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**WOMENIA**  
**Nia Sharma shares unique take on how fame works today**  
 In her recent post, she compared the nature of modern fame to something instantly accessible and widely enjoyed. Taking to Instagram, the 'Naagin' actress posted her sultry video and wrote, "Fame today is like instant noodles."  
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**EDIT**  
**Even hardened criminals are sure to get caught!**  
 It always seems that police failures make the headlines — their successful work rarely does. In times like these, elders say, righteousness — whether small or great — inevitably endures.  
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**BUSINESS**  
**Oil prices set to ease after US-Iran deal**  
 The prospect of normalised shipping through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz has already triggered a sharp decline in geopolitical risk premiums, helping Brent crude retreat about 20% from recent highs, while LNG benchmark prices have also softened.  
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**YOUNG HANS**  
**Building healthy habits early**  
 Eating a variety of vegetables every day can help improve immunity and protect children from common illnesses. Leafy greens, carrots, tomatoes, and other colorful vegetables contain nutrients that support healthy eyesight, brain development and energy levels.  
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## WINDOWS



### 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. The BJP leader had also defeated another TMC candidate in the Nandigram constituency, which he vacated on May 15. In 2021 as well, Banerjee had filed a similar petition after she lost to Adhikari in Nandigram by a margin of 1,956 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

## WITH HOARDERS RAKING IN MOOLAH

# 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



**HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD**  
 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. 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. State Civil Supplies Department officials said that the demand for fine rice was increasing in view of the purchase by all sections from lower middle classes to the rich communities for their daily food requirements. Sonamasi variety from Kurnool, Nizamabad, Bapatla and K-

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

**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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# CM levelling false allegations against me: Kishan Reddy

**HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD**  
 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 attempting to divert attention from his government's failures. Kishan Reddy said that



### 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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# 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 adhering 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, protec-



### 1st Indian LNG tanker Disha safely crosses Hormuz

**NEW DELHI:** A Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) carrier, Disha, safely transited through the Strait of Hormuz. It is the first Indian LNG tanker to cross the war-hit narrow shipping lane since the war in the Middle East broke out.  
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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



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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# 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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