

IN BRIEF

Police seize 730 kg of cannabis and arrest a drug peddler

Rajahmundry, May 29 (UNI) : The police seized a huge quantity of ganja, weighing 730 KG while being transported in a lorry illegally at Yernagudem village of Devarapalli Mandal in East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh.

The lorry knocked down a bike, killing a couple on May 24 at the diamond junction at Devarapalli. The driver, who was also a drug peddler, left the lorry at an agricultural field.

Circle Inspector B Nageswar Naik told the media on Thursday that acting on a tip off, a police team checked the lorry that was parked at an agriculture field behind a brick kiln on the Kovvur-Nallajerla NH 16.During checking the police team found 730 kg of ganja stuffed in 18 bags and concealed in a secret chamber in the lorry. The ganja worth about Rs 22 lakh. The police arrested drug peddler Karre Srisailam.

Srisailam was involved in ganja smuggling cases previously and sent to prison. However he was freed on bail. Two more drug peddlers Narsireddy and Yadayya are to be arrested in the case.The accused purchased the ganja in Odisha and was to deliver the ganja to Narsireddy and Yadayya in Hyderabad.

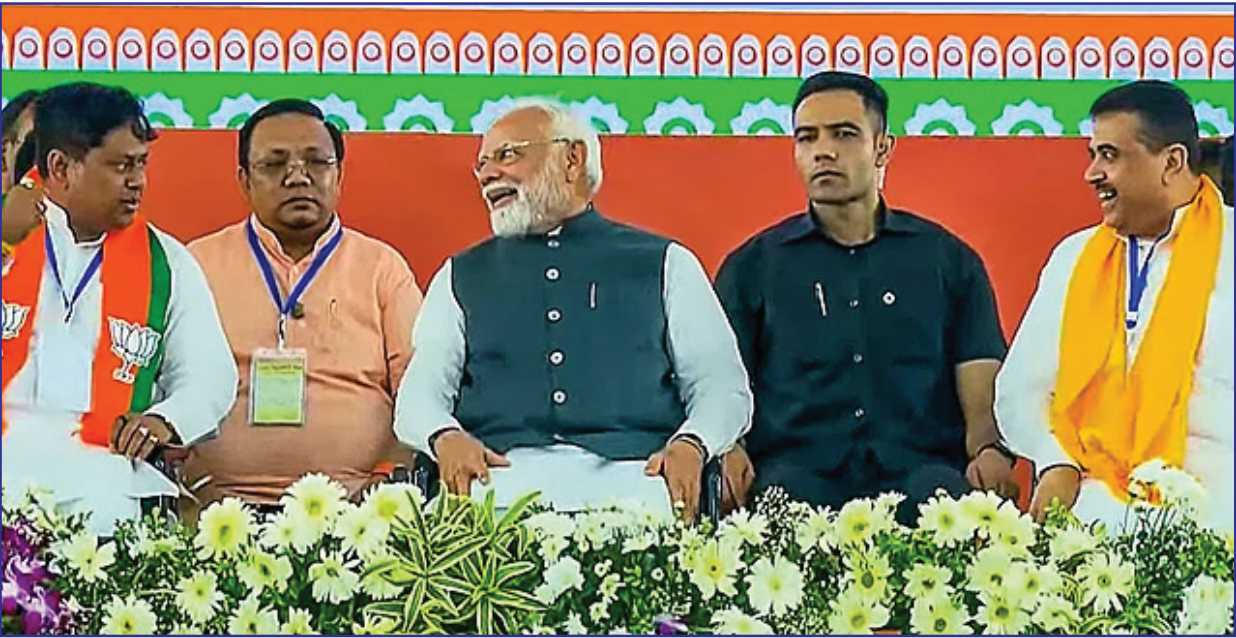
‘Thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds likely in AP’

Amaravati, May 29 (UNI) : Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds with speeds ranging from 40-50 kmph are likely to occur at isolated places in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam over the next three days, the Meteorological Centre said on Thursday.In its daily weather report, the Centre also stated that similar weather conditions are expected to prevail in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema during the next 48 hours.

Gusty winds with speeds ranging from 30-50 kmph are likely to affect South Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema on May 31 and June 1, and North Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam on June 1.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely at a few places or isolated locations across Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, and Rayalaseema over the next seven days.

Any attack on India will be dealt with severely : PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Sukanta Majumdar, Leader of Opposition in West Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari and others during a public meeting, in Alipurduar, West Bengal on Thursday.

Alipurduar, May 29 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday reiterated that "Operation Sindoor" has not yet ended and warned that any attack from across the borders - be it from Pakistan or terrorists - on India will be dealt with severely.

"The Pakistan-backed terrorists wanted to erase the Sindoor of Indian women, but the Army has proved the strength of Sindoor," Modi said amid thunderous applause from the people waving Indian flags, who

assembled at the Parade Ground of the district.

Modi pointed out that the Pak army always took help from the terrorists whenever they attacked India since the partition in 1947 but each and every time they "faced severe" replies from India.

"Not once but thrice India dealt with Pakistan severely by entering into their territory and if any attempt was made in future the reply will be the same," Modi said while asserting that Operation Sindoor was

not yet over."From this land of Bengal, I declare on behalf of 140 crore Indians that Operation Sindoor is not yet over," Modi said referring to India's determined and resolute stand against all forms of terrorism.

"As I have come to the land of 'Sindoor Khela', (a Hindu custom where married women smear each other with vermilion) it is very obvious to talk about India's new doctrine against terrorism. There was a lot of anger (among people) in West Bengal after what

happened on April 22 in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. I could understand the anger of the people here. The terrorists tried to wipe off the 'Sindoor' of our sisters, but our armed forces showed them the strength of 'Sindoor'," he said.Modi said the world has witnessed in the early 70s how the Pakistan Army butchered, raped and murdered lakhs of Bangladeshis. He warned that any further attack on India would mean definite defeat of the attackers.

YSRCP objects to privatizing medical colleges

(Standard Post Bureau)

Vijayawada, May 29 : YSRCP senior leader and former minister Vidala Rajani condemned Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's decision to privatize medical colleges, selling assets worth Rs 8,500 crore for Rs 5,000 annually.

Addressing a press conference in the state office at Tadepalli near here on Thursday, Rajani called the 66-year lease a conspiracy to hand over public institutions to private entities. She demanded that the Chandrababu Naidu-headed government immediately reverse this decision and warned that YSRCP would not stay silent. "When the YSRCP comes to power, it will review this policy," she said.Each medical college, built for Rs 500 crore on 50 acres of prime land valued at over Rs 2 crore per acre, is being leased for Rs 100 per acre annually, totaling Rs. 5,000 per college."This move denies free healthcare and medical education to the poor, undermining Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's vision to make medical education accessible to underprivileged students. The government used KPMG to produce a biased feasibility report to justify this transfer," she said.

"The coalition government in AP has neglected healthcare, rendering Aarogyasri ineffective by withholding payments, causing distress to network hospitals.

TDP Mahanadu a 'hollow spectacle', says NTR's wife Lakshmi Parvathi

Hyderabad, May 29 (IANS) : YSR Congress Party General Secretary and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) founder N.T. Rama Rao's wife, Lakshmi Parvathi, on Thursday termed the TDP's Mahanadu in Kadapa a "hollow spectacle", which prioritised sycophancy and propaganda over addressing public issues.

She said that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and his son and state minister, Nara Lokesh, turned the event into a platform for deceit and opportunism.Addressing a press conference here, she said, falsely assuming that the people of Kadapa will blindly vote for them, Chandrababu Naidu and Lokesh utterly disgraced the event."Instead of honouring NTR's legacy on his birth anniversary by discussing public welfare, they have reduced Mahanadu to a stage for slandering Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. The TDP's desperation was evident as they resorted to burning their own flags and pamphlets to create a false narrative. Their so-called 'Super Six' promises by the father were contradicted by the son, exposing their lack of coherence and commitment," Lakshmi Parvathi said.Lakshmi Parvathi, the second wife of NTR, said Chandrababu

Chandrababu Naidu to Address CII annual business summit in New Delhi

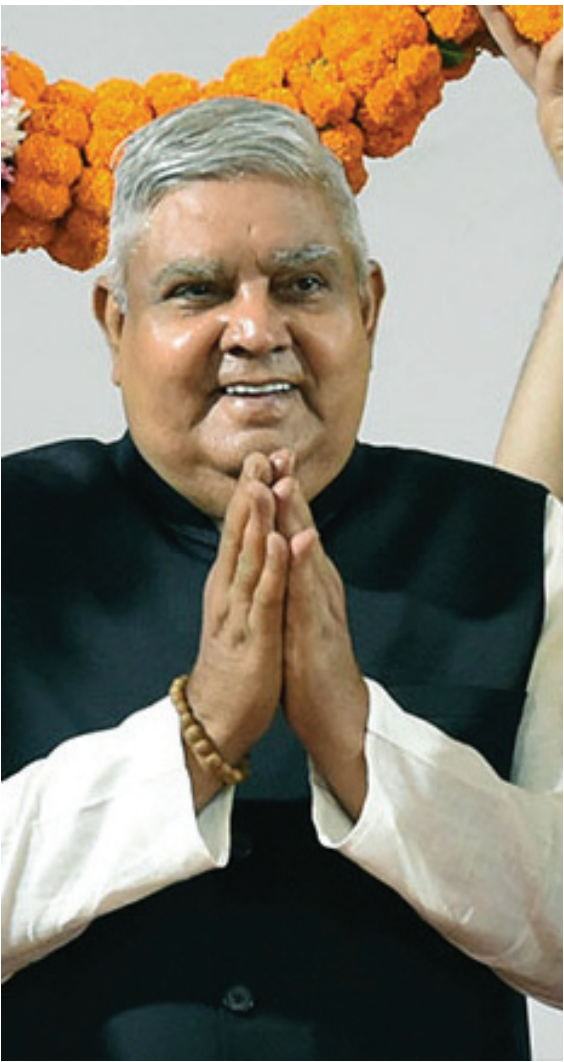
Vijayawada, May 29 (UNI) :Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will deliver the keynote address at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Annual Business Summit 2025, being held on May 30 in New Delhi.For the same, he will be arriving in Delhi tonight (May 29).

Naidu will be addressing the Summit themed "Building Trust: India Moment, Global Imperative, Growth & Development."

The CII summit aims to bring together India's top policymakers, business leaders, and thought leaders to shape the country's economic agenda.The Chief Minister will also address a special plenary session titled "Driving Economic Growth and Sustainability: The Andhra Pradesh Blueprint" from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM on May 30.

His address will highlight the state's strategic roadmap under the Swarna Andhra Vision 2047, focusing on accelerated economic growth, inclusive development, industrial resurgence, and innovation-led transformation.

As per his schedule, the Chief Minister will travel from Kadapa to New Delhi in the late hours on May 29.



Caste-based census is game-changing, like 'body MRI': VP

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday described as 'transformative and game-changing' the government's decision to include caste-based enumeration in the upcoming decadal census and said it was like 'getting your body an MRI'. "The Government has made a great decision. And the decision is to include caste-based enumeration in the upcoming decadal census. It will be a transformative step, game-changing. It will help bring about social justice. It will be an eye-opener. It will satisfy people's aspirations," the Vice President said addressing the Indian Statistical Service (ISS) Probationers of the 2024 and 2025 batches here.

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FS Vikram Misri meets US Deputy Secretary Christopher Landau ...



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, who is visiting the US, met US Deputy Secretary Christopher Landau in Washington, during which they discussed the India-US bilateral agenda and shared priorities.The US side "underscored the importance of fair and reciprocal market access to fostering economic growth and prosperity in both countries", (See on page 5)

Gukesh checkmates Nakamura at Norway Chess Tournament



World Chess Champion GM Gukesh Dommaraju marked his 19th birthday with a vital victory against GM Hikaru Nakamura in the third round of the Norway Chess 2025 tournament here on Wednesday. After a shaky start to the event with two narrow losses, Gukesh bounced back emphatically, showcasing improved time management and resilience under pressure.

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India rebuffs Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif's talks offer: 'talks and ...



India today rebuffed Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif's offer of talks with India, saying that talks and terror don't go together. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, addressing the weekly briefing, said:"I would again reiterate this, we have been very clear and consistent in our position.

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27L workers protest against privatisation of 42 districts

Lucknow, May 29 (UNI) : On the call of the National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers, the power workers, junior engineers and engineers of all the states of the country on Thursday demonstrated in protest against the privatisation of electricity being done by 42 districts in Uttar Pradesh.

Chairman of All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPF), Shailendra Dubey and Secretary General P Ratnakar Rao said that the UP government has decided to privatise Purvanchal Electricity Distribution Corporation and Dakshinanchal Power Distribution Corporation by giving misleading data in DISCOMS of the state.

Dubey said, "Because of it there is a lot of anger among the electricity workers."

The office-bearers said that the electricity workers of UP have been continuously agitating for the last 06 months, but it is

a matter of great regret that the government has not held talks with them even once.They informed that due to wrong power purchase agreements in UP, Discoms have to pay Rs 6,761 crore annually to private power generation companies without purchasing a single unit of electricity.

The office-bearers said that apart from this, an additional burden of about Rs 10,000 crore per year is coming from private houses at very expensive power purchase rates.

"In UP, government departments owe Rs 14,400 crore electricity revenue. According to the policy of the UP government, free electricity is provided to the farmers, electricity consumers below the poverty line are provided electricity at the rate of Rs 3 per unit while the cost of electricity is Rs 7.85 paise per unit. Weavers are also subsidised. The amount of subsidy is about 22,000 crore rupees. The UP government tells them all

the deficit and on this basis, privatisation has been decided," they said.

The office-bearers alleged that it seems that the officials of UP Power Corporation Limited and some big officials of the government are in collusion with selected private houses.

"They want to sell Discom assets worth lakhs of crores of rupees to private houses at throw away prices," they said.

The office-bearers said that in eastern UP lives the poorest people of the state.

"In Dakshinanchal, very poor people live in the area of Bundelkhand where there is also a problem of drinking water. After privatisation, the end of the subsidy of consumers here will mean that consumers will have to buy electricity at the rate of Rs 10 to 12 per unit, which they will not be able to do. Thus the poor people of UP are being pushed into the lantern era," they alleged.

The office-bearers said that in protest against the

privatisation of electricity being done in UP, 27 lakh power workers across the country staged a widespread protest during the lunch hours, holiday on all districts and projects and showed their solidarity with the power workers of UP.The office-bearers said, "Electricity employees have warned that if any harassment of any electricity workers of UP, then all the 27 lakh electricity workers of the country will not be mute spectators and will be forced to move on the road and agitate, which will have all the responsibility of the state government," they said.The office-bearers said that on Thursday big demonstrations were held mainly at Hyderabad, Trivandrum, Vijayawada, Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, Nagpur, Raipur, Bhopal, Jabalpur,Vadodara, Rajkot, Guwahati, Shillong, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Ranchi, Srinagar, Jammu, Shimla, Dehradun, Patiala, Jaipur,Kota,Hisarand Lucknow.



Former Delhi chief minister and Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Atishi, second right, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Delhi President Saurabh Bharadwaj, second left, and party MLAs Sanjiv Jha, left, and Kuldeep Kumar during a press conference on the first 100 days of the BJP government, in New Delhi on Thursday.

DG BSF chairs security, operational strategies of Jammu Frontier

Jammu, May 29 (UNI) : Director General Border Security Force (BSF) Daljit Singh Chawdhary on Thursday chaired a meeting here at Jammu Frontier HQ to review and strengthen border domination measures in Jammu region.

During the review, the DG BSF assessed the current operational strategies, challenges, and the overall security scenario along the International Border, said an official.He said that the DG emphasised the importance of constant vigil, coordination, and troop readiness in maintaining the sanctity and security of the nation.

DG BSF also stressed the need for heightened safety and security due to the upcoming Shri Amarnath Yatra 2025.

Rajasthan Guv urges youth to connect with Maharana Pratap legacy

Jaipur, May 29 (UNI) : Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde has called for connecting new generation with the glorious legacy of Maharana Pratap.

Bagde made this appeal at Raj Bhavan on the occasion of Maharana Pratap's birth anniversary on Thursday. He also paid floral tributes to Maharana Pratap's statue.Bagde said that Maharana Pratap was the country's first freedom fighter, and his entire life is an inspiration for struggle and sacrifice for the nation. His contribution to defending the country's identity will be remembered for generations to come.

Recalling Maharana Pratap's bravery, valour, and sacrifice, Bagde urged the new generation to learn more about his glorious legacy and be inspired by it.

Man gets lifer for kidnapping, rape of Dalit girl in Barabanki

Barabanki, May 29 (UNI) : A man was sentenced to life imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 80,000 by a court in Uttar Pradesh on Thursday on charges of allegedly kidnapping and raping a Dalit girl in the state's Barabanki district, the prosecution counsels said here.Special Public Prosecutors Kripa Shankar Tiwari and Tushar Pratap Singh said that a man lodged a complaint on December 15, 2023 in Kotwali Dewa area alleging that his 19-year-old sister eloped with accused.

"The complainant alleged that Salman, a

resident of Narosa village in Itaunja area of Lucknow, who worked as a DJ sound service in weddings, lured his sister on the evening of December 13, 2023, and eloped with her," they said.

The prosecution officers said that the report was registered after which the investigating officer filed a charge sheet in the court against the accused under sections of kidnapping, rape, threat to kill and Dalit harassment.

"During the hearing, the victim told the court that the accused had told her his Hindu name and lured her away by promising marriage," they said.The

prosecution officer said that the victim later came to know that he was a Muslim."The accused forcibly had physical relations with her and pressured her to change her religion. When the victim refused to change her religion, Salman refused to marry her, threatened to kill her and abandoned her," they said.They stated that after hearing the arguments of both the sides and relying on other evidence, the judge found accused Salman guilty in the case of kidnapping, rape,threat to killand Dalit harassment and sentenced him to life imprisonment with a fine of Rs 80,000.

J&K Cong seeks resignation of HM, action against erring BJP leaders speaking against Armed forces

Jammu, May 29 (UNI) : As Union Home Minister arrived here on two-day visit, Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Thursday raised serious questions over the security lapses at Pahalgam leading to serious terrorist attack on April 22, demanding his resignation and questioning the silence of BJP leadership, over the highly condemnable and insulting utterances of BJP leaders.

Addressing a press conference here, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma and other senior leaders, questioned the silence of BJP leadership over the highly condemnable utterances of certain BJP leaders including Dy Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Jagdish Devda and Minister Vijay Shah and now BJP MLA Udhampur and Spokesperson of BJP R S Pathania, who have insulted the armed forces.

"Why the top BJP leadership is totally silent over such utterances against the armed forces,

they questioned, seeking stern action against all such leaders," they said.

The senior Congress leaders raised serious questions over the security lapses at Baisaran (Pahalgam) and asked why there was no security at the site where 2000 tourists used to visit daily there.

The Home Ministry directly looks after the law and order and security matters of J&K UT, so the Home Minister should own the responsibility and resign from the post, besides other heads should roll down who are responsible for this failure, they questioned.

Raman Bhalla said that as per Foreign Affairs Minister, S. Jai Shankar own disclosure, Pakistan was intimidated about the 'Operation Sindoor' before start of the operation, when our armed forces were ready to go to for attacking the terrorist camps in Pakistan, which is very serious and criminal and a treason, with the nation.

"The government owes an explanation to the nation," he stated.

The party also questioned how the DC and SSP were away from the district, when LOP Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi visited Poonch on May 24, whereas the entire administration remains on toes when the leader of opposition (LOP) in J&K Assembly belonging to BJP visits different districts and takes review of the situation what is this dual standard in democracy the Home Minister and LG should explain, they asked.

They charged BJP of hiding behind the success and bravery of our armed forces and trying to take political mileage out of 'Operation Sindoor', they said.

The party demanded that the affected people should be given adequate compensation for the loss of properties to be assessed by the revenue and engineering departments together, besides bunkers in entire border districts, including in townships for the safety of people along with scheme for 5 marlas plots in safer zones.

India hopes US will consider visa applications of Indian students on merit

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) : India today hoped the US will consider the visa applications of Indian students on merit and that they will be able to join their academic programmes on time, amid reports that the US has paused scheduling new interviews for international students under the F, M, and J visa categories.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at a briefing in response to a question:

"We have seen reports suggesting US government's updated guidance regarding students and exchange visitor visa applicants.

"The welfare of Indian students abroad remains of utmost priority to the Government of India. We will continue to follow further developments in this regard.

"While we note that issuance of visa is a sovereign function, we hope that the application of Indian students will be considered on merit and they will be able to join their academic programs on time.

"There are other categories of visas which are also issued, and hopefully these are functions which lie in the sovereign domain, and we should be respectful of them."

"In 2023-24, 330,000 students were there. This year, the updated figure we don't have ... we are talking about 2023-24. For updated figures, you can also visit the relevant websites of the US Government. "

This appeal comes amid Washington considering tightening social media scrutiny for visa applicants.

Rajnath approves Miniratna status for three DPSUs

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) :Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday approved the grant of "Miniratna" status Category-I to three Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) -- Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) and India Optel Limited (IOL).

Congratulating these DPSUs, the Defence Minister hailed their transformation from government organisation to a profit making corporate entity in a short span of three years.

He expressed his satisfaction over the initiatives taken by the management of MIL, AVNL and IOL to increase the turnover of the company, maximise indigenisation and meet other performance parameters for grant of Miniratna (Category-I) status, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Munitions India Limited has achieved significant milestones after inception, including a stellar growth of over 200 percent in sales from Rs 3,314 Cr in

2021-22 to Rs 8,214 Cr (provisional) in FY 2024-25. On the export front, MIL has achieved a growth from Rs 22.55 Cr in FY 2021-22 to Rs 3081 Cr in FY 2024-25.

The major products of MIL include small, medium and high calibre ammunition, mortars, rockets, hand grenades and others with in-house manufacturing of initiatory compositions, propellants and high explosives.

Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited has witnessed a significant growth of about 190 percent increase in sales from Rs 2,569.26 Cr in 2021-22 to Rs 4,946 Cr (provisional) in FY 2024-25. AVNL has also achieved 100 percent indigenisation of engines for all the three platforms -- T-72, T-90 and BMP-II.

The major products of AVNL include armoured and combat vehicles (T-90, MBT Arjun, infantry combat vehicles 'BMP-II Sarath' etc), support vehicles (MPV, AERV etc.) and defence mobility solutions (Stallion, LPTA etc).India Optel Limited, over the past three years,

has pushed its sales from Rs 562.12 Cr in 2021-22 to Rs 1541.38 Cr (provisional) in FY 2024-25, a growth of over 250 percent. The main products of IOL include Opto-electronic systems and vision equipment which are used in land system platforms and weapons like battle tanks T-90, T-72, infantry combat vehicle BMP-II, artillery guns, naval guns and others.The bestowal of Miniratna status to MIL, AVNL and IOL will further empower these companies to achieve accelerated growth trajectory and new heights in defence production and exports.

To enhance functional autonomy, efficiency and unleash new growth potential and innovation, erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) was converted into seven DPSUs, including these three DPSUs w.e.f. 01.10.2021. While MIL and AVNL are Schedule 'A' new Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU), IOL is a Schedule 'B' DPSU under the administrative control of Department of Defence Production (DDP).

3 New judges appointed to the SC; Oath ceremony on May 30

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) In a significant development, the Supreme Court of India is set to regain its full sanctioned strength of 34 judges with the appointment of three new judges, including two serving chief justices of high courts.

The oath of office will be administered by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai, tomorrow, May 30, at the Supreme Court premises.

The newly-appointed judges are Justice N.V. Anjaria, Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, Justice Vijay Bishnoi, Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, and Justice A.S. Chandurkar, senior judge of the Bombay High Court.

Their elevation was formally announced by Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal via a post on X (formerly Twitter), stating:

"In accordance with Article 124 of the Constitution, the President of India has appointed three distinguished judges to the Supreme Court."With these

appointments, the Supreme Court will temporarily function at its full sanctioned strength of 34 judges (including the Chief Justice).

However, this complete bench will be short-lived, as Justice Bela M. Trivedi is scheduled to demit office upon her retirement on June 9, 2025.

Justice N.V. Anjaria: Known for his judicial acumen and administrative efficiency, he served as a judge of the Gujarat High Court before being elevated as Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court. His tenure has been marked by progressive rulings and a focus on reducing case pendency.

Justice Vijay Bishnoi: Originally a judge of the Rajasthan High Court, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court in 2024. His elevation brings representation from the northeastern region and adds to the Supreme Court's regional diversity.

IRS officer assaulted by 'unidentified' person

Lucknow, May 29 (UNI) : Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer Gaurav Garg of the Income Tax Department was assaulted by an unidentified person following which he sustained injuries to the head, police sources said here on Thursday.According to reports, Garg was assaulted by his senior officer.

Police sources said that Garg suffered head injuries and was immediately brought to the Civil Hospital where he was treated."Police received information about the assault on the IRS officer, however the attacker could not

be identified. Police will take action on the basis of the complaint," they said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) Ashish Srivastava said that he has received information that the IRS officer has been brought to the Civil Hospital. "He is safe now and is undergoing a medical examination. Action will be taken on the basis of the complaint received about who hit him. There is no information about what the dispute was about. He is being treated," he said.It may be noted that Garg is an IRS officer of the 2016 batch.

BJP SC Morcha
slams Congress,
demands
action over
discrimination
in Gurukul
Schools

Hyderabad, May 29 (UNI) :BJP Scheduled Caste (SC) Morcha President Kondeti Sridhar has accused the current Congress government of continuing the neglect faced by Dalits and tribals under the previous BRS regime.

Addressing the media at the party’s state office in Nampally on Thursday, Sridhar said both BRS and Congress have failed to uphold the rights and welfare of SC and ST communities, despite relying on their votes to form governments.

He condemned recent incidents in Kamareddy and Bhikkanur, where SC Gurukul students were allegedly forced to clean toilets. He described this as a grave insult and demanded the immediate suspension of the concerned officer, calling the SC Gurukul Secretary’s justification “outrageous.”

BJP SC Morcha also criticised the government’s failure to distribute textbooks, uniforms, and scholarships to Gurukul students ahead of the new academic year. Sridhar alleged that Dalits are being treated as a mere vote bank, with no concrete steps taken to improve their welfare.National Secretary ofBJPSC Morcha,S Kumar, echoed similar sentiments, accusing the Congress government of diverting Dalit welfare funds and failing to implement promised schemes like Rajiv Yuva Vikasam.

He demanded a white paper on Dalit welfare spending and called for a thorough review of conditions in Gurukul schools, especially since Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also holds the Education portfolio.The BJP SC Morcha announced plans to visit SC Gurukul hostels, assess student conditions, and submit reports to the National SC Commission and Human Rights Commission.

Coal Ministry proposes to set up committee to
explore ways of coal cost reduction in Singareni

Hyderabad, May 29 (UNI): Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Thursday emphasised the need to significantly reduce coal production costs without affecting workers’ salaries and welfare programmes.

Addressing a video conference held under his chairmanship from New Delhi, Kishan Reddy proposed the formation of a committee comprising Singareni officials and



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar during an inspection of the JP Ganga Path, in Patna.

City Police launches Zonal Cyber
Cells to combat cybercrime surge

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, May 29 : In a landmark initiative to strengthen the city’s response to cybercrime, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner C.V. Anand officially launched ‘Zonal Cyber Cells (ZCCs)’ across all seven zones of the city, on Thursday.

The initiative aims to provide swift, localised, and effective solutions to the escalating threat of cybercrime Formation and Evolution of Cyber Crime Police Station (CCPS), said Anand, also the DG rank, on the occasion.

The launch of the Zonal Cyber Cells comes at a time when cybercrime is at an all-time high.

Over the years, there has been a sharp increase in reported cases, demonstrating both the growing prevalence of cyber offenses and increased public awareness, he said, adding that cybercrime cases have more than doubled from 1,393 (2019) to 2,550 (2020), likely due to increased online activity during the pandemic.

Cybercrime cases have surged by 786 percent in the last nine years (2015-2024), the police commissioner said, adding that the cases continue to increase year-on-year (2022-2024), showing an

urgent need for robust cybercrime prevention measures.

The increase also indicates that more victims are coming forward to report incidents, helping law enforcement take action. He said the establishment of Zonal Cyber Cells marks a crucial step in enhancing Hyderabad’s cybercrime response mechanism.

With dedicated units in each zone, the police are now better equipped to handle the cybercrime complaints efficiently, improve detection rates, and facilitate the refund process for victims, said Anand.He said that establishment of the ZCCs aims to provide a swift, localised, and effective response to cybercrime complaints such as financial & Social Media Frauds.The key objectives of the ZCCs include: enhancing the investigation and resolution of cybercrime cases with greater efficiency; providing localised, rapid response to cybercrime complaints within each zone; raising public awareness about cyber safety and preventive measures, he informed.

On functioning of the Zonal Cyber Cells, he said the ZCCs will operate

under the direct supervision of the concerned Zonal Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), ensuring seamless coordination and accountability.

Each ZCC will serve as a dedicated hub for registering, refunding, investigating, and detecting cybercrime cases within its jurisdiction. He said the cells will also work closely with the Cyber Crimes Police Station (CCPS) for technical support and expertise.The ZCCs will focus on Immediate registration of complaints on the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP), blocking fraudulent transactions to prevent further losses, ensuring maximum refund amounts to victims, enhancing detection rates to track and apprehend cybercriminals, and assisting victims of cybercrime with timely support and guidance, he informed.

He said a total of 61 personnel have been nominated to staff the seven Zonal Cyber Cells, for organising awareness campaigns to educate the public on cyber safety practices,The staff composition includes -- Inspectors (CIs): 7; Sub-Inspectors (SIs): 7; Head Constables (HCs): 3;

Police Constables (PCs): 36 and Home Guard (HG)s: 8

These personnel have been carefully selected and trained to handle the unique challenges of cybercrime investigations, the top police official said.

The Hyderabad City Police has urged citizens to report cybercrime through the 1930 (Cyber Crime Helpline) or by visiting the nearest police station.Once a petition is registered in the NCRP as either a petition or an FIR, it is forwarded to the Zonal Cyber Cell (ZCC) for investigation.

These specialised units have been set up to strengthen digital security and provide faster responses to cybercrime complaints.

The successful launch of Zonal Cyber Cells reflects exemplary leadership and dedication.

He lauded Vishwa Prasad, IPS., Additional Commissioner of Police Crimes, Hyderabad for continuous monitoring and guiding, D. Kavitha, DCP Cyber Crimes, for spearheading this initiative, R. G. Siva Maruthi, ACP, CCPS, for his key contributions, and the CCPS staff for their relentless efforts in strengthening Hyderabad’s fight against cybercrime.

JNTUK signs MoU with Census
directorate for establishing
Census data research centre

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kakinada, May 29 : An MOU was signed on Thursday between the JNTUK and the Directorate of Census operations, for establishing a center for Census Micro-Data Research at the Innovation Research center (IRC) of the University.

Ms Bharathi Hollikeri, Director Census operations of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state and JNTU incharge Registrar Prof V Ravindranath signed the MOU and exchanged the documents of agreement in the presence of Vice chancellor Prof CSRK Prasad and other officials.

Vice Chancellor Prof CSRK Prasad said the MOU had paved the way for launching a Center for Census Micro-Data

research at the Innovation Research centre (IRC) of the JNTUK.He said it was a good opportunity for the JNTUK as the Census data would be used to understand the economic and social background of the people in the society.

The establishment of the Data research center will enable the computer science and engineering (CSE) and Mathematics faculty to conduct better research, analyze data and design new algorithms, he added.

The Director census operations of Two Telugu states Bharathi Hollikeri said that research centers were being set up under the auspices of the Census directorate in India since 2012 and so far 51 research centres were set up. She

said the JNTUK centre was the third research centre in Andhra Pradesh.

The first census was conducted in India in 1872 and a full census was conducted in 1881.Post Independence the first census was conducted in 1951. The Census is held once every ten years and has been conducted 15 times so far and the last census being in 2011.

However, the 16th census was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be carried out soon using modern technology, she added. Sasikumar Deputy Registrar General, Union Ministry of Home Affairs, K Suprej, Assistant Director of Census operations also attended on behalf of the Census directorate

Ration shop dealers told to distribute
ration without impediments

Vijayawada, May 21 (UNI) :

The Civil Supplies Minister said that as per the government's decision to resume the distribution of commodities through ration shops and distribute essential commodities to cardholders, arrangements were made for dealers to distribute essential commodities through ration shops from June 1.Ration dealers should uphold the government's trust and distribute goods to cardholders without any hassle, he told them. In view of the distribution of essential commodities through ration shops from June 1, Minister Nandella Manohar inspected the trial run conducted in 218 ration shops in Mathuranagar here on Thursday to check the field level preparedness.

Later, the Minister, along with Civil Supplies Commissioner Saurabh Gaur, inspected the e-pass and weighing machine service camp for low-price shops organized by the Civil Supplies Department in the premises of the Vijayawada Sub-Collector office.Speaking to the ration dealers of Vijayawada Division on this occasion, the Minister said that the government would take up the distribution of commodities through ration shops to ensure that there is no scope for any irregularities in the public distribution system and commodities would be distributed at home to the disabled and elderly people

UP govt transfers
five IPS officers

Lucknow, May 29 (UNI) : The Uttar Pradesh government on Thursday transferred five senior officers of the Indian Police Service (IPS), official sources said here.Sources said that Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Gorakhpur Zone, Anand Suresh Rao Kulkarni, has been transferred to the post of DIG Technical Services Headquarters in Lucknow, while Additional Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) in Varanasi Commissionerate Shivsimpi Chanappa has been transferred to the post of DIG of Gorakhpur Zone.

above 65 years of age.

Minister Manohar directed the ration shop dealers to deliver the ration commodities even on Sundays from the 1st to the 15th of every month. He also told them to take the initiative to distribute ration commodities to the disabled and elderly people above 65 years of age at their homes by the 5th.

He stated that by providing information regularly through the WhatsApp group, the

cardholders can do so without any hassle.

The surroundings of ration shops should be kept clean and commodities distributed with correct measurements, prices and stock boards should be displayed at the shops properly.He told them that service camps are being set up for the repairs of e-POS and weighing machines. RDO Kavuri Chaitanya and DSO A Papa Rao were among those who accompanied the Minister.



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E-Auction Notice No. BZA-04-2025-26

Date: 28/05/2025

For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, South Central Railway, Vijayawada Division invites the Indian Nationals above the age of eighteen years and companies/firms for E-Auction through 'E-Auction Leasing' module of IREPS: www.ireps.gov.in for SLR leasing and NFR Advertising contracts over the division.

The E-auction schedule is detailed here under. Details of the assets offered in auction may be viewed in IREPS website.

| Sl. No. | Type of contract | No. of Lots offered in the auction | Auction schedule Date and opening time | |
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| 1 | SLR Leasing | Train No 12078 - (FSLR1) | 02/06/2025 at 10.00 hrs | |
| 2 | | Train No 12713- (FSLR1) | | |
| 3 | | Train No 12718- (FSLR1), (FSLR2) | | |
| 4 | | Train No 12743-(FSLR1) | | |
| 5 | | Train No 12744 - FSLR1) | | |
| 6 | | Train No 12749- (FSLR1), (RSLR1) | | |
| 7 | | Train No 12787 - (FSLR1), (RSLR1) | | |
| 8 | | Train No 12795- (FSLR1) | | |
| 9 | | Train No 17208 (FSLR1), (RSLR1) | | |
| 10 | SLR Leasing | Train No 17210-(FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1) | 03/06/2025 at 10.00 hrs | |
| 11 | | Train No 17211- (FSLR1) | | |
| 12 | | Train No 17219 (FSLR1), (RSLR1) | | |
| 13 | | Train No 17221- (FSLR1) | | |
| 14 | | Train No 17225 (FSLR2) , (RSLR1) | | |
| 15 | | Train No 17231- (FSLR1), (RSLR1) | | |
| 16 | SLR Leasing | Train No 17247 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1) | 04/06/2025 at 10.00 hrs | |
| 17 | | Train No 17250 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1) | | |
| 18 | | Train No 17255 - (FSLR1), | | |
| 19 | | Train No 17330 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1) | | |
| 20 | SLR Leasing | Train No 17644 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1) | 02/06/2025 at 15.00 hrs | |
| 21 | | Train No 17655 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1) | | |
| 22 | Other NFR Advertising | The Contract for display of advertisements at earmarked areas for Inside locations at premises inside the various stations under Package-E locations of the south section (Krishna canal - Gudur section of Vijayawada Division) in the following stations Gudur, Venkatachalam, Vedayapalem, Padugupadu, Bitragunta, Nellore, Kavali, Ongole, Singarayakonda, Chirala, Bapatla, Nidubrolu, Tenali, Duggirala and Padavadiapudi station. | | |
| | | | | The contract for Display of advertisements at earmarked areas inside the station building under Package-G (Branch line of Vijayawada Division), in stations Madhuravanagar-Bhimilipatnam, Gudivada-Bhimavaram, Kaldhari- & Bhimavaram town-Narasapur) |
| 1. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain digital signature for participating in E-Auctions. 2. The bidder should have Current Account in SBI and it should be linked with E-Auction leasing module in IREPS. 3. One time online self registration is compulsory to participate in E-Auction, thereby no geographical restrictions for participation in any auction of any Division of Indian Railways. 4. The time slots on the E-Auctions Dates mentioned above are available in E-Auction leasing module in IREPS application (www.ireps.gov.in). Please note and participate in Auction accordingly. | | | | |
| Railway Administration cannot be held responsible for any hindrance caused in the IREPS portal during the E-Auction. Bidders are advised to go through the user manual though the Learning Center link available in the left navigation bar of homepage of IREPS application (www.ireps.gov.in) to understand E-Auction procedure and participate. | | | | |
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STANDARD POST

87 pc of Indian firms shift focus to domestic markets amid global uncertainties

Amid global uncertainties, Indian businesses are rethinking their trade strategies to adapt to evolving market dynamics, with 87 per cent of firms pivoting their focus toward domestic clients, prioritising local customer needs to ensure stability, a new HSBC Global report said.

About 76 per cent of Indian firms are reassessing their long-term business strategies in response to changes in trade policies, while 80 per cent report exercising greater caution in expansion and investment decisions due to trade-related uncertainties, according to the 'HSBC Global Trade Pulse Survey'.

It examined the business strategies and sentiments of 5,750 international companies in 13 global markets, including 250 firms from India, in relation to tariffs and trade.

“Indian businesses are demonstrating remarkable resilience and adaptability in the face of global trade uncertainties. The findings highlight a pivotal shift, with Indian firms recalibrating their focus toward domestic markets and actively exploring new regions to mitigate risks and seize emerging opportunities,” said Runa Baksi, Head of Global Trade Solutions, HSBC India.

This dual approach underscores the agility of Indian enterprises in navigating complex trade dynamics while maintaining an optimistic outlook on growth, Baksi added.

In light of the current trade dynamics, businesses are adopting various strategies to navigate uncertainties.

A significant 91 per cent of Indian firms are focusing on entering new markets, particularly in regions less affected by trade disruptions, while 87 per cent are shifting their attention to domestic markets, prioritizing local customers, and minimising international exposure.

Additionally, 82 per cent are choosing to exit high-risk markets impacted by trade uncertainty, and 87 per cent are exploring mergers and acquisitions to bolster their market position or strengthen supply chains through strategic partnerships.

The survey also shows 83 per cent of Indian firms (73 per cent global average) anticipate a substantial rise in cost in the next six months due to trade uncertainties, with 51 per cent of these firms being concerned by the escalating expenses driven by tariffs and other trade-related factors.

To address these challenges, 42 per cent of Indian companies have already adjusted their prices to account for higher costs, while 48 per cent are planning similar measures.

Additionally, 45 per cent of Asian firms have increased their inventory levels to mitigate supply chain disruptions, with another 48 per cent of Indian firms intending to follow suit, said the report.

Why sustainable startups are key to achieving global net-zero goals

(By IANS)

In a world where the climate change crisis and resource depletion threaten the world’s future, a new generation of businesses is rising to the challenge. These startups are not just chasing profit — they are driven by passion, fuelling innovation with sustainability to create solutions that protect the environment while taking the economic growth forward.

Whether through boosting the power of renewable energy, changing waste management with circular economy models, or developing cutting-edge green technologies, these businesses are writing new ways of what it means to be successful in the turbulent world.

Interestingly, business sustainability involves using present practices that fulfill current needs and preserve future people's ability to meet their requirements. The world's critical environmental problems demand startups to become catalysts of sustainable innovation.

Startups show both flexibility and readiness for adventure; thus, they function ahead in their mission to develop revolutionary solutions for environmental challenges. The main sectors where sustainable startups produce meaningful changes involve renewable energy, the circular economy, and green technology.

New businesses across these sectors focus on developing solutions that minimize resource usage while decreasing environmental impacts. Sustainable startups create the future direction of business by proving that operational success can co-exist with respect for nature and society to build an equitable and sustainable global economy.

The rise of Sustainable Startups

Corporate sustainability emerges as an essential business requirement because consumers, together with regulatory bodies and financial backers, now



focus on environmental preservation. Various important reasons push forward systemic changes toward environmentally friendly startups. People have become more aware of environmental issues, which drives them to seek products and services that reduce ecological impact.

People understand their effect on the environment better today and seek to support businesses that share their sustainability positions. Sustainable practices receive government backing through policies that reward companies doing their part to cut down emissions and waste quantities. The implemented environmental policies establish both a sustainable future perspective and equal competition standards for businesses dedicated to sustainability.

The growing interest of investors in ESG factors drives the expansion of sustainable startups. Sustainable business operations leading to long-term viability and possible future profits attract investment from the market.

The marketplace embraces startups like Tesla and Beyond Meat because they have achieved remarkable success in transforming the electric vehicle and plant-based food industries. The urban transportation sector sees significant carbon emission reductions from BluSmart Mobility, which operates as India's initial exclusive

electric ride-hailing provider. These organisations show the potential for sustainable innovation to create profitable business operations that drive the market towards environmental sustainability.

In 2024, the Indian startup ecosystem continued to embrace sustainability with notable investments and developments. The government has allocated Rs 35,000 crore through the Strategic Startups Fund to support sectors like electric vehicles and green energy solutions.

Key innovations driving sustainable startups

Startups focused on sustainability serve as the leading force of innovation by creating major advancements throughout different market segments. Companies in the renewable energy and clean tech space lead new technological developments in solar power and wind energy while improving battery storage methods. Through their operations, these businesses simultaneously enhance energy efficiency while supplying environmentally friendly energy solutions, which serve as vital elements in fighting climate change.

Startups like BluSmart Mobility, an electric ride-hailing provider, are working to reduce carbon emissions in urban transport. Meanwhile,

Saatvik Solar is expanding its solar cell manufacturing capabilities with plans for a 2 GW plant, while Varaha incentivises regenerative farming practices, contributing to CO2 sequestration.

The circular economy, together with waste reduction, has gained momentum through startup leadership from Loop and Plastic Bank. Such businesses convert ordinary waste products into practical resources to adopt circular economic principles. The combination of material reuse with advanced recycling innovations lets them develop environmentally beneficial solutions together with business development chances.

A sustainable transformation takes place within the fashion and consumer goods industry. Allbirds and Pangaia, together with other brands, lead industry standards through ethical sourcing habits while manufacturing goods from materials that disappear naturally. These firms seek to fulfill customer requirements for sustainable products, which leads to new industry standards.

Startup companies within the agri-tech and food sustainability sectors deploy advanced technologies to transform how we produce food. Corporate entities Apeel Sciences and Plenty leverage advanced farming techniques, including

vertical systems and artificial meat cultivation with AI-based agricultural automation, to enhance both food safety and environmental sustainability. The advances optimise resource utilization while decreasing traditional agricultural environmental impact, creating a path toward sustainable development.

High investment and operational complexities

The installation of eco-friendly practices, together with their development, requires substantial startup funding, which creates a main hurdle for sustainable startups. New businesses desiring innovation within the fashion industry might face substantial barriers because of these startup expenditures. Among the most prominent obstacles sustainable startups encounter is the difficulty of expanding their sustainable operations because they need intricate supply chain systems that place technical hurdles above traditional industry standards.

Sustainable operations become more complex, thus requiring additional expenses during both operational phases and logistical coordination. Sustainable startups find themselves challenged by existing non-sustainable businesses that hold bigger resources and market dominance, thus blocking new entrants from successfully entering. Sustainable startups have many opportunities available to them despite facing multiple obstacles. The government offers valuable funding and supportive measures for green projects to boost both financial backing and innovative development. A growing number of buyers want to buy products that provide both environmental and societal benefits because they understand the complete implications of their purchasing decisions.

The change in consumer preferences about sustainable purchasing opens multiple opportunities for startups to succeed in capturing new market segments. Modern technological

developments reduce the costs of sustainable solutions while making them more accessible to startups through more efficient implementation of innovative systems. Sustainable startups will shape the industry's sustainability transition because they have seized valuable market possibilities.

Across the globe, sustainable startups play an essential role in restructuring business operations by developing innovative solutions to current environmental difficulties. The innovative business leaders rely on advanced technologies to develop environmentally friendly, smart, and efficient systems within renewable energy, together with waste reduction technology. Fast industry growth in sustainable technology demonstrates why sustainable entrepreneurship needs urgent and powerful investment.

To fulfill global net-zero commitments, professionals must keep investing and innovating since these efforts form the backbone of sustainable progress. Support for sustainable products and investments in purposeful initiatives and supportive legislative frameworks come from customers and investors and policymakers, respectively.

Through collaborative efforts, these stakeholders have the power to strengthen the green startup movement, which enables sustainability to naturally blend with economic development and human welfare.

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Caste-based census is game-changing, like 'body MRI': VP

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) :Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday described as 'transformative and game-changing' the government's decision to include caste-based enumeration in the upcoming decadal census and said it was like 'getting your body an MRI'.

“The Government has made a great decision. And the decision is to include caste-based enumeration in the upcoming decadal census. It will be a transformative step, game-changing. It will help bring about social justice. It will be an eye-opener. It will satisfy people's aspirations,' the Vice President said addressing

the Indian Statistical Service (ISS) Probationers of the 2024 and 2025 batches here.Describing it a 'very broad decision of the government,' he said there was a caste-based census earlier. 'Last time, I think it was conducted in 1931. I looked up to that census many times to know about my caste. I, therefore, realise the importance of caste-based enumeration.”

Dhankhar said far from being divisive, thoughtfully collected caste data would be an instrument of integration. Some people were debating about social justice. It will be an eye-opener. It will satisfy people's aspirations,' the Vice President said addressing

MRI. You will know about it when you stand.'He said this mechanism would transform abstract constitutional commitments to equality into measurable, accountable policy outcomes.The Vice-President drew an analogy to highlight the value of precise and current data in governance saying effective policy planning without robust statistics one could compare it like a surgery in the dark.

'Every digit in our national database represents a human story. Every trend line charts the trajectory of things. And what it portends for our future, you will have rich experiences every moment of your service career.

India dismisses Mohd Yunus' remarks on 'Indian hegemony' as an exercise in deflection

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) India today dismissed Bangladesh Chief Advisor Mohd Yunus’ comments on "Indian hegemony", terming it as an exercise in "deflection" from his country's challenges.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, answering a question on the issue, said at a briefing:

“Your question was about some statements that have come out recently regarding Bangladesh. So, as far as the government there is concerned, it is their personal responsibility to handle any governmental or governance-related

issues or problems there.

“When statements of this sort came it seems like you want to deflect in another direction from your own challenges related to governance there — and to blame others by saying that these extraneous issues caused by others are the reason for these problems — does not solve the issue.”

The spokesperson’s remarks come after Yunus reportedly made this remark during a meeting with political parties on May 25.

After that meeting on Sunday, Nagarik Oikya President Mahmudur Rahman Manna had said,

"The chief adviser has said that due to Indian hegemony, the country is facing a major crisis. Therefore, he believes that the entire nation needs to be united."

The MEA spokesperson also said, referring to previous reports of the CA offering to resign:

“On developments in Bangladesh, you know as far as our approach is concerned ... and we remain ... I would like to underline once again that we ... look at how we have approached our issues, our relationship with Bangladesh.

Place: Mumbai
Date : 28th May 2025

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

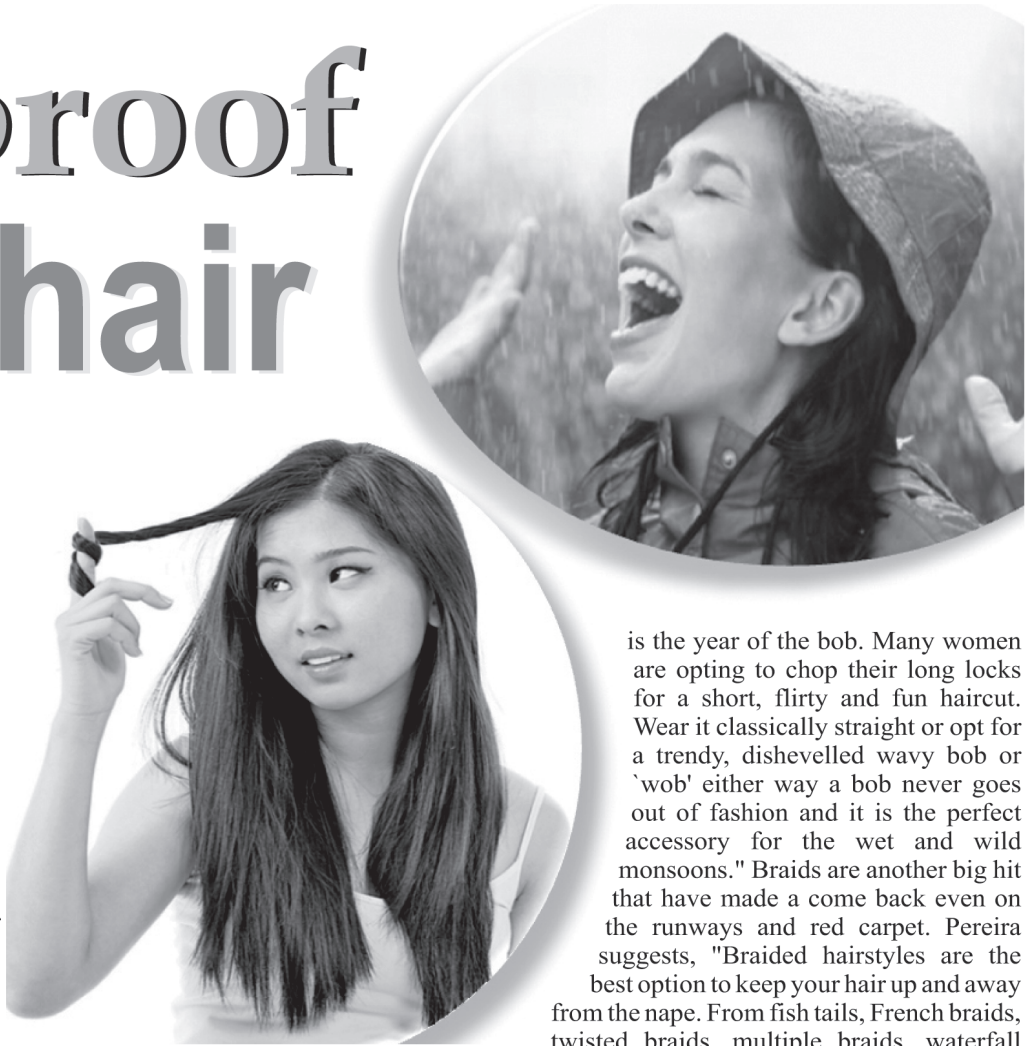
With the heavy downpour and thick monsoon winds blowing our way, you can feel the moisture seeping into your luscious locks. Ever wondered, what excess moisture could do to your hair? For starters, the humid air during the monsoons can leave your hair feeling wet and sticky, notwithstanding the blow 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



From the scorching heat to the refreshing, cool showers of monsoon, are your tresses ready for the climate change? Celebrity hairstylists tell you how to look after those locks and keep them feeling healthy and beautiful.

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."

So go out there and get cracking on your monsoon coiffure now! RAINPROOF your hair Annabel Dsouza ? ? From the scorching heat to the refreshing, cool showers of monsoon, are your tresses ready for the climate change? Celebrity hairstylists tell you how to look after those locks and keep them feeling healthy and beautiful With the heavy downpour and thick mon soon 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.

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.

Indian Men’s Hockey Team Leaves for European Leg of FIH Pro League 2024-25

Bengaluru, May 29 (UNI) : The Indian Men’s Hockey Team left from Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport on the night of May 28, ahead of their European leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25, which is scheduled to take place in Amstelveen, the Netherlands and Antwerp, Belgium from June 7 to 22.

India will kick off their European leg with back-to-back encounters against the Netherlands on June 7 and 9, followed by a double-header against Argentina on June 11 and 12, with all four matches set to take place at the Wagener Stadium in Amstelveen.

The team will then head to Antwerp, Belgium, for their next challenge where they will lock horns with Australia on June 14 and 15 before ending their campaign with two crucial matches against hosts Belgium on June 21 and 22.

Before their departure, veteran dragflicker and

India to host Australia in three-match ODI series

Mumbai, May 29 (UNI) : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced a three-match ODI series against Australia, set to take place in September this year.

The series will serve as vital preparation for the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2025, which will be hosted by India later in the year. The matches are scheduled for September 14, 17 and 20, with all games to be held at the M. A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. The last time the two teams faced off in an ODI series was in December 2024, when India toured Australia for a three-match series, which the hosts won convincingly with a 3-0 sweep. Alongside the upcoming tour, the Australia Men’s ‘A’ team will also travel to India for a series featuring two multi-day and three limited-overs matches in September-October to be played in Lucknow and Kanpur, respectively.

MI set to crack GT's playoff vulnerability

Chandigarh, May 29 (UNI) : The IPL 2025 Eliminator clash between Mumbai Indians (MI) and Gujarat Titans (GT) at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Cricket Stadium on May 30 is shaping up as a classic battle of resilience versus vulnerability, where MI’s seasoned lineup and depth in talent are expected to prove decisive against a Gujarat side reeling from key player absences and recent setbacks.

While both teams have showcased their championship credentials this season, it is Mumbai Indians’ ability to absorb pressure through experienced campaigners and versatile replacements that sets them apart in this high-stakes knockout fixture. The five-time IPL champions have endured a rollercoaster campaign, losing three of their first four games before rallying to claim seven victories out of their last eight. This remarkable turnaround underlines Mumbai’s championship temperament — the hallmark of a side



Captain Harmanpreet Singh stated, “This European leg is crucial for us as we face some of the world’s best teams.

We had a few mixed results in the Bhubaneswar Leg, but we are in a good position in the standings and we will build on this. Our focus is on securing

Rankiredy-Shetty in Singapore Open quaters

Singapore, May 29 (UNI) : In an exhilarating Round of 16 encounter at the KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2025, Indian shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankiredy and Chirag Shetty displayed remarkable resilience and tactical brilliance to overcome Indonesia’s Sabar Karyaman Gutama and Moh Reza Pahlevi Isfahani in a fiercely contested three-game thriller.

Played on Court 2, the match extended for 1 hour and 14 minutes, with the Indian duo emerging victorious by a slender margin, 19-21, 21-16, 21-19.

The Indonesians took an assertive approach in the opening game, launching aggressive attacks that placed Rankiredy and Shetty on the defensive. Despite a spirited Indian comeback, the Indonesians held their nerve to claim the

accustomed to knockout battles. Though MI will be without overseas standouts Ryan Rickelton and Will Jacks, who have returned to national duty, the franchise’s bench strength remains formidable. Jonny Bairstow, a seasoned IPL campaigner, is set to slot in at the top order alongside Rohit Sharma and the in-form Suryakumar Yadav. Charith Asalanka adds further depth and flexibility to the batting lineup.

The return of Tilak Varma to his preferred No. 3 spot promises to stabilise the innings further, giving Mumbai a balanced blend of aggression and composure. At the same time, MI’s middle order boasts match-winners Hardik Pandya and Naman Dhir, capable of shifting momentum at critical junctures. On the bowling front, the twin spearheads — Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult — bring a lethal combination of pace, precision, and experience. Bumrah, with 17 wickets at an economy rate of just

maximum points and qualifying for the next year’s World Cup through this tournament.”

Vice Captain Hardik Singh echoed a similar sentiment and said, “We have had a very productive training camp over the last few weeks. I am confident that the boys will deliver in

first game 21-19. Recalibrating their strategy in the second game, the Indian pair focused on precision, employing controlled attacks and sharper net play. This tactical adjustment paid dividends, allowing them to dominate proceedings and secure the second game 21-16, thus leveling the match.

The decider proved to be a grueling test of stamina and mental fortitude, with both pairs exchanging leads on numerous occasions. Ultimately, the experience and composure of Rankiredy and Shetty during critical moments proved decisive, enabling them to edge past their opponents 21-19 and book their place in the quarterfinals. Over the entire match, the Indians won 61 out of 117 points, capitalizing on key momentum shifts through crucial streaks. The contest

6.33, has been a standout since his return from injury. Complementing them is the resurgence of Mitchell Santner, whose spin options add a crucial dimension on the balanced Mullanpur pitch.

Conversely, Gujarat Titans arrive at the Eliminator under pressure after back-to-back heavy defeats that saw their once-commanding position slip to third in the standings. More crucially, they face the playoffs without their marquee overseas batsman Jos Buttler, whose absence leaves a gaping hole in a top-heavy batting lineup.

Sri Lanka’s Kusal Mendis is expected to fill the void but lacks Buttler’s explosiveness. While Sai Sudharsan and Shubman Gill have been dependable, the middle order’s stability hinges on players like Sherfane Rutherford and Shahrukh Khan stepping up — a tall order given recent performances.

On the bowling front, Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna remain the Titans’ strike weapons, but

Europe.

The atmosphere in the squad is very positive, and everyone is pushing each other to perform at their

best. These matches will be a great opportunity to test ourselves against some of the best in the world.”

India are currently third in the standings with

was marked by intense rallies and strategic ingenuity from both sides, reflecting their high calibre and determination. Rankiredy and Shetty’s triumph is a testament to their resilience and tactical acumen, especially noteworthy following their recent return to competitive action after a brief hiatus.

Their performance earned widespread praise from fans and analysts, who noted their strong potential to progress deeper into the tournament. Moving forward, the Indian duo will aim to maintain consistency while adapting their game plans to counter the challenges posed by upcoming adversaries.

The KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2025 continues to deliver enthralling badminton, drawing top talent from across the globe as they vie for the coveted title.

inconsistent spells from Rashid Khan and Arshad Khan have raised concerns. With Mumbai’s in-form batting unit waiting to exploit any weakness, Gujarat’s bowlers must lift their game substantially to stay competitive.

The Mullanpur surface offers an even contest between bat and ball, with pace bowlers expected to extract early movement and spinners to find grip in the middle overs. Teams batting first have held an advantage here, suggesting the toss-winning captain may prefer to set a target in this knockout. Weather forecasts indicate clear skies and dry conditions, ensuring uninterrupted play under hot and humid conditions.

With the Eliminator effectively a season-defining moment, Mumbai Indians’ blend of experience, squad depth, and recent form is tipped to eclipse Gujarat Titans’ fightback ambitions hampered by crucial player losses and wavering confidence.

fifteen points and will be eyeing to build on their position with a spot in the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 up for grabs.

The FIH Hockey Pro League 2025-26 (men) matches will be broadcast live on Star Sports Select 1, Star Sports Select 1 HD, and streamed live on JioHotstar.

England reveal playing XI for first ODI against West Indies

London, May 29 (UNI) : The Birmingham contest will be Harry Brook’s first outing as England’s ODI captain and the newly-appointed skipper will bat at No.4 in a side that looks remarkably different to the one that appeared at the ICC Champions Trophy event in February and March this year.

Pacers Jofra Archer and Mark Wood miss through injury, Phil Salt and Liam Livingstone are omitted and Brook takes over from long-time captain Jos Buttler as the captain.

Buttler remains in the XI and will bat at No.5 and keep wickets, while fellow keeper Jamie Smith is promoted to the top of the order and open the batting alongside consistent left-hander Ben Duckett.

There is also room in the XI for youngster Jacob Bethell and fit-again pacer Brydon Carse, while star spinner Adil Rashid will headline the bowling attack that includes Saqib Mahmood and Jamie Overton. The three-match series is crucial for England as they look to build momentum in 50-over cricket ahead of the next ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia, with the side currently ranked in eighth place on the ICC ODI Team Rankings and in the final direct qualifying position for the 2027 tournament, an ICC report said.

Brook is aiming to help his side find their rhythm against the West Indies and move up the rankings prior to the event. “New era now, new leadership. Hopefully we can bring a lot of energy, competitiveness, and a lot of fun as well out there, try and engage the fans as much as we can - and yeah, try and get some wins under our belt,” Brook said.

England XI: 1. Jamie Smith, 2. Ben Duckett, 3. Joe Root, 4. Harry Brook (c), 5. Jos Buttler (wk), 6. Jacob Bethell, 7. Will Jacks, 8. Jamie Overton, 9. Brydon Carse, 10. Adil Rashid, 11. Saqib Mahmood.

Gukesh checkmates Nakamura at Norway Chess Tournament

Stavanger (Norway), May 29 (UNI) : World Chess Champion GM Gukesh Dommaraju marked his 19th birthday with a vital victory against GM Hikaru Nakamura in the third round of the Norway Chess 2025 tournament here on Wednesday.

After a shaky start to the event with two narrow losses, Gukesh bounced back emphatically, showcasing improved time management and resilience under pressure.

The match, unfolding in the classical time control, featured the Giuoco Piano opening, where Gukesh surprised World No.2 Nakamura early with the aggressive queenside pawn thrust 13.b4!, disrupting Nakamura’s setup. Attempting to counterattack on the kingside, Nakamura came close to salvaging a draw, but a critical misstep with 28...Rd8? gave Gukesh the upper hand.

When Nakamura offered a draw on move 30, Gukesh declined and pressed forward with the move 31.h4!, effectively sealing the game in his favour. Nakamura’s last attempt to turn the tide with 31...Na4! was not played, and instead 31...Qd6? hastened his defeat. Gukesh converted the advantage with calm

precision, ultimately securing a hard-fought win.

Reflecting on his performance, Gukesh said, "I feel quite good! I think my time management was much better today than before. He [Nakamura] had some drawing chances, but overall it was a good game." The timing of the victory was particularly poignant, coinciding with midnight in India, allowing fans to celebrate the young champion’s birthday in unison with his triumph.

Gukesh’s win is a significant turnaround after his initial struggles in the tournament, where time pressure and narrow losses threatened to derail his campaign. The victory not only boosts his confidence but also keeps him in contention in the highly competitive field, which includes top grandmasters such as Fabiano Caruana and Magnus Carlsen.

Meanwhile, the tournament’s leaderboard saw Caruana take sole lead after defeating GM Arjun Erigaisi, while Carlsen, despite a frustrating armageddon loss to GM Wei Yi, remains firmly in second place. Norway Chess 2025 continues with round four scheduled for Thursday, promising exciting clashes including a high-stakes encounter between Gukesh and Caruana.

Alex de Minaur suffers shock defeat at French Open

Paris, May 29 (UNI) : Ninth seed Alex de Minaur endured a stunning second-round exit at the French Open on Thursday, surrendering a two-set lead to Kazakhstan’s Alexander Bublik, who triumphed 2-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 in a match lasting 2 hours and 52 minutes. De Minaur, ranked World No. 10, appeared poised for a straightforward victory after dominating the first two sets. However, Bublik, known for his unpredictable style, rallied impressively, delivering 12 aces and 51 winners to secure his first win over De Minaur in four attempts.

This defeat marks a significant setback for De Minaur, who reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros last year. The loss

not only ends his streak of four consecutive Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances, but also puts his Top 10 ranking at risk, with a potential drop due to the loss of 350 ranking points. Bublik’s victory propels him into the third round at Roland Garros for the first time, a notable achievement given his previous struggles on clay. He will next face the winner of the match between Portugal’s Henrique Rocha and Czech teenager Jakub Mensik. The 2025 French Open has been rocked by a spate of early upsets, with an unprecedented number of seeded players bowing out before the third round. Alex de Minaur’s dramatic defeat made him the 14th seed to exit prematurely,

Sinner ousts veteran Gasquet in emotional farewell

Paris, May 29 (UNI) : World No. 2 Jannik Sinner delivered a commanding performance to defeat French veteran Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 in the second round of the French Open, effectively ending Gasquet’s illustrious career on the clay courts of Roland Garros.

The 22-year-old Italian showcased his dominance early, breaking Gasquet at 3-3 in the first set and maintaining his lead to close it out 6-4. Sinner’s aggressive baseline play and consistent serving kept Gasquet on the defensive, limiting the Frenchman’s opportunities to mount a comeback. In the second set, Sinner elevated his game, breaking Gasquet twice and conceding only three points on his own serve, leading to a swift 6-2 set win. Gasquet, known for his elegant one-handed backhand and smooth court coverage, struggled to find his rhythm against Sinner’s relentless pressure.

The third set saw a brief resurgence from the 38-year-old Gasquet, who broke back to level the set at 2-2, igniting the home fans’ hopes. However, Sinner quickly regained control, breaking again and maintaining his composure to seal the match 6-4. Despite the straight-sets victory, Sinner later acknowledged moments of physical discomfort, particularly due to humid conditions, but said he was able to manage without medical attention.

underscoring the unpredictability that has gripped this year’s tournament on the red clay.

Among the most surprising casualties were two of the tournament’s leading clay-court specialists, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Casper Ruud. Italian qualifier Matteo Gigante produced a career-best performance to stun 20th seed Tsitsipas in four sets, notching his first victory over a top-20 opponent and advancing beyond the second round for the first time. Tsitsipas, a former finalist and semi-finalist at Roland Garros, suffered his earliest exit at the French Open since 2018 and will now watch on as Gigante prepares to face 13th seed Ben Shelton.

Winning Conference League can be starting point: Chelsea coach Maresca

Warsaw, May 29 (UNI) : Chelsea head coach Enzo Maresca has praised his players for showing great team spirit following their 4-1 victory over Real Betis in the UEFA Conference League final on Wednesday.

The Italian emphasized that winning the tournament represented a big step in the team’s development.

"It can be a starting point for us. To build a winning mentality you need to win games and competitions. The trophy we won tonight is going to make us better in the future," he said.

Chelsea became the first club to win all four major UEFA competitions - Champions League, Europa League, Conference League, and

the now-defunct Cup Winners’ Cup - and the FIFA Club World Cup after defeating the Spanish side in Wroclaw, Poland.

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Cancellation, Short-termination, Short-origination, diversion of coaching trains due to commissioning of auto section between Nellimarla-Garividi section Waltair Division, ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, May 29 : Due to safety related modernization works in connection with the commissioning of auto section between Nellimarla-Garividi section in Waltair Division, the following train services will be cancelled/Short-Terminated/Short-Originated/diverted as detailed below :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS:

1. The train No. 58538 Visakhapatnam-Koraput Passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 01.06.2025 will be Cancelled.
2. The train No. 58537 Koraput- Visakhapatnam Passenger leaving Koraput on 01.06.2025 will be Cancelled.
3. The train No. 58528 Visakhapatnam- Raipur Passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 01.06.2025 will be Cancelled.
4. The train No. 58527 Raipur- Visakhapatnam Passenger leaving Raipur on 01.06.2025 will be Cancelled.
5. The train No. 58532 Visakhapatnam-Brahmapur Passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 31.05.2025 and 01.06.2025 will be cancelled.

6. The train No. 58531 Brahmapur-Visakhapatnam Passenger leaving Brahmapur on every Sunday from 01.06.2025 and 02.06.2025 will be cancelled.
7. The train No. 58506 Visakhapatnam - Gunupur Passenger Express will be cancelled on 01.06.2025
8. The train No. 58505 Gunupur - Visakhapatnam Passenger Express will be cancelled on 01.06.2025
9. The train No. 58504 Visakhapatnam – Bhawanipatna Passenger Express will be cancelled on 31.05.2025 and on 01.06.2025
10. The train No. 58503 Bhawanipatnam – Visakhapatnam Passenger Express will be cancelled on 01.06.2025 and on 02.06.2025
11. The train No. 67287 V i s a k h a p a t n a m - Vizianagaram passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 01.06.2025 will be cancelled
12. The train No. 67288 V i z i a n a g a r a m - Visakhapatnam passenger leaving Vizianagaram on

01.06.2025 will be cancelled
13. The train No. 67289 Visakhapatnam- Palasa passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 01.06.2025 will be cancelled
14. The train No. 67290 Palasa- Visakhapatnam passenger leaving Palasa on 01.06.2025 will be cancelled
15. The train No. 18526 Visakhapatnam-Brahmapur Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 31.05.2025 and on 01.06.2025 will be cancelled.
16. The train No. 18525 Brahmapur – Visakhapatnam Express leaving Brahmapur on 01.06.2025 and on 02.06.2025 will be cancelled.

S H O R T - TERMINATION/SHORT-ORIENTATION OF COACHING TRAINS
1. The train No. 17243 Guntur-Rayagada Express leaving from Guntur on 31.05.2025 will be short terminated at Visakhapatnam.
2. The train No. 17244 Rayagada-Guntur Express will leave from Visakhapatnam instead of Rayagada on 01.06.2025
DIVERSION OF TRAINS:
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2. The train No. 18447 Bhubaneswar-Jagdalpur Hirakhand Express leaving Bhubaneswar on 01.06.2025 will run in diverted route via Sambalpur, Titlagarh, Rayagada.
3. The train No. 18448 Jagdalpur-Bhubaneswar Hirakhand Express on 01.06.2025 will run in diverted route via Sambalpur, Titlagarh, Rayagada.
4. The train No. 20837 Bhubaneswar-Junagarh express leaving Bhubaneswar on 01.06.2025 will run in diverted route via Sambalpur, Titlagarh, Rayagada.
5. The train No. 20838 Junagarh-Bhubaneswar express leaving Junagarh on 01.06.2025 will run in diverted route via Rayagada, Titlagarh, Sambalpur. People are requested to note the changes and act accordingly. The inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

UP govt transfers five IPS officers

Lucknow, May 29 (UNI) : The Uttar Pradesh government on Thursday transferred five senior officers of the Indian Police Service (IPS), official sources said here.

Sources said that Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Gorakhpur Zone, Anand Suresh Rao Kulkarni, has been transferred to the post of DIG Technical Services Headquarters in Lucknow, while Additional Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) in Varanasi Commissionerate Shivasimpi Chanappa has been transferred to the post of DIG of Gorakhpur Zone.

Sources that Dinesh Kumar P, DIG of Basti Zone, has been relieved for central deputation. In his place, Sanjeev Tyagi, who was working till now on the post of DIG Prison Administration and Correctional Services, has been sent.

Change in Terminal of Golden temple mail to Bandra Terminus from Mumbai Central Station : WR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 29 : The infrastructural upgradation work pertaining to construction of additional Pit lines is being undertaken at Mumbai Central Station. Consequently, it has been decided to shift the terminal of Train No. 12903/12904 Mumbai Central – Amritsar Golden Temple Mail to Bandra Terminus from Mumbai Central station, on temporary basis for a period of six months.

According to a press release issued by Mr Vineet Abhishek, Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, details of the changes are as under:

Train No. 12903 Mumbai Central – Amritsar Golden Temple Mail will depart from Bandra Terminus at 18:45 hrs, instead of Mumbai Central, from 18th August, 2025 to 17th February, 2026. Similarly, Train No.12904 Golden Temple Mail will terminate at Bandra Terminus at 23:55 hrs, instead of Mumbai Central, from 16th August, 2025 to 15th February, 2026.

However, there will be no change in timings of halts at the intermediate stations.

For detailed information regarding the timings, halts & composition of the above trains, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

India rebuffs Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif's talks offer: 'talks and terror don't go together'

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) India today rebuffed Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif’s offer of talks with India, saying that talks and terror don’t go together.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, addressing the weekly briefing, said:“I would again reiterate this, we have been very clear and consistent in our position. I have said this in the previous presser last week, as also in the press engagement that we had on 13th of May.

“Our position in regard to Pakistan, in regard to engagement with Pakistan, has been clear and consistent. You are well aware of our position that any India-Pakistan engagement has to be bilateral.“At the same time we are clear that talks and terror don't go together.

“On terrorism itself we are open to discussing the handing over to India of noted terrorists, whose list was given to Pakistan some years ago.“I would like to underline that any bilateral discussion on Jammu and Kashmir will only be on the vacation of illegally occupied Indian Territory by Pakistan.“And on the Indus water treaty, it will remain in abeyance until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism, as Prime Minister Modi has said.

Rs 1,018 crore sanctioned for four-laning of 41.4 km Ratlam-Nagda section; project to save 38 crore kg CO2 and 7.5 crore liters diesel in first year

Ratlam–Nagda Third and Fourth Rail Line Project to Ease Rail Congestion, Enhance Connectivity from Hinterland to Ports, and Boost the Economy

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, May 29 : Union Minister for Railways, Electronics & IT, and Information & Broadcasting, Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw today interacted with the media at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi. Sharing key details about the recently approved Third and Fourth Rail Line project between Ratlam and Nagda by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, the Union Minister highlighted major aspects of the project and its objective to decongest existing rail lines, boost freight and passenger traffic efficiency, strengthen connectivity across critical economic corridors, and its targeted timeline for completion.

Addressing the media, Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw elaborated on the strategic importance and wide-ranging benefits of this project. He informed that the 41.4 km section, part of the High-Density Network, will be four-lined at a cost of Rs1,018 crore, reducing line capacity utilization from 116% to 65%. Ratlam. It will connect key junctions Nagda (North), Vadodara (South), Indore (East), and Chittorgarh (West), will play a crucial role in regional and national connectivity.

The project will enhance freight movement from Madhya Pradesh to major West Coast ports like Kandla, Mundra, Pipavav, Hazira, Dahej, JNPA, and the proposed Vadhaven Port, boosting access for central and northern economic zones. It will directly benefit Indore SEZ, Chhindwara SEZ, MMPL

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, May 29 : Due to the derailment of an iron ore-laden goods train between Tyada and Chimidipalli in the Koraput–Kottavalasa section of the KK line (Waltair Division) train services have been affected. Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra along with ADRM Infra Shri E Santharam and other senior officials rushed to site and mobilized men and material at the site for restoration operations.

These efforts are ongoing on a war footing under the direct supervision of DRM.

Solapur Division Provides On-Demand Freight Movement from Tilati Railway Station Goods Shed

(Standard Post Bureau)

Solapur , May 29 : The Solapur Division of Central Railway has provided the Goods Shed of Tilati Railway Station On-Demand for outward freight movement. 2 rakes of Sugar have been successfully transported from the Tilati goods shed, one each in April and May 2025 to Nellikuppam of Southern Railway in



Indore, MMLP Bhopal, the Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor, and key industrial hubs such as the Nagda Thermal Power Plant and associated viscose and chemical industries in the Ratlam region.

The Railway Minister further highlighted that this infrastructural upgrade will lead to faster and more efficient transportation of agricultural commodities, coal, containers, and petroleum products. Tourism in Madhya Pradesh will receive a boost with better access to heritage and religious destinations such as Khajuraho, Gwalior,

Kanha National Park, Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga, Sanchi Stupa, Ujjain, Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Amarkantak, and Bhim Janmabhoomi.

The project is expected to generate 28 lakh human-days of employment and contribute to environmental sustainability by saving 38 crore kilograms of CO2 in the first year—equivalent to planting 1.5 crore trees—and over 16.5 crore trees' worth of savings by the 11th year. Additionally, 7.5 crore liters of diesel will be saved. Freight traffic is projected to rise from 7 MTPA in the first year to

76.4 MTPA by the 11th year, post-commissioning of Vadhavan Port, significantly strengthening India’s logistics and industrial competitiveness.

The Minister also informed that under the ambitious Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, 80 railway stations in Madhya Pradesh are being redeveloped with upgraded passenger amenities, improved aesthetics, and modern facilities. He added that the budgetary allocation for Madhya Pradesh has seen a significant rise, and projects are being fast-tracked in



Kirandul- Visakhapatnam Night express leaving

Kirandul on 30.05.2025 will be cancelled.

Inconvenience caused to you is deeply regretted

close coordination with the state government. The Railways is committed to completing all major railway projects in the state within the next one to two years, ensuring transformative impact on connectivity and regional development

In response to the overwhelming demand and long waiting lists for the Dr. Ambedkar Nagar–New Delhi Superfast Express, Shri Vaishnaw announced the launch of three new train services to address the increasing passenger load. The new services will include a train from Rewa to Pune via Jabalpur and Satna, another from Jabalpur to Raipur via Nainpur, Balaghat, and Gondia, and a third from Gwalior to Bengaluru via Guna and Bhopal. Operations for these trains are expected to commence within the next two months.

Addressing the preparations for the upcoming Simhastha Kumbh Mela 2028 in Ujjain, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that the Ministry of Railways has begun comprehensive planning to cater to the expected huge rush of devotees. He assured that high-level meetings will be held to review and strengthen various aspects of railway preparedness for the mega event. Emphasizing the importance of coordinated planning and robust infrastructure readiness, he also informed that the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has extended full cooperation to ensure smooth travel and seamless execution of all railway-related arrangements.