



Congress to launch campaign to expose BJP's attempt to mislead women: Pilot

Yami Gautam On 'Massive Shift' In Bollywood After Dhurandhar: 'We Were Struggling To Get People Into Theatres'

8th CPC to visit Srinagar

The eighth Central Pay Commission (CPC) is scheduled to visit Srinagar from June 1 to June 4 to engage with various stakeholders regarding pay structures and allowances.

According to an official notice issued today, Central and UT government organisations, institutions, and unions wishing to meet with the Commission must first submit a memorandum through the official website at 8cpc.gov.in.

Lt Gen Balbir assumes charge as Chinar Corps GoC



Lt Gen Balbir Singh today assumed the command of Army's Srinagar-based strategic XV Corps from Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, who has been appointed as Quarter Master General at

Gouraha takes charge as NHPC head for J&K, Ladakh



NHPC Executive Director Anish Gouraha on Friday assumed charge as the regional head of the PSU's operations in the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh region.

He took over as regional head of NHPC Limited's regional office in Jammu and will oversee the com

GST collections rise to record high of Rs 2.43 lakh cr

NEW DELHI, MAY 01: Gross GST collection rose 8.7 per cent in April to a record of about Rs 2.43 lakh crore in April, government data showed on Friday.

The previous all-time high collection was recorded in April last year at over Rs 2.23 lakh crore.

Gross revenues from domestic transactions were up 4.3 per cent to over Rs 1.85 lakh crore, while GST mop-up from imports rose by a massive 25.8 per cent to Rs 57,580 crore in April 2026.

Refunds were up 19.3 per cent to Rs 31,793 crore during April.

Petrol, diesel price hike not ruled out

NEW DELHI, MAY 01: An increase in petrol and diesel prices in the near future is not ruled out, government sources said on Friday, as losses mount from a four-year-old freeze in retail rates despite the sharp rise in global crude oil prices.

International crude oil prices this week climbed to a four-year high of USD 126 per barrel before cooling down slightly, but remained above USD 110 a barrel as ship transits through the Strait of Hormuz remained restricted and US and Iranian led

Exposition of holy Buddha relics inaugurated

Shah calls Ladakh living land of 'dharma' for centuries

Says after becoming UT, Ladakh has seen rapid transformation

Lays foundation of 10,000 lts per day dairy plant at Kargil

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Describing the return of holy relics of Lord Buddha to Ladakh after 75 years as a 'historic reunion', Union Home Minister Amit Shah today called the Union Territory a 'living land of dharma', preserving & nurturing Buddhist knowledge for centuries.



He also laid the foundation of a dairy plant of 10,000 lts per day capacity at Kargil, and said that Ladakh had seen rapid transformation after becoming UT in 2019.

Shah stressed the relevance of Buddha's teachings in modern times, saying his message of peace, compassion and the middle path was even more important today than it was 2,500

years ago.

"Ladakh has been a living land of dharma for centuries. When Dalai Lama comes here, he says this land is not merely a geographical land but a living laboratory of Buddhist culture and compassion," he said in his address after inaugurating the holy relics exposition of Tathagata Buddha and the 2569th Buddha Purnima celebrations at Jivetsal in Leh during his two-day visit to Ladakh.

Calling Ladakh a land of compassion, the union minister said, "This land has preserved and nurtured knowledge. Whenever Buddhism faced crises, this land worked to protect the teachings of Buddha. And when peace returned, it helped to expand and carry forward that preserved wisdom," he

added.

"Unless one internalises knowledge and makes it a part of oneself, liberation is not possible. Knowledge is incomplete without spiritual practice, while spiritual practice without knowledge is blind. Therefore, the union of spiritual practice and knowledge is the right path. Even after all this, if there is no moral discipline, one cannot lead a truly wise life. The basis of a life of wisdom is moral discipline," he said.

Shah said it was through Ladakh and adjoining routes that the teachings of Tathagata Buddha, which originated in India, spread to China and several other countries.

"The message that emerged from the land of Ladakh has become a guiding force for many people around the world to take

Prez exhorts ARTRAC to enhance Army's operational preparedness

SHIMLA, MAY 01: President Droupadi Murmu on Friday exhorted the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) to continue to work with fervour to enhance the operational preparedness of the Indian Army.



President Murmu, who visited the ARTRAC headquarters here before winding up her five-day visit to Himachal Pradesh, said in a statement.

The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, who was briefed about the evolution of ARTRAC by Lt Gen Devendra Sharma,

with enhanced zeal and fervour, the ministry said.

Murmu was received at ARTRAC headquarters by Himachal Pradesh Governor

EC orders repoll at 15 polling stations in Bengal

KOLKATA, APR 01: Following reports of electoral malpractices, the Election Commission today ordered repoll at 15 polling stations of two Assembly constituencies in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district.

The repoll will be held tomorrow, ie on May 2, from 7 am to 6 pm, covering 11 polling stations in Magrahat Paschim Assembly constituency and four in Diamond Harbour Assembly constituency.

This comes a day after the Special Roll Observer (SRO) submitted his report follow

By abrogating Art 370, PM fulfilled dream of Sardar Patel: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha today said that by abrogating Article 370, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had completed the historic task of national integration initiated by Sardar Patel.



"By abrogating Article 370 on August 5, 2019, he fulfilled the unfinished dream of Sardar Patel, strengthening the foundation of Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat," he said.

"Today, Indian diaspora across the world is radiating with pride, as the prime minister has restored the nation's timeless prestige. A new sense of self-respect stirs within every citizen, uniting all sections of society in the shared vision of a developed India by 2047," the LG said in his address at an event held at Lok Bhavan in connection with the celebration of the foundation days of Gujarat & Maharashtra.

massive contribution to country's GDP and exports, their social, cultural, and spiritual legacies stand unparalleled," he said.

"Gujarat's soil is renowned for nurturing entrepreneurial spirit, zeal, simplicity, and innate warmth, while Maharashtra commands global respect for its enterprise, valour, and spiritual genius. I view both states as engines propelling India's development trajectory forward," he added.

"Gujarat's history brims with countless sons of Bharat Mata, who elevated

"Gujarat and Maharashtra are growth engines of the nation and, besides

the nation's honour. Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Prime Minister Narendra Modi transformed India's destiny through unyielding resolve, selfless dedication, and profound self-belief," Sinha said.

He said Gandhi gifted the nation the philosophy of truth, non-violence, selfless service, sacrifice, love, and tolerance, turning the freedom struggle into a mass movement. "His life inspires us to stand firm by our principles amid any adversity," he added.

MHA notifies Citizenship (Amendment) Rules

OCI applications to go online

NEW DELHI, MAY 01: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026, updating the Citizenship Rules, 2009, and introducing revised provisions related to Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) services and application procedures.

also states that a minor cannot hold both Indian and foreign passports simultaneously.

The OCI cards offer multiple-entry, multi-purpose lifelong visas to persons of Indian origin and their spouses, along with certain economic and educational rights.

benefits in India. However, the government has reiterated that OCI status does not confer political rights such as voting or holding constitutional posts.

The government maintained that OCI status is a privilege and not an entitlement, and it may be withdrawn if the holder is found violating Indian laws.

According to the ministry, OCI applications will now be required to be filed online, with provisions for both physical OCI cards and e-OCI documentation. The revised framework

to provide multiple-entry, multi-purpose lifelong visas to persons of Indian origin and their spouses, along with certain economic and educational

The Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) scheme was originally introduced through an amendment to

Portion of old bridge collapses at Bantalab

2 labourers killed, another rescued; 1 still feared trapped

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Two labourers lost their lives and one was rescued alive while one was still feared trapped under the debris of an old bridge when a portion of it suddenly collapsed while undergoing retention work at Thathar near Bantalab on the city outskirts this evening.

the unprecedented rains that had lashed the region in August last year. Necessary repairs were carried

The bridge is small and old. A part of it had suffered extensive damages during

out after the rains had stopped and the road was made trafficworthy.

Terrorist hideout busted in Chatroo woods



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Security forces today busted a terrorist hideout in Chatroo woods of Kishtwar district and recovered a large cache of arms, ammunition and explosive material

According to officials, se

Iran offers new proposal amid stalled US peace talks

TEHRAN, MAY 01: Iran delivered a new proposal for peace talks with the US via mediator Pakistan, with negotiations between the two sides frozen despite a weeks-long ceasefire.

representatives.

In the meantime, Iran has maintained its stranglehold on the Strait of Hormuz, cutting off vast amounts of oil, gas and fertiliser from the world economy, while the United States has imposed a counterblockade on Iranian ports.

the ceasefire has held. On Friday, judiciary chief Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei, a senior figure and well-respected cleric, said "the Islamic Republic has never shied away from negotiations".

The text of the proposal was handed to Islamabad, according to reports.

The war, launched by the United States and Israel with a vast wave of surprise strikes on February 28 has been on hold since April 8, but only one failed round of direct talks has taken place between Iranian and US

But in yet another sign that finding a compromise may prove difficult, Ejei said "We certainly do not accept imposition", in a video shared by the judiciary's Mizan Online website.

Despite the failure to negotiate an end to the war,

Tehran, though, does not want a return to war, he

TMC moves SC against order to use only central staff for WB vote counting

NEW DELHI, MAY 01: Ahead of the May 4 counting of votes in 294 assembly constituencies in West Bengal, the ruling TMC today moved Supreme Court against the chief electoral officer's decision to deploy only central government employees as counting supervisors.

Earlier in the day, the EC ruled that during the counting of votes, only employees of the central government and PSUs would be appointed as counting supervisors.

The TMC contended that this decision raises ques-

tions regarding impartiality and effectively excludes state government employees. Prior to this, the TMC had filed a petition in the Calcutta High Court, but the court declined to grant them relief. Now, that very order has been challenged in the Supreme Court.

A special hearing regarding the TMC's new petition will be held at the Supreme Court on Saturday. CJI Surya Kant has constituted a special two-judge bench. The bench, comprising Justice P S Narasimha and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, will conduct the hearing

scheduled for 10.30 am on Saturday.

Earlier, the Calcutta High Court rejected a TMC plea challenging the Election Commission of India's directive to deploy central government and PSU employees for vote counting in the West Bengal Assembly polls.

While the court upheld the validity of the decision requiring central government/PSU employees to count votes as supervisors/assistants, and the writ petition was dismissed.

Above-normal heatwave days likely in May: IMD

NEW DELHI, MAY 01: Above-normal heatwave days are likely in some parts of the foothills of the Himalayas, east coast states, Gujarat and Maharashtra in May, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Friday in its monthly forecast.

In a statement, Director General of Meteorology, IMD, Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, said, "During May 2026, minimum temperatures are expected to be above normal across many parts of the country."

"However, many areas of northwest India, along with some parts of central India

'Unity in diversity' India's greatest strength: Kavinder

SHIMLA, MAY 01: During a felicitation programme organized at Lok Bhavan here today to celebrate the Foundation Day of Gujarat & Maharashtra, Governor Kavinder Gupta said 'Unity in diversity is India's greatest strength'.

He invited people from both states residing in Himachal Pradesh to join the celebrations and mark the occasion in a spirit of unity and cultural exchange.



On the occasion, participants from Gujarat and Maharashtra interacted with the governor and

shared insights into their rich cultural heritage, traditions and customs.

The programme pro-

vided a platform for meaningful dialogue and strengthened the bonds of