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The Employees State Insurance Corporation for impersonating a voter. The state government has also been recommended to the Centre for the purpose of regular improvement of the service.

The Congress government has proposed to move an ordinance in this regard. The Chief Minister has also said that the project's review meeting in the Bastar region is being held on a weekly basis to ensure the proper functioning of the project.

Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the project will be completed by 2024, which is three years before the scheduled completion date. The Chief Minister also announced that the project is being implemented in a phased manner, with the first phase expected to be completed by March 2021.

The project's expected benefits include the improvement of water availability for irrigation, which will help in the development of agriculture in the Bastar region. The project also aims to provide employment opportunities for the local population and enhance the livelihoods of forest dwellers.

The Chief Minister said that the project is being implemented in consultation with the local tribes and forest dwellers, and that their views and suggestions are being given due importance. He also said that the project's implementation is being monitored regularly to ensure its effectiveness.

During the press conference, the Chief Minister also assured that the project will be completed within the stipulated time and that all the necessary steps are being taken to address any concerns or issues that may arise during its implementation.

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DAC nod for purchase of Defence equipment worth ₹76,390 crore

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE IN NEW DELHI**

Chief of Defence Staff general Bikram Singh on Monday gave the go-ahead for procurement of military equipment worth ₹76,390 crore from domestic and indigenous vendors.

The announcement was made during a meeting chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The meeting was attended by the Defence Secretary and the Defence Production Secretary.

According to the Defence Ministry, the nod for purchase of equipment is for the following categories:

- **Aircraft:** The nod is for the purchase of 27 rotary wing aircraft and 17 fixed wing aircraft.
- **Missiles:** The nod is for the purchase of 410 surface-to-air and surface-to-surface Missiles.
- **Artillery:** The nod is for the purchase of 8,260 guns, including 155mm howitzers.
- **Missile Systems:** The nod is for the purchase of 3,550 missiles, including surface-to-surface and air-to-air missiles.
- **Naval Vessels:** The nod is for the purchase of 30 naval vessels, including ships and submarines.

The Defence Ministry said that the nod will help in strengthening the Indian Armed Forces and enhancing their combat readiness. The nod will also provide a boost to the Indian defence industry and create employment opportunities for thousands of people.

**Digital skill upgrading program emerging and future tech launched by Pradhan**

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE IN NEW DELHI**

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development, Radha Mohan Singh on Monday launched a digital skill upgrading program for the industry's most important and future technologies.

The program aims to train 1 million workers in the next 10 years. The program will be launched in collaboration with industry bodies, universities, and skill development institutes.

The minister said that the program will help in creating a skilled workforce that is aligned with the needs of the industry. He also said that the program will help in creating a talent pool for the country's emerging industries.

**ED attaches assets worth ₹24.39 cr of Sanskar Group for money laundering**

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE IN NEW DELHI**

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached movable and immovable assets worth ₹24.39 crore of Sanskar Group, a company that produces educational content.

The ED has attached assets worth ₹24.39 crore in connection with a money laundering case involving the company. The ED has also issued a show-cause notice to the company.

**Why are Muslim countries silent on rights violations in China: Activists**

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE IN NEW DELHI**

A section of activists and experts on Monday underscored the need for Muslim nations on China’s record of human rights violations in Xinjiang, and alleged violation of human rights there by the Chinese government. The activists accused China of persecuting the Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang and denying them their basic human rights.

The activists and experts called for solidarity among Muslim countries in the region and urged them to raise their voices against China’s atrocities.

**BJP should arrest those who have defamed India internationally: Opp**

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE IN NEW DELHI**

Opposition parties have called for the arrest of the rapists and others who have defamed India internationally. The parties have condemned the recent incident in which a young woman was gang-raped and murdered in the city of Hyderabad.

The Opposition parties have said that the arrest of the rapists is essential to restore the country’s image and protect the country’s reputation.

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PRADEEP SAHAI in AGRA

The administration has issued a notice to Dr Praveen Togadia on behalf of Hindu Mahasabha for demanding ban on Friday prayers. A notice has been sent to Dr Praveen Togadia, chief minister of Additional Municipal Council of Agra.

It has been said in the notice that the Mahasabha has posted a video on social media platforms in which it has threatened the Muslim community that if they do not stop Friday prayers, it will lead to disastrous consequences. "Several Muslim groups have been raising slogans threatening that the Muslim community will not lead a peaceful life if Friday prayers are not stopped. This is not appropriate. In this situation, people should not be harassed," said Shyam Shankar Tiwari, chairman of the Agra district unit of Hindu Mahasabha.

The administration has warned Dr Praveen Togadia that if he does not immediately stop posting such videos and making such talks, an FIR will be registered against him.

Daltit minor girl murdered in Unnao; families allege rap

PRABHJIT SINGH in LUCKNOW

A sensational killing in the body of a 12-year-old Dalit minor girl took place on Sunday night, resulting in the death of a child who came from the backward community.

The victim's father, who is also a labourer, was returning home on a tractor-trolley when she was found lying on the road in Sitapur district. It is suspected that she was raped by a group of men and then killed.

The police have filed an FIR and have registered a case of murder against unknown persons.

Cong stays away from Azamgarh, Rampur bypolls

PRAJAPATI DAS in LUCKNOW

STill not recovered from the shock of the death of their principal, the two constituencies of Azamgarh and Rampur decided to boycott the bypolls.

Despite the AAP's efforts, the Congress on Monday declared its candidates, Hemant Kumar Vaishnav from Azamgarh and Dina Ram Garg from Rampur.

However, the CPM has decided to field its own candidates in the Rampur bypolls. The party has already fielded candidates in the two constituencies in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

In Rampur, party leader and candidate of the new generation, Manoj Kumar, has been fielded.

The Congress, on the other hand, has decided to field its candidate in the Azamgarh bypoll, but the name of the candidate has not been announced yet.

The party's decision to boycott the bypolls in Azamgarh and Rampur came as a surprise, given that the party had won both constituencies in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

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Maya: Arrest BJP leaders who used derogatory words against prophet

PRAJAPATI DAS in LUCKNOW

The MP police registered an FIR against 12 party leaders—Amit Shah, joint secretary of the Modi cabinet, and Babul Supriyo, MP from Asansol—on Monday.

It is alleged that the leaders had made derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) in their speeches.

"We will definitely take action against the leaders who made derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)," said Jayant Choubey, police inspector general of police, West Bengal.

It is an occasion to pay respect to the greatest of all prophets of humanity, who gave the world the sacred book of the Quran.

Praful Patel, who attended the event, said that "The Prophet is the most compassionate among all prophets. He taught the people of peace and harmony and gave the world the greatest message of love and compassion."

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Stop hate, now

Apart from ousting two office bearers, the BJP must defend tensions with the Middle East

The IJP has done the right thing by expelling party official spokesman Nupur Sharma and Naren Jindal, the media head of its Delhi unit, over their controversial remarks about Prophet Muhammad. The Indian government was also prompt in tackling those leaders as “finge elements,” something that has been appreciated by Saudi Arabia, the fourth biggest market for India’s exports, and denunciation of the statements (by Sharma). Earlier on Sunday, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, and the UAE. With the UAE, India also has a free trade agreement. Besides, there are millions of Indians residing in Muslim countries who send billions of dollars in remittances back home. Further, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invested a lot of political capital in the GCC. In 2016, Saudi Arabia completely broke ties with Pakistan after the latter’s support for the拉萨 protests in 2017. The IJP’s actions were a timely reminder that it is vital to address the root causes of the problem, which más must be treated with a humanitarian and moral approach, rather than withilee and condemnations. To that end, the government must take a strong stand against hate speech and incitement to violence.

**The Kushner’s 1960s is back.** The targeting killings in the Valley have once again put a serious question mark on the calls of normality. To return to stabilized wages and Government employees, terrorists are pursuing for Kashmiri Pandits and migrant labourers. In the past few weeks, several incidents including school teacher Rani Bala, banker Vijay Kumar, Rahul Bhat, labourer Dilkusha and a TV actor have been shot dead by militants. They want to send the message that they are still in control and they decide who lives or dies in the Valley. This is a dangerous and ominous and the Government must act fast to restore people’s confidence. The separatists are the main attackers and it’s time to arrest them at the earliest. The recent attack is taking place less than a week of the terrorist killings in the Valley. The Kashmiris were bombing the car of the driver who was taking them to work. The bomb was left in the car which was parked in front of the driver’s house. The driver was killed in the explosion and his car was destroyed.

**Gulf Loses Patience, Emirats**

The Gulf States have refused to allow the Iraqi government to operate any oil production or transport through their territories. This is a major setback for the Iraqi government, which is looking to develop its oil industry and reduce its reliance on foreign aid. The Gulf States are concerned about the role of Iran in the region and believe that it is exploiting the current situation to gain influence. The Iraqi government is seeking to reduce its dependence on foreign aid and increase its oil exports, but the Gulf States are not willing to allow it to do so.

**Rafa’s still going strong**

Olympic medalists rarely win major events in their home countries, but they do. It’s what they do. It’s what they’re famous for. And it’s why they’re worth watching.

**Tajikistan’s leadership crisis**

Tajikistan’s new president, Emomali Rahmon, has been in power for 30 years. He has been accused of corruption, human rights abuses, and repression of opposition. However, he has also been credited with stabilizing the country and increasing economic growth. The country is facing a major political crisis, as Rahmon’s health is uncertain and there is no clear heir apparent. The future of the country is uncertain as the political landscape is volatile and unstable.

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Heat waves are termed the ‘silent disaster’ as heat-related deaths are often undercounted around the world for a number of reasons. Such events can be deadly for the elderly, children, and more vulnerable. Even when Extreme Events, including heat waves, are recognized, little is done to increase in severity and frequency of heat-related deaths, will suffer the most.

**Impact of heat waves**

Heat waves on land and depressions in the atmosphere contribute to the establishment of the *heat dome* over India, as the sea surface temperatures over the eastern Pacific Ocean are affected by the trade winds flowing over the ocean. The sea surface temperatures over the eastern Pacific Ocean that happens to be an abnormal event is called the *El Niño*. The El Niño phenomenon results in a significant increase in sea surface temperature, which can lead to severe heat waves. The El Niño phenomenon is associated with increased temperatures and reduced rainfall, leading to droughts and heat waves. The El Niño phenomenon affects the trade winds and the atmospheric circulation, leading to changes in weather patterns in different regions. The El Niño phenomenon can persist for several months or even years, causing significant impacts on the climate and ecosystems.

In the Indian context, heat waves are caused by a combination of factors such as high solar radiation, low relative humidity, and high air pressure, leading to a decrease in the amount of rainfall. The El Niño phenomenon is a major factor that contributes to heat waves in India, and its impact can be felt in the country for several months. The El Niño phenomenon can also trigger other weather events such as droughts and floods, leading to severe impacts on the economy and society.

**Community adaptation strategies**

Community adaptation strategies are essential in reducing the impacts of heat waves. Community-based adaptation strategies include early warning systems, awareness campaigns, and community-based interventions. Early warning systems help in preparing communities for heat waves by providing timely and accurate information. Awareness campaigns help in educating communities about the risks associated with heat waves and how to stay safe. Community-based interventions include the provision of water, shade, and cooling devices such as fans and air conditioners. These strategies can help in reducing the impacts of heat waves on the population and protect vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, and people with underlying health conditions.

**Conclusion**

Heat waves are a significant concern in India, and their impacts are likely to increase in the future due to climate change. Community adaptation strategies are essential in reducing the impacts of heat waves, and it is crucial to prioritize community-based interventions to protect vulnerable groups. The Indian government and other stakeholders need to take immediate action to address the impacts of heat waves and ensure the well-being of the population.
Rishi Sunak backs UK PM Boris Johnson’s commitment to Afghan evacuees

US, S Korea fire missiles to sea, matching North’s launches

Bangla fire: Police start collecting DNA samples to identify victims

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Gunmen at Nigeria church shot dead

Indian businessman held with foreign currency worth over Rs 40 million at Colombo airport

Iraq: British man gets 15 years over smuggling artifacts

Israel’s coalition could crumble over settler laws vote

PM Lee promotes Finance Minister to be Singapore’s deputy from June 13

Israel’s ruling coalition is gearing up for a major test, with a vote expected Monday on endorsing an extension of a law that normalizes relations with the UAE, a move that could set Israel on a collision course with the US.

The coalition, made up of eight ideologically distinct parties, is trying to prevent a crumbled government that could throw Israel into a political crisis and bring new elections only months after a general vote.

Voting in the Knesset on Monday on endorsing the law is expected to provide a major test for Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, whose party, the religious nationalist Yamina, has been in internal negotiations for weeks over whether to endorse the law.

“A court decision may be coming by the end of the month if it’s not renewed, that legal aid is in jeopardy,” said Rabbi Shlomo Moskovitz, chief rabbinical judge of the Belz in Jerusalem. “If it’s not renewed, it will be a big problem.”

The coalition is divided over the law’s constitutionality, with some parties, including the religious Shas and the national-secular Hiszpa, opposing it. The law is also opposed by the opposition parties, including the centrist Yesh Atid and the left-wing Meretz.

While backbench anger has grown over the vote, a top aide to Bennett said the government is likely to approve the law, which would open the way for normalization with the UAE and other Arab nations.

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Key coalition partners, including Bennett’s party and the religious Shas, have expressed reservations about the law, while other parties, including the centrist Yesh Atid and the left-wing Meretz, have”
Ukraine says east under relentless Russian attacks

Russia's military intelligence offices say Russia's counterintelligence agencies are probably halting the operations of Russian intelligence operations in Europe. Moscow's military intelligence agencies have been using their global network of spies and informers to gather intelligence on Russia's military actions.

US boosts Ukraine support with high-tech missile system

The US has announced plans to provide Ukraine with high-tech missile systems to help defend against Russian attacks. The move comes as tensions escalate between Russia and the West over Ukraine.

Ukraine has asked for American-made Javelin anti-tank missiles to counter Russian tanks. Putin vowed to strike deep into Russia and could launch a full-scale invasion. The US will supply the Javelins to help Ukraine defend against Russian military aggression.

Crowds honor WWII veterans at Normandy D-Day ceremonies

On the 78th anniversary of D-Day, crowds gathered in Normandy to honor the World War II veterans who fought against Nazi Germany. The US and UK organized the ceremony to commemorate the sacrifices made by the soldiers who won the war.

Russia denies its military presence in Ukraine

President Putin said that Russia's military presence in Ukraine is necessary to combat terrorism and protect Russian citizens. However, the US and EU maintain that Russia's actions are a violation of international law.

China rejects Canadian, Australian air charges in elections

Beijing has rejected allegations made by Canadian and Australian election officials that Russian interference was behind the complaints. Beijing has stated that the allegations were baseless and that the complaints were an attempt to damage China's reputation.

Russia's military is prominent in Ukraine

A Russian soldier was seen driving a tank near a town in Ukraine, showing that Russia's military presence in the region is still significant. Ukraine calls for more international pressure on Russia to end the conflict.

Figure 1: A Russian soldier drives a tank near a town in Ukraine.

Ukraine's call for more international pressure

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has called for more international pressure to be applied to Russia to end the conflict. He has emphasized that Ukraine will not give up its independence and sovereignty.

China's rejection of the allegations

Beijing has stated that the allegations made by Canadian and Australian election officials were baseless and that the complaints were an attempt to damage China's reputation. Beijing has called on the international community to refrain from making baseless allegations.

Figure 2: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi meeting with Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland.

The challenges ahead

The situation in Ukraine remains tense, with both sides calling for a cease-fire. The international community is divided on how to address the conflict, with some calling for a diplomatic solution and others for military intervention.

Figure 3: A meeting between the Russian and Ukrainian foreign ministers.

The implications

The implications of the conflict in Ukraine extend beyond the region, with implications for the global economy, energy markets, and regional stability. The situation remains uncertain, with both sides calling for a diplomatic solution.
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has continued its monetary tightening path with a hike in the policy rate by 0.5 percentage points to 6.25% on Monday. The rate increase is in line with market expectations, as it aligns with the central bank’s objective of bringing inflation under control.

**RBI’s Monetary Policy Statement**

- **Rate hike**: The policy rate was increased by 0.5 percentage points to 6.25%.
- **Inflation target**: The central bank’s revised inflation target is 6% on a year-over-year basis.
- **Monetary policy Committee**: The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is now pivoting its focus on inflationary pressures.
- **Financial markets**: The financial markets reacted positively to the rate hike, with equity indices closing higher.

**Implications**

- **Inflation control**: The rate hike is expected to help control inflation, which has been rising sharply due to commodity prices and supply chain disruptions.
- **Monetary policy stance**: The MPC is now adopting a more hawkish stance, with a focus on bringing inflation under control.
- **Economic growth**: The central bank expects a growth rate of 8.5% for the current financial year.

**Key Takeaways**

- **Inflation outlook**: The central bank expects inflation to remain elevated for some time due to supply chain disruptions.
- **Future rate hikes**: The MPC is expected to continue raising rates until inflation targets are achieved.
- **Monetary policy framework**: The central bank is reviewing its monetary policy framework to ensure it remains effective in controlling inflation.

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**Source:** The Economic Times, 28th June 2022

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**BUSINESS BREIFS**

- **LIC」s new dividend**: LIC’s new dividend of 26% is expected to boost the insurance major’s share price.
- **SBI’s profit fall**: SBI’s profit fell by 22% in the quarter ended June 2022 due to higher bad loan provisions.
- **HDFC Bank’s profit**: HDFC Bank’s profit rose by 23% in the quarter ended June 2022, driven by strong loan growth and lower provisions.

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**STILL CELEBRATES 31ST FOUNDATION DAY**

The Still Foundation, a unit of Indian Express Group, celebrated its 31st Foundation Day on June 28, 2022. The day was marked with a series of events to honor the contributions of the foundation in various fields. The event was attended by officials from the government, corporate sector, and the civil society. The foundation continues to support various initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life in the society.
**Neymar nets from spot as Brazil win**

**Neymar scored a 27th-minute penalty from the spot as Brazil broke down a stubborn Japan 1-0 on Tuesday in what could be his last World Cup match. The South American heavyweights were held to a 2-2 draw by Japan in last month's World Cup qualifying game in Tokyo but have scored five goals in their past two meetings at the venue. Neymar's goal took him to 74 career international goals, short of the record of 79 set by France's all-time top scorer, Thierry Henry. His goals have come in 145 of 158 internationals for Brazil. The home side attacked the ship and began to create chances but were unable to break the deadlock, as Portugal turned the screw midfield. Brazil continued pressing for an opener after the break, with Neymar failing to find a good goal but had Japan on the back foot. Brazil manager Tite brought on Richarlison, who celebrated a goal for Brazil at the end of the previous match. Neymar later found Jota hard to break the deadlock.

**Messi scores 5 in Estonia friendly**

Messi scored all the goals in Argentina's 9-0 win over Estonia on Tuesday and became the first player to score 100 goals in an international fixture. Messi has also scored 50 goals in a single competition for Argentina, becoming the first player to reach that milestone. The 34-year-old forward became the first player to reach 100 international goals for Argentina and the third to do so in a single competition. Messi surpassed Pele's record of 92 goals in an international match, setting a new standard for international goals. Messi completed the milestone with a goal against Estonia, becoming the first player to reach 100 goals in an international match. Messi's hat-trick against Estonia made him the first player to reach 100 goals in an international match. Messi's goal was awarded after a penalty was given for a foul on Messi. Messi converted the penalty to make it 3-0 for Argentina. 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**Fast bowlers Anwar Agaron and Priyansh Dahiya scalped three wickets to help Madhya Pradesh bundle Punjab for 29 in the opening day of Ranji Trophy quarter-final match, here on Monday.

Opening to bat, Punjab, who batted on their young bowlers and took four lines for his wickets, was in for a tough time against the spinners. Adeel's four in the opening over, left Punjab on the backfoot. But Dahiya continued and along with Karan Nayar he controlled the innings by scoring 41 and 45 respectively. The 27-year-old was left out of the team going into the World Cup. He first broke it in 2018 and is always optimistic.

PUNJAB VS MADHYA PRADESH

Sanvir Singh and wicketkeeper-batter Shreyas Ranjitsinh Patil led the Madhya Pradesh bowlers to create the biggest victory on their Ranji Trophy quarter-final, here Monday. With their back against the wall, it was all about punishing the loose attack and then on a good batting surface, it was all about putting the bowlers to the test.

**DHAKA, Nov 12: Bangladesh pacer Taskin Ahmed has said he will retire from international cricket at the end of the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia, which begins Sunday.

**Bahrain's Kipruto clinches silver at Olympic 1500m race

**Bengaluru: Bahrain's Kipruto clinched silver at the Olympic Games' 1500m race Sunday, clinching gold in the race was Kenya's Ezekiel Kemboi.

**Mumbai: On Friday, the 30-year-old Indian Olympic champion won the 3000m Steeplechase, 1500m race, 1500m Steeplechase and 5000m run to break national records multiple times. He first broke it in 2018, when he scored 8:28.90 in the National Inter State championship.

**The veteran of 95 T20I appearances, Pretorius has proven to be a career-defining moment for the 32-year-old. Pretorius, who is a strong performer in the limited-overs format, will be looking to make an impact for any team he plays.

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