early on Friday.(AP)

Suryavanshi blitz powers India to six-wicket win

HOVE, Jun 28 : Fresh from their exploits in the IPL, young guns Vaibhav Suryavanshi and Ayush Mhatre blazed with the bat after a tidy bowling performance as India defeated England by six wickets in the first Youth ODI of their Under-19 tour here on Friday. India's bowling unit, led by the spin duo of Kanishk Chouhan (3/20) and Mohamed Enaan (2/37), along with seamers RS Ambrish (2/24) and Henil Patel (2/41), combined superbly to bowl England out for 174 in 42.2 overs despite a fighting fifty by Rocky Flintoff (56 from 90 balls). Chasing 175, India got off to a blazing start courtesy of Suryavanshi and Mhatre, who raced to 70 without loss in just seven overs but after their departure vice-captain Abhigyan Kundu sealed the chase with 45 net



out (34 balls; 4x4, 1x6). India won the game in just 24 overs to go 1-0 up in the five match series. There will be two Youth Tests beginning July 12 after the ODI series. Donning the iconic No 18 jersey, 14-year-old Suryavanshi, who had lit up IPL 2025 with 252 runs in seven matches for Rajasthan Royals including a record-breaking 35-ball hundred against Gujarat Titans, looked in ominous touch. (PTI)

India regain team gold in Asian Snooker

COLOMBO, Jun 28 : Multiple-time world champion Pankaj Advani and Brijesh Damani dug deep as India scored a fine 3-1 win over formidable Malaysia to regain the team gold in the ACBS Asian Snooker Championship here Saturday. For India, who last won the gold two years ago in Iran, this was their fifth gold. Having been put through the wringer in the semifinals earlier in the morning by Hong Kong-1 (3-2), the Indians sans Aditya Mehta, who suffered a neck niggle, for both the matches, came back recharged for the final. Damani, who made a sizzling 33 clearance that took proportions of an 80-break in the decider against Hon Man Chau in the semis, seemed to carry that momentum into the title clash.(PTI)

Gauff thinking about what to do after tennis

LONDON, Jun 28 : To be clear, Coco Gauff didn't bring up the word "star" during a recent interview with The Associated Press; the reporter did. So as Gauff began to answer a question about balancing her life as a professional athlete with her off-court interests, she caught herself repeating that term. "I definitely didn't know how it would look like," she began with a smile, "before I got to be, I guess, a star

Indian women's hockey team lose 0-3 against China

BERLIN, Jun 28 : The Indian women's hockey team on Saturday lost 0-3 against China to slump to its seventh consecutive defeat in the European leg of the FIH Pro League here, and is staring at a possible relegation from the tournament. After the defeat, India occupy the bottom place in the nine team standings with 10 points from 15 games. England, who are playing Germany in back-to-back matches later on Saturday and on Sunday, are placed a rung above India with 11 points from 14 games. If England win against Germany later on Saturday, India will remain at the bottom of the standings and will be relegated from the FIH Pro League to FIH Nations Cup. (PTI)

Talwar picks up the pace to make cut in France

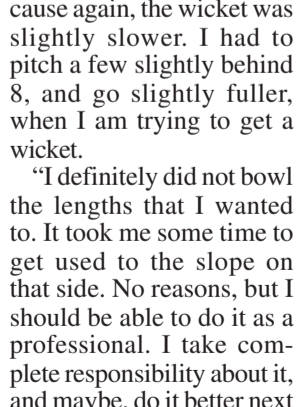
LE VAUDREUIL (France), Jun 28 : Saptak Talwar played a strong round of 3-under 69 to make the cut at the Le Vaudreuil Golf Challenge being played at the Golf PGA France. Talwar is now placed at tied 42 with a combined 36 hole score of two under par. Having started his second round on the front nine Talwar made his first birdie of the day on the second hole. He did drop a shot on the sixth but quickly picked one back up on the eighth to finish the front nine at one under par. On the back nine birdies on the 12th, 15th and 18 holes saw him card a round of three under despite a bogey on the 16th hole.(PTI)

Praggnanandhaa wins UzChess Cup Masters

TASHKENT, Jun 28 : Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa became India's top-ranked chess player in the live ratings after winning the UzChess Cup Masters 2025, here on Friday. The win took Praggnanandhaa's live rating to 2778.3, making him World No.4 — up three places — as he achieved his highest career ranking. The 19-year-old leapfrogged world champion D Gukesh (2776.6) and Arjun Erigaisi (2775.7), who was India's top-ranked player until Thursday but has now slipped to world No.6. Magnus Carlsen (2839.2) remains No.1, followed by Hikaru Nakamura (2807.0) and Fabiano Caruana (2784.2).(PTI)

I take complete responsibility : Prasidh after leaking over 200 runs at Leeds

BIRMINGHAM, Jun 28 : Beleaguered India seamer Prasidh Krishna has taken "complete responsibility" for his failure to hit the right lengths during a forgettable outing in the first Test against England, but said he was at all times trying to be parsimonious with his bowling. Prasidh has been slammed by few former players after he leaked more than 200 runs in the series-opener at Leeds, which India lost by five wickets. "If I look at the first innings, I was a little too short than where I wanted to be, 6-8 is ideal. Second innings it got slightly better, be-



cause again, the wicket was slightly slower. I had to pitch a few slightly behind 8, and go slightly fuller, when I am trying to get a wicket. "I definitely did not bowl the lengths that I wanted to. It took me some time to get used to the slope on that side. No reasons, but I should be able to do it as a professional. I take complete responsibility about it, and maybe, do it better next time," Prasidh said at a press conference. In the first innings, Prasidh gave away 128 runs in 20 overs at an economy of 6.40, one of the worst figures by an Indian bowler bowling a minimum of 20



overs in an innings. However, he got the wickets of Ollie Pope, Harry Brook, and Jamie Smith. In the second innings, Prasidh gave India hope with the wickets of Zak Crawley and Pope in quick succession but his economy rate was again above six (6.10), conceding 92 runs in 15 overs. "Every time I come out to bowl, I was definitely looking to bowl a maiden. I am not really trying to give

away boundaries or anything. The outfield was fast. The lengths, lines that I bowled was not perfect, to be honest, at most times. And they took me on. Some of them were edges. "Some of them, I tried bowling bouncers. But I ended up giving runs. But definitely, every time I come out to bowl, I was looking to keep the economy rate down and build the pressure up," Prasidh said. Wind was another big factor at Headingley, and it was often extremely blustery and cold, making life difficult for the players in the middle. "You are trying to run in hard. The wind sometimes

is on and off. So, it is very important to understand what the pace of the run-up is. "And I did have a chat with a couple of other guys as well, asking them what they did to be at the right pace, when they are running in to bowl. So, that is about it." The occasional rain and the drizzle also didn't help. "Every time the ball goes on the ground, it became wet. And when the ball becomes wet, it is going to get softer. The shine is not going to be around. So, I think that did play a part. "If there are clouds, there is going to be swing.(PTI)