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### Champai quits ,Henant Soren set tobreturb as Jharkhand CM

Jharkhand CM Chamai Soren tenders his resignation to end his five month term , BJP accuses JMM of playing dynastic politics .

MLAs from JMM led alliance unanimously elect Hemant Soren, who was released on Money Laundering case on June 28.

Hemant Soren is currently on bail in land grabbing case filed by ED.

Champai Soren was made CM after Hemant quit before going to ED custody . Jharkhand will go for election in October .

# We must rise above politics for peace in Manipur, says Modi

PM Modi spoke about condition in Manipur in Parliament . Speaking in Rajya Sabha PM Modi said that efforts were on to bring peace . He added that history suggests that. "social tension " in the state is deeply rooted .

About 11,000 people have been registered and over 500 people arrested so far.

" We have to rise above politics to bring normalcy normalcy . The elements that are trying to add fuel to the fire in Manipur should stop . There will be time when Manipur will reject them

There is long history of social tension that is deeply rooted ...we have to act wisely . Whoever wants to contribute peace building is welcome . " Mr Modi said .

PM was speaking on the motion of Thanks to the President's address.

He said that government officials was working extra hours to restore peace in Manipur.





The INDIA bloc walked out of the house after PM stated giving his speech. The were not allowed to intervene by chairman Jagdeep Dhnkhar.

Opposition leader says Modi gave wrongful information in the house.

## Speaker forms committee to frame rules on oath taking of members

Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla had constituted a committee to frame rules for "oath taking and affirmation "of MPs, so that any deviation can be punished, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiran Rijiju said at a press conference.

There were several instances of MPs raising slogans while taking oath as MPs .. AIMIM's Owaisi had said "Jai Palestine "after oath .

# Cabinet committees reconstituted; NDA partners on board

The Union government reconstituted various important cabinet committees here on Wednesday .

Ministers of BJP's partners in NDA , JD( U) , TDP , JD ( S) , Shiv Sena , LJP ( Ram vilas ) have found place in the committees .

Most of the panels are headed by PM Narendra Modi .

#### **Important Cabinet committees:**

- Cabinet Committee of Security ( CCS ): Takes desiion on countries security from external forces. It's members are PM Modi, Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman, S Jaishankar, Rajnath Singh
- Cabinet Committee on Appointments ( ACC) : The committee overseas various high level appointments

Members: Narendra Modi, Amit Shah







- Cabinet Committee on Accommodation: Looks into allotment, rent of accommodation of government properties.
- Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA): Takes decision on disbursement of funds.
- Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary affairs: Headed by the Defense Minister. Look into passing bills. And progress in parliamentary work of government.
- Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs: Looks into centre state relations, that includes both political and economic relations.
- Cabinet Committee on skill development and employment: Out of eight cabinet committees six are headed by the Prime Minister. The committees not headed by the PM are Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary affairs and Cabinet Committee on Accommodation.

## Hathras stampede toll hits 121; organiser pins blame on 'anti social elements

With the death toll in Hathras satsang stampede touching 121, Sooraj Pal singh, alias Narayan Sarkar Vishwakarma Hari said that ruckus was created by "anti social elements "after he left the event.

CM Yogi Adityanath has ordered a judicial probe under the retired judge of High Court . FIR on the close aide didnot mention Mr Das as an accused .

A writ petiton was filed in Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday to appoint a five memeber expert committee under the supervision of a retired Supreme Court Judge to inquire into Hathras stampede.

Russian President Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has expressed condolences over the stampede in Hathras



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### 26 /11 accused Rana Ayub can be extradited says US attorney.

Pakistan origin Candia businessman Tahawwur Rana, wanted in his role in 2008 Mumbai terror attack case, is exttiable under plain provisions of US India extradition deal, a US attorney has told a court.

Lower court in US had given direction to extradite Rana. Rana filed a writ challenging the lower court's detection.

Rana is a key accused in Mumbai terror attack case ..

### **Ensure return of Indians struck in Ukraine** warzone, Jaishankar tells lavrov

On the sidelines of SCO EAM S. Jaishankar met with Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Astana.

"(I) raised our strong concern on Indian nationals who are currently in war Zone, pressed for their safe and expeditious release. ".

Many cases of Indians forced to fight along side Russian army had came into light.

In a recent press statement MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had said that 10 people had been rescued so far and 20 to 25 had requested the Indian embassy for help.

### India to host 46 th UNESCO panel session

46 th session of the UNESCO world heritage committee , being hosted by India from July 21 - 31 will be held in Bharat Mandapam New Delhi.

The event will be organised by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).







# In a repeat of 2023, vegetable prices upset family budget

In the past 30 days , prices of tomatoes has gone up  $65.7\,\%$  , onions by  $35.36\,\%$  and potatoes by 15.67% .

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Center has said that the prices will be in control soon. The government has said that the next harvest of tomato in Karnataka will ensure supply to ease down prices of tomato.

The rise in prices has also a seasonal effect . This is the season when prices are usually high . Smart cities Mission period extended till March 2025

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Under SCM, 100 cities was chosen to be developed as smart cities.

More than 8,000 multi sectoral projects are being developed by the 100 cities, amounting to ₹1.6lakh crore.

As of July 3, the 100 cities have completed 7,188 projects (90 % of total projects) amounting to ₹1,44,237 crore.

The mission has an allocated budget of ₹48,000 crore for 100 cities .

#### **World:**

## Labour in lead, Tories vow to fight as U. K. goes to election

The UK will go for elections on July 4 . On the last day of campaigning , British PM Rishi Sunak said that he would fight for every vote .





The two major parties in UK elections are: Conservative Party or Tories whose Prime Ministerial candidate is Rishi Sunak and Labor party which is headed by Keir Starmer.

UK lower house, House of commons, has 650 seats in total.

Conservative parties has been in Power currently. In last election the seats shared between Conservative and labours were 344 and 205 respectively.

Increased taxes, cost of living crisis, Crumbling public services like National Health Services (NHS) and immigration are some of the major issues in the election.

# Taliban, U.S. envoy discuss the release of two American prisoners at Doha meeting

Taliban representatives held the second day of a two day meeting with UN representatives on Wednesday .

The UN said that the invitation to the Taliban for this meeting should not be seen as recognition of the Taliban .

The two sides agreed to increased engagement over Afghanistan.

Taliban also held a meeting with US envoys over the release of two American prisoners from Afghan jails .

Afghan policy towards women which bars them from colleges and employment is a major issue raised by UN and civil societies .

Currently no country recognises the Taliban government of Afghanistan .





### Gaza witness to have heavy fighting while thousands are on the move again

The Israeli Air force bombed "Shujaiya", on over 50 terrorist infrastructures, said the Israeli army.

Israel a week ago had asked civilians to leave the Sujaya district. Currently thousands are moving outside the district.

### ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA Israel's latest mass evacuation order The Israeli army has ordered the immediate evacuation of eastern areas of Gaza's second-largest city, where about 250,000 people are sheltering... Israel's latest evacuation order puts patients t great risk as they flee the European Gaza ISRAEL Hospital, one of the last functioning medical cilities in the city [Mohammed alem/Reuters) al-Mawasii 'humanitarian zo Humanitarian zone Evacuation zone Evacuation zone announced on July 1, 2024 Damage as of June 1, 2024 EGYPT

[Al Jazeera]





### **Editorial:**

### **Adorable Tragedy**

#### Gathering should be tightly regulated to pprevent Hathras type stampede

The editorial is about Hathras Stampede that killed more than 121 people.

More than 2.5 lakh people had gathered when permission was of only 80,000.

The event was a satsang even gathered by preacher Suraj Pal also known as Narayan Shakar Hari or "Bhole Baba ".

The preacher is said to have followers from Madhya Pradesh, Rajsthan and Haryana too.

The reason cited was that the crowd went to collect soil under the feet of the preacher.

The editorial says that authorities needs to be more proactive and careful before giving permission for large gatherings .

Investigation should figure out the culprit of this event as soon as possible.

### On accomodation

#### Treasury benches and opposition must uphold parliamentary tradition

The editorial is about first parliament session of 18 th Lok Sabha.

This session is distinct form 17 th Lok Sabha . Here a Leader Of Opposition ( LoP ) is present . Rahul Gandhi has been made LoP in Lok Sabha . A party needs at least 10 % of total seats ( 55 or more ) to hold LoP post.

The first session saw election of Lok Sabha Speaker which was won by Om Birla by Voice vote .

Deputy speaker post is still vacant . In 17 th Lok Sabha there was no deputy speaker . The editorial says that with opposition that is higher in strength than previous elections . There comes a renewed responsibility of more debate over bills .



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### **Text / Context**

#### An overview to French election

The first phase of French elections was conducted on June 30. In the result of first round, far right National Rally (RN) and its allies lead with 33% of vote share .The New Popular Front, A left Wing Coalition, came second with 28% vote while Mr Macron,'s centrist bloc got 20.7% of vote share.

#### Why elections?

The term of French President Emanual Macron was to end in 2026. But he called for early elections because of poor performance of his party in European Union elections.

RN of Marie Le Pen outperformed Renaissance Party (LREN) of Macron in EU elections. On his decison to call for early polls Mr Macron's said "France needs clear majority if it is to act on serenity and harmony "

#### **Electoral process of France:**

There are total 578 seats in French Parliament . To hold the majority a party needs 289 seat .

The first phase of elections is similar to qualifying round where in candidates must get at least 12.5 % of vote to stay in race and not get eleminated.

If a candidate gets more than half of total votes cast in the first round itself, they will automatically win .

If not, those who qualified in first round will move on the second phase.

The far Right NR which is winning the polls has policy of "National Priority". It gives French citizen first choice for social housing, employment and social benefits.

It calls for deportation of "illegal immigrants and strict border control". Mr Macron has been unpopular for policies such as increasing age of retirement ..





#### EUROPE France parliamentary election 2024 France's far-right National Rally (RN) party has won the first round of snap parliamentary elections. Three parties will go to the second round on July 7. National Rally (RN) and allies 10.63m votes FAR RIGHT Marine Le Pen **New Popular Front** (NFP) LEFT Jean-Luc Melenchon 20.04× Ensemble! CENTRIST Emmanuel Macron



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