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#### **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 involved in ganja smuggling 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 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 days, three 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 Suvendu Adhikari and others during a public meeting, in Alipurduar, West Bengal on Thursday.

(UNI): Prime Minister Ground of the district. Narendra Modi on or terrorists - on India will be dealt with severely.

"The Pakistan-backed the strength of Sindoor,"

Alipurduar, May 29 assembled at the Parade not yet over. "From this land happened on April 22 in

Thursday reiterated that the Pak army always took Operation Sindoor is not yet understand the anger of the "Operation Sindoor" has not help from the terrorists over," Modi said referring to people here. The terrorists yet ended and warned that whenever they attacked India's determined and tried to wipe off the 'Sindoor' any attack from across the India since the partition in resolute stand against all of our sisters, but our armed highlight the state's borders - be it from Pakistan 1947 but each and every time forms of terrorism. they "faced severe" replies from India.

waving Indian flags, who that Operation Sindoor was West Bengal after what defeat of the attackers.

of Bengal, I declare on behalf Jammu and Kashmir's Modi pointed out that of 140 crore Indians that Pahalgam. I could forces showed them the "As I have come to the strength of 'Sindoor'," he land of 'Sindoor Khela', (a said.Modi said the world "Not once but thrice Hindu custom where married has witnessed in the early terrorists wanted to erase the India dealt with Pakistan women smear each other 70s how the Pakistan Army Sindoor of Indian women, severely by entering into with vermillion) it is very butchered, raped and but the Army has proved their territory and if any obvious to talk about India's murdered lakhs of attempt was made in future new doctrine against Bangladeshis. He warned Modi said amid thunderous the reply will be the same," terrorism. There was a lot of that any further attack on Chief Minister will travel applause from the people Modi said while asserting anger (among people) in India would mean definite

5:30 PM on May 30. led transformation.

from Kadapa to New Delhi in the late hours on May 29.

# Working to bring **Yoga closer** to people: CS

(Standard Post Bureau) ahead with the Yogandhra acknowledged. program, which was Minister Chandrababu bring yoga closer to every Thursday, Rajani called the Naidu to realize Arogya section of the society, 66-year lease a conspiracy Ananda - Swarna Andhra.

Vijayanand participated in organized to explain the entities. She demanded that the Police Theme Yoga uniqueness of Yoga and the Chandrababu Naiduprogram organized at BRTS create awareness in about headed Yoga Street here on Thursday under the joint State. The Chief Secretary decision and warned that auspices of the Ayush asserted that four to five YSRCP would not stay Department, NTR District tourist areas have been silent. "When the YSRCP Administration, District identified in each district to comes to power, it will Police Commissionerate, organize the programme and review this policy," she and Vijayawada Municipal Yoga along with senior IAS and IPS officers. Speaking crore people by that time.

"As many as 1,25,000 organizing Yogaandhra programs with people in the district.

26 themes in 26 districts with Vijayawada, May 21: the farmers, laborers. Government Chief Secretary employment-guaranteed has said that AP workers, senior citizens, colleges, selling assets (IANS): YSR Congress AI technology to falsely

The Chief Secretary launched on May 21 in line revealed that this theme conference in the state office with the aspirations of Chief Yoga is being organized to at Tadepalli near here on adding that Secretary programmes are being institutions to private 100 tourist areas across the immediately reverse this

Andhra with this spirit. Secretary said that with the Krishna Babu said that the acre annually, totaling Rs. event."Instead of honouring happy society, YogaAndhra overwhelming response move denies free healthcare programs would be held in from people. Chief and medical education to the every village and town in the Commissioner of Land state till June 21, the Administration G Jayalakshmi International Yoga Day, and said that everyone should be medical education accessible efforts are being made to aware of the valuable Yoga teach yoga to at least two wealth provided by Indian The government used limited to one day but should feasibility report to justify to create a false narrative. Their yoga trainers have be continued as a good habit registered across the state, throughout life. Collector with their help, we are NTR District Dr. G Lakshmi government in AP has by the son, exposing their lack making people aware of said that as part of neglected yoga and encouraging them Yoga Andhra they were rendering Aarogyasri commitment," Lakshmi to learn yoga asanas. We are planning to bring yoga ineffective by withholding Parvathi said. Lakshmi

# privatizing

(Standard Post Bureau)

Vijayawada, May 29: YSRCP senior leader and former minister Vidala Rajani condemned Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's decision to privatize medical Government is moving differently-abled people," he worth Rs 8,500 crore for Rs 5,000 annually.

Addressing a press

Yoga to hand over public poor, undermining Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's vision to make to underprivileged students. this transfer," she said.

"The healthcare, of special closer to about 15 lakh payments, causing distress Parvathi, the second wife of Chandrababu to network hospitals.

# YSRCP objects to TDP Mahanadu a medical colleges 'hollow spectacle', says NTR's wife Lakshmi Parvathi

Party General Secretary and depict NTR praising them "is Telugu Desam Party (TDP) a new low in their unethical founder N.T. Rama Rao's politics". "Historical records, wife, Lakshmi Parvathi, on including cassettes of NTR Thursday termed the TDP's condemning Chandrababu Mahanadu in Kadapa a Naidu, stand as undeniable "hollow spectacle", which evidence of their betrayal. prioritised sycophancy and propaganda addressing public issues.

She said that Andhra government Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and his son and state minister, Nara in NTR's death is no secret, Lokesh, turned the event she said that he is into a platform for deceit and shamelessly exploiting opportunism. Addressing a NTR's name for donations. press conference here, she called upon all to work said. Each medical college, said, falsely assuming that Corporation and practiced towards the success of Yoga built for Rs 500 crore on 50 the people of Kadapa will acres of prime land valued blindly vote for them, manipulate NTR's legacy is Special Chief Secretary at over Rs 2 crore per acre, Chandrababu Naidu and on the occasion, the Chief Medical and Health MT is being leased for Rs 100 per Lokesh utterly disgraced the aim of building a healthy and Yogaandhra is receiving 5,000 per college. "This NTR's legacy on his birth is no celebration of progress anniversary by discussing public welfare, they have she alleged that the TDP reduced Mahanadu to a stage for slandering Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. The TDP's desperation was evident as they resorted to burning culture and Yoga should not be KPMG to produce a biased their own flags and pamphlets so-called 'Super Six' promises coalition by the father were contradicted coherence and

NTR, said Chandrababu actions?" she asked.

Hyderabad, May 29 Naidu and Lokesh misusing Lokesh's claim to NTR's over legacy is absurd; NTR's heir can only come from the Nandamuri family, not the Nara clan," she said.

Stating that Naidu's role "How does a man of two acres amass such wealth? The TDP's use of AI to not just unethical, it is heartbreaking," she said.

Stating that Mahanadu but a day of backstabbing, destroyed Andhra Pradesh, driving away major industries. Their policies, including the promotion of liquor, have devastated families, she said. "Chandrababu Naidu's Mahanadu is a facade for laundering illicit funds through donations and diverting money from the skill development scam into party coffers. Why does the Enforcement Directorate turn a blind eye to Naidu's

#### 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

His address will strategic roadmap under the Swarna Andhra Vision 2047, focusing on accelerated economic growth, inclusive development, industrial resurgence, and innovation-

As per his schedule, the



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

(See on page 4)

(ISS) Probationers of the 2024 and 2025 batches here.

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 (See on page 7)

#### 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. (See on page 8)

# 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 electricity. in Uttar Pradesh.

Chairman of All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF), 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

**India hopes** 

consider visa

applications of

**Indian students** 

New Delhi, May 29

(UNI): India today hoped

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they will be able to join

reports that the US has

paused scheduling new

international students

under the F, M, and J visa

MEA spokesperson

"We have seen reports

"The welfare of Indian

Randhir Jaiswal said at a

briefing in response to a

government's updated

students and exchange

visitor visa applicants.

students abroad remains

of utmost priority to the

Government of India. We

will continue to follow

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

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"In 2023-24, 330,000

students were there. This

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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

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

being done in UP, 27 lakh power workers across the country staged 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,

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Shimla, Dehradun, Patiala,

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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 border strengthen domination measures in Jammu region.

During the review, the DG BSF assessed the operational current 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 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. 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 resident of Narosa village in Itaunja area of Lucknow,

(UNI) : A man was sentenced to 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

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 alleged that Salman, a 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, threattokill and Dalit harassment and sentenced him to life impriso-

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

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 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,

Jammu, May 29 (UNI): they questioned, seeking As Union Home Minister stern action against all such questioned how the DC and 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 intimated 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.

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

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.

should explain, they asked.

The party demanded that the affected people should be given adequate compensation for the loss of properties to be assessed by the revenue 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.

## 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 from transformation 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 meet other performance parameters for of Miniratna grant (Category-I) status, a Ministry Defence 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 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,

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

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

by Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal via a post on X (formerly Twitter), stating:

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

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 reducing case pendency.

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.

talking about 2023-24. For updated figures, you can also visit the relevant Bombay High Court. Their elevation was formally announced This appeal comes

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

as Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court. His tenure has been marked by progressive rulings and a focus on 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

#### 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 of BJP SC 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.



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

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 (HGs):

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

#### (Standard Post Bureau) research at the Innovation Kakinada, May 29: An MOU was signed on Thursday between the JNTUK and the Directorate of Census operations, for establishing a centrer 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

essential commodities

through ration shops from

June 1, Minister Nadendla

Manohar inspected the trial

run conducted in 218 ration

shops in Mathuranagar here

on Thursday to check the field

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 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

Lucknow, May 29 (UNI)

: The Uttar Pradesh

government on Thursday

transferred five senior officers of the Indian Police

five IPS officers

Later, the Minister,

level preparedness.

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.

**JNTUK signs MoU with Census** 

directorate for establishing

Census data research centre

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 Micro-Data 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 above 65 years of age. (UNI): The Civil Supplies Minister Manohar Minister said that as per the directed the ration shop government's decision to dealers to deliver the ration resume the distribution of commodities even on commodities through ration Sundays from the 1st to the shops and distribute 15th of every month. He essential commodities to also told them to take the cardholders, arrangements initiative to distribute ration were made for dealers to commodities to the distribute disabled and elderly people essential above 65 years of age at commodities through ration their homes by the 5th. shops from June 1.Ration dealers should uphold the government's trust and distribute goods to cardholders without any WhatsApp group, the hassle, he told them. In view of the distribution of

He stated that by providing information regularly through 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 accompanied the Minister.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Follow us on @@SCRailwayindia Details of the Tender Notices of S.C.Railway can be seen on our website www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in E-Auction Notice No. BZA-04-2025-26

For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Commercia Manager, South Central Railway, Vijayawada Division invites the Indiar 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 easing and NFR Advertisingcontracts over the division.

The E-auction schedule is detailed here under. Details of the assets offered in

SI. No.	Type of contract	No. of Lots offered in the auction	Auction schedule Date and opening time
1		Train No 12078 - (FSLR1)	
2	SLR Leasing	Train No 12713- (FSLR1)	02/06/2025 at 10.00 hrs
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		Train No 17247 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1)	
17	SLR Leasing	Train No 17250 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1)	04/06/2025 at 10.00 hrs
18		Train No 17255 - (FSLR1),	
19		Train No 17330 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1)	
20		Train No 17644 - (FSLR1), (FSLR2), (RSLR1)	
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 Pedavadlapudi station.  The contract for Display of advertisements at earmarked areas inside the station building under Package-G (Branch line of Vijayawada Division), in stations Madhuranagar.	02/06/2025 at 15.00 hrs

1. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain digital signature for participating n 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 geographica estrictions for participation in any auction of any Division of Indian Railways The time slots on the E-Auctions Dates mentioned above are available E-Auction leasing module in IREPS application (www.ireps.gov.in). Please

Bhimavaram town-Narasapur)

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Railway Administration cannot be held responsible for any hindrance caused in the IREPS portal during the E-Auction. Bidders are advised to go through bar of homepage of IREPS application (www.ireps.gov.in) to understan

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Vijayawada

# **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 experts from the Ministry of Coal to explore ways of coal cost reduction.

Focusing on Coal India and Singareni, the crucial meeting was held to ensure public sector companies produce quality coal in line with rising demand. He said this committee will conduct field-level inspections and actionable recommendations should

implemented

immediately to bring down production expenses. He stressed that to

retain customers, Singareni must focus strongly on maintaining quality. He advised taking support from trade unions and improving the work

On behalf of Singareni, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)N. Balram, who attended the meeting

Hyderabad, gave comprehensive presentation through PowerPoint on the company's progress and future strategies.

Coal Secretary Vikram Dev Dutt, who participated in the meeting, highlighted that acquiring new mines is critical for the sustainability of coal companies.

He noted that reducing production costs would from Singareni Bhavan, make coal more affordable

for consumers, which would, in turn, reduce electricity production costs and benefit the public at large. The meeting provided key directions on reducing coal production costs, ensuring quality, and addressing challenges in supply and related areas.

The performance and welfare initiatives of both Coal India and Singareni mines were reviewed during this meeting.

# 2 Key accused arrested in inter-state human organ trafficking case

Hyderabad, May 29 (UNI) The Telangana Crime Investigation Department (CID) has arrested two key accused in an inter-state human organ trafficking case, which operated under the guise of organ donation and transplantation at Alakananda Multi-Specialty Hospital in Kothapet, Saroornagar, Ranga Reddy District.

The case was initially registered at Saroornagar

2025) following a complaint lodged by the Deputy DM&HO, Ranga Reddy. Charges were filed under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994. The investigation was later transferred to the CID on April 24, 2025.

Police Station (Cr. No. 85/

While 13 accused had

already been arrested earlier, on May 26, 2025, two additional accused— Shankaran alias Sai Shankaran (56) and N Ramya (36) were apprehended in Chennai by a special CID team from Sangareddy, Telangana: A passport and two

mobile phones were seized from the accused. They were brought to Hyderabad on transit remand and

produced before the Magistrate on Thursday for judicial custody. Investigations revealed

that the accused lured innocent and economically disadvantaged individuals from Tamil Nadu with false promises of employment. The victims were then

trafficked to Hyderabad, where illegal kidney transplants were carried out with the assistance of other

accused individuals, including Pradeep (from Bangalore), Pavan, and their associates. The accused reportedly earned Rs 10 lakh per illegal transplant, of which Rs 4-5 lakh was paid to the donor. Efforts are underway to apprehend seven more absconding accused, including Pavan, Poornachander, and their associates, a CID statement said.

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, Additional Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) in Varanasi Commissionerate Shivasimpi Chanappa has been transferred to the post of DIG of Gorakhpur Zone.

#### **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 traderelated 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 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 investors in ESG factors while 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 equitable sustainable global economy.

The rise of Sustainable

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 decreasing drives the expansion of sustainable startups. Sustainable business operations leading to longterm 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 en viron mental sustainability.

In 2024, the Indian startup ecosystem continued to embrace sustainability with notable investments 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 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 ridehailing 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 convert businesses ordinary waste products into practical resources to adopt circular economic principles. combination of material reuse with advanced recycling innovations lets develop them environmentally beneficial solutions together with business development chances.

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

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

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 ecofriendly 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 green projects to boost both financial backing and innovative development. A growing number of buyers want to buy products that provide environmental and societal benefits because they understand the complete implications of their purchasing decisions.

change in The 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 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 s u s t a i n a b l e 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 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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#### techniques, including Caste-based census is game-**India dismisses Mohd Yunus'** changing, like 'body MRI': VP remarks on 'Indian hegemony'

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) :Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday described as 'transformative and gamechanging the government's decision to caste-based include 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, gamechanging. It will help bring about social justice. It will be an eye-opener. It will 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 importanceof caste-based enumeration." Dhankhar said far from

being divisive, thoughtfully collected caste data would be an instrument of integration. Some people were debating it.'We are mature minds. How can information collected by itself be a source of the problem? It is like getting your body

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.

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.

as an exercise in deflection

"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 spokesperson also said, referring to previous reports of the CA offering

"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 Bangladesh.

# **FS Vikram Misri meets US Deputy Secretary Christopher Landau in Washington**

Delhi, May 29 (UNI): Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, who is visiting the US, met US Deputy Secretary Christopher Landau in Washington, which during 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", "emphasized importance of enhanced cooperation on migration and counternarcotics".

The two sides agreed that Tech-Trade-Talent will shape the India-US partnership in the 21st century.

The Indian Embassy said in a post on X:

"Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri had a great first meeting with

@ DeputySecState @ChrisLandauUSA.

"They discussed the Christopher full breadth of the India-US underscored the importance

Washington/New bilateral agenda and shared priorities.

> "They agreed that Tech-Trade-Talent will shape the India-US partnership in the 21st century.

"They reaffirmed their commitment to advancing the leadership's vision and to strengthen the India-US comprehensive global strategic partnership."

The US Deputy Secretary said in a post on X:"Had a great lunch with Indian Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri today to talk about the [U.S.]-[India] relationship, which is at a historic zenith and key represents partnership in 21stcentury.

"We discussed the importance of expanding fair and reciprocal trade, combatting immigration, and expanding counternarcotics cooperation."The US State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce said:

"Deputy Secretary Landau of fair and reciprocal market access to fostering economic growth and prosperity in both countries.

"The Deputy Secretary emphasized the importance of enhanced cooperation migration counternarcotics. The Deputy Secretary and the Foreign Secretary also reaffirmed their shared desire to maintain regional stability and peace."

The Indian Embassy said:"Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri led the Indian delegation along with Deputy NSA @AmbKapoor for the interagency discussions on the India-US COMPACT for the 21st century.

"APDNSA Andy Baker and @CounselorDOS led the US delegation.

"Discussions at the White House focused on implementing the TRUST initiative, taking forward cooperation in the defence and energy domains, and strengthening the Quad, IMEEC, and I2U2 initiatives.'

#### **CDS** to attend Shangri-La Dialogue to boost defence ties, engage with global military

leadership

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan will visit Singapore to attend the 22nd edition of the Shangri-La Dialogue, hosted annually bу International Institute for Strategic Studies.During the visit from May 30 to June 1, General Anil Chauhan will hold bilateral meetings with Chiefs of Defence Forces and senior military leadership from several foreign countries including Australia, European Union, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, UK and USA, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The CDS will address the academia, think tanks and researchers and speak on the topic 'Future Wars and Warfare'. He will also participate in the simultaneous special sessions as part of the event and address on the topic 'Defence Innovation Solutions for Future Challenges'.Shangri-La Dialogue is Asia's premier defence and security summit that brings together defence ministers, military chiefs, policy makers and strategic experts across the globe.

# Ashta Jyotirlinga Shravan Special Yatra from Solapur and Madgaon by Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 29: The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) is a 'Navratna' listed company under Ministry of Railways, Government of India.

It offers a wide range of services, including Online Railway Ticket Booking, Catering, Tourism, Rail Neer and Hospitality services.

IRCTC aims to make travel across India more convenient, enjoyable and affordable for every passenger.

IRCTC's West Zone Mumbai Office is pleased to announce the launch the Ashta Jyotirlinga Shravan Special Yatra on **Bharat Gaurav Tourist** Train from ex Solapur on 19.07.2025 and ex Madgaon on 05.08.2025. **Bharat Gaurav Tour** Packages offer traveller's a hassle-free and memorable holiday experience this Shravan. Group General Manager,

West Zone, Shri. Gaurav Jha stated that the package provides a seamless and affordable way for families, groups, and solo travellers to Jyotirlingas most popular tourist destinations, all while enjoying the comfort and convenience of train travel.

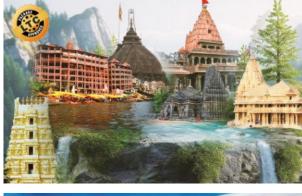
The package price of the tour starts from approx.

Rs. 22760/- per person ex Solapur on 19.07.2025 and approx. Rs 23880/- per person ex Madgaon on 05.08.2025.

Mr. Gaurav Jha, Group General Manager, West Zone said that our goal is to make travel more accessible and enjoyable, ensuring that every trip is a memorable one.

These packages are designed to provide convenience, comfort, and affordability, giving people the chance to explore the best of India during the Shravan.

There has been lot of interest in the market for





these packages and regular customers swoop down on these packages the moment they are available for sale online on www.irctctourism.com.

Bharat Gaurav trains have a mixed composition of Sleeper (Non-AC), AC III tier and AC II tier coaches.

The exterior of these trains showcases popular Indian monuments, sculptures, landmarks, and dance forms etc having a total capacity of around 600 - 700 seats and are fitted with infotainment systematic and CCTV cameras and a well-equipped pantry car

for preparing fresh meals

IRCTC has launched this all-inclusive package very well designed, economical wherein services like off-board travel and excursions by buses, stay at hotels, tour guides, meals, travel insurance etc are provided along with comfortable train journey and allied onboard services.

Customers can visit the official IRCTC website www.irctctourism.com or contact the West Zone Mumbai Office 8287931886 (WhatsApp or SMS) for more information on the available packages, pricing, and booking procedures.

## Former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal seeks NOC for renewal of passport

(UNI): A Delhi Special Court issued notice to the Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation on the application former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, an accused in the Delhi excise policy case, who sought a no objection certificate (NOC) for renewal of his passport.

Special Judge for MPs/ MLAs cases Dig Vinay Singh, after the hearing, application to CBI/ED. SPP for the CBI & Ld. SPP for ED."

reply. Replies to be filed with applicant. Put up both the applications for consideration

New Delhi, May 29 04.06.2025," the court said. Arvind Kejriwal

appeared before the court through video conferencing (VC) and a fresh application was filed on his behalf for grant of NOC for renewal of passport in the above mentioned two matters.

Counsel for Kejriwal submitted before the court that his passport has expired in 2018 and he has moved the application seeking its renewal for 10 years.

In this matter, the said: "Issue Notice of this corruption case linked to the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Notice is accepted by Ld. Policy 2021-22 is being investigated by the CBI, and a money laundering case "Time sought to file registered under the provisions of Prevention of advance copy to the Money Laundering Act (PMLA) is being investigated by the ED.

Central Bureau of

Investigation registered the First Information Report (FIR) under section 120B of Indian Penal Code (IPC) read with Sections 7, 7A &

8 of the Prevention of

Corruption Act (PC Act),1988, while the Enforcement Directorate registered **Enforcement Case** Information Report (ECIR) under section 3&4 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).CBI and the ED alleged that irregularities were committed while modifying the Excise Policy and undue favours extended to the licence holders in this case.

Notes: Standalone

Place: Mumbai

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CIN:- L99500MH1931PLC001493 | Tel No.: 022 - 62406240 | Fax: 022 - 62406241 | Email: indianivesh@indianivesh.in | Website: www.indianivesh.in EXTRACTS OF STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH. 2025

[₹ in Lakhs except EPS] Consolidated **Quarter Ended Year Ended Quarter Ended** Year Ended 31-Mar-25 31-Dec-24 31-Mar-24 31-Mar-25 31-Mar-24 31-Mar-25 31-Dec-24 31-Mar-24 31-Mar-25 31-Mar-24 Audited Audited Audited Audited Audited Unaudited 1 Total income from operations (net) 44.03 101.20 46.18 374.80 186.96 91.18 113.55 106.62 653.39 830.96 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period from ordinary Extraordinary items) Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after 240.04 -942.15 -299.7 -623.00 -176.90 -972.88 -266.40 Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items) Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after -951.45 88.01 -306.19 -660.48 -203.40 -1,065.65 70.85 -227.83 -638.72 253.06 Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items) Total Comprehensive Income for the period -951.45 88.01 -306.19 -660.48 -203.40 -1,070.99 76.58 -227.58 -635.79 259.05 [(comprising profit or (loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive income (after tax) 6 Paidup Equity Share Capital 377.50 377.50 377.50 377.50 377.50 377.50 377.50 377.50 377.50 377.50 (Face Value ₹ 10/- per share) -5,595.24 -4,934.77 -5,595.24 -4,934.77 -4,427.63 -3,356.65 -3,791.84 -4,427.63 -3,791.84 Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve) -4,643.79 Earnings per share (Basic and Diluted) 0.23 0.67 (of ₹10/- each) (not annualised for the quarters)

The above results of the Company for the quarter and Year ended on 31st March 2025 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on The Company had an outstanding principal loan of ₹62.00 crores. Interest amounting to ₹11.07 crores was provided and paid up to 31st March 2022. Subsequently interest was waived off till March 2024

based on mutual agreement. based on the above waiver interest was not considered in quarterly results upto 31st December 2024. However, in the current quarter ended 31st March 2025, the Company have renegotiated the terms of the interest and payment with the lender and accordingly interest has been provided at the rate of 7.15 % for the full year. Also another loan outstanding principal of ₹ 60.50 crores. No interest was considered in the quarterly results as being the terms and conditions were under renegotiation upto nine months ended

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Bombay Stock Exchange is still pending. Standalone and Consolidated networth of the Company is eroded. Directors/Management of the Company will induct the funds as and when required to meet its various cost and losses and the company will able to meet its obligation in future course of business and also short-term borrowings has been utilized for the long-term investment cost amounting to ₹ 72,99,042 (₹ In Hundreds) and fair Value ₹ 76,33,530 (₹ In Hundreds) as per standalone financial statements. The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standard and Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with

Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended from time to time, and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended

The segment reporting of the Company has been prepared in accordance with Ind AS - 108 on "Operating Segment" (Refer - Annexure 1) Pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Discloser Requirement) Regulation 2015 (as amended), the standalone results of the Company are available on the website of the Company

www.indianivesh.in & on the website of BSE www.bseindia.com. The figures for the guarter ended March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year for 2024-25 and 2023-24 and published unaudited

year to date figures upto the third guarter ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. Corresponding figures of the previous periods / year have been regrouped or rearranged, wherever considered necessary.

Notes: Consolidated

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For and Behalf of the Board IndiaNivesh Limited **Dinesh Nuwal** Director DIN. 00500191

## **Tharoor-Cong slugfest** turns into BJP-Cong duel

Shashi Tharoor and his party intensified on Thursday with the Congress describing him as "super spokesman of the BJP" and saying that he (Tharoor) had 'Modi-fied" while Tharoor took a dig at his critics and said "I have better things to do."The BJP came to Tharoor's rescue hitting out at the comment. Congress for attacking a "nationalist" leader within its ranks.

"I don't really have time for this...critics and trolls are welcome to distort my views and words as they see fit. I genuinely have better things to do. Goodnight," Tharoor tweeted before he left Panama for Colombia to educate them about India's policy of zero tolerance against terrorism. Tharoor earlier visited the US and Panama.

Tharoor is under attack from leaders within his own party for projecting India's case as part of global outreach ignorance of Indian valour across the LoC" in the past. He said he was clearly reprisals for terrorist attacks and not about previous wars.

during which previous Indian Pawan Khera quoted from the book.

New Delhi, May 29 (UNI) The responses were both restrained and slugfest between Congress leader constrained by "our responsible respect for the LoC and the IB".

Congress leader Udit Raj had yesterday criticised Tharoor calling him "super spokesperson of the BJP." His party colleagues Pawan Khera and Jairam Ramesh joined the offensive against Tharoor and retweeted Udit Raj's

Udit Raj had tweeted over Tharoor's reported statement in Panama that India breached the Line of Control (LoC) for the first time during the 2016 surgical strike on a terror base.

Pawan Khera while commenting on Tharoor's post quoted a passage from Tharoor's book 'The Paradoxical Prime Minister: Narendra Modi and His India' and said that in the book Tharoor had accused the Narendra Modi government of "repeatedly using the Army in its political propaganda".

"The shameless exploitation of the on Operation Sindoor. "Zealots were 2016 surgical strikes along the Line of fulminating about my supposed Control with Pakistan, and of a military raid in hot pursuit of rebels in Myanmar as party election tool -- something the and explicitly speaking only about Congress had never done despite having authorized several such strikes earlier ---marked particularly He said his remarks were preceded disgraceful dilution of the principle by a reference to the several attacks that that national Security issues require had taken place in recent years alone both discretion and non-partisanship,

# 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 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-



# 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

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

redness.

Things to be kept in mind when using these

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

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

\* 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.

"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

Dermatologist, Dr Madhuri Agarwal,

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

results on skin," reveals Dr Shetty.

shares a few more:

Black pepper

Coriander seeds

\* 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 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

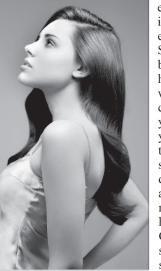
Another way is to spray the fragrance in air and slowly walk into the mist. This will evenly distribute the fragrance across your body and will last longer too.

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 widetoothed 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

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**

beautiful.

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.

tips you can follow

your skin and body. Staying hydrated is a well. other liquids as well.

Here are a few budget-friendly beauty Make up remover: Make sure you remove your make up before you sleep, and you Stay hydrated: Drinking the mandatory don't need expensive products to do the eight glasses a day can do wonders to same. Olive oil and baby oil can help as

simple yet important step in ensuring a Sleep well: Getting sufficient sleep will healthy, supple skin. You can consume 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

# **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-toback 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 threematch 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 Indian duo emerging a three-match series, which the victorious by a slender 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.



stated, "This European leg is crucial for us as we face some of the world's best

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

Singapore, May 29

Singapore

shuttlers

Shetty

Sabar

(UNI): In an exhilarating

Round of 16 encounter at

Badminton Open 2025,

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

displayed remarkable

resilience and tactical

brilliance to overcome

Karyaman Gutama and

Moh Reza Pahlevi Isfahani

in a fiercely contested

match extended for 1 hour

and 14 minutes, with the

margin, 19-21, 21-16, 21-19.

an assertive approach in the

opening game, launching

aggressive attacks that

placed Rankireddy and

Shetty on the defensive.

Despite a spirited Indian

comeback, the Indonesians

held their nerve to claim the

The Indonesians took

Played on Court 2, the

Chirag

the KFF

Indonesia's

three-game thriller.

Indian

Captain Harmanpreet Singh 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

Rankireddy-Shetty in

first

Singapore Open quaters

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.

be a grueling test of stamina

and mental fortitude, with

both pairs exchanging leads

on numerous occasions.

Ultimately, the experience

and composure of

during critical moments

proved decisive, enabling

them to edge past their

opponents 21-19 and book

quarterfinals. Over the

entire match, the Indians

won 61 out of 117 points,

capitalizing on key

momentum shifts through

crucial streaks. The contest

place in the

Rankireddy and Shetty

The decider proved to

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 that the boys will deliver in in the standings with

was marked by intense

rallies and strategic

ingenuity from both sides,

reflecting their high calibre

Rankireddy and Shetty's

triumph is a testament to

their resilience and tactical

noteworthy following their

recent return to competitive

Their performance

action after a brief hiatus.

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

Badminton Open 2025

continues to deliver

enthralling badminton,

drawing top talent from

across the globe as they vie

for the coveted title.

The KFF Singapore

upcoming adversaries.

acumen,

determination.

especially

#### 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 newlyappointed 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 lefthander 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.

now, new leadership. of competitiveness, and a lot of fun as well out there, try much as we can - and yeah, under our belt," Brook said.

# **Norway Chess Tournament**

**Gukesh checkmates** 

Nakamura at

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 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 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

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, 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 advantage with calm between Gukesh and Caruana.

#### 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 38year-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

# Alex de Minaur suffers shock defeat at French Open

Paris, May 29 (UNI): not only ends his streak of underscoring endured a stunning Slam 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 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

Ninth seed Alex de Minaur four consecutive Grand unpredictability that has quarterfinal gripped this year's second-round exit at the appearances, but also puts tournament on the red clay. Among the most

surprising casualties were two of the tournament's leading clay-court Stefanos specialists, Tsitsipas and Casper Ruud. Italian qualifier Matteo Gigante produced a careerbest 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 semifinalist 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.

### MI set to crack GT's playoff vulnerability

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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

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 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 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 oncecommanding 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

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 suggesting the tosswinning 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.

effectively a seasondefining moment, Mumbai Indians' blend experience, squad depth, and recent form is tipped to eclipse Gujarat Titans' fightback ambitions hampered by crucial player losses and wavering confidence.

With the Eliminator

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 Hopefully we can bring a energy, and engage the fans as try and get some wins

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.

# Winning Conference League can be starting point: Chelsea coach Maresca

seed to exit prematurely,

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, Shorttermination, Shortorigination, 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 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 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 31.05.2025 and 01.06.2025 will be cancelled.
- 6. The train No. 58531 Brahmapur-Visakhapatnam Passenger leaving 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 Visakhapatnam-Vizianagaram passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 01.06.2025 will be cancelled

12. The train No. 67288 Vizianagaram -Visakhapatnam passenger leaving Vizianagaram on

01.06.2025 will be cancelled 13. The train No. 67289 Visakhapatnam- Palasa

leaving

passenger

Visakhapatnam

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 31.05.2025 and on 01.06.2025 will be cancelled.

Brahmapur Visakhapatnam Express leaving Brahmapur on 01.06.2025 and on 02.06.2025 will be cancelled.

16. The train No. 18525

- S H O R T -TERMINATION/SHORT-ORIGINATION **COACHING TRAINS**
- 1. The train No. 17243 Guntur-Rayagada Express leaving from Guntur on 31.05.2025 will be short terminated Visakhapatnam.
- 2. The train No. 17244 Rayagada-Guntur Express leave Visakhapatnam instead of Rayagada on 01.06.2025

DIVERSION TRAINS:

- 2. The train No. 18447 Bhubaneswar-Jagdalpur Hirakhand Express leaving Bhubaneswar 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 Rayagada, Titlagarh, Sambalpur.
- 4. The train No. 20837 Bhubaneswar-Junagarh express leaving Bhubaneswar 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 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

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

For detailed information regarding the timings, halts & composition of the above trains, passengers please 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 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 wideranging 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 Vadhavan Port, boosting access for central and northern directly benefit Indore SEZ,





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 economic zones. It will better access to heritage and religious destinations Chhindwara SEZ, MMPL such as Khajuraho, Gwalior, MTPA in the first year to are being fast-tracked in related arrangements.

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

The project is expected to generate 28 lakh humandays 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

year, post-commissioning Vadhavan Port, of 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 are being Pradesh redeveloped with upgraded passenger amenities, improved aesthetics, and modern facilities. He added that the budgetary significant rise, and projects execution of all railway

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 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 allocation for Madhya cooperation to ensure Pradesh has seen a smooth travel and seamless

## Trains cancelled and diverted in KK Line : ECoR

(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.

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

As a result of the derailment, the following train operations were affected as detailed below. CANCELLATION OF

1. The train No. 58501 Visakhapatnam – Kirandul Passenger leaving from Visakhapatnam

TRAINS:

30.05.2025 will be cancelled. 2. In return direction the train No. 58502 Kirandul - Visakhapatnam Passenger leaving from Kirandul on 30.05.2025 will be cancelled.

3. The train No. 18515 Visakhapatnam – Kirandul These efforts are Express leaving from Visakhapatnam 29.05.2025 is cancelled

4. The train No. 18516



Kirandul- Visakhapatnam Night express leaving be cancelled.

Kirandul on 30.05.2025 will

Inconvenience caused to you is deeply regretted

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

This strategic

(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

Tamil Nadu. This freight movement of 5360 metric tons has earned a revenue of ?70.04 lakh for the division. Additional destinations being targeted for future consignments include from the states of Assam, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. Solapur and its

surrounding areas are known to be a record sugar producing region. development is expected to benefit several sugar factories operating within a 15-20 km radius of the station by enabling them to transport their sugar produce to various parts of the country efficiently. The Tilati station goods shed will not only support the logistical needs of local industries but also

contribute significantly to the economic development of the region and the creation of employment opportunities.

The Solapur Division appeals to traders, especially the sugar mills to make maximum use of this facility to ensure safe transport of their goods.

The goods shed at Tilati Station for freight

operations is also expected to strengthen the sugar loading capacity and bolster revenue generation for the Solapur Division of Central Railway.

The Solapur Division remains committed to enhancing infrastructure and supporting regional industries through improved connectivity and efficient freight