

IN BRIEF

Give immediate compensation to banana farmers, demands Shiv Sena MLA

Nanded June 13 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) MLA Baburao Kadam on Friday demanded the state's Mahayuti government give immediate compensation to banana farmers, whose produce was damaged due to heavy rains. Kadam warned that he will not allow a smooth run of the assembly session if compensation was not provided to farmers on time.

Kadam inspected the damage and demanded compensation of Rupee one lakh sixty thousand per hectare from the government for the banana crop. He has made it clear that he will continue to fight until the farmers get justice.

Kolhapur couple's cat hoarding sparks health crackdown

Kolhapur, June 13 (UNI) : A couple in Airekar Galli near Rankala Bus Stand, in Kolhapur city of Maharashtra , faced municipal action after illegally keeping over 35 cats in their residence, creating severe hygiene problems and distressing neighbours.

Following multiple complaints, the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) health department conducted a raid on Tuesday, seizing three cats and removing two tractor-trolley loads of accumulated garbage.

The raid was triggered by reports of a foul stench and unsanitary conditions caused by the large number of cats and the resulting waste. Upon arrival, the KMC team found that more than 15 cats fled the premises. One health worker was bitten during the operation.

The couple, identified as Pradeep and Madhuri Bulbule, had been keeping the cats for an extended period, although the number had reportedly decreased recently. Despite receiving two prior warnings from the authorities to improve cleanliness, the couple failed to act, compelling the health department to intervene. During the raid, the couple attempted to block officials from entering their home, leading to a verbal confrontation.



In this image via @narendramodi on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets family members of former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani, who died after an Air India plane carrying him and 241 others crashed in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

PM Modi visits AI plane crash site, meets injured and sole survivor

Ahmedabad, June 13 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday visited the Air India plane crash site and talked to officials and teams supervising relief efforts. Modi also went to the hospital to meet the injured and check their condition.

The Prime Minister also met Ramesh Vishwas, the only survivor of the crash, and inquired about his health. He also checked on the well-being of other injured individuals.

Modi, who reached Ahmedabad early morning, has been closely monitoring the situation since the accident left 241 passengers dead and several injured.

The Prime Minister met emergency response teams and officials at the disaster

site, and extended his condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones. He was accompanied by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Nair, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, and several senior officials, conducting a thorough assessment.

Modi expressed his deep sorrow over the tragic plane crash, emphasising that the entire nation is in shock. He said that the incident has left everyone devastated.

On social media platform X, Modi shared several messages, stating, "The plane crash in Ahmedabad has left us all in shock. The sudden and heartbreaking loss of so many lives is beyond words. My heartfelt condolences go out to all the

grieving families. We share their pain, and the emptiness created will be felt for many years. Om Shanti."

He added, "Today, I visited the site of the accident in Ahmedabad. The scene was tragic. I met officials and teams working tirelessly since the incident. My thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones in this unimaginable tragedy."The tragedy occurred on Thursday afternoon when the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner went down just two minutes after takeoff. The aircraft was carrying 242 passengers, including 12 crew members. Among the deceased was former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani. The passengers included 169 Indian citizens, 53 British

nationals, seven Portuguese, and one Canadian. Ramesh Vishwas, a British citizen of Indian origin, is the sole survivor and is currently receiving medical treatment. Besides those onboard, at least 24 people, including four medical students, were killed on the ground, as the plane crashed into the hostel building of the B J Medical College in Meghaninagar area of Ahmedabad. Air India has set up a dedicated passenger hotline number, 1800 5691 444, to provide more information. Home Minister Amit Shah who visited the site last evening to review the situation has asked for a probe into the incident. A high-level committee has already been set up to oversee the inquiry.

Indian embassy issues safety advisory for citizens in Israel amid rising tensions

Tel Aviv/New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) : Due to the ongoing security situation in Israel, the Indian Embassy on Friday released an advisory for all Indian nationals currently living in or traveling to the country.

The embassy has urged everyone to remain alert, follow the safety guidelines issued by local Israeli authorities, and stay informed through the Home Front Command website (oref.org.il/eng). The advisory emphasizes the importance of minimising travel, exercising caution, and staying near designated safety shelters. Indian citizens are encouraged to maintain contact with the embassy and prioritize their safety at all times. The embassy of India in Israel through a post on X said, "In view of the prevailing situation in the region, all Indian nationals in Israel are advised to stay vigilant and adhere to the safety protocols as advised by the Israeli authorities and home frontcommand(oref.org.il/eng)".

CM Fadnavis interacts with saints and mahants at his Varsha residence

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, June 13 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis met saints and mahants and discussed with them the 350th Shaheed Samagam of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji and the 350th Guru Ta Gaddi Samagam programme of Guru Gobind Singh ji at three places in the state.

The Samagam is planned in Nanded, Nagpur and Navi Mumbai. The Chief Minister said that Guru Tegh Bahadur ji dedicated himself to the society when it was being exploited during the period of conflict.

He fought to eliminate the injustices being done during the tyrannical rule of Aurangzeb. "It is important for the next generation to remember this part of history that he was martyred for the greater good of society," he said.

Fadnavis promised that his government would provide full cooperation to this programme and said that the history of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Saheb ji and Guru Gobind Singh ji will definitely be conveyed to the next generations through these programmes.

The CM said various communities will come together to organize the programme. "This gives us an opportunity to build our country through unity and convey our history to the new generation through such gatherings," he said.

Ahmedabad plane crash: 10 resident were from Maharashtra

Mumbai June 13 (UNI) : At least 10 people, mostly crew members, from Maharashtra were victims of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner (AI171) which was on way to London when it crashed into a medical college complex shortly after takeoff from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on Thursday.

Out of the 242 people on board, only one survived.

Among them from Maharashtra was Cabin crew Deepak Pathak, from Badlapur, in neighbouring Kalyan district. He had spoken to his mother before the ill-fated flight took off. He had been with Air India for 11 years.

The deceased also included Captain Sumeet Pushkaraj Sabharwal and co-pilot Clive Kunder, both based in Mumbai.

Capt Sumeet Sabharwal, who piloted Flight AI 171, had 8,200 hours of flying experience. He was assisted by First Officer Clive Kunder, who had 1,100 hours of flying experience. Both were from Mumbai.

Sabharwal was a resident of Jalvayu Vihar in Powar. He was known to be a very amiable person who stayed with his aged father.

Another crew member, Maithili Patil (23), was a resident of the Nhava village in Navi Mumbai. Patil joined Air India two years ago, and her father, Moreshwar Patil, is a labour contractor with ONGC. Patil had spoken to her father before her flight to London and promised to call him once she reached the city, a former sarpanch of Nhava said.

Aparna Mahadik (43), another crew member, was a resident of Goregaon in the western suburbs, and her husband also works with Air India as a crew member. She was a relative of NCP leader Sunil Tatkare.

Roshni Rajendra Songhare and Saineeta Chakravarti, both crew members, hailed from Dombivli and Juhu Koliwada, respectively. Songhare was also a travel influencer with more than 54,000 followers on Instagram.



One Nation, One Election key to strengthening Indian Democracy: Kalraj Mishra

The implementation of One Nation, One Election will not only strengthen Indian democracy but also open new avenues for the country's development and prosperity, former Union Minister and ex Governor Kalraj Mishra said here on Friday. Describing the concept as crucial for India's democratic future, Mishra emphasised that the idea transcends political affiliations. "This is not about any one political party, but about the greater good of the nation.

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Trump presses Iran to make deal after Israeli strikes



In the wake of Israeli strikes on Iran overnight, U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday morning urged Tehran to strike a nuclear deal to avoid further Israeli attacks. "Iran must make a deal, before there is nothing left," Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social, warning that "the next already planned attacks" will be "even more brutal." (See on page 3)

De Bruyne joins Napoli on free transfer after Man City exit



Kevin De Bruyne has ended his 10-year spell at Manchester City and joined Napoli as a free agent, the Serie A club confirmed. De Bruyne arrived at Manchester City from German side Wolfsburg in the summer of 2015. Over 10 seasons, the Belgian midfielder helped the club win six Premier League titles

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Post Art 370 normalcy claims a myth: Mirwaiz Umar Farooq



Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Friday said the narrative of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370 is a "myth." He claimed that "oppressive measures" remain firmly in place and there is "no political or administrative space available to the people of Jammu and Kashmir." (See on page 8)

India's Covid tally surge to 7,131 cases; one death in past 24 hrs

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) : India’s active virus case load has risen to 7,131 as of 8 am on Friday, according to the latest data released by the Union Health Ministry.

One death was registered during the period, bringing the cumulative death toll to 78 since the beginning of the year.

The recent uptick in cases is attributed to emerging sub-variants of the Omicron lineage, including JN.1, NB.1.8.1, LF.7, and XFC. These variants are characterized by increased transmissibility but tend to cause milder clinical symptoms.

Currently classified by the World Health Organization as “Variants Under Monitoring,” health experts emphasise that ongoing surveillance and adherence to preventive measures are vital to curbing potential escalation.

Kerala continues to be the most affected state, with 2,055 active cases. West Bengal follows with 747 cases, Delhi has reported 714 cases, and Maharashtra has 629 active infections. Gujarat has also experienced a

notable rise, reporting 1,358 active cases. Since West Bengal has yet to share its latest infection data, the actual case count may be higher.

Since the start of 2025, India has recorded a total of 78 Covid-19 related deaths. The most recent casualty involved an 82-year-old man from Kerala with co-morbidities including Type 1 respiratory failure and Covid pneumonia.

While the virus no longer poses an emergency-level threat, health authorities caution that Covid-19 continues to circulate seasonally, similar to influenza. Recoveries have reached approximately 10,976 since early 2025, indicating ongoing resilience against severe disease.States such as Karnataka (395 active cases), Tamil Nadu (220), and Uttar Pradesh (251) are also witnessing moderate case loads. Health authorities have urged citizens to remain cautious, especially the elderly and immune-compromised, while reiterating the importance of hygiene, masking in crowded places, and timely testing.

SII, DNDi in pact to develop affordable dengue treatment

New Delhi, June 13 (UN) : The Serum Institute of India (SII), the world’s largest vaccine manufacturer and Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), a not-for-profit research entity, have entered into a partnership with an aim to accelerate the development of a monoclonal antibody treatment for dengue fever.

The initiative specifically targets low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), where dengue is endemic and health systems are often under strain during outbreaks, said a joint statement here from the organisations.Despite the rising global burden of dengue — with an estimated 3.9 billion people at risk and cases more than

doubling annually since 2021 — there is currently no specific treatment available. The new monoclonal antibody candidate, previously known as VIS513, has shown promise in pre-clinical studies and early-phase clinical trials led by SII, demonstrating safety and efficacy, added the statement.

The SII is currently leading a pivotal Phase III clinical trial in India, while SII and DNDi will now work together to conduct additional Phase III trials in other dengue-endemic countries, including Brazil, Malaysia and Thailand, it added.

The two entities will work jointly to implement research and development activities, raise

necessary resources, and build strategies for regulatory approval and equitable access.

Dr Kavita Singh, Director of South Asia and Asia Continental Lead at DNDi, noted, “Dengue is no longer confined to historically endemic areas. Its spread into newer regions makes it imperative to invest in both preventive and therapeutic solutions” She said climate change is altering patterns for dengue fever and other diseases. "Before, we didn’t have as many cases, or as many deaths,” she added.

Dr Prasad Kulkarni, executive director of SII, was of the opinion that this move would help advancing the clinical development of a

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Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer /Const./ HQ Central Railway, 3rd Floor, New Administrative Building. Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. Mumbai- 400 001 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tenders online through web-site from reputed contractors for the following work: **E-Tender Notice No.: LC/CSMT/CRP/PMS/2025/01/R, Dated.12.06.2025. Name of work:** Request for Proposal (RFP) Appointment of Authority Engineer for providing Project Management Services for construction of new 2 x 25 KV TSS/SSP/SP at Bhusawal, Nagpur, Pune, Solapur Division of Central Railway. **Approx. Tender cost:** 23,38,00,969.08 (Rupees Twenty Three Crore, Thirty Eight Lakh, Nine Hundred, Sixty Nine and Eight Paise only). **Earnest money Deposit (EMD):** 13,19,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh, Nineteen Thousand only). **Bidding Type:** Normal Tender. **Bidding System:** Two Packet System. **Bidding Style:** Single Rate for Each Schedule. **Cost of Tender Booklet:** Nil. **Completion period:** 36 (Thirty Six) months including monsoon. **Validity of Offer:** 120 (One Hundred Twenty) days from the date of opening of tender. **Website Address:** <http://www.ireps.gov.in> **Availability of Tender Documents:** Tender Notice & Tender document can be accessed on the above website. Pre-Bid Conference Date & Time: 12:00 hrs on 27.06.2025. **Date & Time of Submission and Opening of Tender:** The e tenders duly completed in all respects, along with the requisite documents, upto 15:00 hrs on 24.07.2025. This tender (Technical Bid) will be opened on the same day on 15.00 hrs. In case holiday is declared on the date, Tenders will be opened on next day at same time as stated above. **Important Notes for tenderers for above mentioned works:** a) The tendering will solely be through e-tendering only. All intending tenderers need to first register with IREPS website. b) Prospective tenderers are advised that before submitting their offer electronically, they should refer to the Tender details regarding terms and conditions, eligibility criteria etc. c) Tender documents & corrigendum issued from time to time are available on this website at least 15 days in advance of opening of tender and may be seen on website. d) Rates entered into Financial Rate Page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. e) Documents being attached should be signed by tenderer on its body.

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Resident doctors and medical students carry their belongings from the damaged government hostel a day after an Air India flight crashed into the building, in Ahmedabad on Friday.

AI announces flight diversions as Israel-Iran tensions mount

Mumbai June 13 (UNI) : National carrier Air India on Friday announced the diversion and return of 16 of its international flights in response to escalating tensions between Israel and Iran and the closure of Iranian airspace.

The advisory stated that passenger safety remains the airline’s top priority amid this sudden geopolitical crisis. The airline acknowledged the inconvenience caused to flyers and assured them that measures were being taken to reduce the impact of the disruption. Passengers were offered complimentary rescheduling or full refunds.

“We regret the inconvenience caused to our passengers due to unforeseen disruptions and are making every effort to minimise them, including providing accommodation for passengers,” Air India stated.

Israeli PM calls up Modi, discusses situation in the region

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi today and discussed with him the evolving situation in the region.

During the discussion Prime Minister Netanyahu briefed Modi on the recent developments while the Indian Prime Minister conveyed India’s concerns over the situation.

Modi underscored the urgent need for the early restoration of peace and stability in the region, reaffirming India’s commitment to global peace efforts.

Ayush Ministry to host Yoga Connect on Saturday

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) : As a key lead-up event to the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY), the Ayush Ministry will host ‘Yoga Connect’, a hybrid global summit on Saturday at Vigyan Bhawan here.

The summit will bring together yoga gurus, policymakers, health experts, business leaders, researchers, and global influencers, both from India and abroad, an official statement said here.

The event is being coordinated by the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN). ‘Yoga Connect’ will follow a hybrid format, bringing together over 1,000 in-person participants along with virtual attendees from leading international yoga institutions and wellness communities.

Experts from more than four countries, including Bahrain, the United States, the United Kingdom, and South Korea, will join the summit.

A major highlight of the summit will be the release of ‘Yoga Prabhava’ report-a nationwide study conducted by CCRYN assessing the impact of IDY over the past decade.On the occasion, Decadal Impact of Yoga (E-book), Report on Scientometric Analysis of Yoga Research and Bhartiya Vriksha Vaibhavam: An Illustrative booklet highlighting the significance of native Indian trees and their relevance will be unveiled.Yoga Connect will see the participation of Baba Ramdev, Acharya BalaKrishna, HR Nagendra, Bikkhu Sanghasena, and Bharath Bhushan.

EV Skill labs to be set up to train students in green mobility

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) : Soon, electric vehicle (EV) skill labs will be established within select ITIs and NSTIs across five States, where students will receive hands-on training in green skills and electric mobility.According to a Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) statement here, the Directorate General of Training (DGT) and Shell India have jointly launched this Green Skills-focused EV training program to empower youth in the country.It will be executed by Edunet Foundation, the implementing partner of Shell, empowering thousands of students with industry-ready skills in electric mobility and

renewable energy in select ITIs and National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) in Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.Aligned with India’s green economy vision, the initiative will provide certification, placement support, and pathways to green jobs in the rapidly evolving energy sector, as per the statement.

In the first phase, the program includes a 240-hour advanced EV Technician course at 4 NSTIs, a 90-hour job-oriented EV skills course at 12 ITIs equipped with Shell-supported labs, and a 50-hour foundational green skills module at additional ITIs without physical labs.

The curriculum, jointly developed by Shell, Edunet

Delhi court adjourns hearing in defamation complaint against Nirmala Sitharaman

New Delhi, Jun 13 (UNI) A Delhi court adjourned hearing on Friday in a defamation complaint filed against Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the request of her counsel.Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Paras Dalal after hearing the request of Zoheb Hossain and Pranjali Tripathi, counsels for Nirmala Sitharaman, said, "Time sought by the proposed accused side to file vakalatnama. Although the summons have been received back duly served. The proposed accused side has sought a copy of complaint. The complainant side agrees to supply the soft copy of the same alongwith the link of the purported defamatory material/interview."He said the matter should be fixed for consideration/arguments on June 26at 11:30 am.Lipika Mitra, wife of former AAPMLA Somnath Bharti, filed a criminal defamation complaint against Sitharaman for allegedly making statements over their marital discord.It is alleged that at a press conference on May 17, 2024 Sitharaman has made defamatory, false and malicious statements with the intention to tarnish Bharti's reputation.

One Nation, One Election key to strengthening Indian Democracy: Minister Kalraj Mishra

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) The implementation of One Nation, One Election will not only strengthen Indian democracy but also open new avenues for the country’s development and prosperity, former Union Minister and ex Governor Kalraj Mishra said here on Friday.Describing the concept as crucial for India’s democratic future, Mishra emphasised that the idea transcends political

affiliations.“This is not about any one political party, but about the greater good of the nation. Simultaneous elections across the country would streamline policy planning and implementation while significantly reducing manpower strain and economic expenditure,” he explained here at an event organised by the Radheshyam Charitable Foundation. Mishra noted

that the initiative was first brought into discussion through the BJP’s 1984 manifesto and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has since pursued it with serious intent, according to a statement here by the Foundation.Addressing the gathering, Prof. (Dr.) Ramakant Dwivedi, Director of the India Central Asia

Foundation (ICF), highlighted the need to reduce the frequency of elections to optimize national resources and administrative focus. He provided both historical context and an analytical overview of the potential advantages and limitations of the ‘One Nation, One Election’ model.

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TREE AUTHORITY

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

In accordance with the provision under section 8 (3) (C) of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection & Preservation of Trees Act 1975 (As modified upto 24th June 2021), **01** Proposal from **‘K’West** and **01** Proposal from **‘P/South’** ward in in **Zone - IV i.e. Total 02 Proposals** for removal of trees have been approved by Municipal Commissioner, Chairman, Tree Authority B.M.C. under sub section 8 (6) of section (8) 3 of the said Act.

The information of the trees for cutting/ Transplanting in above mentioned proposals is available on mcgm website → www.mcgm.gov.in → About BMC → ward/Department → Department manuals → Gardens & Tree Authority → Documents → **WS 445 K West** CTS 631 Navkar Construction MDG 2552, **WS 446 P South** CTS 33.13 Deep Shikhar MDG 4293.

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IMD predicts heavy rain

Mumbai June 13 (UNI) : India Meteorological Department (IMD), on Friday predicted cloudy weather along with heavy rains from June 12 to June 15.The temperatures are predicted to range between minimum of 27 degrees Celsius and maximum of 32 degrees Celsius.

According to latest weather report Madhya Maharashtra, Vidharbha and Marathwada regions are under orange alert while Kokan region has been issued red alert.The cloudy weather has taken over the city since late evening yesterday, with light showers with overcast skies are experienced throughout city and suburban areas

Karisma Kapoor's ex-husband Sanjay Kapoor passes away

Mumbai, June 13 (UNI) Bollywood actress Karisma Kapoor's ex-husband Sanjay Kapoor passed away due to a heart attack in London. He was 53. He suffered a heart attack while playing polo in London on Thursday.

The death has brought grief to the Kapoor family. Karisma Kapoor was married to businessman Sanjay Kapoor in 2003. However, they got divorced in 2014. They have two children, Samaira and Kiaan. After divorcing Karisma, Sanjay Kapoor married Priya Sachdev.

Kapoor had tweeted on Air India plane crash and died of a heart attack within a few hours, Bollywood sources said.In his tweet, Sanjay paid tributes to those who lost their lives in the Ahmedabad Air India plane crash.Kapoor was at the Guards Polo Club in England. While playing polo, he suffered a heart attack and fell down. He was immediately admitted to the hospital, but the doctors declared him dead.



Flights parked on the runway at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, in Mumbai. Several Air India flights were either diverted or returned to origin amid escalating tensions between Iran and Israel. Iran has closed its airspace due to the ongoing conflict.

Air India accident shatters cabin crew member Irfan Sheikh's dreams

Mumbai June 13 (UNI) : Having joined the aviation industry just two years ago, Shaikh harboured big dreams that were tragically cut short. The 22-year-old cabin crew member on the ill-fated Air India flight AI171 bound for London, lost his life in the devastating crash near Ahmedabad on Thursday.

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner, carrying 230 passengers and 12 crew members, crashed moments after takeoff from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

International Airport, killing 265 people in one of India's deadliest aviation disasters. Shaikh's family, based in Pimpri Chinchwad near Pune, is now grappling with the loss.Irfan's uncle, Firoz Shaikh, recalled how his nephew always kept his family informed about his flight schedules. "When the news of the crash broke, his mother was devastated knowing he was on that flight," he said. The family immediately travelled to Ahmedabad, where authorities collected blood

samples from Irfan's elder brother for DNA confirmation of the body.

Irfan began his career in aviation after completing a professional course and initially worked with Vistara. Following the Air India-Vistara merger, he started working on international routes, fulfilling his ambition to excel in the field. "He had big dreams and was determined to succeed, but now all those dreams have been shattered," his uncle lamented.Irfan's father,

Salim Shaikh, runs a local shop, while his mother is a homemaker. His elder brother works in the software industry. The family had recently celebrated Eid ul Adha together before the tragedy struck.According to Air India, among the 230 passengers, 169 were Indians, 53 British nationals, seven Portuguese, and one Canadian. The crew included two pilots and ten cabin members, all of whom were lost in the crash.

IIT student arrested for alleged sexual assault on minor

Mumbai, June 13 (UNI) : A 23-year-old third-year student of IIT Kharagpur, Adwait Khochare, has been arrested by Maharashtra police in neighbouring Thane city for allegedly raping a 13-year-old differently-abled girl, officials confirmed on Friday.The arrest followed a complaint filed by the girl's mother, who works as a ragpicker. According to police, the accused lured the girl with promises of new clothes before

sexually assaulting her. The distressing incident came to light when the victim confided in her mother, prompting the latter to approach the authorities late Wednesday.

Subsequently, a case was registered under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and the Information Technology Act.During the investigation, police recovered a video of the

assault from Khochare's mobile phone, along with objectionable images and videos of other girls. These materials, while not all depicting sexual acts, are non-consensual and raise concerns about additional victims. Authorities suspect that the accused may have targeted other women previously, and further inquiry is on.

Khochare was produced before a local court on Thursday and remanded to five days of police custody as

investigation continue.

The case has sent shockwaves through the community, highlighting the urgent need for stringent safeguards to protect vulnerable children.

The police have assured that the probe will

be thorough and that all necessary legal action will be taken to ensure justice for the victim and to prevent such heinous crimes in the future.

Mumbai daylight robbery: Five arrested, stolen gold recovered

Mumbai June 13 (UNI) : The Mumbai police on Friday arrested five people in connection with a daylight robbery wherein two jewellery store employees were robbed of nearly three kg of gold worth Rs 2.55 crore. Police have recovered all the stolen gold.

An officer of Mumbai crime branch said the case was cracked within 12 hours of the crime accused being arrested, while all the stolen items were also recovered.

The accused have been identified as Kurla residents Vinayak Dalvi and Mangesh Shinde, Shanavaz Khan, who hails from Sewree, Nagpada resident Abdul Shaikh, and Santosh Jain.

According to police on Thursday unidentified assailants snatched a bag containing gold worth approximately Rs 2.55 crore from two jewellery workers commuting to their office in Lower Parel. The incident occurred around 8:45 AM near the Diana Bridge junction in the Navjivan Society area of south Mumbai.

According to the FIR registered at Nagpada Police Station, complainant Rajan Shantaram Pawaskar (49), a resident of Vichumbe Village, Panvel (East), along with his nephew Tejas, was riding a motorcycle and carrying a grey-colored bag. The bag contained around 1,500 grams of gold biscuits and another 1,500 grams of broken and repair-bound gold ornaments — totaling approximately 3,000 grams.

Mumbai Police arrest two in elaborate Modelling Photoshoot Fraud

Mumbai, June 13 (UNI) : Mumbai Borivali police have arrested two brothers, Jaikishan Omprakash Singh and Bhagatsingh Omprakash Singh, with extensive criminal records, for allegedly duping a woman by promising a modelling opportunity for her 10-year-old daughter.

The accused were apprehended from Malpa Dongri in Andheri, near Vasant Hotel, official confirmed on Friday.

The case was initiated after Charmi Parekh, a resident of Borivali, filed a complaint detailing how she was deceived. Parekh, whose husband works in the stock market, had arranged a professional photoshoot for their daughter and shared the pictures with various modelling agencies.

On March 26, 2025, she received a call from a man claiming to be Jaikishan Singh, who informed her that her daughter had been selected for a prestigious photoshoot with a reputed clothing brand.

Jaikishan demanded payments covering processing fees, clothing, studio access, courier charges, and other expenses, assuring that these would be reimbursed after the shoot. Trusting him, Parekh transferred Rs 28,547 online. However, when she and her daughter arrived at Film City,


Goregaon, on April 19, no photoshoot was arranged. Attempts to contact Jaikishan failed as his phone was switched off, prompting her to report the fraud to Borivali Police.

Police registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Information Technology Act. A thorough investigation traced the accused to their hideout in Andheri. Both brothers confessed to the scam during interrogation.

Further inquiries revealed that Jaikishan and Bhagatsingh have multiple criminal cases across Maharashtra. Jaikishan faces a 2023 murder charge in Dapoli (Ratnagiri) and robbery cases in Sangameshwar, MIDC, and Andheri. Bhagatsingh is implicated in drug offenses, embezzlement, and cyber fraud in Meghwadi, MIDC, and Andheri.

Authorities also discovered that bank accounts used in this scam were linked to similar frauds reported in Nhava Sheva (Navi Mumbai), Rachakonda (Telangana), Coimbatore, and Tambaram (Tamil Nadu), according to the National Cybercrime Portal.

Both suspects are currently in police custody as investigators probe whether they are part of a larger interstate cyber fraud syndicate.



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The information of the trees for cutting/ Transplanting in above mentioned proposals is available on BMC website → <https://mcgm.gov.in> → About us → Wards /Department → Department manuals → Gardens & Tree Authority → Tree Authority → Public Notice 7 Days → 393 - Zone -III.

Objections / suggestions from citizens for aforesaid proposals, if any are invited in prescribed format within 7 days from the date of published of this notice in the office of Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer.

You can also submit your suggestions / objections in prescribed format on dysg.ta@mcgm.gov.in this email-ID. Your suggestions/Objections in prescribed format received in stipulated time will be noted. Emails or written suggestions / Objections received after the said date will not be entertained. Hearing for objections/ suggestions obtained will be given on **25-06-2025 at 04.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.** at the office of Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer. Those who find it necessary to attend this hearing can remain present with a copy of their e-mail, suggestions/ objections.

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Sub), Western Railway, Mumbai Central, invites **E-Tender No: WR-MMCTOESUB (ESPT/8/2025, Date: 10.06.2025. Name of the work: Replacement of defective and high resistance earthing stations of PSI and OHE Installations in Churchgate - Virar section. Estimated cost of work: ₹ 49,56,118.20. Bid Security: ₹ 99,100/-.**
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EEPC India holds open house session on India-US bilateral trade

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) : EEPC India, the country's apex engineering exports promotion body, on Friday held an Open House Session on the India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) here in which participating members shared that buyers in the US are delaying orders due to policy uncertainty, making it hard for businesses to plan and grow.

Even as India and the US are holding bilateral trade agreement (BTA) talks, the US recently doubled tariffs under Section 232 — from 25 percent to 50 pc on steel, steel products, and

aluminium.

Auto components face a 25 pc duty, while other items are taxed at 10 pc.

Unlike countries like Canada, Mexico, and the UK, India does not enjoy tariff exemptions from the US. This puts Indian exporters at a disadvantage, especially for low-margin products that are easily replaceable and sensitive to price changes, the speakers said.

EEPC India chairman Pankaj Chadha, emphasised that while the BTA may take time, India must ensure that its final agreement is on par or better than those of other US trade partners.

Aakash Shah, Vice Chairman of EEPC India, pointed out that India's penetration in the US engineering market remains low. India ranks only 13th among the US's engineering trade partners, with a modest 1.8 pc share.

"These small figures might offer India an opportunity to request more favourable trade terms under the ongoing BTA discussions to support its engineering exporters," he noted.

The aluminium industry raised concerns about high power costs in India, which make production expensive. In contrast, countries like Canada and those in Europe, which use cheaper renewable energy, can offer better prices and gain market share in the US. Producers in the Middle East, such as UAE and Bahrain, are also expanding rapidly.

EEPC India members appreciated the Government's support in dealing with various challenges which hit the industry from time to time.

Rajesh Agrawal, Special Secretary in the Department of Commerce and India's Chief Negotiator for the BTA was the chief guest at the session.

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A tale of democratic disillusionment

Nine months ago, Bangladesh seemed to be basking in the sunlit uplands of promise and reform. Today, that same horizon is cloaked in a gathering storm of disenchantment. The protagonist of this tragicomic reversal is none other than Nobel Laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus, whose ascent to interim leadership had been hailed as a beacon of hope in the aftermath of the July uprising.

Alas, the euphoric optimism that once accompanied his stewardship has now metamorphosed into a widespread disillusionment, manifesting in an unmistakable anti-Yunus sentiment that now pervades the streets, the institutions, and the collective psyche of the nation.

The chief advisor of the interim government, a mantle donned by Dr Yunus in the wake of broad-based endorsement from civil society, political parties, and the military, now finds himself grappling with an existential crisis. Recently, he even alluded to the possibility of resigning—an act born out of sheer frustration with the worsening political quagmire that envelops the country.

One could argue that the malaise he now finds so unpalatable is, in fact, the bitter fruit of the very seeds he sowed.

This interim regime was conceived with two noble mandates: to administer the country’s affairs with competence and impartiality, and to organise credible elections that would restore democratic order. The expectations, lofty as they were, were matched by the confidence reposed in Yunus.

Yet, from the moment he began articulating his grand vision for reform, a chasm began to open up between the ruling elite and the very constituencies that had welcomed his leadership. That chasm, now a yawning abyss, has been further deepened by policies deemed unilateral, decisions perceived as authoritarian, and legislative overreach that has alarmed not only domestic stakeholders but also international watchdogs.

The interim government, though not bound by a term limit, was implicitly expected to be transient—a temporary custodian of the nation’s polity, akin to previous caretaker administrations that functioned within a three-month window. An October 2024 survey by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) revealed that 53 per cent of Bangladesh’s electorate favoured a shorter tenure for the interim regime.

And yet, Yunus and his coterie of advisors appeared to prioritise an ambitious reform agenda over the foundational necessity of conducting timely elections. This insistence on structural overhauls, however well-intentioned, was interpreted by political factions as a veiled attempt to prolong their unelected stewardship. Unsurprisingly, the corridors of power began to echo with murmurs of discontent, which soon spilled out onto the streets as vociferous protests.

Yunus’s recurrent orations on the indispensability of reform, far from rallying support, only exacerbated intra-party divisions and engendered legislative initiatives that many deemed deeply problematic. It was only under the relentless pressure of sustained public mobilisation and political lobbying that he eventually offered a tentative election timeline—initially between December 2025 and June 2026, later postponed to February-June 2026.

Even this delay might have been tolerable had the government presented a cogent roadmap. Instead, its dithering only fuelled suspicions regarding the true motives of the interim regime.

Further aggravating matters were remarks from the home advisor suggesting that the people wished the interim government to remain in power for “five more years”, coupled with Yunus’s own ambiguous assertion that the government would stay “as long as people want them to”.

These statements only lent credence to the theory that the interim regime had grown too fond of the reins of power to relinquish them voluntarily. The military, once a tacit partner in this experiment, began to show signs of unease; the Army Chief’s pronouncement that elections ought to be held by December served as a subtle, yet unequivocal, rebuke.

But the discontent was not limited to electoral matters. Yunus’ foray into foreign policy through his proposal to establish a humanitarian corridor into Myanmar’s Rakhine State unleashed a torrent of indignation. Critics, including representatives from across the political spectrum and within the armed forces, interpreted the move as a dangerous compromise on national sovereignty.

The lack of consultation preceding the decision only intensified the backlash, with the Army Chief warning that such a corridor could turn into a “bloody passage”, risking both geopolitical entanglements and national pride.

In a similar vein, Yunus’s decision to grant operational rights of the Chattogram port to a foreign conglomerate—an action undertaken after a visit to the port city—was perceived as a reckless concession jeopardising the country’s economic independence. Once again, the absence of multi-party dialogue before arriving at such a consequential decision rendered the act deeply unpopular.

Fortis Hospital, Manesar Launches ‘Fortis, The Nest’- A Dedicated Mother and Child Programme



(Standard Post Bureau)

Fortis Hospital, Manesar today launched ‘Fortis, The Nest’, a dedicated and state-of-the-art Mother and Child Programme, that brings together the finest blend of clinical expertise, advanced technology and compassionate care. Designed to support women through every stage of motherhood — from pre-conception to childbirth and beyond, The Nest offers a seamless continuum of care focused on the health, safety and overall holistic well-being of both mother and child.

This integrated programme is equipped to handle all levels of maternity and pediatric health related complexities. Whether it is a high-risk pregnancy, a premature birth, or a complex pediatric surgical case, The Nest is supported by a multi-disciplinary team of obstetricians, neonatologists, pediatricians, anesthesiologists, surgeons and trained nursing professionals. The key strength of the programme is its robust infrastructure, which includes a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and a fully equipped Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), both functioning round-the-clock to deliver critical care with precision and compassion.

From natural deliveries

to high-risk surgical interventions, The Nest ensures every birth is safe, supported, and expertly managed. At the heart of this programme lies a strong technological backbone - including advanced monitoring systems, neonatal ventilators, and C-PAP thus ensuring timely diagnosis, safe interventions, and superior outcomes. Beyond clinical excellence, The Nest also addresses the emotional and psychological dimensions of the motherhood journey. With services such as lactation counselling, nutritional support, pre-natal and post-natal care, pediatric vaccinations and developmental screenings, it strives to provide holistic support that extends well after childbirth.

Speaking at the launch, Dr Inderjeet Kaur Yadav, Honorable Mayor, Manesar, who was the Chief Guest at the event said, “It gives me immense pride to witness the launch of ‘Fortis, The Nest’ — a truly world-class Mother and Child Programme right here in Manesar. This initiative by Fortis Hospital is not just a milestone in healthcare infrastructure, but a beacon of hope for countless families. With its state-of-the-art facilities and a team of specialists offering round-the-clock care, The Nest ensures that every mother and child

receives the care, compassion, and clinical excellence they deserve. It is heartening to see a programme that not only focuses on medical needs but also supports women emotionally and holistically through every step of their motherhood journey.”

Dr. Nisha Aggarwal, Director – Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Fortis Hospital, Manesar said, “Fortis, The Nest is a space where every mother’s journey is honored — with empathy, expertise and safety. Our goal is to be a trusted partner from the very first trimester to the moments after birth, ensuring a calm, joyful, and healthy experience.”

Adding her perspective, Dr. Smita Vats, Additional Director – Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Fortis Hospital, Manesar noted, “At The Nest, our approach combines clinical precision with emotional support. Whether it’s a routine pregnancy or a medically complex case, mothers can be assured of care that’s personalized, respectful, and backed by a world-class team.”

Emphasizing the pediatric offering, Dr. Vineet Kwatra, Senior Consultant – Pediatrics, Fortis Hospital, Manesar shared, “Children deserve the best possible start in life, and The Nest ensures just that. With our NICU, PICU, and surgical

capabilities, we are equipped to manage everything from neonatal emergencies to long-term pediatric conditions — always with a child-first, family-centric approach.”

Mr. Abhijit Singh, Facility Director, Fortis Hospital, Manesar added, “The launch of ‘Fortis, The Nest’ represents our unwavering commitment to delivering integrated, high-quality, and compassionate care to families in this region. The launch comes at a time when maternal and child health (MCH) in North India continues to face critical challenges. As per the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), Haryana’s neonatal mortality rate stands at 22 per 1,000 live births, and anaemia affects nearly 60% of pregnant women in the state.

Despite improvements, gaps remain in access to high-quality, timely, and specialised care, especially for high-risk pregnancies and neonatal emergencies. ‘Fortis, The Nest’ has been designed as a strategic response to these regional needs.”

With a vision to redefine maternity and pediatric care in the region, Fortis, The Nest stands as a symbol of trust, safety, and clinical excellence — offering a holistic ecosystem for mothers and children to thrive, from the very beginning and beyond.

Defence Secy attends closing ceremony of India-Mongolia military drill

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) : The 17th edition of the India-Mongolia joint military exercise ‘Nomadic Elephant’ concluded at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on Friday.

Defence Secretary, Rajesh Kumar Singh along with Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh, Director General Operational Logistics and Strategic Movement, attended the closing ceremony, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, the Defence Secretary commended the professionalism, dedication and conduct of the Indian soldiers during Exercise Nomadic Elephant. He said that this exercise is a testament to the enduring bond of friendship, mutual trust and shared cultural linkages between India and Mongolia. It served as a platform for meaningful military cooperation and demonstrated India’s unwavering commitment to regional peace and stability. He further added that the Indian Army’s contribution to such joint initiatives not only enhances operational readiness but also reinforces India’s role as a responsible stakeholder in global peacekeeping efforts.

The Indian Army contingent, comprising 45 personnel predominantly from the Arunachal Scouts Battalion, actively participated in the two-week-long exercise.

The focus of the joint training was to enhance interoperability between the Indian Army and the Mongolian Armed Forces while operating as a combined task force in semi-conventional scenarios in semi-urban and mountainous terrain under United Nations mandate.

The Defence Secretary is also scheduled to attend the Opening Ceremony of the multinational joint military exercise ‘Khaan Quest 2025’ at the same location on Saturday, in which Indian Army contingent is also one of the participants. Exercise Khaan Quest 2025 will be conducted from June 14th to 28th.

The conduct of Exercises Nomadic Elephant and Khaan Quest marks a significant milestone in India’s expanding defence diplomacy and underscores the strategic importance of its partnership with Mongolia.

DGCA orders additional maintenance checks for Air India’s B787 aircraft

New Delhi, June 13 (UNI) : The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday issued a directive mandating urgent additional maintenance checks for Air India’s B787-8/9 fleet equipped with Genx engines. The directions were issued in the wake of the recent accident involving an Air India Boeing B787-800 aircraft operating flight AI-171 from Ahmedabad to Gatwick on June 12. In an order issued here, the aviation regulator stated that, as a preventive measure, the DGCA has directed Air India to carry out additional maintenance actions on Boeing 787-8/9 aircraft equipped with Genx engines, in coordination with the concerned regional DGCA offices. These measures will come into effect from June 15, the order said. The DGCA stated that, as part of aircraft maintenance and pre-flight drills, inspections must be carried out for fuel parameter monitoring and related system checks, cabin air compressor and associated systems, electronic engine control system testing, engine fuel-driven actuator operation testing, oil system inspection, and serviceability checks of the hydraulic system.

150 Orthopedic Doctors come together to attend Symposium on Knee Injuries

(Standard Post Bureau)

KIMS Hospital in collaboration with the North Andhra Orthopaedic Association and the Vizag Arthroscopic Association is set to host a one-day orthopedic Conference at Four Points by Sheraton hotel on June 15, 2025, focusing on Knee Meniscus injuries, their long-term implications, and the latest minimally invasive arthroscopic treatments.

Event is conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. P. Sivananda, Orthopaedic Department HOD, KGH Hospital and Andhra Medical College.

Event organizing team including Dr. Srinivas Gollangi, Dr. R. Rajesh Kumar Reddy and Dr. Santosh Ram Gaddam have shared the details on Thursday.

The symposium will bring together over 150 orthopedic surgeons from across Andhra Pradesh. The event aims to enhance awareness among both



orthopedic professionals and the general public about early diagnosis and effective management of knee-related injuries.

Leading orthopedic specialists from cities such as Ahmedabad and Coimbatore will share their expertise on cutting-edge techniques and technological advancements in arthroscopic surgery.

Knee ligament and meniscus injuries often go unnoticed in the early stages, especially in young individuals who may not recognize the seriousness of sports injuries, road

accidents, or even simple falls.

However, if left untreated, these injuries can lead to accelerated wear and tear of the knee joint, resulting in premature osteoarthritis and long-term mobility issues.

The symposium will include discussions and live demonstrations on how arthroscopy—a minimally invasive surgical technique—can effectively treat internal knee damage. Experts will also cover modern innovations such as Meniscal Transplants, Cartilage repair techniques, and more.

Livpure partners with UniOne Group to launch 100+

(Standard Post Bureau)

Livpure, one of India’s leading and most trusted customer-centric brands dedicated to consumer well-being, has announced a strategic partnership with UniOne Group to accelerate its retail expansion across India.

This collaboration aims to strengthen Livpure’s brand equity and bring its innovative, wellness-focused products to a broader consumer base through a robust network of exclusive brand stores, backed by a seamless omnichannel experience.

The alliance will see Livpure launch over 100 brand stores within the next 18–24 months, with an initial rollout of 50+ stores across

Gujarat, Maharashtra, Hyderabad, and Karnataka in the first year. This expansion targets metros, tier-1, tier-2 cities, and district headquarters, ensuring Livpure’s cutting-edge products like Water Purifiers, Kitchen Appliances and Air



Coolers, are accessible to diverse Indian households. UniOne Group’s expertise in omnichannel distribution and retail operations will drive this ambitious growth, delivering an elevated shopping experience that aligns with the aspirations of modern Indian consumers.

“Livpure has always prioritized innovation and consumer well-being, establishing itself as a leader in water purifiers. In just two years, we’ve also become one of the top

brands in kitchen appliances and air coolers,” said Rakesh Kaul, Managing Director, Livpure. “Our partnership with UniOne Group marks a significant step in expanding our retail footprint across India. Through exclusive Livpure brand stores, we will create immersive, service-led experiences where consumers can explore, interact with, and understand our full portfolio of wellness-driven products.

Trump presses Iran to make deal after Israeli strikes

Washington, June 13 (UNI) : In the wake of Israeli strikes on Iran overnight, U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday morning urged Tehran to strike a nuclear deal to avoid further Israeli attacks.

"Iran must make a deal, before there is nothing left," Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social, warning that "the next already planned attacks" will be "even more brutal."

"I gave Iran chance after chance to make a deal. I told them, in the strongest of words, to 'just do it,' but no matter how hard they tried, no matter how close they got, they just couldn't get it done," he wrote.

In a phone interview with CNN on Friday, Trump said that the United States "of course" supports Israel, calling Israeli strikes "a very successful attack."

Trump is set to speak to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday, CNN reported, citing a U.S. and an Israeli official.

Complete internet blackout in Gaza Strip has paralysed all humanitarian aid: UN

United Nations, June 13 (UNI) : A complete collapse of internet and data services across the Gaza Strip has paralysed deliveries of humanitarian aid to the Palestinian enclave, UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said.

The office for the coordination of the humanitarian affairs warned that a complete collapse of internet and data services is paralyzing aid operations across Gaza Strip," Haq said at a briefing.

The UN partners, who are dealing with communications, said that the outage happened due to 'heavy military activities', the spokesman added on Thursday.

Haq clarified that the UN is not pointing fingers at either of the warring parties but mentioned that the organisation needs fuel for functioning internet.

In early June, the UN has warned that it will have to pause aid operations in Gaza if fuel stocks are not replenished. The UN has made repeated attempts to replenish the stocks but their requests have been denied by Israeli authorities.

Iran requests Emergency UN Security Council meeting after Israeli strikes

Tehran, June 13 (UNI) : Iran requested an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council in response to the Israeli strikes on Iran on Friday, a letter by the Iranian permanent mission to the United Nations read.

"This is to confirm that the Iranian Mission to the UN has called on the Security Council to hold an emergency session," the letter, seen by Sputnik, read.

On Friday, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) launched large-scale operation Rising Lion, striking Iranian military targets and nuclear program sites. According to preliminary information, Israel struck at least 60 sites across eight provinces in Iran.Iranian armed forces spokesperson Brig. Gen. Abolfazl Shekarchi said that Tehran would give a tough response to Israeli strikes on Iran. Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei said that he gave the armed forces freedom of action to respond to Israeli strikes.

IDF military intel chief terms strikes on Iran a fight for its existence

Jerusalem, June 13 (UNI) : Calling the recent Israeli strikes against Iran a fight for the country's very existence, the IDF's Military Intelligence Directorate (Aman) chief Major General Shlomi Binder stated that Aman is operating at the highest level of operational readiness to disrupt Tehran's nuclear and missile programmes.

"We want to degrade, disrupt and remove this threat," Binder said. "We are embarking on a campaign that is nothing short of existential — against an enemy that seeks to destroy us."

Speaking from the Israel Air Force's underground command centre following a simultaneous strike on senior Iranian military leadership, Binder went on to praise the intelligence community for its role in identifying the threat and preparing for what comes next, reports Jerusalem Post.

Binder went on to say that Aman had worked hard to catch and disrupt Iran's secret attempts to work on various nuclear weapons group development issues, and worked even harder at following Tehran's secret progress regarding conventional ballistic missile threats.

Ever since the Israeli strikes took place, several Iranian nuclear scientists and top military officials have been killed, further damaging Iran's nuclear weapons program.

The attack was one of the most intense and meticulously coordinated attacks by the IDF on Tehran's nuclear weapons programs, ever since its targeting of Iranian facilities in 2023.

Binder called the attack a historic moment for military intelligence coordinating so many different issues for the current campaign against Iran.

"Military intelligence is fully prepared for this mission, is on very high alert, and is entering this campaign from a very strong position," he said.In a motivational speech to his officers, he said "I trust you, I believe in you. Bring your sharpness and your best selves — and with that, we will win. Good luck."

Explosions reported near Tehran as Israeli drone downed: media

Tehran, June 13 (UNI) : An explosion was heard near Pakdasht city, southeast of Iran's capital Tehran, on Friday evening, the semi-official Mehr News Agency reported, suggesting the blast may have been linked to air defense activity around the Parchin military site.

Separately, loud explosions were also reported in Malard and Shahriar counties, west of Tehran, according to Mehr, which said the source of the blasts had not yet been determined.

Meanwhile, Iran's state-run Press TV reported that Iranian air defenses had shot down an Israeli drone near the Fordow nuclear facility, located close to the central city of Qom.

Air India flight makes emergency landing in Thailand's Phuket after bomb threat: Airport

Bangkok, June 13 (UNI) : An Air India flight from Thailand's resort island of Phuket to Delhi requested an emergency landing on Friday due to a bomb threat, Phuket's airport said.

The Airport said the Air India flight AI 379, with 156 passengers on board, had taken off from Phuket bound for India's Delhi when the pilot reported a bomb threat message on board and requested to make an emergency landing, prompting the airport to activate its contingency plan.An airport official told Xinhua that the plane has since safely landed. Monchai Tanode, general manager of Phuket Airport, told reporters that the pilot reported to air traffic control that a crew member found a note with a suspected bomb threat in the plane's lavatory.

The airport said all passengers have been disembarked, and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams have started thorough searches for any explosives or suspicious items on the aircraft.

Don't drag us into your tensions with China: Panama Prez tells US

Panama City/ Washington, June 13 (UNI) : Panama President Jose Raul Mulino has asked the United States to not drag his country into its tensions with China, emphasising the importance of maintaining neutrality and focusing on domestic priorities while navigating international relations.

The remarks come post an announcement by the US Embassy in Panama City regarding its plan to swap out communication tower equipment manufactured by the Chinese firm Huawei with what they claimed was more secure US technology, reports Al Mayadeen.

During his weekly news conference, Mulino cautioned the US diplomatic mission against attempting to involve Panama in the geopolitical tensions between Beijing and Washington.

"Let them fight their problem in Washington or Beijing, but not in Panama's backyard," Mulino said in the press conference.

Trump has also stated that the US should reclaim control of the Panama Canal, which he claimed was being operated by China and used to overcharge US shipments to Panama.

However, Mulino and his administration have completely denied the allegations, slamming Trump over his remarks and asserting that the Canal falls under Panama's sovereign territory. Trump's remarks have caused significant strain in US-Panama ties.

Panamanian Security

Dhaka, June 13 (UNI) : BNP (Bangladesh Nationalist Party) Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said that the agreement reached between party chairman Tarique Rahman and Chief Advisor Mohammed Yunus over the date of elections, has changed the dynamic of the whole issue, becoming 'a turning point' for the country.

According to Business Standard BD, Alamgir in his media briefing about the meeting held between the

Minister Frank Abrego said the telecommunications project at the centre of the latest spat had been in development for almost a decade.

Panama installed several communication towers in 2017 in the eastern province of Darien using its own funds.

The United States later offered to fund the \$8 million project but asked to modify it because the equipment did not meet its military security requirements, Abrego said.

Two Afghan nationals executed by Iranian authorities on charges of drug trafficking

Kabul/Tehran, June 13 (UNI) Two more Afghan nationals have been executed by Iranian authorities over charges of drug trafficking. The development marks the latest incident in Iran's increased killings of Afghans witnessed since last year.The two nationals -- Zubeid Ali-Maleki from Sheberghan and Salim from Kabul -- were executed after spending approximately three years in prison, reports Tolo News.

According to the latest data from Iran Human Rights Organisation, at least 35 Afghan citizens have so far been executed in Iran since the beginning of 2025 — an alarming figure that has heightened concerns about the legal status of Afghan migrants in Iran.Iran Human Rights Organisation wrote: “Zubeid Ali-Maleki, originally from Sheberghan, had been arrested three years ago on drug-related charges and sentenced to death.

BNP Secretary General Mirza calls Tarique Rahman

two in London, said “The entire nation was anxiously waiting for the nearly two-hour meeting between our party's Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman and Muhammad Yunus. And everyone was waiting for the outcome of this meeting.”

"I had said earlier that this meeting could be a turning point. I express my utmost gratitude to Allah that this meeting has truly become a turning point," he added.

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Iran's supreme leader warns Israel of harsh punishment following Israeli airstrikes

Tehran/Jerusalem, June 13 (UNI) : Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said on Friday that Israel will receive harsh punishment following Israeli airstrikes on Iranian targets earlier in the day.

Israel "has prepared a bitter fate for itself, which it will definitely receive," he said in a statement.

Spokesman for the Iranian Armed Forces Abolfazl Shekarchi said in an interview with state-run IRIB TV that Israel would pay a heavy price for its action, stressing that the Iranian armed forces were well-prepared and would give a harsh response.

Multiple senior military commanders, including Chief Commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Hossein Salami, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Mohammad Bagheri and Commander of Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters Gholam Ali Rashid, were assassinated as a result of the airstrikes, state media reported.

The Israeli airstrikes also killed at least two Iranian nuclear scientists, identified as Mohammad Mehdi Tehrani and Fereydoon Abbasi, reports said.Explosions were reported in Tehran and the counties of Natanz, Khondab and Khorramabad, Iranian state TV reported, adding that multiple casualties, including women and children, were reported in a residential building in Tehran.

Over 100 drones have been launched by Iran at



Israel, said Israel Defence Forces (IDF) Spokesman Effie Defrin, adding that the army is working to shoot them down.

The IDF confirmed early Friday in a statement that it had launched a "preemptive, precise, combined" attack on dozens of military targets, including nuclear targets in different areas of Iran, adding, "Iran is closer than ever to obtaining a nuclear weapon."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a video address that the goal of the operation is "to strike Iran's nuclear infrastructure, Iran's ballistic missile factories, and Iran's military capabilities," and will continue "for as many days as it takes."

IDF chief Eyal Zamir said in a statement that Israel has "no other choice" and is "at the point of no return" to fight for its existence.

Following the attack, the IDF's Home Front Command prohibited educational activities and gatherings in Israel, except for essential sectors.

The Israeli Health Ministry also ordered all hospitals in the country to raise their alert level to the

highest possible, move to protected areas and descend to protected underground complexes.

In a statement, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio denied any U.S. assistance or involvement in the "unilateral" attack, adding that Israel had told Washington that it believed the strikes were necessary for its self-defence.

Earlier on Thursday, U.S. President Donald Trump warned of a possible "massive conflict" in the Middle East, saying that "I don't want them going in" as direct talks between the United States and Iran are ongoing."I want to have an agreement with Iran. We're fairly close to an agreement ... As long as I think there is an agreement, I don't want them going in because that would blow it," he told reporters in the White House.UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned any military escalation in the Middle East and "is particularly concerned by Israeli attacks on nuclear installations in Iran while talks between Iran and the United States on the status of Iran's nuclear program are underway," his deputy spokesperson said in a statement.

evidently proved fruitful in resolving their differences, as their agreement on holding the decision mid-February was lauded by the BNP chairman.

Stating that he had announced that the elections would be held by the first half of April next year, Yunus said, "If all preparations are completed, the elections could be held in the week before the start of Ramadan in 2026. In that case, it would be necessary to achieve sufficient progress

on reforms and justice by that time."

Speaking at a joint press briefing after the meeting, BNP Standing Committee Member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, who also attended the meeting, said his party is satisfied with the outcome.

Responding to a question from journalists, Khasru said, "We must work together with all parties to build a new Bangladesh, not only before the elections, but also after the elections."

Russia blames IAEA's 'anti-Iran hysteria'

Moscow, June 13 (UNI) : Criticising the Israeli strikes against Iran, Russia has put the onus of the whole incident on the International Atomic Energy Agency's 'paranoia' over Iran's nuclear program, stating that the West should now realise the results of provoking anti-Iran sentiments in the IAEA.

As per Russian state-media TASS, the country's Foreign Ministry, criticising the West said it hope that Western nations, "which provoked anti-Iran hysteria in the IAEA Board of Governors and once again pushed through an opportunistic resolution to please their political preferences and phobias that did not receive universal support, will realise the disastrous effects of their course and the extent of their guilt for the tragedy."

Accusing Jerusalem of making a deliberate choice towards further escalation of tensions, it said "Responsibility for all the consequences of this provocation will rest on the Israeli leadership."

Stating that it is carefully monitoring the IAEA's actions – which it also held accountable for the Israeli attack, it said "The agency's staff, along with Iranian citizens, have also come under Israeli fire.

"We expect the IAEA director general to make balanced and objective assessments of what is happening, including a thorough analysis of the likely radiation consequences of the attacks on nuclear facilities," it noted.

Tech& Career

No matter where your career takes you in the future, the memory of your first job will live with you for the rest of your life. Your first job, which represents your transition from college to the corporate world, must be replete with learning opportunities and provide a strong platform for building a solid foundation that can ensure that your career is on the growth track.

Profile first

The work you do is very important. A very crucial parameter in choosing your first job is the profile on offer. Choose a job that exactly fits your interests, does justice to your educational qualifications and career aspirations and is something you are passionate about.

Explains Nishant Kantawala, founder and CEO, IndieMix, "Many freshers make the error of ranking salary as the most important criteria while evaluating job offers. Always remember that money is not always important. You have the rest of your career to grow your earnings. Instead, focus on the quality of work you pursue."

Considering the fact that most companies are branching out to multiple locations today, both in India and abroad, freshers must also be open to exploring locations beyond their home city. To veto an interesting opportunity just because it involves re location may be a decision you will later regret; working in varied locations will enrich your personality and add value to your profile.

Learning is the key

Since your first job is all about learning and development, ensure that you imbibe crucial skills that are integral in building your career. "You should work in an organisation

which supports and facilitates learning to the best of its ability. For example, an organisation with an extensive training and development programme for workers would be highly beneficial. Planned training programmes will give structure and rigour to your training," believes Prabha Shankar, recruitment consultant, Shell Consulting India.

Agrees Srishti Roy, creative head, Orange Vistas, "I was recruited from campus as a trainee at my first job with a leading creative agency. It was an extremely well planned, hands-on experience, exposing me to all aspects and workings of the business. This gave me a very grounded, yet holistic view of the industry and helped me perform well at work."

Corporates vs start-ups

There is no right or wrong answer to

the debate between working at an established corporate or a start up. A first job with an established corporate will add weight to your CV and give you the opportunity to learn coveted business practices. However, life at a start-up will be dynamic and provide you a range of hands-on experiences across different profiles. While both start-ups and corporates have their merits and demerits, remember that the industry you choose to work in matters more.

"My advice would be to enter a booming or upcoming sector or industry. There is no point joining a sector which is incurring losses, as this limits your growth, learning, opportunities and the buzz of activity within the sector" opines Kantawala.

Lasting impression

It's all too easy to get misguided while choosing your first job. People around you will always have an opinion on the matter --whether family relatives or peers. Additionally, companies and hiring agent will make their own pitches to you. Spend time doing thorough research on the company, its policies,

How to get your first Job right

Securing the right job is vital as it sets the tone for the rest of your professional life. here are a few tips on how to go about it

the industry, etc, to craft your own point of view.

Don't hesitate to ask your recruiter questions. Many freshers hesitate to seek clarifications to their doubts as they are unsure about how their questions will be received. Obtain absolute clarity about the job before you take a binding decision.

Don't make the error of looking at your first professional stint as just another job; rather, value it as the building blocks of your career.



Mesh networks may become the 'New web'



At a time when web users in India are fighting for an open internet, an alternate technology that provides connectivity without internet or mobile coverage is gaining ground.

Called mesh networks, the technology allows smartphones to connect to one another via Bluetooth and peer-to-peer Wi-Fi. The more the number of users, the stronger the networks, which is why these are sometimes called self-healing networks. A number of Indian firms — AirJaldi Networks and Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), among them — are using this technology to provide internet connectivity in rural areas. US-based startup Open Garden Technologies, a pioneer in this technology, is also active in India through its messaging app Firechat.

"When we started the company, we always wanted to advocate net neutrality, access to information. What you want is to preserve the integrity and the level of innovation happening on the internet," said Micha Benoliel, CEO of Open Garden. Jayant Kolla, analyst at research firm Convergence Catalyst, said it is easy to leverage mesh networks for simple applications like messaging, either between people

or devices. Firechat came to use in Kashmir at the end of March when the state experienced relentless rainfall, invoking memories of last year's flood. "During these days, we saw how Firechat is useful by enabling crowd-sourcing of information at the hyper local level, and instant dissemination at the global level," said Benoliel, whose app has been used around the world during crises as well as in civil disobedience movements such as Hong Kong's Umbrella Revolution.

DEF, a non-profit, has provided connectivity to 30 rural schools and more than 50 village councils in Madhya Pradesh through mesh networking. Himachal Pradesh-based AirJaldi provides wireless connectivity in six states in the country. Providing full-scale wireless connectivity with mesh networks is a different game altogether, said Kolla. To establish connectivity through mesh networks, an operator would need small cell towers that in turn would talk to a base station and finally to an internet service provider, which makes this a difficult business to scale, he said. "But the advantages they provide for a geography like India, with little connectivity and penetration, is undeniable," said Kolla.

A new research done on email usage has found that nearly 90 percent of users reply to their emails within a day and majority of them reply within just two minutes.

Many of us reply to our

Emails in just 2 mins

Researches of Yahoo Labs in California and Spain analyzed the email habits of 2 million users who exchanged 16 billion emails in 7 months and observed that emails that were replied within just 2 minutes were as short as between 5 and 43 words, ABC News reported. The research later discovered that the frequency of reply as well as the

length of the email was increased as the email exchanges or conversation progressed, but at the end, e-mailers lost steam possibly because there was nothing left to say.

The researchers also observed that

emails sent on the weekend or overnight got slower and shorter, and the ones sent in the morning had faster and longer replies.

On the other hand research showed that teens and youngsters answered their emails faster than any other group whereas ones over 51 years of age took an average of 47 minutes to send an email.

Also people who were bombarded with 100 emails or more per day only bothered answering about 5 percent of them, compared to a 25 percent average email response rate for people who had less amount of mails to manage.



Smith injured, leaves field on Day 3 of WTC Final



London, Jun 13 (UNI) : Australia's star batsman Steve Smith was forced off the field on the third day of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final against South Africa at Lord's on Friday, after sustaining a finger injury while fielding in the slips. The incident occurred in the second session when South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma edged a delivery from Mitchell Starc towards the cordon. Positioned close in with a helmet on, Smith attempted a sharp catch but grassed the chance

with Bavuma on just two. In the process, he appeared to injure a finger on his right hand and immediately walked off the field in discomfort. Cricket Australia later confirmed that Smith was being assessed in the dressing room and would likely undergo scans. "Smith currently being assessed in the dressing room. Likely to go for scans," read a brief statement from the team management. The dropped catch came at a critical juncture, with South Africa seeking

to crossover 288 runs target. Aiden Markram continued to lead the Proteas' objective. Smith's injury is a cause for concern for the Australian camp, with the WTC title on the line and the Ashes series on the horizon. Team officials are expected to provide a further update on his condition following the medical assessment. Australia, who had earlier gained a slender first-innings lead, now face an uphill task as South Africa aim to chase down the target.

South Africa on brink of maiden WTC triumph

London, June 13 (UNI) : South Africa are on the verge of scripting history in the ICC World Test Championship Final, needing just 69 more runs to lift their maiden title after a commanding performance on Day 3 at Lord's on Friday, powered by a superb century from Aiden Markram and a courageous, unbeaten stand with an injured Temba Bavuma. At stumps, the Proteas stood tall at 213 for 2 in pursuit of 288, with Markram batting on a flawless 102, his eighth Test hundred, and skipper Bavuma offering steadfast support with 65, despite clearly struggling with a

hamstring injury picked up mid-innings. Their unbeaten 123-run partnership has not only blunted Australia's attack but brought South Africa to the cusp of a landmark victory.Earlier in the day, Australia were bowled out for 207 in their second innings after resuming at 123 for 6. Mitchell Starc waged a lone battle, smashing a resilient 58 not out, and forging a crucial 59-run last-wicket stand with Josh Hazlewood (17), which helped stretch the lead to 287. Australia struck an early blow in South Africa's chase when Starc removed Ryan Rickelton for six in the

third over, reviving hopes of a collapse similar to the Proteas' first-innings effort. But Markram and Wiaan Mulder stitched together a composed 85-run partnership that stabilised the innings. Mulder contributed a useful 27 before falling to Starc, skying a catch to Marnus Labuschagne at cover. From that point, it was all South Africa. Bavuma, despite his mobility being visibly limited due to the hamstring niggle, displayed exceptional grit and temperament. He rotated the strike intelligently and provided steadfast company to Markram, who was elegant and assured

De Bruyne joins Napoli on free transfer after Man City exit

Rome, June 13 (UNI) : Kevin De Bruyne has ended his 10-year spell at Manchester City and joined Napoli as a free agent, the Serie A club confirmed. De Bruyne arrived at Manchester City from German side Wolfsburg in the summer of 2015. Over 10 seasons, the Belgian midfielder helped the club win six Premier League titles, five League Cups, two FA Cups, and a UEFA Champions League trophy. He made 422 appearances for City, scoring 108 goals and providing 170 assists. The 33-year-old's contract with City was set to expire this summer.

Although he received lucrative offers from Saudi Arabia and Major League Soccer, he opted to stay in Europe to continue playing at a high competitive level. Napoli edged out Inter Milan to claim its fourth Serie A title in the 2024-25 season. At Napoli, De Bruyne will reunite with his Belgium national teammate Romelu Lukaku.

Tricity golfer Umed Kumar wins professional debut at PGTI NEXGEN Forest Hill Golf & Country Club

S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab, June 13 (UNI) : Tricity golfer Umed Kumar fired a steady one-over 63 in the third and final round to win his professional debut at the PGTI NEXGEN Forest Hill Golf & Country Club 2025 played in S.A.S. Nagar here on Friday. Chandigarh-based 24-year-old Umed (61-66-63), who was two shots behind the lead in second place after round two, totalled even-par 190 for the week as he triumphed with a three-shot margin.

Bengaluru's Mari Muthu R (61-64-68), the overnight leader, signed for a six-over 68 on Friday to finish runner-up at a total

of three-over 193. Kolkata's Irfan Ali Mollah (63) finished third with a total of five-over 195. The Forest Hill Golf & Country Club is a nine-hole course where the nine holes are played twice to comprise a round. In the first two rounds, the par for the course was 64, while in the third and last round, the par for the course was changed to 62. Umed Kumar, who was a winner of two titles on the amateur tour before turning pro, was rock-solid on day three as he conceded just one bogey on the 12th and made pars on all other holes. His par-saves with two-putts from 30 feet on

the last two holes were the highlight of his round. Umed, who hails from the SEPTA golf course in Chandimandir and also has playing rights at the Forest Hill Golf & Country Club and the Panchkula Golf Club, earned a winning cheque worth Rs 2,54,300 that placed him sixth in the PGTI NEXGEN Order of Merit. Mari Muthu R made one birdie, five bogeys, and a double-bogey during his last round of 68 to finish second. Lucknow's Rajesh Kumar Gautam continues to lead the 2025 PGTI NEXGEN Order of Merit with a season's earnings of Rs 4,29,600.

Frank replaces Postecoglou as Tottenham head coach

London, June 13 (UNI) : Tottenham have appointed Brentford boss Thomas Frank as their head coach on a deal until 2028. The 51-year-old Dane replaces Ange Postecoglou, who was sacked earlier this month despite leading Spurs to victory in the Europa League final in May. Frank spent seven years in charge of Brentford, guiding the club from the Championship to the Premier League in 2021. He is Tottenham's fourth permanent manager since June 2021.

Spurs finished 17th in the top flight last season, losing 22 of their 38 matches and finishing seven places and 18 points below Brentford. However, they have qualified for next season's Champions League after beating Manchester United in the Europa League final in Bilbao - their first major trophy for 17 years. Justin Cochrane will join Frank at Tottenham as the Dane's assistant, despite efforts from the Bees to keep hold of the England coach. Frank has also brought head of performance Chris Haslam and first-team analyst Joe Newton with him from Brentford, while another assistant coach, Andreas Georgsson, arrives from Manchester United. In a statement, Brentford said everyone connected with the club "would like to thank Thomas for the incredible impact he has had on the club's history". Bees director of football Phil Giles said, "From the moment he replaced Dean Smith, he understood what we were trying to build and his wisdom, coaching ability and emotional intelligence have helped transform the club. "But it's not just what you see on the pitch. He

forged a special connection with our fans, helped develop and improve players, and was instrumental in implementing the culture that has seen Brentford go from strength to strength. "We will never forget Thomas, but now it is time to thank him and take the next steps in our journey with a new leader who we believe can be just as successful and influential." An hour after the appointment of Frank was confirmed, Spurs captain Cristian Romero posted a message, external to his former boss Postecoglou. It included the line, "You paved the way despite the many obstacles that always existed and always will exist," which some supporters have viewed as a shot at Spurs owner Daniel Levy, who chose to sack Postecoglou despite winning the Europa League.

Indian Women's Hockey team gears up for crucial FIH Pro League matches

London, June 13 (UNI) : The Indian Women's Hockey Team is set to kick off the second and final leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25, facing Australia, Argentina, Belgium and China in the European leg. Currently ranked 6th with 9 points, the team will play Australia on June 14 and 15, and Argentina on June 17 and 18, at London's Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre. Talking about the upcoming matches, Indian Captain Salima Tete said, "Our aim is to play well and defeat the teams that are ranked above us in this leg of the FIH Pro League. To prepare for our matches, we have been recording our performances and reviewing them so we can not only improve upon our weaknesses but also know where we are doing well to continue upon those areas during our matches."

After their London matches, the Indian team will head to Antwerp to face Belgium on June 21 and 22, followed by their final two FIH Pro League (Women) matches against China in Berlin on June 28 and 29. Meanwhile, the Indian Men's Hockey Team will face Australia in Antwerp on June 14 and 15. Ranked 5th with 15 points, the team is looking to bounce back against Australia and gain crucial points to stay in contention for the top three positions. Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreet Singh emphasized the importance of winning against Australia, saying, "A win against Australia will be very critical for us, as it will not only help us gain crucial points but also give the team a winning momentum.

England name squad for India series

London, June 13 (UNI) : England have named a 14-member squad for their upcoming T20I series against India, with star spinner Sophie Ecclestone making her much-anticipated return. Ecclestone, ranked No. 1 and No. 4 in the ICC Women's ODI & T20I Bowler Rankings respectively, returns following her temporary break from cricket. The England squad, who are already brimming with confidence after a dominant 3-0 series win over West Indies in the T20I as well as ODI series, will be bolstered by her return. This series marked a successful start to Charlotte Edwards' tenure as head coach and Nat Sciver-Brunt's captaincy. Pacer Lauren Filer also makes a return to the squad after missing out on the West Indies series last month. Amy Jones, who has been rising rapidly in the ICC Women's Player Rankings has also been named in the strong unit. England Squad: Em Arlott, Tammy Beaumont, Lauren Bell, Alice Capsey, Charlie Dean, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Lauren Filer, Amy Jones, Nat Sciver-Brunt (c), Paige Scholfield, Linsey Smith, Danni Wyatt-Hodge, Issy Wong. Edwards expressed her excitement about the prospect of facing India as well as the return of star spinner Ecclestone. "There was lots to be happy about in the West Indies series but equally lots of things we want to keep improving on - we're always looking at getting better. Five games against India in front of big crowds at great venues will serve us really well. This is a significant series for us with the countdown well and truly underway towards the home ICC Women's T20 World Cup," Edwards said. "It's great to have Soph back, and we're looking forward to having her back in the group. She has obvious qualities and she'll be an asset to us," she said. "It does mean Sarah Glenn misses out, we are blessed with a strong group of spinners and we unfortunately can't play them all. It's now a great opportunity for Sarah to go back to The Blaze and play some competitive cricket in the Vitality Blast," Edwards added. Schedule: 1st T20I - 28 June, Trent Bridge 2nd T20I - 1 July, Bristol 3rd T20I - 4 July, The Oval 4th T20I - 9 July, Old Trafford 5th T20I - 12 July, Edgbaston

New York, June 13 (UNI) : The FIFA Club World Cup is to kick off on Saturday in the United States, ushering in a bold new chapter for a tournament that has long struggled to earn top-tier status. Gone is the seven-team format and the filler slot on the holiday calendar. In its place is a bonafide 32-team competition, sprawling across four weeks, 12 venues and 11 cities, all culminating in a final at MetLife Stadium on July 13. With 1 billion U.S. dollars in prize money on offer, global superpowers and emerging challengers have more incentive than ever to treat this as a genuine quest for international glory. The 2025 Club World Cup will be the first edition of a planned quadrennial tournament. The teams are split into eight groups of four, with the top two advancing to a round of 16. From there, every match is sudden death until one club lifts the trophy in New Jersey next month. The participants include champions and top-ranked teams from all six FIFA confederations. From European standard-bearers such as Real Madrid, Manchester City and Bayern Munich, to South American stalwarts Palmeiras, River Plate and Flamengo, the

competition promises elite-level football - with potential surprises lurking in every group. European dominance is a familiar storyline in Club World Cup history, with UEFA clubs winning every edition since 2013. Reigning champion Manchester City will be able to call upon 2024 Ballon d'Or winner Rodri following the midfielder's recovery from a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament. Manager Pep Guardiola has also refreshed his squad with several key signings, including midfielder Tijjani Reijnders, midfielder Rayan Cherki and left-back Rayan Ait-Nouri. The English club's Group G clash with Juventus on June 26 could be one of the group stage's defining fixtures. Real Madrid enters the fray with fresh ambition under new manager Xabi Alonso. The Spanish giants made early moves in the June transfer window, adding Trent Alexander-Arnold and 20-year-old central defender Dean Huijsen to its rank. Though Alonso will have to wait until after the tournament to welcome Franco Mastantuono - the Argentina international teenager who will be lining up for River Plate - the club's intent is clear: it wants to

win this trophy. Another major contender is Paris Saint-Germain, which won its first UEFA Champions League crown on May 31. Led by Ousmane Dembele, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and Vitinha, the Parisians should feel liberated from the weight of past European failures and may approach the tournament with renewed purpose, viewing it as a chance to cement its global standing. Chelsea, Atletico Madrid, Bayern Munich and Inter Milan also headline a formidable UEFA contingent and are all capable of going deep into the knockout rounds. But leading teams from other regions should not be discounted. Defending Brazilian and Copa Libertadores champion Botafogo has been running into ominous form after a slow start to the current South American season while Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal has a squad with enviable quality, including names such as Joao Cancelo, Ruben Neves and Aleksandar Mitrovic. While proven performers such as Bayern's Harry Kane and City's Rodri are expected to feature prominently, the tournament is also a stage for burgeoning talent. Palmeiras' Estevao, on

his way to Chelsea after the event, is being touted as Brazil's most exciting young talent since Neymar. Meanwhile, 21-year-old City arrival Cherki is one of the most intriguing new faces to watch, a classic No. 10 with maturity beyond his years. Inter Miami's Lionel Messi may no longer be at his peak, but his presence will draw enormous attention - especially with the tournament hosted on U.S. soil. Whether Miami can escape Group A, which includes Palmeiras, Porto, and Al Ahly, remains to be seen. But with Messi and Luis Suarez leading the line, the spectacle is guaranteed. Elsewhere, PSG's attack is expected to unsettle defenses, while Real Madrid - entering a new era under Alonso and bolstered by high-profile signings - will be fascinating to watch as the former Bayer Leverkusen boss begins to shape the team's identity and integrate its new stars. Borussia Dortmund, which is likely to feature Jobe Bellingham - the brother of Real Madrid's Jude - finished Germany's domestic season on a high and could be a dark horse in Group F. While the spotlight remains on European clubs, the expanded format leaves

more room for surprises. Al Hilal appears the most impressive of the Asian teams and the appointment of Simone Inzaghi as manager will give the team added tactical discipline and European tournament pedigree. South America's top clubs will also be hungry to prove their worth. Flamengo, Palmeiras and Fluminense have all come close in recent years, only to fall short at the final hurdle. In the CONCACAF sphere, Pachuca and Los Angeles FC bring quality and a competitive edge. Monterrey, with a proven record in international competition, is always a dangerous prospect. From Asia and Africa, teams such as Ulsan, Mamelodi Sundowns and Esperance may lack high-profile names but not a track record of success. And then there's Auckland City - semi-professional but no stranger to punching above its weight - hoping to repeat its fairytale 2014 run when it finished third. What was once a postscript to the calendar is now front and center. The prize money, the prestige and the pressure are all very real. FIFA's decision to stage this event just weeks before the start of the 2025-26 season has sparked controversy, with concerns over player welfare raised by unions and domestic leagues. But for now, with kick-off imminent, the focus shifts to the pitch. The first match - Inter Miami versus Al Ahly at Miami's Hard Rock Stadium - will set the tone. The final, a month later, will crown anew (or familiar) champion in a transformed tournament aiming to rival the World Cup in stature.

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Chenab Bridge, A Testament to New India's Vision: T.G. Sitharam

A Lifeline for Growth in J&K: T.G. Sitharam

(Standard Post Bureau)

New Delhi, June 13: Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), who played a pivotal role in the construction of 'Chenab Bridge', has hailed it as "a marvel of New India". During his visit to Rail Bhavan in New Delhi, he shared insights from his key role in India's most ambitious railway infrastructure project.

He emphasised that the realisation of the Chenab Bridge was not only due to the efforts of thousands of engineers and workers, but also the contribution of every Indian. "It was a collective national dream," he said.

Reflecting on the iconic journey of the Chenab Bridge, he recalled, "When I first set foot in the Chenab Valley in 2005, I had no idea I was part of a new history. The geography was extremely challenging, the



ground unstable and the expectations sky-high. But our vision was clear, we weren't just building infrastructure, we were building national pride."

Soaring 359 metres above the Chenab River, the bridge is now a global

engineering landmark. Describing the nearly two-decade-long process as "a journey of science, spirit and national consciousness," Prof. Sitharam highlighted the dedication of thousands of engineers, workers and

scientists.

He elaborated on the innovative "design-as-you-go" approach adopted with his team from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), which relied on real-time field data, advanced simulations and adaptive engineering techniques to tackle the region's seismic instability and complex terrain. "Every rivet, every foundation, every support structure wasn't just about engineering, it was an act of belief," he said.

He concluded with a message to India's youth, "Engineering is not limited to laboratories. The Chenab Bridge is living proof that with dedication, sincerity and love for the Nation, even the impossible becomes possible. We have to believe in ourselves. If we can build a bridge over the Chenab, our young Indians can reach any height."

WR's Jumbo block between Santacruz and Goregaon station on Sunday

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 13 : To carry out maintenance work of tracks, signaling and overhead equipment, a Jumbo Block of five hours will be taken on UP and Down slow lines between Santacruz and Goregaon Station from 10:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs on Sunday, i.e. 15th June, 2025.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, during the block period, all Slow line trains will be run on fast lines between Santacruz and Goregaon station. Hence these trains will not halt at Vile Parle due to inadequate length of platform and also will not halt at Ram Mandir due to unavailability of platforms on fast lines. However services will be available at Vile - Parle and Ram Mandir on the harbour line.

Due to the block some suburban services will remain cancelled and some Borivali and Andheri trains will run up to Goregaon on harbour line. Detailed information to this effect is available at concerned Station Master's office.

MANUU to celebrate International Yoga Day

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, June 13 : The Directorate of Physical Education and Sports (DPE&S), Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is going to organize the 11th International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2025 at 7.00 am at Indoor Stadium, University Campus.

This year marks the completion of a decade of organizing Yoga Day at the international level. The Ministry of Ayush has named this program "Yoga Sangam". Under Yoga Sangam, practical yoga exercises will be organized simultaneously from 6:30 to 7:45 am at one lakh locations across the country. This year's theme of International Yoga Day is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health".

The program is being organized jointly by the Public Relations Office, Planning and Development Section and Instructional Media Center and students of MANUU Model School are being specially invited for this program. Telecom Nagar Residents Association, L&T Serene County Society, are also being invited to this program.

According to Dr. A. Kaleemulla, Deputy Director, DPE&S, all the students, teaching and non-teaching staffs, families of staff of headquarters of MANUU can take part in the event. Telecom Nagar Residents Association, L&T Serene County Society are also being invited to this program.

Those interested may fill up the google form link <http://forms.gle/RyovEaWDTQxaak3eA>.

Central Railway's appeal to the public for information knowledge about Diva-Mumbra incident

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 13 : In an unfortunate event on 09.06.2025 at about 09.01 hrs, around 08 persons travelling by suburban train on foot board lost their balance and fell off the moving train between Diva & Mumbra stations.

Railway administration has constituted a Committee of Senior Railway Officials to investigate into the cause of this incident.

Central Railway appeals to the public and railway staff having any

information / knowledge / details about the incident and matters connected therewith to please volunteer to depose before the Inquiry Committee at the earliest OR send details of the incident to the below mentioned Office within 3 working days.

Details are to be sent along with identity proof to the below mentioned address, mobile number or email id.

Shri S S Sonawane
Sr.Divisional Safety Officer,
Office of Divisional

Railway Manager,
Mumbai Division,
Central Railway,
Annex Building, CSMT.
Mobile number:
8828119730

E m a i l :
srdsobbc@gmail.com

A Public Notification has also been issued in the newspapers regarding the above. "Persons are requested to volunteer the information to help Railways in identifying the sequence of events and find out the root cause. This will help in preventing similar incidents in future.

Chief Executive Officer visited Bhiwandi Taluka and reviewed the development plans



(Standard Post Bureau)

Thane, June 13 : Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer Rohan Ghuge visited various villages of Bhiwandi Taluka on June 12, 2025 and took a first-hand look at the implementation of development plans, problems and needs.

The building of the Health Center was inspected at the Primary Health Corner (Tal. Bhiwandi). Keeping in mind the current problems, an alternative site was also inspected. He directed the Health and Gram Panchayat Department to immediately submit the necessary proposal to set up a new health center. During this, the alternative building was inspected and relevant instructions were given."

During this, he observed that Gove and

Owli Gram Panchayats are included in the villages with zero registration in the "Awass Plus Survey" under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural) Phase-2, after which he visited these villages and interacted directly with the villagers. He got detailed information about the scheme and gave clear instructions to register the beneficiaries. He also directed that the concerned officers should make similar visits to all the Gram Panchayats of Bhiwandi taluka and submit the report after re-confirmation at the taluka level. The Chief Executive Officer also gave clear instructions on this occasion that this is the last opportunity to include the beneficiaries in the scheme. To ensure that no eligible beneficiary is deprived of the survey, the villagers, Sarpanch, Deputy

Sarpanch and Gram Vikas Adhikari should jointly ensure that no beneficiary is left in the village. If any beneficiary is found, he should be registered immediately in the next two days. After visiting Khoni, Katai and Khamba villages, a meeting was held regarding the outstanding water bills. Flow meters and water meters were inspected on this occasion. He directed that the pending water charges should be recovered soon after discussing with the Sarpanch, Deputy Sarpanch, villagers and STEM officials.

This visit of the Chief Executive Officer will speed up the implementation of schemes at the village level and will help in timely resolution of their problems through direct communication with the citizens.

Post Art 370 normalcy claims a myth: Mirwaiz Umar Farooq

Srinagar, June 13 (UNI) : Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Friday said the narrative of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370 is a "myth."

He claimed that "oppressive measures" remain firmly in place and there is "no political or administrative space available to the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

Addressing the Friday congregational prayers at historic Jamia Masjid in old Srinagar Mirwaiz asked Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, who is in the charge of the law and order in J&K, as to why the Eid-ul-Adha prayers were not allowed at the Eidgah ground and Jamia Masjid in Srinagar.

The decision to disallow Eid prayers at Jamia had triggered a backlash from many, including Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

"We are meeting first time after the occasion of Eid, when we were not allowed to offer Eid prayers either at Eidgah or at Jama Masjid. Both places were locked down and I was put under house arrest. For the last seven years, this action has deprived Muslims of Kashmir of their basic right to practise religious rites," Mirwaiz said. "I want to ask the authorities — especially the LG sahab as he is the head — that while he extends Eid greetings to people and talks about the spirit of Eid and Islam in a very reverent manner, why are the Muslims of Kashmir prevented from offering Eid

prayers at Eidgah, or even at the Jama Masjid? What is the reason? The authorities should spell out their fears and apprehensions if that is what prevents them — or is it to punish Kashmiris?" he asked. "The reality is that oppressive measures are very much in place and the so-called narrative of normalcy post abrogation of 370 is a myth. There is no political or administrative space available to the people of Jammu and Kashmir—it is shrinking by the day," Mirwaiz said.

He also hit out at the Omar Abdulla-led elected government claiming that so far, they have failed to stand up and safeguard the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Diversion of Trains : South Western Railway

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 13 : Central Railway has notified the diversion of the following trains due to doubling work between Ambale and Shindawane in the Pune-Miraj section of Pune Division.

1. Train No. 12782 Hazrat Nizamuddin – Mysuru Weekly Express, journey commencing on 16.06.2025, will be diverted to run via Mammad, Daund, Kurduwadi, Pandharpur and Miraj, skipping its scheduled stoppages at Daund Chord Line, Pune, Satara, Karad, and Sangli.

2. Train No. 07334 Vatva – SSS Hubballi Weekly

Express Special, journey commencing on 16.06.2025, will also be diverted via Pune, Daund, Kurduwadi, Pandharpur and Miraj, skipping its scheduled stoppages at Satara, Karad, and Sangli stations.

II. Revision in Timings of Train at Guntakal Station

South Central Railway has notified the revision in the arrival/departure timings of Train No. 11013 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus – Coimbatore Daily Express at Guntakal station with effect from 16.06.2025. Accordingly, the train will arrive/depart Guntakal at 13:10/13:20 hrs

instead of the existing timings of 13:05/13:10 hrs.

III. Conversion of Train No. 12678/12677 Ernakulam –KSR Bengaluru– Ernakulam Express to LHB Coaches

Southern Railway has notified the conversion of Train No. 12678/12677 Ernakulam – KSR Bengaluru – Ernakulam Superfast Express from conventional ICF rake to modern LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches to enhance passenger safety and comfort. The revised coach composition will come into effect from Ernakulam end with effect from 20th June 2025 and

from KSR Bengaluru end with effect from 21st June 2025. The existing composition of 21 ICF coaches, comprising AC Chair Car-1, Second Class Sitting Coaches-13, Pantry Car-1, Second Class General Coaches-4, and Second Class brake van cum luggage coaches-2, will be replaced with 20 LHB coaches. The revised LHB rake composition will include AC Chair Car-2, Non AC Chair Car-11, Pantry Car-1, Second Class Antodaya coaches-4, Brake, Luggage cum Generator Car-1, and luggage cum brake van with disable friendly compartment-1.

We will fight till the end to secure homes for the poor : Adv. Ashish Shelar



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 13 : "We will fight till the very end to secure rightful homes for slum dwellers residing in the Sanjay Gandhi National Park area," assured Mumbai Suburban Guardian Minister Adv. Ashish Shelar on Friday.

Minister Shelar conducted a ground visit to Ketkipada, Janupada and Pimpripada localities where thousands of families continue to live without access to basic civic amenities. He interacted with the residents to understand their challenges and also launched a signature campaign initiated by the people to demand their long-overdue housing rights.

Present during the visit were former MP Gopal Shetty, MLA Pravin Darekar, MLA Sanjay Upadhyay, BJP Mumbai District President Bala Tawde, Ganesh Khankar and other senior party leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Shelar said, "Thousands of slum dwellers and shopkeepers from Dahisar to Malad and Goregaon, living on land designated as forest, have been facing uncertainty for years. As per

the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, action is now being proposed to resolve this long-pending issue. These Mumbaikars have been living here long before the land was notified as forest. Even the Supreme Court, going by both legal precedent and dictionary definition, has clarified that these areas cannot be classified as forest. Accordingly, the District Planning Committee unanimously passed a resolution to exclude these settlements from the forest zone. He further said, "We placed this resolution before the Hon'ble Chief Minister, who gave in-principle approval to de-notify the land and initiate in-situ rehabilitation for more than 80,000 residents currently living in slum clusters marked as forest." "To build momentum and strengthen our case we launched a citizen-driven signature campaign. This isn't just a protest; it is the people's movement," he said. "We are advancing this fight one milestone at a time. The BJP remains resolute in its commitment to protect the homes and rights of Mumbai's poor. Let me assure the people – we will not rest until justice is delivered," added minister Adv. Ashish Shelar.