

IN BRIEF

CPI(M) demands rollback of increased bus pass fares

Hyderabad, June 9 (UNI) :The CPI(M) Telangana State Committee strongly opposed the recent hike in TGRTC bus pass fares for the general public and students, terming it a severe burden on the poor and daily commuters.

In a statement issued by State Secretary John Wesley on Monday, the party condemned the state government and TGSRTC for increasing bus pass rates by over 20 percent, resulting in an additional monthly expense of Rs. 250 to 300 for passengers in Greater Hyderabad.

“The government’s decision is unjustified, especially when it is promoting free bus travel under the ‘Mahalaxmi’ scheme on one hand, while imposing higher charges on regular commuters on the other,” Wesley said.

He added that the fare hike contradicts the spirit of welfare and disproportionately affects poor families already reeling from inflation and rising prices of essential goods. “This is like giving with one hand and taking away with the other,” he said.

Telangana Tourism felicitates contributors to Miss World event success

Hyderabad, June 9 (UNI) : Describing the 72nd Miss World event organised by the Telangana government as a “grand success, the State Tourism Department hosted a special felicitation programme titled ‘Champions Behind the Crown’ on Monday to honour the efforts of those who made the prestigious event possible. The event celebrated the collective efforts of various departments, senior officers, and staff who worked tirelessly for the smooth conduct of the month-long international pageant. As a token of appreciation, mementoes were presented to all contributors by the Tourism Department. Miss World Opel Suchata Sri graced the occasion along with Telangana Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Special Chief Secretary for Tourism Jayesh Ranjan, Director General of Police (DGP) Jitender, and other senior officials.



A road leading to Imphal is blocked by residents amid ongoing protests over ongoing violence, near Imphal on Monday.

Empower one crore women as crorepatis: Seethakka to Collectors

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, June 9: Panchayati Raj, Women and Child Welfare Minister, Dr Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, has called on district Collectors to work with the goal of transforming one crore women into crorepatis through the Indira Mahila Shakti, the Chief Minister’s flagship program aimed at women’s economic empowerment. Speaking during a video conference with Collectors from Secretariat on Monday, Minister Seethakka said that achieving the vision of “Telangana Rising 2047” is possible only by strengthening women’s self-help groups (SHGs). She urged officials to facilitate solar plant and petrol station ventures for

women’s groups by identifying suitable land and ensuring implementation starts immediately. Solar projects are to be launched on October 2, with agreements already in place with installation companies.

The Minister emphasised completion of Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavans in 22 districts by November, in coordination with the Panchayati Raj Engineering Department.

On the welfare of children, Minister Seethakka underscored the importance of Anganwadis and government schools, noting their critical role in shaping Telangana’s future. She revealed that 90 per cent of school uniform stitching by SHGs has been completed

and all students will receive uniforms on the school reopening day, a sharp contrast to previous delays.

She instructed Collectors to inspect Anganwadi centres, ensure reopening on June 11, and provide essential amenities such as drinking water, electricity, and toilets. Dilapidated centres are to be shifted to vacant government buildings. A new initiative, “Amma Maat Anganwadi Pata”, will be launched from June 11 to elevate Anganwadi standards to that of private play schools. The government also plans to construct 1,000 new Anganwadi buildings, and land acquisition for this must be expedited. Minister

Seethakka directed officials to enroll new members into SHGs, particularly ST women and those in extreme poverty, to shield them from exploitation by private moneylenders. She stressed the provision of interest-free loans and financial empowerment through group formation and Panchayat-level reviews.

She also announced the upcoming “Bala Bharosa” scheme, which will offer comprehensive medical screenings for children under five, including free surgeries if needed.

Additionally, she urged prompt issuance of disability certificates, with tests ongoing at 38 hospitals across the state, an official statement said.

'Notice drama won't shake us – Everything has already been explained': KTR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, June 9 : A few hours after appearing before Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose Commission, probing the alleged irregularities in the execution of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) by former Irrigation Minister and BRS MLA T Harish Rao, BRS working President K T Rama Rao (KTR) on Monday evening denounced the issuance of notices by investigation bodies as ‘politically motivated harassment’. The Commission had earlier also served notice to BRS President and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) to appear before it on Wednesday.

In a statement issued here, KTR said, “These notices are simply attempts to irritate and distract us. We have already stated everything that needs to be said. Today, Harish Rao presented all the facts before the commission in full detail.” “Commission has nothing new to ask for KCR — everything that needed to be said has already been said,” KTR, the son of KCR, declared.

“KCR achieved in four years what Congress couldn’t in decades,” he pointed out.

Drawing comparisons, KTR noted that while Congress governments took decades to construct major projects like Bhakra Nangal, Nagarjuna Sagar, Narmada, and SRSP, KCR completed Kaleshwaram in record time.

“This is no small accomplishment. Had this occurred in another country, KCR would have been decorated with the highest awards. But here, the very parties that failed to deliver for decades are trying to demonize a leader who delivered the impossible,” he said.

Criticizing the Congress regime under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, KTR said, “They came to power by making 420 fake promises, only to betray the public.”

“This Congress government is leading the state down a dangerous, destructive path,” he said

He further accused Revanth Reddy of using media manipulation to mislead the public.

“This media-management trickery cannot cover up their incompetence forever,” he added.

Telangana CEO launches pre-revision drive for flawless electoral roll update

Hyderabad, June 9:(UNI) Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy on Monday instructed District Collectors and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) to complete all pre-revision activities for the upcoming Special Summary Revision (SSR) of electoral rolls.

During a video conference, he emphasised the need to rationalise polling stations, fill vacant posts, and provide comprehensive training to officials.

He said, as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI), polling stations with over 1,200 electors must be rationalised to enhance voter convenience. Surveys must be conducted to identify new locations, especially in high-rise buildings, group housing societies, and slum clusters, to ensure better accessibility.

All vacant positions—including those of EROs, Assistant EROs, and Booth

Level Officers (BLOs)—should be filled immediately. Additional BLOs must be appointed to manage the anticipated increase in polling stations.

The CEO highlighted that pre-revision activities are critical to maintaining accurate and credible electoral rolls. Rationalization, as outlined in the ECI’s Manual on Polling Stations 2020, is intended to ensure the equitable distribution of electors and keep family members assigned to the same polling station. Community halls in residential complexes and accessible locations in underserved areas will be prioritized. To facilitate the revision process, training will be provided to EROs, AEROs, BLOs, and supervisors on electoral laws, IT systems, and house-to-house verification procedures. BLOs will be responsible for conducting door-to-door surveys, verifying details, and assisting voters in form submissions.

CPI(M) condemns arrest of leaders and farmers protesting against ethanol plant in Gadwal

Hyderabad, June 9 (UNI) The Communist Party of India (Marxist) Telangana State Committee strongly condemned the arrest of its State Secretary John Wesley, State Committee member R Sriramnayak, Gadwal District Secretary A. Venkataswamy, and other party leaders, along with farmers from 12 villages protesting against the establishment of an ethanol plant near Peddadanwada village in Rajoli mandal, Gadwal district.

In a statement issued on Monday, the CPI(M) accused the state police of creating a climate of fear in the region by deploying pickets and resorting to excessive force. The party alleged that a Dalit woman named Mariyamma was brutally beaten by police, while 46 farmers were arrested on what it described as false and illegal charges. The CPI(M) slammed the ruling Congress party for reversing its earlier stance on the ethanol plant. “While in opposition, the Congress vocally opposed the project, but after coming to power, it is now pushing forward with the factory’s construction in a dictatorial manner,” the party stated.

The CPI(M) warned that the ethanol factory could cause severe damage to local crops and livelihoods. It demanded the immediate cancellation of the ethanol project, the unconditional release of arrested farmers, withdrawal of police forces from the villages, and legal action against the officers responsible for assaulting Mariyamma. The party reaffirmed its support for the ongoing farmers’ protest and called on the state government to respect democratic values and the rights of rural communities.

Modi govt’s 11 years have harmed democracy, economy, society: Kharge

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI) Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday hit out at the Modi government alleging that the past 11 years have deeply harmed “Indian democracy, the economy, and the country’s social fabric”.

In a statement on social media platform X, Kharge accused the BJP-RSS alliance of systematically weakening constitutional institutions and undermining their autonomy.

He claimed that democratic values have been eroded through backdoor efforts to topple elected governments and by imposing a one-party

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Rajnath hails PM Modi's 11-yr tenure as era of ...

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday lauded the 11-year tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling it a period of "unprecedented development" and "epoch-making political, social, and economic transformations." Highlighting India's growing self-reliance in the defence sector, Singh credited PM Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat for empowering the country to stand confidently among the world's top five economies. (See on page 2)

Restoration of statehood remains a core demand and ...



National Conference President and former J&K Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah on Monday said the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood remains a core demand and a prerequisite for addressing the region's developmental challenges. (See on page 4)

Anderson stars but Northants stay unbeaten



James Anderson delivered a second three-wicket haul of his T20 Blast return for Lancashire but it was not enough to stop Northants Steelbacks making it five wins from five to tighten their grip on the top of North Group. The veteran seamer's 3-31 at a blustery Old Trafford backed up his 3-17 against Durham at Chester-le-Street. (See on page 7)

Rajasthan CM asks officials to solve complaints in public hearing



Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on Monday morning listened to complaints of women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly during a public hearing and directed officials to ensure their immediate resolution. (See on page 8)

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Highlighting India's growing self-reliance in the defence sector, Singh credited PM Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat for empowering the country to stand confidently among the world's top five economies. "India today stands well-equipped, confident, and unwavering in its resolve to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity at all costs," he said in a series of tweets on social media platform X.

Reflecting on the broader impact of the last

decade, Singh stated, "These 11 Years of Seva have been a story of the realisation of the dreams of our freedom fighters and Constitution makers—who envisioned a democracy that is not just political, but also social and economic in nature."

He emphasised that under PM Modi's dynamic leadership, India is not merely progressing, but rising to claim its "rightful place in the comity of nations." Singh also congratulated every citizen who has contributed to this transformative journey, stating, "Together, we move forward—stronger, prouder, and united."

Enumerating the key achievements of the Modi government, the Defence Minister pointed to initiatives that have enhanced the ease of living for citizens and ease of

doing business for entrepreneurs. From women empowerment to farmers' welfare, Singh said, the administration has worked with a "focused and committed effort to uplift and strengthen every section of society."

He cited flagship welfare schemes such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat, and Ujjwala Yojana as historic initiatives that have ensured dignity, health, and empowerment for millions of the poorest of the poor.

"Alongside, the massive expansion in physical infrastructure—from highways to railways, from smart cities to digital connectivity—and the strengthening of human resources in healthcare and education have laid the foundation for a new India," the Defence Minister said.

SC declines urgent listing of Tamil Nadu's suit for Rs 2,291 crore education funds

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI) The Supreme Court on Monday declined to urgently list a suit filed by the Tamil Nadu government against the Union Government, seeking the release of over Rs 2,291 crore under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme (SSS).

A bench comprising Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Manmohan rejected the plea for early listing during the court's partial working days, observing that there was "no urgency" in the matter.

Senior Advocate P. Wilson, representing the Tamil Nadu government, pressed for an urgent hearing, arguing that nearly 48 lakh students in the state were being deprived of essential education funds.

"All students in Tamil Nadu are being denied their right to education funds by the central government. The new academic year began on June 3, and admissions are underway," Wilson submitted.

When Justice Mishra enquired when the funds had stopped, Wilson responded that the funds had not been released since last year and that the original suit was filed on May 20, 2025. Despite this, the bench declined the urgent listing request.

Tamil Nadu has approached the Supreme Court under Article 131 of the Constitution, accusing the Centre of unlawfully withholding funds under the SSS.

The state contends that the denial is tied to its non-implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the PM SHRI (Schools for Rising India) scheme.

In its suit, Tamil Nadu seeks a direction for the Union Government to release the pending Rs 2,291 crore along with applicable interest.

The state also seeks a declaration that making the release of SSS funds contingent upon the adoption of NEP 2020 and the PM SHRI scheme is "unconstitutional, illegal, unreasonable, and arbitrary."



BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda with party leaders inaugurates an exhibition after addressing a press conference on "Viksit Bharat Ka Amrit Kaal: Seva, Sushasan aur Garib Kalyan ke 11 Saal," marking the completion of 11 years of the NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Monday.

Central Railway announces 3 key safety enhancements following accident near Thane

Mumbai, June 9 (UNI) In the wake of a tragic rail accident near Thane, where four passengers lost their lives after falling from an overcrowded local train between Diva and Mumbra stations on Monday, the Central Railway has announced three key safety enhancements aimed at preventing similar incidents in the future.

The accident occurred this morning at around 9:20 AM to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT)-bound local train from Kasara. Due to severe overcrowding, many passengers were forced to stand on the footboard. As the train passed close to another, eight passengers fell off, resulting in four deaths and serious injuries to four others, who are currently receiving treatment at a hospital in Kalwa.

Central Railway officials, led by Public Relations officer Swapnil Neela, acknowledged the recurring nature of such accidents and emphasised the urgent need for improved passenger safety measures. To this end, the railway administration has committed to three major initiatives.

Firstly, all new trains joining the Central Railway fleet will be equipped with automatic door closing systems. Specifically, 238 new air-conditioned local trains are slated to feature this safety mechanism. Secondly, the railway plans to retrofit existing trains with automatic door closers

to enhance passenger protection across the entire suburban network.

Swapnil Neela stated, "Following this accident, the railway administration has taken decisive steps. The new trains entering our fleet will have automatic door closing systems. We are acquiring 238 new AC local trains equipped with this feature. Additionally, we are working on retrofitting existing trains with automatic door closing systems to ensure passenger safety."

These measures aim to reduce the risk of passengers falling from moving trains, a hazard exacerbated by overcrowding and the absence of automatic door closures on many suburban rakes. The Central Railway's commitment marks a significant step toward safer public transport in Mumbai's busy suburban rail network.

List of Victims:

- Shiva Gawli (Male 23 years old, has been shifted to Jupiter Hospital from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Hospital as his condition is critical.)
- Aadesh Bhoir (Male/ 26 years old, residing in Adhgaon, Kasara, his condition is stable and he is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)
- Rihan Sheikh (Male/ 26 years old, residing in Bhiwandi, travelling from Kalyan to Thane, his condition is stable and he is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)
- Anil More (Male 40 years old, his condition is critical and he has been shifted to Jupiter Hospital for treatment.)
- Tushar Bhagat (Male/22 years old, travelling from Titwala to Thane, his condition is stable and he is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)
- Manish Saroj (Male/ 26 years old, address: Diva Sabegaon, Diva's condition is stable and he is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)
- Machhindra Gotarne (Male/39 years old, residing in Vashind, is in stable condition and is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)
- Sneha Dhonde (Female/21 years, resident: Titwala, travel: Titwala to Thane, is in stable condition and is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital)
- Priyanka Bhatia (Female/26 years, resident: Shahad, Kalyan, is in stable condition and is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)

The details of the

deceased are as follows

- Ketan Dilip Saroj (Male/23 years, resident: Tanaji Nagar, Ulhasnagar)
- Rahul Santosh Gupta
- Vicky Babasaheb Mukhidal (Male/34 years, Railway Police Employee)
- Unknown person

Chief Minister has expressed grief for the victims' families and noted that the injured are receiving treatment at Shivaji and Thane General hospitals, with local administration coordinating assistance. He is praying for their recovery, while the Railway Department has initiated an investigation into the cause.

Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar also expressed sorrow over the accident. Shinde has communicated with doctors at local hospitals to ensure proper care for the injured, while Pawar emphasised the need for enhanced safety measures in public transport, citing overcrowding as a critical issue affecting passenger safety.

MHA to give additional compensation for houses damaged by Pak shelling

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday asked his department to make a provision of Rs 25 crore over and above the Central Government's compensation for 2060 houses damaged in Pakistan's shelling. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced additional compensation for houses damaged by Pakistani shelling in the border districts of Jammu and Kashmir following Operation Sindoor.

As a special case, the Prime Minister announced additional compensation of Rs two lakh each for fully damaged house and Rs one lakh each for partially damaged house. The Ministry of Home Affairs has ensured swift implementation of this decision. Similar compensation will also be provided in the border areas of Punjab, a Home Ministry statement said. During his visit to Poonch on 29–30 May, Amit Shah handed over appointment letters on compassionate grounds to the family members of those who lost their lives due to cross-border firing. Immediate compensation was also provided for damage caused by cross-border shelling, under existing norms. After Operation Sindoor, several incidents of cross border shelling were reported in border districts of Jammu and Kashmir. Hundreds of families suffered due to cross-border shelling on residential areas, schools, religious structures, including Gurudwaras, temples, mosques and commercial properties. The administration took proactive measures to anticipate possible events and ensure effective response. A total of 3.25 lakh people were evacuated from the border districts. Nearly 15,000 people were provided shelter in 397 sheds/accommodation centres equipped with facilities like food, water, health care, electricity etc. A total of 394 ambulances were deployed in all border districts to take patients to hospitals for treatment, out of which 62 were deployed in Poonch district alone. A total of 2818 civil defence volunteers were also deployed for services related to health, fire and emergency services, livestock, essential supplies etc.

EAM in Brussels, holds talks with Belgium DPM and FM Maxime Prevot

Brussels/New Delhi, June 9 (UNI) : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who is visiting Brussels, today met the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Belgium Maxime Prevot, during which he welcomed Belgium's support and solidarity with India in combatting terrorism.

In a post on X, the EAM also said that he appreciated the strong momentum of the bilateral engagement and the India-EU partnership.

"Pleased to meet DPM & FM @prevotmaxime at the start of my visit to Belgium." "Welcomed Belgium's support and solidarity in combatting terrorism." "Appreciated the strong momentum of our bilateral engagement and the India - EU partnership."

"Also held wide -

ranging discussions on deepening our cooperation including in trade, investment, technology, defence & security, pharmaceuticals, clean energy and mobility." Notably, EAM Jaishankar is visiting Belgium, the EU and France from June 8-14.

Besides meeting the DPM and FM Maxime Prevot, EAM would also meet the senior leadership of Belgium and interact with the members of the Indian community. The visit of the EAM to Brussels comes three months after the visit to India of Princess Astrid of Belgium, who had come at the head of a 300-member economic mission to India, and had held talks with PM Modi and the EAM.

Princess Astrid's team had comprised Foreign minister Maxime Prévot, Defence Minister Theo

Francken, Flemish Minister-President Matthias Diependaele and Belgian ambassador Didier Vanderhasselt. The two sides had discussed a wide range of issues during the meeting in March with PM Modi, including labour migration, pharmaceuticals, defence, diamonds, space exploration and green energy. Interestingly, EAM's visit comes as fugitive Indian diamondaire Mehul Choksi, wanted in the PNB loan fraud case, is currently in a Belgian jail. He was arrested in mid-April on India's extradition request. India has an extradition treaty with Belgium. Choksi, 65, along with his nephew Nirav Modi—who is in London awaiting extradition—is accused of defrauding Punjab National Bank (PNB) of Rs 13,850 crore.

Raigad's Jaykrishna Ramram Gore honored with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Bharat Award



(Standard Post Bureau) Raigad, June 9 : The honor of the son of Raigad district, who reached the pinnacle of success through achievement, perseverance and self-confidence, has become a matter of pride for the entire district. Raigad's Jaykrishna Ramram Gore was honored with the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Bharat Award in Mumbai. This award was presented to him by the grandson of Dr. APJ

Abdul Kalam. Famous film director Ramesh Sippy and singer Udit Narayan were also honored at this award ceremony, which is a matter of pride in itself.

Jaykrishna Gore's journey is an inspiring story of hard work and determination. Starting as a simple mechanic, he set up his own two-wheeler showroom. Honest service, transparent transactions and honest relationship

with customers became the strengths of his business. Behind his success lies not only a business approach, but also a sense of social commitment.

Today, Jaykrishna Gore has become a role model for young entrepreneurs. The entire Raigad district is proud to honor his successful journey. Congratulations are pouring in from all walks of life for his distinguished achievement.

MLA Ranga Reddy's expectations regarding a Ministerial position and said the matter has been brought to the notice of AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. Goud further assured that Ranga Reddy district will be given due importance in the days ahead, and noted that three cabinet positions are still vacant, indicating possible future inclusions.

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He accused the Modi government of merely inaugurating infrastructure built during the UPA era.

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authoritarian rule. "The rights of states have been ignored, and the federal structure has been undermined," he said.

Kharge alleged that the ruling dispensation has created an atmosphere of fear, hatred, and intimidation. "Exploitation of Dalits, Adivasis, backward classes, minorities, and other marginalised communities has increased. There is an ongoing conspiracy to deprive them of their rights to reservation and equality," he added.

He cited the "ongoing violence in Manipur" as a glaring example of what he described as the "BJP's administrative failure".

Kharge also criticised the government's economic record, saying the BJP-RSS regime has conditioned the nation to accept a lower GDP growth rate of 5-6 per cent, compared to an average of

He also praised Telangana's role as a fertile ground for innovation and expressed pride in contributing to the state's growing leadership in the EV ecosystem.

Key features include rainwater harvesting, LED lighting with occupancy sensors, low-flow plumbing fixtures, native landscaping, and paperless operational enhancements like e-boarding and self-baggage drop.

Highlighting the record-

He affirmed the Centre's commitment to supporting farmers not only in

Prominent attendees included BJP State General Secretary Gujjula Premender Reddy, BJP

Senior GSI officials, international delegates, and geoscientific experts are attending the event, underscoring India's growing global presence in geoscience and innovation, an official statement said.

Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel, which will provide 30 TMC of water to Nalgonda district. He slammed the previous BRS government for failing to secure Telangana's rightful share of Krishna and Godavari

Senior leaders including Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy, Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and

Komatireddy Venkatreddy, and local MLAs were present. The minister praised Congress workers for their sacrifices in bringing the party back to



SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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**Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer
Project, Hubballi**

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TILES AND HAND RAILS FOR RAMPS AT
DIFFERENT STATIONS UNDER THE
JURISDICTION OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL
ENGINEER/EAST/WALTAIR IN
CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF
PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR
DIYANGJAN AT ALL STATIONS OVER
WALTAIR DIVISION.

Approx cost of the work : ₹ 3 41,39,601.09
EMD : ₹ 3,20,700/-, Completion Period of the
work : 12 months.

Tender closing date & time : at 1500 hrs. c.
19.06.2025

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2	38253311	Constant contact Poly urethane side bearer pad assembly	2988 Nos.	27-June-25
3	75252504	Decorative Thermosetting Synthetic Resin Bonded Laminated Sheets.	4307 Nos.	27-June-25
4	18252268B	RELAY (GP)	443 Nos.	30-June-25
5	27253674A	End Frame DE Assembly	52 Nos.	30-June-25
6	42251387A	SET OF VALVES FOR EMU'S / MEMU'S AIR SUSPENSION BOGIES COMPRISING	1085 Sets.	30-June-25
7	42251450	SET OF ITEMS AS PER M/S Schunk Carbon Technology India Pvt., Ltd part no. : (1) BASE BEARING - (a) PART NO. 90901001200 (Floating)	41 Sets.	30-June-25
8	42253452A	LOWER RUBBER WASHER	18418 Nos.	30-June-25
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STANDARD POST

77 per cent of Russian internet users have played video games

A recent survey conducted by the Russian government-owned research center VCIOM found that 77 per cent of active internet users in Russia have played video games, reflecting a more widespread global trend.

As of 2025, the global gaming community has expanded to around 3.32 billion players, showing a significant rise from previous years. In fact, video gaming has become an increasingly popular hobby for both the younger and older generations.

Of the 77 per cent of Russians who have played video games, 44 per cent consider themselves active players, while 33 per cent say they used to play but no longer do. This shows that while gaming is widespread, almost half of the respondents continue to play on a daily basis.

In Russia, gaming is predominantly favoured by men and younger adults, especially those that are financially stable. In contrast, women, older adults and those with lower incomes tend to have less gaming experience.

A distinctive feature of the Russian gaming landscape is the fact that personal computers remain the most popular gaming platform, Xinhua news agency reported. The findings of the poll show that 82 per cent of gamers use a computer or laptop to play games. A total of 63 per cent of the respondents use mobile phones, while 27 per cent use tablets, and 27 per cent consoles.

Russian mobile games are also becoming more popular among the population. The number of transactions on RuStore, Russia's official application store, has nearly doubled over the past year, with 60 per cent of payments linked to domestic games, Ilya Ulyanov, the Director of business development at RuStore, told Russian media Izvestia.

The improvement of the quality of games, the growth of the diversity of in-game content and the development of convenient payment methods are causing the growth of its domestic games, said Ulyanov, the income of Russian indie developers in RuStore increased four times in the first quarter of 2025 from the same period last year.

Although fewer people use consoles than mobile phones, console gaming remains a promising sector. For those Russians that do use consoles, they note that they offer a way to unwind and spend time with family and friends. PlayStation remains the most popular console, according to the report.

Pakistani army acts as custodian of ideologies, religion: Former diplomat

(By IANS)

Former Indian diplomat D.P. Srivastava stated that Pakistan's Army challenges the concept of sovereignty by acting as a custodian of ideologies and religion, rather than focusing on national frontiers like the military forces of other nations.

Srivastava also slammed the radical Islamist ideology in Pakistan, which pits the nation against its neighbouring countries, including India.

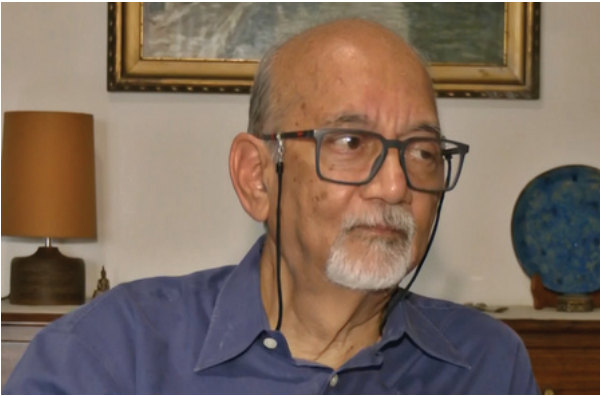
In an interview with IANS, the former diplomat also talked about Pakistani Army's Field Marshal General Asim Munir's April 16 speech, just days before the Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 innocent people lost their lives at the hands of terrorists belonging to The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of Pakistan-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba.

He hailed Operation Sindoor and said that it reflected a major shift in India's security doctrine. He also commented on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's G7 invite.

The following are the excerpts from the interview:

IANS: Could you tell us something about your book "Pakistan -- Ideologies, Strategies and Interests"?

D.P. Srivastava: My postings took me to Karachi, Pakistan, and the early 1990s. I dealt with Pakistan, among other issues, in the UN division of the Ministry of External Affairs for eight years in the '90s, and during this, I dealt with Kashmir talks to the Pokhran nuclear test and Kargil. The inspiration for the book came from my posting to Karachi, where I heard the phrase 'Nazaria-e-Pakistan', which means the ideology of Pakistan. This is the very phrase used by Gen Munir, who mentioned this in his speech on April 16, days before the Pahalgam terror attack. My book traces the interpretation of ideology and elite interest in the making of Pakistan's domestic and foreign policy.



IANS: What is the ideology of Pakistan? Gen Asim Munir mentioned "superior ideology" and the two-nation theory in his speech on April 16. What is this ideology?

D.P. Srivastava: The ideology of Pakistan remains vague due to various influential factors within the country. In 1972, two provincial governments were dismissed, and the principal opposition party, the National Awami Party, was banned after the Supreme Court of Pakistan stated that the party was contrary to the ideology of Pakistan. Notably, this occurred before the formation of the country's new constitution, indicating that the ideology preceded the Constitution in Pakistan.

There are different views of what this ideology is. Iqbal, who is known as the best explainer of Pakistani ideology, said that in Islam, religion and state are integral to each other, so he ruled out the idea of secularism, and he also opposed the idea of nationalism.

Iqbal also stressed the concept of Umma, which is pan-Islamism, and these are the concepts at the root of Pakistan's current trouble where the jihadi groups do not accept the supremacy of the Parliament, the sovereignty of which, is also challenged by the Army. The jihadi philosophy has always pitted Pakistan against its neighbours, including, what they call "the Hindu India, Shia Iran, and Sunni Afghanistan".

IANS: What is the mindset of the Pakistan Army?

D.P. Srivastava: To

understand the mindset Pakistan Army, one should go back to Gen Asim Munir's April 16 speech, where he reminded his Pakistani audience that they belong to a superior ideology. What is this ideology, one may ask? (Former Pakistani President) Ayub Khan described it as Islam.

It is very strange that the Pakistani army chiefs talk about ideology and Islam. In other nations, the armies protect the national frontiers, while in Pakistan, the army has become a custodian of ideologies and religion. Seems like Gen Munir has assumed the priest and a general.

The Pakistani army has institutionalised its role in the running of the government, where the civilian parties have taken the backseat. This mindset is also reflected in the neglect of socioeconomic indicators. Pakistan's army regards itself as the state, and it has this mindset has led to excessive defensive expenditure to the neglect of economic indicators.

IANS: How do you see Operation Sindoor? Is it part of a larger strategic shift in India's security policy against Pakistan-sponsored cross-border terrorism?

D.P. Srivastava: Operation Sindoor represents a strategic shift in India's security doctrine, as the Prime Minister has underlined. Pakistan has used the threat of escalation to the nuclear level in the case of India's conventional response to subconventional threats like terror attacks.

This time, however, there was no statement from the Pakistani side about nuclear escalation

during Operation Sindhoor. So Pakistan's bluff has been called, that it cannot escalate a local conflict or deter India from a military response to a terror attack, and this is a major shift in the paradigm. It also sends a message to the global community that India will exercise its right of self-defence, and we have the strength to do so. We did that in a very responsible manner. We avoided escalation.

The escalation came mostly from the Pakistani side. India's initial strike was only against the terror camps. We avoided hitting any Pakistani, civil or military installation. It was Pakistan which attacked Indian Air Force bases, and that forced India to attack Pakistani military installations, and that brought Pakistan quickly to its knees. The Pakistani DGMO called his Indian counterpart, begging for a ceasefire. This message has also gone home and has been understood well by the international community.

IANS: Prime Minister Modi has accepted an invitation by Canadian PM Mark Carney to the G7 Summit. Do you think this will help mend the strained India-Canada ties?

D.P. Srivastava: The Prime Minister has accepted the invitation to go to the G7 summit. So the focus will be on global issues, not on bilateral relations. But, of course, when the leaders meet, they discuss the entire range of issues, and this will be a good opportunity to bring the bilateral relations back on an even keel.

We had good relations with Canada, and I believe, there's a better understanding of the Indian position in the new government there, about the impact of terrorism. And, I think the new government is unlikely to use these incidents as an electoral card. So we hope that this visit will bring about a clearer understanding between the two countries.

Restoration of statehood remains a core demand and a prerequisite for devt: Farooq Abdullah

Srinagar, June 9 (UNI) National Conference President and former J&K Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah on Monday said the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood remains a core demand and a prerequisite for addressing the region's developmental challenges.

At the inaugural function of the historical rail link to Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had raked up the issue of restoring statehood, saying it was through Prime Minister Narendra Modi that "J&K's status will be restored".

On Monday, Farooq Abdullah reiterated that the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood remains a core demand.

Abdullah said the promise of statehood, made by the central government both in Parliament and before the Supreme Court, must be fulfilled in letter and spirit. "Statehood is our issue, and it will never fade away. We hope that what has been promised will be delivered, Insha'Allah," Abdullah said while speaking to reporters in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed that without full-fledged statehood, governance remains incomplete, and the administration's ability to meet the people's needs is severely restricted.

"How can we fulfill people's expectations without statehood? We need to repair roads, rebuild schools and hospitals, and revive tourism," he said.

Abdullah emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are eager for progress, and their aspirations can only be met through democratic empowerment. "We've met the people. They have placed their trust in us. Now it's time to give them the means to improve their lives," he added.

The former CM called for collective efforts to

revive the region's vital tourism sector.

He acknowledged the sharp decline in tourist footfall following the Pahalgam attack and emphasized the urgent need to eliminate the prevailing sense of fear. "After the Pahalgam incident, tourism has suffered badly. To counter that, we are making every effort," he said.

Abdullah said that a special Cabinet meeting was recently held in Pahalgam to assess the situation and reassure the public and potential visitors of their safety. "I was also there. We were all present to show that we stand with the people and the region," he added.

In a symbolic move to inspire confidence among travelers, the veteran leader said he would personally visit Pahalgam on Tuesday.

"Not just Pahalgam, even the rush at Mata Vaishno Devi has gone down. People are scared. I am going to help dispel that fear," he said.

Expressing concern over the severe economic distress faced by Kashmir's tourism sector following the Pahalgam attack, Abdullah urged the Centre to intervene and provide immediate relief to those dependent on the tourism economy. The NC chief highlighted the widespread impact on hoteliers, taxi drivers, pony operators, and local tour service providers, many of whom had taken bank loans to support their businesses during the tourism boom.

"People took loans to build hotels, expand rooms, buy horses, taxis—everything was done to welcome tourists," he said. Abdullah revealed that he has personally requested the Chief Minister to take up with the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister to direct banks to suspend loan recovery proceedings until the tourism sector stabilizes.

Marengo Asia Hospitals Faridabad organises Neuro Health Camp and Awareness Talk on World Brain Tumour Day

(Standard Post Bureau)

On the occasion of World Brain Tumour Day, Marengo Asia Hospitals, Faridabad, successfully organized a dedicated Neuro Health Camp and Awareness Talk, in their hospital premises. The event drew enthusiastic participation from the community and was led by Dr. Tarun Sharma, Program Clinical Director – Neurosurgery.

The main aim of this initiative was designed to spread awareness, promote early detection, and empower individuals with knowledge about brain tumours and neurological health.

The event began with a highly informative awareness talk by Dr. Tarun Sharma, who shared insights on the early signs and symptoms of brain tumours, including persistent headaches, unexplained seizures, changes in vision or



speech, and memory disturbances. He elaborated on the importance of not ignoring subtle neurological symptoms, as timely diagnosis plays a critical role in treatment outcomes.

During the awareness talk, Dr. Tarun Sharma, Program Clinical Director – Neurosurgery, Marengo Asia Hospitals Faridabad said "Brain tumours,

though often feared, can be managed well when detected early.

Through events like these, we aim to educate the community about warning signs and available treatment options, while also breaking the stigma and fear surrounding neurological conditions. Our goal is to empower individuals to seek help without delay and support

them throughout their journey."

A free Neuro Health Check Camp was also conducted alongside the awareness session.

This included neurological assessments, personalized counselling, early screening, and follow-up guidance for individuals showing signs of neurological concerns. Participants received one-on-one consultations with

experts, helping them understand their symptoms, risk factors, and necessary next steps.

The camp served as a platform not just for health checks, but for meaningful interaction. An interactive Q&A session followed the awareness talk, allowing attendees to directly engage with Dr. Sharma and ask questions related to symptoms, diagnosis, surgical options, rehabilitation, and lifestyle changes.

The session helped demystify complex neurological topics in a patient-friendly manner.

During the event, several patients who had previously been treated for various neurological conditions shared their personal journeys, highlighting how timely diagnosis and appropriate medical intervention had significantly improved

their quality of life. Their stories served as powerful testimonies to the importance of early detection and expert care in managing neurological disorders. The session proved to be deeply motivating, inspiring attendees to prioritize their neurological health and seek timely medical support without fear or hesitation.

Marengo Asia Hospitals, Faridabad, reaffirmed its commitment to community health through this initiative, highlighting the importance of brain health awareness, especially in a time where neurological disorders are on the rise but still under-discussed. The hospital plans to continue such outreach programs regularly, emphasizing the need for preventive care, timely diagnosis, and patient education as pillars of modern healthcare.

WINE BY SIGN

Choose your next bottle based on the label or go for the one that is written in your stars as we reveal a perfect match for you

A horoscope once in awhile. Sometimes you just can't help but wonder what the day has in store for you, and it's comforting to have it (kind of) predicted. While we can't know whether or not our fate is truly written in the stars, there is one thing we can always count on- wine.

Aries

Your Drink: Orange Wine
Why: You're not one to get lost in a crowd, so in a world of red and white wine, go for the equally standout orange. Though technically a white wine, it's made like a red, resulting in a sunset-orange color and a tart flavor that's loaded with tannins. The innovative way it's made is the perfect fit for someone who appreciates originality as much as you do.



Taurus

Your Drink: Barolo
Why: You understand that you can't rush perfection and let's be real, you enjoy the finer things in life when you can - which makes this old-world wine ideal for you. Barolo is stored for three years before it's sold, which brings out the drink's spicy, fruity flavour. Plus, like you, it ages well. In fact, some of today's most popular vintages were bottled back in 1998.



Gemini

Your Drink: Chenin Blanc
Why: You like to experience all life has to offer, and routines bore you to death, so you need a wine that's as versatile as your tastes. Chenin Blanc tastes refreshing as a sweet or dry wine, and its apple, honey, and orange blossom flavours pair well with everything from pork chops to sushi.



Cancer

Your Drink: Zinfandel
Why: Cancers are known for having a tough exterior, but once you get to know them, they're some of the kindest, most welcoming people around. If you take a sip right after opening a bottle, all you taste is alcohol. Give it 30 minutes to decant, however, and the berry and licorice flavors come out, as well as a warmth that lingers long after your last sip.



Leo

Your Drink: Champagne
Why: You're all about living and celebrating the good life, so really, there is no other drink for you. A glass of bubbly goes flute-in-hand with your outgoing personality, but if the price is a turnoff, try Cava. This Spanish sparkling wine is made the same way as Champers, Ross says, but you can often find a bottle at a fraction of the price.



Virgo

Your Drink: Pinot Noir
Why: Virgos are purists who appreciate careful attention to detail, and that's exactly how Pinot Noir is made. The delicate grapes can easily die, so growers must be focused on making sure their conditions are just right so the vineyard can flourish, resulting in a light-bodied wine with raspberry jam flavours that you can enjoy year-round.



Libra

Your Drink: Riesling
Why: Most people think of Riesling as a sweet wine, but it actually pairs with just about anything even spicy foods, which clashes with most wines. Not only does it reflect Libras' ability to get along with anyone, but it appeals to the unbridled joy you feel when your drink perfectly complements and enhances your meal. It's the no-fail choice for whatever's on the menu.



Scorpio

Your Drink: Cabernet Sauvignon
Why: You're basically the walking embodiment of Selena Gomez's Good for You video, so you need a drink that's equally sultry. Many people can't quite pinpoint exactly what makes them so obsessed with this cherry-and-tobacco-flavoured wine, they just know they're hooked. Doesn't that alluring aura of mystery remind you of someone?



Sagittarius

Your Drink: Teran
Why: You love connecting with people, and this Slovenian wine's unique flavour gives you exactly that opportunity. Teran is big-bodied, with a gamey plum taste and a hint of iron - yes, iron that's unlike anything you've tried before. One sip, and you'll want to share it with everyone you know.



Capricorn

Your Drink: Bordeaux
Why: To quote Taylor Swift, we never go out of style and your drink should-n't, either. Bordeaux is every bit as timeless as your taste. It's a classic for a reason, and as someone who values quality and consistency, you'll rest easy knowing that any bottle you buy will have a reliably oaky, full-bodied flavour.



Aquarius

Your Drink: Biodynamic wine
Why: You're known for your progressive, humanitarian views, and you're down to try new things, so if you haven't sampled a biodynamic wine yet, you need to get on that. This wine is made under strict farming practices that focus on sustainability, and it has a pungent, tart flavor that's closer to a sour beer than a traditional red wine.



Pisces

Your Drink: Pétillant-Naturel wine
Why: You hate being labeled or forced into a box; you just do you. That's why your wine keeps people guessing bubbly and light, it's Champagne's chiller sister. The fizz isn't as aggressive, and it has no added sugars, giving it a zesty, tart flavour that pretty much embodies your fun-loving, free spirit.



(With inputs from Candace Braun Davison for Goodhousekeeping)

Toss off!

We list some of the things that you shouldn't just throw away

Try quick fixes can extend the lives of the hardest-working items in your home.

Mildewy vinyl shower-curtain liner

Fix it: Wash in the machine on a short cycle with some old towels, using hot water and bleach.

Keep it longer: Leave the bathroom door or a window open and or a ventilation fan turned on for 20 minutes post-shower.

Knife with knicked blade

Fix it: Check stores to see when a knife expert who can grind down the edge will visit.

Keep it longer: Use a block, a drawer insert, or a blade sheath to protect it.

Saggy seat cushion

Fix it: If the upholstery is still in good shape, remove the foam insert and take it to a store to have a replacement cut to fit.

Keep it longer: Flip cushions every few months to help them wear evenly.

Worn and wobbly wood furniture

Fix it: The easiest way to save a wiggly wooden chair leg is stick in a toothpick where the leg meets the seat, then simply break it off.



Keep it longer: Whether with a toothpick or with nails, support a loose chair leg sooner rather than later; if you keep the piece in use as is, you risk breaking it.

A lumpy pillow

A literal pain in the neck that's what a worn-out pillow can give you. This is something you definitely should replace. To tell whether to toss yours, give it the break test: For a fiberfill or down or feather-filled pillow, fold it in half with a heavy book on top. If the pillow pops back so it's flat, keep it. If it stays folded in half, it's broken either use the filling to stuff smaller pillows or chuck it.

Before you throw it out

These businesses will repurpose well-used items:

Animal shelters take old towels and blankets, but did you know most need pillows, pillowcases, bathroom rugs, and T-shirts, too?

Also some accept used household items like pillows, shower curtains, linens, and furniture, which are resold to fund job-training programs.

Or you could donate extra paint, tile, and lumber as well as used furniture, cabinets, and fixtures to help a family in need of housing.

Plus you can also try the secondary method by sending it for recycling purposes. This trade association refers you to local members that accept most textiles including rugs and towels, which can be recycled into, say, home in dosulation or carpet padding.



What's brewing?

With just a little time in hand and right tool, make your own cappa of cold coffee at home

Cold brew coffee is getting a lot of buzz and keeping a lot of people buzzed lately because enthusiasts swear by its low-acid, smooth flavour. Once only found at specialty coffee shops, even Starbucks now offers it on their menu. Along with the coffee shop, you might spot it at the store. But if you've got time on your hands, you can make it yourself.

- ◆ Set up your machine.
- ◆ Add coarsely ground coffee and cold water to the brewer. We would suggest a 1:4 coffee-to-water ratio. About 10 ounces (or 284 grams) of coffee and to 40

ounces (or 5 cups) of water fit into their specialty brewer.

- ◆ Let it now do all the work.

- ◆ After 12 to 24 hours, you'll have enough rich, concentrated coffee for about 12 cups.

- ◆ Store the carafe in the fridge.

- ◆ When you're ready for a drink, combine 1/4 cup of the cold brew with cold water, ice and/or milk as you prefer. For hot coffee, heat milk in the microwave.



IN A FIX!

A lighter and a few minutes can mend your make-up mishap instantly

As far as beauty accidents go, few things are more frustrating than breaking a new lipstick. But don't toss it out just yet - there's an easy solution. Pro make-up artist and YouTube beauty guru Beeta of BeetaBeauty swears by this DIY fast fix.

PUSH THE BOTTOM ALL THE WAY UP

Twist the tube until the you get all that's left of the lipstick at the top of the tube.

SMOOTH IT OUT

Using a clean Q-tip, clean around the base of the lipstick, then smooth it out so your broken piece will have a flatter surface to adhere to.

WARM THE BASE

Using a lighter, carefully and quickly heat the base of the lipstick until it becomes soft and begins to melt slightly.

MELT THE BOTTOM OF THE BROKEN PIECE



Now apply the lighter for just a second to the bottom end of the broken piece. Again, be very careful doing this step because you don't want to burn yourself. Rather than holding the lipstick, try placing the broken piece in a spoon with the edge out, then light it so the flame

isn't near your fingertips (or heating up the spoon).

SHAPE THE BROKEN PIECE'S JAGGED EDGE

Using the Q-tip once again, shape the now-softened bottom end of the broken piece and smooth it out so it

will sit better on the base.

WARM THE BROKEN PIECE AGAIN AND POP IT ONTO THE BASE

Apply the lighter for just another moment and quickly insert it into the base piece, then twist it into place.

MELT IT TOGETHER AND SMOOTH IT OUT

Use the lighter one more time to melt the lipstick together so the top properly adheres to the bottom, then use to Q-tip to smooth it out. If you want an even more even finish, use a flat concealer brush for this step.

REFRIGERATE

Let your lipstick cool and harden by putting it into the fridge for an hour, then check on it. Once it's solidified, you're good to use it once again!

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and explore Kerala

BCCI revises India's 2025 home cricket schedule

Mumbai, June 9 (UNI) : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Monday released the revised itinerary for the Indian international home season and the South Africa A tour of India in 2025, with key venue changes affecting both men's and women's fixtures.

According to the updated schedule, India's senior men's team will take on West Indies and South Africa in a series of Tests, ODIs, and T20Is at home. The much-anticipated IDFC First Bank Test series against the West Indies will begin on October 2, 2025, at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, while the second Test, initially planned for Kolkata, has now been shifted to Arun Jaitley Stadium, New Delhi.

Similarly, the first Test against South Africa, scheduled for November 14, will now take place at Eden Gardens, Kolkata, instead of New Delhi. The second Test will be played in Guwahati, followed by ODIs in Ranchi, Raipur, and Visakhapatnam, and T20Is

across Cuttack, New Chandigarh, Dharamsala, Lucknow, and Hyderabad.

Due to ongoing pitch and outfield revamps at Chennai's MA Chidambaram Stadium, the ODI series between India Women and Australia Women has been relocated. The first two matches will be played at the New PCA Stadium in New Chandigarh, while the third and final ODI will be held in New Delhi.

On the 'A' tours front, South Africa A will play two multi-day matches and three one-day games against India A. While the red-ball matches will go ahead at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (COE), Bengaluru, the one-dayers have been moved from Bengaluru to Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot.

Meanwhile, the Australia Men's A tour of India will see two multi-day games and three one-dayers, all of which are set to take place in Lucknow and Kanpur, respectively.

Key Matches and Venues: West Indies Men's Tour

of India:

1st Test: Oct 2–6, Ahmedabad

2nd Test: Oct 10–14, New Delhi

South Africa Men's Tour of India:

1st Test: Nov 14–18, Kolkata

2nd Test: Nov 22–26, Guwahati

ODIs: Nov 30 (Ranchi), Dec 3 (Raipur), Dec 6 (Vizag)

T20Is: Dec 9 (Cuttack), Dec 11 (New Chandigarh), Dec 14 (Dharamsala), Dec 17 (Lucknow), Dec 19 (Hyderabad)

India Women vs Australia Women ODIs:

1st ODI: Sept 14, New Chandigarh

2nd ODI: Sept 17, New Chandigarh

3rd ODI: Sept 20, New Delhi

Australia Men's A Tour:

Multi-day: Sept 16–19, Sept 23–26 (Lucknow)

One-dayers: Sept 30, Oct 3, Oct 5 (Kanpur)

South Africa A Tour:

Multi-day: Oct 30–Nov 2, Nov 6–9 (BCCI COE, Bengaluru)

One-dayers: Nov 13, 16, 19 (Rajkot)

Anderson stars but Northants stay unbeaten

London, June 9 (UNI)

James Anderson delivered a second three-wicket haul of his T20 Blast return for Lancashire but it was not enough to stop Northants Steelbacks making it five wins from five to tighten their grip on the top of North Group.The veteran seamer's 3-31 at a blustery Old Trafford backed up his 3-17 against Durham at Chester-le-Street.

But the 42-year-old's sterling efforts could not prevent the Steelbacks totalling 180-6 before restricting Lancashire to 156-9 in reply.Liam Livingstone's return to Lightning colours following his Indian Premier League (IPL) victory with Royal Challengers Bangalore saw him take 2-35 and add 18 with the bat as Northants always had the game under their control.

George Scrimshaw was the pick of their bowlers with an impressive 4-19.

All eyes on Lyon as Smith signals spin threat in WTC25 Final

London, June 9 (UNI) :

As Australia prepares to face South Africa in the ICC World Test Championship Final, star batter Steve Smith has hinted at the kind of conditions that could shape the outcome of the summit clash.

Speaking ahead of the Ultimate Test, Smith acknowledged that the surface at Lord's is looking drier than usual and could evolve considerably over the course of the match. This is welcome news for one of Australia's most trusted campaigners, Nathan Lyon.

"Yeah, I think spin will play a big part, particularly as the game wears on," Smith said. "It is dry, I think. The reports, we only came here a week ago. So, it's pretty dry to start the season over here."

Typically known for its seam-friendly conditions, with predictions being made for the sides to field all-pace attacks in their bowling lineups. However, England's early summer has defied expectations this year, with Smith sharing the sentiment, an ICC report said.

"There's not been much rain, which is rare for England obviously," he said.

"But, yeah. It does look like quite a dry surface," added Smith.

With the conditions seemingly setting up the stage for the legendary tweaker to work his magic, akin to his performance in the 2023 World Test Championship Final, securing figures of 4/41 in the second innings as he cleaned up India's tail to secure Australia's victory at The Oval.

The 37-year-old also has an impressive record against the Proteas as he has 56 wickets in 14 Test matches. While he can make an impact irrespective of conditions, the seasoned Aussie will have to hope for the pitch to favour his skillset to help Australia retain their status as Test Champions.

India set to take on Hong Kong in AFC Asian Cup qualifier clash

Kowloon (Hong Kong), June 9 (UNI): India will take on Hong Kong, China on Matchday 2 in Group C of the AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027 Qualifiers Final Round on Tuesday, at the Kai Tak Stadium here at 17:30 IST.

The Group C table is still a clean slate with all four teams level on a point apiece after both games on Matchday 1 on March 25 ended goalless.

India and Bangladesh drew in Shillong, while Hong Kong also got a point away to Singapore. Only the group winners will qualify for the Asian Cup in 2027.

India, who made it to two successive Asian Cups for the first time in 2023, are aiming to extend the historic streak. Hong Kong also qualified for the previous tournament, but with only one available berth, either side is bound to miss out.

India head coach Manolo Marquez exuded confidence on the eve of the Blue Tigers' clash against Hong Kong.

"Our preparations have been much better this time, if we compare with the previous FIFA windows, where you practically don't have too much time. We had about three weeks to prepare, between Kolkata, Bangkok, and here in Hong Kong. And we are ready to perform. Nothing special,"

South Africa drawing on recent success at awe-inspiring Lord's

London, June 9 (UNI) : Playing at Lord's extracts 'fond memories' for much of the South African stars setting themselves for the ICC World Test Championship Final against Australia.

It was described as a 'thumping victory' in commentary, as a Marco Jansen yorker skittled James Anderson's stumps and sealed a famous win over England at Lord's in August, 2022.The Proteas beat the hosts by an innings and 12 runs, off the back of a five-wicket haul from Kagiso Rabada in the first innings, earning Player of the Match honours.South Africa claimed victory inside three days – a result which looms large as they set their sights on elusive ICC silverware in the World Test Championship Final, at that very venue.

Roughly half of that South African side will be called upon for the Final, which is a whole new ball game.This time, the Proteas will take on Australia, the defending World Test Champions. But they are drawing on the 2022 experience to help grow belief ahead of this new challenge.Lungi Ngidi was one of the Proteas players that experienced a Test win at Lord's in 2022, opening the attack alongside Rabada, who reaped the rewards against England.

"(There were) very fond memories of the last time we were here," Ngidi told the ICC."I think we bring a lot of confidence, especially having played on the wicket (previously). (But



said Marquez."The environment in the team is quite good as well. Obviously, in all teams across the world, the environment is better when you are winning games constantly. But the environment, the relationship between the players, regardless of the results, is very good," he said.India centre-back Konsham Chinglensana Singh echoed the coach's words. "We are well prepared for the game after three weeks in the camp. Mentally, and physically, we have prepared well, and are ready for the game," he said.The Blue Tigers have not had the rub of the green in recent times. Out of the three matches they have played in 2025 so far, they have won one, drawn one, and lost their last match against Thailand last week. Márquez, however, is not too worried about the 0-2

defeat against Thailand.

"In my opinion, most coaches are not worried about the scores in the friendly games. We are focussing on the important match (Hong Kong)," he said. "I know everyone speaks about the score (against Thailand). But if we scored from the chances we created, it would have been different. This is football."

In what will be the inaugural football match at the newly built 50,000-capacity Kai Tak Stadium, the tickets, reportedly, have sold out, and a full house can be expected on Tuesday. The stadium features a retractable roof, which will be kept closed during the match. On Monday, the Blue Tigers had an official training session at the venue to get a feel of the conditions.

"We will try to enjoy the situation in this stadium. I

don't know if it will be completely full, but a lot of people will be there. It will be a nice event, but obviously, we are focusing on winning the game," said Marquez.Hong Kong, China's head coach, Ashley Westwood, is no stranger to Indian football, having coached clubs like Bengaluru FC, ATK, and Punjab FC in India before taking up international coaching roles, first in Afghanistan, followed by Hong Kong.

Westwood spoke highly of the development that Indian football has seen over the years. "I went to India in 2013, and the country is a million miles away from where it was back then. I know their coach, I watched the ISL. He's a good coach, and he's been doing good things with FC Goa. He coaches right, he prepares right, and his players are always fit.

Scotland survive scare to beat Nepal in thriller

Dundee, June 9 (UNI) : Scotland survived a major scare to beat Nepal in a thrilling Cricket World Cup League 2 match at Forthill.

Nepal won with one ball to spare when the sides met at the same ground on Monday before beating the Netherlands two days later.

They came close to a third straight win on Scottish soil, but fell two runs short in a chase of 323 in a game that swung back and forth throughout.

A magnificent sixth one-day international hundred from Scotland captain Richie Berrington, along with an unbeaten 96 off just 62 deliveries from Michael Leask propelled the hosts to an imposing total.

Nepal ultimately fell two runs short as debutant Mackenzie Jones took three wickets, while Leask and Safyaan Sharif claimed two apiece.

"I don't think I was ready for another close game like that," captain Richie Berrington said.

"Delighted to get over the line. Credit to Nepal for the way they fought back and it's great to see the guys hold their nerve."Mackenzie Jones took really important wickets and then Safyaan Sharif showed all his experience at the end."It's always nice to contribute to the team's efforts and Leasky took the pressure off me."

After Berrington won the toss, opener Charlie Tear played well for his 68 after George Munsey and Brandon McMullen both fell victim to the new ball.His contribution, paired with his captain's fine effort, allowed Leask to attack in the final 10 overs.Scotland's number seven struck 12 fours and three sixes on his home ground in a brutal display of power hitting.Berrington's side then started in fine fashion with the ball, reducing Nepal to 34-3, including a first international wicket for Jones.Nepal rebuilt through Bhim Sharki (73) and Aarif Sheikh (39), but when they were removed by Leask and Jones, respectively, Scotland appeared to be in total control. However, a partnership of 105 for the seventh wicket between Dipendra Singh Airee (56) and Sompal Kami (67) brought Nepal right back into the contest.Jones caught Singh Airee off Charlie Cassell's bowling and removed Kami himself as the ball followed the Essex seamer on his first Scotland outing.

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NZ's Fox wins Canadian golf championship in marathon playoff

Ottawa, June 9 (UNI) : Ryan Fox ended a marathon final round at the RBC Canadian Open as the New Zealand journeyman birdied the fourth playoff hole to defeat American Sam Burns at the 114th national championship in Ontario.

The 38-year-old Auckland native, the overnight co-leader, sank a 17-foot putt on the last hole of regulation for a 66 to get to 18-under 262 at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley (North Course) to force the playoff on Sunday.

Burns, who finished around 90 minutes before the final group, had closed with his low round of the year, an eight-under 62, to move to the top of the leaderboard.

As both players missed key putts that would have ended it during the first

three holes of sudden death, all contested on the 576-yard, par-five 18th hole, on the fourth attempt Fox put his second shot to within eight feet of the flag which had been moved after the second extra hole.

Burns, however, could not answer as his third shot rolled off the green forcing him to settle for a par.

Fox then made two putts to seal the win, his second career PGA Tour title after winning in Myrtle Beach last month.

"It was tough. I hit some great shots down the stretch in regulation. Probably got a little lucky on that putt on 18 in regulation, snuck in the left door," said Fox who earned 1.8 million U.S. Dollars for his 19th win worldwide since turning pro in 2012.

Fox said Burns "let him off the hook" when the

Louisiana native missed a five-foot putt on the first playoff hole that would have given him the win.

"I'd almost given him that. We had a couple scrappy holes there, and then to hit the shot I hit on 18 on the fourth playoff, it was pretty surreal. It's the best shot I've ever hit in my life. There's nothing close to that," said Fox who has earned a place in next week's U.S. Open at Oakmont with the win.

"I felt like I put pressure on [Burns] with that shot. It was pretty cool to have a nice little tap-in there and kind of soak it all in."

Kevin Yu of Chinese Taipei made a birdie at the last for 66 to finish third, one shot out of the playoff. Americans Cameron Young (65) and Matt McCarty (67) were equal fourth a shot further back.

Shahapur lifeguard team rushed to the aid of Mahavitaran

Repair of broken power line in Vaitarna riverbed under adverse conditions

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kalyan, June 9 : On Sunday midnight, due to a sudden strong wind, the high-pressure power line supplying power to Asangaon broke and fell into the Vaitarna riverbed. Since the riverbed was deep, there were obstacles in the repair work. However, with the help of the Shahapur lifeguard team, power supply to the affected area was restored on Monday morning.

The high-pressure line supplying power to the pumping station supplying water to Asangaon village as well as Shahapur, Khutghar, Cherpoli villages broke on Sunday midnight and fell into the Vaitarna riverbed. Electricity workers rushed in at night and tried to repair it. However, since the riverbed was deep, a boat was needed for the repair. Shahapur Deputy Executive Engineer

Yadav Ingle contacted Sameer Chaudhary of the lifeguard team and requested for the speedboat available with him to work in the riverbed. Responding immediately to this request, Chaudhary along with his Tanmay Nimse and other colleagues



made the boat available early on Monday morning. Using the boat, workers from Janamitra and Satish Electrical Engineers found the power line and immediately repaired it and restored the affected power supply at 10 am. “

Superintendent Engineer Vijay Phunde of Kalyan Mandal 2 and Deputy Executive Engineer Yadav Ingle of Shahapur were personally present during the repair. Chandramani Mishra of Kalyan Mandal has appreciated the work done by Janamitra to restore the affected power supply in adverse conditions.

Temporary Stoppage of trains at Gorebal Station : SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 9 : South Western Railway has decided to provide one minute stoppage of the following trains at Gorebal station (GEBL) on an experimental basis with effect from 09.06.2025 the Arrival/Departure timings will be as under:-

The following trains will halt at Gorebal station during the specified periods:

- Train No. 56927 SSS Hubballi–Sindhanur Passenger arrives at 12:59 hrs and departs at 13:00 hrs.
- Train No. 56928 Sindhanur–SSS Hubballi Passenger arrives at 14:39 hrs and departs at 14:40 hrs.
- Train No. 16545 Yesvantpur–Sindhanur Express arrives at 10:25 hrs and departs at 10:26 hrs.
- Train No. 16546 Sindhanur–Yesvantpur Express arrives at 17:08 hrs and departs at 17:09 hrs.
- Train No. 17303 SSS Hubballi–Sindhanur Express arrives at 22:00 hrs and departs at 22:01 hrs.
- Train No. 17304 Sindhanur–SSS Hubballi Express arrives at 05:25 hrs and departs at 05:26 hrs.

II. Temporary stoppage for Train Nos. 11311/11312 Solapur–Hassan–Solapur Express at Nelamangala (NMGA) station with effect from 5th June 2025 to 1st November 2025.

- Train No. 11311 Solapur–Hassan Express (Journey commencing on 05.06.2025 to 31.10.2025) will arrive at Nelamangala at 07:38 hrs and depart at 07:40 hrs.
- Train No. 11312 Hassan–Solapur Express (Journey commencing on 06.06.2025 to 01.11.2025) will arrive at Nelamangala at 17:59 hrs and depart at 18:01 hrs.

Expressing his pride and congratulations, General Manager East Coast Railway Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra, ADRM Operations Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo, ADRM Infra Shri E Santharam, along with other senior officers, extended their best wishes to the team for their remarkable achievement.

This accomplishment highlights the spirit of teamwork and cultural excellence that the Indian Railways fosters

Rajasthan CM asks officials to solve complaints in public hearing

Jaipur, June 9 (UNI) Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on Monday morning listened to complaints of women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly during a public hearing and directed officials to ensure their immediate resolution.

The public hearing was held at the CM's residence where he issued directives to officials. He instructed the district collector to hold regular public hearings to address local issues.

He stressed that authorities must ensure that complainants receive relief at the district level, so they do not have to face unnecessary difficulties.

He directed the timely resolution of all complaints and instructed officers to handle public-related tasks with full responsibility.

During the hearing, a cancer patient, Premlata, who is facing financial hardship, shared her difficulties in accessing treatment.

The Chief Minister instructed officials to ensure her treatment began immediately. As a result, Premlata will now be able to receive free treatment for her serious illness.

G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister Dedicates Kacheguda Railway Station Façade Lighting to the Nation in SCR



(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, June 9 : G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of Coal and Mines, Govt. Of India dedicated the façade lighting of Kacheguda Railway station to the Nation today at Kacheguda Railway station. Shri M. Anil Kumar Yadav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Shri Addanki Dayakar, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Sirpur other dignitaries and public representatives graced the occasion. Shri Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Central Railway; Shri Lokesh Vishnoi, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division and other senior Railway officials were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri G. Kishan Reddy stated that earlier while serving as the Minister of Tourism, the project of Kacheguda station façade lighting was approved. He stated that the illumination of façade has been completed with a cost of Rs. 2.23 crores. He said that the iconic Kacheguda Railway station was constructed in the year 1916 with Indo Gothic architecture. Keeping in mind the historical importance of the station building, the illumination of the façade lighting has been taken up using 775 modern LED lighting equipment, he said. He stated that an average of 50,000 passengers visit the

station daily. He informed that over the years, Kacheguda station has received many awards and is the No. 1 energy efficient station on Indian Railways. He stated that under the guidance of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister, a 400 KWP rooftop solar power plant has been installed at Kacheguda station towards energy conservation. Kacheguda Railway station is also No. 1 in digital transaction, he added.

Further, the Union Minister stated that, 40 Railway stations in Telangana are being redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat station scheme, out of which, the works for Begumpet, Karimnagar, Warangal Railway stations have been completed and were recently inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister. He informed that, the redevelopment works of Secunderabad Railway station have been taken up with a cost of Rs. 720 crores and the works are progressing swiftly. He stated that the Union Government under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi is fully committed towards the development of Rail infrastructure in Telangana State. He said that Rs. 42,219 crores worth of Rail developmental project works are being carried out in the State of Telangana.

Mr M. Anil Kumar Yadav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Dr. Palvai Harish Babu,

Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Sirpur; Shri Addanki Dayakar, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council also addressed the gathering on the occasion.

Earlier, Shri Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, SCR presented the welcome address. He stated that it is a memorable occasion as state-of-the-art illumination for the façade of Kacheguda station building, one of the great heritage structures in the twin cities of Hyderabad is being dedicated to the Nation. The colour themes of illumination will add beauty to the wonderful architecture and will receive the appreciation of rail users and tourists visiting the city, he said.

During the function, the Hon'ble Union Minister along with other dignitaries felicitated the members of 'Kachi Welfare Sangham' as the Kacheguda Railway Station gets its name from "KACHI" Community which resided close to the station.

Kacheguda Railway Station is one of the major terminals in the twin cities of Hyderabad, serving the majority of the rail users in the city. As part of tourism friendly initiatives, the façade of Kacheguda Railway Station has been illuminated with a cost of Rs. 2.23 crores. The proposal was sanctioned by the Tourism Ministry, while the entire work has been executed by Hyderabad Division of South Central Railway.

Waltair Division shines at All India Hindi Drama Competition, secures 3rd Place for ECoR



(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, June 9 Waltair Division proudly represented East Coast Railway (ECoR) at the prestigious All India Hindi Drama Competition held in Bhusawal on 6th June-2025, where the team clinched an inspiring 3rd place among competing railways

nationwide.

Selected and nominated by ECoR, the Waltair Division drama troupe delivered a captivating performance of the play "Aakhein" — an emotional and thought-provoking depiction of societal behavior. The drama tells the story of a man born blind who, with the help and support of

visually impaired beggars, undergoes an eye operation.

However, after regaining his sight, he turns unethical towards those who stood by him, highlighting complex human emotions and social dynamics. The powerful narrative was brought to life by a talented 9-member cast

at Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and Level Crossings, with instructions to install at least two height gauges at all RUBs to enhance track safety.

Addressing recent incidents, he reviewed cattle run-over cases, stressing the necessity of proactive measures to prevent disruptions in train movement.

The status of fencing along vulnerable track sections was also examined.

As part of SCR's on-going digital transformation, Shri Arun

Safety is Always the Top Priority and Safety Prevails: Arun Kumar Jain, GM, SCR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, June 9 : Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Central Railway (SCR), conducted a comprehensive review today, 9th June 2025, at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, focusing on train safety and punctuality. Shri Neeraj Agrawal, Additional General Manager, SCR, participated alongside Principal Heads of Departments, while Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) from Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, and Nanded

Divisions joined via video conference.

The General Manager reiterated that safety is paramount in railway operations, emphasizing strict adherence to safety protocols and the avoidance of shortcut methods.

He advised staff to remain vigilant and ensure rigorous compliance with safety regulations. Regular field-level counselling was directed to reinforce safety awareness among railway personnel.

Special emphasis was placed on safety measures

Kumar Jain launched the 'Alpha Inspector' Application—a web and mobile platform leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) and GPS technologies. Designed to enhance Chief Loco Inspectors' efficiency, the application automates movement tracking and record-keeping, reducing manual workload.

It provides real-time access to Loco Pilot (LP) and Assistant Loco Pilot (ALP) operational data, enabling quicker responses to anomalies at divisional and Zonal levels.