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'Zero corruption' is ultimate goal, asserts Naidu

VIJAYAWADA  
Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu instructs officials to identify areas where corruption is occurring in implementation of schemes, and take action after duly probing the incidents with zero corruption as the ultimate goal. » Page 4

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Jagan blames Naidu for Podili violence

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YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday alleged that 40 TDP workers disrupted his recent meeting with the tobacco farmers at Podili in Prakasam district, and they were the ones who provoked violence by pelting stones. » Page 4

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# Centre sets up panel to frame air crash response guidelines

The committee headed by Home Secretary told to lay down Standard Operating Procedures and comprehensive guidelines for preventing crashes; the panel will not substitute enquiries by various bodies into the crash of flight AI-171, says Ministry

Jagriti Chandra  
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Saturday announced the setting up of a high-level committee headed by the Home Secretary to suggest "comprehensive guidelines" to respond to aviation accidents against the backdrop of Thursday's Air India flight AI-171 crash in Ahmedabad.

The order issued by the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation says the committee will "focus on formulating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for preventing and handling such occurrences in the future" and publish its report within three months.

The order states that it will not substitute other enquiries by relevant organisations, referring to the main accident probe conducted by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) which recovered the black box of the



Debris analysis: Forensic team checks wreckage of the aircraft in Ahmedabad on Saturday. VIJAY SONEJI

aircraft on Friday.

The committee will also assess the emergency response by various stakeholders, including rescue operations and coordination among them, and suggest roles for various agencies and organisations to deal with post-crash incident

management. The committee will have access to all records, including flight data, cockpit voice recorders, aircraft maintenance details, air traffic control logs, and witness testimonies. It will also conduct site inspections, and interview crew, air traffic con-

trollers, and other relevant personnel. It will also collaborate with relevant international agencies if necessary.

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## Identified 19 victims via DNA testing, says Minister

Abhinav Deshpande  
Jagriti Chandra  
AHMEDABAD

A total of 19 victims of the flight AI-171 crash have been identified through DNA testing, Gujarat Minister Harsh Sanghavi said on Saturday.

One more body that had been stuck beneath the tail portion of the crashed aircraft was recovered on Saturday, according to Dr. Rajnish Patel of Ahmedabad Civil Hospital. However, there was still no official confirmation of the deaths beyond that of the 241 people aboard the aircraft.

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# Tehran will burn if civilians are hit, Israel warns Iran



Back and forth: Israeli rescue workers at an impact site in Rishon LeZion on Saturday after overnight attacks from Iran. REUTERS

Agence France-Presse  
TEHRAN/JERUSALEM

Israel on Saturday warned Iran against targeting Israeli civilians, saying that "Tehran will burn" if attacks continued and added that it now had control of the airspace till Tehran.

The threat came as both countries exchanged fire a day after Israel unleashed an unprecedented aerial bombing campaign on Iran. Iran had hit back with waves of drone and missile strikes, with a barrage of dozens lighting up the

skies over Jerusalem and Tel Aviv overnight, killing three people and wounding dozens.

"We will hit every site, every target of the Ayatollah regime," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday, referring to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. "We have dealt a real blow to their nuclear programme," he added.

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## NEET-UG: Karthik Ram Kireeti topper in State, scores AIR 19

The Hindu Bureau  
VIJAYAWADA

Darbha Karthik Ram Kireeti, who secured 19th rank (General category) at the All-India level, was the topper of Andhra Pradesh in the NEET, UG, 2025, the results of which were announced on Saturday by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Besides Mr. Karthik Ram, five other students from Andhra Pradesh secured all-India level ranks

below 100. They were Kodavati Mohith Sri Ram, who secured 56th rank (General category), Desina Surya Charan, who secured 59th rank (General category), Podilapu Avinash, who secured 64th rank (OBC-NCL (Central List), Yerra Sameer Kumar, who secured 70th rank (OBC-NCL (Central List), and Tummuri Siva Manideep, who secured 92nd rank (OBC-NCL (Central List).

The name of Karuman-

chi Vikrant (AIR 262), figured in the list of top 10 rankers in SC category. Among the national toppers were Mahesh Kumar from Rajasthan (first), Ut-karsh Awadhiya from M.P. (second), and Krishang Joshi from Maharashtra, Mrinal Kishore Jha and Avika Aggarwal, both from Delhi, who secured third, fourth and fifth ranks in the General category.

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## 4 Maoists, 3 of them women, killed in M.P.

Mehul Malpani  
BHOPAL

At least four Maoists, including three women, were killed on Saturday in an ongoing encounter with security forces in Madhya Pradesh's Balaghat district, the police said.

The operatives belonged to the Malajkhand unit of the GRB (Gondia-Rajnandgaon-Balaghat) Division of the Maoists, Shiyaz K.M., Madhya Pradesh's anti-Naxal Hawk

Force Commandant, told The Hindu.

Special Director-General (Anti-Naxal Operations) Pankaj Shrivastav told The Hindu that the four cadre were killed in two separate encounters.

A self-loading rifle (SLR), two .315 rifles, a grenade launcher and other ammunition were recovered from them, Mr. Shrivastav added.

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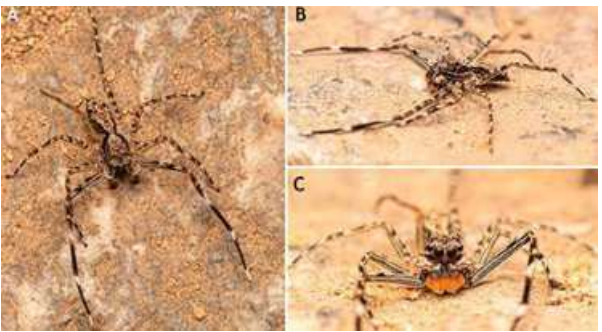
## New jumping spider species found in southern India

The discovery possibly marks the first time that the genera *Spartaeus* and *Sonoita* groups of the *Spartaeinae* sub-family have been found in India; the jumping spiders are known for their intelligent hunting skills and web-invasion tactics

Geetha Srimathi  
CHENNAI

A team of researchers has identified a new species of jumping spiders of the *Spartaeinae* sub-family in southern India, known for their intelligent hunting skills and web-invasion tactics.

According to researchers, this discovery possibly marks the first time that the genera *Spartaeus* and *Sonoita* (specific groups within the sub-family), previously



The newly discovered *Spartaeus karigiri*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

known only from Southeast Asia and Africa, have been found in India.

The research, led by John Caleb T.D. from

Saveetha Medical College in Chennai, has introduced a new species named *Spartaeus karigiri*, after Karigiri, or Elephant

Hill, in Devarayanadurga, Karnataka, where the spiders were first observed.

The male of this species was spotted hiding in crevices and rocky outcrops, while the female was found guarding an egg clutch in the wild.

More specimens were also discovered in Tamil Nadu's Villupuram district.

The study, published in the *European Journal of Taxonomy* on June 11, involved researchers from across India. Puthoor Pattammal Sudhin and

Souvik Sen from the Zoological Survey of India documented the specimens through detailed drawings and imaging, while fieldwork was supported by B.G. Nisha from the Wildlife Aware Nature Club in Tumakuru, Gautam Kadam from Sacred Heart College in Kochi, Rajesh Sanap, a naturalist and wildlife researcher, and Chinmay Maliye, a wildlife enthusiast.

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**LOOKING** For Christian Bridgroom for the girl working in USA aged 26. End time message.8939250457

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**CHRISTIAN, NADAR,** Age 26, BE, Private, 91akhs. ct 8138909235

**CSI CHRISTIAN** Nadar girl, Bangalore based, from upper middle class family, fair, slim, 168cm divorced, 40, no kids, BE, MBA, Working with MNC, earning over 40 lakh per annum. Seeking qualified, god fearing Christian groom with no kids, below 45, from established family. Caste no bar. Contact +918296019442.

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**CSI TAMIL, M.Sc., M.Phil., 35Y/149Cm,** A.P., Pvt. Inst., PY/Seeks Groom, FC/BC, below 38Yrs. Ct: 9894677892

**CHRISTIAN / CSI / Adi-Dravida Girl** 27 Yrs 152CM Professionally Qualified, M.Phil. in Clinical Psychology, Rich, Well Settled, Working as Clinical Psychologist in Chennai. Looking for a suitable match from Christian/CSI/Adi-Dravida, professionally qualified, and from a good family background. Contact: 97160625494, +97466910851 (WhatsApp message preferred) and email : snehindhana@yahoo.com.

**CHRISTIAN GIRL 35 years engineer working in MNC at chennai well settled wanted working bridgroom below 40 years not married from a decent christian family- cont 9445931257**

**CSI NADAR** BE 25/162 cm fair VVIP family Chennai seeks elite status boy doing business. Phone: 72995 25999

**PRETTY GIRL 23 RC** xian MBBS doing internship suitable match with well qualified required Ct: 6380884053, 7397020875

**CHRISTIAN, RC,** Age 30, BE, Private, 50lakhs. Ct 8138901171

**BORN AGAIN** Christian, 44yrs/152, MBBS, MD doctor, seeks christian groom, Chennai. CT - 9500188067

**NADAR 33/5'6"** MBA working in Chennai Elite Family Seeks qualified Groom working in Cennai,CNB. 99629291972

**Viswakarma, BE, MBA,** 31 Years, Fit & Fair, Rich, 18 LPA, Contact. 9047755228

**HINDU, CASTE** No Bar, Age 28, MD, Doctor, Income 15 Lakhs, Need doctor groom. Contact 9072777822

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**DKV 33YRS** Fair B.Tech MBA IIT Working MNC 24 Lac PA Chennai Seeking Suitable Match CNB Ph: 9940507235

**GROOM WANTED** Elite Mudaliyar 26yrs, B.Tech, MBA, Running Own Schools and colleges in Chennai 6385293227

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**FATHER - SC (DKV),** Mother-FC, 1980, B.A.,First Marriage. Seeks Any Caste Unmarried/Widower, Degree, Diploma, Government, Private or Business. Chennai. Whatsapp: 9003173511

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**HINDU NADAR,** 28yrs, B.Arch, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/ 9841329471

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**HINDU, MUDALIYAR,** Age 30, MBA, Private, 6lakhs. Ct 8138900652

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**HINDU, NO** caste bar, Age 25, Government, 30lakhs. Ct 8137003548

**SEEKING GROOM** for Brahmin gurukull girl age 31 B.Arch freelanceer Ayaylum, katagam. Boy age (32-36) in same community with stable income. srividhu24@gmail.com/9841353065

**VELLALA MUDALIAR,** Thiruvonam/ MTech, MSc (Digital Mktg), MNC, 27/ 5.7' Fair & cultured well to do family. Arcot/Vellore Seeks Educated / Professional Elite Bridgroom. Ct : vsvvgpal@rediffmail.com / jaydki1970@gmail.com

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**Christian-RC Govt.teacher** 38/150cm M.Phil, B.Ed, Seeks Chennai based groom.Age38-40yrs.CNB 7200323579

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**RICH NAIDU,** 30yrs, MBBS, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 6385293227

**NAIDU, 91** Born, Magam / Simham. Dr. Bride. MBBS, MD, Chennai, Seeks Professionally Qualified Groom & good Family Background. Ct: 80722 14843.

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# Visakhapatnam gears up for June 21

# NAC-AP wins gold at ISDA Infracon National Awards

# Chain snatcher held, stolen gold recovered

# 'Chilli seeds available for sale from Monday'

# ROBs worth ₹160 cr. sanctioned for Guntur, says Union Minister



From Page One

Karthik Ram Kireeti is A.P. topper in NEET-UG

More than 22 lakh candidates wrote the entrance test on May 4, 2025 in 5,468 centres located in 552 cities across the country and 14 cities outside India. In Andhra Pradesh, out of the total 59,219 candidates who registered for the test, 57,934 appeared and 36,776 qualified.

There was a decline in the number of students who appeared for NEET this year compared to the previous year (2024), when, out of the total 66,522 candidates who registered, 64,929 wrote the test, and 43,788 qualified.

INBRIEF

Pawan orders probe into ISKCON's Kurmagram fire

Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan has ordered a probe into the fire that took place at Kurmagram Vedic Village in Srikakulam district developed by the ISKCON. An official release said that Mr. Pawan said that it was unfortunate that the facility, which was meant to promote a spiritual lifestyle, was damaged. He spoke to the district officials about the situation in the village and assured them of all assistance and support.

DSC examinations slated for June 20 and 21 rescheduled

In view of the government plans to celebrate International Yoga Day on June 21 on a grand scale, it has been decided to reschedule the dates of the ongoing District Selection Committee (DSC)-2025 examinations, according to convener M.V. Krishna Reddy. He said the DSC exams slated for on June 20 and 21 were rescheduled to July 1 and 2. Mr. Krishna Reddy said the updated hall-tickets with new dates and centres would be made available on the AP Mega DSC-2025 official website (https://apdsc.apcfss.in) from June 25.

New NTRUHS Executive Council constituted

The government formed the new Executive Council of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences (NTRUHS) and nominated eight medical professionals. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu approved G. Subba Rao, former principal of Government Medical College, Guntur, M. Vishunu Mahesh Babu, former anesthesia professor at Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada, K. Madhavi, professor of gynecology, SVIMS, Tirupati, S. Suresh Babu, professor of orthopedics, Dr. Pinnamaneni Sidhartha Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Foundation, Vijayawada, M. Jaichandra Naidu, professor of radiology, Maharaja Institute of Medical Sciences, Vizianagaram, Chapara Sudhakar, pediatrician, Amadalavalasa, T.D. Varun Kumar Reddy, Proddatur, and Y. Sai Kishore, pediatrician, Vijayawada. Five ex-officio members are Special Chief Secretary (Health), Finance Secretary, Director of Medical Education, Commissioner (AYUSH) and Director of Health.

Naidu to review Yoga Day event arrangements in Vizag

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will review the arrangements being made for the 'International Yoga Day' event slated for June 21, in Visakhapatnam on Monday. He will land in Visakhapatnam at around 10.40 a.m. and inspect the Beach Road stretch, the main venue for the event and Andhra University Engineering College Grounds, the contingent venue.

Rain may continue in North Coastal A.P. until June 18

The Hindu Bureau  
VIJAYAWADA

Even as several places in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh reported high day temperatures before noon on Saturday, some others reported light to moderate rainfall later in the day.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Amaravati, has said that isolated heavy rainfall, accompanied by lightning, thunderstorms and gusty winds, is likely to occur in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh until June 18.

The other two regions of the State, Rayalaseema and South Coastal Andhra Pradesh

may also receive light to moderate rainfall during this period.

According to A.P. State Development and Planning Society, Yerrampeta in Chintur mandal in ASR district recorded 39.8 degrees Celsius at 11 a.m., while G. Sigadam in Srikakulam district reported 37.9 degrees Celsius.

Gurla in Vizianagaram reported 37.68 degrees Celsius.

Later in the day, many places received light to moderate rainfall, with the highest being 64 mm. Among those places were Pedamerangi in Parvathipuram Manyam (64 mm),

CM sent 40 TDP workers to disrupt my meeting with farmers, says Jagan

They were the ones who provoked violence in Podili by pelting stones, alleges YSRCP chief

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YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday alleged that 40 TDP workers disrupted his recent meeting with the tobacco farmers at Podili in Prakasam district, and they were the ones who provoked violence by pelting stones.



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Y.S. JAGAN MOHAN REDDY  
YSRCP president

In his message on X, Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy accused Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of conniving to send his party workers to disturb the meeting with the distressed tobacco farmers, which was intended to offer them support as they grappled with lack of fair prices for their produce.

He said more than 40,000 farmers attended the meeting, and Mr. Naidu wanted to divert attention from the issue that was sought to be discussed. However, the farmers and public showed great restraint and did not retaliate against the assault by the TDP goons, he said.

The YSRCP chief said Mr. Naidu got cases booked

against farmers instead of listening to their woes, and branded them as rowdies. Also, he observed that while farmers were in distress and ending their life, Mr. Naidu called for celebration of one year of his "ruinous rule, like Nero fiddled when Rome was burning."

"You [Mr. Naidu] created a violent situation that could have been devastating, given the huge number of people present. I condemn these despicable acts in the strictest manner and urge you to help the farmers," Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy added.

Police issue notice to Darsi MLA over violence

The Hindu Bureau  
ONGOLE

The Podili police have issued notice to YSRCP Darsi MLA B. Siva Prasad Reddy in connection with the violence during party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's visit to the town on June 11.

The police alleged that Mr. Prasad Reddy, who was also party's Prakasam district president, caused law and order problems during the visit of Mr. Jagan. After inspecting the helipad site at SVKP Degree College, the police said they had advised the YSRCP leaders about the 200-metre sterile zone and permission to one VIP convoy and one bus into the town.

"However, the YSRCP activists forcibly removed the barricades and entered the sterile zone. Several private vehicles were taken near the helipad without permission. The activists threw sandals and pelted stones at the women who were peacefully protesting in the town. They also injured

the police personnel, obstructing their duties and blocking the VIP convoy," the Podili Inspector alleged in the notice.

The notice further said, "The YSRCP leaders forcibly entered the Tobacco Board office, trampled on the bales and caused damage to the property. As the MLA is responsible for these incidents, he should immediately explain why legal action should not be taken against him."

Responding to the notice, Mr. Prasad Reddy said in a recorded video message that maintaining law and order was not his responsibility, but he would cooperate with the police. He said, "We informed the police about Mr. Jagan's visit. We have not committed anything wrong. We have no need to escape."

Mr. Prasad Reddy further said he went to Hyderabad and would return to his native village Chimakurthi by Saturday evening. He said the party leadership would take legal action, if necessary.



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu holding a review meeting on public feedback, at his camp office, near Vijayawada, on Saturday.

Zero corruption is the ultimate goal: Naidu

The Hindu Bureau  
VIJAYAWADA

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu instructed the officials to identify areas where corruption was occurring in the implementation of government schemes and programmes, and take immediate action after duly probing the incidents with zero corruption as the ultimate goal.

Addressing a review meeting at his camp office on Saturday on public feedback received over the last year on various schemes through IVRS and CSDS surveys, Mr. Naidu said the people were by and large satisfied, but there was no room for complacency as the government could not afford to let them down as far as their expectations were concerned, and warned that corruption at any level

and in any department would not be tolerated.

He suggested that a technical audit be conducted on the survey process and steps taken to improve satisfaction in areas having low feedback, and called for prioritising 10 major public issues such as welfare, employment generation, and roads.

Mr. Naidu instructed the officials to conduct Job Melas in all the 175 constituencies, and to make all government services available through WhatsApp Governance by August 15.

He also wanted better delivery mechanisms that would ensure the supply of ration goods to the disabled and elderly citizens at their doorstep, and sought opinion-gathering on the implementation of the Public Distribution System.

NDA govt. has fulfilled 85% of its election promises: Kolusu

The Hindu Bureau  
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The NDA government in Andhra Pradesh has delivered 85% of the promises made at the time of the 2024 elections in spite of the financial crisis it inherited from the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) dispensation, according to Minister for Information & Public Relations Kolusu Parthasarathy.

Due priority had been accorded to the Talliki Vandanam scheme, under which a sum of ₹15,000 each was being remitted into the bank accounts of the mothers, irrespective of the number of children, Mr. Parthasarathy told the media here on Saturday.

"But the YSRCP is spreading lies. It has accused HRD Minister N. Lokesh of pocketing ₹2,000 crore of the scheme amount. Nothing better can be expected from the YSRCP, whose rule is replete with failures and corrupt deeds," the Minister said.

Mr. Parthasarathy said the NDA government was saddled with a staggering debt burden of ₹10 lakh crore due to the YSRCP's mishandling of finances.

In contrast, the coalition government was making sincere efforts to achieve the Swarnandhra Vision-2047, for which it set a target of 15% annual growth rate now itself, he said. "The



I&PR Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy with the Talliki Vandanam beneficiaries in Vijayawada on Saturday. G.N. RAO

government has so far attracted investments totalling nearly ₹7 lakh crore, and it is working on a mission to create 20 lakh jobs and impart the required skills to the youth," he added.

Mr. Parthasarathy said the YSRCP dispensation might have extended financial support to the school and college students under the Amma Vodi and Vidya Deevana schemes, but it was not bothered about providing them jobs, which should be the ultimate goal of any government. The YSRCP government had extended financial assistance to only one child in a family under the Amma Vodi scheme, the Minister said.

₹168 crore subsidy package announced for mango farmers

The Hindu Bureau  
CHITTOOR

Minister for Agriculture K. Atchannaidu on Saturday announced a subsidy package of ₹168 crore for the mango farmers across the State.

The Agriculture Minister was on a whirlwind trip to Chittoor district, a predominant mango-growing belt in India. Mr. Atchannaidu inspected a mango processing

industry and its storage facility at Gollamadugu village in Gudipala mandal on the Chittoor-Vellore road.

He also reviewed pulp manufacturing activities.

Interacting with the mango farmers and pulp industry management, Mr. Atchannaidu said that the government was committed to the holistic welfare of farmers.

"We have initiated all tangible steps to ensure that

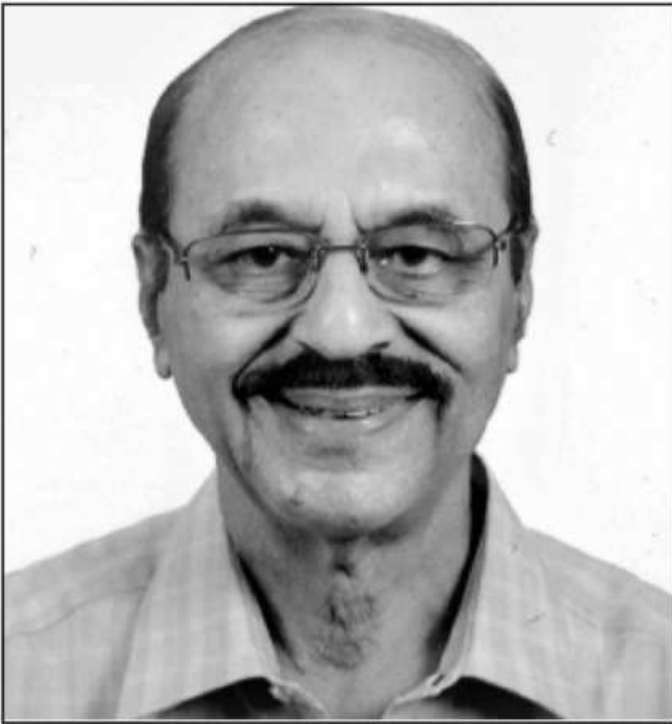
mango growers get a fair price for their produce," he said.

The Agriculture Minister further maintained that the private processing units have unanimously agreed to procure mangoes at a cost of ₹8 per kg, while the State government will additionally deposit ₹4 per kg into the mango growers' bank accounts in the form of a direct subsidy.

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# Tehran will burn if civilians are hit: Israel

## 4 Maoists, 3 of them women, killed in M.P.

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# Canada ties, trade, Iran-Israel clash in focus as PM leaves for 3-nation tour

# Congress MP writes to RS chair on judge impeachment

# ‘Countries will react based on their interests’

In a preliminary analysis of Operation Sindoor, former National Security Adviser says the military did well, but lessons need to be learnt on strategic communication; Indian diplomatic efforts did not fail but China and Turkiye used the opportunity to consolidate their ties with Pakistan, he says

## INTERVIEW

***Shiv Shankar  
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## attack in India?

**Do you think more information should be put out?**

troI here, because I think we could have been quicker off the block with responses during Operation Sindoor. I was outside India at that time, and I could see that Pakistan's responses were at least six to 12 hours ahead of India's. They were the ones out

**Did Indian diplomacy fail, as is being portrayed, given that India did not seem to receive clear messages of support for Operation Sindoor, as Pakistan did from China and Turkiye, and given Mr. Trump's comments?**

Not at all. Countries will



# Gujarat government confirms 19 victims identified through DNA

Two days on, no official data on deaths among medical college residents; officials say the handover of remains to families is under way; airline announces an immediate financial support of ₹25 lakh to each of the families of the deceased

**Abhinav Deshpande**  
**Jagriti Chandra**  
AHMEDABAD

The process of handing over the last remains of the victims of Air India's Boeing 787 crash to their families kicked off on Saturday, and a total of 19 victims have been identified through DNA testing, Gujarat's Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi said on Saturday.

"19 DNA samples have been matched so far, confirming the identities of victims. State Forensic Science Laboratory unit team and National Forensic Sciences University team are working through the night to match more DNA samples," Mr. Sanghavi said in a post on X.

"Apart from forensic experts from across Gujarat, several experts sent by the Centre are working around the clock to match DNA samples. As soon as the results are ready, they are sent to the Civil Hospital so that families can claim the bodies," he had said earlier.

However, there was still no official confirmation of the deaths beyond the 241 deaths of passengers and crew aboard the aircraft that crashed into the mess building, where students of B.J. Medical College



Relatives of a victim of the Air India plane crash mourn outside a hospital in Ahmedabad on Friday. PTI

(BJMC) were assembled for lunch, and four columns of hostel buildings, where there have been several deaths.

**'Slow process'**

Dr. Rajnish Patel, Head of Surgery at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, who jointly addressed a press conference earlier in the day with the Gujarat government's Relief Commissioner and Secretary, Revenue Department, Alok Kumar Pandey, described the DNA matching exercise as a "meticu-

lously slow process" that typically required 72 hours.

When *The Hindu* asked him about the total number of crash victims' bodies at the hospital, Dr. Patel deflected the question, saying, "I don't have that data."

When asked about the number of families which had arrived at the hospital to provide DNA samples and claim the bodies of their loved ones, he again said he did not have the information available with

him. Earlier, eight visually identifiable victims were released to relatives without the need for DNA analysis.

"A total of 230 teams have been formed to establish contact and hand over the mortal remains to the families. We began handing over the bodies today," he said.

Mr. Pandey added that the victims from Gujarat hailed from 18 districts and that the administration was also in touch with diplomats of other countries.

Death certificates were also being issued to the families on the spot.

"Each body will be escorted to its native place in an ambulance with police protection. Grief counselors are also being provided to help families cope with the trauma," he added.

Speaking about the condition of the lone survivor from among the 242 aboard the Air India aircraft, Dr. Patel said: "He is a lucky man. His condition is stable, and he can walk and talk normally."

**Airline extends help**

A day after Air India and Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran visited Ahmedabad, the airline's CEO, Campbell Wilson, met with the families of the deceased.

The airline also announced an immediate financial support of ₹25 lakh to each of the families of the deceased as well as survivors, in addition to the sum of ₹1 crore announced earlier.

The airline's technical and customer support team was at Ahmedabad's B.J. Medical College. Over 200 trained caregivers were also deployed to support each family in different ways, including access to counselling. (With PTI inputs)

# Another body recovered from crash site; four MBBS students confirmed dead

**Abhinav Deshpande**  
AHMEDABAD

Firefighters assisting forensic and aviation authorities at the Air India crash site in Ahmedabad discovered another body on Saturday morning.

Confirming the development, Additional Chief Fire Officer Jayesh Khadia said: "Our firemen, who are helping forensic and aviation experts in their ongoing investigation at the crash site, found some body parts from the canteen's rubble on Friday, while a body was found this morning."

One more body that had been stuck beneath the tail portion of the crashed aircraft was recovered on Saturday, Dr. Rajnish Patel, Head of Surgery at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, said.

The ill-fated Air India flight AI-171, a London-bound Boeing 787 Dreamliner, that crashed minutes after take-off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, killed all but one of the 242 people aboard, along with several residents on the ground. It ploughed into the medical hostel complex and its mess in the densely populated Meghani Nagar area.

Among those killed were four MBBS students from B.J. Medical College (BJMC), who were having lunch in the mess building



**Salvage operation:** The wreckage of the Air India plane being lifted by a crane in Ahmedabad on Saturday. VIJAY SONEJI

when the tragedy struck. The Junior Doctors' Association (JDA) of the BJMC confirmed the fatalities and added that 20 other students were injured in the crash. Of them, 11 have been discharged and are currently in stable condition, while the rest are recovering under observation.

"All admitted patients are stable and recovering quickly," said Dr. Dhaval Gameti, president of the JDA.

In addition to the student casualties, four family members of super-specialty doctors residing in the 'Atulyam' residential quarters also lost their lives. The wife of a resident doctor sustained injuries and is undergoing treatment.

The JDA urged the public to remain cautious about misinformation circulating online, particularly exaggerated reports about the toll among students and medical staff.

"In these challenging times, some individuals are spreading rumours suggesting a high death toll among medical college students and resident doctors. We appeal to everyone not to be misled by such misinformation and to refrain from spreading rumours further," the association said.

"JDA-BJMC expresses deep sorrow for every individual affected by this tragedy and extends heartfelt condolences and support to their families," it added. (With PTI inputs)

# Air India says pre-flight checks completed for nine of 33 of its Dreamliner jets

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Air India said on Saturday that it had completed the one-time pre-flight checks ordered for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation on nine of the 33 aircraft.

"These checks are being carried out on the Boeing 787 fleet as they return to India, before being cleared for their next operations," it said in a press statement about the fresh inspection guidelines ordered by the aviation safety regulator a day after the crash.

The airline is also "on track" to complete this process for the remaining 24 aircraft, Air India added.



An assistance centre opened at the airport for the relatives of the victims, in Mumbai, on Saturday. AFP

The inspections include one-time pre-flight checks of six different items, such as fuel parameter monitoring and associated system, inspection of cabin air compressor, and electronic engine control system

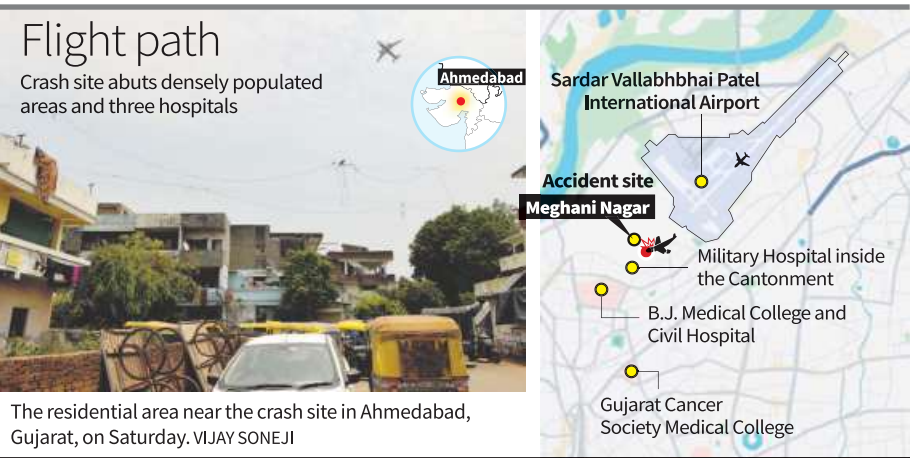
test. Additionally, the airline has to also carry out flight control inspection as part of checks while the aircraft is in transit. A power assurance check within two weeks also needs to be performed.

# Crash narrowly missed residential area and three hospitals, staving off a larger death toll

**Jagriti Chandra**  
AHMEDABAD

Air India's Boeing 787 crashed into a hostel at B.J. Medical College in a portion of a sparsely populated area, bordered by dense settlements and at least three hospitals, including the 1,200-bed Civil Hospital, significantly reducing the potential for a greater tragedy.

"If the aircraft had fallen three seconds earlier, it would have fallen atop our colony. Had it fallen three seconds later, it would have crashed into the Civil Hospital within the B.J. Medical College premises," said Parmar Vikram Singh, a shopkeeper in the densely populated Meghani Nagar that is located across the residential campus of medical college. The colony houses 151 blocks, each with 24



flats, he said.

The crash killed 241 out of 242 aboard the aircraft, apart from the deaths among the medical college students on the campus.

While right behind the crash site is Meghani Nagar, to its immediate right is the Military Hospital inside the Cantonment. There are

two other hospitals in the vicinity – the Civil Hospital, and, a little further, is the Gujarat Cancer Society Medical College, Mr. Singh said.

At the crash site, adjacent to the mess building and four blocks of the college hostel where the aircraft plummeted, is a mas-

sive open plot.

Calculations using Google Maps show that a straight path to the Civil Hospital is located at a distance of 750 metres from the crash site, and the Cancer College is at a distance of 1.83 km. The Military Hospital is only about 330 metres from the site.

Investigators are working to establish the precise sequence of events, but initial observations suggest the aircraft came down in one of the few relatively open patches available within this urban stretch – a tree-lined zone, with portions of open fields – thereby narrowly avoiding densely populated areas and critical infrastructure. That the widebody jet did not impact high-rise housing blocks or the sprawling hospital facilities nearby likely prevented a far larger loss of life.

Mr. Singh grew teary-eyed recalling the narrow escape he had as a resident of Meghani Nagar. "I am feeling emotional because when the crash happened, there was no screaming heard from the site. The deaths were instantaneous," he said.

# Govt. must fix accountability for AI-171 crash: Kharge

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Visiting the Air India flight AI-171 crash site at Ahmedabad on Saturday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the government must fix accountability and not adopt a stance that "accidents do happen".

At the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, Mr. Kharge met injured people, including the lone survivor of the plane crash, and others injured on the ground, including medical students. He later told presspersons that the Centre must give compensation to the kin of the deceased and to the injured.

# Hostels of medical college vacated to facilitate probe

**Abhinav Deshpande**  
AHMEDABAD

B.J. Medical College Dean Meenakshi Pareek said on Saturday that hostels on the campus were being vacated to facilitate the investigation into the Air India crash.

"The Aircraft Investigation Bureau, under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, is carrying out the probe. As part of that, our Atulya 1, 2, 3, and 4 hostels are being vacated. These hostels accommodate postgraduate students, and alternative arrangements have been made for all of them," she said.

At the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, authorities began handing over the mortal remains of the Air India



A set of coffins arrives at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital for the air crash victims.

crash victims to their families following DNA confirmation. Sets of coffins arrived at the hospital premises on Saturday for the victims.

Authorities confirmed that 19 DNA samples had been verified, and the families of those victims had

been contacted to collect the remains.

**Identification process**

Late Friday evening, all bodies were shifted from the hospital's post-mortem room to a newly designated building on campus, where forensic experts are conducting autopsies as part of the ongoing identification process.

A source at the hospital said that the autopsy process may take another three or four days.

Rajnish Patel, Head of Surgery at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, said that once families submit their DNA samples, they do not need to wait at the hospital. "We'll inform the families once the [DNA] matching happens," he said.

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INBRIEF



38 held in Assam’s Dhubri for stoking communal fire

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said 38 people had been arrested in Dhubri town for trying to stir communal passion by placing the heads of cows in front of a Hanuman temple after Id-ul-Azha on June 7. The headquarters of Dhubri district bordering Bangladesh, the town is about 290 km west of Guwahati. The police caught the “miscreants” hours after he visited the communally charged town on Friday and directed officials to issue a shoot-at-sight order. A man identified as Ramjan Ali Sheikh was arrested earlier on suspicion of being linked to the “beef” recovered. He posted on X, “38 arrested overnight in the Dhubri beef head incident.”

Five foreign varsities get Lol to set up campuses in Mumbai

Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday handed over Letters of Intent (LoI) to foreign educational institutions willing to set up campuses in India. Aberdeen University of Scotland, University of York, U.K.; Illinois Institute of Technology from the U.S., Western Australia University and IED, a design institute from Europe, were the colleges that received their letters of intent. These universities will have their campuses at the international education city that is planned in New Mumbai. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was also present at the occasion.

BJP, JD(U) slam Lalu Prasad for ‘insulting’ Dr. Ambedkar

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Janata Dal(United) leaders on Saturday slammed Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad for allegedly insulting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by placing a portrait of the Dalit icon at his feet. “It is very unfortunate that such a shameful act took place in a democracy. The act proves that he considers himself a king and does not have any respect for anyone,” said BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary. Bihar JD(U) State president Umesh Singh Kushwaha also issued a statement saying that the insult to Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar’s exposes the real mentality of the RJD and the truth of its pseudo social justice.

NIA files chargesheet in CRPF camp attack case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday stated that it has chargesheeted 17 accused, including 16 absconders, in a 2024 case of attack on Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camps by the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) operatives in Chhattisgarh. The chargesheet was filed before a special court in Jagdalpur, and two Central Committee members of the CPI (Maoist) are among the accused, the agency stated. The NIA submitted that the accused had established a replica of the target camp as part of their preparation. “The attackers had attempted to loot weapons and other belongings of the security forces from the camps.

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Manipur unites in grief, across the ethnic divide

Meitei and Kuki-Zo groups mourn the deaths of both K. Nganthoi Sharma and Lamnunthem Singson, two cabin crew members hailing from different communities, in the June 12 plane crash

The Hindu Bureau  
GUWAHATI

Divided by ethnic strife for more than two years, Manipur has united in grief in the wake of the June 12 crash of Air India flight AI-171.

Meitei and Kuki-Zo groups, yearning for peace, have mourned the deaths of both 20-year-old Kongbrailatpam Nganthoi Sharma, who is part of the Meitei community, and 26-year-old Lamnunthem Singson, a member of the tribal Thadou community, in equal measure.

The pair were among the 10 cabin crew members of Air India's London-bound flight, which crashed seconds after take-off from Ahmedabad.

‘Huge loss for all’

“Both were full of life, serving with dedication and pride. Their sudden passing is a huge loss for their families, friends, and for all of us back home. May their souls rest in peace and may their loved ones find the strength to get through this unimaginable pain,” former Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh posted on X. The Indigenous Tribal Leaders’ Forum, which has been seeking a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo people since the ethnic conflict with the non-tribal Meiteis broke out in May 2023, said it was pained by the crash that killed 241 people on board, including the two crew members from Manipur.

The tribal Thadou Students Association issued a statement with the photos of both Ms. Sharma and Ms. Singson to “express



People during a candlelight prayer service organised by the Archdiocese of Delhi in memory of victims of the Air India plane crash at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in New Delhi. PTI

heartfelt condolences to both bereaved families” while assuring them of assistance.

‘Two daughters’

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity, which upholds Meitei pride, said it stands in deep solidarity with the families who lost “two precious daughters of our soil”.

A spokesperson of the Meitei Heritage Society said: “In death, we are all the same. A tiny State with

a population less than many big districts of India, divided on narrow ethnic lines by a few vested interest groups.”

Ms. Singson was among those who were displaced from Imphal during the peak of the ethnic conflict. “She was the sole breadwinner of the family for the past few years,” her widowed mother, Nennelihing Singson, said.

Air India recruited Ms. Sharma three years ago, while she was studying for an undergraduate course.

No perfect score in NEET-UG; Mahesh Kumar of Rajasthan gets first rank in medical entrance

Bindu Shajan Perappadan  
NEW DELHI

No candidate has achieved a perfect score in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) this year, the National Testing Agency (NTA) said, declaring the results on Saturday.

Students said the NEET-UG 2025 question paper was tougher than those of the previous years, which reflected in the candidates’ scores.

While 17 candidates scored 720 out of 720 in 2024, this year, Mahesh Kumar of Rajasthan, who secured the All India Rank (AIR)-1, scored 686/720 (99.999547 percentile).

Utkarsh Awadhiya of Madhya Pradesh has secured the second place, while Krishang Joshi of Maharashtra and Mrinal



Candidates appearing for the NEET-UG 2025, at an examination centre in New Delhi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Kishore Jha of Delhi finished third and fourth, respectively.

One woman in top 10

Only one woman candidate made it to the top 10 ranks this year. Avika Agarwal of the National Cap-

ital Territory of Delhi is the woman topper of this year’s NEET (UG). She has secured AIR-5.

The top 10 ranks were dominated by General Category students from Delhi, Gujarat, Punjab, and Maharashtra.

In the NEET-UG 2025 results, Delhi leads with the highest number of candidates in the all-India top 10 list. This year, a total of 22,76,069 candidates registered for the exam, out of which 22,09,318 candidates appeared for the exam. A total of 12,36,531 candidates have qualified the medical entrance examination.

Out of the total number of candidates who have passed the exam, 5,14,063 are male candidates, and 7,22,462 are female candidates.

Seventeen candidates among the top 100 are from Delhi, 14 are from Rajasthan, 11 from Maharashtra, nine candidates each are from Gujarat and Punjab, among others.

The States such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, and

A surprise visit that ended in tragedy for Ahmedabad couple

Abhinav Deshpande  
AHMEDABAD

What began as a joyful family reunion turned into an unimaginable tragedy for Anil Ambalal Patel from Ahmedabad, who lost his son and daughter-in-law in the devastating Air India plane crash on June 12.

Pooja Patel, 30, and her husband Harshit, 30, both based in London, had arrived in Ahmedabad on June 2 for two reasons – to seek affordable medical treatment for Pooja after her recent miscarriage and to surprise Mr. Anil, whom they hadn’t seen in two years.

“When they showed up at my door, I was speechless. I hadn’t seen them since 2022. Pooja had gone through a lot recently, so it was a relief to see her in person,” Mr. Anil recalled.

Mr. Anil, who lost his wife Umadevi six years ago, works for Amazon’s delivery service in Ahmedabad. His son, an engineering graduate, was employed with the same multinational company in a senior role in London.

The family cherished their brief time together, unaware of the impending tragedy. On June 12, Mr. Anil accompanied the couple to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport to see them off. They were



Anil Ambalal Patel, who lost his son and daughter-in-law in the Air India plane crash.

aboard the ill-fated Air India Flight AI-171, a London-bound Boeing 787 Dreamliner that crashed minutes after take-off.

“I dropped them at the airport and came home. Harshit video-called me after they checked in and said he would call again after landing in London,” Mr. Anil said, choking back tears. “But in less than an hour, I heard their flight had crashed.”

Later that evening, Mr. Anil gave a DNA sample to aid the identification process. On Saturday, he returned to B.J. Medical College, hoping to claim the bodies of his son and daughter-in-law. “I can’t rest without seeing them. I came again today, but the staff said updates will be given only on Sunday evening,” he said. Officials have told families that DNA-based identification would take at least 72 hours.

NIA conducts searches in two States in HuT case

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has searched multiple locations in Madhya Pradesh’s Bhopal and Jhalawar in a terror conspiracy case related to the banned outfit, the Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT).

“Three locations were extensively searched in Bhopal and two in Jhalawar as part of the agency’s continuing probe into the activities of HuT and its members in the case,” said the agency. The NIA teams seized digital devices during the searches. “The youth were being motivated to spread violence in a bid to overthrow India’s democratically elected government and establish an Islamic State governed by Shariah law,” the NIA said.

Proposed AC temperature-control norms build on 2018 guidelines

Jacob Koshy  
NEW DELHI

The guidelines proposed by Union Minister for Power Manohar Lal Khattar, at a conference last week, to limit the operational temperature range of air conditioners across the country, build on a 2018 plan put forward by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).

In 2018, the BEE, which is affiliated to the Power Ministry, issued guidelines to major commercial establishments to conserve energy through optimum temperature settings for air conditioners. The establishments included airports, hotels, shopping malls, offices and government buildings (Ministries and attached offices, State government establishments and public sector



The BEE says that considering the current trend, total connected load due to air conditioning will be about 200 GW by 2030. AFP

undertakings and so on).

The guidelines were voluntary and the BEE said it would undertake a survey to check the proposal’s effectiveness.

In 2020, the government mandated that all air conditioners have a default setting of 24 degrees Celsius – considered an optimal

setting for human comfort. However, this still allowed individuals to control the temperature settings to their choice.

“The new proposed guidelines take it one step further by having new air conditioners hardwired to operate in a fixed temperature range of 20 to 28 de-

grees Celsius,” said Alok Kumar, a former Secretary of the Ministry of Power.

The BEE estimates that considering the current market trend, total connected load in India due to air conditioning will be about 200 gigawatts (GW) by 2030 and could further increase as only about 6% of households use one or more air conditioners currently. Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal said last week that India’s cooling demand amounted to around 50 GW, or roughly one-fifth of India’s peak power demand.

Some countries, such as Japan, already have regulations in place for the functioning of air conditioners. Japan encourages a default setting for air conditioners at 28 degrees Celsius in offices and public buildings.

In major arms haul, Manipur Police seize 328 weapons

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Personnel of the Manipur Police and other security forces recovered 328 weapons during simultaneous operations across five districts of the Imphal Valley on the intervening night of June 13 and 14.

This was one of the largest hauls of firearms since the ethnic conflict between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities broke out in May 2023.

According to a statement by the Manipur Police, the recovered weapons included 151 self-loading rifles, 65 INSAS rifles, 12 light machine guns, six rifles of the AK series, two flare guns, a mortar, and 73 rifles of other kinds. A huge quantity of

ammunition was also seized.

Manipur’s Additional Director-General of Police Lhari Dorjee Lhatoo said the operations were based on intelligence about a large cache of arms and ammunition stashed in different areas of the Imphal Valley districts. These were conducted jointly by Manipur Police, Central Armed Police Forces, Indian Army, and Assam Rifles personnel.

“These intelligence-based operations mark a major achievement for the Manipur Police and the security forces in their continued efforts to restore normalcy, maintain public order and ensure the safety and security of citizens and their property,” a statement said.



# Ensure no claim is denied or delayed, IRDAI tells insurers on Air India crash

**N. Ravi Kumar**  
HYDERABAD

Insurance regulator IRDAI has advised insurers in the wake of the Air India plane crash to ensure no claim pertaining to those who died is either denied or delayed on account of procedural formalities.

“Ensure no claim is denied or delayed... in the case of confirmed deceased individuals from the passenger list and persons at the affected buildings of the crash area,” the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) said in a circular to all insurers, reinsurers, Life Insurance Council and General Insurance Council.

It asked the councils to set up a dedicated joint cell at the hospital where those injured after the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed into BJ Medical College hostel and other buildings were getting treatment.

This will help provide information to insurers immediately in respect of the claims or any other assistance required for any of their health/life insurance policies.

IRDAI wanted all insurers to act immediately as the passenger list has already been released. Since medical insurance cover for overseas travel is mandatory, it wanted them to obtain an authenticated list of the passengers as well as insurance policy details of those affected in

**Insurers ease claim process of crash victims**

**NEW DELHI**  
Insurance companies SBI Life, HDFC Life and ICICI Lombard on Saturday said they have relaxed the claim settlement process for Air India plane crash victims. PTI

the vicinity of the crash area.

Verify details in the respective data base of the insurers with regard to the overseas medical insurance policies, personal accident policies and life insurance policies and initiate fast-track processes for claim settlement,” the regulator said.

It wanted insurers to waive requirements such as first information report (FIR) or post-mortem reports where official confirmation from authorities concerned are available. It also wanted them to note the claim settlement to the nominee as recorded in the policy.

IRDAI also advised the insurers to nominate a nodal officer at senior level to co-ordinate with the joint cell for speedy settlement of claims. Starting June 16, the insurers should submit a report on weekly basis for a month.

The Councils should publish insurer-wise summary level claims settlement data, it said.

# Arunachal declares 2025-35 as ‘decade of hydropower’

Move aimed at harnessing the State’s potential to generate 58,000 MW of electricity, creating stable and supportive regulatory framework for overall development of industrial ecosystem: CMO

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GUWAHATI

The Cabinet headed by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has declared 2025-2035 as the ‘Decade of Hydropower’ to harness the State’s potential to generate 58,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

The special Cabinet meeting held on Friday termed the thrust on hydropower as a “strategic management of revenues generated through free power from the hydroelectric projects (HEPs).



**Watt formula:** According to the agreement with power developers, the State will receive 12% free power from each HEP. FILE PHOTO

**Arunachal Pradesh expects ₹4,525 crore in annual revenue 2035 onwards from projects in various stages of completion**

various stages of completion. These projects, riding cumulative investments of more than ₹2 lakh crore in the next 10 years, have a combined capacity of generating 19 gigawatts (GW) of electricity.

**Escrow account**  
The State Cabinet approved the creation of an escrow account for “strategic management and effective utilisation of the revenue generated from the proceeds of free power” from these HEPs.

“By effective management of these benefits, the State can make strategic and financial decisions about investing in the over-

all development of the State. This initiative will not only streamline financial processes but also ensure that the benefits of free power are maximised for the State’s long-term sustainable growth and prosperity,” the CMO said in the statement.

**Plans for Siang project**  
The Cabinet underscored the need to allay fears and build consensus among the people likely to be affected by the controversial Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) that anti-dam activists said is targeting to generate 11,000 MW of electricity.

The Centre declared the SUMP as a national project in 2008, given its significance from the national security point of view.

The project is being pursued as a counter to China’s proposed 60,000 MW project on the Yarlung Tsangpo River in Tibet

**Alternate towns**  
The Cabinet directed the State’s Department of Urban Development to constitute a New Yingkiong Development Authority and a New Geku Development Authority to pursue “future-ready alternate towns”.

It accordingly approved the constitution of a committee to examine land and property compensation rates and suggest the mechanisms to be adopted for designing and implementing a robust rehabilitation and resettlement plan for the PAFs. Geku and Yingkiong are towns in the Upper Siang district.

The Cabinet further directed the Public Works Department to initiate a survey for a necklace road along the Siang River, above the likely submergence area.



**SpiceJet profit after tax jumps nearly threefold to ₹325 crore**

Budget carrier Spicejet on Saturday said its standalone profit after tax (PAT) surged nearly threefold to ₹324.87 crore in the March 2025 quarter. The Gurugram-based airline had posted a PAT of ₹119 crore in the fourth quarter of FY24, according to a regulatory filing. However, the revenue from operations for the reporting quarter declined 16% year-on-year to ₹1,446.37 crore from ₹1,719.3 crore in Q4 FY24, Spicejet said in the filing. PTI

**Natco Pharma’s API plant gets U.S. FDA observation**

Generic drugmaker Natco Pharma’s active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) manufacturing plant in Mekaguda, Hyderabad, has been issued a Form 483 with one observation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The U.S. FDA conducted the inspection from June 9-13, and the company received one observation in Form-483. The company believes it is procedural in nature and is confident of addressing the observation comprehensively, Natco Pharma said in a filing.

**U.S. FDA issues 8 observations to Sun Pharma’s Halol facility**

Sun Pharma’s drug manufacturing facility in Halol, Gujarat, has been issued 8 observations by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The U.S. FDA issued a Form-483 with eight observations following conclusion of a good manufacturing practices inspection of the facility from June 2-13, Sun Pharma said in a filing with the stock exchanges. The U.S. FDA’s warning letter had summarised violations with respect to current good manufacturing practice regulations.

# Cherrapunji Gin becomes first alcohol label from northeast to be exported

**WORLD GIN DAY**

**Rahul Karmakar**  
GUWAHATI

Meghalaya’s rain-fed ‘Cherrapunji’ is literally in high spirits. The Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin has become the first alcohol label from the northeastern part of India to be exported. The Meghalaya-based company announced this on World Gin Day.

The company’s CEO Mayukh Hazarika said the gin carrying the British-era name of Sohra is available in parts of the European Union. Beyond this bloc, the product is expected to be marketed in Japan, Thailand, and the United Kingdom later this year.

“This is a moment of pride not just for us, but for the region. We wanted to create a product that tells a story about where it comes from, and we are seeing that story resonate far beyond our expectations,” he said.

The gin’s international journey coincides with a broader shift in how spirits are being consumed and valued. Globally, gin has emerged as a canvas for local expression, with distilleries in places as far-flung as Japan, Kenya, and Iceland producing regionally inspired versions.

“In India, this movement picked up pace with the emergence of brands focused on hyperlocal ingredients and storytelling,” Mr. Hazarika said.

The spirit, produced in small batches using traditional copper stills, is distilled from naturally har-



**Spirited sanity:** Once a colonial-era staple, gin is undergoing a global revival, says Mayukh Hazarika. FILE PHOTO

vested rainwater sourced from Sohra and Mawsynram, the two wettest places on Earth.

Its botanical profile is built on local ingredients such as kaji nemu (Assamese lemon), khasi mandarin, Sohmarit pepper, smoked black cardamom, and pine-smoked tea, creating a flavour described by enthusiasts as complex, aromatic, and regionally distinctive.

Mr. Hazarika said Cherrapunji Gin is packaged in a military-grade stainless steel bottle, a sharp departure from the norm in the world of spirits.

“Designed to be reused and repurposed, the bottle is a quiet challenge to the throwaway culture of luxury packaging. Most glass bottles are used once and discarded. We wanted ours to be functional, long-lasting – something people would keep,” he said.

He said gin, once a colonial-era staple, is undergoing a global revival. “In recent years, the spirit has seen a sharp uptick in pop-

ularity, driven by the rise of artisanal distilleries, experimental botanicals, and an evolving consumer palate that favours provenance, craftsmanship and authenticity,” he added.

In India, gin has moved from a niche category to a staple in urban bars and home collections over the last five years. This has been buoyed by the success of premium domestic labels and a surge in cocktail culture.

What was once dominated by imported brands now features a growing number of Indian-made craft gins that foreground regional botanicals and local narratives.

The Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin has won 13 international spirits awards, including a ‘Master’ medal at the Global Spirits Masters 2023, its launch year, and a silver at the World Gin Awards.

Mr. Hazarika said that government support, especially from Meghalaya, played a major role in enabling this venture.

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# *The last ‘revolutionary’ of Iran*

The head of Iran's theocratic regime faces the greatest test since the 1979 revolution with the country's regional influence waning and Israel freely carrying out attacks at its nuclear and missile facilities and assassinating its top commanders

As the Supreme Leader, Khomeini promised 'material growth and progress', but his rule has been marred by economic decline, political unrest and security crises

For Mr. Alexandri and Scale AI, the mission is clear: to provide the foundational data layer that accelerates AI development across all sectors, including national security. While Meta's significant investment marks a new chapter for Scale AI, potentially altering its client dynamics, Mr. Alexandri's core message about the paramount importance of data and the strategic implications of AI remains unchanged.



CAIRO

Egypt blocks activists' bid to march to Gaza border, forces them back



Egyptian authorities blocked activists trying to march to Gaza's border to protest Israel's blockade, stopping them near Cairo and forcing most back after hours of questioning, organisers said on Saturday. Egypt requires prior permission for border visits despite supporting "pressure on Israel" to lift the blockade. AFP

MINNEAPOLIS

Minnesota state lawmakers shot, search under way for suspect



A gunman impersonating a police officer killed Minnesota Democratic state assemblywoman Melissa Hortman and her husband, and wounded state senator John Hoffman and his wife in politically motivated shootings. The suspect fled after exchanging gunfire with police. Authorities are conducting a manhunt. REUTERS

ASTANA

Russia to build Kazakhstan's first nuclear power plant, say officials



Russia's Rosatom will lead an international consortium to build Kazakhstan's first nuclear power plant near Ulken, using advanced VVER-1200 reactors. The project, approved by referendum, aims for 2.4 gigawatts capacity by 2035, with China, France, and South Korea also involved. Financing talks with Russia have begun. REUTERS

BANGKOK

Thailand says 'progress made' in Cambodia border dispute talks



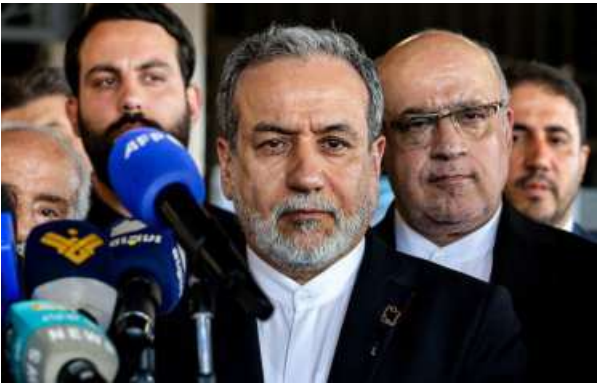
Thailand and Cambodia on Saturday reported "progress in talks" to resolve their long-running border dispute after May clashes that killed a Cambodian soldier. Both sides agreed to reposition troops to avoid conflict. Cambodia plans to file an ICJ complaint on disputed areas, but talks continue for peaceful dialogue. AFP

Nuclear talks with the U.S. are now unjustifiable: Iran Foreign Minister

Iran's Supreme Leader vowed continued retaliatory attacks on Israel, with Tehran launching missile strikes that caused casualties and damage in Israel; U.S. has deployed ground-based air defence systems to help intercept Iranian missiles

Associated Press  
DUBAI

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Saturday that nuclear talks with the United States were "unjustifiable" after the Israeli strikes on Iran's nuclear sites. The U.S. and Iran were scheduled to be in Oman on Sunday for their sixth round of indirect talks over Iran's nuclear programme. The comments by Mr. Araghchi came during a call with Kaja Kallas, the European Union's top diplomat. The Israeli air strikes were the "result of the direct support by Washing-



Contested progress: The Israeli air strikes were the 'result of the direct support by Washington', says Abbas Araghchi. AFP

ton," Mr. Araghchi said in a statement carried by the state-run IRNA news agency. The U.S. has said it is not part of the strikes. Oman's Foreign Minister

Badr al-Busaidi later said the planned talks "will not now take place". "The Iran-U.S. talks scheduled to be held in Muscat this Sunday will not

now take place. But diplomacy and dialogue remain the only pathway to lasting peace," Mr. Al-Busaidi wrote on a social media post. Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei signalled in a recorded message on Friday that Iran was prepared to keep up its retaliatory attacks on Israel: "We will not allow them to escape safely from this great crime they committed." Iran launched waves of missiles at Israel late Friday and early Saturday, and Iranians awoke to state television airing repeated clips of strikes on Israel. The Iranian attacks killed at least three people

Rallies rage across U.S. ahead of Trump parade

Reuters  
WASHINGTON/  
LOS ANGELES/ATLANTA

Tens of thousands of Americans attended rallies on Saturday to protest President Donald Trump's aggressive approach in major cities from New York to Atlanta to Los Angeles. The protests marked the largest outpouring of opposition to Mr. Trump's presidency since he returned to power in January, and came the same day that thousands of military personnel, vehicles and aircraft will march through and fly over Washington, D.C., in a parade celebrating the U.S. Army's 250th anniversary. Saturday is also Mr. Trump's 79th birthday. The Republican President has ordered National Guard troops and U.S. Ma-



United voice: Demonstrators taking part in the 'No Kings' protest against Trump's policies, in Los Angeles on Saturday. REUTERS

rines to Los Angeles, a heavily Democratic city – a deployment that California Governor Gavin Newsom has challenged in court. Anti-Trump groups planned nearly 2,000 demonstrations of varying sizes across the country to coincide with the parade. Many are taking place under the theme "No Kings," asserting that no individual

is above the law. People heading into Washington for the parade encountered a massive security presence, with some 30 km of 2.4 m-high black fencing, much of it reinforced with concrete traffic barriers. Critics have called the parade an authoritarian display of power that is wasteful.

'Ukrainian forces halt advance of Russian troops in Sumy'

Reuters  
KYIV

Ukrainian forces have stopped Russian troops advancing in the northeastern Sumy region and are now battling to regain control along the border with Russia, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. In remarks released for publication by his office on Saturday, Mr. Zelenskyy said that Moscow has amassed about 53,000 troops in the direction of Sumy. "We are levelling the position. The fighting there is along the border. You should understand that the enemy has been stopped there. And the maximum depth at which the fighting takes place is 7 km from the border," Mr. Zelenskyy said.



Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Russia's troops have been focusing their assaults in the eastern Donetsk region. But since the start of the month, they have intensified their attacks in the northeast, announcing plans to create a so-called 'buffer zone' in the Sumy and Kharkiv regions. The Russian war in Ukraine is in its fourth year, but it has intensified in recent weeks.

Israeli firing kills 45 people in Gaza, many at aid site, medics say

Reuters  
CAIRO

Israeli firing and air strikes killed at least 45 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip, many of them near an aid distribution site operated by the U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) on Saturday, local health authorities said. Medics at Al-Awda and Al-Aqsa Hospitals in central Gaza areas, where most of the casualties were moved to, said at least 15 people were killed as they tried to approach the GHF aid distribution site near the Netzarim corridor. The Israeli army said in a statement that an aircraft had opened fire on a person "to neutralise the threat" after he advanced towards troops and ig-

nored warning shots fired near a group. Last week, the army warned Palestinians not to approach routes leading to sites of the GHF between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. local time, describing these roads as closed military zones. The GHF said none of its distribution centres was opened on Saturday. The GHF began distributing food packages in Gaza at the end of May after Israel partially lifted a near three-month total blockade. Scores of Palestinians have been killed in near daily mass shootings trying to reach the food. The United Nations rejects the Israeli-backed new distribution system as inadequate, dangerous and a violation of humanitarian impartiality principles.

Over 600 evacuated as Myanmar military sees heavy combat with anti-coup forces

Agence France-Presse  
PEKON

Hundreds of Myanmar families were being uprooted from their homes on Saturday, a community organiser said, piling their belongings onto evacuation convoys to escape fighting between the military and anti-coup guerrillas. Myanmar has been consumed by a many-sided civil war since the military snatched power in a 2021 coup, leaving more than 3.5 million people displaced according to United Nations figures.

Heavy combat has been raging since Monday around the village of Saung Nang Khae in the eastern state of Shan, according to local residents and evacuation organisers. Temporary shelter Ramshackle convoys of tractors were piled with livestock, wheelchairs and suitcases on Friday as they hauled local families to temporary shelter in the village of BC Kone some 60 kilometres southwest. On Saturday, Khun Pyae Linn, the spokesperson of the youth wing of the Kayan New Land Party

Myanmar has been consumed by civil war since the military snatched power in a 2021 coup which controls the enclave and which organised evacuation efforts, said "rescue operations are still ongoing". "We evacuated more than 600 people but there were other organisations that helped villagers too. So it could be over 1,500 villagers that were moved to safe shelters," he added. The military and some

of its adversaries had pledged a truce this month as the country recovers from March's devastating magnitude-7.7 earthquake which killed more than 3,700 people. After four years of war, Myanmar's military has turned to conscription to bolster its ranks after suffering stinging territorial losses against the myriad of anti-coup fighters and ethnic armed organisations opposing its rule. But analysts say it is still far from defeat, with a superior array of military hardware supplied by its backers China and Russia.

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CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

Double delight for Bavuma in South Africa's moment of glory



GETTY IMAGES

Temba Bavuma, who scored 710 runs for South Africa in the current World Test Championship cycle, has led the Proteas to their second senior men's ICC title after the triumph in the 1988 ICC Knockout Trophy. In the process, he maintained his unbeaten record as Test captain, with nine wins and a draw so far.

ZERO TO HERO

Weird how things worked out after the duck in first innings: Markram



GETTY IMAGES

I haven't scored more important runs. Weird how things worked out after the duck in the first innings. I needed a bit of luck... spent some time in the middle and found runs, glad things worked out. The reception [I got from the fans] will stick out. Lord's is the place every Test cricketer wants to play — Aiden Markram.

FOR THE NATION

It's special and may be a stepping stone for greater things: Maharaj



REUTERS

It's special, it's an honour to lift the cup for everyone out here and back home. It's what the country's about, the unity among everyone in the last five days. I think the emotions would've spurred me into the right direction had I got into bat... may this be a stepping stone for greater things to come — Keshav Maharaj.

TOP STUFF

Markram's knock was one of the best I've ever seen: Rickelton



REUTERS

Walking out in the fourth innings was always going to be tricky. The wicket trying to look a little better. The guys batted brilliantly. Aiden's was one of the best innings I have ever seen. The magnitude of the occasion against such an experienced attack was special. There were a few nerves - Ryan Rickelton.

Markram makes it a majestic day for Rainbow Nation

The Proteas hunt down 282 with five wickets in hand to dethrone Australia; the opener's gritty 136 proves the bedrock of the fabulous run chase, the second-highest at Lord's



27-year wait: Bavuma's South Africa will relish the World Test Championship triumph which ended decades of heartbreak. GETTY IMAGES

WTC FINAL

Agence France-Presse  
LONDON

Aiden Markram's magnificent century was the cornerstone of South Africa's five-wicket victory over Australia in the World Test Championship final at Lord's on Saturday as the Proteas ended decades of cricket heartbreak by finally winning a major ICC title.

South Africa, set 282 to win, finished on 282 for five before lunch on the fourth day, with opening batter Markram falling for 136 after taking South Africa

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**AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS**  
212 in 56.4 overs.  
**SOUTH AFRICA — 1ST INNINGS**  
138 in 57.1 overs.  
**AUSTRALIA — 2ND INNINGS**  
207 in 65 overs.  
**SOUTH AFRICA — 2ND INNINGS (Target 282)**  
Aiden Markram c Head b Hazlewood 136 (207b, 14x4), Ryan Rickelton c Carey b Starc 6 (8b, 1x4), Wiaan Mulder c Labuschagne b Starc 27 (50b, 5x4), Temba Bavuma c Carey b Cummins 66 (134b, 5x4), Tristan Stubbs b Starc 8 (43b), David

ca to within six runs of the title. The Proteas resumed on 213 for two, needing just 69 more runs for victory. South Africa did suffer a setback early on Saturday

Bedingham (not out) 21 (49b, 1x4), Kyle Verreynne (not out) 4 (13b); Extras (b-8, lb-4, nb-2): 14; Total (for five wks. in 83.4 overs): 282.  
**FALL OF WICKETS**  
1-9 (Rickelton, 2.1 overs), 2-70 (Mulder, 17.4), 3-217 (Bavuma, 58.6), 4-241 (Stubbs, 70.3), 5-276 (Markram, 80.6).  
**AUSTRALIA BOWLING**  
Starc 14.4-1-66-3, Hazlewood 19-2-58-1, Cummins 17-0-59-1, Lyon 26-4-66-0, Webster 5-0-13-0, Head 2-0-8-0.  
**PoM:** Markram.  
South Africa won by five wickets.

when Bavuma was caught behind off Australia captain Pat Cummins to end a partnership of 147 with Markram. Markram then cut fast

South Africa, the WTC champion, took home \$3.6 million while the runner-up Australia earned \$2.16 million.  
bowler Cummins for a resounding four to the delight of what was effectively a 'home' crowd, given the large number of South Africa fans who had packed into Lord's. He then got the target down to 50 by pulling Cummins for another four. It was left-arm fast bowler Mitchell Starc who raised Australia's hopes by bowling Tristan Stubbs for eight with a superb delivery that cut back sharply. Australia took the new ball with South Africa just

needing 14 more runs to win at 268 for four. But Markram drove the first delivery with the new ball, from Josh Hazlewood, for four, and the next one for three. He was unable to finish the job, however, a pull off Hazlewood caught by Travis Head. It was left to Kyle Verreynne to hit the winning run as South Africa completed the second-highest chase to win a Test at Lord's, behind West Indies' 344 for one, requiring 342, against England in 1984. This Test was also a personal triumph for Kagiso Rabada, who finished with match figures of nine for 110.

K.C. Vijaya Kumar  
CHENNAI

It was a March night at Mirpur on the outskirts of Dhaka. Graeme Smith faced the media with moist eyes. The first question, more a statement, was brutal: "They used to call you chokers earlier, now they are calling you jokers." The South African skipper had just lost the 2011 World Cup quarterfinal against New Zealand by 49 runs while chasing a target of 222, and it fitted into the template of a team notorious for faltering in the climax. Still, that question was a knife being twisted in. Smith, with enormous restraint, spoke about why his men's campaign ground to a halt. This tale of being so close and yet so far was repeated often. The last stumble being the 2024 T20 World Cup final where India prevailed over Aiden Markram's men by seven runs at Bridgetown. South Africa won an ICC silverware in 1998 - The Wills International Cup, which later became the Champions Trophy, and the title drought extended interminably. All those ghosts of the past and snide remarks were finally laid to rest on a glorious Saturday when South Africa claimed the ICC World Test Championship final at Lord's. A five-



Bending his back: Markram ensured there were no hiccups in the fourth innings. AP

wicket victory in a match the Aussies dominated for a large part, revealed the steel within Temba Bavuma's men. On the hope-metre, what Bavuma's troops achieved is on par with the feat of Kapil's Devils in the 1983 World Cup. This triumph was a tribute to what Bavuma and his lead stars like spearhead Kagiso Rabada and centurion Markram achieved. Conceding a first-innings lead and still to find that belief deep within is remarkable. Equally, it was a redemption song for a Rainbow Nation that dealt with the spectre of apartheid, and the resultant sporting isolation, before Nelson Mandela applied the heal-

ing touch while a country regained its spirit and made a slow comeback. Often a sigh accompanied cricketing yarns about South Africa. The lost years of Graeme Pollock, Barry Richards, Mike Procter and to some extent Clive Rice. The subsequent losses in ICC events despite being a fine side. The match-fixing crisis that tainted Hansie Cronje. The list seemed endless till it was time to laugh aloud and welcome a new champion in the willow game. Once Shakira sang "This time for Africa" in her 2010 'Waka, Waka' number. Bavuma and his men will perhaps whisper: "This time for South Africa." Sport offers hope. It always does.

Purpose, passion and belief

Fantastic win! Hats off to Markram for the match-winning century, and Temba for leading with such ice and fire all through A.B. DE VILLIERS

One of the most phenomenally responsible, nerveless fourth innings centuries from Markram IAN BISHOP

Test cricket continues to weave its magic. Markram's composure and Bavuma's grit under pressure stood tall in the fourth innings. A century that will be remembered, a partnership that turned hope into history SACHIN TENDULKAR

Bosh and boom! What a win for Proteas! They outskilled and outwitted the Australians, showed how purpose, passion and belief shaped the path to a trophy KUMAR SANGAKKARA

Rabada was brilliant. Markram not only engraved his name on the Lord's Honours Board, but also in the history of South African cricket IRFAN PATHAN

Masterful Markram! Great win by South Africa led by Temba Bavuma. This was a great advertisement for Test cricket CHRIS GAYLE

Champions finally! Mighty congratulations ROBIN UTHAPPA

Domestic season to begin on Aug. 28; Duleep Trophy back to the zonal format

CRICKET

Vivek Krishnan  
NEW DELHI

The 2025-26 domestic cricket season will kick off with the Duleep Trophy, starting August 28, and end with the senior women's inter-zonal multi-day Trophy on April 3. The schedule for the upcoming season was announced via a press release after the BCCI's 28th Apex Council meeting on Saturday. The Ranji Trophy is slated to be held from October 15 to February 28. Like last season, the league stage of India's premier First Class competition will be held in two phases. The first phase will be held from October 15 to November 19 while the second phase will involve two rounds from January 22 to February 1. The knockouts will begin on February 6. The Syed Mushtaq Ali

The Ranji Trophy will be held from October 15 to February 28. Duleep Trophy will be contested among six zones this season. The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy will now include a Super League stage instead of the knockouts. New Zealand will play three ODIs and five T20Is from Jan. 11 to 31. Trophy and the Vijay Hazare Trophy - the T20 and 50-over competitions respectively - will be played during the Ranji break. Among the key decisions taken at the meeting was a return to the zonal format for the Duleep Trophy. In the 2024-25 season, the tournament was played between four teams - India-A, India-B, India-C and India-D - picked by the national selectors. This year, it will again be contested among the six zones - North, South, West, East, Central and North East. The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy will now include a

Super League stage instead of the knockouts. The Super League stage will feature two groups of four teams each based on standings at the end of the league phase. The group toppers will directly contest the final. Meanwhile, the itinerary for New Zealand's white-ball tour of India in January 2026 was also confirmed. The Black Caps will play three ODIs and five T20Is from January 11 to 31. Following the stampede in Bengaluru after Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL victory that led to 11 deaths, the BCCI has also decided to "constitute a committee to formulate comprehensive guidelines aimed at preventing such occurrences in the future". BCCI office-bearers Devajit Saikia, Prabhtje Singh Bhatia and Rajeev Shukla are part of the committee expected to prepare the guidelines within 15 days.

U Mumba pulls off a Houdini, sneaks into the summit clash

UTT

Amol Karhadkar  
AHMEDABAD

Never had a team made a comeback after trailing 4-7 in an Ultimate Table Tennis knockout match. And never had U Mumba TT been able to breach the semifinal barrier in the first five editions. Both the firsts were achieved on Saturday, courtesy P.B. Abhinandh and Yashaswini Ghorpade. With his back against the wall and trailing 0-2 against Vitor Ishiy, Abhinandh finally found an answer to Ishiy's serve and stretched the match into the deciding tie. Yashaswini then blanked Krittwika Sinha Roy 3-0 on the last point of the match. After closing out the first two games, Yashaswini raced to a 10-6 lead, Krittwika finally getting trapped into Yashaswini's long-pimpled backhand. But Krittwika then had a four-point spree. But the golden point saw Krittwika finally hit her backhand



Making a point: Yashaswini held her nerve and blanked Krittwika to seal the deal. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

long to let the U Mumba camp burst into a wild bout of celebration. Earlier, captain Harmeet Desai couldn't have gotten the Challengers off to a better start than a clean slate against Lilian Bardet. Harmeet went all out with his forehand winners to not let Bardet get into his game. But Bernadette Szocs brought U Mumba back into the game by inflicting the first defeat on Zeng Jian. When Szocs and Akash Pal reduced the def-

icit to 4-5, U Mumbai was back in the match. Ishiy - the replacement player who came in for Tiago Apolonia - then put Goa on the cusp of a win. But then started the great escape! **The result:** U Mumba TT bt Dempo Goa Challengers 8-7 (Lilian Bardet lost to Harmeet Desai 8-11, 4-11, 10-11; Bernadette Szocs bt Zeng Jian 11-5, 11-9, 7-11; Szocs & Akash Pal bt Zeng & Desai 11-8, 11-8, 9-11; P.B. Abhinandh lost to Vitor Ishiy 6-11, 4-11, 11-9; Yashaswini Ghorpade bt Krittwika Sinha Roy 11-9, 11-9, 11-10).









**Sparkling start:** A decorated boat during the opening ceremony of the Khelo India Beach Games on the Ghoghla Beach on the Diu Island on May 19.



**Show of strength:** Athletes in action during the beach kabaddi game. The spirit of the athletes at the Khelo India Beach Games was both fierce and joyous.



**Radiant ending:** Artists turn the closing ceremony of the Games to a celebration of the Union Territory as the competitive rivalry comes to an end.



**Aiming for the net:** Beach soccer teams from Kerala and Maharashtra fight it out.

# Surf, sand and sports

Over 1,300 athletes from across India competed in six events in the inaugural edition of Khelo India Beach Games organised in May on Ghoghla Beach near Diu town



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The inaugural edition of Khelo India Beach Games organised in May in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu was a show of mixed emotions. The elation of victories paralleled the disappointments of falling short. During the open water swimming event, which was held under adverse weather conditions, parents were worried and were waiting on the shore for their competing children to safely return from the sea. Their concerns were drowned in the cheers of local people, volunteers and supporters for the children. The games were held on the blue-flag certified Ghoghla Beach near Diu town. Over 1,300 athletes from 31 States and Union Territories competed in six events – beach soccer, sepak takraw, pencak silat, open water swimming, beach volleyball, and beach kabaddi. Ironically, landlocked Manipur came out as the champions by the sandy shores of Ghoghla. Apart from the competition events, the hosts

also put the U.T.'s own sporting talent on display on the final day of the games, demonstrating agility with Mallakhamb – a traditional form of gymnastics; strength with tug-of-war; and grit with boxing. The five-day event gave mediapersons a lot to deal with as photographers often had to deal with unwanted clutter in the background while looking for the perfect frame. Others would have to rival the decibel levels of booming speakers to get across to athletes. The natural lighting of dawns and dusks made covering the games early in the morning or late in the evening incredibly interesting, especially the events of beach kabaddi and sepak takraw, in which players were sort of flying over the sand to score points under the rising/setting sun spinning its own web. The Games had its moments despite challenges, and the beach sports community will hope that the competition augurs well for its future.



**Grabbing eyeballs:** A player from Maharashtra sends the ball back in a beach volleyball game.





**Swift strokes:** Athletes participate in the 10-km open water swimming competition.



**Until one wins:** Two women slug it out at the pencak silat competition.



**Champion of the water:** Renukacharya Hodmani, representing Karnataka, secured the top spot in the men's category in the 10-km open water swimming contest.



**Fine balance:**  
Athletes perform  
Mallakhamb at the  
opening ceremony.



**With all their might:** The Kerala men's tug of war team in action during the final match.