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'People from RSS' behind attack on me: Dipke
Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke on Tuesday alleged that "some people from RSS" were behind the attack on him a day earlier, claiming it was an attempt to shift focus away from the real issue and stifle the voice of students. **P6**

Even hardened criminals are sure to get caught!
Our ancestors used to talk about the ages. They said that in the Treta Yuga dharma stood on four legs, in Dwapara Yuga the number of legs decreased, and in Kali Yuga dharma almost lost its footing — elders would say this and people used to laugh. **P4**

Oil prices set to ease after US-Iran deal
Crude oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices are expected to moderate following signs of a potential US-Iran peace agreement and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, although analysts cautioned that supply disruptions, damaged infrastructure and tight inventories. **P7**

Pooja Hegde showcases fashion-forward style
Actress Pooja Hegde is enjoying a successful phase in her career as her latest Bollywood entertainer Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai continues to attract audiences in theatres. The romantic comedy, directed by David Dhawan, features Varun Dhawan. **P8**

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WINDOWS
Smriti only Indian in TIME's 100 influential sportspersons

NEW DELHI: Cricketer Smriti Mandhana has been named by TIME magazine among this year's 100 most influential people in sports, the only Indian to be featured on the list. TIME's list of the 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026 features athletes, coaches, advocates and investors who are "people shaping sports." The list, headlined by American basketball legend LeBron James, includes superstars from the world of sports such as football icon Lionel Messi, Chinese-American skier Eileen Gu, tennis star Carlos Alcaraz, basketball player Victor Wembanyama, legendary golfer Rory McIlroy among others.

8 dead after US Air Force B-52 bomber crashes

CALIFORNIA: Eight crew members were killed after a US Air Force B-52 Stratofortress bomber plane crashed shortly after takeoff from Edwards Air Force Base in California's Mojave Desert. According to CNN, the aircraft, which was on a routine test mission, took off at approximately 11:20 am (local time) before crashing near the remote military installation northeast of Los Angeles. Edwards Air Force Base said all eight crew members on board are presumed dead, and the incident has now shifted from a rescue effort to a recovery operation, CNN reported. "It was tragic and unsurvivable," Colonel James Hayes said during a press conference, according to CNN.

Lion kills restaurant worker in Guj

AMRELI: A lion mauled to death a 25-year-old man who worked at a restaurant in Gujarat's Amreli district and ate several body parts of the victim, officials said on Tuesday. Locals found a few body parts of the victim and his severed head close to an approach road near Kovaya village of Amreli district under Rajula forest range early Tuesday morning. Assistant Conservator of Forests Viralsinh Chavda said a pride of four lions was moving in the area and efforts were underway to cage them all based on suspicion that one of them killed the man, who hailed from Uttarakhand.

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NEET-UG re-test: Centre blocks Telegram app till June 22

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THE government on Tuesday temporarily restricted access to the Telegram messaging app ahead of the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination, with the National Testing Agency (NTA) saying the measure was aimed at tackling cheating rackets and misinformation. NTA Director General Abhishek Singh said the restriction on Telegram till June 22 was part of efforts to ensure that the June 21 re-test is conducted without malpractice. "We will not let anything

We will not let anything go wrong. We will take all possible actions to ensure that the examination is conducted without any malpractice: NTA Director General Abhishek Singh



go wrong. We will take all possible actions to ensure that the examination is conducted without any malpractice," Singh told

PTI when asked about the move. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), acting on recommendations made

by the NTA, has issued a direction under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, restricting access to the

APPS EXIT FROM PLAY STORE

Google has removed messaging app Telegram from the Play Store and Apple is likely to follow suit in compliance with a government order, sources aware of the development said.

"The government has asked Google and Apple to delist the app temporarily. Google has done it. Apple will be doing it," a source said. When checked, Google Play Store displayed the

message that the app is not available. Queries sent to Google, Apple and The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) did not elicit any immediate reply.

Telegram platform in India for a defined and limited period ending June 22, 2026 covering the day of the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination and its immediate aftermath. A separate direction requires Telegram to disable in India the

message-editing feature for already-posted messages till June 30, addressing the specific structural feature through which the platform has been used to fabricate after-the-event "paper leak" evidence in respect of national examinations, the NTA said in a statement.

"Both measures have been taken in the interest of public order, in response to the organised use of the platform by cheating rackets to defraud candidates appearing for the NEET (UG) 2026 re-examination scheduled on 21 June, 2026," it said.

Cough syrups can be bought only with doc's prescription

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AMID drug quality and patient safety concerns, the Union Health ministry has amended rules to prohibit sale of syrups, including cough syrups, without a doctor's prescription across the country. The move is aimed at bringing syrup-based formulations, including cough syrups, under stricter regulatory oversight, officials said. Earlier, prior to this amendment, entry No. 13 of Schedule K permitted the sale of cough syrups in villages with a population of less than 1,000 without requiring compliance with certain retail sale licensing provisions, the ministry said in a statement. With the omission of the word

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"syrup" from the said entry, this exemption will no longer be available for cough syrups.

"Consequently, the sale and dispensing of cough syrups in smaller villages will now be required to

take place only through duly licensed pharmacies in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules framed thereunder," the statement said.

The decision comes against the backdrop of increased regulatory scrutiny of cough syrups and other liquid oral formulations in recent years following reports of contamination-linked deaths of children in several countries. According to sources, the latest amendment is expected to enhance traceability and regulatory supervision of syrup-based medicines by ensuring that manufacturers and sellers comply with stricter licensing and quality-control requirements.

Hug missing during Modi, Trump meet

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.

In Evian-les-Bains, the site of this year's G7 summit of the powerful grouping, Modi and Trump shared a warm handshake followed by a short conversation. A full bilateral sit-down is slated for Wednesday on the sidelines of the gathering.

While details of their brief exchange were not known, the encounter sets the stage for their high-stakes talks. Following US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's visit to India last month, the two



sides are now looking at rebuilding the bilateral ties. The relations witnessed a major downturn after Washington imposed punitive tariffs on India and President Trump made controversial assertions regarding his role in de-escalating the India-Pakistan military clashes last May. Over the next few months, the US president repeat-

edly and publicly claimed that he had resolved the military conflict between the two neighbours and saved millions of lives as it was heading toward a full-scale war. New Delhi stoutly maintained that the cessation of the hostilities was a result of talks between India and Pakistan, and the US involvement had nothing to do with it.

Should Aadhaar use be restricted to ID proof?

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NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday sought response of the Centre and States on a plea alleging misuse of the Unique Identification Authority of India-issued Aadhaar cards as proof of citizenship, domicile and residential address, and seeking directions to restrict its use strictly for identity verification. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice V Mohana issued notices to the Centre and all the states and UTs on a plea filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay and tagged it with the pending similar matters.

The plea has sought directions to the Centre, states and the Election Commission to ensure that Aadhaar



is used as a proof of identity and not as a proof of citizenship, domicile, address and date of birth. The plea, filed through advocate Ashwani Dubey, also sought directions that the use of Aadhaar as a proof of date of birth and residence in the application form for new voter registration be considered against Section 9 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016, Section 23(4) of the RPA, 1950 and Article 14 of the Constitution. "Section 9 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 expressly states that 'Aadhaar is not the evidence of citizenship or domicile'.

Attack on Lebanon would mean truce violation: Iran

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DUBAI

IRAN'S top diplomat said Tuesday that the deal ending the war with the United States would also require Israel to withdraw from Lebanon. But with Israel insisting it will force forces in Lebanon, questions are growing about the still-unpublished agreement and whether disagreement over its terms could prolong the conflict.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel's continued occupation of southern Lebanon would violate the memorandum of understanding reached between the United States and Iran. "The end of the war in Lebanon is an inseparable part of the complete end of the war," Araghchi said in statements made to foreign diplomats in Tehran that were aired on Iranian state TV.

"Without the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories they occupied during this war, the war has not fully come to an end," Araghchi said further Israeli attacks on



Lebanon "will be considered by us a violation of the memorandum of understanding." The United States has not said whether Lebanon was part of the final agreement. But Araghchi's description clashes with statements made by Israeli officials about the deal to end the war that started with joint US-Israeli airstrikes on Feb. 28. Israel is not a party to the agreement. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described it as President Donald Trump's decision, noting Israel had its own priorities and would remain in a buffer zone in Lebanon "as long as necessary."

20 TMC rebels accepted into NCPI, to work with NDA

KOLKATA: Rebel Trinamool Congress MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar on June 16 said 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.

Dastidar also said that the rebel MPs have no connection with the dissident TMC MLAs, who have formed a separate group in the West Bengal assembly, recognised by Speaker Rathindra Bose.

Asked about the next move of the rebel TMC MPs, the lawmaker from Bengal's Barasat said first they want to settle down while trying to merge into another party. "Acceptance has already come to us. They (NCPI)



Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar

are happy to take us. We will work together with the NDA under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah," Dastidar told reporters at the Parliament House complex, New Delhi. Asked about her faction's strength, she said, "Currently we are 20 (MPs). The numbers may go up to 22."

Altogether, 28 MPs got elected to the Lok Sabha on TMC tickets in the 2024 general elections.

3.3 kg 'Noorjahan' mango fetches Rs 3,800 in Alirajpur

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ALIRAJPUR

THE 'Noorjahan' mango variety, hailed as the Queen of Mangoes, is drawing attention in Madhya Pradesh's Katthiwada region after growers reported a fruit weighing 3.3 kilograms was sold for Rs 3,800 this season.

According to mango growers, the largest fruit of this rare variety in the current season so far weighed 3.3 kg. Some of the larger fruits on 'Noorjahan' trees could weigh

up to four kg by the end of this month, they told PTI on Tuesday. Katthiwada region in Alirajpur district, located 250 km from Indore, is especially known for the cultivation of 'Noorjahan' and other varieties of mangoes.

Bharatraj Singh Jadav, a mango grower from Katthiwada, said his orchard has two old and 11 new grafted 'Noorjahan' mango trees. The new trees have also begun to bear fruit, and production is expected to increase in the future, he said.

"The Noorjahan mango harvest this season has been satisfactory.

He said that the 'Noorjahan' mango trees in his orchard still bear many fruits, and their final weight will be known only after they are harvested. According to Jadav, demand for the 'Noorjahan' mango is currently coming not only from Madhya Pradesh but also from Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat. The grower said he recently also received inquiries about the fruit from Tamil Nadu.

This season, 'Noorjahan' mangoes from his orchard have reached the United Arab Emirates, the US, and Spain, although these were not exported directly and people took them abroad through their acquaintances, he said. Jadav said that his orchard has approximately 2,500 trees of different mango varieties. Ten guards have been deployed to protect the orchard because the 'Noorjahan' mango requires special monitoring due to its high price, he informed.

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