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Jagan asks YSRCP cadre to guard votes during SIR
He said the deletion of a genuine voter during the SIR process could be difficult to reverse and stressed the need for continuous vigilance at the grassroots level.

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.

Solar energy key to protect Earth: Solanki
Former IIT Bombay professor and renowned "Solar Man of India" Dr Chetan Singh Solanki has called upon citizens to move beyond being mere consumers of energy and become energy producers to address the growing challenges of climate change.

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.



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

Naidu pitches AP as semiconductor hub

- CM invites global chipmakers to invest in state
- Says semiconductor facility planned in Rayalaseema
- Focuses on high-tech manufacturing ecosystem in state
- GlobalFoundries, NXP, ASMPT take part in roundtable

HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday invited global semiconductor companies to visit Andhra Pradesh within the next 30 days to explore investment opportunities, positioning the state as an emerging destination for semiconductor manufacturing and advanced technology industries.

Addressing the Semicon Ecosystem Roundtable Conference in Singapore, Naidu said Andhra Pradesh is adopting a "Speed of Doing Business" approach focused on faster approvals, efficient governance and investor-friendly policies.

He stated that India has emerged as one of the world's most attractive investment destinations and that Andhra Pradesh offers



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the Semicon Ecosystem Roundtable Conference in Singapore on Tuesday

a conducive ecosystem for global manufacturers.

The Chief Minister revealed that a semiconductor manufacturing facility is planned in the Rayalaseema region, strengthening the state's ambitions to build a comprehensive semiconductor ecosystem. He said Rayalaseema also offers significant opportunities in defence

manufacturing, aerospace, electronics, fighter aircraft components and automobile production.

Naidu said the state is committed to partnering with global companies to promote innovation, manufacturing excellence and sustainable industrial growth across the semiconductor value chain.

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WORLD CITIES SUMMIT

CM hardsells Amaravati to global investors

► Says the Greenfield capital offers global-scale investment opportunities

► Showcases Amaravati as global knowledge city, people-centric, net-zero capital

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AMARAVATI: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday invited global investors to explore opportunities in Amaravati, presenting the capital city as a future-ready knowledge and innovation hub at the World Cities Summit in Singapore. Continued on Page 7

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. Continued on Page 7

G7 allies scramble to put Ukraine back atop Trump's agenda P7



SHOULD AADHAAR USE BE RESTRICTED TO ID PROOF: SC

NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday sought responses from the Centre and state governments on a petition alleging that Aadhaar cards are being wrongly used as proof of citizenship, domicile and address.

The petition has asked the court to direct authorities to restrict the use of Aadhaar only to identity verification.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice V Mohan issued notices to the Centre, all states and Union Territories on the petition filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay.

The petition seeks directions to the Centre, state governments and the Election Commission of India to

ensure that Aadhaar is used only as proof of identity and not as proof of citizenship, domicile, address or date of birth. Section 9 of the Aadhaar Act clearly states that Aadhaar is not proof of citizenship or domicile. UIDAI's notification dated August 22, 2023, also clarified that Aadhaar is only proof of identity, not of citizenship, address, or date of birth. Aadhaar is being used as proof of age, citizenship, and residence in processes such as school admissions, property purchases, obtaining birth certificates, ration cards, and driving licenses. The petition claims that due to this, infiltrators and illegal immigrants are also obtaining other documents based on Aadhaar. Continued on Page 7



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. Continued on Page 7

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



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. Continued on Page 7

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. Continued on Page 7

Doctor's prescription now mandatory for cough syrups

LOZENGES, PILLS, TABLETS FOR COUGH CONTINUE TO REMAIN ON LIST

NEW DELHI

THE Union Health Ministry has amended the rules to remove "syrups ... for cough" from Schedule K — the list of medicines exempted from the requirement of a prescription by a registered medical practitioner. Lozenges, pills or tablets for cough continue to remain on the list. The Centre had released



the draft guidelines, inviting stakeholder comments in December last year. The move came months after at least 22 children died in Madhya Pradesh's

Chhindwara district after consuming contaminated cough syrups. At the same time, there were reports of children in Rajasthan dying after consuming cough syrups but in that case, they took syrups not meant for young children.

Now, you would not be able to go to your neighbourhood pharmacy to get a cough syrup if you need one. Continued on Page 7

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. Continued on Page 7

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. Continued on Page 7

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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