

IN BRIEF

Man, his two children die after jumping off building to escape fire

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) A 35-year-old man and his two children died after a massive fire broke out in a residential housing society in Dwarka Sector 13 on Tuesday morning.

The three jumped from their top floor flat of the Housing society to save themselves as the building caught fire. However, all three died.

The victims included a ten-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl. The wife of the 35-year old victim somehow managed to escape the blaze and survived.

Monsoon set to revive by June 13, in Mumbai and other parts of Maharashtra

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday predicted that the monsoon is set to revive by June 13, bringing widespread rain to the maximum city and the surrounding region, including Mumbai and other parts of Maharashtra. Monsoon is not a continuous phenomenon. It includes active and dormant phases. According to the latest weather models, a trough extending from North Tamil Nadu to the South Maharashtra coast through interior Karnataka is strengthening. This system is expected to pull in moisture and trigger rainfall across the peninsular belt. The IMD has accordingly issued alerts for various districts in anticipation of this development.

An orange alert, indicating the possibility of heavy to very heavy rain, was issued for Sindhudurg, Kolhapur and the hilly regions of the Kolhapur Ghats.

Corrigendum

In Our Newspaper Headline states that "Five killed, 7 injured as passengers fall off local train at Mumbra station. In content mentions 10 passengers having fallen off the train is incorrect.

The Fact is that 8 passengers travelling by a suburban local train fell off between Diva and Mumbra stations of which 4 individuals unfortunately lost their lives while the others are under treatment.

Editor, Standard Post,



Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar during the listing ceremony of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation's (PCMC) Green Municipal Bond - Secured NCDs at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), in Mumbai on Tuesday.

Cabinet gives statutory status to State Scheduled Castes Commission

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) : The state Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, on Tuesday gave its approval to give a statutory status to the Maharashtra State Scheduled Castes Commission, on the lines of the central government.

The government established the Scheduled Castes and Tribes Commission in the state in 2005 to effectively implement the principle of social justice.

However, there are two separate commissions functioning in the central government for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Since the subjects related to Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes are different, the Central Tribal Council has recommended the establishment of separate commissions for both. Accordingly, two separate commissions have been established for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the state, an official statement said here.

In today's Cabinet meeting, the draft bill prepared in connection with giving statutory status to the State Scheduled Castes Commission was approved. A bill in this regard will be brought in the upcoming legislative assembly session.

The Cabinet also gave approval to transfer 27

posts created for this commission to the establishment of the commission.

In another significant decision, the state Cabinet on Tuesday gave its nod for revenue enhancement measures of the State Excise department.

Fadnavis said a secretary-level study group was formed to increase the revenue of this department. This group studied the best practices and policy issues being implemented in other states for increasing liquor production policy, licensing, excise duty and tax collection and submitted its report to the government, he informed. Accordingly, approval was given to the

revised structure of the Excise department and the establishment of an integrated control room of the department.

Through this room, distilleries, liquor factories, wholesalers in the state will be controlled through an AI system, the Chief Minister said. As per the revised structure of the department, a new divisional office will be set up in Mumbai city and one additional superintendent's office each for six districts namely Mumbai suburbs, Thane, Pune, Nashik, Nagpur and Ahilyanagar.

The proposals for increasing revenue of the Excise department were approved in the cabinet meeting.

Jayant Patil signals exit as NCP (SP) Maha chief, calls for new leadership

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) : On occasion of the 26th foundation day of the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar faction) on Tuesday, senior leader Jayant Patil expressed his intention to step down as the Maharashtra unit president.

NCP's 26th foundation day was celebrated on June 10. The NCP was founded on June 10, 1999.

Patil, a trusted confidant of party chief Sharad Pawar, has helmed the state unit for nearly seven years.

Speaking at Pune's Balgandharva Rang Mandir, Patil emphasised the need to provide opportunities to emerging leaders within the party. "Pawar Saheb has given me many opportunities, including seven years as state president. Now, it is time to give a chance to new faces," he said.

"Ultimately, the party belongs to Pawar Saheb, and he will make the right decision. We have a long journey ahead."

Despite Patil's announcement, party workers swiftly urged him to reconsider stepping down, reflecting his continuing influence and support within the ranks.

Appointed in 2018, Patil successfully navigated the party through the turbulent June-July 2023 split, retaining significant support even as many members shifted allegiance to the faction led by Ajit Pawar, the current NCP president and Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister.

Reports suggest that two-time MLA Rohit Pawar is eager to assume a larger role within the party, indicating a possible generational shift in leadership.

As of now, neither Sharad Pawar nor NCP working president Supriya Sule have publicly responded to Patil's statement. Reacting to Patil's statement, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said, "I will have to get into Jayant Patil's mind and said that he had something else in mind, we have to understand that soon.

Fadnavis lists out achievements of Modi govt in last 11 years

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday addressed a special press conference here organised to mark the third term of the Narendra Modi government and listed out achievements of the Modi government during last 11 years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and India have become a global equation and India's reputation in the world has enhanced due to the Modi government's tenure, he claimed.

In last 11 years, due to various schemes of the Modi government, there has been a radical change in the lives of the poor, women, youth, Dalits, deprived and people from all walks of life in the country, he further claimed while presenting details of the public welfare schemes implemented by the Modi government during the period.

During this period, various development schemes and projects such as railway, infrastructure works, housing for the poor, toilets, free distribution of foodgrains, electrification of lakhs of houses in rural areas, Mudra, Jan Dhan,

Suraksha Bima Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Yojana were implemented across the country, including Maharashtra, he said.

The total value of benefits provided directly into the beneficiaries' accounts by the Modi government so far is around Rs 42 lakh crore, the Chief Minister claimed.

Also, the agriculture sector has seen a five-fold rise in last 10 years, he informed and asserted that 25 crore population came above the poverty line after provision of direct benefits to the deprived people of society. Making a comparison between the UPA government and the Modi government, he claimed that the UPA government beat the odds of Rs 80,000 crore loan waivers, while the Modi government gave Rs 3.7 lakh crore. Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima, insurance claims have been settled and farmers have been given a huge relief, he said. Thus, in last 11 years, the support price of crops, milk production, fish production, ethanol blending has increased,

PM hails unprecedented growth in Defence sector during past 11 years

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed the 'unprecedented growth' in Defence sector in last 11 Years, strengthening Self-Reliance and Modernization.

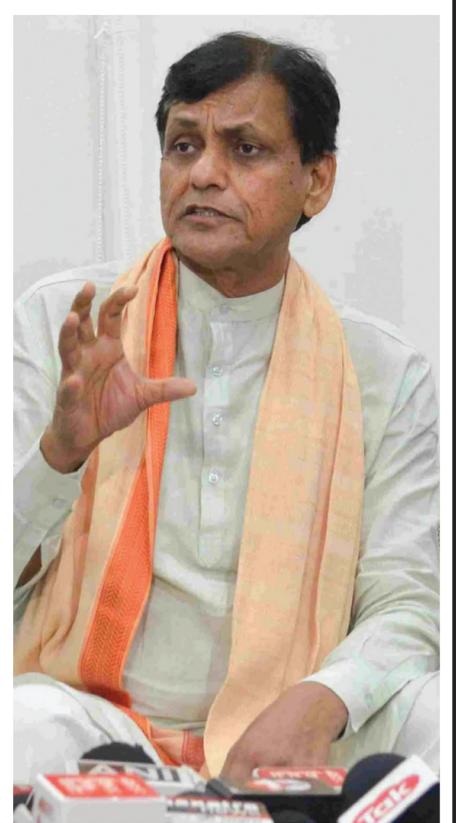
'Over the past 11 years, India has witnessed remarkable advancements in its Defence sector, marked by a clear focus on modernisation and self-reliance in Defence production,' the Prime Minister said.

He expressed pride in the collective resolve of the people and the unwavering determination to propel India towards greater self-sufficiency and technological excellence in Defence.

Responding to a post on X by MyGovIndia, Modi said, 'The last 11 years have marked significant changes in our Defence sector with a clear focus on both modernisation and becoming self-reliant when it comes to Defence production. It is gladdening to see how the people of India have come together with the resolve of making India stronger! #11YearsOfRakshaShakti'.

Fire department officials said they received a phone call at 10 am.

Seven fire tenders were pressed into service. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.



Sole aim of terrorism is to spread fear and destabilise societies: Nityanand Rai

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said on Tuesday that the sole aim of terrorism is to spread fear and destabilise societies across the world and therefore it must be decisively defeated. Speaking at the 23rd NSG International Seminar here, he said that terrorism has become the most serious threat to global peace, development, and human rights. "It is our experience that to completely defeat terrorism, we need more than just military action. Global cooperation is essential. (See on page 4)

Mexican President open to meeting Trump at G7



Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum confirmed Monday she will attend the Group of Seven (G7) summit in Canada and expects a meeting with her U.S. counterpart Donald Trump. At a daily press conference, Sheinbaum said Secretary of Foreign Affairs Juan Ramon de la Fuente is finalizing her bilateral meeting agenda with participating leaders. (See on page 5)

Bavuma announces Proteas XI for WTC Final 2025



South Africa captain Temba Bavuma on Tuesday announced the playing XI for the ICC World Test Championship Final against Australia starting on Wednesday. Bavuma headlines a well-rounded lineup that offers the first-time WTC Finalists multiple options in all departments of the game. (See on page 7)

Dalai Lama congratulates Korean President on his victory



Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama has written to new South Korean President Lee Jae-myung congratulating him on his victory in the Korean presidential election. In his letter, Dalai Lama said, "Today the world is passing through very challenging times, (See on page 8)

Israeli national goes missing during trek to Triund in Kangra district, search operation on: Police

Dharamshala, June 10 (UNI) : An Israeli national, who went for a trek to Triund in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh, has gone missing, police said here today.

According to police, the Israeli national was identified as Samuel Vengrinovich, in his mid 30s. He had set out for a trek on June 6 with a group.

When he did not return by nightfall, an intensive search was carried out. However, after failing to locate him, his friend Ediblam, alerted the McLeodganj police on Monday, the police said.

A group of five tourists had come to Himachal Pradesh for a trip, but Samuel got separated during the trek in the hills of Triund and they have not heard from him since then, the group members told the police.

Kangra police said following the report, joint search teams of police, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) launched extensive operations.

The search and combing operation in Triund, Indrah Pass, Jot, and other nearby remote areas was in progress, but despite ongoing efforts, no sign of Samuel has been found, so far, the police said.

Eyes filled with tears on seeing Kashmir getting connected with the rail network: Farooq

Srinagar, June 10 (UNI) National Conference President and former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Farooq Abdullah, on Tuesday travelled on the recently inaugurated Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express along with other leaders and party MLAs.

After the train ride, an emotional Abdullah said his heart was overwhelmed and his eyes filled with tears on seeing Kashmir finally getting connected with the rail network of the country.

Abdullah boarded the train from Srinagar Railway Station to Katra early Tuesday and expressed his admiration for the train.

"I am very happy to be travelling on this train to Katra. It is one of the biggest benefits for us," said the former Chief Minister.

Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the two semi-high-speed trains connecting the Valley with Jammu's Katra town began operations on June 7. Since their inauguration, the trains have gained immense popularity among locals, pilgrims, and tourists, with bookings already at full capacity. Vande Bharat Express trains run between Srinagar and Katra via Banihal six days a

week, except Wednesday.

Abdullah emphasized that the Vande Bharat service offers a much-needed alternative to the Srinagar-Jammu highway, which is often unreliable due to landslides and weather-related disruptions.

"The road gets closed frequently, and airfares shoot up during such times. This train will spare people from those difficulties," he said.

Abdullah also noted that the train service will positively impact the tourism sector and the region's horticulture industry.

J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's sons, Zamir and Zahir, J&K Minister Satish Sharma, Chief Minister's advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, and National Conference Chief Spokesperson and MLA Tanvir Sadiq also accompanied Abdullah on his train ride.

At Katra railway station, Abdullah called the train the biggest gift for the people as it will also strengthen "love and friendship" between the two regions.

He congratulated all the workers and engineers who built the world's highest bridge on the Srinagar-Katra train link.

Bhopal railway division earns Rs 4.60 cr from ticket checking drive in May

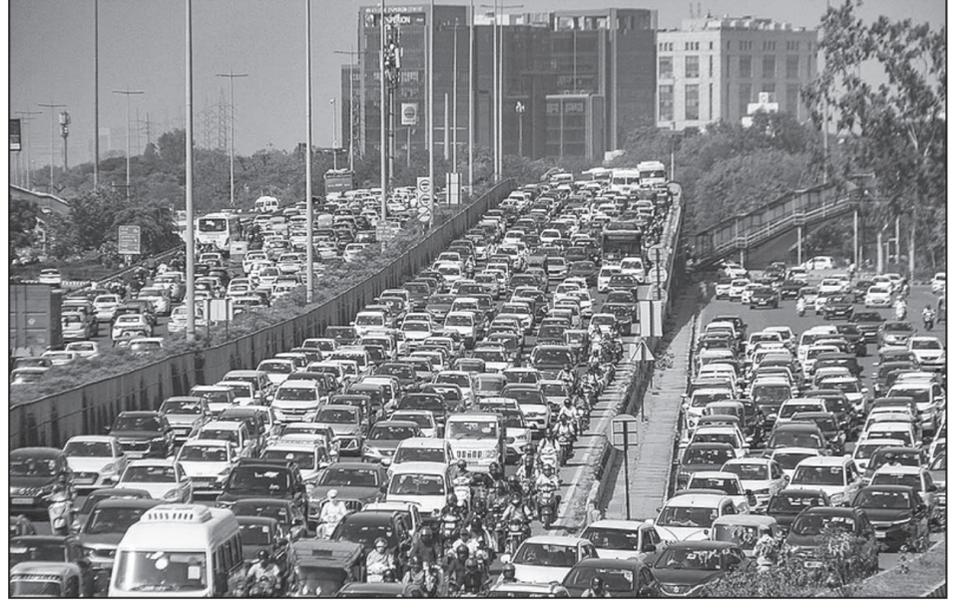
Bhopal, June 10 (UNI) The Bhopal railway division of West Central Railway (WCR) earned a revenue of over Rs 4.60 crore from ticket checking drives in May. Bhopal Railway Division spokesperson said that during May, irregularities were found in 64,710 cases, resulting in revenue earnings of Rs 4,60,07,920.

Out of these, 35,075 passengers were found travelling without tickets, and Rs 2,97,08,585 were recovered from them. Additionally, 30,483 passengers were found travelling on improper tickets, and Rs 1,62,55,385 was recovered from them.

As many as 152 cases of passengers carrying unbooked luggage were detected, and Rs 43,950 was recovered from them.

Two labourers killed in train accident in Chhattisgarh

Balod (Chhattisgarh), June 10 (UNI) : Two labourers from Jharkhand, who had come to Dallirajhara, died after being hit by a train in Balod district of Chhattisgarh, while two others were injured. Eleven labourers from Jharkhand were walking on the railway track from Dallirajhara to Kusumkasa. Due to fatigue, five of them sat down on the tracks and fell asleep.



Vehicles stuck in a traffic jam on Delhi-Gurugram Expressway, in Gurugram on Tuesday.

Siddaramaiah advocates new caste survey

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) : Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday underscored the government's commitment to conducting a fresh caste survey, emphasising its significance in promoting social justice and understanding demographic realities.

Addressing the media after a meeting with the party high command here, Siddaramaiah said, "The last caste survey was conducted in 2015-16. We believe a new survey is necessary to serve a different purpose and adopt a different methodology. This will help us better address the needs

of various communities and ensure equitable development."

He further clarified that the government's support for the caste census stems from the need for accurate data to formulate policies that promote social justice.

Highlighting recent controversies, Siddaramaiah mentioned reports of some organisations and ministers making derogatory remarks about certain castes concerning religious conversions. He assured that the government is committed to respecting all castes and communities and is taking steps to ensure social harmony.

Apart from the caste survey, Siddaramaiah addressed the recent tragic stampede in Bengaluru, which resulted in the loss of eleven lives. He detailed the government's response, including the formation of a judicial commission led by retired Justice Michael Cunha, suspension of five police officers, transfer of intelligence officials, and the relief of a political secretary. "A magisterial inquiry is underway, and we have taken all appropriate measures," he said.

He also urged the public and the media not to politicise the incident, emphasising that the focus

should be on justice and accountability. "The Kumbh Mela tragedy in Haridwar is a separate incident and should be discussed first before addressing this. When people die, we feel sorrow. We should not politicise such tragedies," he added.

Siddaramaiah's statements reflect his government's balanced approach, prioritising social justice through the caste survey while responsibly handling recent tragedies without political sensationalism. His emphasis on data-driven policies aims to promote inclusivity and social harmony across Karnataka.

'Kangra district administration on alert ahead of monsoon'

Dharamshala, June 10 (UNI) Kangra Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa said the district administration is fully alert to deal with potential disasters ahead of the monsoon season.

He emphasised that timely weather forecasts will be regularly disseminated to the public to ensure that residents remain aware and prepared in advance.

The officials were directed to clean drains and water channels (kuhls) across all panchayats to prevent

water logging during heavy rains.

Instructions have also been issued to prepare a list of landslide-prone roads and areas in advance so that preventive measures can be implemented effectively.

The DC stressed the importance of positioning essential machinery and tools, including JCBs, by departments like Public Works, IPH, and Electricity to respond swiftly during emergencies.

He also instructed the Food and Civil Supplies Department to ensure the advance stocking of essential food items and medicines in remote and inaccessible areas.

Haryana CM praises PM's 'transformative leadership' over Congress-era's indecisiveness

Chandigarh, Jun 10 (UNI) :Haryana Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, addressing a press conference on the completion of 11 years of the Modi Government, praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for "steering the nation from a time of indecision and inefficiency to an era of dynamic governance, national pride, and global recognition".

He described the last 11 years as the most transformative phase of

independent India, where each citizen has felt the presence of a decisive, sensitive, and effective government. "Today's India is led by Vision, Not Vote-Bank Politics," he said.

Saini said, while the previous Congress-led governments were often marked by hesitation, weak decision-making and misplaced priorities, PM Modi gave India a clear vision, a strong direction, and an unwavering commitment to public

welfare and nation-first governance.

Before 2014, "the country was engulfed in an atmosphere of gloom and distrust. Corruption, and ineffective leadership had blocked our progress. Those days were ruled by fear, nepotism, regionalism, and corruption, there was a complete lack of fair governance.

But under the PM Modi's leadership, India witnessed a decisive and transparent administration," said CM Saini.

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महाराष्ट्र मुंबई प्रांतिक महानगरपालिका अधिनियम १९४९ चे कलम ४६९ अन्वये जाहिर नोटीस खालील मालमत्तेच्या हस्तांतरण संबंधाने वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती बी कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे प्राप्त झालेल्या मालमत्ताधारकाच्या प्रकरण परत्ये नोटीसीनुसार सदर हस्तांतरण संदर्भाने कोणत्याही हितसंबंधाने हरकत अगर आक्षेप असल्यास ही नोटीस प्रसिध्द झाल्यापासून ७ दिवसांच्या आत हितसंबंधाच्या व हरकतीच्या लेखी पुराव्यासह वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती बी कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे लेखी स्वरूपात हरकत नोंदवावी अन्यथा कर वसुलीच्या सोयीसाठी सदर हस्तांतरण करून महानगरपालिका दफ्तरी याबाबतची नोंद घेतली जाईल.

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TREE AUTHORITY

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In accordance with the provision under section 8 (3) (C) of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection & Preservation of Trees Act 1975 (As modified upto January 2018), 04 Proposal from 'F/NORTH' Ward & 02 proposal from 'G/SOUTH' Ward in Zone - II, Total 06 Proposals are received for getting approval of Tree Authority/Municipal Commissioner, Chairman, Tree Authority for removal of tree.

The information of the trees for cutting/ Transplanting in above mentioned proposals is available on mcgm website → www.mcgm.gov.in → About us wards/Department → Department manuals → Gardens & Tree Authority → 1028 (F/NORTH) 1029 (F/NORTH) 1030 (F/NORTH) 1031 (F/NORTH), 1032 (G/SOUTH), 1033 (G/SOUTH).

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People travel by trains during rush hour, in Mumbai on Tuesday.

Governor urges Portugal to focus on select sectors to increase trade volume

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) : Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan on Tuesday suggested that Portugal should focus on select sectors such as infrastructure, information technology, tourism, and textiles, and make efforts to increase the current trade volume from USD 1.2 billion to at least USD 10 billion.

According to a statement issued by the Governor's house, the suggestion was made during a courtesy meeting between Ambassador of the Republic of Portugal in India, João Manuel Mendes Ribeiro de Almeida, and the Governor of Maharashtra at Raj Bhavan, here.

Stating that Portugal and India share a historical relationship, the Ambassador said Portugal is now focusing on the future and is keen to enhance cooperation with India across various sectors, including

trade.

In this context, he said, Portugal is also interested in signing a memorandum of understanding with Maharashtra.

The Ambassador mentioned that this year holds special significance for both India and Portugal, as it marks the 50th anniversary of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the two nations.

He informed that efforts are underway to strengthen bilateral cooperation in areas such as trade, tourism, textiles and information technology.

He told the Governor that he was meeting over 100 business representatives in Mumbai.

The Ambassador also informed that around 1.25 lakh Indians reside in Portugal and that they had integrated well into Portuguese society.

He said Indians possess a wide range of skills and added that Portugal currently has a growing need for skilled manpower.

Sharing that Portugal is ranked the fifth safest country in the world next only to the Scandinavian countries, the Ambassador added that Portugal is a leading destination in global tourism.

He expressed Portugal's interest in increasing cooperation with India in the field

Doctors body condemns public suspension of Goa hospital CMO by Health Minister

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) : Maharashtra Senior Resident Doctors' Association (MSRDA), a body of the state doctors, wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, condemning the public suspension of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) by the state's Health Minister Vishwajit Rane, according to a statement issued here on Tuesday.

The incident occurred on June seven, when the Health Minister reportedly suspended the CMO in full public view, allegedly without prior inquiry or explanation, but the suspension was later reversed by the Chief Minister, the Association

described the incident as a serious affront to the dignity and morale of medical professionals nationwide.

In a powerful show of solidarity and a strongly worded letter to the Prime Minister, MSRDA stated: "This episode is not merely a bureaucratic misstep; it is emblematic of a disturbing trend where doctors are made scapegoats for administrative or political gain." The Association recalled similar past incidents, including the assault on junior doctors in Kolkata in 2019 and other instances of verbal and physical abuse of medical personnel across the country, as part of a growing pattern of mistreatment.

MNS stages protest over train tragedy

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) The Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) led by Raj Thackeray launched a protest rally on Tuesday against the railway administration, demanding urgent safety measures and the removal of platform stalls that allegedly contribute to chaotic congestion.

The protest came a day after the death of four passengers lost their lives falling from an overcrowded local train near Mumbra station in Maharashtra.

MNS Thane district president Avinash Jadhav along with hundreds of party workers marched from

Gaondevi area to Thane railway station, shouting slogans against what they termed the "negligent and insensitive" attitude of the railway authorities.

The demonstration was heavily guarded by police to prevent any law and order disruption.

The party highlighted that the curve near Mumbra station, where Monday's fatal incident occurred, had already been flagged as dangerous three months ago by an MNS worker from Titwala. "Despite repeated warnings, no action was taken," said Jadhav, accusing the railway administration of criminal negligence.

J J Hospital MBBS student commits suicide

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) A 22-year-old third-year MBBS student from government-run Grant Medical College and Sir JJ Hospital committed suicide, police said on Tuesday, adding primary investigations suggested that he was under depression.

According to police, Rohan Ramfer Prajapati allegedly hanged himself from the ceiling fan of his hostel room in the Sir JJ Hospital premises on Sunday night, and the incident came to the fore when his roommate, Ritesh Vishwakarma, came to the hostel room around 10.50pm the same day. Prajapati was rushed to the hospital's emergency section, but was declared dead. While talking to UNI, an official of JJ Marg police station said that the body of Parjapati was handed over to his parents and the investigation was going on. Sources said that parents of Parjapati were facing financial problems, which led to his depression, and he took the extreme step.

NCP (SP) leaders Satyajitsinh Patankar, Vaibhav Patil join BJP

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) In a setback to NCP (SP) ahead of upcoming local body elections in the state, Sharad Pawar's trusted aide and former minister Vikramsinh Patankar's son, Satyajitsinh Patankar, and former mayor of Vita, Vaibhav Patil, joined the Bharatiya Janata Party along with office bearers here on Tuesday.

They were welcomed in the party-fold by BJP state working president Ravindra Chavan and Education

Minister Chandrakant Patil. Speaking on the occasion, Chavan said that the party will get strength in Satara and Sangli districts following the entry of both Patankar and Patil, who contested the assembly elections on NCP ticket in 2024 and 2019.

Patankar and Patil have supported BJP to fulfil the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis of a developed India and a developed Maharashtra, he added.

Centre, State govt working on master plan to avoid Thane train tragedy like incidents in future: CM

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) : A day after the tragic incident near the Mumbra railway station, which resulted in the loss of four lives due to overcrowding on local trains, taking lessons from it the central and the state governments are working on a master plan with adequate measures to avoid mishaps on suburban trains and ensure passenger safety, said Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday.

The Chief Minister has

admitted that the delay in completion of Metro railways has proved detrimental in decongesting crowded local trains.

"Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav held two-hour-long discussion with me post incident on Monday.

We deliberated on effective measures to address the problems of overcrowding in local trains during the peak hours," the CM told reporters here as part of a media interaction

organised to outline the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi government in last 11 years.

Talking about the more AC local trains and new non-AC trains, Fadnavis mentioned "Our Railway Minister has emphasised that as these trains do not have a door, the possibility of an accident is high.

So, he will work to put doors in such trains. Ventilation will also be taken care of. Efforts are underway to bring AC trains to suburban Mumbai."

Bombay High Court to begin live streaming shortly

Mumbai, June 10 (UNI) : Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, Alok Aradhe, announced on Tuesday that live streaming of court proceedings will soon commence from five designated benches.

The decision follows a resolution passed by the full court and aims to boost judicial transparency and public access to court hearings while the technical preparations for streaming are currently underway.

The announcement came during a hearing before a bench of Chief Justice Aradhe and Justice Sandeep V Marne, after Advocate Mathews J Nedumpara mentioned a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking live streaming of court proceedings.

Adv Subhash Jha, appearing for Nedumpara, pressed for an urgent hearing, stressing the need for audio-visual infrastructure not just in the High Court but also in

subordinate courts.

Jha remarked that such technology was already in use across lower courts in Delhi and added, "It is no rocket science in today's time."

Responding to the submissions, Chief Justice Aradhe said, "We have made substantial progress. The Full Court has passed a resolution for the live streaming of certain courts. Technical arrangements are being made. First five courts will be live."

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Name of Work: CONSTRUCTION OF STAFF CANTEEN AT DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER OFFICE COMPLEX IN THE SECTION OF SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/W/HQ/WALTAIR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/HQ/WALTAIR.

Approx cost of the work: ₹ 89,26,214.93, EMD: ₹ 1,78,500/-, Completion Period of the work: 04 months.

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of tourism. The Ambassador also shared that Portuguese is spoken in around 15 countries, including Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique, Angola, East Timor, among others.

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Asst. Engineer (Maint.) Dept.
Expression of Internet Notice Advertisement

Sub - Appointment of Organization or Sanstha for providing manpower for executive of various work related to maintenance department in L ward for beat No. 156 to 171 for the period of 25-06-2026 to 24-12-2025.

It is intended to appoint one NGO for each beat (156 to 171) to provide private contract labourer's for execution of various work related to maintenance department in L ward for beat no 156 to 171. Application are invited from willing registered NGO's, Majur sahakari santha, seva sahakari santha, Berojgar seva sahakari santha etc. registered in L ward Jurisdiction having experience in providing private contract labourer's in L ward or any other department of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. (period 25.6.2025 to 24.12.2025).

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Prescribed application form will be made available after payment of Rs.3630/- + 18% GST (Non Refundable). The challan for payment of application form will be available in the office of the Head clerk (expenditure) in L ward From 11.06.2024 to 18.06.2024 within 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

After payment of application form in CFC, he prescribed application form and EMD Challan (Rs.10200/-) will be given in the office of the Head clerk (expenditure) in L ward. EMD payments shall be made in cash or nationalised bank D.D. in the name of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.

Prescribed application form along with all necessary document in sealed enveloped shall be submitted in the office of Head clerk (expenditure) before 19.06.2025. The application received after 5.30 pm on the 19.06.2025 will not be considered.

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BHIWANDI NIZAMPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.Applicant
V/s
1) STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANR.Respondents

To
2 NILESH BHANUSHALI
PROPRIETOR OF M/S NETCON SYSTEMS AND SERVICES
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WHEREAS the Applicant BHIWANDI NIZAMPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION has presented Criminal Application a) Leave under Section 378 of the Code of Criminal Procedure r/w rule 19 of Chapter XXVI of Bombay High Court Appellate Side Rules 1960 may kindly be granted to file appeal against the order of acquittal dtd 15th April, 2013 passed by Ld.J.M.FC 5th Court, Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane in the Summary Criminal Case No.2520 of 2007.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the High Court has determined to hear the said Criminal Application Due On 10.06.2025. You are therefore directed to appear, in person or by an Advocate, in this Court on the day, or thereafter from day to day, until the disposal of the said Criminal Application. If you fail to appear in person or by an Advocate, the Court will hear the said Criminal Application ex-parte.

Witness SHRI ALOK ARADHE, the Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 28 day of MARCH, 2025.

By the Court,
(Smt. Alka Jitendra Chavan)
Assistant Registrar

STANDARD POST

Is analysing Trump's Presidency challenge for strategic observers?

US President Donald Trump in his second term is beginning to attract criticism on three counts- his pursuit of the idea of 'America First' was pushing the US towards 'isolationism', his focus on tariffs was adding to his image as a 'business leader' rather than a 'statesman' and his Presidency was getting marked for 'anti-liberalism' that ran counter to the historical American legacy.

Does President Trump have the intellectual brilliance of a kind that enabled a leader to give the impression of his being 'unpredictable', 'arbitrary' and even terse to the point of sounding 'offensive' whereas in reality there was a 'method in his madness' as he towed a singular path for rectifying governance, controlling financial profligacy and not letting the world take the US for granted? Trump certainly would not like the US to lose the tag of being the first superpower. He has shrewdly identified the world problems that came in the way of American supremacy and has unwaveringly gone tough on them. These are Islamic Terrorism, a determined China trying to get the better of other countries through investment and trade to take the economic route to becoming the second superpower and the undue advantage friendly countries took of the US while projecting the latter as the leader of the Free World.

That President Donald Trump is willing to put all his energy into revolutionising America, is seen in his engagement in an astonishingly wide range of international crises and negotiations in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. In his time the White House is pivoting many crucial diplomatic initiatives. He is catalysing many negotiations and has not done too badly in sorting out things because of his willingness to do a course correction if the move ran into a dead end. Some of this was evident after he advanced the claim that he had brought about a ceasefire between India and Pakistan when the two countries were in the midst of a military confrontation following the terrorist attack at Pahalgam.

In his innate desire to take credit for finding geopolitical solutions he even talked of mediating between India and Pakistan on the issue of Kashmir but quickly realised that the suggestion was going to create a huge problem for India-US relations. He therefore lost no time in stating that the two countries should talk to each other directly.

Trump Administration cannot be faulted for taking interest in the matter of India-Pak military confrontation after a desperate Pakistan had approached it in the wake of damage inflicted by India on several Pak air bases during the escalating situation. India's acceptance of a plea for ceasefire made by Pak at DGMO level, can also not be interpreted as a sign of weakness of any sort. Operation Sindoor was meant to make punitive strikes at as many as nine terrorist bases beyond LoC and inside Pakistan identified by our Intelligence. A failed attempt of the Pak army subsequently, to make a drone attack on India invited a deadlier missile strike on the leading air bases of Pakistan, pushing the Pakistan army into a situation where it was driven to call for a halt on the military operations.

The response from India can be said to have added to our credentials as a responsible peace-loving nation. Modi government's claim that Operation Sindoor was a success stands to reason- the political slugfest resulting from it at home can be seen, to an extent, as a manifestation of our domestic politics.

Trump's approach to foreign policy seems to be flawed for the reason that it did not get all its components right. 'Making America Great Again' (MAGA) depended as much on the military and technological might of the US together with its economic power gained largely through trade, as on the 'patterns of interdependence' that strengthened America. Trump has apparently given total attention to the first two at the cost of the last prerequisite of US strength being sustained by its links with the democracies of Europe and Asia.

President Trump's idea of withdrawing from international institutions and forums promoting liberal values in pursuit of 'America First' doctrine, may yield short-term financial gains but they would undermine the cause of US supremacy as the leader of the democratic world.

If all that Trump was doing was only a series of immediate moves meant to correct the trade deficit and inject cost-effectiveness in governance and USAID projects, this could be understood. But there should be no doubt in his mind that MAGA in the long term would rest essentially on a willing acceptance of the US as a repository of human and democratic values, by others- in contrast to the rising autocratic regimes. Trump's handling of the world's trouble spots including the Middle East where Israel's military offensive in Gaza had raised serious humanitarian concerns, can be said to be upfront and even astute. His methods are direct- his focus has always been on his personal role in driving diplomatic initiatives- and they indicate his strong political will and determination to pursue what he thought was good for America's economy and business.

Understanding Heart Failure and Treatment

(Standard Post Bureau)

Heart failure may sound frightening, but advances in medical science have made it a highly manageable condition. Awareness, early intervention, and adherence to medical guidance are your best tools for living well with heart failure. Here are some general questions about heart failure which every patient wants to know.

What is heart failure?

Heart failure, also known as congestive heart failure, is a condition where the heart is unable to pump blood effectively to meet the body's needs. It doesn't mean the heart has stopped working, but rather that it's functioning less efficiently than normal.

What causes heart failure?

There are several causes. The most common include coronary artery disease, high blood pressure, previous heart attacks, heart valve diseases, and certain infections or genetic conditions that weaken the heart muscle.

What are the early symptoms I should watch out for?

Common symptoms include shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling in the legs or ankles, rapid heartbeat, persistent coughing, and difficulty lying flat due to breathlessness. These symptoms often worsen over time if left untreated.

How is heart failure diagnosed?

We start with a physical exam and medical history, followed by tests like ECG



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(electrocardiogram), echocardiogram, chest X-ray, blood tests (including BNP), and sometimes cardiac MRI or stress tests. These help us assess heart function and determine the type and severity of heart failure.

Can heart failure be cured?

While heart failure often cannot be completely cured, it can be managed very effectively. With proper treatment and lifestyle changes, many people live long and active lives.

What are the main treatment options?

Treatment typically includes medications, lifestyle modifications, and in some cases, device implantations or surgery. The goal is to improve symptoms, slow disease progression, and reduce hospitalisations.

What kind of medications are usually

like pacemakers, implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs), or cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT). These help regulate heartbeat and improve heart function.

Is surgery ever required for heart failure?

Sometimes. If heart failure is due to valve disease, valve repair or replacement might be necessary. In severe cases, especially when other treatments have failed, a heart transplant or a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) may be considered.

Are there any risks associated with device implantation?

Like any medical procedure, device implantation carries risks such as infection, bleeding, or device malfunction. However, for many patients, the benefits significantly outweigh the risks, especially when managed by experienced medical teams.

How often should I follow up with my doctor if I have heart failure?

Regular follow-ups are crucial. Initially, visits might be frequent—every few weeks—to stabilize your condition. Once stable, follow-ups every 3–6 months are typical. Always report any changes in symptoms immediately.

Can heart failure patients live a normal life?

Absolutely. With proper treatment, regular monitoring, and commitment to lifestyle changes, many patients with heart failure can lead fulfilling and active lives. The key is early diagnosis and consistent care.

Ambrane Unveils Heartwarming TVC for PowerMini 10 - 'Size Dekh Ke Judge Kiya?'



(Standard Post Bureau)

Ambrane, India's leading smart accessories and power solutions brand, has launched a charming and insightful television commercial (TVC) for its compact powerhouse, the PowerMini 10 power bank. Through the playful and endearing relationship between a father and son, the TVC drives home a powerful message: New Delhi, June 09th, 2025 don't judge performance by size

The ad opens with a light-hearted game of chess between the duo, where the young boy surprises his father with a clever move, catching him off guard. The next moment shows the child confidently fixing a computer glitch, leaving his father both amazed and slightly humbled. The final scene, set on a see-saw in the park, ends with the son gently outbalancing his father, as the screen cuts to the punchline: - reminding

viewers that greatness isn't always about size. "Size dekh ke judge kiya?"

This memorable line leads into the introduction of Ambrane PowerMini 10, the sleek, palm-sized power bank that delivers robust 10,000mAh performance. Compact enough to fit in your pocket, yet powerful enough to keep your devices charged throughout the day, the PowerMini 10 is the perfect example of form meeting function.

The TVC highlights that true strength isn't always visible at first glance—just like the child, the PowerMini 10 surprises with its capability despite its size. It reinforces the message that big performance can come in small packages, echoing the core value of the Ambrane PowerMini 10.

"With this TVC, we wanted to tell a relatable and emotional story that conveys the brand's core philosophy, that big performance can come from the most unexpected, compact forms. The PowerMini 10 may be small, but it's designed to keep up with the energy and demands of our consumers," said Ashok Rajpal, Managing Director, Ambrane India.

Sole aim of terrorism is to spread fear and destabilise societies: Nityanand Rai

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said on Tuesday that the sole aim of terrorism is to spread fear and destabilise societies across the world and therefore it must be decisively defeated.

Speaking at the 23rd NSG International Seminar here, he said that terrorism has become the most serious threat to global peace, development, and human rights.

"It is our experience that to completely defeat terrorism, we need more than just military action. Global cooperation is essential. Countries must come together, share intelligence, and expose the motives and mechanisms of terrorists to dismantle their networks effectively," Rai said.

Highlighting the cross-border nature of terrorism, the Minister noted that it is not confined to the geographical boundaries of any one nation. "The challenge is national, regional, and global. Anyone who does not oppose terrorism is also a party to it," he warned.

Rai further asserted that terrorism should be recognised as a universal threat, regardless of where it strikes — be it India, Israel, the United States, or Europe. "If the global community truly wishes to defeat terrorism, it must identify and confront all its manifestations without bias or exception," he added.

Reaffirming India's unwavering commitment to

the global fight against terrorism, Rai said, "India, as a responsible democratic nation and is fully committed to cooperating in global anti-terrorism efforts—whether under the framework of the United Nations, through bilateral engagements, or other international initiatives."

"India has always been a strong partner in the fight against terrorism and will continue to play this role with full determination," he added.

Describing the National Security Guard (NSG) as a strong pillar of national and internal security, Rai said the organisation has made the country proud on numerous occasions—whether in combating terrorism, handling plane hijackings, or assisting citizens during natural calamities.

He further added that they have faced every challenge with unwavering determination. On the occasion, Memorandum of Understanding between NSG and state police forces was signed and the annual magazine of the organisation titled Bombshell was also released. Present on the occasion were Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Director General of NSG Brighu Srinivasan and Director, Intelligence Bureau Tapan Deka.

The two-day seminar will serve as a multi-domain platform for global and national experts to deliberate on evolving counter-terrorism challenges and cooperative responses.

SCS Tech Scales R&D Ambitions with 4,000 Sq Ft Software Incubation Facility

(Standard Post Bureau)

SCS Tech India Pvt. Ltd. today announced the inauguration of its state-of-the-art Software Incubation Center in Hyderabad, marking a significant expansion of its R&D innovation footprint in India. Strategically located at Unit No. 401, 4th Floor, Plot No. 24, Arunodaya Colony, Cyber Hills Road, Madhapur, the 4,000 sq ft facility has a seating capacity of 50 and is designed to support next-generation technology development and foster a thriving community of software entrepreneurs and researchers.

Purpose-built to drive future-ready innovation, the center offers a modern co-working setup, access to high-end R&D labs, cloud infrastructure, product design tools, and a curated network of investors and business mentors. This initiative forms a vital part of SCS Tech's larger commitment to building a collaborative ecosystem that enables startups and technologists to solve real-world challenges at scale.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sujit Patel, CEO & MD from SCS Tech India Pvt. Ltd. said, "The launch of our Hyderabad facility is a decisive step toward realizing our vision of democratizing deep-tech innovation in India. Over the years, SCS Tech has evolved from a service-driven organization into a platform-led digital transformation enabler. As customer awareness and demand for advanced digital capabilities grow, this center will be instrumental in nurturing fresh ideas and translating them into real-world applications. We are proud to offer a launchpad that brings together infrastructure, expertise, and investment under one roof."

The new center will focus on supporting ventures in key emerging sectors such as Defense, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML), BFSI, Smart Cities, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Cybersecurity, SaaS, Blockchain, FinTech, HealthTech, and EdTech.

Startups working out of the center will receive end-to-end support, including technical mentorship from in-house experts, integration into enterprise-grade platforms and APIs, pitch coaching, business incubation assistance, and go-to-market planning with a global perspective.

Kharge urges PM to appoint LS Dy Speaker without delay

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to immediately initiate the process of appointing a deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha, a post that has remained vacant for two consecutive terms. In a letter addressed to the Prime Minister, Kharge highlighted that from the first to the sixteenth Lok Sabha, each House had a deputy speaker, and it has been a long-standing convention to appoint the deputy speaker from the members of the principal opposition party.

"However, for the first time in independent India's history, this position has remained vacant for two consecutive Lok Sabha terms. No Deputy Speaker was elected during the seventeenth Lok Sabha, and this concerning precedent continues in the ongoing eighteenth Lok Sabha," Kharge stated. He further emphasised that the continued vacancy of this crucial constitutional post is not only against parliamentary conventions but also violates the provisions of the Constitution. "This does not augur well for India's democratic polity and undermines the esteemed traditions of our parliamentary democracy," Kharge said in the letter.

Russia carries out mass strike on Military facilities in Ukraine: Defence Ministry

Moscow, June 10 (UNI) : The Russian military launched a group strike against the facilities of the military-industrial complex of Ukraine and its armed forces of Ukraine, the Russian Defence Ministry said on Tuesday. "Last night, the armed forces of Russia launched a group strike using precision weapons and unmanned aerial vehicles against enterprises of the aviation, missile, armored and shipbuilding industries of Ukraine in Kiev, command posts and locations of the armed forces of Ukraine, concentrations of weapons and military equipment of Ukrainian formations, as well as the infrastructure of military airfields, ammunition and fuel depots. The goal of the strikes has been achieved. All designated facilities have been hit," the ministry said in a statement.

South Korea to sign K2 tanks export deal with Poland: Media

Seoul, June 10 (UNI) : South Korea was expected to sign an export deal of K2 tanks worth about 6 billion U.S. dollars with Poland in late June, Yonhap news agency said Tuesday, citing multiple government sources. The deal, which would be the country's biggest single arms export contract, will be inked in Poland late this month.

Under the contract, Poland will be supplied with a total of 180 K2 tanks including 117 units manufactured by South Korean defense company Hyundai Rotem and 63 units produced by Poland's state-owned PGZ.

The Asian country signed the first export deal with Poland in 2022 to supply the first batch of 180 K2 tanks. In the same year, South Korea inked a series of deals with Poland to export K2 tanks, K9 self-propelled howitzers and FA-50 light attack aircraft.

Bolivian ex-president Morales under investigation for alleged electoral sabotage

La Paz, June 10 (UNI) : Bolivian legal authority opened an investigation of former President Evo Morales on Monday on alleged electoral sabotage in connection to ongoing protests demanding that he be allowed to run for reelection.

Attorney General Roger Mariaca told a press conference Monday that the Public Prosecutor's Office has decided to address a complaint filed by the Justice Ministry against Morales for certain criminal offenses.

The complaint accuses Morales of "terrorism," obstructing the electoral process, disobeying constitutional resolutions, disrupting public services, and destroying state property, among other crimes, linked to road blockades that paralyzed key regions of the country last week.

The government said it has evidence showing that the former president ordered his supporters to "encircle towns" after electoral authorities rejected his bid to run for a fourth term in the general elections on August 17.

Since last week, roadblocks put up at some 20 critical transportation points across the country have been concentrated mainly in Cochabamba department. Clashes and shortages of supplies have been reported in the affected areas.

The prosecutor said the roadblocks violate fundamental rights and endanger the lives of Bolivians.

The Public Prosecutor's Office has ordered the tactical withdrawal of its prosecutors to safer areas within that region, as they continue to operate in coordination with the police.

Washington, D.C. in preparation for military parade

New York, June 10 (UNI) : The capital city of the United States is gearing up for Saturday's military parade to honor the 250th birthday of the Army and the 79th birthday of President Donald Trump.

"We're preparing for an enormous turnout," Matt McCool of the Secret Service's Washington Field office, was quoted on Monday by The Associated Press as saying. More than 18 miles of "anti-scale fencing" would be erected and "multiple drones" would be in the air, according to the officer. The entire District of Columbia is normally a no-fly zone for drones. Army officials have estimated around 200,000 attendees for the evening military parade, and McCool said he was prepared for "hundreds of thousands" of people.

A total of 175 magnetometers would be used at security checkpoints controlling access to the daytime birthday festival and the nighttime parade. Metropolitan Police Department chief Pamela Smith predicted major impacts to traffic and advised attendees to arrive early and consider forgoing cars for the Metro.

The military parade has been designated a National Special Security Event, similar to a presidential inauguration or state funeral. That status is reserved for events that draw large crowds and potential mass protests. It calls for an enhanced degree of high-level coordination among D.C. officials, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Capitol Police and Washington's National Guard contingent, with the Secret Service taking the lead. The Army birthday celebration had already been planned for months. But earlier this spring, Trump announced his intention to transform the event, which coincides with his 79th birthday, into a massive military parade complete with 60-ton M1 Abrams battle tanks and Paladin self-propelled howitzers rolling through the city streets.

Death toll from school shooting in Austria preliminarily rises to 11



Vienna, June 10 (UNI) : The death toll from the school shooting in Austria's Graz has preliminarily risen to 11, AUF1 broadcaster reported on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, media reports

indicated that eight people were killed, with many people seriously injured, including the attacker.

As a 16-year-old schoolgirl told AUF1 that the death toll has risen to 11, an ambulance worker

informed her. All the seriously injured are being transported to nearby hospitals by a rescue helicopter, and, according to the police, the perpetrator was allegedly a victim of bullying, the broadcaster reported.

10 people, mostly students, killed in mass shooting in Austrian school, several injured

Graz, June 10 (UNI) : At least 10 people, mostly students, were killed and several were badly injured in a shooting incident in a secondary school in the Austrian city of Graz. The suspected shooter reportedly committed suicide later in one of the school's toilets.

As per The New York Times, Austria's elite COBRA police forces along with a police helicopter, arrived at the crime scene after shots were reported.

The mayor of Graz, Elke Kahr, said that the suspected shooter, several students and another adult, thought to be a teacher, were among the fatalities in the attack, the deadliest in Austria's postwar history.

The Austrian Press Agency reported that as many as 30 people were injured.

According to preliminary reports, the perpetrator was a 22-year-old ex-student who had

described himself as a victim of bullying in the past. He reportedly fired shots in two classrooms, using a pistol and a shotgun, killing and injuring multiple pupils and teachers. The dead reportedly included seven pupils and one adult. The incident occurred at about 10am local time (0900 BST).

Ninety minutes later police said there was "no further danger" after a major security operation involving special forces and police helicopters.

The Austrian Chancellor, Christian Stocker, condemning the incident wrote on X "The shooting rampage at a school in Graz is a national tragedy that has deeply shaken our entire country."

Austria's President, Alexander Van der Bellen, said: "What happened today ... strikes our country at the heart. These were young people who had their whole lives ahead of

them. A teacher who accompanied them on their journey." Families gathered at a nearby sports hall where crisis intervention teams were on hand. The area around the school was cordoned off and public transport was diverted, with all streets surrounding the school guarded by armed officers.

A spokesperson for the Austrian Red Cross told the public broadcaster ORF that more than 160 responders were at the scene, including emergency doctors and paramedics. Two information points were available for the school's students and relatives.

Austria last experienced a major mass attack such as this more than a decade ago, when a Bosnian man killed three people and wounded about three dozen others after driving a car into crowds on the streets of the city and then attacking bystanders with a knife.

Israel deports Swedish campaigner Greta Thunberg a day after her detention

Tel Aviv, June 10 (UNI) : Israeli authorities deported Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg on Tuesday, a day after she and 11 other activists were detained by Israeli forces while attempting to breach the naval blockade on the Gaza Strip aboard an aid boat.

"Greta Thunberg just departed Israel on a flight to Sweden (via France)," the Israeli Foreign Ministry wrote on social media platform X. The ministry

released two photos of her, one boarding the plane with her hands behind her back and another seated inside. State broadcaster Kan reported that Thunberg, 22, and other activists were taken to Ben Gurion Airport for deportation. According to the report, Thunberg was seated "in a back seat without the ability to recline."

Israeli Interior Minister Moshe Arbel confirmed several activists were taken

to the airport for deportation, and said he had "instructed that all 12 participants in the flotilla be returned to their countries of origin." "Israel will not allow its sovereignty to be harmed through protest flotilla provocations at its borders," Arbel said in a statement.

The Foreign Ministry said activists who agreed to sign documents stating they voluntarily agree to leave Israel were expected to leave the country by

Trump's travel ban takes effect amid growing chaos over immigration enforcement

Houston, June 10 (UNI) : An extensive travel ban issued by U.S. President Donald Trump took effect on Monday amid growing chaos over the Trump administration's immigration enforcement.

Over the weekend, protesters clashed and faced off with National Guard troops in downtown Los Angeles during the demonstrations against immigration raids that swept across California.

In New York City, demonstrators occupied the Trump Tower on Monday, demanding the release of immigrants detained in recent raids. Police arrested at least 20 of them after a standoff lasting about 20 minutes, local media reported.

Trump signed a proclamation last week, fully banning the entry of nationals from 12 countries, namely Afghanistan, Chad, the Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, citing national security risks.

According to a release by the White House, these countries were found "to be deficient with regards to screening and vetting and determined to pose a very high risk to the United States." Meanwhile, the proclamation partially restricts the entry of nationals from seven countries Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela.

"The restrictions and limitations imposed by the Proclamation are necessary to garner cooperation from foreign governments, enforce our immigration laws, and advance other important foreign policy, national security, and counter terrorism objectives," the White House said.

Australia raises shooting of reporter in LA with U.S.

Canberra, June 10 (UNI) : Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese says his government has spoken with the U.S. administration about the shooting of an Australian reporter with rubber bullets in Los Angeles.

Television news reporter Lauren Tomasi was covering the ongoing protests in Los Angeles for Australia's Nine Network News on Sunday local time when she was shot in the leg with a rubber bullet fired by a police officer in the city's downtown district.

Albanese on Tuesday described the footage of the incident, which was published by Nine and showed the officer taking aim towards Tomasi and firing, as "horrific."

"I spoke with Lauren this morning. She's going OK. She's pretty resilient," he said.

"We have already raised these issues with the U.S. administration. We don't find it acceptable that it occurred. And we think that the role of the media is particularly important."

Albanese's comments came during a major speech to the National Press Club in Canberra in which he laid

out his Labor Party government's agenda following May's general election.

Albanese said on Tuesday that the policies that Labor took to the election would be the "foundation" of its second term but not the "limit" of the party's vision.

"The way we deal with big challenges and opportunities from our first term, from economic growth and productivity to the energy transition, will continue to evolve," he said. He announced that the government will convene experts, trade unions and business leaders in Canberra in August to brainstorm ideas to stimulate economic growth and productivity.

Albanese said that he wanted the dialogue to produce "concrete and tangible action" that would lead to long-term and lasting change.

The prime minister previously announced that the new term of the federal parliament will formally be opened on July 22 and that Labor's first priority will be legislation to deliver its pledge to cut student loan debts by 20 percent.

Mexican President open to meeting Trump at G7

Mexico City, June 10 (UNI) : Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum confirmed Monday she will attend the Group of Seven (G7) summit in Canada and expects a meeting with her U.S. counterpart Donald Trump.

At a daily press conference, Sheinbaum said Secretary of Foreign Affairs Juan Ramon de la Fuente is finalizing her bilateral meeting agenda with participating leaders.

"I have decided I am going to the G7," said Sheinbaum, adding that "it is very likely" she will meet with Trump, their first meeting since she took office.

Though the two leaders have yet to meet in person, they have held six phone calls to address the bilateral relationship amid tensions over tariffs, crime and immigration.

Before the summit, Sheinbaum will meet with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau on Wednesday to discuss bilateral ties and U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio's upcoming visit to Mexico.

Russian authorities in coordination with Abkhazia nab Ukrainian agent, claims FSB

Moscow/Sokhumi, June 10 (UNI) : The Russian special forces in coordination with Abkhazia have reportedly detained a Ukrainian agent who planned to commit a terrorist attack at the Sokhumi airport, claimed the Kremlin's premier intelligence agency - the Federal Security Service (FSB).

"The Federal Security

Service of Russia, in cooperation with the State Security Service of the Republic of Abkhazia ... has thwarted the illegal activity of a Russian citizen, born in 1980, carried out on the instructions of the Ukrainian special service.

"In order to carry out this criminal plot, the defendant proactively planned to hand over to

the enemy the blueprints of ... (the Sokhumi airport) and the adjacent closed parking lot used to receive official international delegations.

"He also reported that this could be used to commit an act of sabotage and terrorism by planting explosives on its premises," the FSB said in a statement, according to Sputnik.

Iran-US to hold nuclear deal talks round 6 in Muscat Sunday

Tehran/Washington/Muscat, June 10 (UNI) : The sixth round of indirect nuclear talks between Tehran and Washington are scheduled to take place in Oman on Sunday, said Iran's Foreign Ministry Tuesday. Iran and the United States have held five rounds of talks so far, three of which were held in Muscat and two in Rome since the beginning of Tehran's talks with the US on coming to a possible deal on its nuclear programme and the lifting of sanctions.

The fifth round was held on May 23 in Rome. In late May, the United States presented a proposal to Tehran through Oman for a potential nuclear deal with Iran.

While both sides have acknowledged

some progress, a decisive breakthrough has yet to be achieved, due to disagreements on uranium enrichment. While Iran views it as critical to its programme, the US is staunchly against any uranium enrichment on Iranian soil.

Amid the ongoing negotiations, the US has called for the dismantling of all Iranian infrastructure built for the process, while Iran has denied American demands, insisting the programme will continue. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said he does not expect talks with the US to yield results and asserted that Iran "needs no one's permission" to enrich uranium, reports Turkish agency Anadolu Ajansi.

Out of the dark!



Get set as we reveal the world's top ten places to star gaze right from Staunton River State Park in Virginia to Galloway Forest Park in Scotland

Natural Bridges National Monument, Utah, USA

The top ten best stargazing sites around the world have been named and they're contained in just three countries. A respected travel magazine has declared that telescopes are best set up in certain parts of the US, Hungary and Scotland.

Staunton River State Park in Virginia, Natural Bridges National Monument, Utah, and the Zselic National Landscape Protection Area in Hungary took the top three places. Galloway Forest Park was placed fifth on the list compiled by Wanderlust. Of Galloway Forest Park - the only place on mainland Britain to make the list - it said its 185,330 acres made it the largest woodland park in the UK. "Dedicating a permanent no illumination policy to approximately 20 per cent of the park which has been set aside as the dark sky and wildlife preserve, the Galloway Forest Park is committed to preserving its pristine night skies," said Wanderlust. The tiny Isle of Sark in the Channel Islands just failed to make the top ten, placed eleventh.

Cherry Springs State Park, Pennsylvania, USA



Galloway Forest Park, Scotland



Clayton Lake State Park, New Mexico, USA



Borrego Springs, California, USA



Staunton River State Park, Virginia, USA



Flagstaff, Arizona, USA



Hortobágy National Park, Hungary



Zselic National Landscape Protection Area, Hungary



Goldendale Observatory Park, Washington, USA



Nidhi Dutta



TELL TALE

Nidhi Dutta, who has travelled extensively during the shoot of her upcoming film, will share her experiences through a travel blog

Nidhi Dutta, daughter of veteran film director JP Dutta, will be playing the role of a travel blogger in her upcoming movie. The actor has already travelled enough to start a travel blog in her real life. In her debut film, Jee Bharke Jee Le, Nidhi will be seen opposite Ajit Sodhi, son of actor Nafisa Ali. Nidhi travelled extensively during the shoot and exclaims that now she has a lot of experience. In order to share her travel experience, the actor will soon start a travel blog. Starting right from Mumbai to Goa to Hampi to Hyderabad to Romania, the team has successfully built many stories and memories to cherish for life.

Nidhi Dutta, in her real life too, loves travelling and

exploring places and shooting for her debut film has given her passion a high. As a student at the Paris University, Nidhi has travelled the whole of France alone. Sharing her excitement, Nidhi says, "Travelling is therapeutic for me! Be it across India or abroad, travelling has always given me a fresh take on life. From visiting the multiple ancient Shiva temples at Hampi, to sitting and enjoying a croissant on the steps of the vibrant Montmartre in Paris, I feel I have a lot of stories to tell to anyone who would be interested in reading about them. Experiences only get richer as we share them. And a blog seems like the perfect platform for this. I am very excited about it."

Well, it looks like the new kid on the block is sure to surprise the audience by her travel stories.

Raising the bar

A hilarious prank has turned a tiny watering hole on a deserted stretch of road in South Africa into a popular destination for holidaymakers

How a tiny bar in South Africa became an unlikely tourist attraction after pranksters painted the word sex into its name and now there's a bizarre trend to leave bras there. Owner Frank Ronald Ronnie Price originally planned to order a produce shop on South Africa's Garden Route. He decided to open a bar after his friends added the word sex to a Ronnies Shop painting on the wall. Ronnie's bar now attracts hundreds of holidaymakers every day, including some who fly in by helicopter.

A hilarious prank has turned this tiny watering hole on a deserted stretch of road in South Africa into a popular destination for holidaymakers. Located on the country's stunning Garden Route, Ronnies Sex Shop isn't what it seems, but has become an institution for tourists who love to pose for photos in front of a painted sign on the outside wall.

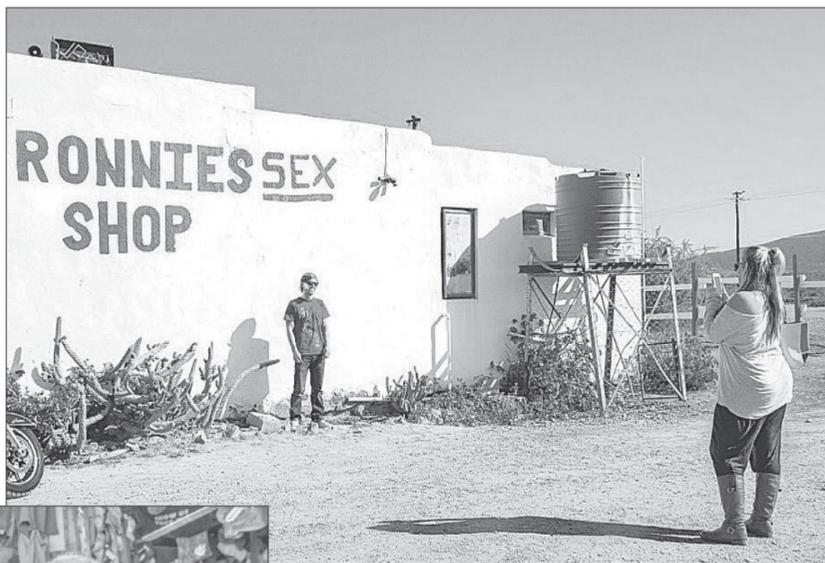
The shop is actually a small bar originally called Ronnies Shop, and it has become a legendary pit stop on a remote stretch of the R62 after the owner's friends

added the word sex to the name. Ronnie, originally from Cape Town, decided to leave the tongue-in-cheek vandalism, and word quickly spread as people flocked to see the sex shop.

Despite its secluded location it now attracts around 250 visitors a day, mostly by car, although some will even fly in by helicopter to visit the tourist hotspot. Some vis-



itors aren't aware Ronnies is a bar and expect to find a sex shop when they walk through the doors. While they won't find the saucy



have even been signed by visitors passing through, creating the most unique guestbook ever.

Ronnie originally planned to open a small farm shop selling fresh produce, but after his friends' juvenile joke he turned it into a bar instead. He has since launched a souvenir shop where tourists can buy branded T-shirts and souvenirs. Tourist Chris Burton, 42, from Manchester, snapped shots of the shop when he was travelling from Cape Town to his sister's wedding in Oudtshoorn with his partner

Louise, 32.

Chris said, "We followed the Garden Route from Cape Town to Oudtshoorn and we were driving for miles and there was nothing to see except countryside - and suddenly this sex shop popped up. I was a bit staggered that it was there. When I first saw the signs I thought how can a sex shop keep going out here? Then we later realised it wasn't actually an adult store, it was a bar."

Happy feet!



Macquarie Island, located 900 miles south of Australia, is a home to a whopping four million penguins

The tiny green island ruled by an army of four million penguins. Macquarie Island which is located 900 miles south of Australia and contains a whopping four million penguins in total. The creatures enjoy their haven free from the threat of humans, who used to hunt them for their fur and blubber. The island, also home to 100,000 seals, was made a Unesco World Heritage site in 1997 to protect them.

Welcome to Macquarie Island, which is home to an

incredible four million penguins of all shapes and sizes.

While you may expect this island paradise to be covered in snow and ice, it's actually lush and green and it isn't very big.

The penguins, which include about 850,000 breeding pairs of royals, pack on to beaches on an island that's only 20 miles long.

The birds have to share their haven with 100,000 seals, mainly elephant seals, and occasional boat trips which bring keen wildlife tourists to see the animals in their natural habitat.

It may be hard to believe now, but the population was once near extinction, following extensive hunting in the early 20th century for its fur and blubber. Now the colony is thriving thanks to conservation measures being implemented in the 1960s and the island, which lies 900 miles south of Australia, becoming a Unesco World Heritage site in 1997.

Bavuma announces Proteas XI for WTC Final 2025

London, June 10 (UNI) : South Africa captain Temba Bavuma on Tuesday announced the playing XI for the ICC World Test Championship Final against Australia starting on Wednesday.

Bavuma headlines a well-rounded lineup that offers the first-time WTC Finalists multiple options in all departments of the game.

Headlining the batting order is Ryan Rickelton, who has been South Africa's top-scorer in the WTC 2023/25 cycle, alongside Bavuma - not too far behind in the scoring charts, Aiden Markram, and Tristan Stubbs.

South Africa playing XI: Aiden Markram, Ryan Rickelton, Wiaan Mulder, Temba Bavuma (c), Tristan Stubbs, David Bedingham, Kyle Verryne (wk), Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi

A notable decision is to stick with Wiaan Mulder at No.3 after he was used their during South Africa's recent Tests against Sri Lanka and Pakistan, an ICC report said.

"Mulder is quite young in that position. But I think having played with Mulder, having seen him and the way he has grown in the last two years within the red-ball format," Bavuma said. "It's about giving him a lot more confidence, keep backing him and just

Hockey India announces Junior Men's squad for 4 Nations tournament

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) : Hockey India on Tuesday announced the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team for the upcoming 4 Nations Tournament, scheduled to be held in Berlin, Germany from June 21 to 25.

The prestigious competition will feature four strong contenders — India, Spain, Australia, and hosts Germany.

As per the tournament format, each team will play against every other team in a single round-robin Pool stage. The top two teams will then face off in the Final, while the third and fourth-placed teams will play a classification match.

Notably, the tournament will serve as a vital preparatory platform for the Indian colts ahead of the FIH Junior Men's Hockey World Cup 2025, which will take place on home soil later this year in Chennai and Madurai from November 28 to December 10.

The Indian squad will be led by flamboyant forward Arajjeet Singh Hundal, who has consistently impressed with his attacking prowess and leadership qualities. Defender Amir Ali, known for his composure and experience at the back, has been named Vice-Captain.

The goalkeeping department will be manned by Bikramjit Singh and Vivek Lakra, both of whom have shown sharp reflexes and a solid command of the D during the training sessions. The defensive line-up features a mix of grit and promise, with Amir Ali joined by Talem Priyobarta, Shardanand Tiwari, Sunil P.B., Anmol Ekka, Rohit, Ravneet Singh, and Sukhvinder.

In midfield, the team boasts depth and versatility with the inclusion of Ankit Pal, Manmeet Singh, Rosan Kujur, Rohit Kullu, Thockchom Kingson Singh, Thounaojam Ingalemba Luwang, Adrohit Ekka, and Jeetpal, each capable of dictating tempo and transitioning play.

The forward battery includes Gurjot Singh, Sourabh Anand Kushwaha, Dilraj Singh, Arshdeep Singh, the skipper Arajjeet Singh Hundal, and Ajeet Yadav — a group that promises speed, flair, and goal-scoring threat.

Additionally, Adarsh G (goalkeeper), Prasant Barla (defender), Chandan Yadav (midfielder), and Mohd. Konain Dad (forward) have been named as standby players for the tour.

Speaking on the tournament and the squad, Indian Junior Men's Team Coach PR Sreejesh said, "The 4 Nations Tournament is a significant part of our preparation roadmap for the FIH Junior World Cup later this year. It will give us the chance to play against top-quality international opponents in a competitive setting, which is crucial for the development of these young players."

allowing him to do what he does best," he said.

"He has an opportunity in a pressure situation, but I think he can take comfort from the fact that the guys are backing him. We just want him to play his game," Bavuma said.

While Keshav Maharaj is the solitary full-time spinner, the bowling lineup also features Kagiso Rabada, Marco Jansen alongside Lungi Ngidi.

While the Proteas squad also featured Dane Paterson, who had been in fine form during their last Test series against Pakistan, Bavuma explained the reasoning behind opting for Ngidi.

"Probably one of the tougher decisions that has been made. We see what Dane Paterson did for us to the end of last season," Bavuma said.

"But it was more from a tactical point of view. Probably a little bit more pace from Lungi, guess he's a bit taller as well," he said.

"Lungi also has a better record, not taking away anything from Patto. He (Ngidi) has the experience, he's played here before, not that Patto hasn't," Bavuma said. "But I think he (Ngidi) will complement that bowling attack a little more. We have a guy like Mulder, who can give us something similar like Patto," he said. "It was probably one of the difficult decision we had to make," Bavuma added.

PGTI NEXGEN season resumes from June 11 at Forest Hill Golf and Country Club

Mohali, June 10 (UNI) : The 4th event of the 2025 Professional Golf Tour of India's NEXGEN season will be played at the Forest Hill Golf and Country Club here from June 11–13 as the tournament offers a prize purse of Rs 20 lakh and marks the return of men's professional golf and the PGTI to Mohali after 11 years. The event will be played over three rounds (54 holes) with the cut being applied after two rounds (36 holes).

The top-36 players and ties will make the cut for the third and final round.

The three-day play features a field of 72 players with professionals from the tri-city such as Ranjit Singh, Karanveer Singha, Vasu Sehgal and Kartik Digvijay Singh, to name a few.

The PGTI NEXGEN Order of Merit is currently being led by Rajesh Kumar Gautam of Lucknow who has a season's earnings of Rs 4,29,600.

The winner of this year's NEXGEN Order of Merit will earn an exemption on the main tour (PGTI) for the 2026 season.

Amandeep Johl, CEO, PGTI, said, "We are excited to resume the PGTI NEXGEN season which has produced some fascinating finishes and three different winners so far. The competition in the Order

of Merit race promises to get even more intense over the next two events. We thank Forest Hill Golf and Country Club for partnering with us in staging this event." PGTI CEO Amandeep Joshi said on Tuesday.

"We are confident professionals shall be up to the challenges it's lakes, ravines and hills throw at them. Forest Hill Golf & Country Club, is a unique venue where golf and the environment dovetail into an unusual experience," Forest Hill Golf and Country Club president B S Gill said.

Indian Army honours families of Kargil bravehearts

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) : As part of a series of events spanning nearly one and a half months to commemorate the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Army on Tuesday honoured the families of 65 bravehearts, including Captain Vijayant Thapar (Vir Chakra), by visiting their homes and paying tribute to their supreme sacrifice during the war. Marking the solemn occasion, the Army stated

that this initiative is a heartfelt tribute to the families of those who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. By personally visiting the homes of the martyrs, the Army aims to remind citizens of the unmatched courage and devotion displayed by these valiant soldiers in service of the nation. The Army said that army officers visited Captain Thapar's residence in Noida and

met his parents and honoured them by giving a letter of thanks and a memento.

Army officers also honoured the families of more than 60 other bravehearts across various parts of the country. This included the wife of Rifleman Anusuya Prasad (Vir Chakra) in Delhi, the wife of Havildar Basti Ram in Jaipur, the parents of Lance Naik Gurmel Singh in

Kurukshetra, the wife of Naik Anand Singh in Vaishali Nagar, Rajasthan, and the family of Havildar Hari Om (Sena Medal) in Dehradun.

On the occasion, the Army expressed its deep respect and solidarity with the families, stating, "It is our duty and sentiment to assure them that the sacrifice of our brave soldiers has not been in vain. The families of our martyrs are not alone —

the Indian Army is their family, and we stand with them always."

The Army's gesture has moved the families emotionally, reinforcing the message that the nation continues to honour and remember its heroes with pride and gratitude.

These commemorative activities will continue until Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, a day etched in the memory of the nation.

Yorkshire sign India batter Ruturaj Gaikwad for run-in

London, June 10 (UNI) : Yorkshire have signed India batter Ruturaj Gaikwad for the latter part of the County Championship season.

Gaikwad will be available for the final five games of the Division One campaign, beginning with the match against Surrey in Scarborough on July 22.

The 28-year-old will also be able to play in the One-Day Cup, which takes place in August. Gaikwad, who captains Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League and Maharashtra in the Ranji Trophy, has played six One-Day Internationals and 23 T20s for his country, the BC reported. However, he only managed five games in this year's IPL as he picked up an elbow injury.

Gaikwad was named in the India A squad for their two recent matches with England Lions but did not feature in either. "I'm extremely pleased to see Ruturaj sign with us for the second half of the season," Yorkshire head coach Anthony McGrath told the club website on Tuesday.

"He is a very accomplished cricketer with a natural all-round game that is well suited to the cricket we want to play."

Bengal Pro T20 League Season 2 set for glamorous and power-packed opener

Kolkata, June 10 (UNI) : The Bengal Pro T20 League Season 2, is all set to take centre stage at the iconic Eden Gardens on Wednesday, promising to enthral the city of joy with plenty of glamour and power-packed performances.

Making the Season 2 opener even more exciting, the sensational Sunidhi Chauhan is expected to ignite the stage with her powerhouse vocals and mesmerizing performances. From chart-topping hits to soulful melodies, every moment will surely produce pure magic and make the fans dance to her tunes.

In the season opener, Sobisco Smashers Malda and Murshidabad Kings, last year's joint-winners in the men's competition, will face-off on Wednesday, a clash considered as one of the most exciting and high-octane match of the tournament.

With Mukesh Kumar, Writtick Chatterjee, Avilin Ghosh, Gitimoy Basu, Sumit Mohanta in the squad, Sobisco Smashers Malda look competitive and strong. The Smashers will aim to go one step further this season and bag the

India suffered narrow defeat to Hong Kong in Asian Cup Qualifiers

Kowloon (Hong Kong), June 10 (UNI) : The Indian national football team fell to a 1-0 defeat against Hong Kong in the AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers at Kai Tak Stadium here on Tuesday.

A stoppage-time penalty from Stefan Pereira secured all three points for the hosts.

India's head coach Manolo Marquez made three changes to the starting lineup from the previous friendly against Thailand.

Suresh Singh Wangjam came in for Ayush Dev Chhetri in central midfield, while Brandon Fernandes and Lallianzuala Chhangte replaced Sunil Chhetri and Manvir Singh, respectively. Ashique Kuruniyan was deployed up front.

With both teams having dropped points in their opening fixtures, they approached the game with urgency and attacking intent. The early stages saw end-to-end action, but neither side could carve out a clear-cut chance.

In the 25th minute, Hong Kong's Raphael Lee tested Vishal Kaith with a long-range effort, but the Indian goalkeeper stood firm. Liston Colaco



responded with a strike from distance at the other end, which the opposition keeper comfortably collected. Anwar Ali made a crucial intervention around the half-hour mark, timing his tackle perfectly at the edge of the box to deny a dangerous Hong Kong move. Had he missed, it could have spelled trouble for the Blue Tigers — and him.

India's best chance of the half came in the 35th minute when Brandon Fernandes won possession near the halfway line. He released Liston Colaco, who threaded a sharp through-ball to Ashique. However, the forward couldn't keep his shot on

target from close range. Hong Kong came close just before the break when Juninho attempted a quick free-kick to catch India off guard, but the Indian defence reacted well to avert the threat. The teams headed into half-time with the score still goalless.

Five minutes into the second half, Ashique had another opportunity, but his half-turn shot went wide. In the 57th minute, Ashique, who appeared to be in some discomfort, was replaced by Sunil Chhetri, while Naorem Mahesh Singh came on for Brandon Fernandes.

A few minutes later, Wangjam lost the ball in a dangerous area, allowing

Manuel Rodriguez a chance on goal, but his effort was tipped over the bar by Kaith for a corner.

In the 80th minute, Mahesh and Chhetri combined well, with the latter playing a through ball to Liston Colaco, who fired his effort wide. Moments later, Lallianzuala Chhangte made a driving run and set up Chhetri, whose attempt was blocked for a corner by Leon Jones.

The decisive moment came in the first minute of added time when Kaith conceded a penalty. Pereira stepped up, and his shot clipped the inside of the post before rolling into the net — his strike ultimately sealing the win for Hong Kong.

Britain's Sonay Kartal wins as women return to Queen's Club

London, June 10 (UNI) : Britain's Sonay Kartal secured the biggest win of her career as women's tennis returned to Queen's Club for the first time since 1973. The 23-year-old secured a superb 6-1 3-6 6-3 win over world number 16 Daria Kasatkina of

Australia to start her grass-court season on a high.

It is the first time a women's tournament has been held at the iconic venue since 1973, when Olga Morozova lifted the trophy.

Queen's has been a mainstay on the men's calendar and a WTA 500 event has been added this year in an attempt to raise the profile of the women's game and increase the visibility of the sport.

Come Sunday, the trophy will finally have a new name on it, with world number seven Zheng Qinwen, Australian Open champion Madison Keys and 2022 Wimbledon winner Elena Rybakina among the top seeds competing in the capital, the BBC reported.

Fellow Briton Jodie Burrage missed the chance to set up a meeting with doubles partner Kartal in the second round as she lost 6-4 3-6 6-4 to eighth

seed Amanda Anisimova. World number 162 Burrage started well but struggled in an error-strewn second set, before battling back from 3-0 down in the decider.

However, mistakes at crucial moments allowed world number 15 Anisimova to regain her advantage and ultimately serve out the match.

Meanwhile, British pair Katie Boulter and Emma Raducanu overcame China's Jiang Zinyu and Wu Fang-hsien 6-4 6-2 on their maiden outing as a doubles partnership on a packed Court One.

It could be an all-British affair in the quarter-finals should Britons Burrage and Kartal overcome top seeds Lyudmyla Kichenok and Erin Routliffe on Tuesday.

Britain's Kartal has enjoyed a remarkable rise in

the past 12 months, moving from outside the top 250 to a career-high of 50 in the world.

Cheered on by a packed partisan crowd, Kartal dominated the opening set against Kasatkina before the Australian bounced back in the second set to level proceedings.

But it was an impressive response from the Briton, who beamed after slamming down a forehand winner to seal victory.

"The nerves hit me a little but to be able to play on this court with you guys cheering me on it was a super special moment," said Kartal.

"The last few months I've played bigger tournaments so I'm handling the bigger occasions better." But I'm going at my own pace in this crazy sport."

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Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Bharat Gaurav Special Tourist Train flagged off by Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 10 : Mr Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra Flagged Off "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Bharat Gaurav Special Tourist Train" in presence of distinguished dignitaries from CSMT on 09.6.2025.

The "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Bharat Gaurav Special Tourist Train" has been launched by Indian Railways in

coordination with IRCTC as part of the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Series. On this occasion, a special postal cover with a philatelic travelogue commemorating the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Bharat Gaurav Special Tourist Train was also released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the presence of the Chief Postmaster General and other dignitaries.

Earlier, Shri Dharam Veer

Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, welcomed and felicitated the dignitaries and delivered the inaugural address.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister emphasised that the railway will preserve and celebrate the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. "More than 700 passengers are travelling on this circuit, with 80% under the age of forty,

eager to witness firsthand the rich history associated with Shivaji Maharaj. The route promises travellers from across Maharashtra an immersive historical journey.

Marking 351 years since Shivaji's coronation, Fadnavis expressed his delight that the railway was launched on this significant day.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Heritage tour

tran's itinerary includes key historical sites such as Raigad, Shivneri, Lal Mahal, Shivsruuti in Pune, and Amba Bai in Kolhapur.

The Chief Minister extended his congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister Ashish Shelar, and the Tourism Department for their roles in making the project a reality."

He also commended the passengers embarking on this inaugural journey of this Heritage tour train..

Mr Rahul Narwekar, Hon'ble Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly; Shri Ashish Shelar, Hon'ble Minister of Information Technology and Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra; Shri Vikas Kharge, Additional Chief Secretary, Chief Minister's Office, Government of Maharashtra; Dr. Atul Patne, Principal Secretary, Tourism, Government of Maharashtra; Shri Amitabh Singh, Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra; Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General

Manager, Central Railway, Shri Rahul Himalian, Director (Tourism Marketing), IRCTC corporate office, Delhi and Shri Hires Meena, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Division, Central Railway, Shri Gaurav Jha, Group General Manager IRCTC West Zone Mumbai and other Senior officers of Central Railway and IRCTC were present at the event.



Grand Inauguration of Kashi Sports Center in Khopoli

A New Era of Sports and Training for the Youth

(By Dinkar Bhujbal/
Standard Post Bureau)

Khopoli, June 10 : The Kashi Sports Center, an ambitious initiative by young entrepreneur Vikram Sable, grandson of former Khopoli Municipal President L. M. Sable, was formally inaugurated today, Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the hands of DYSP Vikram Kadam.

Established entirely through personal funding, the state-of-the-art center aims to provide quality sports training and practice facilities to aspiring youth in the city. Inspired by his father, Yashwant Sable, and dedicated to the memory of his grandmother, Vikram envisioned this center as a tribute to both heritage and future talent.

After successful ventures such as Kashi Homes, Kashi Hospitality, and

Kashi Nagari Patsanstha, the socially committed Sable family has now ventured into the sports domain to empower the local community.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by several eminent dignitaries including District Sports Officer Prakash Wagh, Raigad District Cricket Association President Aniruddha Patil, State Sports Guide Sandeep Wanjale, Municipal Chief Officer & Administrator Dr. Pankaj Patil, Pai. Maruti Adkar, Former President Dr. Sunil Patil, Former Vice President Kuldeep Shende, Mohan Ausarmal, and KTSP Chairman Santosh Jangam, among other prominent personalities from the sports, social, and political spheres.

The center is poised to become a vibrant platform for nurturing young sports talent in Khopoli, offering them a space to train, grow, and excel.

Dalai Lama congratulates Korean President on his victory

Dharamsala, June 10 (UNI) : Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama has written to new South Korean President Lee Jae-myung congratulating him on his victory in the Korean presidential election.

In his letter, Dalai Lama said, "Today the world is

passing through very challenging times, though there is a growing sense of interdependence and the oneness of humanity across the world. A lasting peace in the Korean peninsula is of vital importance to the entire world. I am sure you will continue to make

persistent efforts to secure lasting peace in the region through diplomacy and dialogue". Dalai Lama said, "In recent years, a growing number of Korean Buddhists has shown interest in studying at the centres of learning we have re-established in India.

Western Railway Adventure sports association (WRASA) Embarks on prestigious high-altitude trekking expedition to Auden's Col



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 10 : The Western Railway Adventure Sports Association (WRASA) has embarked on a high altitude trekking expedition to Auden's Col (18012 ft) via the scenic and challenging route of Patangini Dhar (16683 ft), scheduled from 7th June to 30th June 2025. This year's expedition will take the team through the Garhwal Himalayas, beginning at Gangotri and traversing three high mountain passes before

culminating at the sacred destination of Kedarnath. The expedition team comprising of six members was flagged off on 6th June, 2025 by Shri Pankaj Singh, Divisional Railway Manager of Mumbai Central, an avid trekker himself who has participated in numerous expeditions and has also served as a liaison officer for the prestigious Mansarovar Yatra.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet

Abhishek, Western Railway always encourages its employees to pursue fitness, adventure and innovation. This challenging expedition is a shining example of that spirit, reflecting the dedication and multifaceted talent of its workforce. The expedition team comprises a blend of experienced and new members, from Mumbai Central Division of Western Railway. These individuals, while dedicated to running the lifeline of Mumbai through

their daily duties, are also passionate adventurers. The team includes Shri Munesh Kulshrestha (Team Leader) who works as Chief Loco Inspector. Shri Shashank Abhyankar, Shri Sanjay Kulshrestha, Shri Anupam Kherman, Shri Rajesh Dey works as Motormen while Shri Sandip Patil works as Chief Booking Supervisor.

The Western Railway Adventure Sports Association was conceptualized to provide an avenue for Railwaymen

to inculcate in them an interest for adventure sports. The Association provides a base for organising rock-climbs, mountaineering expeditions, trekking, cycling, etc. to its staff and their family members. This expedition showcases Western Railway's commitment to fostering adventure, fitness, and innovation among its employees. The team's dedication and multifaceted talent will undoubtedly make this journey a success.

India pushes for global ocean pact at UN summit

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) : India on Tuesday made a powerful pitch for global ocean pact at the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), even as Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the

country's leadership in deep-sea exploration, marine plastic reduction, and sustainable coastal development.

Addressing the international gathering, Dr. Singh showcased India's ambitious Deep Ocean Mission, including

the upcoming deployment of its first manned submersible, Samudrayaan, by 2026.

He also emphasised India's national ban on single-use plastics, progress on the Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar campaign, and the

launch of the SAHAV digital ocean data portal, signaling India's rising influence in marine science and governance, according to a Union Science and Technology Ministry's statement.

The Minister dwelled

in details about the USD 80 billion port-led projects under the Sagarmala Programme as well as USD 2.5 Billion Fisheries Investment through the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).



WAP7 Locomotive of Electrical locoshed, Visakhapatnam secures second position in Crew-Friendly upgrades competition : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, June 10 : Electrical Loco Shed, Visakhapatnam (ELS, VSKP) has achieved a remarkable feat by securing second place in the prestigious "Beauty Contest for Electric Locomotives" held recently at Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW). The competition saw the participation of thirteen locomotives from various Zonal Railways across India.

Under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager Waltair Shri Lalit Bohra and Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Shri B. Shanmukha Rao, the ELS, VSKP team undertook a series of innovative crew-friendly modifications on WAP7 locomotive 37419. These upgrades are in line with the Railway Board's directive to enhance the comfort and reduce fatigue for locomotive crews during long working hours.

The comprehensive upgrade focused on several key areas, including overall cab ambience, noise isolation, improved AC and thermal insulation, waterless urinals, enhanced seating, upgraded flooring, easier signal exchange, baggage storage, upcoming caution alert systems, an improved lookout glass cleaning

mechanism, single-key operation, desk modifications for better switch access, sun visor improvements, and the introduction of a Crew Voice and Video Recording System, along with driver advisory features. The ELS, Visakhapatnam, carefully selected WAP7 locomotive 37419 for this initiative and successfully implemented the upgrades using the latest materials and state-of-the-art technologies. Notable improvements include a retrofitted crew desk, enhanced cab AC ducting, ventilated and improved seats, motor-operated side window shutters, a caution order display, a rear-view camera, anti-slip flooring with radium stickers, a driver tool box, and adjustable cab spotlights. Mr Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Waltair, felicitated the ELS, VSKP team for their outstanding performance at the national level and for demonstrating innovation and dedication to crew welfare. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lalit Bohra remarked, "This achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to crew welfare and operational excellence. I congratulate the entire team for their winning efforts and encourage them to maintain this spirit for future accomplishments."