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BRIEFLY

Sukhoi fighter Jet of IAF crashes; Pilot, Co-Pilot eject safely

MUMBAI, Jun 4 (Agencies): A Sukhoi fighter plane of the Indian Air Force crashed in Nashik district of Maharashtra on Tuesday, police said, adding the pilot and co-pilot ejected safely.

They have been taken to the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) hospital for further treatment, Special Inspector General of Nashik Range D R Karale told agency.

The Su-30 MKI plane crashed in a field near Shirasgaon village of Nifad tehsil, the IPS officer said. The fighter jet was being flown by Wing Commander Bokil and his second in command Biswas when it crashed at 1.20 pm.

The pilots have suffered minor injuries and were being treated at the HAL hospital. After it crashed, the aircraft caught fire which was doused. Upon impact, some parts of the plane were scattered over a 500 metre radius, police said.

Teams of Indian Air Force and HAL's security and technical wings visited the spot. Another police official said while the exact cause of the crash is yet to be ascertained, preliminary information points to technical factors.

The aircraft was undergoing flight testing post overhaul and was under HAL's inventory for overhaul and testing purposes, IAF sources said. After overhauling and testing, the aircraft are handed back to IAF for operations, the sources added.

The Sukhoi Su-30MKI is a two-seater, twinjet multirole air superiority fighter developed by Russian aircraft manufacturer Sukhoi and built under licence by HAL for the Indian Air Force.

Woman injured in accidental firing in Pulwama

SRINAGAR, Jun 4 (Agencies): A woman was injured after a CRPF personnel accidentally discharged his firearm in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district, officials said on Tuesday.

The incident took place during patrolling by CRPF and police at Syedabad Pastoona in Tral area of the south Kashmir district.

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Nitish, Naidu may dump NDA, help INDIA Bloc form Govt: RJD

NEW DELHI, Jun 4 (Agencies): The RJD on Tuesday afternoon claimed that Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Telugu Desam Party president Chandrababu Naidu "shared a dislike for vendetta politics" which could lead them away from the BJP-led NDA.

RJD national spokesperson Manoj Kumar Jha also recalled the forecast of Kumar, who heads the JD(U), that "those who came to power will be ousted in 2024", and the efforts he



made in laying the foundation of the INDIA bloc. "We have been, formerly, in alliance with both Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu. We know they share a dislike for vendetta

politics which the BJP stands for. Narendra Modi seems to be on his way out. We are hopeful that the two leaders will play a crucial role in the change of guard at the Centre," Jha told report-

ers here.

Asked whether leaders of his party, including national president Lalu Prasad and heir apparent Tejashwi Yadav, were in touch with Kumar, Jha cryptically replied "those who need to contact him are talking to him. Our leader Tejashwi Yadav has been saying for some time that Nitish Kumar will take a big decision around June 4".

He also made it clear, "I am making no appeal to Nitish Kumar or

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Rs 26 lakh crore investor wealth erased after Sensex tanks 3,690 points



MUMBAI, Jun 4 (Agencies): Indian equity indices saw a steep fall on Tuesday after early counting trends showed

a tough contest between the NDA and the opposition INDIA bloc in the Lok Sabha elections. Investors lost nearly

Rs 26 lakh crore due to a steep fall in the equity benchmarks after early trends of the elections started to trickle in Saturday.

By 11 a.m. in Tuesday's session, BSE's market cap touched Rs 400 lakh crore, which was Rs 426 lakh crore when the market closed on Monday.

Indian markets opened with a steep fall on Tuesday. In early trade, Sensex slipped 2,713 points or 3.55 per cent,

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Sajjad Lone concedes defeat, congratulates arch rival Engineer Rasheed

SRINAGAR, Jun 4 (Agencies): People's Conference chief Sajad Gani Lone, once a prominent candidate in the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency, accepted his defeat on Tuesday

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BJP-Led NDA to form Govt for third time: J&K BJP President

JAMMU, Jun 4 (Agencies): The NDA will form government with Narendra Modi as prime minister for a third term, Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina said on Tuesday, expressing hope that the BJP-led alliance will cross the 300-mark.

Counting of votes for the Lok Sabha elections is underway.



He also expressed satisfaction over BJP candidates — Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore

Sharma — leading in Udhampur and Jammu parliamentary seats in

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Rahul beats Sonia's 2019 victory margin in Rae Bareilly, leads by 2.22 lakh votes

LUCKNOW, Jun 4 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has surpassed Sonia Gandhi's 2019 victory margin from the Rae Bareilly constituency and is now leading by 2,27,535 votes against his nearest rival Dinesh

Pratap Singh of the BJP. Rahul Gandhi, who contested from Rae Bareilly seat for the first time, was ahead of the BJP candidate since the beginning of the counting.

Singh is also a

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'Accept outcome with humility', says Altaf Bukhari over loss of Apni Party candidates in Srinagar, Anantnag

SRINAGAR, Jun 4 (Agencies): Apni Party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari Tuesday said that his party accepts the defeat with "grace and humility".

In a post on X, Bukhari said: "The people of Jammu and Kashmir have spoken, and their verdict is clear. With grace and humility, we accept the outcome of the elections. The rejection of dynastic politics and the defeat of the former two Chief Ministers of J&K is a resounding message, and we acknowledge the desire for change".

He congratulated the winning candidates on their success, saying Apni Party will use this opportunity to introspect, learn from mistakes and emerge stronger and more resilient.

"Congratulations to the winning candidates on their well-deserved success! We will use this opportunity to introspect, learn from our mistakes, and emerge stronger and more resilient. We respect the democratic process and the will of the people, and we look forward to a fresh start. May this new chapter bring prosperity, peace, and progress to Jammu and Kashmir," the post on X added.

Apni Party had fielded two of its candidates namely Mohammad Ashraf Mir and Zaffar Iqbal Manhas from Srinagar and Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seats respectively. The

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Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti concede defeat in Lok Sabha polls in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jun 4 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir former chief minister Omar Abdullah, who is trailing in Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency, has conceded defeat to independent candidate Er Abdul Rashid even as counting of votes is still underway.

According to latest updates, Er Rashid is leading by over 1.43 lakh votes against National Conference candidate Omar Abdullah.

Er Rashid as so far polled 310221 votes, while Omar Abdullah has polled 166678 so far even as counting of votes is



still underway. People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone polled 107863 so far, standing at third spot.

In a post on X, Omar Abdullah congratulated Er Rashid for his victory in Baramulla. "I think it's time to accept the inevitable.

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The BJP marks its dominance in Jammu: Party leaders celebrating victory of Jammu Parliamentary Constituency Seat candidate, Jugal Kishore Sharma beating Congress candidate Raman Bhalla by huge margin of over one lakh votes.
Pic by AMAN SHARMA

Jammu Students Excel at 2023-24 Olympiad Awards

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 4: Three students from Jammu have secured top ranks in the SOF Olympiad exam for 2023-24. Atharv, a first grade student from Oriental Academy Sr. Sec. School, achieved the first rank in the International General Knowledge Olympiad, earning an international gold medal and a merit certificate. RohinyaProch, a second grade student from Jodhamal Public School, also claimed the first rank in the International General Knowledge Olympiad, receiving an international gold medal and a merit certificate. WaniyaBeig, a first grade student from K.C. International School, claimed the first rank in the International Mathematics Olympiad, receiving an International gold Medal and a merit certificate.

This year's SOF Olympiad saw participation from approximately millions of students across 70 countries, including over 23,813 students from Jammu. Notable schools from Jammu, including Jodhamal Public School, Heritage School, K.C. International School, were among the partici-

pants.

The Science Olympiad Foundation hosted an awards ceremony at New Delhi to honor the winners, their teachers, and principals for the academic year 2023-24. The event celebrated the top three worldwide rank holders from grade 1 to 12 who participated in seven different Olympiad exams. Distinguished guests like former Chief Justice of India, Justice DipakMisra, and renowned author and screenwriter ChetanBhagat graced the occasion.

At the ceremony, former chief Justice of India, Justice DipakMisra addressed the gathering of over 700 attendees, he said, "Competition or the effort to compete doesn't end here, that is the beauty of competition in Life. When you talk about competition, success follows it because everyone competes to succeed. Success is the real achievement."

He further highlighted that one may not be able to master the 'time' but they should be determined to manage time. Time management is a major step toward success. On the path of success one may, sometimes, face certain diffi-



culties and at that time, do not react in a manner that will show weakness of mind. The young students should always keep in mind where they have studied and never forget their Alma Mater. He underscored that the unique experience and intellect of a human mind can never be replicated by artificial intelligence.

During the event, 66 international rank-1 winners received a cash prize, a gold medal, and a merit certificate. The 66 rank-2 winners were given a silver medal and a merit certificate along with a cash prize, while the 66 rank-3 winners received a bronze medal, a merit certificate, and a cash prize. Additionally, the top 26 principals and top 60 teachers from 70 participating countries, whose students performed exceptionally well,

were honored with monetary awards, mementos, and citations.

Moreover, SOF announced the launch of International Hindi Olympiad to encourage the Hindi language among the younger generation, nurturing a deeper appreciation and proficiency in their mother tongue. This new Olympiad aims to promote linguistic and cultural pride among students globally.

While interacting with students, ChetanBhagat, Indian Author and Columnist, said, "When you get recognition and awards for something, you feel, I should do it more. This is the recognition of your potential. Potential doesn't mean that the result is guaranteed. You have to do the work and then you turn that potential into something beautiful."

received awards for top state-level ranks, and over 1,000,000 students were honored with "Gold Medals of Excellence" for excelling in their schools. Additionally, 3,500 principals and teachers were recognized for their dedication to enhancing students' academic knowledge."

Various initiatives were announced during the

ceremony, including scholarships for meritorious girl children from economically weaker sections and students from Defense Services Families who excel in academics. Additionally, training programs, camps, and exhibitions were organized by SOF to further enhance students' academic knowledge.

The award felicita-

tion ceremony was also graced by Guest of honour Prof. Y. S. Rajan, Former Vikram Sarabhai Distinguished Prof ISRO, Visionary Scientist, Author, Technologist, CS Ashish Mohan, Secretary, Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and Mr. R. Ravi, CEO, Founder Epiance Software Pvt. Ltd. B'luru.

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Fazalhaq Farooqi's Five-For, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran Power Afghanistan To 125-Run Win Over Uganda

GEORGETOWN (GUYANA), Jun 4 (Agencies): Afghanistan pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi produced a fiery spell after Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran's solid opening partnership to begin their T20 World Cup campaign with a comprehensive 125-run victory over debutants Uganda in Guyana. Kolkata Knight Riders opener Gurbaz (76 off 45 balls) and his partner Zadran's (70 off 46 balls) struck fluent fifties to register the second highest opening partnership (154) in the men's T20 World Cup as Afghanistan posted a challenging 183/5 after being asked to bat. Left-arm pacer Farooqi (5/9) then knocked the wind out of the Ugandan batting line up with his maiden five-wicket haul as the debutants were shot out for 58 in 16 overs.



"Super exciting, proud feeling to be leading the team in the World Cup. Enjoying it so far, and have some tough games coming up. That is the beauty of this team. We have so many options and that makes it easy as a captain," world's premier T20 spinner said. Seamer Farooqi was twice on the brink of claiming a hat-trick. He was lethal with the new ball. After being hit for a four off his first delivery, he bowled a brilliant in-swinger which clipped off Ronak Patel's bat before crashing onto the stumps. He then trapped Roger Mukasa leg before wicket with another in-swinger off consecutive balls. "I have missed it (getting the hat-trick) a few times (smiles). Something that is not under my control and if I get a chance again, I will try to get that hat-

trick," Farooqi said while collecting his 'Player of the Match' award. Farooqi then returned in the 13th over to snare three more wickets to register his career best figure in T20Is. He first deceived Riazat Ali Shah with slower delivery to bowl him out before forcing skipper Brian Masaba to nick the ball with an eager Gurbaz collecting it. He missed out on a hat-trick again but claimed is fifth victim in the last ball of the over. "I kept it simple and wanted to hit the wickets. Playing franchise cricket helps you improve and helps on the big stage as well. Playing with so many big players, it helps in dealing with pressure and in bowling in the right areas," said Farooqi, who has played for SRH in previous

editions of IPL. Earlier with the ball coming onto the bat nicely and a fast outfield, Afghanistan's openers started strong. Gurbaz assumed the role of the aggressor first as he smacked the second balls of the innings for a six. Zadran quickly followed suit, hitting four consecutive boundaries in the sixth over off Dinesh Nakrani. By the end of the first power-play, Afghanistan was scoring at an impressive rate of 11 runs per over. Gurbaz, who four boundaries and as many sixes, raced to his fifty off just 28 balls in the ninth over. While Zadran, who sent the ball to the fence nine times and over it once, reached his half century in the 12th over. Uganda's poor fielding only added to their woes. Gurabaz was dropped off a no ball in the 14 over which yielded 25 runs as the Afghanistan raced to 150. It looked like the duo would bat the full 20 overs but Uganda bowlers fought back and kept the total under 200. Afghanistan's next challenge will be infinitely tougher against a formidable New Zealand side. "Big game for us. It is about keeping things simple," said Rashid.

Anrich Nortje spells doom for Sri Lanka

Pacer's fiery bowling scripts South Africa's commanding win over Sri Lankans



NEW YORK, Jun 4 (Agencies): Anrich Nortje demolished Sri Lanka with a career-best figures as South Africa exploited the bounce on offer to secure a six-wicket win in their T20 World Cup opener here. At a venue where India will play three of their four Group A league matches, Sri Lanka's decision to bat first backfired. Nortje (4/7), Kagiso Rabada (2/21) and Keshav Maharaj (2/22)

combined to take eight wickets in a dominant bowling performance as Sri Lanka folded for 77 in 19.1 overs, their lowest T20 total. But it was not a walk in the park for South Africa either. In the challenging conditions of Nassau Stadium, the Proteas had to sweat it out after Sri Lanka reduced them to 27/2 inside the power-play. Sri Lankan wrist-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga led their bowling show with his 2/17 from three

overs, taking the wickets of Quinton de Kock (20) and Tristan Stubbs (13) in successive overs. But the lack of scoreboard pressure meant South Africa knocked off the target in 16.2 overs to give a major boost to their net run-rate (NRR). South Africa now have two points with a NRR of 1.048 to lead the Group D standings. Bangladesh, Nepal and the Netherlands are the other teams in the group. The in-form Heinrich Klaasen smashed Hasaranga for a massive six over long-on and followed it up with a straight boundary to bring up 11 runs in the 15th over and virtually kill the contest. Brief scores: Sri Lanka: 77 all out in 19.1 overs (Kusal 19; Nortje 4/7; Maharaj 2/22); South Africa: 80/4 in 16.2 overs (de Kock 20, Klaasen 19*; Hasaranga 2/22).

Beating India More Important Than Winning WC? Mohammad Rizwan Reveals Ramiz Raja's Stunning Message

DALLAS, Jun 4 (Agencies): Pakistan ended their winless streak over India at World Cups during the 2021 T20 World Cup in the UAE. Prior to that contest, India had won all the matches against Pakistan at World Cups (ODI and T20). Shaheen Afridi broke the back of the Indian batting order by taking the wickets of KL Rahul, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who was the captain back then. Needing 152 to win, Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan then ensured that Pakistan finished off the chase without losing a single wicket and more than two overs to spare. Pakistan captain Babar hit 68 off 52 while Rizwan was 79 not out in 55 balls. India, however, took their revenge a year later during the T20 World Cup in Australia, beating Pakistan by four wickets, courtesy of Kohli's unbeaten 82-run knock. With both teams set to meet in the T20 World Cup once again on June 9, Rizwan recalled the circumstances leading up to the match and

revealed the then PCB chairman's advice to the players. Rizwan revealed that Ramiz Raja had asked the players to win the game against India no matter what. "We had never beaten India before that (in a World Cup). Ramiz Raja met us and said, you have to beat India. There was a long time to go for the World Cup when he first came in (as PCB president) but he had started developing this thought in the team from right then. As we got closer to the World Cup he said, regardless of whether you win the trophy or not, just don't lose to India. He used to say don't come under pressure, and then would put pressure on us," Rizwan said in an event in Dallas. Rizwan also revealed that since it was his first time facing India at the global stage, he didn't really realise the importance of that result until after the event. "India vs Pakistan always comes with pressure. People may not watch all matches in a tournament but this

is a game everyone sits down to watch, regardless of which country they belong to. At the time we had Matthew Hayden with us. He put his arms around me and the captain and asked how we are feeling. The captain said that we have worked hard and now we leave it all in the hands of God. "For me it was all a first, whether it be playing in a World Cup or in such a big match. So I was feeling quite normal, I didn't think this was any different from any other match. But when we won, that is when I realised what we achieved. In Pakistan, say I go for shopping somewhere, people won't take money. Then I stopped going out for shopping because they just weren't taking money from us, they were all commending us for beating India. Everyone I met was commending us for the win. Once when I went to someone's room they had the match playing on television and said that they watch it everyday," he added.

Today's T20 World Cup Matches Prediction: England vs Scotland, Nepal vs Netherlands team news, pitch conditions and who'll win?

NEW YORK, Jun 4 (Agencies): Defending champions England will open their campaign against neighbours Scotland on Tuesday, June 4 while Nepal take on the Netherlands in another in Group B and Group D matches in the T20 World Cup 2024. England will begin their title defence in Barbados while Nepal will take on Netherlands in Dallas. England head into the game as favourites after having headed into the tournament with a 2-0 win over Pakistan in a 4-match series at home. However, Jos Buttler and his men will keep in mind the lack of preparation time when they head into the group stage. Having played on batter-friendly pitches, the game against Scotland is likely to be played on a slow pitch at the Kensington Oval where Namibia defeated Oman in the first Group B match. It is at the Kensington Oval where Paul Collingwood's men scripted history, winning England's maiden men's T20 World Cup crown. In the following decade, England have gone on to become one of the powerhouses in white-ball cricket. However, Jos Buttler and Matthew Mott have a task in hand to make sure they put behind the disappointment of the ODI World Cup. England have an easier route to the Super 8 stage, considering they have only Australia as



the other Test-playing nation in Group. England would want to start their campaign on a dominant note. On the other hand, Nepal will be looking to flex their strength against the Netherlands, who are considered dark horses in Group D. After having done extremely well in the ODI World Cup last year, the Dutch side will be keen on making a mark and clinching a couple of wins in a group that also has Sri Lanka, the South Africa and Bangladesh. HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORDS

T20 WORLD CUP MATCHES England and Scotland are set to meet for the first time in men's T20 cricket. On the other hand, Nepal and the Netherlands have a tight head-to-head record. Nepal have won 5 and lost 6 against the Netherlands in 12 meetings. **PITCH AND CONDITIONS IN BARBADOS AND DALLAS** The pitch at the Kensington Oval in Barbados was a slow one during the match between Namibia and Oman. Namibia struggled to chase down 110 and needed David Wiese's bril-

liance in the Super Over. Both teams did struggle to get going against spinners. On the other hand, the Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas offered a belter for the opening game of the T20 World Cup between USA and Canada. USA rode on Aaron James's brilliance to chase down 195 in just 17.3 overs. **TEAM NEWS - T20 World Cup 2024** England vs Scotland Predicted XIs England XI: Phil Salt, Jos Buttler (c/wk), Will Jacks, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook, Liam Livingstone, Moeen Ali, Sam Curran, Jofra Archer, Adil Rashid, Reece Topley. Scotland XI: George Munsey, Ollie Hairs, Charlie Tear, Richie Berrington (c), Brandon McMullen, Matthew Cross (wk), Chris Greaves, Mark Watt, Christopher Sole, Safyaan Sharif, Bradley Currie. Netherlands vs Nepal Predicted XIs Netherlands XI: Michael Levitt, Max O'Dowd, Vikram Singh, Base de Leede, SA Engelbrecht, Scott Edwards, Tim Pringle, Logan van Beek, Aryan Dutt, Paul van Meekeren, Vivian Kingma. Nepal XI: Aasif Sheikh, Kushal Bhurtel, Anil Sah, Rohit Paudel (c), Dipendra Singh Airee, Kushal Malla, Gulsan Jha, Sompal Kami, Pratis GC, Sagar Dhakal, Lalit Rajbanshi.

Was always thinking about India selection for T20 World Cup even when I was busy with IPL: Sanju Samson

NEW YORK, Jun 4 (Agencies): Despite being focused on leading his team in the IPL, the thought of the impending T20 World Cup selections was at the back of his mind and he has come "most prepared" for the global showpiece, said Indian wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson. The Rajasthan Royals skipper had another successful IPL season where he scored 531 runs including five half-centuries and he finally got his due when he

was selected in the 15-member India squad for the T20 World Cup in the US and West Indies. India play their opening match against Ireland on Wednesday. "This is the most prepared or experienced Sanju Samson has come into this World Cup, actually," said Samson in video posted by the BCCI. "Ten years of lots and lots of failures, few successes here and there. Life in cricket has taught me everything I needed to know before we come

to this crucial tournament." A highly underrated wicketkeeper-batter, Samson despite his prolific run with the bat in the IPL, has played just 16 ODIs and 25 T20Is. "The IPL covered all my mind space, I think. There was a lot to do, there was a lot to think being the captain of the side. I think my mind was always occupied, but somewhere at the back of the mind it was there, the World Cup selections are also around." The 29-year-old added

that getting the call-up to represent the country in the World Cup was like a dream come true. "It was a huge thing, actually. It was like one of the best things which could have happened to my career and those thoughts keep on playing." The Kerala cricketer said that despite having a remarkable season, where his side led the IPL table for most part, he knew securing a place in the India side was not a surety. "I knew I've had a rea-

sonable good season in the IPL where I do have my chances to get in. But, at the same time, I knew how tough it is. It can be either both sides because it depends on what the team wants, the exact combination our team management or the selectors are looking for," said Samson. "So the moment I got convinced that 'Sanju you are ready', I think the life and cricket gave it back to me. So, that's how I like to look at it. So, it was a great moment." Samson said failures

and successes in his career have taught him to always look at things in positive light. "I always look at things in a more positive manner, even if it's a failure or a setback that's when you actually learn about it. When you are young and you are having lots and lots of success, you actually skip a few lessons actually. I think I've been blessed to get some insane talent with my batting skills, that come very naturally to me, I don't do anything spe-

cific but I don't know how actually it comes. It just actually comes." The cricketer said the moment he landed in New York, the IPL was completely off his mind and he was living in the moment. "Right from the moment I landed here, IPL has been like completely off and it's been a completely different stage and I'm telling myself 'Sanju you are somewhere (else). I think lots and lots of people dream about and then its like 'Ok boss, what else I

need to do. "I didn't have to motivate myself; it was like automatically, things were supposed to happen and it was happening and when you get into that atmosphere when you meet Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, you look at them and then you get inspired. "Then you get motivated and then there is no looking back. You are only looking in front. How can a Sanju Samson help the team win more games," he added.

