

IN BRIEF

Mumbai Police question actor Dino Morea, his brother once again

Mumbai, May 28 (UNI) : The city police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on Wednesday once again questioned Bollywood actor Dino Morea and his brother Santino Morea in the Mumbai multi-crore Mithi River desilting scam, official sources said here.

The actor and his brother were questioned by the Special Investigation Team of the EOW on Monday for nearly eight hours in connection with the case. They were then asked to be present before the investigators on Wednesday.

Following this, both of them appeared before the SIT this afternoon.

Officials said that the Morea brothers are being questioned for their possible links with the firm linked to the Mithi River scam and close links with the arrested accused Ketan Kadam of Vodar India Ltd.The SIT is probing the scam, in which the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation suffered a wrongful loss of more than Rs 50 crore. The Mumbai police's SIT has registered a case against 13 people, including contractors and civic officials, in connection with the scam and initiated searches at the premises of the accused.

Bangla woman held at Mumbai airport after 33 years of illegal stay

Mumbai, May 28 (UNI) :A Bangladeshi national, Maria Khatun Mohammad Mansoor Ali, was apprehended at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport after living illegally in India for 33 years using forged documents, officials said on Wednesday.Maria was detained by immigration authorities upon her arrival from Kuwait, where she had been employed for six years. Routine checks revealed that she had fraudulently obtained an Indian passport, which she used for international travel and employment abroad.Following her detention, Maria was handed over to the Sahar Police, who registered a case and formally arrested her. Investigators are now probing how she managed to evade detection for over three decades and whether she benefited from assistance provided by a wider illegal network.

Cabinet approves hike in MSP for 14 Kharif crops

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI) : The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2025-26.

The government has increased the MSP of Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2025-26, to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce, an official statement said.The highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year has been recommended for nigerseed (Rs 820 per quintal) followed by ragi (Rs 596 per quintal), cotton (Rs 589 per quintal) and sesamum (Rs 579 per quintal).

The increase in MSP for Kharif crops is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times of the All-India weighted average cost of production. The expected margin to farmers over their cost of production are estimated to be highest in case of bajra (63%) followed by maize (59%), tur (59%) and urad (53%). For rest of the crops, margin to farmers over their cost of production is estimated to be at 50%.

In the recent years, government has been promoting the cultivation of crops, other than cereals such as pulses and oilseeds, and nutri-cereals or Shree Anna, by offering a higher MSP for these crops.

Dy CM Shinde inspects ST's smart buses in Thane

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai May 28 : Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Wednesday inspected the IT security system installed in the 'smart buses' operated by ST Corporation between Thane and Nagpur in Thane.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the safety of common passengers travelling in State Transport Corporation buses is topmost priority of the government.

For this, these new buses will be safer for travel as an AI technology-based integrated security systems will be installed in smart buses, he informed.

Along with CCTV cameras that monitor the movement of passengers



sitting in the bus, the driver's driving style, WiFi, LED screens, GPS system and foam-based fire prevention systems will also be installed in these buses, he said.

This 'smart bus' of the

Govt deploys 18 NDRF teams, pre-monsoon rains damage 35,000 hectares of crops; eight fatalities reported

Mumbai, May 28 (UNI) : Heavy pre-monsoon rains have wreaked havoc across Maharashtra in recent days, causing extensive damage to agriculture and property.

According to official reports on Wednesday, standing crops, vegetables, and orchards spanning approximately 35,000 hectares have been affected.

Additionally, numerous homes, cattle sheds, and warehouses have suffered severe damage.

Tragically, eight people have lost their lives and two others have been injured in incidents attributed to lightning strikes, drowning, house collapses, and falling trees.The adverse weather has also resulted in the deaths of eight animals across the state.

Farmers have also said

the ongoing rainfall has put a halt to pre-sowing activities, especially for cotton and soyabean.

Due to the development of a low pressure over the Arabian Sea, the state has been reporting incessant rains over the last 72-48 hours.Authorities have assured that all affected families will receive financial assistance in accordance with the guidelines of the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule has directed officials to conduct comprehensive surveys (panchnamas) of the damages, ensuring timely relief from the NDRF.

In anticipation of further emergencies, 18 teams of the National Disaster Response Force have been

strategically deployed throughout Maharashtra.

Three teams are stationed in Mumbai, with additional units in Palghar, Nagpur, Pune, Raigad, Thane, Ratnagiri, Satara, Sangli, Kolhapur, and Sindhudurg.The State Disaster Response Force has also mobilised six teams across various districts to support relief and rescue operations.To enhance public safety, the state's disaster management cell issued 52 early warnings regarding heavy rainfall and lightning via SMS alerts on May 26 and 27, reaching an estimated 192 million recipients over two days.

A 24-hour control room remains operational at the state ministry to monitor the evolving situation and coordinate response efforts.

travel safely as the siren installed in these buses will immediately alert them, the DyCM said.

Additionally, blind spot cameras have been installed to provide a 360 degrees information to the driver of these buses, he said.

Also, driver assistance screen, mobile GPS tracking system, LCD screen and public announcement system have been implemented in these buses, he added.

These systems have been installed due to continuous efforts of Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik, he informed.

Shinde praised Sarnaik for having taken the initiative to make radical changes in ST buses by considering future needs.

BJP ready to form government in Manipur as protests continue

Imphal, May 28 (UNI) : The BJP is prepared to form a popular government in Manipur, said its MLA Th Radheshyam on Wednesday.

Radheshyam and some other BJP legislators called on state Governor AK Bhalla at the Raj Bhawan here to discuss the developments in Manipur in the wake of a major crisis since May 3, 2023.Radheshyam said 44 out of 60 MLAs in Manipur are ready to form a government, but did not give the list of those legislators. The final decision will be taken by the BJP Central leadership, he addedManipur came under President's Rule on Feb 13. The next Assembly elections are scheduled in

2027.Radheshyam was accompanied by nine other MLAs when he visited the Raj Bhawan. Radheshyam, who served as Education Minister in the first N Biren Singh government (2017-2022), later said even the five opposition Congress MLAs wanted a popular government to be formed.

The Governor is concerned about the situation in the state, according to N Biren Singh. Biren said he submitted a detailed report to the Governor about the situation and problems faced by Manipur on Tuesday.BJP MP Sambit Patra had earlier visited the state and interacted with party MLAs, including N Biren, Speaker Th Satyabrata.



Op Sindoor was necessary, precisely targeted, not call for war: Shashi Tharoor

In a powerful statement underscoring India's measured response to terrorism, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, while strongly defending 'Operation Sindoor' emphasised that the mission was "necessary and precisely targeted" and "not a call for war".Shashi Tharoor leads an Indian leaders' delegation to various countries to educate them about Operation Sindoor and India's strong message of zero-tolerance against terrorism.Citing the harrowing plight of 26 women whose "Sindoor" (vermilliopl) was wiped off from their foreheads by terrorists, Tharoor said, "India's response was carefully, precisely and calibrated strikes on terror bases—avoiding civilian, military, or government targets entirely"

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No breach of UNESCO Heritage norms: Supreme Court



The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the Punjab and Haryana High Court's orders directing the construction of a verandah outside Courtroom No 1 and the eco-friendly redevelopment of the kutchra parking area within the High Court premises.

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Swiatek crushes Raducanu after tough year



Iga Swiatek silenced any doubts about her form and focus with a commanding 6-1, 6-2 demolition of Britain's Emma Raducanu on Wednesday, extending her unbeaten streak at the French Open to 23 matches and making a resounding statement after a turbulent year on and off the court.

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Pradhan urges Yadav to facilitate expansion and ...



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday urged Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, to facilitate the proposed expansion and upgradation of Sambalpur Zoo.

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Monsoon measures should be improved according to situation and given more impetus

While reviewing the preparedness for the monsoon season, Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Mr. Bhushan Gagrani gave instructions



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 28 : While the pre-monsoon works are going on at a fast pace as per the planning made by the Municipal Corporation , the monsoon has arrived in Mumbai a fortnight earlier than every year. As a result, it is a fact that drain cleaning , roads and other works have also been affected to some extent . However, considering the top priority of civic services and facilities, appropriate improvements should be made in the monsoon measures according to the situation , and the measures should be given maximum speed. Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Mr. Bhushan Gagrani has given instructions that the works should be completed quickly and the system should be kept well-equipped by being vigilant in all the proceedings.

In view of the situation that arose in Mumbai two days ago due to continuous

and heavy rains , Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Mr. Bhushan Gagrani reviewed the monsoon works of the Municipal Corporation today (28th May 2025). At that time, he gave various instructions to the system. Additional Municipal Commissioner (Western Suburbs) Dr. Vipin Sharma, Additional Municipal Commissioner (Projects) Mr. Abhijit Bangar , all concerned Joint Commissioners , Deputy Commissioners , Assistant Commissioners and concerned officers were present in this meeting held at the Municipal Corporation Headquarters.

M u n i c i p a l Commissioner Mr. Gagrani said that this year the monsoon has arrived in Mumbai fifteen days earlier than every year. It is a fact that the heavy rains have affected the work of the Municipal Corporation to some extent . Especially, the work of removing silt from the drains has been

hampered. However, in order to ensure that the speed of the monsoon work does not slow down under any circumstances , appropriate amendments should be made in the previous planning and necessary changes should be adopted. The work of removing silt from the rivers and drains should be completed in the next eight to ten days , the Municipal Commissioner said.

This year, a total of 414 pumping sets have been planned to be installed in low-lying and very low-lying areas as well as in all possible places where water can accumulate during heavy rains . Accordingly , it should be ensured that the process of installing pumping sets (pump sets) has been completed at all places. The process of establishing and commissioning the pumping system should be completed within the next 24 hours. To check that this system is functioning smoothly , it should be

properly tested. Follow-up should be coordinated at the necessary levels to complete the entire process. Letters of acceptance have been given to the contractors to obtain 10 sets of vehicle mounted mobile pumps on lease basis.

These sets will be available within eight days. This system can be used in case of emergency, Mr. Gagrani also mentioned.

He further said that utmost care should be taken to ensure that rainwater does not accumulate in very low-lying and low-lying areas . If water is found accumulating due to heavy rain, efforts should be made to ensure that it is drained quickly.

New places where rainwater accumulates have been found , the Assistant Commissioner of the concerned administrative department and the Deputy Commissioner of the circle should inspect those places.

For waste material collection from May 29th to June 15th Special cleanliness drive : BMC

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 28 : In line with the monsoon activities in Mumbai , the Solid Waste Management Department of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation will be implementing a special cleanliness drive for waste collection in Mumbai city and suburbs from May 29 to June 15, 2025. Along with this , the campaign will include cleaning before 10 am every day and second sweeping as needed.

As per the directions of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Commissioner and Administrator Mr. Bhushan Gagrani , under the guidance of Additional Municipal Corporation Commissioner (City) Dr. (Mrs.) Ashwini Joshi and under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner (Solid Waste Management) Mr. Kiran Dighavkar, various measures and various activities are being implemented in line with solid waste management.

During the monsoon season , special initiatives are being taken along with regular cleaning to ensure cleanliness in various parts of Mumbai city and suburbs. Against this backdrop , a special cleanliness drive has been undertaken by the

Solid Waste Management Department to ensure cleanliness by collecting and cleaning garbage at regular intervals during the monsoon season. Special emphasis will be placed on collecting items and materials discarded in public places . The main objective of this drive is to ensure that these waste materials carried along with rainwater do not obstruct the drainage of water.

Instructions have also been given to collect curbstones , paver blocks , debris from project sites , and other leftover materials along with waste materials. Special focus will be given to cleanliness in the area around rivers and drains in this campaign , so that possible obstructions in the flow of rainwater can be removed.

Under this , between May 29 and June 15, 2025, all the administrative divisions (ward) offices of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation will identify the places where the most garbage accumulates and conduct a thorough cleaning there. This will include cleaning of roads , alleys and gullies , paver blocks , curbstones , drains and watercourse inlet points.

Garbage will be collected using machinery as required to remove footpaths , road waste ,

waste materials , debris , and unwanted materials. Along with this , debris and garbage remaining on the plots adjacent to drains and at project sites will be collected and cleaned. Garbage will be collected from all plots (excluding debris) irrespective of ownership.

Meanwhile , the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation is appealing to citizens living in the vicinity of houses , housing societies and other establishments to maintain cleanliness in their respective areas. They are also urged not to litter or create noise in public places and to cooperate with the administration's efforts regarding cleanliness .

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Tenders for following work. **Name of Work** : Hiring of Type D, ALS (Advance Life Support) Ambulance for Matunga workshop staff. **Quantity** : As per Rate Schedule. **Date of Tender Closing/Opening & Time** : Upto 02/06/2025, 9:00 hrs. Tender details & Tender document is available on the website www.gem.gov.in Tenders shall be accepted only in E-tendering format through the website.
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STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025			
(Rs. in in Lakhs except per share)			
PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended March 31, 2025 Audited	Quarter Ended March 31, 2024 Audited	Year Ended March 31, 2025 Audited
Total Income from operations (Net)	211.19	-	211.84
Net Profit/ (Loss) for the Period after tax	5.92	(2.17)	1.56
Other Comprehensive Income (After tax)	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period after tax	5.92	(2.17)	1.56
Equity Share Capital	20.00	20.00	20.00
Reserves (excluding Revaluation reserves as shown in the Balance sheet of previous year)	-	-	178.79
Earning Per share (Face value of Rs.10/- each) (* Not annualised)			
a) Basic	2.96*	(1.08)*	0.78
b) Diluted	2.96*	(1.08)*	0.78

Notes:

1) The above results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2025 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on May 28, 2025. The same have been Audited by the Statutory Auditors of the Company who have issued an unmodified opinion thereon, as required under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures requirements) Regulations, 2015.

2) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and yearly Audited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com).

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(Anwar Husain Chauhan)
Director
DIN: 00322114

Place : Mumbai
Date : May 28, 2025

Veer Savarkar's ideology still inspires millions of youth: Rajasthan Speaker

Jaipur, May 28 (UNI) Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnanani on Wednesday extended his greetings to the people of the state on the occasion of Veer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's birth anniversary, saying that the great freedom fighter, nationalist thinker, writer, and social reformer fought tirelessly for India's independence, social harmony, and national consciousness throughout his life.

Devnanani said that Veer Savarkar's revolutionary personality and sharp nationalist ideology continue to inspire millions of youth today. His extraordinary sacrifice and self-confidence are an indelible chapter in India's freedom struggle.

He added that Veer Savarkar not only fought for independence but also worked to free society from casteism, discrimination, and superstition. Through principles like "one temple, one food, one water", he paved the way for social harmony.

Devnanani emphasized that Savarkar's literature, poetry, and historical writings provide a strong ideological foundation for the nation. He urged the youth to read and understand Savarkar's life and philosophy and draw inspiration from his patriotism, courage, and thoughtfulness.

No breach of UNESCO Heritage norms: Supreme Court

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI): The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the Punjab and Haryana High Court's orders directing the construction of a verandah outside Courtroom No 1 and the eco-friendly redevelopment of the kutchra parking area within the High Court premises. The apex court rejected objections raised by the Chandigarh administration, ruling that the proposed works do not violate UNESCO guidelines applicable to heritage sites.

A bench, comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta, observed that the verandah's design, aligned with those outside Courtrooms 2 to 9, is consistent with the architectural character of the High Court building and does not compromise its World Heritage Site status. "We find that the High Court's directive for verandah

construction is appropriate and in conformity with the existing design elements. It does not breach UNESCO heritage norms," the Supreme Court held.

The bench added that the Chandigarh administration may still seek ex post facto approval from concerned heritage authorities as a precautionary step.

The Court also endorsed the High Court's decisions dated February 7 and 21, 2025, which directed the placement of green paver blocks and tree plantations in the kutchra parking area.

The goal, the Court said, is to maximize vehicle capacity, create shaded parking, and boost the site's green cover.

To ensure effective execution, the Court directed the High Court administration to consult landscaping experts and monitor the process through a designated committee.

Health, Spirituality and Diet Two-day workshop successfully concluded

(Standard Post Bureau)

Thane, May 28 : On the initiative of District Collector Ashok Shingare and in collaboration with Panchavati Farms, Shegaon, a two-day workshop on " Health, Spirituality and Diet " was successfully organized at Town Hall, Thane on 24th and 25th May 2025. Thane District Collectorate and District Planning Officer Vaibhav Kulkarni provided valuable support in organizing this initiative.

The workshop was inaugurated by Additional District Collector Harishchandra Patil, Resident Deputy District Collector Dr. Sandeep Mane and P. Deputy District Collector. (General Administration) was held in the chief presence of Sachin Chaudhar. A total of 51 participants attended the



workshop. In which Zilla Parishad officials as well as medical officers from the health department actively participated. All the sessions in the workshop received a very enthusiastic response. Jaya Kale provided insightful and thought-provoking guidance on the topics of man-made and natural science, possible causes of diseases, service and reconciliation. Yoga expert Snehal Kale provided in-depth information on yoga

practice, ideal diet, misconceptions about protein, hormonal health and vitality, and demonstrated pranayama and asanas. During the workshop, participants were provided with healthy, delicious, and innovative meals prepared from raw vegetables and fruits. According to the feedback from all the participants, this workshop created awareness about health and clarified the relationship between diet and health.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
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Online Percentage rates tenders in "B-I" form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, P.W.D., Worli, Mumbai for the following work from Electrical Licence Holder Contractor. B-I e-Tender document can be downloaded from the e-Tendering portal of P.W.D., Government of Maharashtra <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. The Executive Engineer, CMED, Worli, Mumbai reserves right to accept or reject any tender. The conditional tender will not be accepted.

Sr. No.	Name Of Work	Tender Amount	Tender Amount in words
1	D11008/24-25 Providing supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Fire safety system at Detention Center Bhoiwada (G+2 Fl bldg) at Bhoiwada Mumbai	1661691	Sixteen Lakh Sixty One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One
2	H11070 of 24-25 Providing renovation to Electrical Installation in LHS of Transfusion Medicine Department at ground floor, Main Hospital Building, Sir JJ Group Hospitals, Byculla, Mumbai.	865195	Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five
3	H11134 of 2024-25 Providing renovation to Electrical Installation in Female ward of Ward no. 18, Main Hospital Building, Sir JJ Group Hospitals, Byculla, Mumbai.	865195	Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five
4	H11071 of 2024-25 Providing Renovations in Air Conditioning system for Transfusion Medicine Department at ground floor, Main Hospital Bldg., Sir JJ Group of Hospital Compound, Byculla, Mumbai	9790167	Ninety Seven Lakh Ninety Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven
5	H11085/24-25 Providing renovation to electrical installation in Physiotherapy department at ground floor Main Hospital Bldg Sir JJ Group of Hospital Byculla Mumbai	865195	Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five
6	H11086/24-25 Providing renovation to electrical installation in Occupational Therapy at ground floor Main Hospital Bldg Sir JJ Group of Hospital Byculla Mumbai	865195	Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five
7	H15171/24-25 Providing semi-comprehensive Maintenance of 400 TR Capacity Air Cooled type Central AC Plant System installed for Operation Theaters in Main Hospitals Compound, Byculla Mumbai (For 3 years)	5875272	Fifty Eight Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two
8	H15173 of 24-25 Providing semi comprehensive maintenance of 5 Nos 8.75 TR air cooled condensing units with AHU of Walkin-cooler type cold room units and Room incubator and allied accessories installed at 2nd floor in VD skin bldgs Sir JJ Group of Hospitals byculla Mumbai	2086680	Twenty Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty
9	H11154 of 2024-25. " Providing HVAC System in the Lecture Hall of INE Department at Grant Govt. Medical College & Sir J. J. Group of Hospital compound, Byculla, Mumbai	2506292	Twenty Five Lakh Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two
10	H11446 of 2023-24. Providing Replacement to Ductable type AC system by VRF type AC System for Lecture Hall of Pharmacology Department at First floor, Mahanagar Blood Bank bldg., Sir J. J. group of Hospitals, Byculla, Mumbai..	2701709	Twenty Seven Lakh One Thousand Seven Hundred Nine
11	H11133 of 2024-25 Providing renovation to Electrical Installation in Male ward of Ward no. 18, Main Hospital Building, Sir JJ Group Hospitals, Byculla, Mumbai.	865195	Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five
12	H11194 of 24-25 Providing to Electrical installation in Female ward of Ward no 11 main Hospital building Sir JJ Group Hospital Byculla Mumbai	865195	Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five

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20,170 farmers in Nashik division benefit from Govt scheme

Nashik, May 28 (UNI) : Farmers have been selected for the Kharif season 2025 on the ‘first come, first served’ basis through the schemes launched by Maharashtra government's agriculture department. In the first phase of this scheme, 20,170 farmers in Nashik division have been selected. They will get a total direct benefit of Rs 145.62 crore, said Subhash Katkar, divisional joint director of agriculture, Nashik division, in a press release.

The selected farmers should submit the their documents on the MahaDBT portal by May 31, said Katkar.

This new method was approved in the state-level Kharif planning meeting

chaired by Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister on May 21. This includes various agricultural schemes.

In Nashik division, 1,639 farmers have been benefited under the Individual Farm Pond Scheme, 11,734 farmers under the Micro Irrigation Scheme, 142 under the Collective Farm Ponds and Plastic Lining Scheme, 1,044 under the horticulture component, 301 farmers under the Agricultural Mechanization Scheme and 3,783 farmers under the Agricultural Mechanization Sub-Campaign.

The list of beneficiaries has been made available on the MahaDBT portal, the website of the Agriculture Department as well as on

the login of the Regional Agriculture Officers. A notification message has been sent to the selected farmers through SMS on their registered mobile numbers.

The selected farmers should check the information using their Farmer ID and those who do not have the ID should go to the nearest public service centre to get it. Farmers should submit the necessary documents by May 31.

If the documents are not submitted, their application will be automatically cancelled. The press release also states that full consent will be provided to the farmers immediately after the proper documents are completed.

Seven injured in violence outside pharma company in Thane

Mumbai, May 28 (UNI) : Seven people were injured after violence broke out during a protest outside a pharmaceutical company in Thane district's Ambernath area, police said on Wednesday.

The incident occurred on Monday around 12:30 pm near the company premises in the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) zone.

According to the FIR, a group of workers staging a sit-in confronted several individuals entering the factory, suspecting they had been hired as replacements. The protestors allegedly attacked with sticks and physically assaulted the new entrants, before chasing them away and threatening them with dire consequences if they reported to work.

All seven injured were taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Based on a complaint filed by one of the injured, the Shivaji Nagar police registered an FIR on Monday against 10 people. A case has been registered under multiple sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, including 189(2) (unlawful assembly), 191(2) (rioting), 190 (offence committed in prosecution of common object), 118(1) and 118(2) (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 115(2) (voluntarily causing hurt), and 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace).

The police stated that investigations would verify the sequence of events and gather further evidence to identify and apprehend those involved.

Sena (UBT) leader Nirmala Gavit joins Shinde’s Shiv Sena

Thane, May 28 (UNI) In a significant blow to Shiv Sena (UBT) ahead of local bodies elections in Maharashtra, its leader and former MLA Nirmala Gavit formally joined the Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde during a public event here on Wednesday.

Accompanying Gavit were more than a thousand women workers from Nashik district who also pledged their allegiance to Shinde’s Shiv Sena.

Addressing the gathering, Ms Gavit remarked, “Our leader has changed, but the party, Shiv Sena, remains the



same.”Deputy CM Shinde welcomed the new members, interpreting their shift as an endorsement of the Mahayuti government’s performance.

“These workers have recognised the government’s commitment to public service and have chosen to join the Sena,” he said.Shinde urged party

cadres to begin preparations for upcoming civic elections in Maharashtra, emphasising the importance of consolidating support.

Govt approves Rs 30 cr subsidy for cow shelters across 43 talukas

Mumbai, May 28 (UNI) : The government has sanctioned a subsidy of Rs 30 crore to support cow shelters across the state, officials said on Wednesday. This initiative aims to bolster the welfare and upkeep of unproductive cattle, whose numbers have risen following a ban on cow slaughter.

The State Cow Seva Commission had earlier submitted proposals for establishing cow shelters in 43 talukas, seeking financial assistance for their operation. Based on these recommendations, the government has approved subsidies ranging from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 25 lakh for 30 selected shelters, with the amount determined by the number of animals housed at each facility.

The subsidies will be disbursed under

the Govardhan Davanesh Seva Kendra scheme, which provides financial support to institutions dedicated to the care and maintenance of the cattle. The state-level selection committee, chaired by Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister Pankaja Munde reviewed and approved the proposals for the 30 cow shelters.

Among the approved shelters, two are located in Pune, five in Solapur, four in Ahmednagar, and two each in Akola, Nanded, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar), Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts.

The government’s move is expected to enhance the capacity and sustainability of cow shelters, ensuring better care for the cattle across Maharashtra.

Massive turnout for Congress’ Tiranga rally in Nanded

Nanded, May 28 (UNI) : The Congress party, under the leadership of Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president Harshavardhan Sapkal, took out the Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Hind rally here on Wednesday to honour the bravery of Indian armed forces during Operation Sindoor.The rally saw participation from state vice president Mohan Joshi, MP Prof Ravindra Chavan, MP Dr Shivaji Kalge, District Congress president

Hanumant Patil Betmoglekar, City Congress president Abdul Sattar among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Sapkal said terrorists entered 300 km inside Indian territory at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir, killed 26 innocent civilians and escaped—this is a failure of the government, he charged.

"How did these terrorists manage to get in so deep and then escape?" he questioned.

He further asked "Why did the BJP government miss the opportunity to take control of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and instead declare a sudden ceasefire? Was the ceasefire declared due to threats from US President Donald Trump?

"The MPCC chief said the rally was organised to honour the bravery of Indian armed forces during Operation Sindoor.It was also to pay tributes to the martyrs of the India-Pakistan wars, the war with China, the Kargil war, the 1948 war, as well as to former prime ministers Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi and the tourists who were killed in Pahalgam, he said."While soldiers protect the country's borders, farmers toil in their lands to feed the nation. The rally expressed gratitude to both," he said.

CENTRAL RAILWAY
REPAIR OF FAULTY CABLES & VARIOUS OTHER WORKS
For and on behalf of The President of India, invites Open E-tenders through website www.ireps.gov.in from reputed contractors. **Sr.No.1 Name of Work:** Work of Repair of Faulty Cables by pin pointing of cable fault location and jointing of cables with termination kit of cables laid over Mumbai Division.
Tender Notice No.07/2025 (BB.LG.W.B.2024.10). Approximate Cost of the Work: ₹ 1,11,16,879/-.
Bid Security: ₹ 2,05,600/-.
Validity : 60 days.
Completion Period: 09 Months (C).
Sr.No.2 Name of Work: Electrification of low height drinking water booths with cooler on each platform at Non-Suburban (NSG 1 to 4) & Suburban (SG 1 to 2) stations for Divyangjan Passengers.
Tender Notice No.08/2025 (BB.L.G.W.C.S.M.T.2024.31). Approximate Cost of the Work: ₹ 87,10,502/-.
Bid Security: ₹ 1,74,200/-.
Validity : 60 days.
Completion Period: 09 Months (C).
Instructions : 1) Tender Closing Date & Time of Aforesaid Tender: Upto 13.00 hrs. of 16/06/2025 and will be opened after 13.00 hrs. 2) The prospective tenderers are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for complete details of tenders & corrigendum, if any. 3) Tenderer may participate in above e-tender electronically through website www.ireps.gov.in only & submission of manual offers against e-tender is not allowed. Manually, if submitted shall neither be opened nor considered. 4) For further enquiry, may contact: Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (General Service), Annex Building, 1st Floor, Central Railway, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai - 400001. 5) This tender complies with Public Procurement Policy Order 2017 dated 15/06/2017.
Open E-Tender Notice No. : 07, 08/2025 OF 23/05/2025

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CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, Invites E-Tender from the reputed firms / contractor for the following works.
Tender Notice No.: 11-2025-SrDENS. Name of Work: Supply of Monsoon Reserve material like boulders and quarry dust/sand at Tikekar Wadi and Wadi station.
Approximate Cost of the Work: ₹1,19,51,997.68.
Earnest Money: ₹2,09,800/-.
Completion Period of the Work: 06 Months.
Maintenance Period: NA.
Last Date & Time of Uploading Quoted Tender on www.ireps.gov.in website: 18/06/2025 upto 15.00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Tender on www.ireps.gov.in: 18/06/2025 at 15.30 hrs.
The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/ corrigenda issued for this tender. Website: www.ireps.gov.in.

DRM (Works) Solapur

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MYSTIC ELECTRONICS LIMITED					
401/A, Pearl Arcade, Opp. P. K. Jewellers, Dawood Baug Lane, Off. J. P. Road, Andheri (W), Mumbai – 400058					
Tel.: 022-26790471 CIN: L72300MH2011PLC221448					
Email: electronics.mystic@gmail.com Website: www.mystic-electronics.com					
Extract of Statement of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March, 2025 (Rupees in Lakhs except EPS)					
Sr No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2025	31.03.2024	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income	95.037	21.297	131.984	54.833
2	Profit/(Loss) before exceptional items and tax	91.551	17.170	109.540	31.117
3	Profit/(Loss) before tax and after exceptional items	91.551	(161.443)	109.540	(147.495)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) after tax	85.505	(162.927)	102.912	(148.979)
5	Total Comprehensive income (After tax)	85.138	(134.845)	105.084	(136.679)
6	Paid-up equity share capital	1,976.625	1,976.625	1976.625	1976.625
	Face value of share	10/-	10/-	10/-	10/-
7	Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-	885.453	780.368
8	Earnings Per Share				
	(a)Basic	0.433	(0.824)	0.521	(0.754)
	(b)Diluted	0.433	(0.824)	0.521	(0.754)
Notes:					
1 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 27th May, 2025.					
2 The above is an extract of detailed format of results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2025 filed with BSE under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR), 2015. The Full format is available on the website of the Company (www.mystic-electronics.com) and BSE's Website (www.bseindia.com). The same can also be assessed through the QR Code given below:					
		For Mystic Electronics Limited			
		Sd/-			
		Mohit Khadaria			
		Managing Director			
		DIN: 05142395			
Place : Mumbai					
Date : 27th May, 2025					

MUKTA AGRICULTURE LIMITED					
401/A, Pearl Arcade, Opp. P. K. Jewellers, Dawood Baug Lane, Off. J. P. Road, Andheri (W), Mumbai – 400058					
Tel.: 022-26790471 CIN: L01403MH2011PLC221387					
Email: mukta.agriculture@gmail.com Website: www.mukta-agriculture.com					
Extract of Statement of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March, 2025 (Rupees in Lacs except EPS)					
Sr No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2025	31.03.2024	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income	19.319	17.665	17.284	39.897
2	Profit/(Loss) before exceptional items and tax	12.195	11.419	16.776	6.769
3	Profit/(Loss) before tax and after exceptional items	12.195	(187.797)	16.776	(192.447)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) after tax	12.195	(188.608)	15.747	(193.258)
5	Total Comprehensive income (After tax)	38.259	(155.924)	6.011	(168.468)
6	Paid-up equity share capital	2168.177	2168.177	2168.177	2168.177
	Face value of share	10/-	10/-	10/-	10/-
7	Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-	56.821	50.810
8	Earnings Per Share				
	(a)Basic	0.056	(0.870)	-0.073	(0.891)
	(b)Diluted	0.056	(0.870)	-0.073	(0.891)
Notes:					
1 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 27th May, 2025.					
2 The above is an extract of detailed format of results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2025 filed with BSE under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR), 2015. The Full format is available on the website of the Company (www.mukta-agriculture.com) and BSE's Website (www.bseindia.com). The same can also be assessed through the QR Code given below:					
		For Mukta Agriculture Limited			
		Sd/-			
		Mohit Khadaria			
		Managing Director			
		DIN: 05142395			
Place : Mumbai					
Date : 27th May, 2025					

NILKANTH ENGINEERING LIMITED										
CIN : L27300MH1983PLC029360 Regd. Office : 407, Kalbadevi Road, Daulat Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Mumbai-400 002, E-mail: Nilkanthengineeringtd@gmail.com , Website: www.nilkanthengineering.co.in										
Audited Standalone and Consolidated financial Result for the Quarter and year ended 31st March, 2025 (Rs. in Lacs) Except EPS										
PARTICULARS	Standalone					Consolidated				
	31.03.2025 Audited	31.12.2024 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Audited	31.03.2025 Audited	31.03.2024 Audited	31.03.2025 Audited	31.12.2024 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Audited	31.03.2025 Audited	31.03.2024 Audited
1 Total income from operation (net)	6.39	6.08	5.73	24.35	19.06	6.39	6.08	5.73	24.35	19.06
2 Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax, after exceptional /Extraordinary items	(8.09)	(6.29)	(13.65)	(27.08)	(50.27)	290.09	14.52	(80.66)	362.55	(46.31)
3 Net Profit/(loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional /Extraordinary items)	(8.66)	(6.27)	(13.24)	(31.63)	(33.61)	289.52	14.50	(80.25)	358.00	(29.65)
4 Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	(8.75)	(6.20)	(11.43)	340.95	(4.32)	309.03	14.57	(5,563.45)	316.79	(5,412.05)
5 Equity Share Capital	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50
6 Reserve i.e. Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Audited Balance sheet of previous year)				(13.35)	(354.30)				4,843.65	4,526.88
7 Earning per share (of Rs. 10/- each) Basic and Diluted	(0.70)	(0.50)	(1.06)	(2.54)	(2.70)	23.25	1.16	(6.45)	28.75	(2.38)
Notes:										
1. The above is an extract of the deatiled format of Quarterly Financial result filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the audited financial results are available on the websites of the Stock exchange (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website: www.nilkanthengineering.co.in										
2. These Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2025 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 28th May, 2025										
Place:Mumbai										
Date: May 28, 2025										
						For Nilkanth Engineering Limited				
						Shiksha Agrawal				
						(Managing Director)				
						DIN: 02597523				

STANDARD POST

Female representation in tech contractual workforce surges to 14 pc in 2024

Gender representation within India’s contractual tech workforce within non-tech sectors has undergone a complex evolution, finds a report.

The report by TeamLease Digital, a specialised staffing firm in India, showed that in 2020 female representation for tech roles in non-tech sectors stood at a mere 1.90 per cent. However, by 2023 and 2024, this reached 11.8 per cent and 14 per cent, respectively, indicating a slow but encouraging shift in traditionally male-dominated roles.

“The significant rise in female representation in tech roles within non-tech sectors from 1.90 per cent in 2020 to 14 per cent in 2024 reflects a promising shift towards inclusivity. However, persistent gaps in technical skill representation and leadership roles highlight the need for targeted interventions,” said Neeti Sharma, CEO of TeamLease Digital.

India Inc.’s journey towards gender parity has seen gradual progress, extending even to traditionally male-dominated technology roles in non-tech sectors.

The comprehensive analysis showed that female representation surged from 9.51 per cent in 2020 to 27.98 per cent in 2024, reflecting growing momentum for diversity in a space long dominated by men.

This shift underscores the increasing recognition of women’s contributions to tech roles across non-tech domains and the growing appreciation for diversity in innovation-driven functions.Despite the progress, female representation in contractual tech roles remains uneven across non-tech industries.

While sectors such as BFSI (46.88 per cent women) and life sciences and healthcare (29.58 per cent women) have embraced gender parity, others, such as manufacturing and engineering (4.82 per cent women) and energy (6.25 per cent women), lag.

This imbalance is largely attributed to rigid hiring practices, cultural stereotypes, and limited skilling pathways for women in core technical functions.

Another concerning statistic is the low representation of women in senior roles - a mere 3.35 per cent. Women in mid-level roles comprise 4.07 per cent, while those in entry-level roles make up 3.03 per cent. This signals a major discrepancy as male dominance considerably surges, and women continue to face challenges in ascending to leadership roles.

However, between 2023 and 2024, there has been a noteworthy increase in female representation in mid and senior levels, going from 4.98 per cent in 2023 to 5.14 per cent in 2024 in mid-level roles. Similarly, female representation in senior positions increased from 3.95 per cent in 2023 to 4.86 per cent in 2024, a gradual shift in gender parity, with greater female representation, said the report, based on a quantitative research approach, analysing a proprietary dataset of 13,000 associates.

“Now, it’s time for organisations to encourage equitable resources for women, address industry-specific barriers, and empower women to represent a larger portion of the workforce. By doing so, companies can unlock diverse talent pools, driving innovation and sustainable growth across India’s workforce,” Sharma said.

Settlement of Ukraine conflict 'very complicated', admits Russian Ambassador

Russia's Ambassador to India, Denis Alipov on Wednesday admitted that the settlement of the Ukraine conflict remains "very complicated" and the focus should rather be on ending the war instead of initiating short ceasefires. Accusing Kyiv of repeatedly violating ceasefires, the Russian diplomat cited the recent exchange of prisoners as a positive development. At the same time, he made it clear that a ceasefire alone would not bring peace in Ukraine.

In an exclusive interview with the IANS, Alipov also spoke on several other issues, including India's decisive Operation Sindoor and successful use of Russian equipment, especially the S-400 air defence system and highly effective 'Made in India' BrahMos missiles.

Excerpts: IANS: What was your first reaction after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack?

Denis Alipov: It was a heinous crime, an outrageous attack that happened on April 22 and it was widely condemned. The support of India was expressed by all Russia, including President Putin who responded immediately upon learning about the tragedy and sent a special message to Prime Minister Modi expressing our sympathies while stating that we expect that the culprits will be identified, tracked and punished. And that was something that India eventually did. We have always stated that there cannot be any double standards on terrorism, be it a trans-border one or of any other kind. We have always stood by the side of each other on this. Last year, India also immediately



expressed support for Russia after the big terror attack on one of the shopping malls in Moscow. We also coordinate with each other at the UN. Russia has supported a draft convention that India proposed to counter terrorism which needs to be adopted, as soon as possible

IANS: What has been your assessment of Operation Sindoor and the performance of S-400 and other Russian equipment used by India?

Denis Alipov: From what we know, India has clearly stated the goals and undertook actions after having identified the targets and the terrorists it promised to do. As far as we know, during the operation, the S-400 system was used and the BrahMos missiles were engaged. Judging by the reports available, the performance of these weapons was exemplary.

IANS: The BrahMos missiles also proved to be quite effective during Operation Sindoor ...

Denis Alipov: We have a joint venture for designing and producing these weapons. We are very satisfied with the results of this collaboration. It has very promising prospects and we wish to expand on that track, as on many others that we have discussed and are in the pipeline or are being

implemented already.

IANS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has clearly emerged as one of the strongest leaders in the world, his discussions with President Vladimir Putin are also quite significant given the current circumstances .

Denis Alipov: I don't think there is anybody, anywhere in the world that doubts the credentials of Prime Minister Modi. His strong leadership is steering the country to global prominence. Both India and Russia stand for a multipolar world order without any global power or a group of countries dominating that order. They stand for an equal international relationship. This has been reinstated in the conversation President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Modi had on May 5.

IANS: President Putin is due to visit India soon, have any dates been finalised? It is expected that Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will also be in New Delhi, next month ...

Denis Alipov: The interaction between the foreign ministers is very intense. There will be visits of Russian officials to India and there is going to be high-level visits of Indian officials to Russia, this year. The leaders will also meet and have an extensive agenda for discussion, as we have always done because our relations are very diversified. The dates

will be announced in due course by both sides as soon as the details are finalised.

IANS: How realistic is the chance of having a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine?

Denis Alipov: The settlement of the Ukraine conflict is very complicated. It has deep roots, very serious causes, which need to be addressed. Ceasefire, per say, will not bring peace in Ukraine. Russia has several times initiated, proposed a ceasefire. We honoured those short ceasefires. We initiated and the Ukrainian side always violated. We are not at all sure that an extended ceasefire will succeed. But we are prepared to speak on ceasefire as a part of a broader settlement within the negotiations which we have always proposed. Actually, it was a good development that the Ukrainian side accepted our initiative and recently resumed the round of negotiations that happened in Turkey after almost three years. It went well. We agreed on a large exchange of prisoners, which has been completed. Hopefully, the next round will also happen soon. This is something that needs to be in focus -- the negotiations on the end of the war and not only on ceasefire. Ceasefire can be an element of these negotiations, but ceasefire, per se, will not bring peace in Ukraine.

IANS: Lastly, have there been any talks about India acquiring more S-400s?

Denis Alipov: Our discussion on this particular topic, as on many others, is ongoing. It is a continuous one, but it would be incorrect for me and also premature to speak about the results of it at the moment.

Op Sindoor was necessary, precisely targeted, not call for war: Tharoor

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI) In a powerful statement underscoring India's measured response to terrorism, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, while strongly defending ‘Operation Sindoor’ emphasised that the mission was “necessary and precisely targeted” and “not a call for war”.Shashi Tharoor leads an Indian leaders’ delegation to various countries to educate them about Operation Sindoor and India’s strong message of zero-tolerance against terrorism.Citing the harrowing plight of 26 women whose “Sindoor” (vermillopn) was wiped off from their foreheads by terrorists, Tharoor said, “India’s response was carefully, precisely and calibrated strikes on terror bases—avoiding civilian, military, or government targets entirely”.

He said, “These terrorists came and wiped the Sindoor off their foreheads. Infact there were some women who cried and asked the terrorists "kill me too" and they said No! Go back and tell what happened to you.”Drawing an emotional parallel between the colour of “Sindoor” and the blood of the terrorists, Tharoor said, “We heard that cry and India decided that the colour of the Sindoor, the vermilion colour on the forehead of our women also match the colour of the blood of the killers, the perpetrators, the attackers”.

Emphasising India’s commitment to restraint, Tharoor said, “Even when we conducted those attacks on nine terror bases, our government said very clearly, without any doubt we are not looking, for any escalation.”

He highlighted that no Pakistani military, government, or civilian targets were struck. “These were carefully, precisely, calibrated strikes. We hit only terror bases. We did not hit any military facility of Pakistan, no government facilities, no civilian homes. Very precise targeting meant that even within the compounds of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) with specific buildings and we did so at night between 1:05 and 1:30 AM. Why, because we did not want to have too much of collateral damage”.Meanwhile, senior Congress leader Udit Raj took a dig at Shashi Tharoor by calling him as “spokesperson of BJP”.He said, “My dear Shashi Tharoor, Alas! I could prevail upon PM Modi to declare you as super spokesperson of BJP, even declaring as foreign minister before landing in India”.On his social media handle X, Udit Raj asked Tharoor how he could “dismiss the proud legacy of the Congress by saying that before PM Modi, India never crossed LOC and International border.”Udit Raj said, “In 1965 Indian Army entered Pakistan at multiple points, which completely surprised the Pakistanis in the Lahore sector. In 1971, India tore Pakistan in two pieces and during UPA Govt several surgical strikes were unleashed but drum beating was not done to encash politically.

Tata Motors Launches the All-New Altroz



(Standard Post Bureau)

Tata Motors, India’s leading automobile manufacturer, today announced the launch of the All-New Altroz at a starting price of INR 6.89 lakhs. Ushering in a new era of premiumness with its striking design, luxurious interiors, and advanced features, the All-New Altroz is designed to captivate and is built on the core pillars of Premium Design, Unmatched Safety, Cutting-edge Technology, and Thrilling Performance. From its refreshed exterior and luxurious tech-rich cabin to its enhanced connectivity and expanded multi-powertrain line-up — now featuring an AMT option for the first time — the Altroz is engineered to turn everyday drives into extraordinary journeys.

The Altroz has firmly established itself as a benchmark in the premium hatchback segment. Being the first and only one in its category to have received 5-star GNCAP rating, it set new standards in safety early on. Building on this strong foundation, the All-New Altroz now elevates the game with a bold new

expression of premiumness. It features segment-first design elements such as flush door handles and Infinity connected LED tail lamps, while Luminate LED headlamps with integrated DRLs and a striking 3D front grille add to its sophisticated road presence. Inside, the executive lounge-style rear seats with enhanced thigh support, the soft-touch Grand Prestigia dashboard, ambient lighting, and spacious layout together create an indulgent, refined cabin experience.

Offered in Petrol, segment’s only Diesel and Tata Motors’ leading iCNG twin cylinder technology, the All – New Altroz will also be available in a variety of transmission options: a 5-speed manual, a refined 6-speed DCA, and a new 5-speed AMT — bringing the convenience of automatic transmission within reach of more customers. According to Mr. Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle Ltd. and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd., “Our journey in the last 5 years has been defined by fast-paced growth and transformation.

Satish Singh’s Fifth Music Album, titled “Ishq” was released on OTT platforms and on Bollywood Music

(Standard Post Bureau)

The standout song of the album, “Ishq” captivates audiences with its enchanting lyrics that elicit profound emotions. The vocalist provides a soulful performance that establishes a deep connection with listeners, resonating powerfully with the heart. The music features a harmonious blend of gentle melodies and soothing instrumentals, crafting an atmosphere that transports the audience to a dreamlike experience. This song is essential listening for those who appreciate the intricacies of love, inviting listeners to immerse themselves in a realm filled with sincere affection and heartfelt sentiments.

“Ishq” is receiving notable acclaim on social media and will be accessible on more than 100 OTT platforms, including Spotify, Amazon Music, Jio Saavn, and YouTube Music, among others.

Mr Singh’s music career commenced with his first album, “Piya Re O Re Piya,” which was released on



December 25, 2021. This was followed by his second album, “Hasraton Ka Koi Kinara NahiHota,” on January 21, 2025; his third album, “Mehbooba Ko Khat Likhte Hain,” on February 8, 2025; and his fourth album “Himmat Hai to ChhooKeDekh Zara”, released on March 22, 2025. All these works are available on over 100 OTT platforms worldwide.

Mr. Singh possesses a diverse and impressive professional background. A native of Patna, Bihar, he currently holds the position of Assistant General Manager and Head of the Learning & Development Department at the Local Head Office of

the State Bank of India in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Academically, Mr. Singh has attained a postgraduate degree in Hindi Literature and Mass Communication, an MBA in Finance, and a Diploma in Hindi Journalism from the Indian Institute of Mass Communication in New Delhi.

As an accomplished writer, Shri Singh has authored a total of 2,525 articles in both Hindi and English, in addition to 536 poignant poems and 62 engaging stories. Each literary work is meticulously crafted to engage readers and provoke thoughtful reflection on a variety of

themes.Mr Satish Singh has made significant contributions to society, earning numerous recognitions and accolades throughout his esteemed career. Notably, he received an honour at the Parliamentary event in London on May 25, 2023, for his significant efforts in promoting financial literacy. Additionally, he was awarded the distinguished “Vishva Hindi Seva Samman” at the ISKCON Auditorium in Juhu West, Mumbai, in January 2025, in recognition of his unwavering commitment to advancing the Hindi language and fostering cultural appreciation.

Beauty

We all know how spices like haldi and dhania can rev up a dish, but the culinary benefits apart, did you know spices can also work wonders for the skin and hair?

What your grandmother said has come true, with more people realizing the benefits of Indian spices in fighting acne, clearing clogged pores and enhancing the complexion.

Benefits galore

Several spices can add value to the skin. Says Dr Rashmi Shetty, Mumbai based cosmetologist and anti-ageing expert, "Some of our spices like cardamom, cinnamon, garlic etc are great immune boosters. They have some or the other property which increase metabolic rate and enhance the immune system. When we prepare Indian detox drinks and diets, spices are always used in them, so consuming them orally is also very good for the skin and body. And when it comes to using spices in beauty treatments I find two ingredients to be very useful, coriander and turmeric."

Cinnamon

People are not very aware of it, but cinnamon has some great benefits. It has very good anti-



bacterial properties, it improves blood circulation. It can be used for pimples. Just make a paste of it and apply it on the affected areas on the skin. When applied overall on the face, it will help in skin rejuvenation as it improves blood circulation.

Turmeric

"Turmeric has wonderful anti ageing, antibiotic and antiseptic properties. As a beauty product, it is often used in skin creams also. Every other product touts 'haldi' as an ingredient. It also has good skin lightening properties. It can be used as a facepack along with honey for wonderful results on skin," reveals Dr Shetty. Dermatologist, Dr Madhuri Agarwal, shares a few more:

Coriander seeds

These are very cooling and soothing. If you soak them overnight and use the water as eyes drops, it clears your eye, gives a wonderful cooling effect and makes the eyes look more bright, shiny and more white.

Black pepper

How Indian spices enhance your beauty Treatment

Black pepper is very good for exfoliation. If you make a powder of it and apply a paste on your acne marks and blemishes, it will help exfoliate the affected skin and give it a clearer appearance. It can also help in clearing pimples. A little curd can also be added to black pepper powder and applied for beauty benefits.

Ginger

Ginger can aid in skin rejuvenation and it improves the skin colour and texture. It can be applied as a paste on the skin and left for some time. It will improve skin tone. It is said to reduce blemishes.

Red masoor dal

Though it is not among the spices, this still a great beauty product. It can be used in face packs and has anti-tanning properties. Use it as a body scrub, especially for dry skin. To gain its benefits, make a dry paste of it and add chandan (sandalwood) and haldi (turmeric) and apply this on the skin. Grind masoor dal and store it in an airtight jar for further use in your face packs and pastes.

Be careful

Things to be kept in mind when using these spices:
1. Apply the paste or other mixture correctly. It should not go into the eye. To be safer, avoid the eye and eyebrow area completely.
2. Also, ensure it does not touch the hair as certain spices can bleach the hair.
3. Do a patch test by applying the mixture on the inside of the elbow first, to avoid any redness.

Secrets to make your Fragrance last long
Layer your smell and moisturize your skin to make your fragrance last all day, says an expert.



Ashokkumar, CEO and director of perfume house All Good Scents, shares how:
* Start with a warm shower. Use a shower gel, body wash or a scented soap all over your body and then spray the fragrance once your body becomes dry. When you take warm shower, it causes your pores to

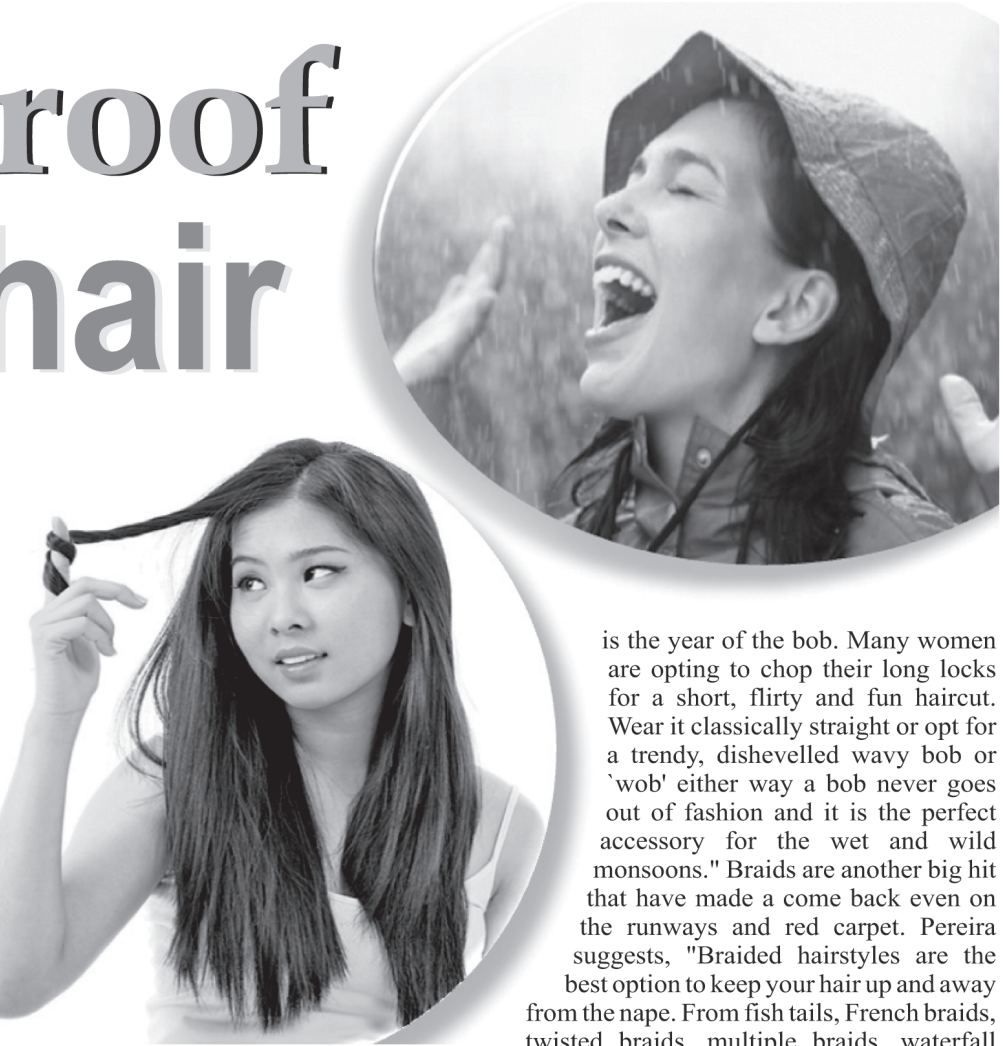
open which when you apply the fragrance will soak up the scent better and the fragrance will stay longer as it gets layered on top of a line extension toiletry wash.
* After you have a shower, moisturize your skin with a generous amount of fragrance-free lotion or a body lotion with the same fragrance you use. Moisturized skin blends well with the perfume ensuring long lasting fragrance. On dry skin, the fragrance will dissipate faster.
* Perfumes tend to react with fluctuating body temperature throughout the day and emit scent accordingly. To maximize the smell of your perfume, apply it on your pulse points as they tend to react with warmth of your blood and emit the fragrance accordingly. Wear the perfume on wrist, inside of your elbows, the nape of your neck and on your cleavage. Also, never rub the area where perfume is applied as it breaks down and diminishes the fragrance.
* Depending on the fragrance and the season, it is advisable to spray a little on your clothes too, particularly in winters on your sweaters or pullovers for a longer lasting smell. Thumb rule for spraying - always spray the perfume approximately 15 to 20 cms away from your body. Spraying an even amount of fragrance over a large area will have longer effect than concentrating it over smaller spot on skin.
Another way is to spray the fragrance in air and slowly walk into the mist. This will evenly distribute the fragrance across your body and will last longer too.

Rainproof Your hair

With the heavy downpour and thick monsoon winds blowing our way, you can feel the moisture seeping into your luscious locks. Ever wondered, what excess moisture could do to your hair? For starters, the humid air during the monsoons can leave your hair feeling wet and sticky, notwithstanding the blow dry session you've just been through. If that's not bad enough, getting wet in the rains with inadequate hair care can leave you with an itchy, flaky scalp that is prone to dandruff, bacterial and fungal infections. "Exposure to extreme and contrasting climatic conditions--extreme heat in the summers to the damp monsoons--can take a toll on your hair, ultimately leaving it frizzy and unmanageable. The extreme variations in weather often strip off the outermost layer of your hair, making it brittle, rough and dry," informs celebrity hairstylist Adhuna Akhtar. Here are some expert tips to battles hair woes in the monsoons.

Fight that frizz

For those used to light, airy tresses, a rough and unpredictable monsoon can surely strike havoc. However, it takes only a slight change in your regular hair care routine to ensure beautiful, stylish hair all-year-round. Oiling your hair regularly is one such trick. If you thought hair oiling was a grandmother's myth to healthy hair, here's what hairstylist-to-the-stars Savio John Pereira says, "Go in for deep oil massages to condition your hair and scalp during monsoon. Use a hair mask after your shampoo to moisturise hair. Identify your hair type and then use the right shampoo and conditioner for good results. Hair tends to break easily when wet in the rains or even otherwise. So avoid brushing wet hair, instead use a wide toothed comb. Make sure you towel dry your hair thoroughly or semi-dry it with a dryer to remove all the excess moisture in the hair." Getting wet and soaked in the showers is a



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pleasure that few can resist, but think again. Pereira reiterates, "Air pollutants dissolved in rainwater may spell doom for your tresses and make hair bonds weak, thus making your hair dull and frizzy." So avoid wetting your hair this monsoon. And yes, never ever tie wet hair. You knew that, right?
Monsoon styles
Don't let the monsoon dampen your spirit. While there are umpteen styles to try your hand at, read about the top two styles to sport during this season. Akhtar mentions, "We're lucky this

is the year of the bob. Many women are opting to chop their long locks for a short, flirty and fun haircut. Wear it classically straight or opt for a trendy, dishevelled wavy bob or 'wob' either way a bob never goes out of fashion and it is the perfect accessory for the wet and wild monsoons." Braids are another big hit that have made a come back even on the runways and red carpet. Pereira suggests, "Braided hairstyles are the best option to keep your hair up and away from the nape. From fish tails, French braids, twisted braids, multiple braids, waterfall braids, etc, try any for a fun twist. It can be worn the classic way, which is at the back or to the side depending on the occasion."
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Budget friendly beauty tips

We are all constantly looking for beauty tips which are easy on the pocket, after all what's better than looking good and not spending much while you are at it.

Here are a few budget-friendly beauty tips you can follow
Stay hydrated: Drinking the mandatory eight glasses a day can do wonders to your skin and body. Staying hydrated is a simple yet important step in ensuring a healthy, supple skin. You can consume other liquids as well.

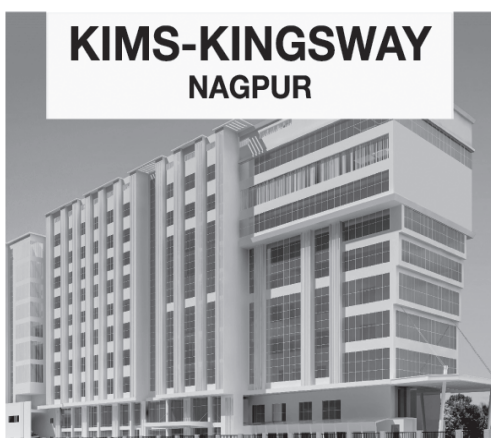
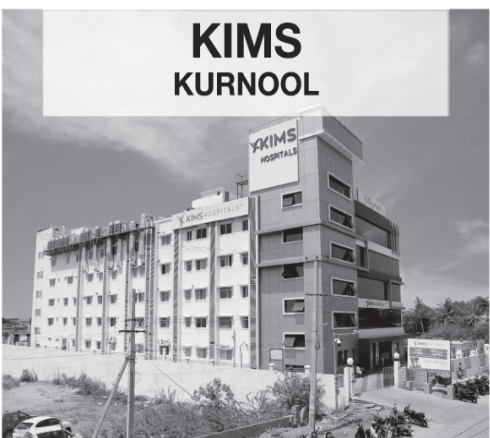
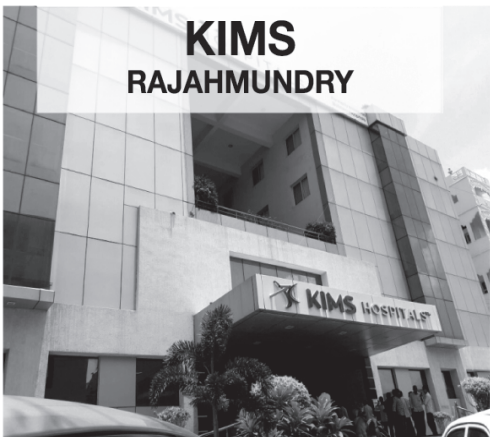
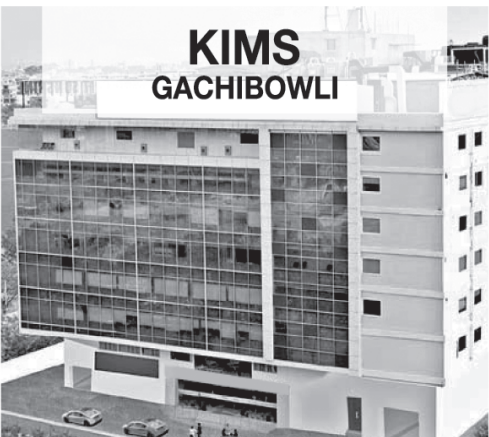
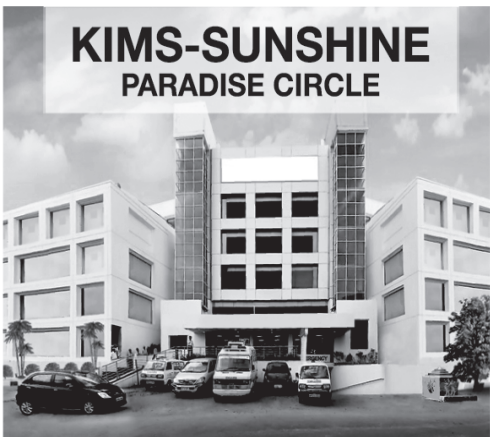


Make up remover: Make sure you remove your make up before you sleep, and you don't need expensive products to do the same. Olive oil and baby oil can help as well.
Sleep well: Getting sufficient sleep will keep you healthy and active throughout the day. It is important for day-to-day functioning and can rejuvenate you to start the new day afresh. Not getting proper sleep can give you dark circles and puffy eyes and keep you irritable throughout the day.
Green vegetables and fruits: If you binge on fast foods and sugary delights often, its time to stop. Fruits and vegetables are rich in antioxidants and can do wonders for the skin and overall nourishment of your body.

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Sorling re-elected ITTF president



Doha, May 28 (UNI) : Petra Sorling was re-elected president of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) here, the ITTF announced on its official website on Tuesday.

The Swede received 104 votes, narrowly defeating the other candidate, Khalil Al-Mohannadi of Qatar, who received 102.

According to the ITTF

website, the AGM had to be suspended after it was disrupted by outsiders. As a result, it will need to be reconvened specifically for the election of vice presidents, with Sorling expected to announce the new date in due course.

The continuation of the election must take place no later than November 2025 to comply with the ITTF Constitution, which stipulates a four-year term for the Executive Board.

Meanwhile, hosts for the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships between 2027 and 2029 were selected during the AGM.

Astana, Kazakhstan, will host the 2027 World Table Tennis Championships, while the team championships in 2028 will be held in Fukuoka, Japan. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will host the 2029 edition of the sport's most prestigious event.

American Strikers defeat Trans Titans by 35 runs

Greater Noida (UP), May 28 (IANS) American Strikers on Wednesday defeated Trans Titans by 35 runs in the ongoing Intercontinental Legends Championship at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in Greater Noida. Gaurav Tomar (65 in 28 balls) and Manpreet Gony (39 in 19 balls) starred with the bat. Winning the toss and opting to bat, the American Strikers' opener Gaurav Tomar gave the team a blistering start.

Building on this momentum, Ayan Khan (24), Manpreet Gony (39), and P. Mehra (35) helped the team reach a mammoth total of 214 runs for the loss of 7 wickets. Along with his stellar batting, Manpreet Gony also impressed with the ball, taking one wicket,

earning him the "Man of the Match" award.

In reply, the Trans Titans had a shaky start, losing openers Rishi Dhawan (1) and Athawale (5) early. Though V. Sood (21), P. Shah (33), Himang (31), and Awana (36) attempted to stabilise the innings, none could convert their starts into big innings.

As a result, the team could only muster 179 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in the allotted 20 overs, falling short by 35 runs. The American Strikers will now face the Indian Warriors in their next match on Thursday. African Lions will meet Asian Kings in the evening match, which gets underway at 7:30 pm. Fans can catch the Live action on Sony Ten 5 and FanCode.

Bopanna-Pavlashek prevail after hard-fought win

Paris, May 28 (UNI) India's Rohan Bopanna and Czech partner Adam Pavlashek edged past the American pair of Robert Cash and James Tracy in a gripping first-round men's doubles encounter on Court 5 here on Wednesday.

The Indo-Czech duo prevailed 7-6, 5-7, 6-1 in a match that saw momentum swing back and forth before Bopanna and Pavlashek stamped their authority in the deciding set to seal victory in just under two hours. The contest began on even footing with both teams holding serve throughout the opening set. Bopanna and Pavlashek held their nerve in the tiebreak, clinching it 8-6 to go one set up. However, the American team of Cash and Tracy came roaring back, breaking serve at a crucial

juncture in the second set to take it 7-5.

With the match poised at one set all, Bopanna and Pavlashek lifted their game, racing to a five-game lead in the third. Despite a spirited effort from the Americans, the Indo-Czech pair closed out the decider 6-1 with commanding returns and consistent net play. Statistically, both teams recorded three aces each, but it was the winners who capitalised on break points, converting four of 14 opportunities compared to the Americans' two of three. Bopanna and Pavlashek won 71 per cent of their second serve points and captured 44 receiving points overall, which proved decisive in the end.

The victory sees Bopanna and Pavlashek advance to the second

round, where they will aim to continue their strong run in the tournament.

Vani looks at a four-in-a-row feat in 7th leg of WPGTMysuru, May 28 (IANS) Vani Kapoor, one of India's most experienced players, is all set to continue from where she left off before the break in the schedule of the Women's Pro Golf Tour. Vani won three times in a row before the WPGT took a pause in late March. The Tour now resumes at the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club in Mysuru with the seventh leg.

Vani has been most prolific this season. In five events, she has won three times in the fourth, fifth, and sixth legs and was runner-up in the second and the third. She did not play at the opening event, which

means she has been in the Top two in each of the five starts she has had. Vani is now looking at a four-in-a-row feat at Mysuru.

Sneha Singh, who has won twice, is not playing this week, but Rhea Purvi Saravanan, who won the season opener, will be back in action. Only three players have won this season.

Some of the other well-known players who will tee up at JWGC include Amandeep Drall, Jasmine Shekar, Seher Atwal, Vidhatri Urs, Neha Tripathi, Ridhima Dilawari and Shweta Mansingh.

Vani Kapoor, Amandeep Drall and Ridhima Dilawari are also hoping to prepare themselves ahead of possible starts on the Ladies European Tour and later the Hero Women's Indian Open in the second

half of the season. A total of 27 players, including two amateurs, are in the field this week for the event that carries a purse of Rs. 14 lakh. Currently, Vani leads the Hero Order of Merit with Sneha Singh and Amandeep Drall chasing her. Earlier, Vani Kapoor survived a bogey-bogey finish and still managed to complete a third straight win in the 2025 Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour. The in-form Vani shot 1-over 73 in the final round at the challenging DLF Golf and Country Club, which is also her home course, to win the sixth leg by three shots.

Vani shot 72-72-73 for 1-over 217 even par while amateur Anvvi produced her best finish on the Hero WPGT with cards of 71-77-74 for a total of 220.

place finish and a 206kg total lift (91kg snatch + 115kg clean and jerk). In the men's 96kg, Dilbag Singh, also a National Games champion, placed ninth with a 339kg total (147kg + 192kg). Tokyo 2020 Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu was notably absent from the competition, as she continues to adapt to the IWF's restructured weight classes following her appearance at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

India to host Asian Weightlifting Championships after 44 years

Ahmedabad, May 28 (UNI) : In a major boost to Indian sport, Ahmedabad will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships, marking the country's return as host of the prestigious continental event after a gap of 44 years, the Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) announced on Wednesday.

The last time India played host was in 1982, when the event was held in

New Delhi alongside the Asian Games. Since its inception in 1957, the continental championship has largely eluded Indian soil, making the 2026 edition a historic comeback for Indian weightlifting on the Asian stage.

The tournament, scheduled from April 1 to 10 next year, was initially allotted to Gandhinagar, Gujarat, at the AWF Congress held in 2024 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

However, the venue has now been shifted to Ahmedabad, which is expected to provide enhanced infrastructure and greater logistical support.

This will also be the first Asian Championships to be held under the new weight categories introduced by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), marking a new era for the sport globally. The revised bodyweight

divisions come into effect post-Paris 2024 and are expected to reshape the competitive field.

India's recent performances have shown promising signs. At the 2024 edition held in Jiangshan, China, the country fielded a new-look squad. Seram Nirupama Devi, a former Asian youth medallist and National Games champion, impressed in the women's 64kg division with a fourth-

RCB eye final as dangerous Hazlewood

Chandigarh, May 28 (UNI) : Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) have received a timely boost ahead of the IPL 2025 Qualifier 1 clash against Punjab Kings here on Friday, with the return of their crucial overseas stars Josh Hazlewood and Tim David, a development that could prove decisive in the high-stakes encounter at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur.

The playoffs always bring a different intensity, and RCB's strengthening bowling attack and finishing power with Hazlewood and David back in the fray significantly ups their chances of toppling a strong Punjab Kings side, who have been one of the most consistent teams throughout the season.

Hazlewood, the leading wicket-taker for RCB this season with 18 wickets from 10 matches, brings experience, discipline, and control to the pace attack. His ability to contain runs and pick crucial wickets in the middle overs will be vital in curbing Punjab's deep batting lineup. Alongside Hazlewood, seasoned campaigner Bhuvneshwar Kumar and the all-round prowess of Krunal Pandya add further depth and variety to the attack.

Tim David's return is equally important. Known for his power-hitting in the death overs, David provides the finishing touch RCB have often lacked. His ability to clear the boundaries quickly can shift momentum dramatically, especially in crunch playoff situations.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's batting is anchored by the imperious Virat Kohli, who has been in scintillating

form throughout the tournament. The veteran batsman has amassed over 600 runs at an average of 60.20, striking consistently to keep RCB in commanding positions. His eight fifties, including one in the last game, highlight his dominance. Supporting Kohli is Jitesh Sharma, whose blistering unbeaten 85 off just 33 balls in the last game exemplifies his match-winning potential. Phil Salt provides brisk starts at the top, while Rajat Patidar, despite recent fitness niggles, has contributed crucial runs at a strike rate above 140. Mayank Agarwal and Romario Shepherd have also stepped up, bringing valuable depth and flexibility. Punjab Kings, however, cannot be underestimated. The team finished top of the league standings with nine wins from 14 matches, their best campaign since 2014. Their batting is balanced and resilient, featuring a potent opening pair in Prabhsimran Singh and Priyansh Arya, who have laid solid foundations time and again.

Captain Shreyas Iyer has been the calm anchor in the middle order, scoring over 500 runs at an impressive strike rate of 172. The contributions from Marcus Stoinis, Josh Inglis, and Shashank Singh in the late overs have often turned tight matches in Punjab's favour.

Punjab's bowling has been effective, led by Arshdeep Singh, who tops their wicket charts with 18 scalps. However, the absence of pace spearhead Marco Jansen due to international commitments poses a challenge. Kyle Jamieson is expected to shoulder additional responsibility, although his economy rate has been a concern.

Gambhir hails BCCI's IPL finale tribute to armed forces

New Delhi, May 28 (UNI) : Team India Coach Gautam Gambhir on Wednesday lauded the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for its initiative to honour the armed forces, terming the gesture "unbelievable" and a reflection of national unity. "I've often been critical of the BCCI on many matters, but this initiative is truly commendable," Gambhir told reporters here. "Anything done to recognise the armed forces deserves our full support."

He said the BCCI's decision carried a powerful message and reminded the nation to collectively salute the armed forces for their "unconditional service."

"Our soldiers serve, protect, and sacrifice for us without expecting anything in return," Gambhir noted,

Borges gives 'Ruud' shock to seventh seed at Roland Garros

Paris, May 28 (UNI) : In a major upset on the clay courts of Roland Garros, Portuguese tennis player Nuno Borges stunned seventh seed Casper Ruud to secure a spot in the third round of the French Open.

Borges, ranked World No. 42, overcame a shaky start to defeat Ruud 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0 in a match that lasted nearly three hours.

Ruud began strongly, dominating the first set with powerful baseline play and precise shot-making. However, Borges gradually found his rhythm, using his deft touch and consistent groundstrokes to turn the tide. After clinching the second set 6-4, Borges delivered an emphatic performance in the final two sets, breaking Ruud's serve multiple times and sealing the victory with an impressive 6-1, 6-0 scoreline. The Norwegian, who came into the tournament as one of the favourites to contend for the title, appeared to be battling an injury during the latter stages of the match. Observers noted Ruud's reduced movement and visible discomfort, particularly on his left leg, which seemed to affect his ability to chase down balls.

Helmet grab sparks chaos in Emerging match

Dhaka, May 28 (UNI) : The four-day match between the South Africa Emerging Team and Bangladesh Emerging Team was marred by an ugly on-field scuffle on Wednesday, with South African pacer Tshepo Ntuli physically tugging at the helmet of Bangladeshi batsman Ripon Mondol, twice, even as the umpire tried to intervene.

The shocking incident occurred at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium shortly after Ripon struck Ntuli for a straight six. As he walked over to his batting partner Mehidy Hasan, Ripon appeared to exchange glances with the bowler. Ntuli then charged at him, leading to a heated confrontation. The two players initially shoved each other before Ntuli grabbed Ripon's helmet. On-field umpire Kamruzzaman stepped in to separate them, but Ntuli

Swiatek crushes Raducanu after tough year

Paris, May 28 (UNI) Iga Swiatek silenced any doubts about her form and focus with a commanding 6-1, 6-2 demolition of Britain's Emma Raducanu on Wednesday, extending her unbeaten streak at the French Open to 23 matches and making a resounding statement after a turbulent year on and off the court.

The World No.5, playing under her lowest Grand Slam seeding since 2022, showed no signs of rust on Court Philippe-Chatrier as she delivered a performance worthy of her title as the "Queen of Clay." The dominant win comes on the back of a challenging year that included a one-month suspension for a doping violation and the personal loss of her grandfather ahead of the Madrid Masters. Despite not having reached a final since last year's triumph in Paris, Swiatek appeared firmly in control from the outset, brushing aside the British No.2 in just 79 minutes to book her place in the third round for the seventh consecutive year.

Raducanu, currently ranked 41 in the world and making only her second French Open appearance since debuting in 2022, showed flashes of aggression early on but failed to capitalise on four break point chances. She has now lost all five meetings against Swiatek without claiming a set. Swiatek struck 31 winners to Raducanu's eight and converted four breaks of serve while saving all break points against her. The gap in class and consistency was evident throughout, with the Polish star sealing the first set in 35 minutes with an ace and continuing to dominate the second with powerful groundstrokes and relentless pressure.

Raducanu, who missed last year's edition due to injury, now exits in the second round again, continuing her search for stability on clay.

For Swiatek, however, the win was about far more than progression to the next round — it was a reminder to the field that, despite personal trials and a recent drop in ranking, she remains the standard-bearer at Roland Garros. With four titles already to her name in Paris, the 22-year-old looks poised for a fifth as she rediscovers the form and fire that once made her nearly untouchable on red dirt.

again tugged at Ripon's helmet, ignoring the umpire's attempts to calm the situation. The batsman eventually removed his helmet as tensions escalated. Several South African players on the field did not restrain Ntuli; in fact, a couple of them appeared to charge towards Ripon, further aggravating the situation. The scuffle drew immediate and sharp reactions from the commentary box.

"This is extreme, this is unacceptable. Normally we see verbal altercations on a cricket field but we don't often see a scuffle. Ntuli struck Ripon's helmet at one point," said commentator Nabil Kaiser on air. The tension did not end there. Just three deliveries after play resumed, Ntuli threw the ball back aggressively at Ripon after the batsman defended it, forcing Ripon to fend it off to avoid being

hit. Despite the seriousness of the incident, no immediate disciplinary action was taken. As per ICC protocol, sanctions can only be announced after the on-field umpires submit an official report. The match referee enjoys the prerogative of filing reports with both the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and Cricket South Africa (CSA), with strong disciplinary measures. This was not the first flashpoint of the tour. Tensions had flared earlier during the one-day series in Rajshahi, where South Africa's Andile Simelane and Bangladesh's Jishan Alam were both suspended after a separate confrontation in the second one-dayer.

The ongoing four-day match is the final game of South Africa Emerging's tour. They lost the one-day series 2-1, while the first four-day match in Chattogram ended in a draw.

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Western Railway observes world environment day campaign with focus on ‘Ending Plastic Pollution’



Glimpses of various activities being carried out under World Environment Day campaign across Western Railway.

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, May 28 : Western Railway (WR) is observing World Environment Day campaign from 22nd May to 5th June, 2025, with the central theme “Ending Plastic Pollution.” The initiative underscores WR’s ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and reducing plastic waste across its operations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, a special Launch and Awareness Campaign was conducted from 22nd to 24th May, 2025, encompassing extensive activities across various divisions and workshops. The campaign began with a public gathering and oath-taking ceremony, where officers and staff pledged to actively combat plastic pollution. The campaign was rolled out across Western Railway, where activities such as pledge ceremonies, rallies, and nukkad natak were organized. These initiatives witnessed enthusiastic

participation from over 7,800 railway staff and members of the public. Plastic waste assessment, disposal, and monitoring drives were carried out with active involvement of both railway personnel and citizens. These efforts aimed at reinforcing accountability and sustainable waste management practices. To amplify awareness digitally, a social media campaign was also launched on official social media handles of Western Railway. Informative web cards were created and displayed prominently on TV screens at workshops, railway stations, offices, and even inside trains, including EMU services. Awareness materials such as posters, pamphlets, and digital creatives promoting the use of recyclable alternatives and reinforcing the ban on Single Use Plastics (SUP) were extensively displayed at strategic locations including stations, offices, workshops, and inside

coaches. In addition, workshops on plastic reduction, recycling, and waste management were conducted. These sessions provided valuable insights into practical steps for reducing plastic use in day-to-day operations. Under the theme “Carry Your Own Water Bottle,” public awareness drives were organized, encouraging both passengers and railway staff to adopt the use of reusable water bottles, thereby reducing dependency on disposable plastics. Mr Vineet further added that from 25th to 27th May, 2025, Cleanliness Drive was observed across Western Railway during which a series of impactful activities were carried out across various divisions and workshops. Waste segregation bins were ensured and awareness activities were conducted on platforms, where plastic waste collected from stations and railway colonies was handed over to recyclers or local authorities. Cleanliness

drives were also organized in collaboration with local communities and NGOs. To promote sustainable alternatives, eco-friendly biodegradable cutlery was introduced. In a further effort to enhance waste management, additional waste segregation bins were installed and awareness drives were held. Staff sensitization programmes focusing on waste segregation and plastic reduction were conducted. Additionally, informative pamphlets detailing the harmful effects of plastic pollution and the benefits of eco-friendly alternatives were distributed among colony residents and railway staff. Western Railway continues to promote environmental consciousness through such initiatives, reinforcing its commitment to a cleaner, greener future. The ongoing activities until 5th June, 2025, i.e., World Environment Day, aim to further strengthen the message of responsible plastic usage and environmental stewardship.

A review meeting of the action committee formed to solve the traffic problem in Bhiwandi city

(Standard Post Bureau)
Bhiwandi, May 28 : A action committee of the Police Department and Municipal Corporation officers was formed in the meeting dated 06.03.2025 to take measures to solve the traffic congestion in Bhiwandi city. The meeting of this committee was held today on 28.05.2025. In this meeting, the action taken by the Transport Department on unauthorized, unlicensed rickshaws in the city was reviewed. The Municipal Corporation, Police Department and Transport Department jointly inspected and discussed the installation of no parking and direction signs in the city. Instructions were given to inspect how many rickshaws can be parked at the approved rickshaw stands in the city at a time and mark them accordingly. The tender for operating the parking lot of the Municipal Corporation at Chhatrapati Shivaji



Maharaj Chowk should be issued as soon as possible. The government has decided to install CCTV in the city. The police department clarified that the work of installing the parking lot is underway and will be completed within 1 month. The commissioner told the concerned officers that the S. T. Corporation will provide space for

rickshaw parking at Bhiwandi Bus Station. Late. Rajiv Gandhi Flyover and Hindu Hruday Samrat Late. Balasaheb Thackeray Flyover gave instructions regarding action to prevent vehicles coming from the opposite direction and to impose fines on them. Also, the police department should take preventive action against parking private

tempos, trucks, jeeps on public land. Anjurphata Chowk is in a rural area, and the municipal officials should coordinate with the revenue department and police department to remove encroachments there. So that there is no traffic congestion in that area. This meeting was attended by Hon. Additional Commissioner Mr. Vitthal Dake, Deputy Commissioner (Property) Mr. Balkrishna Kshirsagar, Deputy Regional Transport Officer Mr. Rohit Katkar, Assistant Director Urban Planning Mr. Ajay Sable, City Engineer Shri Jamil Patel, Police Inspector (Traffic) Kongaon, Bhiwandi, Narpoli, S. T. Corporation Officer Shri Jadhav, Ward Officer Ward Committee No. 1-5, and Engineers of Water Supply, Construction, Urban Planning Department, concerned Heads of Departments were present.

Four militants nabbed in Manipur

Imphal, May 28 (UNI) “ Four militants were nabbed in Manipur in separate incidents during the last 24 hours. Police said security forces arrested a militant from Khonghampat Mantri Leikai under Sekmai-PS, Imphal West District.

Two militants from Leirongthel Pitra and one from Yairipok Bishnunaha were arrested by security forces in Thoubal District. In another operation police recovered one each of a 5.56 mm INSAS rifle, an M-16 rifle with a magazine, a single-barrel rifle (country-made), three Pompei and other materials from Torbung village, Teijang village and adjoining forest areas under Churachandpur-PS, Churachandpur District.

In another operation, one each of the Double Barrel 12 Bore Rifle, Single Barrel 12 Bore Rifle (country made), and other items from Monghlam and its adjoining foothills under Thoubal Dam-PS, Imphal East District.

Pradhan urges Yadav to facilitate expansion and upgradation of Sambalpur Zoo

Bhubaneswar, May 28 (UNI) : Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday urged Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, to facilitate the proposed expansion and upgradation of Sambalpur Zoo.

During a meeting with Yadav in New Delhi, Pradhan highlighted that in 2023, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) designated the facility as the “Sambalpur Zoo and Conservation Centre”. Established in 1980, the zoo has grown from a modest deer park into a vital hub for wildlife conservation and public education.

Currently spread across 13 hectares within the Motijharan Reserve Forest, the zoo houses 333 animals belonging to 15 species, including leopards, bears, pythons, and peacocks.

Pradhan pointed out that in 2022, the Zoo Evaluation Committee recommended upgrading Sambalpur Zoo to a “Medium Zoo” category. This recommendation included the addition of approximately 18 to 20 hectares of adjacent land, also part of the Motijharan Reserve Forest.

The proposed expansion will support the introduction of new species and the development of educational and research infrastructure. These plans align with the zoo’s approved master plan for 2023–24, which envisions housing 48 species.

With approval from the Central Zoo Authority, the zoo has already carried out a successful animal exchange program with Nandankanan Zoo and a translocation initiative in partnership with Debrigarh Sanctuary.

To further its mission of wildlife conservation and public education, Pradhan said the zoo is planning several new attractions.

Cabinet approves two multitracking projects across Indian Railways in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, May 28 : Initiatives will improve travel convenience, reduce logistic cost, decrease oil imports and contribute to lower CO2 emissions, supporting sustainable and efficient rail operations

To enhance line capacity, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today approved two multitracking projects across Indian Railways to ensure seamless and faster transportation of both passengers and goods.

These projects include:
1. Ratlam- Nagda 3rd and 4th line
2. W a r d h a - Balharshah 4th line

The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs 3,399 crore (approx.) and will be completed upto 2029-30.

The projects are result of PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity which have been possible through integrated planning and will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services.

The two projects covering four Districts across the states of

Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 176 Kms.

The proposed multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to approx. 784 villages, which are having a population of about 19.74 lakh.

These are essential routes for transportation of commodities such as coal, cement, clinker, gypsum, fly ash, containers, agriculture commodities, and Petroleum products etc. The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 18.40 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum). The Railways being environment friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimizing logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (20 Crore Litres) and lower CO2 emissions (99 Crore Kg) which is equivalent to plantation of 4 Crore trees.

The projects will also generate direct employment for about 74 lakh human-days during construction.

These initiatives will improve travel convenience, reduce

logistic cost, decrease oil imports and contribute to lower CO2 emissions, supporting sustainable and efficient rail operations. The projects would also enhance logistical efficiency by augmenting line capacity along critical routes for transportation of containers, coal, cement, agricultural commodities, and other goods. These improvements are expected to optimize supply chains, thereby facilitating accelerated economic growth.

The increased line capacity will significantly enhance mobility, resulting in improved operational efficiency and service reliability for Indian Railways. These multi-tracking proposals are poised to streamline operations and alleviate congestion. The projects are in line with the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji’s Vision of a New India which will make people of the region “Atmanirbhar” by way of c o m p r e h e n s i v e development in the area which will enhance their employment/ self-employment opportunities.

SWR, GM, Mukul Saran Mathur Conducts Window Trail Inspection of Hubballi–Kulem Section



(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, May 28 : General Manager of South Western Railway, Mr Mukul Saran Mathur, conducted a detailed Window Trail Inspection of the Hubballi–Kulem section today, with a special focus on monsoon preparedness and safety precautions.

The inspection covered key areas between Hubballi and Alnavar, where various operational and safety parameters were thoroughly reviewed. Special emphasis was laid on the readiness for the upcoming monsoon, including assessment of bridge and track maintenance works currently in progress.

At Caranzol Station, the General Manager, accompanied by a team from RDSO (Research Designs and Standards Organisation), conducted a comprehensive inspection.

The team assessed the condition of signal points and held detailed discussions on the



provision of check rails at key locations to enhance safety standards. Options for realigning track curves to facilitate smoother and more efficient train movement were also explored.

Additionally, the site of the recent derailment at Caranzol was meticulously examined.

Various technical and track parameters were reviewed to determine the underlying causes of the incident, and extensive deliberations were held on preventive strategies to mitigate the risk of similar occurrences in the future.

At Dudhsagar Station, signal installations were examined to verify their

efficiency and safety compliance. Shri Mathur offered several suggestions to enhance operational reliability and maintain the highest safety standards. Recently renewed track and sleepers, laid using the Track Relaying Train (TRT) Machine, were also inspected.

The General Manager was accompanied by Shri B P Singh Director of Track from RDSO, Smt. Bela Meena, DRM Hubballi Division, Principal Heads of Departments (PHODs) and Senior Branch officers and officials from Hubballi Division were present.