

IN BRIEF

Fisheries University signs 3 Memoranda

Vijayawada, June 9 (UNI) : With a stride to develop Fisheries and Aquaculture in Andhra Pradesh, AP Fisheries University has signed three Memoranda of Understanding with three companies here on Monday.

The MoUs were exchanged with B Rajsekhar, Special Chief Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department AP Secretariat, and the Special Officer, AP Fisheries University, Vijayawada, and the representatives of the Companies.

Essence Natura Private Limited, Panchkula, Haryana represented by C.H. Shyam Kumar. Hi-Tech Pharma, Nellore, AP represented by Dr. Vijay Kumar and Mr. K. Satish. Agrocel Private Limited, Mumbai, Maharashtra, represented by Dr. Dharmapal.

The AP Fisheries University represented by Dr. T Suguna, Officer on Special Duty, with Dr. K. Pani Prasad, Professor, Dr. A. Chandrasekhar, Principal Scientist, Dr. Prabanjan Kumar Reddy, Scientist, Ms. Sree Vidya, Assistant Professor.

Sadgamaya Programme in TTD-run schools from June 16-19

Tirupati, June 9 (UNI) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Executive officer, J Shyamala Rao, on Monday announced that the 'Sadgamaya' programme will be conducted in TTD schools from June 16 to 19. The programme aims to teach students values like divine devotion, discipline and social responsibility, he said.

It will also cover Bhagavad Gita teachings in simple language to ensure better understanding, he said. The programme will be held for class 7, 8, and 9 students at various TTD schools in Tirupati and Tirumala. The EO also reviewed ongoing projects, including the Annamacharya and Dasa Sahitya Projects, as well as developments at SWIMS, and instructed officials to ensure timely completion. Officials present at the meeting included HDPP Secretary S Raghunath, Annamacharya Project Special Officer Dr Medasani Mohan, SWIMS Director R V Kumar, and Chief Engineer T.V. Satyanarayana.

VSP earned Rs 17 cr profit due to special package: Union Minister

(Standard Post Bureau) Bhimavaram, June 9 : Union Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupatiraju Srinivasa Varma has said that the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has earned Rs 17 crore of profit because of a special package announced by the Centre.

He also disclosed that the third Blast Furnace of the VSP would be inaugurated soon to enhance the production capacity.

Addressing a press conference here on Monday, said that new projects were sanctioned to the

Narasapuram Parliament constituency within a year, besides Rs 100 crores had been sanctioned under CRIF for the development of the Losari-Bhimavaram-Pippara road.

“The construction of NH 165 Phase 2 Akiveedu-Digamarru road, which has been stalled for 15 years, has been resolved.

The alignment has been changed and the construction of the two-lane road has been converted into four lanes. The permissions have been obtained from the Center for the project,” he revealed.

He added that a DPR has

been prepared and submitted for the project and the project will be taken up at a cost of Rs 2500 crore.

“A gazette notification has been issued and the Union Cabinet will soon approve the project.

The farmers, who have given their lands for NH 165 Phase 1 six years ago, are facing difficulties in getting the compensation of Rs 25 crore.

I have spoken to the top officials of the National Highways and resolved the issue,” he stated.

Union Minister Srinivasa Varma observed that Rs 200 crore had been sanctioned

for the construction of three Railway Over Bridges in the Narasapuram Parliamentary constituency area under the PM Gati Shakti project, stating that the proposals for the construction of 43 ROB and RUBs (under bridge) in the Parliamentary constituency area to avoid traffic problems at railway crossings have been sent to the Railway Minister and higher authorities and their approval will be obtained soon.

“The Railway officials have agreed to extend the Vande Bharat Express from Chennai to Vijayawada to Narsapuram and the

technical issues will be resolved soon in this regard. The Railway officials were appealed to provide a halt of Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat at Tadepalligudem,” the Union Minister noted.

Srinivasa Varma acknowledged that CSR funds of Rs 10 crore have been sanctioned for the establishment of dialysis centers in each assembly constituency, adding that the work on setting up dialysis centers has begun in Tanuku, Tadepalligudem, Attili, Achanta, Bhimavaram and Palakollu constituencies.

Past 11 years India witnessed rapid change leading to progress, ease of living: PM

New Delhi, June 9 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that with 'collective participation' of 140 crore people and backed by good governance during his tenure, India witnessed rapid transformation across diverse sectors leading to progress and 'Ease of Living'.

As he completes eleven years in office on Monday, the Prime Minister said India has not only become the fastest-growing major economy but also a key global voice on pressing issues like climate action and digital innovation.

It was on this day in 2014, Modi took oath as the Prime Minister for the first time. “Powered by the blessings and collective participation of 140 crore Indians, India has witnessed rapid transformation across diverse sectors with clear focus on good governance and transformation. Guided by the principle of ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas’, the



NDA Government has delivered pathbreaking changes with speed, scale and sensitivity,' he posted on social media platform X.

From economic growth to social upliftment, the focus has been people-centric, inclusive and allround progress, Modi added. He said his government prioritized people-centric, inclusive and all-round progress. The last eleven years have brought many positive changes and boosted ease of living, he said, adding that India today is not just the fastest-growing major economy, but also a key global voice on pressing

issues like climate action and digital innovation. “We are proud of our collective success but at the same time, we look ahead with hope, confidence and a renewed resolve to build a Viksit Bharat,” the Prime Minister said.

He urged people to take part in a survey on the NaMo App on India's growth journey over the last 11 years and shared a link of a portal where anyone can take part in Jan Man Survey about India's growth journey over the last 11 years.

"Your views matter the most ! Take part in this survey on the NaMo App

and let us know how you view India's growth journey over the last 11 years #11YearsOfSeva", the Prime Minister posted on X.

'Over the last 11 years the NDA Government has redefined women-led development. Various initiatives, from ensuring dignity through Swachh Bharat to financial inclusion via Jan Dhan accounts, the focus has been on empowering our Nari Shakti. Ujjwala Yojana brought smoke-free kitchens to several homes. MUDRA loans enabled lakhs of women entrepreneurs to pursue dreams on their own terms. Houses under the women's name in PM Awas Yojana too have made a remarkable impact. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao ignited a national movement to protect the girl child. In all sectors, including science, education, sports, StartUps and the armed forces, women are excelling and inspiring several people,' the Prime Minister said.

CM Naidu unveils Vision Action Plan

(Standard Post Bureau) Vijayawada, June 9 : Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has announced the establishment of 'Vision Action Plan' unit offices at district and constituency levels, marking a formal launch of the 'Swarna Andhra 2047' vision.

The Chief Minister said that until now, MLAs had no dedicated government office at the constituency level, and that gap has now been filled through these units, adding that each unit will be staffed with a team of nine members, and Rs 10 lakh has been allocated per office for its operations. Addressing MPs, MLAs, District Collectors, and officials during a virtual inauguration from the State Secretariat, the Chief Minister called on them to drive the implementation of this vision forward. He described this initiative as a valuable opportunity for MLAs and encouraged them to make citizens active participants in the transformation journey.

Naidu interacted via video conference with public representatives and officials across the 26 districts and 175 constituencies. He assured that each Vision Action Plan Unit will function in full capacity with proper funding

and staffing. “We drafted this vision within the first year of taking office,” said the CM. “While Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid out the national ‘Viksit Bharat 2047’ vision for India’s centenary of independence, Andhra Pradesh has aligned itself with a complementary ‘Swarna Andhra 2047’ roadmap.”

The Chief Minister explained that the Planning Department, GAD, ITE&C, RTGS, the Village/Ward Secretariat System, Finance, I&PR, and the CMO are working together to monitor and implement the Vision Action Plans. A 5-year roadmap has been developed for all 26 districts. He emphasized that the state must not only pursue the long-term Swarna Andhra 2047 vision but also prepare a clear 4-year action plan. “We inherited financial challenges but are now putting all systems back on track. Of the 93 central schemes that were neglected, we’ve revived 78. We are instilling investor confidence. Despite difficulties, we’ve earned people’s trust within just a year. We’re mobilizing all available funds for welfare and development. We aim for 15 percent growth and will execute detailed plans to achieve it,” Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu concluded.

Governor S Abdul Nazeer congratulates Dr. Madhavi Latha

Vijayawada, June 9 (UNI) :S Abdul Nazeer congratulated Dr. Madhavi Latha, Professor at the IISc, Bengaluru, for her major contributions to the construction of the Chenab Bridge. In a

message here on Monday, Governor Abdul Nazeer said: “I congratulate Dr. G. Madhavi Latha, professor at the IISc, Bengaluru, who made a major contribution to the construction of the Chenab Bridge, the highest

bridge in the world, in Jammu and Kashmir, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6. It is a proud moment for the Telugu people that Dr. Madhavi Latha, who hails from

Yenugundlapadu village in Prakasam district, played a pivotal role as a geotechnical consultant for 17 years in the construction of the Chenab Bridge project, an engineering marvel.”



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: 1. Shiva Gawli (Male 23 years old, has been shifted to Jupiter Hospital from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Hospital as his condition is critical.)

2. Aadesh Bhoir (Male/ 26 years old, residing in Adhgaon, Kasara, his condition is stable and he is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)

3. 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.)

4. Anil More (Male 40 years old, his condition is critical and he has been shifted to Jupiter Hospital for treatment.)

5. Tushar Bhagat (Male/22 years old, travelling from Titwala to Thane, his condition is stable and he is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)

6. Manish Saroj (Male/ 26 years old, address: Diva Sabegaon, Diva's condition is stable and he is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)

7. Machhindra Gotarne (Male/39 years old, residing in Vashind, is in stable condition and is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital.)

8. Sneha Dhonde (Female/21 years, resident: Titwala, travel: Titwala to Thane, is in stable condition and is undergoing treatment at Shivaji Maharaj Hospital)

9. 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

1. Ketan Dilip Saroj (Male/23 years, resident: Tanaji Nagar, Ulhasnagar)

2. Rahul Santosh Gupta 3. Vicky Babasaheb Mukhidal (Male/34 years, Railway Police Employee)

4. 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.

Municipal sanitation workers stage dharna for wage arrears

Kakinada, June 9 (UNI) : Municipal sanitation workers owing allegiance to AITUC-affiliate AP Municipal Workers Union staged a dharna in front of the collectorate here on Monday in support of their pending problems, mainly wage arrears.

Addressing the protesters, AITUC district general secretary Thokala Prasad has demanded action against the officers who were negligent in sanctioning the sanitation workers wages bill.

He alleged that the APCOS sanitation workers were paid wages for the month of May only for fifteen days due to negligence of the secretariat health secretaries and inspectors. As a result the

sanitation workers were running around the municipal corporation seeking justice .

The commissioner should intervene and take action against secretariat health secretaries and inspectors working in 12 and 14th circles. The workers’ wages should be paid by recovering the amount from the erring officials, he added.Prasad further demanded that permanent employees should be sanctioned uniform, rain coats, soaps, oils and also implement service pay scales.

Union leaders Bangaru Rajesham, Janapalli Appanna, Katari Nageswerarao, K Ravindra. Singampalli Durga, Lendha Kavayamma led the stir.

RINL DGM Srinivas donates rare O-negative blood for 55th time

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, June 9 : Karri Srinivas, Deputy General Manager (Operations), serving in the Blast Furnace Department of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, exemplified the spirit of selfless service by donating the rare O-negative blood group for the 55th time at KIMS ICON Hospital here. Upon receiving an urgent request from the family of P. Durga Narayana, a 32-year-old working in a coconuts and puja items shop in Amalapuram who is scheduled to undergo a kidney transplantation tomorrow, Srinivas immediately responded to the call and rushed to donate the life-saving blood on Sunday.

Srinivas is a staunch devotee of Sri Sathya Sai Baba and a highly efficient and dedicated officer of RINL.

Three-day annual Jyeshthabishekam begins in Tirumala

Tirumala, June 9 (UNI) : The three-day annual J y e s t a b i s h e k a m commenced on a grand religious note in Tirumala temple on Monday.

In the morning, Snapana Tirumanjanam was performed to the Utsavam deities.While in the evening, the precious

diamond-studded armour was adorned to Sri Malayappa Swamy.Later, the utsava deities blessed the devotees in the Vajra Kavacha which happens once in a year.

TTD Additional Executive officer C H Venkayya Chowdhury and others were present.

Ex-SIB chief Prabhakar appears before SIT

Hyderabad, June 9 (UNI) : T. Prabhakar Rao, the former Chief of the Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB) appeared before SIT probing the alleged phone tapping case, here on Monday.Prabhakar, the prime accused in the sensational phone tapping case, returned to Hyderabad on Sunday evening after spending over 15 months in the United States.

Prabhakar, who had been evading questioning since the case was registered at Panjagutta police station in March last year.

According to sources, he was questioned by the SIT officials for more than 8-hours in the case.

He will again appear before the investigators on June 11 for questioning in connection with alleged illegal surveillance during the BRS regime.

The SIT officials have questioned the former SIB chief based on the statements recorded earlier from senior police officers N. Bhujanga Rao, P. Radha Kishan Rao, G. Praneeth Rao and M. Tirupathanna who were previously arrested and questioned by SIT officials in connection with the case.The SIT is likely to focus on the intercepting of phone calls of several political leaders including the then TPCC chief A. Revanth Reddy and his family members, Telugu film actors, celebrities, judges and journalists.According to investigators, one of the accused confessed to intercepting the phone calls of a High Court judge, political leaders, journalists, and members of civil society.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar had earlier said the statement given by Prabhakar during the inquiry must be made public. Because it is not just about the Telangana CM – he tapped the phone of congress, BJP, BRS leaders, judges and even mine.



a tanker amid water crisis, on a hot summer day, at Sanjay Camp, Chanakyapuri, in New Delhi on Monday.

APWC condemns disparaging comments against women by a journalist

Vijayawada, June 9 (UNI) Andhra Pradesh Women Commission Chairperson Rayapati Sailaja vehemently condemned the disparaging comments made by a veteran journalist in a debate conducted by the Sakshi news channel, owned by former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy’s family.

Addressing a press conference here on Monday, Rayapati Sailaja warned of stringent action

against those who made disgraceful comments against women. She demanded Sakshi TV channel directors Y S Bharati and Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy for an open apology for humiliating women in the TV debate.

It may be mentioned here that during a TV debate two days ago, veteran journalist Krishnam Raju commented that the capital region Amaravati had become the capital of prostitutes and spoke in a

manner that the women living there are prostitutes which caused protests across the state and cited a news items which was published in a national English daily

The police arrested Kommineni Srinivasa Rao, the anchor of Sakshi TV, who conducted the debate on the Sakshi news channel, in Hyderabad on Monday and he was brought to Vijayawada as cases under the SC/ST Atrocities Prevention Act

were registered against him in Amaravati. Meanwhile, veteran journalist Krishnam Raju, who passed disparaging comments against capital region women, is absconding.

Meanwhile, a group of women staged a dharna in front of Sakthi office here on Monday.

They raised slogans against the Sakshi media house and demanded an apology from the Sakshi media house MD YS Bharati.

12-hour non-stop discourse on Upanishad Teachings on June 11

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tirupati, June 9 : Under the joint auspices of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams and the Hindu Dharma Prachara Parishad, a 12-hour continuous discourse on the teachings of the Upanishads will be held at the Annamacharya Kalamandiram here from 7 AM on June 11.

Renowned scholar in Puranic literature and Programme Assistant at Dharma Prachara Parishad, Sri Ponna Krishnamurthy, will serve as the main speaker for the event.

The discourse will cover key insights from several major Upanishads including: Taittiriya Upanishad, Mandukya Upanishad, Prashna Upanishad, Kena Upanishad, Aitareya Upanishad, Katha Upanishad.

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EAST COAST RAILWAY

Notice No. eT-East-WAT-17-2025,
Dt. 28.05.2025

Name of Work : PROVISION OF TACTILE
TILES AND HAND RAILS FOR RAMPS AT
DIFFERENT STATIONS UNDER THE
JURISDICTION OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL
ENGINEER/EAST/WALT AIR IN
CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF
PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR
DIVYANGJAN AT ALL STATIONS OVER
WALT AIR DIVISION.

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

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

No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or
in person shall be accepted against such
e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's
letter head and received in time. All such
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to revisit the website 15 (fifteen) days before
the date of closing of tender to note any
changes/corrigendum issued for this tender.

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay lays foundation for Rs 36.3 crore water supply project

Karimnagar, June 9 (UNI) Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar laid the foundation stone for a Rs 36.3 crore water improvement project under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme at Nallalabavi in Choppadandi town on Monday.

The initiative aims to provide safe and adequate drinking water to every household in Choppadandi Municipality.

Accompanied by local MLA Medipally Satyam and former MLA Bodge Shobha, the Minister inaugurated the project that includes the construction of a 46.21 km pipeline network, a 1500 KL elevated water reservoir, and water sump facilities. The project is expected to

benefit 2,800 households.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Bandi Sanjay revealed that Rs 2.99 lakh crore is being spent nationwide under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme, with Rs 76,760 crore as the Centre’s share and the remainder contributed by states and municipalities. In Telangana alone, Rs 6.876 crore is being spent under AMRUT 1 and 2.0, with the Centre contributing Rs 3,591.72 crore.

For the joint Karimnagar district, Rs 852.11 crore has been sanctioned under both AMRUT phases. Specifically for the Choppadandi project, the Centre has allocated Rs 17.89 crore, the state Rs 15.11 crore, and the local municipality Rs 3.30 crore.

Highlighting the urgency of urban water needs, the Minister said, “With urban populations expected to exceed 50 per cent by 2047, water supply must be scaled up from the current 60–69 litres per capita to the required 136 litres per day.”He lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision behind AMRUT and noted that earlier delays due to land issues have now been resolved, allowing the project to proceed.

MLA Medipally Satyam also expressed gratitude to the Centre and the state government, assuring that Choppadandi will soon become a model constituency in Telangana through comprehensive development efforts.

BRS MLA Harish appears before judicial panel probing 'irregularities' in Kaleshwaram project

Hyderabad, June 9 (UNI) : Former Irrigation Minister and BRS MLA, T. Harish Rao appeared before Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose Commission probing the alleged irregularities in the execution of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) here on Monday.

Along with Harish, the commission had earlier served notices to BRS Chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and Eatala Rajender, the former Finance Minister and current BJP MP.

Accompanied by senior leaders, he travelled from Telangana Bhavan — the headquarters of Bharat

Rashtra Samithi (BRS)—to BRKR Bhavan here, where he appeared before the commission.It is learnt that Harish has provided detailed responses to all queries, substantiating his statements with supporting evidence before the commission. Before appearing before the commission, Harish while talking to reporters, said, “that he was fully prepared to answer all the questions posed by the commission”.

“The BRS party has immense faith in the judiciary, the law, and the Constitution. That’s why we are appearing before the commission,” he added.

On Saturday through a

PowerPoint Presentation, Harish, who held the irrigation portfolio during the first term of the BRS government (2014-2018), dismissed allegation regarding the shifting of the Kaleshwaram project location from Thummidihatti to Medigadda, the cost escalation, the actual ayacut created and other related issues.

Stating that the ruling Congress government was spreading "misinformation" about Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme mainly to discredit the previous BRS regime, Harish said that the project is the lifeline of Telangana.

Minister advises youth to start industries availing incentives

Kakinada, June 9 (UNI) : Minister for Labour Vasamsetti Subhash has called upon the youth to come forward to start industries by making use of the incentives offered by the government.

Participating as the chief guest at the special meeting `Konaseema Startup Summit’ at Ramachandrapuram town on Monday, he said the state and central governments would help the unemployed youth to start small and medium scale industries by extending bank loans and

subsidies.He claimed that the Alliance government was striving for making 1.75 lakh women as industrialists yearly by extending bank loans and other incentives. There is scope for getting bank loans from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 1 crore, he added.

MSME state chairman Siva Sankar said the government's aim was every house should have an industry by 2030.

Flipkart director Dipsy Vankani, TDP senior leader Vasamsetti Satyam, Industries GM Prasad and others spoke on the occasion.

CM congratulates Dr Rakesh Kalapala on appointment as Associate Editor of iGIE

Vijayawada, June 9 (UNI) :Chief Minister, Chandrababu Naidu, congratulated Dr Rakesh Kalapala, who is the Director of Endoscopy at the AIG Hospitals in Hyderabad, on his appointment as the Associate Editor of the iGIE, the official journal of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE).

In his message through 'X' the Chief Minister said 'Heartiest congratulations to Dr Rakesh Kalapala, the Director of Endoscopy at AIG Hospitals' Centre for Obesity and Metabolic Therapy on his prestigious appointment as Associate Editor of iGIE, the official journal of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE).

This recognition honours Dr Kalapala's expertise and shines a global spotlight on India's growing leadership in advanced medical research,' Chandrababu mentioned in his message through X'.

The Chief Minister noted that Dr Kalapala's achievement brings tremendous pride to both the Telugu community and the nation as well.

Chandrababu wished Dr Kalapala continued success as he represents Indian medical excellence on his international platform.

The AIG Hospitals, too, through 'X' congratulated Dr Kalapala on his appointment as the Associate Editor of iGIE and wished him a continued success as he contributes to shaping the future of endoscopic science and clinical practice across the globe. This prestigious editorial role reflects Dr Kalapala's global recognition as a leader in advanced endoscopy and obesity management, the AIG Hospitals said in the message through 'X'.

STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION (SOUTHERN REGION), CHENNAI

SHORT NOTICE

Subject : Recruitment to various posts under Selection Posts, 2025.

Staff Selection Commission (SSC) will conduct Recruitment to 365 Categories of Posts with 2423 vacancies (tentative) for different Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations of the Government of India through **Phase X111/2025/Selection Posts** in the Computer Based Examination (CBE) Mode. Detailed advertisement along with eligibility criteria, terms & conditions and application format etc. is available on the Commission's website **ssc.gov.in** and Southern Regional Office website **sscsr.gov.in**.

2. The above said Advertisement includes **38** Categories of Posts with **138** vacancies in respect of SSC (Southern Region), Chennai. This comprises of **20** Graduate Level, **06** Higher Secondary Level and **12** Matric Level Posts.

3. Fee is exempted for all women candidates and candidates belonging to SC/ST/ESM/PwD (OH/HNNH/ Others) Categories eligible for reservation as per Government Orders.

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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.

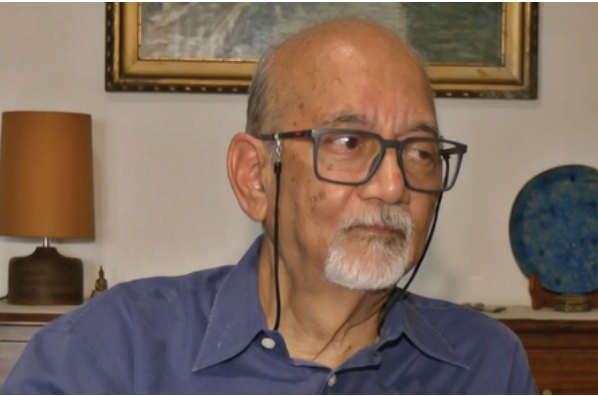
In an interview with IANS, the former diplomat also talked about Pakistani Army's Field Marshal General Asim Munir's April 16 speech, just days before the Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 innocent people lost their lives at the hands of terrorists belonging to The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot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

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.

Mumbai Falcons ready to face Bandra Blasters in T20 Mumbai semifinal

Mumbai, June 9 (UNI) : SoBo Mumbai Falcons warmed up for the knockout stage with a facile win against Aakash Tigers Mumbai Western Suburbs in its last T20 Mumbai league stage tie at the Wankhede Stadium here.

The five-wicket win – set up by Ishan Mulchandani's second fifty of the season and his crucial partnership with captain Angkrish Raghuvanshi, who took over from Shreyas Iyer for Sunday night's game – was SoBo Mumbai Falcons' fourth win in five league games. Eagle Thane Strikers were the only other team to win four league games. It means that the Falcons will take on NaMo Bandra Blasters in the second semifinal on Tuesday under lights at the Wankhede Stadium. And the Falcons' troupe – led by Shreyas and Raghuvanshi and ably guided by Team Principal Vikrant Yeligati – has all the bases covered heading into the business of the tournament.

As he showcased during his 99-run partnership with Raghuvanshi at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday night, Ishan Mulchandani was in sublime touch. With 147 runs, he is the Falcons' highest run-getter of the tournament. Similarly, Siddharth Raut continued his exploits with the new ball as the seasoned pacer has justified his billing of the leader of the pace pack. Add to that the fact that the

allrounder duo of Vinayak Bhoir and Akash Parkar – who had a four-wicket haul against Aakash Tigers – are in top gear underlines that the Falcons are a well-oiled machine that's raring to go at full throttle against the Blasters. Both Bhoir – the left-arm spinner and left-handed batter – and Parkar, the big-hitter and a right-arm pacer, have had at least one notable contribution both with the bat and the ball.

While the seasoned duo has maintained the balance of the team, the Falcons have also unearthed the find of the tournament in Harsh Aghav. The young batter has the ability to dominate the bowlers with textbook shots. He will be hoping to withstand the big-match pressure at the Big W on Tuesday night.

The winner of the first semifinal between Eagle Thane Strikers and MSC Maratha Royals – to be played on Tuesday afternoon – will be keeping a close watch on the Falcons' semifinal, just like scores of the Falcons' fan army that will be cheering the squad at the top of their voice.

Brief Score:

Aakash Tigers MWS 136/9, 20 overs (Jay Bista 69; Akash Parkar 4/24, Yash Dicholkar 2/15) lost to SoBo Mumbai Falcons 141/5 in 18.5 overs (Ishan Mulchandani 52, Angkrish Raghuvanshi 41, Harsh Aghav 23 not out; Salman Khan 2/15) by 5 wickets.

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.

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



whose compelling enactment stole the spotlight and won widespread acclaim from judges and audiences alike. The award was presented by Shri Dharmaveer Meena, General Manager of Central Railway, in recognition of their outstanding performance.

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

(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

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.



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

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

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.

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 (GBL) 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 (NMG) 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.

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 Council; Dr. Palvai Harish Babu, 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.

High alert at HP High Court over IED threat; Found to be hoax

Shimla, June 9 (UNI) A major security scare gripped the Himachal Pradesh High Court on Monday after Shimla Police received a threat warning about the possible presence of human suicide bombers carrying Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) within the court complex.

The alert prompted an immediate evacuation of the entire premises, including judges, court staff, advocates, and visitors.

Superintendent of Police, Shimla, confirmed that the threat was received earlier in the day, triggering swift action.

DIG Southern Range Anjum Aara led the high-level security response, which

included deployment of the Bomb Disposal Squad, Quick Reaction Teams (QRT), Dog Squad, and Special Operations personnel. The court complex and adjoining areas were put under complete lockdown as security personnel fanned out for an intensive sanitization and search operation. Every room, corridor, chamber, and access point was methodically inspected for potential threats. The operation lasted nearly four hours, but concluded without recovery of any suspicious item or explosive device. "It appears to be a hoax, but we are not taking it lightly," said a senior police official. "Investigations are underway to identify the source of this threat."