

## Hospital strike ends after Mamata blinks, agrees to upgrade doctors' security

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KOLKATA, JUNE 17

THE SEVEN-DAY-OLD strike by junior doctors and 'cease work' in West Bengal medical colleges and hospitals was called off Monday evening after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee accepted their demands and told a delegation that "we are proud of our doctors", and any attack on them "will not be tolerated".

The strike, triggered by an attack on a doctor by the family of a patient who died at the NRS Medical College and Hospital (NRSMCH) in Kolkata, saw doctors across the country joining the protests and observing a shutdown Monday in response to a call by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).



Mamata met doctors in Kolkata, Monday. Partha Paul

A delegation of 31 junior doctors and medical students met the Chief Minister for nearly 2

Draft law seeks 10-yr jail, fine of Rs 5 lakh for attacks on docs

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

LAST SATURDAY, when he wrote to Chief Ministers asking them to frame laws for protection of medical professionals, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan attached to it a draft law framed by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).

The draft Protection of Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions



## BJP GETS A WORKING CHIEF

J P Nadda, named BJP working president, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah see off Prime Minister Modi after the party parliamentary board meeting Monday. Prem Nath Pandey P 7

## Jal Shakti borrows Nitish idea, considers proposal on a user fee for piped water

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 17

A SIGNIFICANT proposal being considered by the Jal Shakti Ministry, which was officially constituted Monday, is the imposition of user fees for piped water supply along the lines of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's "har ghar

nal ka jal" scheme in Bihar.

And with the second Modi government signalling the 'nal se jal' policy to provide piped drinking water to every household in the country over the next five years, sources said that considering the overall capital intensive nature of water supply, a user fee will have to supplement the funding by the Centre and

states.

"In the Bihar model, for instance, people pay a basic user fee of Re 1 a day or Rs 30 monthly for the service provided. The water supply is done in the most decentralised manner taking the ward of a gram panchayat as the basic unit which could include as few as 100 households. The

## ATTACKS IN SOUTH KASHMIR

# Major killed, car bomb hits Army vehicle in Valley



The Army truck targeted in Arihal, Pulwama, Monday. Express

## Officer loses life in Anantnag firefight, Pulwama car bomb leaves 8 injured



Major Ketan Sharma of 19 Rashtriya Rifles

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### Challenges on the ground

THE ATTACKS Monday are a reminder of the challenges on the ground for security forces and the administration in the Valley as J&K braces for the start of the Amarnath Yatra next month. The poll panel too is looking at a window for the conduct of Assembly elections in the state before the onset of winter.

BASHARAT MASOOD & ADIL AKHZER  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 17

IN TWO separate incidents in South Kashmir Monday, an Army Major was killed in a gun-battle in Anantnag district and at least six soldiers, and two civilians, were injured in a car bomb explosion that targeted a military vehicle in nearby Pulwama, officials said.

The officer killed in the

## Heat, lack of nutrition, awareness add to AES, Bihar kids toll over 100

SANTOSH SINGH  
MUZAFFARPUR, PATNA, JUNE 17

FROM THE intense summer heat this year to lack of nutrition programmes, effective awareness campaigns and a full-fledged local health facility.

According to medical experts and officials, these are the key reasons behind a spurt in cases of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in north Bihar — from seven deaths in 2018 to 103 so far



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this year, most of them children below 10 years of age.

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## 2027, India population to cross China's: UN

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IN JUST eight years, India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country. According to estimates in a new United Nations report released Monday, India is also expected to add 273 million people by 2050

and will remain the most populated until the end of the century.

The report stated that in 2019, India has an estimated population of 1.37 billion and China 1.43 billion and by 2027, India's population is projected to surpass China's.

The global population is projected to increase by another 2 billion people by 2050, from

7.7 billion in 2019 to 9.7 billion thirty years down the line, according to 'The World Population Prospects 2019' published by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Between now and 2050, 55 countries are estimated to see their populations shrink by at

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