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### IN BRIEF

#### **Modi politely** declines invitation by **Trump to** visit US

New Delhi, June 18 (UNI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi politely declined an invitation by US President Donald Trump to visit the US while on his way back home after completing his three-nation tour.

The Prime Minister who arrived in Croatia this evening on the final leg of his threenation tour, including Canada where he attended the G-7 Summit, was told by President Trump during their 35-minute telephone talk to stop over in the US on his way back from Canada.

However, Prime Minister Modi expressed his inability to come because of some prior engagements, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said.

Both leaders agreed to make efforts to meet in the near future.

Prime Minister Modi in turn extended an invitation to President Trump to visit India for the next QUAD Summit.

President Trump accepted the invitation



Members of DMK youth wing stage a protest against the BJP-led central government over refusal to recognize report on the Keezhadi excavations, in Madurai on Wednesday.

Chennai, June 18 (UNI): down heavily on the Centre established the antiquity of The Student's Wing of the on the issue.During the Tamils by validating it ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu protest, they shouted scientifically. today staged a massive slogans denouncing the protest condemning the Centre for refusing to accept obstacles for the Tamil race? BJP-led government at the and publish the findings, Yet, we are proving our the Keezhadi excavations Is this why President Trump Centre over the delay in demanding the author to antiquity through by that have highlighted the abandoned the G7 Summit a publishing the findings of rework the report to further overcoming all of them for antiquity of Tamils and day early denying Mr. Keezhadi archaeological validate it scientifically. excavations that established the antiquity of protect the Tamil language science." Tamils. and the Tamil antiquity.

The agitation was held in alliance parties also took

They also vowed to

Chennai and at Veeraganur BJP-led government for the statements that need to be scientifically validated between India and Pakistan in Madurai in which delay in publishing the corrected; it is some minds Keezhadi archaeological hundreds and thousands of Keezhadi report, Tamil Nadu !", he wrote. DMK cadres and Chief Minister and DMK functionaries, including a President M K Stalin said controversy following the carbon-dated artefacts and concerns by pointing to US large number of women, what was needed was Centre's refusal to accept Accelerator Mass Spectr- Central Command Chief carrying DMK flags, took correction of certain hearts, the report and seeking to ometry (AMS) reports from General Michael Kurilla's part. Members of the DMK's not the (Keezhadi) report. part in the protest (Centre) are refusing to Culture Ministry has excavations, they continue "outstanding" partner in demonstration and came accept the report that ordered transfer of senior to demand "more proof."

"Still, some minds refuse

rewrite it and further validate International Laboratories remark, where he praised He said some hearts it scientifically, the Union on

archaeologist Amarnath Ramakrishna, who led the Keezhadi excacvations in Madurai district and prepared the report establishing the antiquity of Tamils, from Delhi to Greater Noida.

Mr Amarnath, who had was also removed from the post of Director (Antiquity), VCK strongly condemned the White House. the Centre's move and demanded its revocation.

vindictive act towards the incendiary and provocative Tamils.A couple of days remarks were linked directly back Mr Stalin had a dig at to the April 22 Pahalgam the Union government for terror attacks, is having "How many, how many seeking more details to lunch today with President further scientifically validate Trump in the White House. thousands and thousands charged the BJP-RSS with Narendra Modi a huge of years with the help of promoting the mythical hug."He further alleged, Saraswati civilisation.

findings, Mr Stalin said even Sindoor".

Amid the raging when confronted with the Keezhadi Pakistan

### **Trump-Munir** 'lunch' meet; Ramesh takes a dig at PM Modi

New Delhi, June 18 (UNI) Senior Congress leader

Jairam Ramesh on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, citing a series of recent developments involving the United States and Pakistan describing them as a "triple jhatka" to the government's refused to rework the report foreign policy. On his social

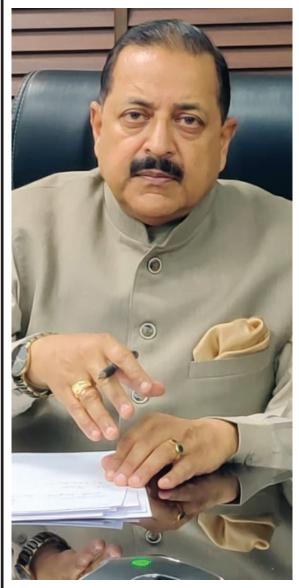
as demanded by the ASI, media handle X, Ramesh questioned the Modi government's silence over Archaeological Survey of the reported lunch meeting India (ASI). Members of the between US President ruling DMK's allies Donald Trump and Pakistan including the CPI(M) and Field Marshal Asim Munir at

> Ramesh said, "Field Marshal Asim Munir, the

They also termed it as an man whose inflammatory,

"President Trump himself Condemning the Centre has trumpeted 14 times that Yesterday, slamming the to accept it...it is not the for questioning the he brought about a ceasefire meaning he ended Operation

> He further raised as an counter-terrorism operations.



#### **Employees under Unified** Pension Scheme now eligible ...

The Government on Wednesday said that all central government staff covered under the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) will now be eligible for retirement and death gratuity benefits available under the Old Pension Scheme."This is in keeping with the long-pending demand by a large section of government employees, he said. The move addresses a significant demand of government staff and brings parity in retirement benefits, Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh said here. (See on page 5)

#### **Constitution Assassination** Day' observance: Mamata ....



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led Central Government today, accusing it of "violating the Constitution daily" while planning to mark June 25 as "Samvidhan Hatya Diwas" (Constitution Assassination

and said he is looking forward to visiting India, FS Misri said.

#### Ashu writes to ECI, alleges AAP "misusing" official machinery

Chandigarh, June 18 (UNI) : Ceongress candidate for Punjab's Ludhiana West Assembly bypolls, scheduled for Thursday, today wrote to the Election Commission of India (ECI) alleging that the state's ruling Aam Aadmi Party was misusing official machinery.

Ashu has alleged, inter-alia, "harassment" of opposition workers from police, distribution of cash, gifts, inducements to bribe voters and using state machinery in campaigning for AAP candidate.

He has demanded the removal of the Ludhiana police commissioner, deployment of CAPF and to initiate independent inquiry into misuse of government machinery.

## 90 Kashmiri students among 110 Indians evacuated from Iran

Srinagar, June 18 (UNI) Amid the escalation in the Iran-Israel conflict, at least 110 Indian students, including 90 from Kashmir, who were evacuated from Iran, are set to arrive in Delhi tonight. The government of India is facilitating the safe return of the stranded students in Iran.

The National Convenor of Jammu and Kashmir Students Association Nasir Khuehami said all the Indian students who had crossed the Iran-Armenia border reached the capital city, Yerevan."This includes around 90 students from Kashmir Valley, along with others from various Indian states, making a total of approximately 110 students from Urmia Medical University," he said.

Khuehami has been in touch with the stranded students in Iran after the latest conflict erupted.

Khuehami said their flight from Armenia to Delhi is scheduled for today, with all necessary arrangements being facilitated in coordination with the Indian authorities.

"They are set to arrive in New Delhi tonight," he said. A 24x7 Control Room has been established in the Ministry of External Affairs in view of the ongoing developments in Iran & Israel. In addition, the Embassy of India in Tehran has set up a 24x7 emergency helpline.

## Suspected hydraulic trouble halts F-35B British Fighter



June 18 (UNI) : The F-35 landing at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport on the experts, who reached here night of June 14, remains from the Royal Navy aircraft grounded following suspected issues with its failed to rectify the technical hydraulic system.

Though the emergency Mike has reportedly landing is said to be for returned to the HMS Prince air-to-air refuelling purposes, the of Wales in the same RAF simultaneously.

Thiruvananthapuram, fighter flight is currently parked at the bay, saying British Royal Navy fighter, efforts are being made to which made an emergency rectify its hydraulic failure, sources said.

A team of technical carrier HMS Prince of Wales, issues. Meanwhile, Captain

helicopter that brought in the support crew and a second pilot.

In a message on X, the CISF said, "CISF swiftly secured the Royal Navy F-35B fighter jet after its emergency landing at Thiruvananthapuram Airport. Accredited for excellence in aviation

security, CISF continues to uphold a prompt, proactive approach to emergencies protecting national interests and global trust."The F-35B Lightning is a stealth aircraft operating alongside the Typhoon. A multi-role machine, Lightning is capable of conducting air-tosurface, electronic warfare, intelligence gathering and missions

Day) to commemorate the anniversary of the Emergency imposed in 1975. (See on page 4)

#### England reveal playing XI for first Test against India



The Ben Stokes-led England confirmed their lineup for the first of five Tests against India at Headingley starting on June 20. The two changes in the lineup that featured in the one-off Test against England is the inclusion seasoned all-rounder Chris Woakes and rightarm quick Brydon Carse. (See on page 7)

#### Committed to overall growth of the youth, says Meghalaya CM



Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma today iterated his government's commitment to the overall growth of the youth, even as he emphasised the importance of education, sports, music, and entrepreneurship. (See on page 8)

## NIA arrests four more arrested linked to 2022 Diwali eve bomb blast case in Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu

Chennai, June 18 (UNI): Radicalisation In a major breakthrough, the Recruitment case involving Jameel Basha, the Founder Abdur raman and Mohd after removing the National Investigation the Kovai Arabic college of Madras Arabic College, Hussain, who were using democratically elected Agency (NIA) on Wednesday case, an off-shoot case of who along with his the classrooms and social government arrested four more accused for Coimbatore car bomb blast associates, was involved in platform to carry out their radicalisation their links in the offshoot of the case. With this a total recruiting gullible youth and anti-radicalisation and recruitment activities had led 2022 Diwalieve carbombblast number of eight accused subtly infused Salafi-Jihadi recruitment activities. case, in which a suicide were arrested in this case so ideology to them in the bomber was killed in far. Those arrested accused guise of imparting Arabic revealed that the accused the suicide bomber Jameesha Coimbatore.

NIA sources said it has Jawahar Sathik, Raja Abullah Nadu. The NIA had earlier ideology and martyrdom Bomb EID attack in front of arrested four more accused alias MAC Raja and Sheik arrested and chargesheeted through jihad, advocating an ancient temple in in the Tamil Nadu ISIS Dawood. These four accused Jameel Basha and his violence and armed struggle Coimbatore", the NIA said.

were identified as Ahmed Ali, language classes in Tamil had promoted Khilafat Mubeen carried out a Vehicle

and had been radicalised by associates Irshath, Syed to establish an Islamic state ."The and

to the Coimbatore car bomb NIA probe have blast in October 22, in which

#### STANDARD POST, Puducherry

## **Governor CP Radhakrishnan distributed** school material distribution ceremony

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 18: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has implemented many activities through its department to provide educational opportunities to the children of ordinary Mumbaikars . When a world-renowned organization like the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation makes efforts for you, you should study a lot and achieve the right goals in life. Along with this, along with studying your mother tongue, you should also master a foreign language. For this, take guidance from teachers so that you can soar all over the world, this is the guiding advice given by Governor the of Maharashtra, Mr C. P. Radhakrishnan to the students at the school entrance ceremony.

The school entrance ceremony and school material distribution ceremony was held yesterday in the chief presence of Governor Mr. C. P. Radhakrishnan at Worli Sea Face Mumbai Public School of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation under the academic year 2025-2026. He was speaking on this occasion.

Municipal Commissioner and Administrator Mr. Bhushan Gagrani , Additional Municipal Commissioner (Eastern Suburbs) Dr. Amit Saini, Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor Dr. Prashant Naranware, Deputy Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor Mr. S. Ramamurthy, Municipal Deputy Commissioner (Education) Dr. (Mrs.) Prachi Jambhekar, Education Officer (Primary) Mr. Rajesh Kankal were present.

Governor mr C. P.





Governor mentioned that school supplies free of cost furniture in this classroom. some teachers of the to the students. These Municipal Corporation supplies include uniforms, ceremony at Kavalemath should be sent to notebooks, compass boxes Mumbai Public School

School entrance WR announces separate compartment for senior citizens in Mumbai local

(Standard Post Bureau

trains

Mumbai, June 18 : In a relief for the over 50,000 elderly commuters who take the the overcrowded Mumbai local trains every day, the Western Railway today announced the introduction of a dedicated compartment for senior citizens in its suburban trains.

Currently, Mumbai's local trains reserve only 14 seats per train for senior citizens, usually located in the third and twelfth coaches from the Churchgate end. However, with the overwhelming rush during peak hours, accessing these seats is often difficult, forcing many elderly commuters to travel under hazardous conditions."To address this, Western Railway will convert one luggage compartment in each train into a dedicated senior citizen compartment. The plan covers all 105 non-AC local train rakes of WR, including 90 twelve-coach and 15 fifteen-coach trains. These redesigned compartments will feature seating capacity for 13 passengers and standing space for 91, significantly improving accessibility and comfort for older commuters," said an official.

# **India kicks off IDY celebrations**

New Delhi, June 18 (UNI) : As India gears up for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 21, a nationwide wave of yogic celebrations has already gained momentum under the banner of Yoga Maha Kumbh, the Government said today.

A vibrant three-day Yoga Maha Kumbh event has been kick-started from the Heartfulness Meditation Centre in RK Puram here which was organised by the Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) and the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), in collaboration with the Heartfulness Institute.

"The event aims to foster holistic well-being across communities. The program features a series of yoga demonstrations, wellness sessions, and cultural performances, all centered around the themes of mindfulness, health, and community well-being," said a statement from the Ministry said.

Another Yoga Maha Kumbh event began in Ladakh on June 15 in the rarefied air of Ladakh's high-altitude terrain. The International Festival of Yoga and Meditation (IFYM) 2025 in Ladakh has already captivated global and national attention by bringing yoga to awe-inspiring locations such as Pangong Lake (13,000+ ft), Nubra Valley, Sindhu Ghat, and the MIMC Devachan Campus, said the Ministry. This year's theme is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health."

Similarly, the second Yoga Maha Kumbh event also started on June 15 in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Arham Dhyan Yog launched its Yoga Maha Kumbh in Sector 50, Noida, bringing together youth and families for Harit Yoga sessions, essay and debate competitions, and interactive engagements at Ved Van Park, Sector 78. Their upcoming event on 21st June at Shivalik Park in Sector 33A, will align with the nationwide Yoga Sangam celebrations. Arham Dhyan Yog is also conducting parallel sessions globally, further amplifying the IDY 2025 movement, said the statement.

Yet another statement issued by Ministry of Coal said that the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), a Singrauli based Miniratna Company under its arm is organising a massive awareness campaign from June 15 to June 20, 2025, to promote yoga and its health benefits in the local community in the run up to the D Day.

On the D-Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Chandrababu Naidu and the Union Minister of State (IC) for the Ministry of Ayush and Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Prataprao Jadhav, will lead more than 5 lakh yoga enthusiasts in performing the Common Yoga Protocol.

#### Nitish gets relief from Patna HC in disrespecting National Anthem case

Patna, June 18 (UNI) Patna High Court today granted relief to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in a complaint case lodged against him in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate for disrespecting the National anthem.Justice Chandrashekhar Jha while hearing a petition filed by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar against the complaint case filed in court of Chief Judicial Magistrate of Begusarai and also notice issued to him in connection with disrespecting national anthem case, quashed the complaint case and related notice issued to him.The Court found that first class judicial magistrate Mayank Kumar Pandey, who was in-charge Chief Judicial Magistrate issued notice to Chief Minister Kumar in the case, ignoring legal provisions as available under sections 223 and 226 of BNSS. Accordingly, the entire complaint, proceedings and notice issued to Chief Minister Kumar, stood quashed.Vikash Paswan, a native of Begusarai, had filed a case in the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate of the district, alleging that Chief Minister Kumar was seen in "Pranam Mudra" and also talking to a person standing next to him when national anthem was played during inauguration of World Cup Sepak Takra on March 20, 2025.

## **India launches Operation Sindhu to** evacuate Indians from conflict-hit Iran

New Delhi, June 18 (UNI): India today launched Operation Sindhu to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran, amid the deteriorating situation as a result of the ongoing

conflict between Iran and

The Government of

various steps over the last

several days for the safety

As a first step, the

and security of Indian

Indian Embassy has

evacuated 110 Indian

students from northern

Iran, assisting them in

Armenia on June 17.

safely crossing over into

The students have

nationals in Iran.

Armenian capital, of the ongoing operation, Yerevan, under the the Indian Embassy in supervision of our Iran has been assisting Missions in Iran and large numbers of Indian nationals in moving from These students areas seeing increased

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Radhakrishnan welcomed the students by giving chocolates to each student in the hall. He also interacted with the students and wished them well. Five students were distributed 27 types of school supplies in a representative manner by the Governor.

While guiding the students, the Governor Mr . C. P. Radhakrishnan said, along with the school curriculum, outdoor sports are also very important in life. Physical exercise keeps us constantly energized. Therefore, make time for exercise from now on. Also, the Governor suggested that since there are few playgrounds in Mumbai due to lack of space, schools should be provided with playgrounds in a

understand the education system there, citing the example of the education system in Finland.

Along with the school curriculum, master other languages, including your mother tongue. Learning new languages will open up many avenues of progress. It will create the ability to soar around the world. Always be in search of new opportunities. Keep taking guidance from teachers about things and

10, was felicitated. interesting information about which you are curious. Keep asking questions, this valuable advice was given to the students by the Honorable Governor Mr C. P. Radhakrishnan.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation cyclical manner . The distributes all kinds of

, painting supplies , pencils water bottles, cans, backpacks, shoes, sandals , socks, etc. All these

supplies were distributed to five students by the Hon'ble Governor. This year, Akshara Ajay Verma (96.80 percent) from Worli Face Municipal Sea Corporation Secondary School, who passed with the highest marks in Class

In the introduction, Additional Municipal Commissioner (Eastern Suburbs) Dr. Amit Saini gave information about the Education Department of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. After this, the Governor visited the kindergarten classroom and science laboratory of Worli

Sea Face School. The Governor appreciated the

## **PSWC** takes swift action after shocking assault on elderly woman

: The Punjab State Women Commission (PSWC) has sought a full inquiry from the district administration under urgent timelines after a video showing an elderly woman being assaulted in Jalandhar's Nakodar area surfaced on social media.

The video, which quickly went viral, prompted the Commission to step in. The incident, which occurred in Raipur Gujran village, shows a man Gurjeet Singh and an

Phagwara, Jun 18 (UNI) unnamed woman—brutally detailed beating a senior citizen. The footage sparked outrage across social media platforms, leading to widespread calls for justice. Acting under Section 12

of the PSWC Act, 2001, Commission Chairperson Raj Lali Gill took suo motu cognisance of the incident and issued firm instructions to the local administration.

She directed that an immediate investigation by a senior officer be launched, and that a

report be submitted to the Commission no later than

Thursday, June 19. "The Commission is deeply concerned by the inhuman treatment meted out to the elderly woman," said Chairperson Raj Lali Gill in an official statement. "We will ensure strict action is taken.

There is zero tolerance for violence against women, especially the elderly, who deserve our utmostrespec and protection."

Meanwhile, at the school entrance ceremony Israel. at Kavalemat Mumbai School Public in India has been taking Walkeshwar (Malabar Hill) area, the Minister for Skills

Employment Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Co-Parent Minister of Mumbai Suburban District, Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha, distributed school supplies to the students today (June 17, 2025).

Minister Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha directed that

### travelled by road to the Himachal Chief Secretary chairs review meeting on monsoon preparedness

(UNI) : The Himachal Pradesh government, under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Prabodh Saxena held a high-level video conferencing meeting today to review the state's monsoon preparedness.

Senior officials from all districts, along with representatives from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and dam authorities, participated in the meeting.Each district presented a detailed report on the pre-monsoon measures implemented in their respective regions. Representatives from IMD, NDRF, and dam authorities

Dharamshala, June 18 also shared crucial updates and suggestions for effective coordination during the upcoming monsoon season.

> The Chief Secretary lauded the efforts made by various departments and emphasised the need for enhanced coordination, vigilance, and timely action to minimise risks during potential emergencies. He directed all districts to remain fully prepared for any eventuality arising from heavy rains or natural disasters.The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens through a timebound and efficient disaster response system.

special flight at 1455 hrs on June 18th and will arrive in New Delhi in the early hours of June 19 as part of the initial stages of Operation Sindhu, a statement said.

departed Yerevan on a

Armenia.

The Government of India is grateful to the Governments of Iran and Armenia for the smooth facilitation of the evacuation process.

India accords highest priority to the safety and security of Indian nationals abroad. As part

safer areas within the country and to subsequently evacuate them using the available and feasible options. Indian nationals in Iran are advised to stay in touch with the Indian Embassy in Tehran

hostilities to relatively

through its emergency helpline, and with the 24x7 Control Room established by the Ministry of External Affairs in New

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## Kupwara boy once near detention under PSA, shines in NEET exams

Delhi.

Srinagar, June 18 (UNI) A year ago, 23 year-old Zubair's future seemed all but sealed. With a Public Safety Act (PSA) dossier ready against his name, the young boy from Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir stood on the edge. But hard work and a few helping hands had something else in store.

The boy in the recently declared NEET-UG results excelled and scored 535 marks. He is in all possibility to make a career in medicine.

The Peoples Conference Chairman and MLA Sajad Lone said that all should rejoice Zubair's success as it is a victory of the concepts of love and compassion.

"...Zuber has excelled

academically. But Zuber is much more than a young boy who has cracked NEET. The life of Zuber is a story. And I too am a part of that story. And I share a special bond with him. From depths of despair a year who back Zuber has bounced

back and will soon embark on a career in medicine," Lone said in a post on X.

"An year back Zuber was all set to be booked under the PSA. The dossier was ready. His family approached me. He is a couple of years older than my children. I don't know what happened. But I was convinced that Zubair has to be saved. I was convinced that Zubair is special and can deliver academically and move on to have an excellent career.

I believed that Zubair deserves a chance," he added.The PSA allows detention without trial for up to two years.

Lone said he approached SSP Kupwara was very apprehensive.

"I volunteered to personally guarantee his conduct. We talked so many times over phone and the conversation would end with disagreements. I still remember I got a call from the SSP Kupwara. He said he had given it a thought and that he too is convinced that Zubair needs to be given a chance. And congratulations to SSP Kupwara. His decision to release Zubair means he has added a doctor to the society," MLA Lone said.

**Two women end lives** 

minor grand daughters

Chennai, June 18 (UNI): In a tragic incident, two elderly

women killed their two minor granddaughters and later

ended their lives following a domestic dispute at Chinna

Kulipatti village in Dindigul district of Tamil Nadu on

as Kaleeswari and her elderly mother Chellammal, who took the extreme step after killing their two grand daughters born to the former's daughter Pavithra. Pavithra

was married to one Prabhakaran a few years ago and the

couple had two daughters. Due to differences that cropped

with her husband, Pavithra deserted him and stayed with

with another man and eloped with him leaving behind her

children against her mother's and grandmother's wishes.

their lives after poisoning their two granddaughters.Police,

acting on information, rushed to the spot and shifted the bodies

to Government hospital in Dindigul for post mortem.

In the meantime, Pavithra allegedly had a relationship

Unable to bear this, the two elderly women ended

her mother along with her two young daughters.

Police said the two deceased women were identified

after killing their 2

## **Miraculous escape** for 3 sitting, 2 retd Madras HC judges, passengers, after attempt to derail **Yercaud Express**

Ilanthiraiyan and Krishnan

Ramasamy along with

Kalyanasundaram and M

Govindaraj, were returning

by the train after attending

the funeral of senior

counsel VK Muthusamy,

father of Supreme Court

Judge, Justice MM

Sundaresh. The train

suffered a delay of two

hours after the engine was

Government Railway Police

and RPF personnel, along

with forensic, finger print

experts rushed the spot and

conducted investigations.

Sniffer dogs were also

taken a serious view of the

incident and has initiated a

The Railways have

pressed into service.

replaced.

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Senior

retired Judges

Chennai, June 18 (UNI) N Senthil Kumar, GK : Three sitting and two retired judges of Madras High Court were among the hundreds of passengers, who had a providential escape after attempts were made to derail the Yercaud Superfast Express train by placing a 10 ft long iron rod (said to be piece of railway track) on the tracks.

The incident took place last night near Magudanchavadi Railway Station in Salem District when the train was heading to Chennai from Erode.

The train was dragged to a distance of about 500 m after hitting the rod, before it was halted safely by the alert driver after the brake lining of the engine got jammed.Three Judges of the High Court, Justices detailed probe into it.

## **Nilambur Assembly** by-election on today

Malappuram, June 18 (UNI): Elaborate arrangements have been made to conduct a free and fair election in the Nilambur Assembly by-election on Thursday, said District Collector V R Vinod on Wednesday.

District Collector Vinod said the polling will start from 7 am to 6 pm in 263 polling stations, including 59 new polling stations, set up for the by-election and voting in all constituencies will be webcasted. 315 EVMs (electronic voting machines) including reserves and 341 VVPATs will be used for voting.

Three booths were set up inside the forest for tribal people at Punchakolli Model Pre-school (booth No 42), Vaniyampuzha Forest station in Irutukuthi (booth No 120) and Nedukuyam Amenity centre (booth Non 225).

A total of 10 candidates are in the fray, including Aryadan Shoukath (UDF), M Swaraj (LDF), Mohan George (BJP) and former MLAPV Anvar, who is contesting as an independent candidate. There are 1,13,613 male voters and 1,18,760 female voters and eight transgender voters, of which 7,787 are new voters. The number of non-resident voters is 373 and service voters is 324.



Relief package being distributed among displaced Tamil families, who were residing at Madarasi Camp of Delhi's Jangpura area, in New Delhi. The relief package has been announced by the Tamil Nadu CM under the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund (CMPRF).

### Nineteen stray attack cases

reported Kannur, June 18 (UNI): The attacks by stray dogs continued in town for second day on Wednesday when 19 cases of dog bites were reported, taking total number of cases within two days to 75.On Tuesday, 56

cases were reported. All the attacks took place in the State Bank premises, railway station road and the new bus stand Thavakkara.On at Wednesday, six people were bitten by dogs between 6 am an 8 am and all those bitten by the strays sought medical treatment at the district hospital. Yesterday, one dog was found dead at Thavakkara near the new bus stand, while two more dogs were found dead today at various places in the town. The stray dog catchers attached to Animal Birth Control (ABC) unit

have caught five strays from nearby the district hospital in the morning. The trace operation was going on, sources said.Kannur Mayor Muslih Madathil

## **Tomato Price Crash: Farmers dump produce in Mysuru**

Mysuru, June 18 (UNI) : In a distressing development that underscores the volatility in agricultural markets, scores of tomato farmers in Mysuru dumped their produce in heaps at the Bannimantap APMC yard on Wednesday, following a drastic fall in wholesale prices.The farmers, who had transported their tomatoes from various parts of the district, said

as Rs 2 to Rs 3 per kilogram - far below the cost of production. Unable to recover even the basic input and transport costs, several aggrieved cultivators unloaded their harvest within the market yard premises in protest. "This is a dire

## **KSWIFT** speeds up investment process, gets big response from investors

Thiruvananthapuram, June 18 (UNI) : As a onestop destination for securing all approvals to start, operate and expand businesses, the KSWIFT online portal https:// set up by Kerala State and councillors visited the Industrial Development district hospital to enquire Corporation (KSIDC) has about the injured persons. received an overwhelming The Mayor said that a response from investors, special team has been besides ramping up the appointed to catch strays state as a top performer in and alleged that the recent Ease of Doing Business closure of the district (EoDB) in the country. panchayat-controlled ABC KSWIFT serves all centres is the reason for types of businesses, from increase in the number of Micro, Small and Medium stray dogs in Kannur town. Enterprises (MSMEs) to large-scale industries, as a comprehensive portal for obtaining in real time all clearances and certificates from multiple departments for starting or expanding their operations.

Apart from MSMEs and large-scale industries, the single-window facility also comes in handy for professionals, traders, startups and new ventures. "KSWIFT has received

kswift.kerala.gov.in/index/ a highly encouraging response from investors from within and outside the state as a catalyst in transforming Kerala's industrial landscape into a sustainable, inclusive and transparent ecosystem," Minister for Industries, Law and Coir, PRajeeve, said. The government's upfront initiatives aimed at simplifying, rationalising and streamlining the approval processes have been widely appreciated in forums like Invest Kerala Global Summit (IKGS-2025), which saw the state making a big leap by netting investment proposals together running into over Rs 1.80 lakh crore from 446 EOIs, the minister said. The online facility can be logged in for submitting application forms for registration and licences and getting approvals and clearances from 22 departments and boards, including Labour, Pollution Control Board and local bodies.

they were receiving as little offering Rs 17 per box. Just Rs 500 per box. It changes overnight."

According to traders and market observers, the crash has been attributed to overproduction and an export glut to Kerala, which is experiencing heavy rains and hence lower local yield. With only about 10 per cent of the produce being consumed locally in

has accumulated, leading a few days ago, prices were to a supply-demand imbalance.

Wednesday.

Farmers said they were spending Rs 20 to Rs 25 per box on transport alone. "If we sell it for Rs 30, we barely make Rs 5. If that fails, we are left with no option but to dump the tomatoes," another farmer said.

Agricultural workers lamented that similar market crashes occur year after Mysuru, a large stockpile year during peak harvest

periods. "This year, it has affected at least three to four major farming families badly," said a vendor.

The Mysuru City Corporation has begun clearing the spoilt tomatoes from the APMC yard and adjoining roads. However, farmers are demanding that the government ensure a stable minimum support price and timely market intervention to prevent such losses in the future.

## Narayan Health achieves longest **CAR T-cell** remission in South India

Bengaluru, June 18 (UNI) :In a landmark achievement in cancer care, three patients treated with Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR T-cell) therapy for relapsed follicular lymphoma at Narayana Health City, Bengaluru, have completed three years of remission, making this one of the longestdocumented survivals post-CAR T therapy in

complete remission and marks a turning point for leading a normal life with her grandchildren.

Another survivor, a 43-Bengaluru year-old resident, was diagnosed during the COVID-19 pandemic and underwent CAR T-cell therapy in November 2022 after failing conventional treatments.

Despite serious complications, including a COVID-19 infection and

Indian oncology, reducing reliance on expensive overseas treatment and offering new hope for longterm survival.

"These cases reflect the transformative potential of CAR T-cell therapy for patients who have exhausted all other options. With CDSCO-approved therapies now available in India, patients need not travel abroad for advanced care," said Dr Sharat Damodar, Senior Consultant Haematologist and Head of Adult BMT, Narayana Health City, and Chairman of the Oncology Collegium at Narayana Health.Dr Devi Prasad Shetty, Chairman and Founder of Narayana Health, added, "We have always believed that the best of global innovation must be accessible to every Indian. Our commitment to pioneering technologies like CAR T-cell therapy ensures that world-class care remains both affordable and available."

situation," said one farmer. "Last week, a box of tomatoes fetched around Rs 600. Today, traders are

A total of 1,301 polling officers have been deployed, of these 316 are presiding officers, 975 polling staff and 10 were micro-observers.

Around 1,200 police personnel, including Central force and MSP, have been deployed for security measures.

The counting will be held on June 23 at Chungathara Marthoma Higher Secondary School. Fourteen EVM counting tables and five postal ballot / service vote counting tables will be set up at the counting station.

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#### Two more killed in rain-related incidents Kannur

Kannur, June 18 (UNI): The body of Muhammed Nishad (9) of Kakkad, who was swept away in Kakkad river around afternoon on Wednesday, was fished out by fire force personnel in the evening and shifted to Kannur Government Medical College hospital for post-mortem.

Meanwhile, the body of a youth Abhijith (23) of Kanhangad in Kasaragod district, who was also swept away while bathing along with his friends at Bavali river during the Kottiyoor Mahotsavam temple festival on June 15, was recovered by fire force personnel of Peravoor from Chappath near Aralam farm in the morning.

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CAR T-cell therapy, an advanced form of immunotherapy, is rapidly becoming a beacon of hope for patients with relapsed or treatment-resistant lymphoma. India now manufactures CAR T-cell products domestically, with two CDSCO-approved therapies—NEXCAR19 and QARTEMI—bringing this life-saving innovation within reach of Indian patients.One such patient, a 66-year-old homemaker, relapsed with aggressive lymphoma in 2022 and received CAR T therapy in March 2023. She is now in

swine flu during a Hajj pilgrimage, he is currently in remission and has completed nearly three years of follow-up.

India sees more than 1.4 million new cancer cases annually, with lymphomas contributing significantly the burden of to haematological malignancies. While many benefit from standard treatments, relapsed and resistant cases often face bleak prognoses, with fiveyear survival rates dipping to as low as 20–30 percent. The success of therapies such as NEXCAR19 and OARTEMI

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[UNDER RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited, acting in its capacity as trustee of Retail June 2022 – Trust (hereinafter referred to as "JMFARC") having acquired the financial assets pertaining to KUPPUSAMY P (hereinafter referred to as "Borrower"), together with the underlying security interest created therefor along with all rights, title and interest thereon from Poonawalla Fincorp Limited (Formerly known as Magma Fincorp Limited) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred as "SARFAESI Act" and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcem Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "Said Rules"), vide an assignment agreement dated 28.02.2023 and issued a demand notice dated 28.11.2023 calling upon the Borrower RANJITHKUMAR (hereinafter referred to as "Co-Borrower") vide Loan Account No: HL/0125/H/14/000042 and to repay the amount as mentioned in the said notice being Rs. 13,85,420/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty only) as on 17.11.2023 together with interest at contractual rate and expenses, costs, charges etc. due thereon till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of JMFARC has taken physical possession of the property described in the Schedule herein below (hereinafter referred to as "Said Property") in exercise of powers cor SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of the Said Rules on this 17th day of June in the year 2025. under Section 14 of the

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## **STANDARD POST**

## Air India to cut international flights on wide body aircraft by 15 pc

Air India said it has decided to reduce its international services on wide-body aircraft by 15 per cent for the next few weeks. The cuts will be implemented between now and June 20, and will continue thereafter, until at least mid-July.

"This effectively adds to our reserve aircraft availability to take care of any unplanned disruptions," said the airline, as it remains in mourning on the tragic loss of 241 passengers and crew members aboard flight AI 171.

The decision is taken "to ensure stability of our operations, better efficiency and to minimise inconvenience to passengers".

"Air India apologises to the passengers affected due to these curtailments, and will inform them in advance and make its best efforts to accommodate them on alternate flights. Passengers will also be offered a choice to reschedule their travel without any cost or to be given full refund, as per their choice. The revised schedule of our international services effective from 20 June, 2025 will be shared shortly," the airline explained.

It said that the curtailments are a painful measure to take, but are necessary following a devastating event which we are still working through and an unusual combination of external events.

"It is done to restore operational stability, and to minimise last-minute inconvenience to passengers. With the continued support of our passengers, the regulatory authorities, Ministry of Civil Aviation and India at large, we will come out stronger through this tragic incident and reestablish the confidence of our passengers and all stakeholders in our services, at the earliest.," Air India noted. In coordination with the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Government of Gujarat, Air India is putting all possible efforts to support the family members of the deceased and the injured. The investigating authorities are also continuing their efforts to find out the reasons for the accident. The DGCA had mandated 'Enhanced Safety Inspection' across Air India's Boeing 787-8/9 aircraft fleet. Out of total 33 aircraft, inspections have now been completed on 26 and these have been cleared for service, while inspection of the remainder will be complete in the coming days. The fact that 26 aircraft have been cleared gives reassurance in the safety measures and procedures that we follow, said Air India." As a matter of added precaution, Air India will also undertake enhanced safety checks on its Boeing 777 fleet and, going forward, we will continue to cooperate with the authorities, viz AAIB, DGCA, MoCA to ensure the safety of our passengers, our crew and our aircraft, which remains our highest priority," it added.

# **Understating Brain Tumours**

(Standard Post Bureau) When we hear the words "brain tumour," it often brings a very grim image to mind. However, the reality is that many brain tumours can be successfully treated if diagnosed early. There is still a lack of awareness among the public about the symptoms and available treatment options for brain tumours. This Brain Tumour Day gives us an opportunity to spread awareness and educate people about the advancements in treatment.

A brain tumour refers to any abnormal growth or mass in the brain. It can be either benign (noncancerous) or malignant (cancerous).

Benign tumours do not spread and are usually curable, while malignant tumours can grow rapidly, spread to other parts, and may return even after treatment.

The location of the tumour plays a major role in determining the outcome of treatment.

To know the exact nature of the tumour, doctors need to examine a sample of the tissue under a microscope, which is microscopes, and robotic



Dr. Rohit Bansil, Associate Director - Neuro Surgery & Neuro Spine, BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital, Delhi

done through a biopsy. Often, the biopsy is performed along with the removal of the tumour in the same surgery. The approach to surgery can be open, minimally invasive, or endoscopic, depending on where the tumour is located in the brain In recent years, brain

surgeries have become much safer and more precise due to technological advancements. Tools like neuronavigation, intraoperative nerve monitoring, high-resolution

assistance have improved outcomes significantly. Neuronavigation helps guide the surgeon in realtime during the operation, allowing for safer and more complete tumour removal. Intraoperative nerve monitoring helps prevent damage to important nerves during surgery, while microscopes offer a clearer view of delicate areas in the brain.

Brain tumours can present a range of symptoms such as early headaches, morning blurring of vision, vomiting

that brings temporary relief from headache, changes in vision, hearing problems, difficulty walking, weakness on one side of the body, and seizures. Early diagnosis using MRI and PET CT scans can significantly improve the chances of a successful outcome. Once the tumour is surgically removed, the next steps depend on the biopsy report. If the tumour is benign, no further treatment may be needed. However, if the tumour is malignant, the patient may require additional treatment such as chemotherapy or radiotherapy. In some cases, repeat surgeries may also be necessary.

With the help of modern technology, brain tumour surgeries have become safer and more effective. Today, most patients recover well and are discharged within 4–5 days of surgery. The key to success lies in early detection and timely medical attention. On this Brain Tumour Day, let us focus on increasing awareness, encouraging early check-ups, and supporting complete and effective treatment for those affected.

## **Constitution** Assassination Day' observance: Mamata **Banerjee accuses BJP of hypocrisy**

Kolkata, June 18 (UNI): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a scathing attack on the **BJP-led** Central

read. Government today, "This year, on 23th June accusing it of "violating the 2025, the nation observes Constitution daily" while the 50th anniversary of the planning to mark June 25 as imposition of "Samvidhan Hatya Diwas" Emergency - an occasion (Constitution not merely for remembrance Assassination Day) to but for deep reflection and commemorate the renewed commitment to anniversary of the democratic values and Emergency imposed in

1975. Addressing a press conference here, Banerjee questioned the BJP's credibility in observing such a day, claiming the party has itself become a :persistent violator" of constitutional values and democratic norms.

"Those who break the Constitution every day are now pretending to mourn its death. This is pure hypocrisy," the Trinamool Congress supremo said, lashing out at the Centre's ruling coalition spearhead.

She pointed to instances such as the toppling of elected governments in Maharashtra and Bihar as evidence of what she called the BJP's "backdoor politics" and erosion of federalism.

Is removing elected governments through backdoor deals not an attack on the Constitution?" she asked.

The chief minister was referring to a letter written to state chief secretary Monoj Pant where it has been mentioned that June 25 has been notified as "Samvidhan Hatya Diwas" (Constitution Assassination Day) vide Ministry of Home Affairs Notification dated 11 July 2024."Emergency Witnessed a sweeping suspension of civil liberties, erosion of constitutional safeguards and unprecedented centralisation of executive power. Fundamental rights were breached, press silenced under strict

## Urinary Incontinence is Not a Woman's Fate - It's a Treatable Condition," say Expert in Odisha

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seeking treatment for UI by 2025.[ https:// www.ijcmph.com/ index.php/ijcmph/article/ view/11135]

In Odisha, the issue is particularly underdiagnosed, with many women from rural areas like Khordha and Nayagarh living with UI silently-avoiding travel, skipping social gatherings, (Standard Post Bureau) enduring and Across India, an embarrassment of leakage estimated 27.1% of women in public. However,

specialists

Bhubaneswar and Cuttack

are seeing a growing trend:

women are starting to

Dr. Jyoti Mohan Tosh,

speak up and seek help.

even stand for long periods in the classroom due to frequent leaks. She thought it was something she had to live with. In another case, a young homemaker from Bhadrak had been using cloth pads quietly for over five years, too ashamed to even tell her husband. These stories are far too common in our region."

"The good news is—UI is treatable. With simple pelvic floor exercises, minor medication adjustments, and lifestyle changes like

incontinence in India currently costs between ?10,000 to ?20,000 per patient, making early intervention a costeffective and life-changing solution. Experts recommend expanding primary care screenings, increasing community-level health education, and investing in training for ASHA workers and ANMs who can recognize symptoms early.

Dr. Tosh adds, "As doctors, we're ready. But we need the community, the policymakers, and even family members to support these women. 2025 can be the year we no longer whisper about UI behind closed doors-it can be the year we solve it, together." With the right attention and action, the goal of reducing urinary incontinence prevalence in India is not just ambitious-it's achievable.

long commemoration starting on June 25, 2025 till June 25, 2026," the letter added. The letter requested the chief secretary to appoint a Nodal Officer from the state for coordination with the Ministry of Culture so that the details of the programme can be shared. Banerjee dismissed the

censorship, thousands of

journalists, and civil

society members were

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this regard, the Ministry of

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Centre's move as a political smokescreen meant to distract from ongoing subversions of democracy.

"What we are witnessing today is a silent emergency - one without announcements, but with more dangerous implications," she said, accusing the BJP of systematically weakening institutions, silencing dissent, and misusing central agencies for political vendetta.

Her remarks come amid rising tensions between the Centre and non-BJP-ruled states, with several opposition leaders alleging overreach by central authorities and interference in state governance. In response, BJP leaders accused Banerjee of trying to whitewash the Congress's legacy and deflect attention from her own government's record. Party spokespersons defended the June 25 observance, saying it serves as a national reminder of the perils of constitutional misuse.

are living with urinary incontinence (UI)—a condition that affects not just physical health, but emotional and social wellbeing. Among them, stress urinary incontinence (SUI) alone impacts 15.9%, and is

Consultant – Urology & Renal Transplant Care, especially common in Multispeciality Hospital, nulliparous women, with Bhubaneswar, shared prevalence as high as 22.5%. Now, with rising awareness and access to care, India is poised to see

insights from her recent clinical experience: "Just last month, I treated a 32year-old school teacher a 25% increase in women from Puri who was afraid to

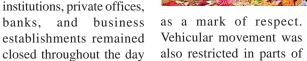
reducing caffeine and weight management, more than half of my patients see major improvement within 6 to 8 months. Some even regain complete continence.

But the first step is breaking the silence. Women in Odisha must know this is not their fateit's a condition, and it can be managed."

Treating urinary

## 24th Great June Uprising, Unity Day observed Tributes paid to 18 martyrs of 2001 people's movement

Imphal, June 18 ( IT News) : Great June Uprising, Unity Day was observed today at Kekrupat in Imphal with solemn tributes to the 18 martyrs who laid down their lives during the mass agitation in June 2001, protesting against the extension of the NSCN-IM ceasefire "without agreement territorial limits" to Manipur. Later, the number of casualties rose to 21. Thousands of people from across the state gathered at the Kekrupat Memorial Complex, located near the historic Kangla Fort, to pay floral tributes to the photographs of the martyrs. Shops, educational



Imphal city to facilitate public observance. The uprising was

triggered following the 2001, signing of the Bangkok

between the Government of India and Declaration on June 14, NSCN-IM, which included

the contentious phrase "without territorial limit." The clause was removed following widespread protests and the deaths of 21 civilians during the June uprising.

The event was jointly organized by the United Committee Manipur (UCM) and the All Manipur United Clubs' Organisation (AMUCO). Pheiroijam Nando Luwang, chairman of the Observation Committee and president of AMUCO, led the gathering in offering floral tributes and stated that the observance reflects the people's united stand against the Centre's alleged "divide and rule" tactics intended to fragment the social fabric of Manipur. The day passed peacefully with no untoward incidents reported until the time of filing this report.

#### Thursday, June 19, 2025

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#### STANDARD POST, Puducherry

### **High-level** Thai Buddhist delegation on six-day India visit

New Delhi. June 18 (UNI) A high-level Thai Buddhist delegation led by Somdet Phra Thirayanamuni, the acting Supreme Patriarch of Thailand, is on a six-day visit to India, reinforcing the enduring historical and spiritual links between the two nations, according to a statement from the Union Culture Ministry.

The delegation visited the National Museum here to offer prayers at the Holy Relics shrine, accompanied by a Pali chanting ceremony.

The visit follows Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent trip to Thailand, where he underscored the shared Buddhist heritage and announced the forthcoming exposition of the Holy Relics of Devni Mori in Thailand.

Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat met the delegation, highlighting the shared heritage of Buddhism and Hinduism, including linguistic and cultural ties like the Ramayana tradition in Thailand. Shekhawat also invited the visiting monks to Ayodhya, citing the Patriarch's interest in Hindu mythology.Somdet Phra Thirayanamuni, a royal monk and prominent religious leader, plays a key role in Buddhist education and international propagation. The visit is expected to further enhance India-Thailand cultural diplomacy, religious tourism, and bilateral cooperation in heritage and education, said the statement.



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Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, the sole survivor of the Air India plane crash, during the cremation of his deceased brother Ajay who was flying with him on the same aircraft, in Diu. Vishwas was discharged from the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital following his recovery.

## SC grants protection to minor girl forced into marriage, issues notice to Bihar, Delhi police

New Delhi, June 18 (UNI): The Supreme Court on Wednesday stepped in to protect a 16year-old girl from Bihar who alleged she was forcibly married to a man twice her age and subjected to repeated

abuse. The court directed both the Bihar Director General of Police and the Delhi Police Commissioner to ensure her safety, along with that of her friend who helped her escape the marriage and now faces kidnapping charges.

A bench comprising Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and Manmohan issued the directions while hearing a petition filed by the girl through her friend. The petition sought annulment of the marriage under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, and protection from any

coercive action by the police.

The girl, who had just appeared for her Class 10 board examinations, was allegedly married off on December 9, 2024, under pressure from her family. The man she was

> married to, a 33-year-old civil contractor, reportedly demanded the marriage as repayment for financial support extended to the family.

According to the plea, the girl was sent to live with him immediately after the ceremony and was denied return to her parental home.

She alleged that her inlaws pressured her to bear a child and blocked her from continuing her education. The petition further

claimed that she was subjected to emotional and physical abuse,

**J&K Cabinet** sends sub-

government sources said

today. The Cabinet meeting

was chaired by Chief

Minister Omar Abdullah

here.While there is no

official word from the J & K

government about the

decisions of the Cabinet,

government sources said

the report of the sub-

committee was presented

before the Cabinet which

sent it to the law department

for legal opinion."The

report will be examined by

the law department first,"

the sources said. The three-

member sub-committee to

review the policy, comprised

education minister Sakina Itoo,

forest minister Javed Ahmad

Rana, and science and

technology minister Satish

Sharma submitted their

report to the government

earlier this month.The

amended reservation policy

that was introduced last year

in March by J&K Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha had

met with protests by the Open

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claimed that despite being

70% of the UT's population.

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especially after she resisted sexual advances.

In January 2025, her maternal uncle managed to bring her back to her parents' home temporarily. However, her pleas to terminate the marriage and resume her studies were ignored.

On March 31, 2025, the girl fled her home with the help of a friend and has been on the run since, fearing for her life.

The petition revealed that her husband made public threats to kill her, reportedly saying he would "happily go to jail" for it.

Her mother subsequently filed a kidnapping case against her friend at Piplawan Naubatpur Police Station in Patna, allegedly concealing the fact that the girl had been married off. The petition

of the situation fearing that she would be killed if apprehended or forced to return. She urged the Court to protect her from police action until the matter is fully adjudicated. Taking note of the threat to the minor's life,

emphasised the urgency

the Supreme Court ordered both Bihar and Delhi Police to provide the girl and her friend with emergency contact

numbers for immediate assistance and to ensure their security. The court also directed

the police chiefs to submit a status report before the next hearing and issued notices to the girl's mother and the civil contractor husband, who have been named as parties in the case.

The matter is scheduled for further hearing in July.

#### **Electors to get EPICs** within 15 days of update in electoral rolls: ECI

Chandigarh, June 18 (UNI) To ensure faster delivery of Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) to the electors, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has introduced a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) enabling the delivery of EPICs within 15 days of an update in the electoral rolls, including new enrolment of an elector change in any or particulars of an existing elector.

The initiative is in line with the various measures being undertaken by the ECI for the convenience of electors as envisaged by the Chief Election Commissioner, Gyanesh Kumar along with Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi, a release said.

The new system will ensure real-time tracking of each stage right from the EPIC generation by the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) till the delivery of EPIC to the elector through the Department of Posts (DoP).

Electors will also receive notifications via SMS at each stage, keeping them informed about the status of their EPICs.

For this purpose, ECI has introduced a dedicated IT module on its recently launched ECINet platform. The new IT platform will replace the existing process by re-engineering the current system and streamlining the workflow.

DoP's Application Programme Interface (API) will be integrated with the ECINet for seamless delivery. This initiative aims to enhance service delivery while maintaining data security.

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## **Employees under Unified Pension** Scheme now eligible for retirement, death gratuity benefits: Govt

New Delhi, June 18 Personnel Ministry, on (UNI): The Government on Wednesday said that all central government staff covered under the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) will now be eligible for retirement and death gratuity benefits available under the Old Pension Scheme.

"This is in keeping with the long-pending demand by a large section of government employees, he said. The move addresses a significant demand of government staff and brings parity in retirement benefits, Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra

Singh said here. deliberated in detail on the He further said the new "transformational" journey provision reflects the of the Ministry of government's commitment Personnel, to ensure social security Grievances and Pensions for all categories of over the last 11 years, employees under the stating that "a series of National Pension System. reforms aimed

The central government employees covered under the UPS will now be eligible for retirement and death gratuity benefits, as per the provisions of the Central Civil Services Rules, 2021, Singh said at a press conference here.

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, under the

Panchayati Raj **Ministry and Bhashini partner to** boost governance at

## key decisions on **Renewable energy**, wildlife conservation

Raipur, June 18 (UNI) In a significant move, the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai on Wednesday took several important decisions promoting Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes, renewable energy, and wildlife conservation, including tiger protection and eco-tourism.

Chhattisgarh cabinet okays

The Cabinet approved providing state scholarships and stipends to students from the Dihari Korwa, Baghel Kshatri, Sansari Oraon, Pabiya/Pawiya/Pawiya Samaj, and Domra castes, treating them at par with Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes, respectively. These students will also be eligible for admission to hostels and ashrams.

The Cabinet also decided to promote renewable energy and provide financial assistance to electricity consumers by implementing the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. Under this scheme, the state government will provide additional financial assistance to households for installing solar rooftop plants, over and above the central financial assistance. The target is to install 60,000 solar power plants in 2025-26 and 70,000 in 2026-27, with a financial outlay of Rs 180 crore and Rs 210 crore, respectively. To promote wildlife conservation and ecotourism, the Cabinet decided to establish the Chhattisgarh Tiger Foundation Society, which will work under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The society will be selffinanced and will raise funds from individuals and institutions. It will be directly involved in tiger and wildlife conservation activities, promote eco-tourism, and provide employment opportunities to local communities.

The Cabinet also approved the merger of Vivekananda Institute of Social Health Welfare and Services, Chhattisgarh (VISHWAS) with Ramakrishna Mission Ashram Narayanpur. Additionally, 100 acres of land will be provided free of cost to the Horticulture Department for establishing a College of Horticulture (Horticulture University) in Bemetara district.

The Jashpur district's self-help groups' herbal and mahua tea products, marketed under the 'Jashpur' brand, will be transferred to the state government or Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (CSIDC) to provide a wider market and boost marketing.

#### govt issues instructions to Collectors for 11th International Yoga Day committee draft on reservation

Bhopal, June 18 (UNI): The Madhya Pradesh Government has Srinagar, June 18 (UNI) instructed District Jammu and Kashmir Collectors to motivate all Cabinet has sent the draft institutions regarding the of its sub-committee on organisation of the 11th rationalisation of the International Yoga Day on reservation policy to the June 21. department,

As per the directives, all institutions in the district will be motivated to participate in the International Yoga Day celebrations, and all programme organisers will have to register themselves. The Yoga Day programme will be organised at Panchayat headquarters, other villages, and all urban local bodies' headquarters and wards with the cooperation of people's representatives.

The programme will be conducted as per the

yoga protocol determined by the Central Government. For this programme, yoga instructors and volunteers affiliated with institutions like Patanjali Yoga Sansthan, Shri Ram Chandra Mission Heartfulness Institute, Jan Abhiyan Parishad, MP Yoga Commission, and other associate institutions will be available. The live broadcast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav's address on June 21 will be screened in all villages and wards across the state. The programme will be held from 6 am to 6:45 am, and the broadcast link will be provided by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department. The

#### grassroot level New Delhi, June 18 (UNI): Union Panchayati Ayush Department has prepared a training

Raj Ministry and Bhashini, an AI-powered language translation platform under MeitY, are volunteers, and online collaborating to harness training will be conducted AI-powered language on June 19 and 20. The link for the same will be technologies to help provided by the Ayush people interact smoothly with Panchayati Raj Department.For the Yoga institutions (PRIs), Day programme, maximum especially in diverse registration of institutions linguistic regions in the organising yoga events in the district needs to be country. The pact will be ensured. A nodal officer signed on Thursday in the will be appointed in each national capital in the district to oversee the presence of Union Minister of State for programme, and the nodal officer will be responsible Panchayati Raj and for sending information Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and photos to the Central Government's portal after Professor SP Singh Baghel. The initiative is a strategic collaboration to servants in the district will expand multilingual access across the participate in the Yoga Day ministry's digital platforms and outreach efforts, enabling wider public participation in

programmes, dialogues,

and live events through

signing of the MoU, the

partnership will enhance

across major portals and

Panchayati Raj Ministry,

digital infrastructure to

platforms of the Union

language accessibility

advanced translation

technologies, said a

statement from the

Ministry."With the

empower Panchayati Raj Institutions and reinforce participatory democracy at the grassroots," it said.

Earlier this month, the Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) collaborated on the development and deployment of multilingual artificial intelligence solutions across key public-facing railway platforms.

Launched in July 2022, Bhashini aims to create a language technology platform that provides tools and services for translation, voice-based interactions, and content creation in 22 scheduled Indian languages.

The partnership aims to integrate Bhashini's state-of-the-art language technology stack, comprising Automatic Speech Recognition Panchayati Raj initiatives, (ASR), Text-to-Text Translation, Text-to-Speech (TTS), and Optical Character Recognition (OCR), into CRISmanaged systems such as the National Train Enquiry System (NTES) and RailMadad, added the statement.As part of the event, a specially-curated digital launch video showcasing the integration while also promoting the of Bhashini with use of AI-enabled public eGramSwaraj will also be unveiled

## Two Congress MLAs among nine convicted over blocking pathway

Jaipur, June 18 (UNI) : A district court in Jaipur on Wednesday sentenced nine individuals, including two Congress MLAs, to one-year imprisonment in an 11-year-old case of obstructing a pathway and assembling unlawfully

The court convicted

Mukesh Bhaker, MLA from Ladnun, Manish Yadav, MLA from Shahpura, Abhishek Choudhary, a former Congress candidate from Jhotwara, Rajesh Meena, Ravi Kirad, Wasim Khan, Dron Yadav, Bhanu Pratap Singh, and Vidhyadhar Meel for obstructing a

pathway and assembling unlawfully.On August 13, 2014, the accused had gathered and blocked the JLN Marg outside the University of Rajasthan gates for 20 minutes. After pronouncing the sentence, the court granted bail to all the convicts.

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# Career&tech

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# **5 things you should** learn from your First

### So it's your first job and you have to make sure that you create the right impression and yet stick to your deadlines.

nd while you are busy between creating the right be given utmost priority. impression, sticking to deadlines, you also have to see that you learn various things from your job which isn't a myth doesn't really come under your job So while you may think that responsibilities. From how to balancing your work responsibilities cracking the meeting to how to talk knowingly and unknowingly on your first job.

within a deadline or cracking a deal within a deadline, this word matters naintaining a balance the most in the work zone and should

Work-home balance

So in a sense your first job teaches you where to be a spendthrift and where to be a true-blue stingy.

#### **Being a smart worker**

Well, it is good you are a hard worker, but amidst deadlines one has to be a smart worker and make sure that he/she

## **10 tips for email**

underlining in the middle of a lot of text. Don't use fancy fonts or multiple font colours either. 8. WATCH YOUR TONE: Alway

# Etiquette

The digital age has made communication much easier and more hassle-free, what with several apps available for mobile phone chat.

However, people often forget that they have to use a different, more formal tone for official email correspondence, and end up peppering their emails with too many emojis and abbreviations. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when you're sending out a work email.

#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS ARE**

IMPORTANT: Always introduce yourself if you are writing to someone you don't know or haven't corresponded with previously. If you've got the sender's address from a mutual friend, mention that in your email. Introducing yourself is especially important if you're sending out a survey o r questionnaire to

got from a database.

correspondence, especially if you're attachments with it. sending an email from your phone. You don't want the auto-correct feature to backfire on an official email, after all. Ensure your grammar and punctuation are correct as well.

**FEATURE SPARINGLY:** Only restrict it only to the subject line. a sender's greetings for the festive him/her. The same goes for situations.

season - you could find yourself being blamed for starting an unnecessary email thread.

4. USE BCC FOR GENERIC MAILS: Use the Bcc field for when you are sending out mails to a very large number of people who may not all know each other. It's also a way to ensure that all your contacts' addresses are not out there for people unknown to them to access. 5. RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS YOU SEND: Send heavy files via filehosting services so that you don't



people whose addresses you have clog the recipient's inbox. You could read it or not. It should be clear and also zip files or resize pictures. If direct.

2. ALWAYS RUN A SPELL- you know you're sending an email to Salutation: Always start an email by CHECK: It's important to run a someone who accesses his/her inbox greeting the recipient by using the spell-check for official on the phone, don't send several

Don't use too many abbreviations or and a surname. in your email, like FYI, PFA, PDF or **Concise body:** Get straight to the FYR. It may confuse the recipient, who may also get the impression that you don't have the time to type out a important, and list the rest point-by-3. USE THE REPLY-ALL proper email. If you must use them, point.

that really needs it. If the reply is not use all caps and bold fonts as this and 'yours faithfully' are acceptable meant for only one person, just reply will give the recipient the for formal emails. 'Best regards' or to him/her. And don't use it to reply to impression that you are shouting at 'kind regards' work in most other

be careful about how your email sounds. It may be an official email, but it should not sound too abrupt. You shouldn't sound over-friendly either, especially if this is the first time you are corresponding with the recipient. Moreover, don't send out an email if you're upset. Save it as a draft and re-read it when you're calmer.

9. FIX YOUR FORWARDS: Make it a point to clean up forwards before you, in turn, forward them to other people. Not only does this make the email look cleaner, but it also ensures that you don't give away anyone else's email addresses.

**10. CHECK WHO YOU'RE** SENDING AN EMAIL TO: Always check the

To field of an unsent email before you send it. You don't want the wrong email being sent to the wrong person. What every official email should contain

Subject line: This is the first thing that recipients will see in their inboxes and it will determine whether they will

word 'dear' followed by his/her name. If you aren't on a first-name 6. DON'T OVER-ABBREVIATE: basis with the recipient, use a title

> point. If you have more than one issue to address, start with the most

Sign off: Always sign off on your use the reply-all feature for an email 7. FORMATTING FUNDAS: Do emails. Phrases like 'Yours sincerely'

#### **Sticking to deadlines**

So while you were in college or **Every penny counts** school deadlines were something that you were quite flexible with. in the world and get into the work

## **5** essential skills today's employers want

now looking at hiring graduates with crowded candidate market and it also people skills and an aptitude for leadership

that highlights your core competencies the academic record and domain and skills is not enough to get you a job. Employers are now looking for candidates with not only the right companies look out for. Not everyone attitude, but also the right aptitude while hiring. Here are some of the essential skills that fresh graduates will need to cultivate to secure a job:

Communication skills: The most Being a people's person and a team significant step towards getting through the interview process is to your communication are a key to securing polish

skills, both written

and home chores is a total myth, in to break the ice with the seniors here reality is isn't. While, initially it may is a list of things that you learn both all seem very surreal to manage all, gradually you will get used to it and then managing both becomes quite easy.

Gone are the days when you can buy a dress or shoe or cosmetics without But things change when you step out thinking much about the cost. When you start working you get to know zone. From bringing out a story the real value of hard earned money.

Apart from relevant, organisations are This is the best way to stand out in the aids in building a strong professional

network. In a competitive job market, a degree Aptitude for leadership: It is not just expertise that matter these days, but also your proficiency to be a leader that can master this skill; however, one can work on building their inherent leadership qualities by taking initiatives and responsibility.

player: Good

interpersonal skills your dream job and verbal. Having this skill finishes work in time and with less errors.

#### Socialize right and smart

Certainly, there are many who are glued to social media, but when you get into a work pace and add people from your work space one has to be doubly sure to see what kind of messages and pictures they are sharing on social media. The reason being that a lot of employers these days goes through our social pages and decides whether to hire or not.

reflects that you are sociable and can work harmoniously with others. Interviewers will most likely test your ability of being a team player through questions relating to real-life scenarios. Some interviewers give a lot of importance to the extra-curricular abilities of the interviewee - excellence in sports, participation in student organization activities, community assistance roles with NGOs, etc - to judge the individual's ability to work in teams and inspire innovative ideas.

**Problem solving and analytical skills:** Impromptu thinking and problem solving skills are the qualities that prospective employers look for in candidates. So it is essential to build on these capabilities and flaunt them when you present yourself in the job market as this will help you gain bonus points.

Open to learning and being proactive:

It is vital for a candidate to come across as independent and not someone who needs to be pushed for a task to be completed. In addition to this, out-ofthe-box thinking and innovative ideas can get you the competitive corporate advantage. Interviewers will also try to gauge if a candidate is open to maintaining a continuous learning curve to re-skill themselves in a dynamic workplace and stay ahead.

Interviewers are impressed not with how much you know, but with how well you can convince the opposite person to think and accept your point of view. By demonstrating the right qualities and by marketing yourself efficiently, you can certainly land your first big career break!

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## **DG J&K YSS for speedy completion** of developmental works



Jammu, June 18 (UNI): Jammu and Kashmir Director General Youth Services and Sports, Anuradha Gupta on Wednesday directed for speedy completion of developmental works during her visit to the Khel Gaon Nagrota here in the city outskirts.She served strict instructions to the concerned authorities for speedy completion of developmental works.

While inspecting the developmental works, Anuradha batted for early completion of the infrastructural facilities at this venue, which is the first of its kind multipurpose sports facility owned by the Department.

While inspected the ongoing developmental work of Hockey Turf, Synthetic Athletic Track, Cycle Track and Multipurpose Hall, the work of which was in full

### England reveal playing XI for first Test against India

London, June 18 (UNI): The Ben Stokes-led England confirmed their lineup for the first of five Tests against India at Headingley starting on June 20. The two changes in the lineup that featured in the one-off Test against England is the inclusion seasoned all-rounder Chris Woakes and right-arm quick Brydon Carse.Woakes, who is coming on the back of recovering from an ankle injury, last featured during England's tour of New Zealand in December 2024. England XI: Ben Stokes (C), Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope, ?Joe Root, Harry Brook, Jamie Smith (WK), Chris Woakes, Brydon Carse, Josh Tongue, Shoaib Bashir The 36-year-old was recently in action for England Lions during their game against India A in Northampton, where he finished with five wickets across the two innings, an ICC report said.Brydon Carse, who also featured during the New Zealand Test series, is also returning after a bout with a toe injury that sidelined him from the ICC Champions Trophy earlier this year. The hosts will be bolstered by an in-form batting line-up that was on display during a highscoring outing against Zimbabwe last month.

swing at this venue. On the occasion, Executive Engineer Sanjeev Sharma, AEE Gautam Raina, JE Kunal and Incharge Khel Gaon, Vishal Bharti Slathia, Incharge Works were present.

The officers assured of early completion of the construction works.

Terming the venue as an asset for the Department rather a sporting hub, the Director General Youth Services and Sports said that the Department was committed to raise sports infrastructure at all levels and in every nook and corner of the Union Territory, adding that making Khel Gaon a sporting hub was the need of the hour.

"Khel Gaon caters to the needs of thousands of sportspersons as it is a multipurpose sports facility. The dire need is to enhance sports infra at the

## Top GMs show their class

Mumbai, June 18 (UNI) : Top seeded Grandmasters lived upto their billing, recording dominant victories across the top boards in round 2 of the the Aurionpro Mumbai International Grandmaster Chess Tournament at the World Trade Centre here on Wednesday. Top seed GM Levan Pantsulaia showcased his class by defeating Bhaavan Kolla in 33 moves with the French variation of the Sicilian Defence. GM Petrosyan Manuel employed the London System and brilliantly converted an exchange sacrifice into a full point, while GM Paichadze Luka played a sharp and aggressive Caro-Kann to dismantle his opponent. All top 15 boards were won by titled players reaffirming their superiority early in the tournament. Despite the dominance at the top, the round wasn't without its surprises. Hemal Varshan held Manas Gaikwad (ELO 2232) to a draw, while several 1800-rated players impressed by drawing against opponents rated 2100 and above, adding intrigue to the mid-field battles. The tournament, organised by Indian Chess School under the aegis of the All India Chess Federation (AICF), features 293 players from 18 countries. With a prize fund of Rs 25 lakh, including Rs 4 lakh for the winner, the 9-round Swiss event promises many more exciting clashes ahead.

### England reveal playing XI for first Test against India

London, June 18 (UNI) The Ben Stokes-led England confirmed their lineup for the first of five Tests against India at Headingley starting on June 20.The contest will mark the first assignment for the two sides in the new World ICC Test Championship cycle.England XI: Ben Stokes (C), Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope, ?Joe Root, Harry Brook, Jamie Smith (WK), Chris Woakes, Brydon Carse, Josh Tongue, Shoaib Bashir, an ICC report said.

#### **British veteran Evans** given Wimbledon wildcard

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is committed to do so,"

sporting facility at Khel

Department to hold multiple

activities simultaneously at

the venue and yield better

results.Director General

Youth Services and Sports

also served instructions to

the concerned regarding

the requisite arrangements

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Yoga Day, falling on June

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Services and Sports Jammu,

Ravi Sharma, Deputy

**Director Youth Services** 

and Sports (Planning);

Sunil Kumar Sharma,

Accounts Officer of the

Directorate of Youth

Services and Sports and

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London, June 18 (UNI): Former British number one Dan Evans has been given a wildcard into the men's singles draw at Wimbledon later this month.

Evans. 35. recently regained his place in the world's top 200 and the news comes two days after the former world number 21 earned his biggest win in years.Two-time two women's singles champion Petra Kvitova has also received a wildcard, which are given to players who are not ranked high enough for direct entry.Czech former world number two Kvitova is the only non-British player named in the initial batch of wildcards announced on Wednesday. Teenagers Mika Stojsavljevic - the US Open girls' champion last year and Hannah Klugman - the French Open girls' finalist earlier this month-have also been given entry into the main draw. the BBC reported.

Jodie Burrage, Harriet Dart, Francesca Jones and Heather Watson will join them, but French Open semi-finalist Lois Boisson is a notable omission. The grass-court Grand Slam tournament begins at the All England Club on June 30.

# **Full schedule unveiled for ICC** Women's T20 World Cup 2026

Dubai, June 18 (UNI) : The full schedule for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 has officially been revealed on Wednesday with renowned venues up and down the country set to host 24 days of thrilling international sport. The tournament will

open with England taking on Sri Lanka under lights at Edgbaston June 12, kicking off a whirlwind month of world-class action that will see 12 teams battling it out for the prestigious trophy, currently held by New Zealand.

Hundreds of thousands of cricket fans will have the opportunity to witness nailbiting showdowns between the likes of Australia and South Africa, India and Pakistan, and New Zealand and the West Indies, as the tournament travels the length of the country, firmly propelling women's cricket into the mainstream.

With the semi-finals and final already confirmed to take place in London, at The Oval and Lord's respectively; iconic venues such as Headingley, Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Bristol County Ground and Hampshire Bowl will also play their part in showcasing world-class cricket throughout the earlier stages of the landmark tournament.

England captain, Nat Sciver-Brunt, said, "World Cups are always special, but this one already feels different — it has the potential to be truly gamechanging. It's going to be a huge moment for our sport and a brilliant opportunity to inspire young people and captivate fans across

home soil, for the biggest prize, against the best players in the world, it's going to be unmissable.

I can't wait to be a part of it."

The tournament will not only give fans across the nation a chance to see world-famous cricketers in action but will also affect lasting change by inspiring countless women and girls across the country to get involved with cricket.

Tournament Director, Beth Barrett-Wild, commented, "The ICC Women's T20 World Cup provides us with an unparalleled opportunity to transform a month of sporting excellence into a movement that will rewrite the narrative about women's cricket. At iconic venues across the country, we'll see incredible, worldclass athletes battling it out in out in front of hundreds of thousands of fans, who with every ball bowled and

run scored, will be contributing to lasting It's change. our opportunity to give women's cricket, and women's sport, the stage it deserves."

The newly expanded competition will see 12 teams descend on England and Wales in 2026. Eight countries are already sure of their place, with the final four participants to be

decided through an ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier next vear.

England and Wales were awarded hosting rights for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in 2022, with the seven host venues selected subsequently following

Gill, KL Rahul, others reflect Teenager Vasu Sehgal

criteria.

ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Groups: Group 1: Australia, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Qualifier, Qualifier

Group 2: West Indies, England, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Qualifier, Qualifier

Full ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Schedule: Friday June 12: England v Sri Lanka, Edgbaston 18:30BST

Saturday June 13: Qualifier v Qualifier, Old Trafford Cricket Ground 10:30 BST

Saturday June 13: Australia v South Africa, Old Trafford Cricket Ground 14:30 BST

Saturday June 13: West Indies v New Zealand, Hampshire Bowl 18:30 BST Sunday June 14: Qualifier v Qualifier, Edgbaston 10:30 BST Sunday June 14: India v Pakistan, Edgbaston 14:30

BST Tuesday June 16: New Zealand v Sri Lanka,

Hampshire Bowl 14:30 BST Tuesday June 16: England v Qualifier, Hampshire Bowl 18:30 BST Wednesday June 17:

Australia v Qualifier, Headingley 10:30 BST Wednesday June 17:

Qualifier, India v Headingley 14:30 BST Wednesday June 17:

South Africa v Pakistan, Edgbaston 18:30 BST Thursday June 18: West Indies v Qualifier, Headingley 18:30 BST

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the country. Playing on evaluation of various Hampshire Bowl 14:30 BST Saturday June 20: England v Qualifier,

Headingley 18:30 BST Sunday June 21: West Indies v Sri Lanka, Bristol County Ground 10:30 BST

Sunday June 21: South Africa v India, Old Trafford Cricket Ground 14:30 BST

Tuesday June 23: New Zealand v Qualifier, Bristol County Ground 10:30 BST

Tuesday June 23: Sri Lanka v Qualifier, Bristol County Ground 14:30 BST Tuesday June 23: Australia v Pakistan, Headingley 18:30 BST

Wednesday June 24: England v West Indies, Lord's Cricket Ground 18:30 BST

Thursday June 25: India v Qualifier, Old Trafford Cricket Ground 14:30 BST

Thursday June 25: South Africa v Qualifier, Bristol County Ground 18:30 BST

Friday June 26: Sri Lanka v Qualifier, Old Trafford Cricket Ground 18:30 BST

Saturday June 27: Pakistan v Qualifier, Bristol County Ground 10:30 BST Saturday June 27: West Indies v Qualifier, Bristol

County Ground 14:30 BST Saturday June 27: England v New Zealand,

The Oval 18:30 BST Sunday June 28: South Africa v Qualifier, Lord's Cricket Ground 10:30 BST

Sunday June 28: Australia v India, Lord's

Cricket Ground 14:30 BST Tuesday June 30: TBC v TBC (Semi Final 1), The Oval 14:30 BST

Thursday July 2: TBC v TBC (Semi Final 2), The Oval 18:30 BST

Sunday July 5: TBC v TBC (The Final), Lord's Cricket Ground 14:30 BST

The top-three of Ben Duckett, Zak Crawley and Ollie Pope, all amassed centuries as England won by an innings and 45 runs.

Shoaib Bashir, who nabbed nine wickets through the Test and was named the Player of the Match, features as the sole spinner in the attack.

Key Results of Round 2:

Kolla Bhavan 0 lost to GM Pantsulaia Levan 1 GM Petrosyan Manuel 1 beat FM Prakash Ram 0 Rachit Gurnani 0 lost to GM Paichadze Luka 1 GM Nikitenko Mihail 1 beat Devesh Naik 0 CM Vyom Malhotra 0 lost to GM Lalit Babu MR GM Gharibyan Mamikon 1 beat Nisha Jawalkar AFM Arhan Jain 0 lost to GM Savchenko Boris 1 FM Vedant Panesar 1 beat CM Vedant Varasada 0 Jagreet Misra 0 lost to GM Sanikidze Tornike 1 GM Deepan Chakravarthy beat Medhvansh Madeti

## Tilak Varma signs fourgame Hampshire deal

London, June 18 (UNI) : Hampshire have signed India white-ball batter Tilak Varma on a short-term deal for four County Championship matches.

Varma has made an outstanding start to his international T20 career, hitting 749 runs in 25 games with an average of 49.93 and a strike rate of 155.

The 22-year-old left-hander has two centuries and three half-centuries in the format and has scored nearly 1,500 runs in 54 innings in the Indian Premier League.

He will be available from June 22 until August 1 for games at Essex, at home to Worcestershire and Nottinghamshire and the return against the Pears at New Road at the end of July."It's fantastic to have Tilak available for the next four County Championship matches," director of cricket Giles White said."He's an exciting talent who has already made a big impact on the international stage and in the IPL, and we look forward to seeing what he can do for Hampshire this summer."After the first batch of seven County Championship matches, Hampshire are seventh in the Division One table, with two wins, two defeats and three draws, according to a BBC news.

#### **UST Trivandrum** Marathon on Oct 12

Thiruvananthapuram, June 18 (UNI) : UST Trivandrum Marathon, the Kerala capital's largest ever marathon, is back for its second iteration.

UST Trivandrum Marathon 2025 will be organised on October 12, 2025.Organised by UST, a digital leading transformation company, in collaboration with NEB Sports, the second edition of the UST Trivandrum Marathon will start from UST Campus, and will include four different events, such as Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K Run, and 5K Fun Run, similar to what was organised in the previous year's event.

More than 10,000 participants are expected to run in the different categories of the UST Trivandrum Marathon 2025.

Three training runs will be organised before the runners get set for the main event of the second edition. The first training run will be held at the UST Campus Trivandrum on June 22 and subsequent runs will be scheduled as events to help participants prepare well for the main raceday.

## on English conditions

Leeds, June 18 (UNI): Ahead of the much-anticipated five-Test series against England beginning June 20, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Wednesday released a video on social media platform X, offering fans a rare window into the thoughts and emotions of India players as they prepare for the demanding English conditions. The video, featuring top Indian cricketers including Shubman Gill, Prasidh Krishna, KL Rahul, Washington Sundar, Sai Sudharsan, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shardul Thakur, and Karun Nair, reflects a mix of tactical insight, nostalgia, and admiration for the English cricketing atmosphere.

"The Dukes ball—that's number one," said Shubman Gill, pointing to the unique challenge of playing red-ball cricket in England. "The weather's always changingexciting but tough. And then there's the atmosphere of the ground-it's something special."

Fast bowler Prasidh Krishna echoed this sentiment: "First, it's the Dukes ball, then the weather. But I love walking around the city with a good cup of coffee, it calms the nerves and lets you soak in the vibe of England."

All-rounder Washington Sundar highlighted India's recent successes on English soil, adding, "Swing and seam are key here. But we've been doing well in these conditions, and that builds confidence. Plus, the food's great!"Sai Sudharsan added a lighter note, saying, "It's the weather, hot chocolate, and the Dukes ball for me, that's England."Senior batsman KL Rahul described the English summer as a cricketer's dream: "It really feels like proper Test cricket in England. The summer here is unlike anything back home. When the sun's out, the conditions are just perfect—it's a joy to play." He also noted, "There's so much to explore outside cricket, great restaurants, cafes, it helps you unwind."Karun Nair reflected on the scenic side of the tour, saying, "There's a rich cultural character to these places, with beautiful houses, green spaces, and a distinct English charm. You feel like you're part of something classic."Yashasvi Jaiswal kept it simple: "Beautiful. Lord's. Houses. That's what comes to mind."

Shardul Thakur, known for his all-round flair, shared a poetic image: "The greenery here is unmatched. I often picture myself holding a cup of coffee, enjoying the weather and everything England has to offer."As Team India brace for a challenging series, the video serves as both a morale-booster and a strategic tone-setter. With the Dukes ball, swinging conditions, and historic venues setting the stage, Team India appears not only prepared but also emotionally attuned to the rhythms of English Test cricket.

## shoots error-free 67 to storm into lead in round two of PGTI NEXGEN

Ludhiana, June 18 (UNI): Teenager Vasu Sehgal of Chandigarh shot an error-free fiveunder 67 in round two to gain two spots and move into the lead at a total of eight-under 100 at the PGTI NEXGEN Imperial Golf Estate being played here on Wednesday.

The 19-year-old Sehgal enjoyed a commanding three-shot lead.

Noida's Lakshya Nagar too carded a bogey-free 67 that helped him rise 13 spots to tie second position at a total of five-under 103.Karnal's Tushar Pannu, the overnight leader, signed for a 72 to also be placed tied second.Gurugrambased duo of Digraj Singh

Gill (67) and Manish Thakran (68) along with Karnal's Rohit Narwal (71) were tied fourth at fourunder 104.

The Imperial Golf Estate is a par-72 ninehole course where the nine holes are played twice to comprise a round.The cut was declared at two-over 110. Forty professionals progressed to the third and final round. Vasu Sehgal (33-67), who was overnight tied third and two shots off the lead, began well with two birdies on the first three holes. Vasu then went on to accumulate three consecutive birdies from the 10th through the 12th to end up with a flawless five-under for the day.

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## WR launches safety campaign to promote safe travel awareness in collaboration with 'Chhota Bheem'



(1st photo) The Exhibition kiosk set up at Churchgate station. In the 2nd & 3rd photos, Visitors to the exhibition is seen participating in the Safety Quiz and clicking photos with Chhota Bheem.

#### (Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 18 : In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Western Railway has launched a novel Safety much-loved cartoon character Chhota Bheem, with a special focus on sensitizing passengers about the dangers of Trespassing and the hazards of boarding or alighting from moving trains. The Campaign was inaugurated on 18th June, 2025 at Churchgate and Indore stations under Mumbai Central and Ratlam Divisions respectively. It will also Boarding or Alighting from

be run at Andheri, Borivali, Ujjain & Ratlam stations over a period of 15 days.

According to a press Awareness Campaign in release issued by Chief collaboration with the Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, this unique campaign has been conceptualised with an aim to have a maximum outreach to commuters with special focus on younger audiences and families. Initially, the campaign has been planned to cover Mumbai Central & Ratlam Divisions with the topic of "Trespassing" & "Not

moving trains". The campaign has been designed to blend engaging visuals with impactful safety

leveraging the popularity of Chhota Bheem. It is aimed to make important safety lessons more simpler and effective. Subsequently, this campaign will be extended to other stations & Divisions also and more such themes on various railway related social awareness promoted. Mr Vineet informed that to ensure a broad and multidimensional outreach, across multiple platforms such as Digital and Social media, Hoardings and Station banners, Radio spots and SMS campaign. As part of the initiative, exhibition kiosks have been set up at Churchgate and Indore, and will soon be expanded to Andheri, Borivali, Ujjain, and Ratlam stations over the period of next 15 days. The exhibition engages passengers of all ages with its creative backdrop visuals and Safety Quiz.

Mr Vineet further added that in a unique initiative to promote public awareness and railway safety, Western Railway has entered into a collaboration with Chhota Bheem. Through this strategic collaboration, WR aims to harness the wide appeal of the Chhota Bheem characters to effectively communicate essential messages on railway safety and responsible behaviour in railway premises, particularly targeting younger audiences and families. Notably, the nationwide and global popularity of Chhota Bheem has a good impact on children and has the potential to influence them positively. Western Railway's initiative aligns with this sentiment by integrating these familiar characters into public interest campaigns to enhance reach and engagement.

Railway Western remains committed to innovating and enhancing safety awareness through community-friendly and inclusive efforts. With this campaign, it takes yet another step towards building a safer railway ecosystem for all.

### **Revision in Arrival** Timings of Miraj – Belagavi Special Trains : SWR

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(Standard Post Bureau)

Hubballi, June 18 : South Western Railway has revised the arrival timings of Train No. 07302 Miraj-Belagavi Unreserved Special and Train No. 07304 Miraj-Belagavi Unreserved Special at Belagavi station with effect from 19th June 2025.

Accordingly, the arrival timing of Train No. 07302 Miraj Belagavi Unreserved Special at Belagavi has been revised from the existing 12:50 hrs to 13:00 hrs. Similarly, the arrival timing of Train No. 07304 Miraj – Belagavi Unreserved Special has been revised from 20:35 hrs to 21:00 hrs at Belagavi station.

There is no change in the timings between Miraj-Sambre stations for both trains.

**II.** Elimination of Stoppage of trains at Bellampalli

South Central Railway has notified the elimination of stoppage at Bellampalli for two trains due to engineering works at Bellampalli Yard, in connection with the commissioning of the new third line between Rechni Road and Bellampalli stations on the Balharshah-Kazipet section of the Secunderabad Division.

1. Train No. 07323 SSS Hubballi – Banaras Weekly Express Special, commencing its journey from Hubballi on 21st June 2025, will not halt at Bellampalli. As an alternative, the train will provide a halt at Sirpur Kagaznagar.

2. Train No. 12975 Mysuru – Jaipur Bi-weekly Express, journey commencing on 21st June 2025, will also skip the scheduled halt at Bellampalli.

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

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 18 : The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) is a 'Navratna' listed company under Ministry of Railways, Government of India. It offers a wide range of services, including Online Railway Ticket Booking, Catering, Tourism, Rail Neer and Hospitality services.

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

IRCTC's West Zone Mumbai Office is pleased to announce the launch the Ashta Jyotirlinga Shravan Special Yatra on Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train from ex Solapur on 19.07.2025 and ex Madgaon on 05.08.2025. Bharat Gaurav Tour Packages offer traveller's a hassle-free and memorable holiday experience this Shravan. Group General Manager, West Zone, Shri. Gaurav Jha stated that the package provides a seamless and affordable way for families, groups, and solo travellers to Jyotirlingas most popular tourist destinations, all while enjoying the comfort and convenience of train travel. The package price of the tour starts from approx. Rs. 22760/- per person ex Solapur on 19.07.2025 and approx. Rs 23880/- per person ex Madgaon on 05.08.2025.

Mr. Gaurav Jha, Group General Manager, West Zone said that our goal is etc having a total capacity





to make travel more accessible and enjoyable, ensuring that every trip is a memorable one. These packages are designed to provide convenience, comfort, and affordability, giving people the chance to explore the best of India during the Shravan. There has been lot of interest in the market for these packages and regular customers swoop down on these packages the moment they are available for sale online on www.irctctourism.com.

Bharat Gaurav trains have a mixed composition of Sleeper (Non-AC), AC III tier and AC II tier coaches. The exterior of these trains showcases popular Indian monuments, sculptures, landmarks, and dance forms

well-equipped pantry car for preparing fresh meals onboard."IRCTC has launched this all-inclusive package very well designed, economical wherein services like offboard travel and excursions by buses, stay at hotels, tour guides, meals, travel insurance etc are provided along with comfortable train journey and allied onboard services. Customers can visit the official IRCTC website www.irctctourism.com or contact the West Zone

of around 600 - 700 seats

and are fitted with

infotainment systematic

and CCTV cameras and a

Mumbai Office 8287931886 (WhatsApp or SMS) for more information on the available packages, pricing, and booking procedures.

Shindawane - Ambale of Pune - Miraj Doubling Project With this,

Western Railway is

executing the campaign

messages,

will be

### doubling of 145 KM Pune - Satara section is complete : CR

#### (Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 18 : Central Railway has successfully completed the doubling of the Shindawane–Ambale Ghat section, marking a major milestone in the ongoing Pune-Miraj doubling project. This 9.45 km stretch is widely regarded as the most challenging segment of the entire corridor due to its difficult terrain and complex engineering requirements. With this, the doubling of the important section of Pune – Satara is now complete. The Shindawane-Ambale section was commissioned following the inspection by the Commissioner of Railway Safety on completion of this section, a total of 258 km out of 279 km of the Pune-Miraj



doubling project has now been commissioned.

The completion of Shindawane – Ambale section posed several engineering and logistical challenges:

1 tunnel measuring 140 metres in length • A ruling gradient 17.06.2025. With the of 1 in 100, requiring meticulous alignment and

construction planning 1 critical viaduct metres of earthwork in

spans of 30.5 metres each, with the tallest pier reaching metres 20 lakh cubic 42 metres, completed within a single calendar year and designed for Long Welded depth of 25 metres Rail (LWR) compliance • 5 major viaduct

spread across the section bridges featuring piers and • 16 sharp curves, abutments up to 18.3 including one with a 6metres high, with PSC and degree curvature

geographical constraints,



embankment, with the highest bank reaching 35

as a testament to Central metres of earthwork in Railway's commitment to cutting, with a maximum timely and high-quality infrastructure execution. 23 minor bridges This doubling will help

decongest the route, enhance punctuality, increase capacity, and facilitate the introduction of

Overcoming additional passenger and freight services.

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#### **TOD Meters Are for the Benefit of Electricity Customers!**

**Misunderstandings of Customers** 

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kalyan, June 18: A case has been registered at Khadakpada Police Station regarding the assault on an agency employee while installing a TOD meter in Kailas Homes Society at Gauripada in Kalyan West. Meanwhile, Milind Chaudhary, Executive Engineer of Kalyan West Division, visited the society and cleared the misconceptions of electricity customers regarding TOD meters. Customers have responded positively to the information he provided about the benefits of TOD meters.

Mahavitaran is installing such sophisticated TOD (Time of Day) meters across the state with low-voltage electricity consumers. Mahavitaran's new electricity tariff proposal proposes a discount in the rate depending on the time when the consumer uses electricity. This discount will not be available without a TOD meter. The meters being installed with electricity consumers are not prepaid but postpaid. Therefore, the bill will be issued after using electricity as before. Since the meter is modern, it has new facilities such as

accurate reading and



continuous understanding of Mahavitaran. Along with this, he of electricity consumption by Mahavitaran and mentioned that it is not only

customers on mobile. The main thing is that Mahavitaran is installing this meter free of cost to the customers through the Central Government sponsored scheme 'Revised Distribution Sector Scheme' (RDSS). Executive Engineer

Chaudhary informed that so far, 24 thousand lowvoltage electricity customers have been installed with TOD meters in the Kalyan West division

the responsibility of Mahavitaran but also the right to install modern meters with customers for accurate electricity bills of customers as per the provisions of the Electricity Regulatory Commission. Obstacles in this work will be an obstacle in government work and he appealed to the customers to cooperate in the work of installing TOD meters without believing in any misconceptions.

### Committed to overall growth of the youth, says Meghalaya CM

30 lakh cubic

composite girders

Tura, June 18 (UNI) : Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma today iterated his government's commitment to the overall growth of the youth, even as he emphasised the constructed importance of education, sports, music, and entrepreneurship.

"Our focus has been on holistic education, and in the last few years, we have ensured renovation, revamp, and new building construction for all

government lower primary and schools, secondary schools, and higher secondary schools," Sangma said.

Inaugurating the newly school building of Dalu Government Higher Secondary School in West Garo Hills district, the Chief

Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensure an overall upgrade in infrastructure for educational institutes

new college infrastructure, including the opening of new colleges. The two-storey school

building was constructed under Mission Education Phase I, a state scheme launched in 2021.

"Captain Williamson Sangma State University, the first state University, is testimony of our government's commitment to accord priority in the education sector", he

added.Informing that close to Rs. 3000 Crore has been invested in education, sports and entrepreneurship through different programmes including CM Elevate and PRIME, Sangma underscored on the importance of channelising the positive energy of the youth.

are building "We robust sports infrastructures across the state. In the run up to

National Games to be held in our state, we are preparing a plan to promote our sportspersons", he said.

high embankments, deep

cuttings, and major bridge

works, this section stands

He asserted that Meghalaya was awarded the hosting right of the National Games because IOA is aware of the state's preparedness and capacity. "Our youth are our asset

and we are doing our best to showcase, groom our talents, be it music or sports", he added.