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‘Symbol of Unyielding Pride’ Rajasthan CM Pays Tribute to Maharana Pratap on Birth Anniversary

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JAIPUR: Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma paid floral tributes to Maharana Pratap on the occasion of Maharana Pratap Jayanti, describing the legendary warrior king as an eternal symbol of self-respect, sacrifice, and national consciousness.

At a ceremony held at the Chief Minister's residence in Jaipur on Wednesday, Sharma offered flowers be-



fore a portrait of Maharana Pratap and bowed in remembrance of one of India's most revered histori-

cal figures. In his message, the Chief Minister said Maharana Pratap's courage, determi-

nation, and unwavering commitment to freedom continue to inspire generations. He emphasized that



the Mewar ruler's life represents the values of honor, resilience, and dedication to the nation, qualities that

remain relevant even centuries after his time. "Maharana Pratap is the timeless symbol of self-respect,

sacrifice and national spirit. His valor and heroism will continue to inspire the nation for generations to come," Sharma said. The Chief Minister also urged citizens to imbibe the ideals of Maharana Pratap in their daily lives and contribute actively toward social progress and nation-building. He called upon people, particularly the younger generation, to draw inspiration from the warrior king's steadfast

commitment to principles and duty. Maharana Pratap, remembered for his resistance against the Mughal Empire and his determination to preserve the sovereignty of Mewar, occupies a special place in Rajasthan's cultural and historical identity. His legacy continues to resonate across the state, where his birth anniversary is marked with tributes, cultural events, and public commemorations.

ACB Trap Takes Stunning Turn Officer Not on Radar Lands in Bigger Trouble After ₹4 Lakh Cash Recovery

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KARAULI, RAJASTHAN: What began as a routine anti-corruption trap has evolved into a case that investigators describe as far more revealing than they initially expected.

On April 16, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested Nadoti SDM Kajal Meena, Reader Dinesh Saini, and UDC Praveen Kumar Dhakad in connection with an alleged 60,000 bribery demand linked to a land partition case.

The complainant, a 63-year-old retired railway employee, had approached the local administration seeking a lawful division of 6.38 hectares of ancestral land among five brothers following their father's death. According to the complaint, Reader Dinesh Saini allegedly demanded 1 lakh to process the matter before settling on 60,000. The operation appeared straightfor-

ward. Then investigators opened a bag. In a dramatic twist, officials recovered 4 lakh in cash from UDC Praveen Kumar Dhakad's possession during the trap proceedings. What makes the discovery particularly significant is that Dhakad was reportedly not the primary target of the original ACB operation. Investigators were focused on the alleged bribery transaction involving other officials when the cash recovery brought an entirely new dimension to the case. The situation became more complicated when subsequent statements, including those reportedly made by Dhakad's father, raised questions about the source and ownership of the recovered money. Nearly two months later, the ACB has registered a fresh FIR to investigate the recovered 4 lakh, treating the cash as potentially suspicious and subject to further scrutiny.

'You Are Parasites': Supreme Court Cracks Down on Cyber Fraudsters

NEW DELHI: India's highest court has delivered one of its strongest warnings yet to cyber criminals, signaling that the era of leniency toward digital fraud may be coming to an end. Hearing a case involving cyber fraud, a bench led by Chief Justice Surya Kant refused to grant bail and delivered a blistering assessment of those who prey on unsuspecting citizens through online scams. The court described such offenders as "parasites" on society, underscoring the growing judicial frustration with a crime wave that has emptied bank accounts, shattered retirement savings, and left thousands of victims financially devastated. The remarks reflect mounting concern over the scale and sophistication of cybercrime in India. From "digital arrest" scams and fake law-enforcement calls to investment frauds and phishing networks, cyber criminals have transformed deception into a highly organized industry with alarming efficiency.

Asia's New Strategic Axis? Modi-Takaichi Meeting Signals a Shifting Global Order

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EVIAN, FRANCE: Amid the diplomatic spectacle of the G7 Summit, one meeting stood out for what it suggested about the future balance of power in Asia.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi met on the sidelines of the summit in Evian on June 16, projecting a message that extended far beyond the customary exchange of pleasantries and photographs.

At a time when the global order is being tested by geopolitical conflict, economic uncertainty, and intensifying competition in the Indo-Pacific, the encounter underscored the growing strategic convergence between Asia's two largest democratic powers.

Following the meeting, Modi emphasized the importance of deepening India-Japan ties, particularly in trade, investment, technology, and strategic cooperation. The message was straightforward: both



nations view each other not merely as economic partners but as pillars of stability in an increasingly volatile region.

The timing was significant.

The G7 summit unfolded against the backdrop of tensions in West Asia, concerns over maritime security, and continuing uncertainty surrounding global supply chains. Across these challenges runs a common thread: the need for reliable partnerships capable of safeguarding economic resilience and regional stabil-

ity. For both New Delhi and Tokyo, the Indo-Pacific remains the defining geopolitical theater of the 21st century. China's expanding military footprint, growing influence over critical sea lanes, and increasingly assertive regional posture have accelerated strategic cooperation among like-minded democracies. India's presence at the summit itself reflected its growing international stature. Participating in the G7 for the thirteenth time as a partner nation, and marking Modi's seventh consecutive appearance, India has evolved from an invited observer into an indispensable voice in global discussions on security, technology, climate, and economic governance. The Modi-Takaichi meeting reinforced that transformation. While Western powers continue to grapple with wars, political polarization, and economic pressures, Asian democracies are increasingly shaping the conversation about the future international order.

'I'm the Boss': Trump Walks In, the Room Laughs - and the World Gets the Message



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EVIAN, FRANCE: The cameras were rolling. The leaders were seated. The summit was moments away from beginning. Then the door opened. In walked President Donald Trump. "I'm the boss," Trump declared as he entered the room where the other G7 leaders were already waiting. The reaction was immediate. Laughter rippled across the room. Some leaders smiled. Others exchanged glances. French President Emmanuel Macron, hosting the summit against the picturesque backdrop of the French Alps, appeared to take the remark in stride. "How are you?" Macron asked. "Fine, thank you," Trump replied before taking his seat.

It lasted only seconds. But in true Trump fashion, the moment instantly became the headline. For nearly a decade, world leaders have learned that with Trump, diplomacy is never just diplomacy. Every summit comes with a side order of theater. Every photo-op risks becoming a viral moment. Every carefully scripted event can suddenly become a stage for improvisation. Trump then turned to photographers and joked that they were welcome to stay for the

meeting if they wished. The press corps laughed before being ushered out, leaving leaders to tackle the serious business of war, trade, and global security. Yet even as discussions focused on Iran, Ukraine, and the global economy, Trump's presence dominated the political atmosphere.

Fresh from brokering a high-profile Iran peace initiative and celebrating his 80th birthday, Trump arrived in France projecting confidence bordering on swagger. Supporters saw a leader comfortable in his own skin. Critics saw a president who often treats international diplomacy like prime-time television.

Either way, nobody was ignoring him. By the summit's conclusion, G7 leaders had praised what they described as Trump's role in advancing the Iran agreement, calling it a historic opportunity for regional stability. And so the defining image of the gathering may not be the official communiqué or the family photo. It may simply be the moment the door opened, Trump walked in, declared himself "the boss," and six world leaders laughed. Whether they were laughing with him or at him remains, as always with Trump, a matter of interpretation.

A Scandal of Silence: Britain Confronts Decades of Grooming- Gang Failures

LONDON: A new independent inquiry has reignited one of the most painful and politically sensitive debates in modern Britain: whether the public institutions failed thousands of vulnerable girls by ignoring organized sexual exploitation for decades. The privately funded investigation, led by British MP Rupert Lowe, alleges that large-scale grooming and abuse networks operated across numerous communities in the United Kingdom while authorities repeatedly failed to intervene. Drawing on victim testimonies, whistleblower accounts, and expert evidence, the report paints a disturbing picture of institutional paralysis, bureaucratic indifference, and missed opportunities to protect children.

THE ODD MAN OUT: TRUMP AT THE G7

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FRENCH ALPS: The mountains were majestic, the agenda urgent, and the diplomatic choreography carefully rehearsed. Yet as leaders of the world's most powerful democracies gathered beneath the snow-capped peaks of the French Alps for the annual G7 summit, attention gravitated toward a familiar force of disruption: President Donald Trump.

The summit was meant to focus on the world's most pressing crises — a fragile diplomatic initiative aimed at preventing a wider conflict with Iran, intensifying trade disputes with China, and the continuing war in Ukraine. Instead, as has

become characteristic of gatherings involving Trump, much of the political oxygen was consumed by the American president himself.

The group photograph captured the underlying dynamic. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with counterparts from Europe, Canada, and Japan, Trump appeared less a participant in a coalition than a gravitational center around which everyone else was forced to orbit.

The tension was not merely ideological. It was deeply personal.

Days before arriving in the Alps, Trump reignited controversy by publicly mocking a viral video involving French President Emmanuel Macron and

First Lady Brigitte Macron. Trump joked that Macron was "still recovering from the right to the jaw," drawing a sharp response from the French leader, who described the remarks as neither elegant nor appropriate.

The episode underscored a broader reality confronting America's allies: diplomacy with Trump often requires navigating unpredictability as much as policy.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz experienced a similar moment during a White House visit ahead of D-Day commemorations. Trump remarked that the anniversary could not have been a pleasant occasion for Germany. Merz calmly re-

minded him that D-Day marked not only military defeat but also Germany's liberation from Nazi dictatorship — a correction that quickly resonated across European capitals.

Such exchanges have become defining features of the Trump era. European officials privately acknowledge that every summit now carries two agendas: the official one and the management of Trump himself.

Adding to the discomfort, Trump has repeatedly recounted trade discussions with Macron while mimicking the French president's accent before domestic audiences, often portraying negotiations as one-sided victories for Washington. The stories

play well with supporters at home but deepen unease among allies abroad. For many leaders gathered in the Alps, the challenge extends beyond any single remark. It concerns the durability of alliances built over decades and the growing uncertainty surrounding America's role within them. The scenery surrounding the summit projected stability and permanence. The politics unfolding beneath it suggested something far less certain. As the G7 searched for consensus on wars, trade, and global security, one reality remained unmistakable: the alliance was meeting together, but not necessarily moving in the same direction.

Rajasthan Eyes Research Push as IIT Delhi Professor Meets State Leadership in Jaipur

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Jaipur: Rajasthan's push to strengthen its knowledge economy and innovation ecosystem received a boost on Wednesday as senior academician Prof. Naresh Bhatnagar of Indian Institute of Technology Delhi met state leadership at the Secretariat in Jaipur to discuss opportunities for collaboration in advanced research projects.

The meeting underscored the growing emphasis on forging partnerships between government and premier academic institutions to accelerate research, innovation and technology-driven development. Officials indicated that discussions focused on



exploring avenues where academic expertise can be aligned with Rajasthan's developmental priorities.

As states across India compete to attract investments in emerging sectors, research and innovation have increasingly become

critical pillars of economic growth. Collaboration with institutions such as IIT Delhi is expected to help bridge the gap between academic research and real-world policy implementation, while creating opportunities for students,

researchers and industry stakeholders.

The engagement also reflects Rajasthan's broader efforts to position itself as a destination for technology, innovation and high-value research initiatives. Experts believe that closer

cooperation between governments and leading academic institutions can contribute significantly to advancements in areas ranging from sustainable development and infrastructure to digital governance and emerging technologies.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to work together on advanced research projects, signalling a potential new chapter in Rajasthan's efforts to leverage scientific expertise for long-term growth and development.

In an increasingly knowledge-driven economy, such partnerships may prove as valuable as traditional investments in shaping the state's future trajectory.

One Frame, Two Rivals, Endless Speculation: Pilot-Gehlot Reunion Sparks Buzz in Rajasthan Congress

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Jaipur: In Rajasthan politics, some photographs carry more weight than official statements. The latest images featuring Congress stalwarts Sachin Pilot and Ashok Gehlot sitting together have done precisely that, triggering fresh speculation about the future of the Congress party in the state.

Shared by Pilot on social media, the photographs and a brief video appear unremarkable at first glance. Yet they feature two leaders whose political rivalry has shaped Rajasthan Congress politics for nearly half a decade. Unsurprisingly, the images have become the subject of intense discussion within party circles.

The timing has only amplified the intrigue.

With Rahul Gandhi visiting Kota and the Congress attempting to regain political momentum after its 2023 Assembly election defeat, every signal of unity is being closely scrutinised.

The Pilot-Gehlot relationship has long defined the party's internal dynamics. Pilot's 2020 rebellion pushed the Gehlot government to the brink, exposing deep divisions within the state unit. Although the leadership in Delhi managed to prevent a split, the perception of parallel power centres persisted throughout the Congress's tenure in office.

Against that backdrop, the latest public display of warmth has inevitably raised questions. Is the party finally moving beyond years of factionalism, or is this a carefully

Border Spy? Jaisalmer Man Held for Allegedly Filming Army Movements, Sharing Data with Pakistan

Jaipur: In a development that has raised fresh concerns about security along India's western frontier, a Jaisalmer resident has been arrested by CID Intelligence Rajasthan on allegations of espionage and sharing sensitive information related to military activities with contacts across the border. Mustaq Ali was produced before the vacation court of the Special Judicial Magistrate No. 10 in Jaipur on Wednesday after intelligence agencies alleged that he had filmed Indian Army movements and installations in the border region and transmitted the material to Pakistani handlers. Investigators believe the accused used his familiarity with the strategically important border district to gather visual information about military activities. Officials are examining electronic devices and communication records to determine the extent of the alleged information-sharing network and whether others may have been involved.

The arrest comes at a time of heightened security vigilance across Rajasthan's border districts following recent tensions between India and Pakistan. Intelligence agencies have intensified monitoring efforts amid concerns that sensitive military information could be targeted through local contacts rather than conventional espionage channels. Jaisalmer occupies a critical position in India's security architecture.

Court Puts Welfare First as Custody Battle Over Elephant Mohan Continues

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Jaipur: At the centre of a legal battle in Rajasthan stands an unlikely litigant — a 16-year-old elephant named Mohan, whose future now depends entirely on what the courts decide.

The Rajasthan High Court has stayed an earlier order directing that Mohan be handed over to another claimant, allowing the elephant to remain in the custody of the state government while the matter is adjudicated. The court has also directed authorities to ensure the animal's proper care and welfare throughout

the proceedings.

Mohan was brought to Jaipur from Assam in March and subsequently became the subject of an investigation after authorities alleged irregularities in the documents used for his transportation. Officials have claimed that the permits associated with the transfer were forged, an allegation that remains at the heart of the ongoing dispute. The case has once again drawn attention to concerns surrounding the movement and ownership of captive elephants in India. Wildlife experts have repeatedly warned that fraudulent documen-

tation and questionable ownership claims have enabled elephants to be transported across state boundaries despite stringent legal protections under wildlife laws. For conservationists, the matter extends beyond a simple custody dispute. It raises broader questions about animal welfare, enforcement mechanisms and the accountability of those responsible for protected wildlife. As legal arguments continue, one principle appears to have gained judicial recognition: the welfare of the animal cannot become secondary to competing ownership claims.

Panchna Water Row: Rajasthan Calls Crucial Peace Talks

FAIR REPORT

Sawai Madhop: Bharatpur: A simmering dispute over the waters of the Panchna Dam has reached a critical juncture, prompting the Rajasthan administration to convene a high-stakes joint meeting of farmer representatives from Karauli and Sawai Madhopur districts in a bid to prevent the conflict from escalating further.

With farmers demanding the release of water into canals serving the command area and concerns mounting over equitable distribu-

tion, the state government has stepped in to broker a consensus before the issue turns into a larger agrarian flashpoint.

The matter was discussed in detail at a meeting chaired by Bharatpur Divisional Commissioner Nalini Kathotia, attended by Sawai Madhopur Collector Kana Ram, Karauli Collector Akshay Godara, senior irrigation officials and other administrative officers. Discussions focused on water management at the Panchna Dam, competing interests of command and catchment areas, and strat-

egies for balancing agricultural needs amid current conditions.

Recognising the sensitivity of the issue, the administration has invited farmer representatives from both districts for a joint dialogue scheduled at the Divisional Commissioner's office in Bharatpur on June 18 at 5 pm.

Officials said the objective is to arrive at a peaceful and mutually acceptable solution through direct engagement with stakeholders. Collector Kana Ram appealed to farmer leaders to participate constructive-

ly and help evolve a long-term settlement through consensus.

For thousands of farmers dependent on Panchna's waters, the outcome of Thursday's meeting could determine more than just water allocation. It could shape the fate of crops, livelihoods and rural stability in a region where every drop of irrigation water carries immense economic and political significance.

All eyes are now on Bharatpur, where dialogue may decide whether Panchna becomes a story of cooperation—or conflict.

Big Police Action Under Operation Trinetra: Smack, Cash and Drug Items Found From History-Sheeteer's Rented Flat

FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh: Police have taken major action under the special campaign Operation Trinetra against drug smuggling and illegal drug trade in the district. The Sadar Police Station team and District Special Team raided a flat in Oachhdi's Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana area on a tip-off and arrested history-sheeteer criminal Suresh Kumar alias Bhoana Sindh, who had a reward of Rs 10,000 on him. Police recovered 36.46 grams of illegal smack, items used in drug trade, and Rs 66,800 cash from the spot. According to police, accused

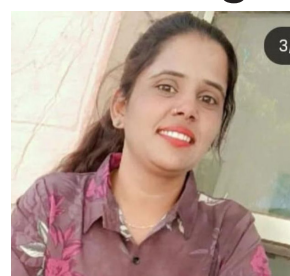
Suresh Kumar son of Mangaram Sindh, resident of near LIC Office, Kila Road, Chittorgarh, was currently living on rent in the flat at Oachhdi. After receiving information, the police team surrounded the flat and conducted a search. During the search, smack and other suspicious items were found. District Police Superintendent Dharmendra Singh Yadav said that the action was carried out under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police Mukul Sharma and Deputy Superintendent of Police Brajesh Singh, under the leadership of Sadar Police Station Officer Prem Singh.

Woman Dies After Dupatta Gets Stuck in Bike Wheel on Chittorgarh-Udaipur Highway

Woman fell from moving bike and suffered serious head injury; mark on neck raised suspicion, family demanded postmortem by medical board

FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh: A woman died in a tragic accident on the Chittorgarh-Udaipur six-lane highway. The woman, who was sitting behind on a bike, fell on the road after her dupatta got stuck in the rear wheel of the bike. She suffered a serious



head injury and was taken to the hospital, where doctors declared her dead. The deceased has been identified as Priyanka, daughter of Rameshwar Lal Sen, a resident of Paler. The accident took place near Hoda intersection in Sukhwada village area under

Bhadesar police station. Police kept the body in the mortuary of the district hospital. A case has been registered on the complaint of the deceased's brother, and the family has demanded a postmortem by a medical board. Bhadesar Police Station Officer Vinod Menaria said that information about the road accident on the Udaipur-Chittorgarh six-lane highway was received. Police started investigation after reaching the spot. It was found that Priyanka was going towards Sanwalyaji

on a bike with her acquaintance Kalulal, a resident of Amla Beri. Near Sukhwada village, her dupatta or saree cloth suddenly got stuck in the rear wheel of the bike. Due to this, the bike lost balance and Priyanka fell on the road. She suffered serious injuries to her head. After the accident, bike rider Kalulal took her to the hospital with the help of local people, but she could not survive. During the medical examination, a mark was found on Priyanka's neck.

Three drug smugglers arrested with 32 grams of smack

Shambhupura Police and DST take action, Swift car seized

Operation Trinetra: Accused caught, supplier and person who ordered smack named; case registered under NDPS Act

FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh: As part of the special campaign Operation Trinetra against illegal drug trafficking, Shambhupura Police and District Special Team (DST) arrested three drug smugglers. Police recovered 32 grams of

Tuesday. During the action, a Swift car was stopped and searched. Police recovered 32 grams of smack from the persons travelling in the car. Police arrested Azad Khan (39), resident of Uncha, Nimbarhera Sadar; Rashid Khan (58), resident of Viriyakhedi, currently living in Uncha. Police also seized the Swift car used in transporting the smack.

During investigation, the person who arranged the smack and the supplier have been named in the case. Police are searching for them. A case has been registered under the NDPS Act at Shambhupura Police Station and further investigation is going on. Police are questioning the accused to find details about the drug supply network. The action was carried out by Shambhupura Police team including SHO Dharmraj Meena, constables Naresh, Mukesh, Ramkishan, Mahendra, Yogendra and DST team members Head Constable Bhupendra Singh and Pramod Kumar.



Education support program helps rural students move forward: SP Dharmendra Singh

Hindustan Zinc's one-month summer camp concludes, 250 students from 17 schools take training

FAIR REPORT

Chittorgarh: District Police Superintendent Dharmendra Singh praised the efforts being made by Hindustan Zinc in the field of education in rural areas. He said that the summer camp is a good example of using children's holidays in a productive way and will help in building a stronger future. He was speaking as the chief guest at the closing ceremony of the Education Support

(Shiksha Sambal) Summer Camp organized by Hindustan Zinc. He said that investment in the next generation is necessary for the progress of the country. Students should always be curious, ask questions and keep learning to achieve success. The summer camp was organized at Hind Zinc School, Zinc Nagar under the rural development program of Hindustan Zinc's Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter. More than 250 rural students from nearby areas participated in the camp. The camp was organized to improve the learning level of students entering secondary classes and



to provide opportunities to rural talent. The closing ceremony was held at Zinc Nagar Executive Club. On this occasion, Chanderiya Smelting Complex Location Head Alok Ranjan, CDEO Pramod Dashora, Additional Director Animal Husbandry Department Sumer Singh and other officials were present. Alok Ranjan gave information about the Education Support Program and encouraged students to improve their language skills, communication and confidence. He advised students to use the learning from the camp in their lives and continue working hard. During the camp, students were trained in Mathematics, Science and English along with yoga, sports, art and

craft and cultural activities. Laboratory and library facilities were also used for science learning. Digital classes, audio-visual material and practical activities were included in this year's camp. Students from 17 government senior secondary schools of Chittorgarh district participated. More than 40 students also took part in a residential camp organized in Udaipur. During the closing ceremony, students presented cultural programs and shared their experiences. Guests gave certificates and awards to students for their participation and talent.

Raise education spending to 6% of GDP, says Parliamentary panel

FAIR REPORT
Chennai

A parliamentary committee has said that the current allocation for higher education is "underwhelmed", and recommended that spending on education be increased to 6 per cent of GDP as envisaged under the National Education Policy-2020.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, headed by Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh, on Tuesday presented its 381st action taken report on the recommendations contained in the 364th report on Demands for Grants (2025-26) pertaining to the Department of Higher Education to Rajya Sabha Chairman CP Radhakrishnan.

The Committee noted that the percentage increase in the Department of Higher Education's Budget estimates (BE) for 2025-26 vis-à-vis the BE for 2024-25 was lower than the previous year.

"The Committee feels that in view of the inflationary trends in the country, the allocation should increase at least 8 per cent to 10 per cent to accommodate inflation, to maintain the existing standards for expenditure by the Department of Higher Education, and to avoid a decline in actual allocation/expenditure for



the higher education sector. "The current allocations are, therefore, underwhelmed - especially in the context of the need for adequate resources to implement the National Education Policy (NEP)," the report said.

The committee also noted that the gross enrolment ratio of males and females during 2018-2023 "has not registered any significant growth for the purpose of employment and optimal development of human resources". "The Committee, therefore, recommends that the percentage of expenditure should be enhanced further in consonance with the NEP-2020's targets for the year 2035," it said.

Taking note of NEP-2020, which "unequivocally

endorses and envisions a substantial increase in public investment in education by both the Centre and all the State Governments to reach 6 per cent of GDP", the panel expressed concern that total expenditure on education stood at 4.12 per cent of GDP in 2021-22.

"The Committee is constrained to note that the total expenditure on education (including all Central ministries and all states/UTs) as percentage of GDP stands at 4.12 per cent for 2021-22, which is far lower than the recommendations of NEP-2020," it said.

The Committee also noted that "SAARC countries such as Bhutan and Maldives spent 7.47 per cent and 4.67 per cent of their GDP, respectively, in 2022, as against

4.12 per cent spending on education by India".

"The Committee, therefore, recommends that the Ministry of Education make sincere efforts to increase the spending on education to 6 per cent of the GDP, as endorsed and recommended by the NEP-2020," the report said.

"The Ministry of Education should sincerely seek additional funds from the Ministry of Finance to make spending on education at 6 per cent of GDP feasible, thereby strengthening and augmenting the public education system from school education to higher education, truly world-class and accessible to all sections of society," it added.

The Government, in its action taken reply, said the allocation of funds in the department is based on the requirements of the respective bureaus within the overall Budget ceiling allotted by the Ministry of Finance and that the BE for 2025-26 were ₹50,077.95 crore, which was enhanced to ₹51,381.67 crore at the revised estimates stage.

"It is stated that the actual expenditure at the end of FY 2024-25 was ₹44,055.44 crore. Funds amounting to ₹33,938.88 crore were certified till 31.12.2024. However, actual expenditure as on 31.12.2024 was ₹33569.05 crore.

Congress slams PM as US command uses incorrect map of India

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

The Congress on Wednesday criticised the Modi Government over the US Pacific Command reportedly using an incorrect map of India, asking why any country would need adversaries when its prime minister has thrown the nation into such "exploitative friendships".

The Opposition party claimed that Prime Minister Modi's friends have an uncanny habit of acting against India, its interests, and its friends. Congress' media and publicity department head, Pawan Khera, shared a social media post which stated that the US Pacific Command had used an incorrect map of India without Jammu and Kashmir and showing Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) as Pakistani territory.

"Modi Ji's friends have an uncanny habit of acting against India, India's interests, and India's friends. The latest example? The US Pacific Command used an incorrect map of India, excluding Jammu & Kashmir and depicting PoK as Pakistani territory," Khera said. "One is compelled to ask: Why would any country need adversaries when its PM has thrown the country into such exploitative friendships?" the Congress leader said.

The US has also restored



Congress leader Pawan Khera

the name of the US Indo-Pacific Command to the US Pacific Command, reversing an eight-year-old decision. The US Department of Defence announced the decision on Tuesday, stating that the designation honours the Command's deep historical roots, established in 1947 by then-President Harry Truman.

The US Pacific Command extends from the US West Coast to India's western border. "Originally established on January 1, 1947, by President Harry S Truman, the command operated under the US PACOM banner for over 70 years, standing as the oldest and largest of the United States' unified combatant commands," the US Department of Defence said in a statement.

The US Pacific Command was renamed as the US Indo-Pacific Command in 2018 during US President Donald Trump's first term in office.

States Focus



ARMY CHIEF UPENDRA DWIVEDI MEETS PRESIDENT MURMU

Outgoing Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Wednesday called on President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The president's office shared a picture of the meeting in a post on social media. "Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, along with his spouse Sunita Dwivedi, called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan," it said. Lt General Dhiraj Seth was named on June 13 as the next Chief of the Army Staff. He will take charge on June 30, following the retirement of incumbent General Dwivedi.



READ NEWS ABOUT YOUR GOVT, ACT: STALIN TELLS VIJAY

DMK president MK Stalin on Wednesday asked Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay to read the "news about him and his Government and take appropriate action." Addressing a function, Stalin said the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) stands as an exemplary model of how a regional party should function.

Neither public nor allies trust Rahul Gandhi: BJP after DMK slam

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

The BJP on Wednesday claimed that neither the public nor his allies have confidence in Rahul Gandhi, after DMK mouthpiece 'Murasoli' reportedly accused the Congress leader of weakening the unity of the Opposition INDIA bloc.

BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said the criticism by the DMK reflected a growing discontent among the opposition parties over Gandhi's leadership, and claimed that the Congress leader has become a "political liability". An edi-



Shehzad Poonawalla

torial published in the DMK mouthpiece Murasoli on Monday accused Gandhi of undermining the alliance partners and weakening the Opposition unity.

"The DMK has launched an all-out attack on Rahul Gandhi, calling him political-

ly immature. Nobody has faith or trust in Rahul Gandhi. The Congress uses and throws away its allies," Poonawalla said in a video statement. Referring to recent strains within the Opposition alliance, he alleged that several INDIA bloc constituents have raised concerns about Gandhi's leadership.

"Old friends have now become new and real enemies. Be it the DMK and what they did to them in the Tamil Nadu elections, be it the TMC, the Left, Uddhav Sena or the RJD, all have expressed dissatisfaction," he claimed.

India, Thailand to boost defence ties in Indo-Pacific

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

India and Thailand have agreed to further strengthen collaboration in manufacturing, research, innovation and capability building through the 10th Thailand-India Defence Dialogue, the defence ministry said on Wednesday.

Giving details, officials said the parleys were held in Bangkok on Tuesday to review the full spectrum of bilateral defence cooperation and exchange views on regional and global security issues of mutual interest.

The dialogue was co-chaired by Thailand's Deputy Permanent Secretary for Defence, Admiral Nuttapol Diewwanich and joint



Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Satyajit Mohanty.

The two sides discussed the evolving security environ-

ment in the Indo-Pacific region and exchanged perspectives on regional developments. They reaffirmed

the importance of strengthening cooperation to promote peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

The delegations reviewed the progress made in bilateral defence cooperation since the previous dialogue. Discussions covered the ongoing military-to-military engagements, capacity-building initiatives, training exchanges, maritime cooperation and other areas of mutual interest.

The dialogue also reviewed the ongoing defence industry cooperation between the two countries. The two sides discussed opportunities to deepen collaboration in defence manufacturing, research, innovation and capability development, with

a view to promoting mutually beneficial partnerships between their respective defence ecosystems.

The delegations exchanged views on cooperation under regional and multilateral defence frameworks, including Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-led mechanisms. They reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening practical cooperation and addressing shared security challenges through dialogue and collaboration. The meeting concluded with discussions on future engagements and the way ahead for bilateral defence cooperation. India and Thailand elevated their bilateral ties to a formal Strategic Partnership in 2025.

India's defence production hits record ₹1.78 lakh crore



Representative image

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New Delhi

India's annual defence production touched an all-time high of ₹1.78 lakh crore in the financial year 2025-26, the defence ministry said on Wednesday. The milestone represents a 15.6 per cent growth over the previous fiscal year's output of ₹1.54 lakh crore and a staggering 110 per cent increase since 2020-21, when the figure was ₹84,643 crore, it said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the "remarkable rise" in India's defence production in recent years is the result of the collective efforts of the Department of Defence Production and all other stakeholders. "This upward trajectory is a clear indicator of the country's expanding defence industrial base," he said.

"With sustained policy support, several new initiatives, increased private sector participation, and growing export capabilities, the defence production sector is poised for continued acceleration in the years ahead," Rajnath said. The defence ministry said the rise in the defence production is "stag-

gering" and that it is a 110 per cent increase since 2020-21, when the figure was ₹84,643 crore. The indigenous defence production has increased almost four times from ₹43,746 crore in 2013-14, it said.

"The Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and other PSUs accounted for approximately 76 per cent of total production, while the private sector contributed 24 per cent, which is a rise from 22 per cent in 2024-25," the ministry said.

"The share of the private sector is at its all-time high of around ₹42,000 crore in 2025-26, reflecting its expanding role in the defence ecosystem," it added.

The ministry said the growth in defence production over the years has "tremendously" contributed to achieving the record defence exports of ₹38,424 crore in 2025-26.

"The achievement reflects the growing momentum of the Government's push for self-reliance in defence manufacturing under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," it said in a statement.

Speaker Om Birla invites Abhishek Banerjee on June 19 over TMC split

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has invited Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee to a meeting on June 19 to present his case regarding the party split, according to parliamentary sources. However, Trinamool Congress sources said the party had not received any communication from the Speaker's Office as of 3 pm.

Parliamentary sources said 20 rebel Trinamool Congress MPs have demanded recognition as a separate group following their merger with the Nationalist Citizens Party of India. The Speaker has decided to hear both factions before making a decision. On June 10, Abhishek Banerjee



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wrote to the Lok Sabha Speaker, urging him not to accord any recognition, status or facility to any group claiming to be a separate faction of the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC). Banerjee had asserted that the Constitution and the anti-defection law do not permit the formation of a separate group within an existing political party.

Party MPs Kirti Azad and Sagarika Ghose also submitted the letter to Birla at his residence on Sunday.

"Treat the AITC as a single political party represented in the House solely through its duly authorised Leader and Whip, and decline to accord any recognition, status, or facility to any purported separate group or faction of the AITC," Banerjee had said in his letter. Citing a judgment of the Supreme Court's constitution bench in the Maharashtra political crisis, Banerjee had argued that the defence of a "split" is no longer available under the Tenth Schedule and that the legal framework contemplates identification of one political party, not recognition of rival factions within it.

India restored 21.7 million hectares of degraded land: Govt

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New Delhi

India has already brought 21.76 million hectares of land under restoration efforts against its Bonn Challenge target of restoring 26 million hectares by 2030, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Wednesday. The Bonn Challenge is a global initiative launched in 2011 to restore degraded and deforested landscapes, with a target to bring 350 million hectares under restoration by 2030.

"Restoration activities have generated around 1.22 billion person-days of employment," Yadav said at an event to commemorate the World Day to Combat Desertification



and Drought. The minister highlighted that more than 27 million hectares have been treated under the watershed development component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, and over 61.3 million geo-tagged natural resource management assets have been created. "Greening and

issue of Indian Forester and India's Second Progress Report on the Bonn Challenge (2011-2020). The Indian Forester issue brings together scientific insights, policy perspectives, and field experiences on sustainable land management, ecosystem restoration and land degradation neutrality, with a special focus on rangelands and grasslands.

The Bonn Challenge report documents restoration efforts across states and Union territories, highlights their ecological and socio-economic benefits, and reflects India's continued efforts towards forest landscape restoration, land degradation neutrality, and ecosystem resilience.

States must adopt Union Govt's best governance steps: Jitendra

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New Delhi

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said that the State Governments should actively adopt the Centre's best governance practices to accelerate the 'Viksit Bharat' journey.

He said platforms such as Mission Karmayogi (for Government employees capacity building), CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System), Digital Life Certificate (for pensioners) and other technology-driven governance systems have demonstrated how reforms can improve the life of citizens while enhancing transparency, accountability and efficiency, and



Union Minister Jitendra Singh

should be replicated more widely across the country.

Addressing a press conference on the '12 Years' Achievements of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions', Singh said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, governance reforms have ceased to be merely administrative exercises and have become powerful instruments of social

and economic transformation. He asked the State Governments to actively adopt the Centre's best governance platforms, administrative reforms and citizen-centric service delivery models developed by the Government of India, saying that these initiatives have transformed public administration, strengthened citizen trust and are increasingly being studied internationally as successful governance models.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, said the last twelve years have witnessed a profound transformation in the functioning and identity of institutions responsible for personnel administration, governance reforms and pensioners' welfare.

Rahul slams Telegram ban, calls it Govt's theatrics

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday criticised the Government after it temporarily restricted access to Telegram, saying the "new trick" was akin to putting a lock on the victim's house instead of catching the thief.

Telegram has stopped working for existing users in India after the Centre temporarily restricted access to the messaging app ahead of the June 21 NEET-UG re-examination, but it continues to remain operational through the Virtual Private Network (VPN). Google



delisted the app on Tuesday, and Apple's App Store has also removed it now in compliance with the Government order to block access to the app.

In a post in Hindi on social media, Gandhi said, "Telegram Ban" — Modi Government's new trick to stop paper leaks. Meaning, instead of catching the thief, just put a lock on the victim's door."

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CM Bhajanlal Sharma releases booklet on Nimbahera development works:

“2 Years Dedicated to Public Welfare and Development”

Booklet highlights development achievements in roads, water, education, health and public facilities under MLA Shrichand Kriplani's leadership

FAIR REPORT

Nimbahera- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma released the booklet “2 Years Dedicated to Public Welfare and Development” in Udaipur on Wednesday. The booklet highlights the development works and public welfare schemes completed in Nimbahera assembly area during the last two and a half years. The booklet was launched during the program based on the theme “New Rise – New Identity, Growing Rajasthan – Our Rajasthan” in the presence of Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma.



It includes details of development works related to roads, drinking water, education, health, urban development, agriculture and public facilities. The booklet presents the achievements of Nimbahera assembly constituency under the leadership

of former Urban Development and Housing Minister and Nimbahera MLA Shrichand Kriplani. Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma praised MLA Shrichand Kriplani and said that he has always given priority to development as a public represent-

ative. He said the development works in Nimbahera show Kriplani's vision, efficiency and commitment towards public service. The Chief Minister said that the state government is working with the aim of development, good governance and public

welfare under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The government's target is to ensure that welfare schemes reach every person. The program was attended by Tribal Area Development Minister Babulal Kharadi, Revenue Minister Hemant Meena, Udaipur Rural MLA Phoolsingh Meena, Udaipur City MLA Tarachand Jain, Vallabh Nagar MLA Udaylal Dangi and other public representatives and BJP leaders. MLA Shrichand Kriplani thanked the Chief Minister and said that continuous efforts are being made for the development and welfare of Nimbahera. He said that with the support of people, the journey of development will continue and the area will move towards new heights.

From a Bihar Labourer's Home to Team India Teen Scientist Heads to Italy for World Olympiad

FAIR REPORT

Muzaffarpur: Bihar: In a modest courtyard where survival has always demanded hard work, a remarkable story of aspiration and achievement is unfolding.



Mohammad Ehtesham Rizvi, a Class 12 student from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Muzaffarpur, has been selected to represent India at the prestigious International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) in Italy this August — a distinction earned by only four students nationwide. The achievement carries extraordinary significance. Rizvi's father works as a daily-wage labourer on construction sites. His family has lived far from the world of elite coaching centres, expensive private tutors and urban academic advantages that often dominate India's competitive landscape.

through his school, part of the Navodaya Vidyalaya system that has quietly emerged as one of India's most successful engines of social mobility, identifying and nurturing talent from rural and economically weaker backgrounds. Now, the boy from Muzaffarpur will carry the Indian tricolour onto one of the world's most respected scientific platforms when the Olympiad convenes in Italy from August 20 to 27.

The image of his family tells its own story. No grand celebration. No political banners. No orchestrated spectacle. Just a grandmother leaning on a walking stick, a mother in a faded sari and a father whose hands bear the marks of years of labour — standing beside a

son who has achieved what many believed impossible. At a time when conversations about education are often dominated by privilege and access, Rizvi's success serves as a powerful reminder that brilliance is not confined by geography, income or social status. From a labourer's home in Bihar to the global stage in Italy, Mohammad Ehtesham Rizvi's journey is more than a personal triumph. It is a victory for public education, rural India and the enduring belief that talent can emerge from any corner of the country. In August, when he competes against some of the brightest young minds on Earth, he will not walk alone. He will carry with him the hopes of a family, a village, a state and a nation.

‘Tributes or Talent Show?’ BJP Slams Rahul Gandhi's Kota Event as Congress Turns Student Tragedy into Political Spectacle

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: In a blistering attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Kota visit, senior BJP leader and former Leader of Opposition Rajendra Rathore described the event as a “comedy circus masquerading as compassion,” accusing the Congress of exploiting student distress for political optics while staging what he called a “sponsored spectacle.”



competitive examinations. “Perhaps this is the first time in India's political history that a condolence gathering is being converted into an entertainment show,” he remarked, calling the event a “flop show” that trivialized a deeply sensitive issue.

The BJP veteran further contrasted the Congress's current posture with its record in Rajasthan under for-

mer Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. Rathore alleged that the previous Congress government witnessed 19 major paper leak scandals, triggering widespread outrage among students and damaging the credibility of the recruitment system. He questioned why neither Rahul Gandhi nor the Congress leadership displayed similar concern for Rajasthan's

youth during that period.

Highlighting the BJP government's performance, Rathore asserted that under Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Rajasthan has successfully conducted more than 45 competitive examinations without a single paper leak. He claimed that nearly 125,000 government jobs have been provided through a transparent recruitment process where “neither recommendations nor money influence selection—only merit prevails.” Rathore also took aim at the political optics of Rahul Gandhi sharing the stage with former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Congress leader Sachin Pilot. He chal-

lenged Gandhi to ask Pilot what tangible justice had been delivered to Rajasthan's youth despite repeated promises during his public outreach campaigns. With the NEET examination approaching, Rathore accused Congress of attempting to create confusion and anxiety among students rather than offering constructive solutions. He argued that while governments should support aspirants through reform and transparency, “turning grief into a stage-managed political performance reflects a troubling disconnect from the real concerns of young Indians.”

Jaipur's Hidden Bomb Risk Police Raid 250 Properties, Unearth 20 Illegal Explosive Stockpiles

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Jaipur: Behind ordinary shopfronts and inside crowded residential neighbourhoods, a dangerous threat had been quietly growing in Rajasthan's capital.

In one of the city's largest crackdowns on illegal explosive storage, a 25-member team from Khonagoriyan Police carried out searches across nearly 250 houses and commercial premises, uncovering 20 illegal warehouses allegedly storing firecrackers and explosive materials without mandatory licences or safety clearances. One shop operator was arrested during the operation. The discovery has

raised serious concerns about public safety in Jaipur, where densely populated localities were unknowingly living alongside substantial quantities of hazardous materials. Police officials said the seized stockpiles were being stored in violation of legal and safety regulations, creating a potentially catastrophic risk for nearby residents.

What makes the operation significant is not merely the quantity recovered, but the locations where the materials were found. Many of the illegal storage sites were reportedly operating in residential and mixed-use areas, where even a minor accident could have triggered a chain reaction with dev-

astating consequences. Across India, incidents involving illegally stored firecrackers and explosive substances have repeatedly resulted in fatalities, injuries and large-scale property damage. Safety experts have long warned that unauthorized storage facilities often lack basic fire protection measures, emergency exits and regulatory oversight.

The Jaipur operation may have prevented a tragedy before it occurred. Yet the raid also raises a troubling question. If twenty illegal warehouses could be discovered in a single enforcement drive, how many more remain hidden across rapidly expanding urban neighbourhoods?

‘She Was Bleeding. No One Asked Why’: Survivor's Testimony in UK Parliament Reignites Grooming Gangs Debate

FAIR REPORT

London: A harrowing testimony read aloud in the House of Commons has reignited Britain's long-running debate over grooming gang scandals, institutional accountability and the cost of official inaction.

Speaking in Parliament, MP Rupert Lowe recounted the account of a woman who said she had been sexually exploited as a child and later arrived at a hospital bleeding and terrified. According to the testimony cited by Lowe, medical staff allegedly told her that something may have



been put in her drink, yet asked few questions about how her injuries had occurred before discharging her. The account has become a flashpoint in a wider national reckoning over whether authorities failed

vulnerable children for years by ignoring warning signs and avoiding difficult conversations.

For critics of Britain's handling of grooming gang cases, the testimony encapsulates what they describe

as a broader institutional failure — one extending beyond the alleged perpetrators to include agencies that were expected to identify abuse and intervene.

The controversy surrounding grooming gangs has remained one of the most politically sensitive issues in modern Britain. Multiple inquiries, investigations and reports over the years have examined allegations that concerns raised by victims were sometimes overlooked, dismissed or inadequately pursued. Lowe has indicated that he intends to use parliamentary privilege to raise further allegations

and identify individuals he believes should face greater scrutiny. Parliamentary privilege grants MPs legal protection for statements made in Parliament, allowing issues to be aired without the risk of defamation proceedings. The latest testimony has renewed calls for accountability, transparency and a fresh examination of how institutions responded when vulnerable girls sought help. At the centre of the debate is a question that continues to haunt Britain years after the scandals first emerged: when victims came forward, who listened — and who chose not to?

One Nation, Three Weather Crises: Heatwaves, Floods and Hailstorms Strike India Simultaneously

FAIR REPORT

New Delhi, June 18: India finds itself confronting a rare and unsettling meteorological paradox. As parts of central India continue to reel under scorching heatwave conditions, the Northeast battles flood-like rainfall, while the Himalayan region braces for hailstorms and fresh western disturbances. The latest weather advisories from the India Meteorological

Department (IMD) present a picture of a nation experiencing three distinct weather emergencies at the same time. In central India, isolated pockets of Vidarbha, Telangana and Chhattisgarh remain under heatwave warnings. Temperatures continue to hover at uncomfortable levels, exposing outdoor workers, farmers and vulnerable populations to severe heat stress.

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