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Mamata moves Kolkata HC against poll defeat in Bhabanipur

KOLKATA: Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday filed an election petition before the Calcutta High Court challenging the poll result in the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency, where she lost to Bharatiya Janata Party leader Suwendu Adhikari. Adhikari, West Bengal's first BJP Chief Minister, had defeated Banerjee by a margin of more than 15,100 votes.

LS Speaker to hear TMC factions before taking call

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will hear the defected TMC MPs as also the faction led by Mamata Banerjee before deciding on giving recognition to the breakaway faction even as the NCPI, the party which the rebel faction will join, has named Jyoti-prakash Chatterji as its new president. One of the leading faces of the TMC rebel faction, Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, on Tuesday claimed that the Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI) has agreed to accept the joining of all the dissident Lok Sabha members of her party, whose numbers are likely to go up to 22 from the present 20. The Lok Sabha Speaker will hear the defected TMC MPs as well as the faction led by Mamata Banerjee before deciding on giving recognition to the breakaway faction, sources privy to the development said.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



I'm as financially strong as the fifth largest party in the Lok Sabha. I, too, have ₹75 in my bank account

Fine rice prices zoom in TG in last 10 days

- ▶ Prices of fine rice varieties gone up by Rs 5 to Rs 7/kg
- ▶ Millers, big traders hoarding stocks
- ▶ Common people paying through their nose



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EVEN as Telangana recorded the highest paddy production in the country, retail prices of fine rice shot up in recent days. Hoarding of rice stocks by millers and wholesalers to create artificial shortage of fine rice is putting a heavy burden on the common man. According to traders and retailers, prices have gone up by at least Rs 5 to Rs 7 per kilogram of fine rice varieties in the last 10

days. For instance, the price of Samba Masuri (BPT), a popular fine rice variety, shot up from Rs 62 per kg to Rs 68 per kg.

It is said that millers hoarded two-year-old fine rice varieties. They are said to be selling them in the retail market at higher prices through wholesale dealers and retail agents. Some big traders have also reportedly hoarded those rice varieties which are in high demand to create artificial scarcity.

Nearly 60 lakh metric tonnes of fine varieties of paddy are being procured every year in the state. Another 10 lakh metric tonnes of fine quality paddy are being purchased by the millers from the farmers directly. In all, fine rice totaling 70 lakh metric tonnes, is produced in the state every year.

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Revanth writes to Kishan for release of IRFC loan

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy appealed to Union Minister for Coal G Kishan Reddy to ensure that the sanctioned IRFC loan to Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-I is disbursed without further delay, and that Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II receives all necessary approvals at the earliest.

In an official letter to the Union Minister, the Chief Minister also requested to arrange a meeting with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to discuss the release of the IRFC loan and metro rail expansion, along with the relevant agreement and supporting documents so that any concerns or issues can be clarified and the matter resolved expeditiously.

The Chief Minister brought to the attention of Kishan Reddy that, as per the executed financing agreements, the first tranche of the loan from India Railway Finance Corporation Limited (IRFC) was scheduled for disbursement on June 15. Despite the state government fulfilling all conditions pre-



cedent, and paying Rs 784.32 crore as the upfront fee demanded by it, IRFC has not made the disbursement. Revanth Reddy stated in the letter that he is ready to give clarification regarding the takeover transaction, the signed agreement, or the proposed Phase-II expansion, and will be available to meet personally at any convenient place and time.

The Chief Minister said that the government complied with every requirement, executed every agreement, and fulfilled every condition demanded by the lender, making the state government entitled to expect timely disbursement.

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IAF to develop indigenous kamikaze one-way attack drones

NEW DELHI: IAF has initiated a project to jointly develop indigenous long-range kamikaze drones with domestic industry partners, aiming to enhance self-reliance and gain greater control over future upgrades and modifications.

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KHARIF READY TG draws action plan for smooth distribution of seeds & fertilisers

CM asks ministers, MPs to put pressure on Centre for urea

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HYDERABAD: The Telangana government has drawn an action plan to ensure smooth distribution of seeds and fertilizers to farmers in the ensuing farming season. The government has also decided to mount pressure on the Union government for adequate urea supply from the Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited.

At a high-level review of the Agriculture department on Tuesday, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced the constitution of an official committee, headed by the Secretary to Agriculture, to execute the action plan during the kharif season.

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Modi-Trump meet set to spotlight G7 Summit

GLOBAL LEADERS GATHER IN FRANCE

NEW DELHI

A scheduled meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and United States President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in France is set to be one of the most closely watched diplomatic engagements of the week, as world leaders converge in the lakeside resort town of Evian amid growing geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty, and mounting security challenges.

Modi arrived in France to participate in the 52nd G7 Summit, where discussions are expected to range from the war in Ukraine and the evolving situation in West Asia to global trade, energy security, and the future of international governance. His anticipated talks with Trump are likely to focus on bilateral trade, tariff issues, the global oil market, regional conflicts, and broader geopolitical developments that are reshaping international relations.

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PM Narendra Modi shakes hands with US President Donald Trump before the plenary session of the G7 summit in Evian-les-Bains, France, on Tuesday

FIRST IN 16 MONTHS... THE GREAT HANDSHAKE!

Modi, Trump exchange pleasantries amid strained ties

Evian-les-Bains: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump exchanged pleasantries and held a brief conversation on Tuesday at a gathering of G7 leaders, marking their first in-person encounter in 16 months amid continuing strain in bilateral ties.

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G7 allies scramble to put Ukraine back atop Trump's agenda

Gulf nations seek protection of maritime routes

DUBAI

THE Gulf countries, while welcoming the peace deal between the US and Iran, have called for protection of maritime routes and freedom of international navigation, including the uninterrupted flow of traffic through the Strait of Hormuz. The UAE Foreign ministry said it affirms the importance of "prioritising dialogue and diplomacy, and adher-



ing to international law, in a manner that reinforces regional security and stability". It called for "full compliance" with the provisions of the agreement, ensuring an "immediate and comprehensive cessation" of hostilities, protection of maritime routes and freedom of international navigation, including the uninterrupted flow of traffic through the Strait of Hormuz.

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CM levelling false allegations against me: Kishan Reddy

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UNION Minister for Coal G Kishan Reddy launched a strong counterattack against Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing him of making "false, baseless and politically motivated allegations" regarding the Hyderabad Metro Rail project.

Addressing the media on Tuesday, he said the Chief



Minister was deliberately misleading the public for political gain and attempt-

ing to divert attention from his government's failures.

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ALMOST NO RAIN CLOUDS 3 satellites paint worrying monsoon picture for India

NEW DELHI

FRESH satellite imagery from European and American weather agencies has revealed an alarming picture of India's southwest monsoon, with cloud cover across large parts of the country appearing unusually sparse for mid-June, raising concerns about a prolonged rainfall deficit during a critical phase of the season.

Images captured on Tuesday by the European weather satellite Meteosat Indian Ocean Data Coverage (IODC), operated by EUMETSAT, NOAA's weather satellite, and Isro's Insat-3DS show vast stretches of central, western and peninsular India largely devoid of the dense cloud bands typically associated with an active monsoon.

The images present a striking contrast to what meteorologists would normally expect nearly two weeks after the monsoon's onset

over Kerala. Instead of widespread moisture-laden clouds advancing across the subcontinent, much of India appears dry, with only scattered patches of convection visible over parts of the Bay of Bengal and eastern regions. Weather experts say the situation reflects a significant weakening of the monsoon circulation. Heat continues to dominate large parts of



the country, while key atmospheric drivers that normally fuel the monsoon remain unusually weak. Among the biggest concerns is the absence of a strong Somali Jet, a powerful low-level wind current that transports enormous amounts of moisture from the equatorial Indian Ocean toward India during the monsoon season.

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Telegram banned till June 22 post-NEET paper leak

NEW DELHI

THE Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has blocked messaging app Telegram in India till June 22, and a direction has been issued to the platform to disable the message editing feature in India till June 30. The move is on account of the NEET-UG 2026 retest that will be held on June 21. Welcoming the action against Telegram, the NTA said the move will go a long way in helping the Agency to conduct a safe and secure exam on June 21. "Throughout the period leading up to the present action, the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination

SOME FEATURES OF THE APP BLOCKED TILL JUNE 30



Centre (I4C), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, has served as the principal nodal agency coordinating the operational response to the Telegram-based fraud

and misinformation targeting NEET (UG) 2026 candidates.

Acting on inputs received continuously from NTA, from state law-enforcement agencies, including the police



forces of Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan, and from its own continuous monitoring of public channels and platforms, I4C has secured the prompt take-down of a substantial

number of Telegram channels, groups and bots whose names and content openly advertised their fraudulent and misleading purpose," the NTA added.

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Google removes Telegram from Play Store, Apple may follow suit

NEW DELHI: Google has removed messaging app Telegram from its Play Store, and Apple is likely to follow suit in compliance with a government order, sources aware of the development said on Tuesday. The government has ordered Google and Apple to delist the Telegram app from their app stores till June 22 to check paper leaks during the upcoming re-examination of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) on June 21.

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