

## IN BRIEF

### IMD predicts rain, cloudy sky in Mumbai

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) : The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday predicted that Mumbai will experience rain and cloudy skies in the first week of June, with temperatures ranging between 26 degrees Celsius and 33 degrees Celsius maximum. The rains will range from light to moderate next week.

Meanwhile, the department has also predicted generally cloudy skies with light rains on Saturday, in the city. As the month ends, May has had unpredictable weather this year, breaking the record of rain in May in past 107 years. The unpredictable rains were caused due to a cyclone, according to reports.

On May 31, the temperatures will stay between the minimum and maximum temperatures of 27 and 32 degrees Celsius. As of 9 am, the temperature was at 29°C with precipitation at 25%, humidity 76% and wind speed 23 km/hour giving a cloudy, windy and slightly warm day ahead.

**Mumbai, Pune, Nashik lead Maha's Covid rise**

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) :Maharashtra recorded 84 new Covid-19 cases on Friday, bringing the total number of cases registered since the start of the year to 681. The number of active cases in the state now stands at 467, with Mumbai, Pune, and Nashik reporting the highest numbers, said state public health department on Saturday.

Of the new cases, Mumbai reported 32, Pune Municipal Corporation 19, and Nashik city one.

Additional cases were detected in Thane district (2), Thane Municipal Corporation limits (14), Navi Mumbai (1), Kalyan-Dombivli (1), Raigad district (2), Panvel (1), Pune district (1), Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (3), Satara (2), Kolhapur district (1), Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (1), and Sangli Municipal Corporation (3).

Health officials emphasized that most patients are experiencing only mild symptoms and urged the public not to panic.

Since January 2025, Mumbai alone has recorded 411 cases. The state has conducted 10,324 Covid-19 tests so far this year, of which 681 have returned positive.

## Governor, CM pay tribute to Ahilyadevi Holkar on her 300th birth anniversary



Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) : On the occasion of the 300th birth anniversary of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar, Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan paid floral tributes at the statue of Ahilyadevi at Raj Bhavan.

Secretary to the Governor Dr. Prashant Naranware, Deputy Secretary S. Ramamurthy as well as officers, employees of Raj Bhavan and officers of the police force were present.

Chief Secretary Sujata Saunik paid floral tributes to the portrait of Ahilyadevi Holkar at the Mantralaya. On this occasion, Deputy Secretary Dilip Deshpande, Assistant Cell Officer Rajendra Bachhav, Nitin Rane, Vijay Shinde, along with officers and employees

of the Mantralaya were present.

A report from Nagpur stated that Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis offered floral tributes at the portrait of Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Holkar on her birth anniversary at Ramgiri. Officers and employees were present on this occasion.

Ahilyabai Holkar was the Rajmata and later the ruling queen of Indore within the Maratha Empire. She is renowned for her good governance, social welfare, and humanitarian work, as well as her contributions to religious, educational, and cultural advancement.

On the 300th birth anniversary of Rajmata Ahilyabai Holkar, the Sambhaji Brigade paid

tributes to her statue in Pune today. Sambhaji Brigade spokesperson Santosh Shinde, city president Avinash Mohite, working president Avinash Ghodke, Umesh Kokare and several others were present.

Rajmata Ahilya Rani Holkar was not just the matriarch of a royal family, she was an ideal administrator, a public-spirited leader and an immortal example of women's empowerment in India, said Santosh Shinde, state spokesperson, Sambhaji Brigade.

In today's times, when there is an urgent need for social equality, justice, and leadership for the welfare of the people, Ahilyabai Holkar's life work is inspiring for everyone, he added.

## Rs 50 lakh assistance distributed to families of six citizens of Maharashtra killed in Pahalgam attack: Minister

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) : Six citizens of Maharashtra died in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. State Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Makarand Patil on Saturday informed that financial assistance of Rs 50 lakh each has been distributed to the families of the six citizens who were killed in the April 22 attack. Initially, an assistance of Rs 5 lakh was announced to the families of the citizens of the state who died in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. However, in a later state cabinet meeting, it was decided to increase this assistance amount to Rs 50 lakh each. According to this decision, the Relief and Rehabilitation Department distributed this financial assistance to the families of the deceased.

This decision of the state government has brought relief to the affected families. Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Makarand Jadhav-Patil also expressed the sentiment that this assistance received from the state government is providing some support to the families in such difficult times.

**FIR against man for torching his wife after she refused sex**

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) : The police registered an FIR against a man who allegedly set his wife on fire after she refused his demand for sexual intercourse.

Police sources said the incident occurred on Friday morning when the woman who works as a domestic help had an argument which reportedly started when she was getting ready to go to work. Her husband allegedly insisted on having sexual intercourse, but she refused. This reportedly led to a heated argument.

The husband allegedly threw a burning piece of paper at his wife after she poured kerosene on herself in a fit of anger and attempted to ignite herself with a matchstick, which did not succeed, police said.

The victim suffered extensive burns on her chest, abdomen, legs, and hands. She was immediately taken to Sion Hospital, where she remains in a critical condition.

## Govt to work for welfare of underprivileged like Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar: CM

(Standard Post Bureau)

Ahilyanagar, May 31 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Saturday that taking the example of the work of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar at Choudi, he said that the work and thoughts of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar are still a guide to the state system.

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Ahilyadevi Holkar not only firmly established an ideal system of justice but also worked to provide justice to the wronged, he informed.

Keeping in mind her ideal of public service, the state government will also work for the welfare of the underprivileged, he asserted. During her rule of 28 years, Ahilyadevi revolutionised not only the political but also the social, economic, religious and cultural spheres.

She worked with great dedication in the revival of temples, construction of ghats, establishment of dharamshalas, water supply system for the poor and



## Kharge demands special Parliament session over CDS remarks made in Singapore

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday called for a special session of Parliament, alleging that recent remarks made by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) during an interview in Singapore, raise several important questions. Kharge said the "fog of war is clearing," and it's now evident that the Modi government has "misled the nation." "On his social media handle X, Kharge said, "Our IAF pilots were risking their lives fighting the enemy. We have suffered some losses, but our pilots were safe."

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## Flood inundates over a thousand houses in Manipur ....



Over a thousand houses have been completely inundated by flood as the major rivers flowing in Manipur were all running above the danger levels. Hundreds of people have been taken out of their houses, and relief materials distributed.

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## Trump gives Elon Musk sendoff, praising him with "colossal ....



U.S. President Donald Trump bid farewell to Elon Musk in the Oval Office on Friday, after the billionaire announced his decision to step back from his role at the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). "I just want to say that Elon has worked tirelessly,

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## Jack Draper on song as Joao Fonseca goes wrong



Britain's Jack Draper produced a dominant display to outclass Brazilian teenager Joao Fonseca 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 and enter the fourth round of the French Open for the first time in his career, here on Saturday.

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Health

Eat right for a good Sleep



Read on to know what nutrients you need to add to your diet for a peaceful nightly nap. A new study has, for the first time, shown that certain nutrients may play an underlying role in short and long sleep duration, and that people who report eating a large variety of foods — an indicator of an overall healthy diet — had the healthiest sleep patterns.

**Long sleep**

According to the study, long sleep is associated with less intake of total carbohydrates and other nutrients like:

**1. Theobromine:** It is found in tea and chocolate. In fact, it is present in all cocoa products. Though it is a heart stimulant increasing heart beat, it also dilates the blood vessel to lower the pressure.

**2. Decanoic acid:** A saturated fat, it is found in mother's milk, dairy products, nuts, seeds and their oils. It is good for the heart and helps reduce total cholesterol. Its antibacterial properties also help fight gastritis.

**3. Choline:** Found in eggs and fatty meats that includes beef, liver, fish, crabs, eggs, cauliflower, tofu, almonds, peanut butter and Navy

**Short sleep**

Experts suggest that short sleep is an issue when the body doesn't get enough of water along with the following:

**1. Vitamin C:** Good sources of vitamin C include strawberries, oranges, grapefruit, lemons, papaya, black currant, kiwi and bell peppers. An adequate amount of Vitamin C is also known to build a strong immune system and helps fight diseases.

**2. Selenium:** Found in nuts, meat and shellfish, Selenium is a trace mineral important for all body functions and is vital for immunity. Non-vegetarian sources of selenium are tuna, sardines, oysters, shrimps,

clams, chicken, turkey, beef, liver, lamb, pork and eggs. Vegetarian sources include nuts, sunflower seeds, mushrooms, onions, wheatgerm, barley, brown rice and oats.

PS: Lutein and Zeaxanthin are two of the most abundant carotenoids found in green leafy. Scientists say how our bodies react to these chemicals can cause bad sleep disturbances.

About the study

Researchers from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania analysed data from the 2007-2008 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which includes demographic, socioeconomic, dietary, and health-related questions.

Findings

Food variety was highest in normal sleepers and lowest in very short sleepers. Differences across groups were found for many types of nutrients, including proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals. The authors found that total caloric intake varied across groups. Short sleepers consumed the maximum calories, followed by normal sleepers. They were followed by very short sleepers who were followed by long sleepers.



How to manage Diabetes in 5 steps

It's a common fact that once you manage to lower your sugar level you need to control in and maintain it so that it doesn't spike.

Besides following a diabetic diet, there are few important parameters that you should have in place. To help you out and to chalk a diabetes control plan we have Dr. Shalini Jaggi, Senior Consultant at Action Diabetic Centre, Delhi based Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute. She tells us five basic ways to control and manage diabetes



effectively.

How to manage diabetes

Taking regular medications and going for periodic check-ups with doctors helps keep diabetes under control. Following a strict diet keeps diabetes under check. A person with diabetes should follow a diet which is low in carbohydrates, high in fiber and contains adequate amounts of proteins, vitamins and minerals and avoid fatty foods and sweets. He/she should also take frequent small meals (5 meals pattern).

A person with diabetes should engage in some brisk physical exercise daily for about 45 minutes to 1 hour. Such lifestyle modifications keep the disease in control to a great extent.

To keep one's diabetes in check, a person should do a self monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG) level.

Secrets to staying slim



Most people struggle with weight. You may eat healthy and exercise regularly but there may be another problem.

For too long, people have lived under a 'clean your plate' mentality. From a young age, people are trained to eat everything before them, whether they fill up or not. Overeating is a serious problem, but you can put an end to it with ease.

Along with avoiding uttering the phrase 'super-size', there are measures you can take to stop yourself from eating too much. It may seem difficult, but with a few simple tips you can trick your brain into stopping yourself. You may think this will prevent you from feeling full, but it is quite the opposite. The mind is a powerful tool, and your grumbling stomach doesn't stand a chance.

**Small sips**

When drinking anything other than water,

sip slowly, and sip small. When drinking large amounts of liquid at once, people don't realise how much they are drinking. Sure it's a liquid, but they have calories too. Some of the biggest offenders are orange juice, beer, soda, and those 'healthy' drinks like vitamin water.

Savour the 'odours'

Now, don't rummage through the garbage for food. Find something with a powerful fragrance. The olfactory glands play a big part in your appetite as well as how your brain reacts to things. In a study, people sat in rooms with varying intensities of vanilla smell. Then they were offered vanilla custard to eat. The ones who smelled it the most already, stopped sooner. The point is when your nose gets a mouthful before you do, you will feel fuller, sooner. Try this with odorous cheeses, vegetables, and seasonings.

Contrast your colours

Mashed potatoes are delicious and you will want seconds. But that may be because you ate off a white plate, and couldn't tell how much you ate. If you eat food off a plate that is very different in colour, you notice yourself clearing space. Your brain takes this as a sign of how much you really ate. It will alert the stomach sooner that you are full, before you gorge.

Use a smaller plate

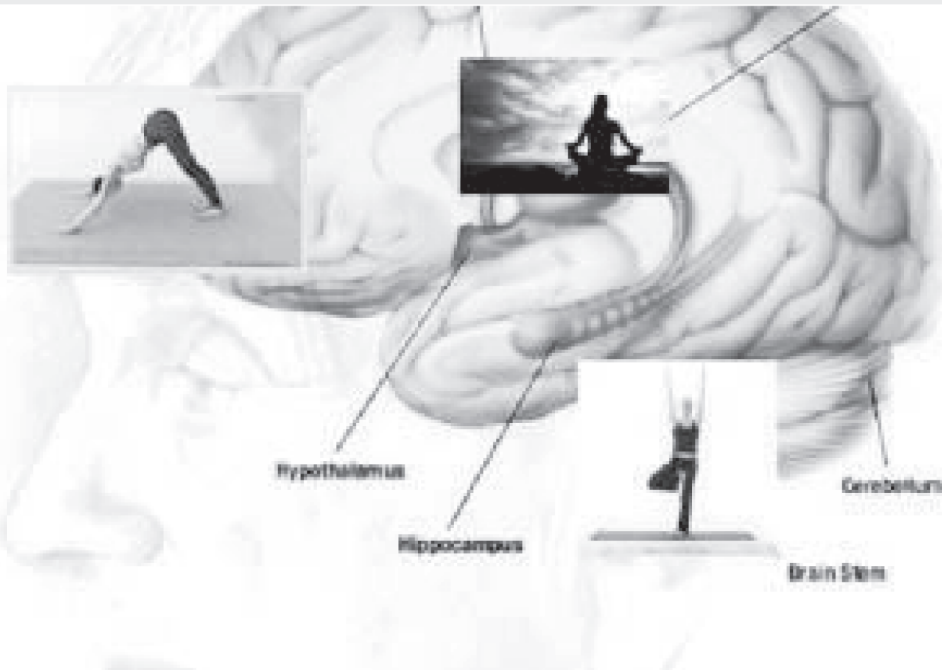
A large plate will appear to fox you of how much food you got. A small plate with the same portion will naturally seem like much more; in some cases, too much more. It's simple as that.

Dim the lights, turn down the tunes

Studies have shown that restaurant atmospheres actually stop people from eating too much. This is to produce a turnover of customers. If it works there, why not try it at home?



20 minutes of yoga boosts Memory



**While yoga exercises are known to help build one's physical stamina, a new study has explored the benefits of this ancient Indian practice of meditation for the brain too.**

According to the research, 20 minutes of yoga per day effectively improves a person's mental ability in terms of memory and concentration. Moreover, yoga is found to be more effective at boosting brain power than conventional aerobic exercise.

Conducted on 30 female students, the

experiment required the participants to do experimental 20-minute yoga sessions involving seated, standing and supine yoga postures that included isometric contraction and relaxation of different muscle groups and regulated breathing. The session concluded with a meditative posture and deep breathing.

The researchers compared the benefits of yoga to vigorous exercises by asking the participants to run on the treadmill for 20 minutes. The cognitive assessment taken post both the sessions revealed that the participants' concentration levels were higher post the yoga session. According to the study, enhanced self-awareness that comes with meditation exercises and the reduction of anxiety and stress leads to increased brain function.

Tweak lifestyle to prevent Thyroid problems

In recent times, the prevalence of thyroid disorders in urban women in their early 30s, has increased and is on the rise.

Earlier, it was unusual for young women to have a thyroid affliction; it was an ailment that scourged older women mostly. "But now," says weight management expert Dr Amrapali Patil, "Almost 30% to 35% of women belonging to this age group are affected." She also claims the phenomenon is global.

According to her, a healthy diet that has all the necessary nutrition and stress reduction in your daily life, may minimise the chance of developing thyroid problems. An under-active thyroid can respond to natural remedies such as acupuncture, yoga, panchakarma, ayurveda etc. And the following can help in hypothyroid states — sea-kelp, selenium, flaxseed oil, zinc and multi-vitamins. Dr Patil talks about some more tips that should be followed to deal with thyroid problems, along with your doctor's prescription...Following a low glycemic index diet (a diet which doesn't enable the immediate pouring of sugar in blood) helps. Cut out energy-sapping foods such as those with high sugar and fat content.

-Also, regular exercise is crucial. Exercise not only enables weight-loss benefits but also releases 'happy hormones' in the body, thereby reducing the stress levels, and helping you deal with low moods and depression.-Strong tea, coffee and tobacco should be avoided when suffering from hyperthyroidism. Supplements having vitamins and nutrients such as riboflavin, lecithin and thiamin may help.





# Aditya Thackeray criticises Dy CM Shinde over tender process for Gaimukh Tunnel



Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aditya Thackeray criticised Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and the state government over the tendering process for the Gaimukh Tunnel project.

Addressing a press conference here today,

Thackeray said that the court has taken a dig at the tendering process of the Gaimukh Tunnel.

(On Friday, the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) informed the Supreme Court that it has decided to scrap the tender process for the Gaimukh

tunnel project and an elevated road project in “public interest”.)

Thackeray alleged that "there is big scam in it" and questioned whether a case will be registered against Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde or will he be removed from the government.He said

"Many issues have come before us. We have brought these issues before the media today regarding the Gaimukh Tunnel".

"I congratulate the court and contractor L&T," he said.(Earlier this month, L&T filed two petitions before the Bombay HC, contending that MMRDA did not follow a fair and transparent tender process.)

Thackeray said the cost of the Gaimukh-Bhayander Twin Tunnel was expected to be Rs 14,000 crore but the contract process was to be completed within 20 days. "How can there be such a short notice for this big project," he questioned.

When they went to court, MMRDA said that they are giving a contract time of 60 days instead of 20 days, claimed Thackeray.

## 'Hindi has now become spoken language of Mumbai': Minister

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik claimed on Saturday that Hindi has now become the spoken language of Mumbai."We call Marathi our mother tongue. However, Hindi has become the spoken language of Mumbai. I sometimes communicate with people in pure Marathi. However, when I go to Mira-Bhayander, which is my constituency, Hindi automatically comes out of my mouth," he said.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut strongly criticised Sarnaik for his statement, arguing that Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray formed Shiv Sena so that the Marathi people can live with dignity.

# CM, DyCM pay their respects to Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar on her 300th birth anniversary

Ahilyanagar, May 31 (UNI) : On occasion of the tercentenary of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar, the celebrated queen of the Maratha-ruled Malwa kingdom, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Saturday visited the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Memorial at Jamkhed in Chaundi taluka of the district and paid their respects.On this occasion, Chairman of the Legislative Council Prof Ram Shinde, Ministers Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Atul Save, MLA Gopichand Padalkar, district collector Dr Pankaj Asia, Zilla Parishad chief executive officer Anand Bhandari were present.

On this occasion, both the CM and DyCM also visited the Mahadev temple in the area of Ahilyabai Holkar memorial and offered their prayers.They also performed a Maha Aarti on this occasion.Speaking at a programme organised on

## One killed, 1 injured as car lift collapses in Mumbai

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) One person was killed while another injured after a car parking lift collapsed at a 21-storey residential tower in Borivali area of city on Saturday morning, civic officials said.The incident occurred at around 11 am at Prathamesh Building on Link Road, Borivali (west), where the car lift plummeted into a seven-metre-deep pit, trapping two people.

Firefighters rescued both victims—Shubham Madamlal Dhuri (30) and Sunjeet Yadav (45)—and rushed them to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation-run Shatabdi Hospital.

According to hospital authorities, Dhuri was declared ‘brought dead’ on arrival, while Yadav, who sustained a head injury, is reported to be in stable condition.An investigation into the cause of the collapse is underway.

occasion of 300th birth anniversary, Fadnavis announced that the state government will make a multilingual film on the life of Ahilyadevi Holkar.

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# Congress MP Varsha Gaikwad expresses shock over condition of health services in suburban Mumbai

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) : City Congress president and MP Varsha Gaikwad on Saturday expressed shock over the current condition

of suburban health services in Mumbai and questioned where did the Health department's Rs 7K crore fund go.

Responding to questions after visiting Bhabha Hospital in suburban Bandra and interacting with citizens

there, she said, "The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation is one of the richest municipal corporations in the country. The Corporation presented a budget of Rs 74,000 crore this year, of which Rs 7,000 crore has been allocated for the Health department, but the condition of suburban health services in Mumbai is very bad. If even basic facilities cannot be provided to patients, then where exactly did the municipal corporation's money go."

The BMC had assured that it would not inaugurate the hospital without providing facilities like cathlab, nephrology, neurology, cardiac and blood bank in this building, but till date these facilities have not been started.

In 2024-25, a provision of Rs 12 crore was made for medicines, which has been reduced to Rs six crore this year. Tenders for medicines have not been floated for 14 months.

There are ICU, trauma ICU, and pediatric ICU departments in the intensive care unit, but there are no doctors available. Also, the number of beds in the intensive care unit is very less compared to the hospital beds.

Furthermore, 2D UCO machine is not available, pathology facility is also closed, she complained.

There are no facilities available in these suburban hospitals for tests like CT scan, MRI, she alleged and said if such tests are required, patients have to go out at a huge expense.

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## Three killed in road accident

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) : Three people were killed, including a woman, and two others, one of them a child, were seriously injured after a speeding car rammed into a stationary container truck near Mendhwan Ghat along the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Highway in Maharashtra on Saturday, officials said.According to the details, the accident took place when a high-speed car, travelling from Gujarat towards Mumbai, rammed into the rear of a stationary container truck. The collision was so severe that three passengers died on the spot.

The injured were taken to a nearby hospital and their condition is reportedly stable now.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2025	31.09.2024	31.03.2024	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations	1256.09	429.18	0.00	1685.27	1.00
2.	Total Expenses	954.98	402.89	24.88	1357.88	34.18
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax	301.10	26.29	-75.94	327.39	-84.23
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax	298.33	26.29	-73.95	324.62	-86.23
5.	Earnings per Share capital (FV ₹ 10/- each)	92.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	92.00
Basic:		32.43	2.86	-0.80	35.29	-8.94
Diluted:		32.43	2.86	-0.80	35.29	-0.91

Note:

- In accordance with the requirement of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015 with the SME Stock Exchange, the above unaudited financial results for the half year ended March 31, 2025, have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Director at its meeting held on 30th May 2025.
- The company has a single primary business segment and doesn't have any geographical / business segments as such there are no separate reportable segments as per the Accounting Standard 17 on Segment Reporting notified under companies (Accounting Standard) Rules 2014 and section 133 of the companies act 2013 and any amendment thereof.
- The status of Shareholders Complaints during the half year ended on March 31, 2025 is as under:

Particulars	For half year ended on March 31' 2025
Complaints pending as at 31-03-2024	Nil
Complaints received during the year	Nil
Complaints pending during the year	Nil
Complaints pending as on 31-03-2025	Nil

Figure of previous period/year have been regrouped / recast wherever considered necessary in order to make it comparable.

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Extract of Standalone Audited Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2025

Sr. No.	Particulars	Half Year ended			Year ended	
		As on 31.03.2025	As on 30.09.2024	As on 31.03.2024	As on 31.03.2025	As on 31.03.2024
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1.	Total Income from Operation	2.39	213.37	682.99	215.77	1,304.93
2.	Total Expenses	4.41	211.62	678.01	216.04	1,300.30
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax	-2.02	1.75	4.98	-0.27	4.64
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax	-1.55	1.28	3.36	-0.27	3.62
5.	Equity Share capital	1,748.49	1,748.49	1,748.49	1,748.49	1,748.49
7.	Earnings per Share capital ( FV 10/each					
Basic		-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02
Diluted		-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02

Note:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meetings held on 30th May, 2025.
- Figures are regrouped/rearranged wherever necessary.
- The figures for half year ended March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2024 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the published year to date figures upto the end of the Half year, which were subject to limited review by auditor.

For CRP Risk Management Limited

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Raza Mohammed Sayyed

Managing Director

Place : Mumbai

Date : May 31, 2025



STANDARD POST

Illegal gambling platforms putting minors and youth at risk

A new report on Sunday raised serious concerns about the growing threat of illegal online gambling platforms in India, especially to vulnerable groups like minors and young adults.

The report by public policy think tank CUTS International warns that these platforms are not only targeting impressionable users with addictive, high-risk games but are also bypassing basic safety checks, such as age verification and identity confirmation.

It highlights that the scale of the problem is massive. Between April 2024 and March 2025, there were more than 5.4 billion visits to the top 15 illegal gambling platforms, spread across 40 mirror websites.

Some platforms like Parimatch, 1xBet, Stake, Fairplay, and BateryBet are among the most visited.

In fact, Parimatch's web traffic in March 2025 was higher than popular platforms like Google India, Amazon, Wikipedia, and Hotstar, revealing the alarming reach of these operations.CUTS International estimates that users are depositing close to \$100 billion annually into these illegal betting platforms.

Many of these platforms are based overseas and use loopholes in India’s payment systems and advertising networks to operate freely, posing a major risk to both consumer safety and national security.

Pradeep Mehta, Founder and Secretary General of CUTS International, said that illegal gambling operators are exploiting India's digital infrastructure while evading any form of accountability.

"This presents a major national security threat and also exposes Indian consumers to serious harm," Mehta said at the report’s release.

One of the most disturbing findings of the report is how easily minors can access these gambling sites.

These platforms often avoid even the most basic checks like KYC (Know Your Customer) or age verification.

Some even offer cash-on-delivery payment options, allowing teenagers with no access to digital wallets or cards to gamble repeatedly without any supervision.

The use of high-stakes, psychologically addictive game designs makes them even more dangerous for young, sensation-seeking users.

The report also reveals how these platforms attract such massive traffic. Around 66 per cent of users visit directly, often through saved links, private messages, or bookmarks, giving a false impression of trust and legitimacy. Big media campaigns, celebrity endorsements, billboards, and SEO-boosted search visibility further increase their reach.

ICAR Honors Dr. B. Dayakar Rao at Grand Felicitation Ceremony for His Pioneering Role in Millet Research and Agribusiness Innovation



(By Snaps India)

In a fitting tribute to a visionary scientist, the historic Nizam Club in Hyderabad hosted a grand felicitation ceremony for Dr. B. Dayakar Rao, Principal Scientist at ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR) and CEO/Director of Nutrihub, on the occasion of his superannuation. The event celebrated his remarkable contributions to millet research, value chain development, and the transformation of India’s agri-entrepreneurship landscape.

Dr. Rao, part of the 38th batch of scientists recruited into ICAR, leaves behind a legacy defined by innovation, dedication, and national impact. With over three decades of service, he has become synonymous with India’s millet movement, playing a key role in elevating these ancient grains to the center

of national and global food security agendas.

Shri Raghunandan Rao, IAS, Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Telangana, graced the occasion with his esteemed presence at the day-long event held at Nizam Club. He extended his heartfelt respects and lauded Dr. Dayakar Rao for his unwavering dedication to transforming India’s millet ecosystem. As a token of appreciation, he presented a shawl to Dr. Rao, honoring his remarkable contributions.

The celebration was attended by an esteemed gathering of dignitaries, including scientists, bureaucrats, policymakers, religious leaders, celebrities, media professionals, and well-wishers from across the country. The event also highlighted the retirement of his fellow ICAR batch mates, including Dr.



M.V.L.N. Raju, Dr. B.L.N. Reddy, Dr. Mukesh Sehgal, Dr. Asokan R., and Dr. Amrish Tyagi, each distinguished in their respective fields.

"The Editor of Snaps India Mohammad Shamsuddin also praised Dr. Dayakar Rao for his significant contributions to the agriculture industry, calling his work in spearheading the millet revolution one of his greatest achievements." Fareed Barlas, a USA-based philanthropist, has extended his support to globalize millet-based products, with a focus on Canada and Nordic countries including Finland, Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. He lauded Dr. Dayakar Rao’s pioneering role in the millet revolution, calling it a game-changer for agriculture. Their collaboration aims to boost international millet markets, advancing health,

sustainability, and rural livelihoods through innovative product development and global value chain integration.

Mrs. Rose talks about her elder brother:

At a young age, my elder brother took on the responsibility of managing our family. He is a God-fearing and hardworking man, and despite carrying many burdens on his shoulders, he never raised his voice. He always remained calm, composed, and deeply dedicated. Even with all the challenges he faced, he excelled in his studies and consistently secured first class.

Today, he is blessed with our 85-year-old mother by his side, and she was present on that special day, witnessing everything with pride and love.

A Catalyst for the Millet

Revolution Dr. Dayakar Rao has been instrumental in building India’s millet ecosystem—from farm to fork. As CEO of Nutrihub, he mentored more than 500 startups and facilitated the development of over 60 millet-based technologies. His work enabled the commercialization of millets across India, supporting both nutritional security and farmer livelihoods.

His efforts were especially lauded during the International Year of Millets 2023, where he served as a key advisor and strategist in showcasing India’s leadership in millet research, production, and innovation. His vision not only revitalized interest in millets but also shaped government policy, private sector engagement, and global awareness.

Tributes from Across the Globe during the ceremony, Sri M. Raghunandan Rao, IAS,

Secretary to the Government, felicitated Dr. Rao and praised his commitment to food and nutritional security. Speaking at the event, Dr. S. B. Barbuddhe, Director of the National Meat Research Institute, described Dr. Rao as “an institution in himself,” highlighting his pivotal role in shaping ICAR’s agri-business ecosystem.

Tributes poured in from across the globe, including a video message from a senior scientist in Ghana. Dr. Kondapi Srinivas, Principal Scientist at the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, reflected on Dr. Rao’s mentorship and policy influence. Ashok Dalwai, retired IAS officer and Chairman of the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, sent a video message commending Dr. Rao’s far-reaching impact on a g r i c u l t u r a l transformation in India.

A Lasting Impact, the felicitation marked more than just a retirement—it celebrated the enduring legacy of a scientist whose work continues to inspire innovation, sustainability, and entrepreneurship in Indian agriculture, Dr. Dayakar Rao's journey from researcher to national thought leader is a testament to the power of vision, commitment, and science-driven change.

Kia Announces Prices for New Carens Clavis

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kia India, a leading mass-premium automaker, today launched its Big, Bold Family Vehicle, the new Kia Carens Clavis for Indian consumers at a compelling price starting at INR 11.49 lacs. Designed for modern, big families, this premium recreational vehicle bridges the gap between MPVs and SUVs. With its bold exterior, spacious interior, and advanced features, the Carens Clavis caters to new-age families seeking comfort, versatility, and style.

Style That Commands Attention

The exterior design reflects Kia’s ‘Opposites United’ philosophy, that effortlessly combines a strong presence with a modern and futuristic look. Elements like the Kia Digital Tiger Face, Ice Cube MFR LED headlamps with LED daytime running lights, and Starmap LED connected taillamps, create a distinctive visual identity. Adding to its road presence are R17-43.66 cm (17”) crystal-cut dual-tone alloy wheels, durable front and rear skid plates with a satin chrome finish, metal-painted side door garnish inserts, and a new Ivory Silver Gloss body colour that enhances its premium quotient.

Crafted for Comfort, Built for the Journey

The interior of Carens Clavis combines everyday



practicality with modern luxury and thoughtful design, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable journey for families who love to travel together.

The key comfort features include:

- Spacious 3rd-row seating and 2nd-row seats with sliding, reclining, and one-touch easy electric tumble for flexible comfort in 6- and 7-seater options
- Segment-first walk-in lever (Boss Mode) for effortless access and optimal space adjustment
- Best-in-segment 67.62 cm (26.62”) Dual Panoramic Display Panel for a seamless infotainment and driving interface
- 64-colour ambient lighting to customize the cabin atmosphere
- Seat-mounted Smart Pure Air Purifier with AQI Display and roof-mounted diffused air vents for cleaner, evenly distributed airflow
- Dual-pane panoramic sunroof offering expansive views and a light-filled cabin
- Ventilated front seats and a 4-way powered driver’s seat for enhanced comfort
- BOSE Premium Sound System with 8 Speakers delivering rich, immersive audio on every drive
- Advanced Safety Suite

The Kia Carens Clavis comes equipped with Level 2 of the Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), having 20 autonomous safety features, including:

- Smart Cruise Control (SCC) with Stop and Go
- Front Collision-Avoidance Assist- Car, Pedestrian, Cyclist
- Front Collision-Avoidance Assist – Direct Oncoming
- Lane Keeping Assist
- Blind Spot Collision Warning
- Blind View Monitor in Cluster
- Rear Cross Traffic Collision Avoidance Assist

Additionally, as part of the robust standard safety package, it comprises of 18 advanced safety features, including:

Flood inundates over a thousand houses in Manipur, rivers on rampage

Imphal, May 31 (UNI) : Over a thousand houses have been completely inundated by flood as the major rivers flowing in Manipur were all running above the danger levels.

Hundreds of people have been taken out of their houses, and relief materials distributed.

Many people, including women and children, who were taking shelter on the rooftop were safely evacuated. In a daring rescue operations at Imphal East local volunteers managed to reach a house and safely rescued two young children. In coordinated high-risk operations, so far, 277 persons have been evacuated.

Heavy machinery like excavators was utilised at the affected areas to prevent breaches in the flooded areas and clearance of debris in the landslide-affected areas by the Water Resource Department. Eight Relief camps/shelters were opened. Most of the affected people have gone to the houses of their relatives, and about 800 persons were living in the relief camps.

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, visited various flood-affected areas of Imphal city. He went around different locations on the banks of the Imphal River, assessing its overall condition. The key locations that were visited included Kangla

Nongpok Thong, Lairikyengbam Leikai, and Singjamei Bridge.

The governor instructed the officials to monitor the river situation closely and to implement pre-emptive measures. Further, directions have been given to Deputy Commissioners to arrange evacuation and temporary relief measures for affected people. SDRF and NDRF units have also been alerted.

Meanwhile, some officials and police conducted an aerial inspection of the flood-affected areas . A disaster management official said there are large numbers of inundation of houses inundated due to breaches/overflow/ seepage. Breaches of river banks were reported at Maiba Khul, Khurai Heikrumakhong, Sanjenthong, Kontha Ahallup, New Checkon, Mahaballi, Koirengei Thumbu Thong in Imphal, and Makhruai village, Viewland, Vakhoh, Karong in Senapati District, and various landslides were reported in Tamenglong, Ukhrul, Noney, Pherzawl districts.

Hundreds of people helped by Assam Rifles, NDRF, SDRF, Fire Brigade, Police, and other agencies were working on the ground to help the affected people.

IG Assam Rifles (S) said eight columns of Assam Rifles, along with boats and

engineers from 57 Mountain Division, are undertaking rescue works. Columns reached all the areas where people reached out to the Assam Rifles helpline, including a major rescue work at All India Radio, where sophisticated machinery and expensive equipment were safely taken out and installed at a safer place to ensure uninterrupted radio service.

Assam Rifles will be providing medicines, food, and other necessary items to the stranded people, he further said. Commander 9 Sector Assam Rifles are monitoring the situation in coordination with state disaster management officials, he added. Assam Rifles troops are stationed in various locations to rush in whenever the government officials and public call for help.

The Ithai barrage has been opened to manage the water level. As more reports of breakage of water banks at Imphal, Nambul, Iril rivers were coming in NDRF team, consisting of 29 personnel with four boats, was deployed in the inundated areas for a search and rescue operation. Twenty personnel with an additional team were kept on standby, equipped with two boats in the inundated areas.

The Fire Services team, consisting 47 personnel with three boats was deployed in the inundated areas .



Israeli military claims to have eliminated Hamas military wing leader Sinwar

Tel Aviv, May 31 (UNI) : The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said on Saturday that the leader of Hamas' military wing in the Gaza Strip, Mohammad Sinwar, had been eliminated along with several senior members of the Palestinian movement in an airstrike on a hospital in the southern Gazan city of Khan Yunis.

"The IDF, in cooperation with the ISA [Israeli Security Agency], conducted a targeted operation against Hamas terrorists who were present in a command and control compound established inside underground infrastructure beneath the European Hospital in Khan Yunis ... The strike was carried out through synchronized action by IAF aircraft, deploying precision-guided munitions simultaneously, targeting the underground compound where key Hamas terrorists — among them Mohammad Sinwar and Mohammad Sabaneh — had recently been present," the IDF wrote on Telegram.

Afghan govt issues 575,000 electronic national IDS to citizens in two months

Kabul, May 31 (UNI) : The National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA) of Afghanistan said nearly 575,000 national electronic identity cards (IDs) have been distributed to Afghan citizens over the past two months, local media Tolonews reported Saturday.

According to the NSIA, the services provided included the issuance of 1,978 new paper ID cards and 509 replacement cards, the verification of 2,068 existing documents, and the correction of citizenship information of 3,088 people via the remote portal.

In order to ensure timely and equitable services for citizens, electronic ID distribution centers have been extended to remote areas and districts, facilitating easier access to identification for residents.

I dead in house fire in Philippines

Manila, May 31 (UNI) : Two teenage girls and a young boy were killed in a house fire in Bulacan province, north of Manila, authorities said Saturday.

Rosario Mariano, chief of the Bulakan Municipal Disaster Reduction and Management Office, said the victims, a 16-year-old girl, her toddler brother, and their 15-year-old cousin, died after a fire broke out at their grandmother's house past 1 p.m. local time on Friday.

Mariano said the three victims were napping in a room when the fire broke out. Another child of the family, who was also sleeping, ran out of the burning room to safety. Firefighters extinguished the blaze less than 30 minutes later.

Mariano said the bodies of the three were charred when rescuers arrived at the house. The room's only window was reportedly too small for the children to escape. An initial investigation identified faulty wiring from an overused electric fan as the cause of the fire.

Man arrested after car collides with pedestrians in Britain

London, May 31 (UNI) : A man has been arrested after a car collided with a number of pedestrians in Leicester in central England, police said on Saturday.

The 31-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Two men and two women were injured following the incident shortly after 12:30 a.m. (2330 GMT), reportedly after a fight at the same location, police said. Three of those hurt are in hospital with serious injuries. The man remains in police custody while the investigation is ongoing.

Russia warns Germany against supplying Kyiv with Taurus missiles

Moscow, May 31 (UNI) : Warning Germany of dire consequences should it supply Kyiv with Taurus long-range cruise missiles, Russian ambassador Vassily Nebenzia at the UN Security Council said that if Germany gets directly involved in the conflict, it will give Russia the right to "consider all options" to "properly" respond to such a move.

"Germany is going to be drawn further into a war with Russia through these actions, which will give us the right to consider all options so as to properly respond to this unfriendly step," Nebenzia said.

If Berlin has any common sense left, they should understand possible dire consequences of such actions, the diplomat added. "Germany is going to be drawn further into a war with Russia through these actions (providing Taurus missiles), which will give us the right to consider all options so as to properly respond to this unfriendly step. If there is any common sense left in Berlin, if there are still people there who have not forgotten history, they cannot but understand what these new aggressive actions of Germany against Russia will result in," he explained.

Taking a jibe at German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, Nebenzia claimed that Merz cannot fool anyone with his speeches, and his actions could cause Berlin to be drawn into a direct conflict with Moscow, should he stay the current course.

"Afterwards, the German leader did try to backtrack and started to say that Germany was in fact going to help Ukraine to independently produce long-range missiles. Without a doubt, these clumsy manoeuvrings didn't fool anybody," he elaborated.

Russia has been fiercely opposed to any potential German supply of its Taurus long-range cruise missiles to Ukraine, viewing it as a significant provocation.

Hamas says consulting with Palestinian factions on Gaza ceasefire proposal put forward by U.S.



Gaza, May 31 (UNI) : Hamas said on Friday that it is consulting with Palestinian forces and factions regarding the Gaza ceasefire proposal put forward by U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff.

A source from the movement, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the consultations aim

to examine the details of the proposal and ensure its compatibility with Palestinian interests ahead of determining a final position.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday that his government accepts Witkoff's proposal for a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release, Israel's state-

owned Kan TV news reported.

Quoting a senior Israeli official, Kan reported that the proposal includes a 60-day ceasefire in Gaza in exchange for the release of 10 living hostages and 18 bodies in two phases. Israel would release 1,236 Palestinian detainees and prisoners, along with the bodies of 180 Palestinians.

Russia to continue military campaign in Ukraine until resolution of core causes

Moscow, May 31 (UNI) : Russia will not halt its military campaign in Ukraine until the underlying causes of the conflict are resolved and peace agreements are formally ratified, senior Russian officials have said.

Andrey Kartapolov, chairman of the Russian State Duma's Defence Committee, ruled out any unconditional ceasefire, stating that Moscow would

continue its assault unless things are not "put into writing".

"We will not agree to a ceasefire just for the sake of it," he said on the country's federal TV agency Channel One, according to Russian-state-media-TASS.

"Only if everything is put in writing, passed into law, ratified by parliaments, and becomes part of a genuine, lasting

agreement—only then can peace be considered. Until then, the special military operation will continue."

Stating that the Kremlin won't be deterred by any "false assurances", he referenced the West's "empty promises" to Moscow in prior negotiations, and said Russia would not be "deceived again by golden illusions".

At the United Nations,

Russia's ambassador Vassily Nebenzia echoed the same stance, stating that Moscow is willing to consider a ceasefire "in principle", but only if Kyiv takes tangible steps toward a long-term settlement.

"A simple ceasefire is not enough," he told the UN Security Council, reports Sputnik. "We stood at this crossroads before with the Minsk agreements, which were consistently

violated by Western-backed Ukraine."

New round of Russia-Ukraine talks likely in Istanbul on June 2

Moscow/Istanbul, May 31 (UNI) A new round of Russia-Ukraine talks will most likely take place in the office of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's administration in Istanbul, a source told Sputnik.

"Most likely, (the round will take place) again in the office in Dolmabahce," the source said.

At the upcoming possible negotiations with Ukraine in Istanbul, Russia proposes exchanging memoranda on the approaches of both sides to the negotiation process, Russia's Permanent Representative to the UN Vassily Nebenzia said on Friday. Russian President Vladimir Putin previously suggested to Ukraine resuming direct talks without preconditions in Istanbul on May 15.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the purpose of the proposed talks with Ukraine is to eliminate the root causes of the conflict and ensure Russia's interests. The Russian delegation arrived in Istanbul on May 15, but there were no contacts between the representatives of the two countries.

The meeting took place the following day and lasted almost two hours. Russian presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky, who led the Russian delegation, stated that Moscow and Kiev agreed to present their visions of a possible future ceasefire. Medinsky also stated Russia's readiness to continue talks with Ukraine.

6,000 people affected by severe weather conditions in Sri Lanka

Colombo, May 31 (UNI) Nearly 6,000 people have been affected by severe weather across Sri Lanka, according to the latest report from the nation's Disaster Management Centre (DMC).

The adverse conditions have impacted 5,974 individuals from 1,579 families, with 1,545 homes sustaining partial damage.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's state-run Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) reported over 50,000 power outages by 8 p.m. Friday, following intense rainfall and strong winds brought by the ongoing monsoon season.

The meteorological department warned on Saturday that heavy rains and winds, gusting between 30 to 40 kilometres per hour, are expected to persist for the

next 24 hours. Residents have been advised to take precautions against localised strong winds and lightning during thunderstorms.

Sri Lanka, due to its position as a tropical island nation in the monsoon belt is heavily prone to extreme weather events such as these. The country experiences two main monsoon seasons: the southwest monsoon (May to September) and the northeast monsoon (December to March).

These periods frequently bring about heavy rainfall, strong winds, and can lead to widespread flooding and landslides, resulting in damages to infrastructure, affecting sectors such as transport, mobile communications, and causing massive power outages.

accountability and corruption allegations, Nebenzia said, "Ending the war means elections, scrutiny, and questions about where the money went."

He also accused some 'warmongers' in Europe of stalling any peace talks, misleading the US and forcing them to stay engaged. "European warmongers are determined to keep America in this," he said.

Accounting Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of deliberately prolonging the conflict to avoid facing democratic

OPEC+ announces larger-than-expected oil output increase

Vienna, May 31 (UNI) The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, collectively known as OPEC+, announced on Saturday that they will increase oil output by 411,000 barrels per day (bpd) in July.

According to a statement on the OPEC website, the decision was made during a virtual meeting where member countries, including Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman, assessed global market conditions and outlook.

The OPEC+ countries had originally planned to raise output by 134,000 bpd in July as part of a plan to gradually unwind their most recent layer of output cuts. However, the group adjusted its strategy, citing "a steady global economic outlook and current healthy market fundamentals, as reflected in the low oil inventories." The statement also noted that the gradual increases may be paused or reversed subject to evolving market conditions. Initially announced in November 2023, the 2.2 million bpd production cuts were introduced for the first quarter of 2024. The cuts have been extended multiple times since then, with the latest extension pushing them through the first quarter of 2025.

Death toll of Indonesia's quarry landslides rises to 14

Jakarta, May 31 (UNI) : The number of casualties of landslides at a quarry in Indonesia's West Java province increased to 14, and 11 others are still missing, an official said on Saturday. Search for the missing victims after the landslides on Friday in the Gunung Kuda mine located in Bobos village of Cirebon Regency is ongoing, said Hadi Rahmat Hardjasasmita, spokesperson for the Disaster Management and Mitigation Agency of West Java province. "The number of casualties reached 14, and the number of persons being buried is predicted to be eleven," he told Xinhua. The search operation also involved soldiers, policemen, the personnel of the local Disaster Management and Mitigation Agency, and those from other government institutions. "However, large amounts of landslide materials and worries about further landslides during the evacuation are challenging the operation," he said. The authorities in the province had warned the firm operating in the mine of violating technical procedures in mining methods, said Vivi Silvia C., a press officer at the Administration Office of West Java province.

Myanmar authorities seize 2 million stimulant tablets, 134 kg of heroin in massive drug bust

Naypyidaw, May 31 (UNI) : Myanmar authorities have seized nearly two million stimulant tablets and over 134 kg of heroin in one of the country's largest recent drug busts, valued at about US \$3 million), according to a statement released by the Myanmar Police Force.

Acting on tip-off, the operation unfolded late on May 20 in Lewe Township. Led by a joint team from the Drug Enforcement Division, the authorities stopped a Fuso 12-wheel truck late on May 20 as it travelled from Aungnangcho to Pinyinmana, reports Global Light of Myanmar.

The truck, driven by Zin Myo Htet Aung (aka Kala Lay) and accompanied by Min Khant Kyaw and Myat Soe Oo (aka Super), was found to be carrying 1 , 9 9 9 , 4 0 0

methamphetamine pills and 134.2 kilograms of heroin.

Simultaneously, two Chevrolets believed to be escort vehicles were also intercepted. Drivers Thurein Ko Ko, along with Kyaw Myo Hlaing (aka Kyaw Gyi) and Nay Oo Shein, were taken into custody.

The investigation led to further arrests the next morning. At a hotel in Pinyinmana Township, police apprehended Paw Lu (aka Paw Lu Chan), Soe Lwin, and Thein San Htun (aka Kala Lay), believed to be key figures in a trafficking network moving drugs from Shan State to Mandalay.

Legal proceedings have begun for those arrested, with the police stating that efforts are underway to identify and detain additional individuals involved in the massive trafficking operation.

Trump gives Elon Musk sendoff, praising him with "colossal change"

Washington, May 31 (UNI) U.S. President Donald Trump bid farewell to Elon Musk in the Oval Office on Friday, after the billionaire announced his decision to step back from his role at the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). "I just want to say that Elon has worked tirelessly, helping lead the most sweeping and consequential government reform programme in generations," said Trump. Trump credited

Musk with "a colossal change in the old ways of doing business in Washington" and said some of his staff would remain in the administration. "I look forward to continuing to be a friend and advisor to the president," Musk told reporters after Trump handed a golden key as a gift. Having spent approximately 300 million U.S. dollars to back Trump's presidential campaign and other Republicans, Musk

recently said that he plans to cut his political spending substantially, because "I think I've done enough."

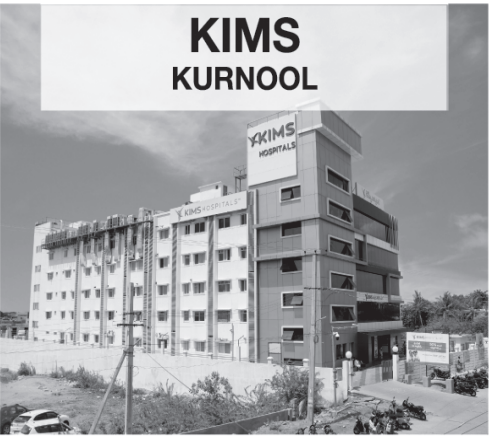
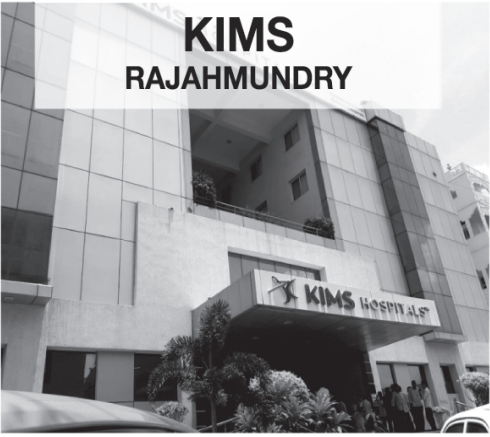
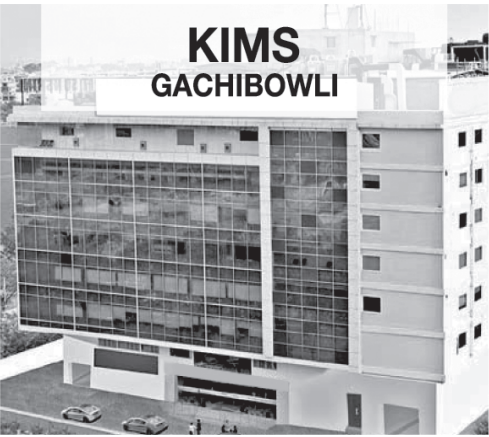
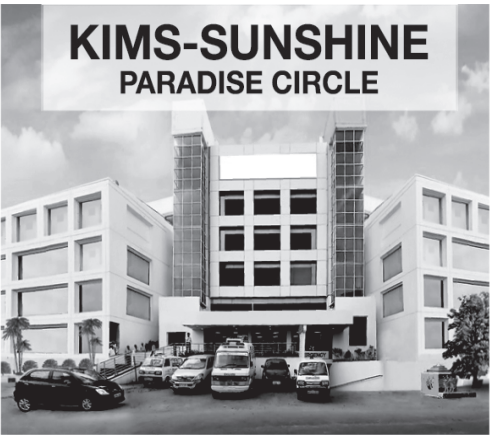
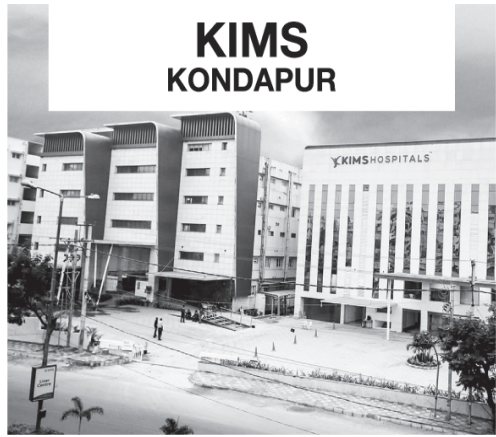
In an interview with CBS News on Tuesday, Musk criticized Trump's "One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act," describing the legislation, a mix of tax cuts and enhanced immigration enforcement, as a "massive spending bill" that increases the federal deficit and "undermines the work" of DOGE.



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## England's bowling all-rounder Jamie Overton ruled out of West Indies ODIs

London, May 31 (UNI) : England's bowling all-rounder Jamie Overton will miss the remainder of the West Indies ODIs due to a broken right little finger.

The all-rounder sustained the injury during England's first ODI victory at Edgbaston on Thursday.

Overton had scored a solitary run with the bat before picking three wickets during the West Indies innings. Playing in just his sixth ODI, Overton's 3/22 were his best bowling figures in the format to date.

England scored 400/8 before winning the game by 238 runs as the tourists were bundled out in the 27th over.

Overton will now undergo a period of rehabilitation under the supervision of the England medical team. No replacement will be added to the ODI squad, an ICC report said.

England v West Indies ODI series:

2nd ODI: Cardiff, June 1  
3rd ODI: The Oval, June 3

The two sides will also feature in a three-game T20I series following the conclusion of the ODI contests. This injury compounds England's concerns, as the side are already without Gus

Atkinson who picked up an injury in the one-off Test against Zimbabwe.

## Taylor claims joint share of lead in Memorial

Ohio (USA), May 31 (UNI) : Canadian Nick Taylor shot an impressive four-under-par round of 68 to take a share of the lead at the Memorial Tournament in Columbus, here. The 37-year-old made four birdies during his second round as he joined overnight leader Ben

Griffin, who carded an even-par 72, at the top of the leaderboard.

Griffin's fellow American Akshay Bhatia is a further two shots behind the pair in third at five under.

World number one Scott Scheffler is within striking distance after he finished the day at four under following back-to-back rounds of 70 at the Muirfield Village Golf Club, according to a BBC news.

## Shoaib Akhtar gets legal notice from broadcaster

Islamabad, May 31 (UNI) : Veteran sports broadcaster and former PTV Sports anchor Dr Nauman Niaz has served a legal notice to former Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, alleging a sustained "malicious defamation campaign" over a period of three years, conducted via television channels and digital media platforms.

In a post on social media platform X, Dr Niaz stated that the campaign against him had been "one-sided" and included repeated personal attacks and "derogatory remarks contrary to reality." He specifically cited Episode



ICC chairman Jay Shah during a meeting with UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin, ahead of Saturday's Champions League final between Inter Milan and Paris Saint-Germain, in Munich on Saturday.

## WADA president vows to keep calling out U S anti-doping system flaws

Warsaw, May 31 (UNI) : World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) President Witold Banka vowed to continue speaking out forcefully about what he sees as serious flaws in the American anti-doping system, following his reelection to a third and final term as head of the global watchdog.

Banka, a former Polish sprinter and Minister of Sport and Tourism, along with China's former Winter Olympic champion Yang Yang, was re-elected during a virtual Foundation Board meeting on Thursday.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) later, in a social media post, called it the "ultimate 'bait and switch,' first promising governance reforms following the Russian anti-doping scandal and then

quietly changing the rules the second the world looked away."

On Friday, WADA's president responded to USADA's criticism. "I'm not particularly surprised that such words were said in the USA," Banka told Polish outlet Sportowe Fakty.

"Representatives of this country actually tried to undermine my leadership in WADA and attempted to change the leader. The American government stopped its contribution to WADA, lost a representative on the board of our institution and ultimately also influence on the elections." "I'll continue to speak boldly about the shortcomings of the American anti-doping system," he added.

"Large and highly

developed Western countries love to lecture us all. They love to talk about how the anti-doping system should look, but when we look at their solutions, it turns out that the biggest problem is with them," he said.

"This applies to the US, for example, but also to Germany. When we had the case of 23 Chinese swimmers, they were the loudest, but they don't pay attention to how big a problem they have with their own national systems," Banka explained. Banka and Yang were originally elected as WADA's president and vice president at the 2019 World Conference on Doping in Sport. Both will begin their new three-year terms on Jan. 1, 2026, and serve until Dec. 31, 2028.

## Sinner storms into French Open fourth round

Paris, May 31 (UNI) World No. 1 Jannik Sinner delivered a masterclass at Roland Garros, overwhelming Czech Jiri Lehecka 6-0, 6-1, 6-2 in just 94 minutes to secure his place in the fourth round of the French Open.

The Italian top seed has now extended his Grand Slam match-winning streak to 17, following his titles at the 2024 US Open and the 2025 Australian Open. Sinner, who has been in blistering form this season, dictated play from the baseline and barely gave his opponent any room to manoeuvre.

Sinner seized control early, racing to a 6-0, 5-0 lead before Lehecka finally managed to hold serve. In total, the Italian won 91

points to Lehecka's 45 and never faced a break point. He finished with 31 winners to just nine unforced errors, underlining his clinical efficiency. "I felt really good on court today," Sinner said after the match. "We've been working on a few things with my team, and it's great to see it all come together like this."

Lehecka, who has shown promise on hard courts in recent months, struggled to contain Sinner's powerful groundstrokes and swift court coverage. The Czech player was broken seven times during the match and could win only 43% of points on his first serve.

The one-sided contest lasted just an hour and 34 minutes, with Sinner

converting 7 of 18 break points and winning 85% of points behind his second serve — a telling statistic that reflects his all-round dominance. Sinner's next opponent will be 17th seed Andrey Rublev, who advanced following the withdrawal of Frenchman Arthur Fils due to a back injury. With top seed Novak Djokovic and defending champion Carlos Alcaraz both in the opposite half of the draw, Sinner's path to a potential maiden title in Paris remains strong. Having already won the Australian Open earlier this year, Sinner is eyeing his second Major of the season and, on current form, remains one of the top contenders to lift the Coupe des Mousquetaires.

man who carried players' bags during his tenure with the national team, an assertion Dr Niaz has labelled as false, derogatory, and damaging to his reputation.

The legal notice demands an unconditional public apology and a formal retraction of the remarks made. The notice also sets a deadline of 14 days for compliance, failing which defamation proceedings will be initiated under Pakistan's Defamation Ordinance 2002, including a claim for Rs 1 billion in damages. Dr Niaz has emphasised that he has held significant administrative roles within

the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and has contributed extensively to the field of sports journalism over the years. He contends that Akhtar's remarks are part of a broader pattern of targeted attacks intended to undermine his professional standing.

This is not the first time the two public figures have clashed. In October 2021, a widely publicised incident during a live broadcast on PTV Sports saw Dr Niaz asking Akhtar to leave the studio mid-show following an on-air disagreement. The episode sparked national debate and led to both figures being taken off-air temporarily pending an inquiry.

## Jack Draper on song as Joao Fonseca goes wrong

Paris, May 31 (UNI) Britain's Jack Draper produced a dominant display to outclass Brazilian teenager Joao Fonseca 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 and enter the fourth round of the French Open for the first time in his career, here on Saturday.

Draper, seeded fifth, needed just under two hours on Court Suzanne Lenglen to dismantle the challenge of the 18-year-old Fonseca, who had caught the public's imagination with his fearless run in Paris.

The 23-year-old Briton won an impressive 93 per cent of points on his first serve and saved both break points he faced, while converting five of the 11 break points he earned on the Fonseca serve. The Brazilian, despite flashes of brilliance, struggled with consistency and finished with 38 unforced errors.

Draper dictated terms from the outset, racing through the first set in under half an hour. Fonseca attempted to mount a challenge in the second but failed to sustain pressure on the Draper serve. The third set followed a similar pattern, with Draper maintaining control to seal a comprehensive straight-sets victory. "It's special to reach the second week of a Slam for the first time, and to do it here at Roland Garros feels amazing," Draper said after the match.

Fonseca, who had stunned higher-ranked opponents en route to the third round, exits the tournament with his reputation enhanced. He is the youngest man to reach the third round in Paris since Carlos Alcaraz in 2021.

Draper will next face Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik in the fourth round.

## Bipin Singh leaves Mumbai City FC after seven seasons

Mumbai, May 31 (UNI) : Indian Super League (ISL) side Mumbai City FC on Saturday announced that Bipin Singh will be leaving the club after seven seasons. The winger will depart the Islanders upon the expiry of his contract on May 31, having made 158 appearances across all competitions. During his time with the club, he played a crucial role in

helping them win two ISL League Shields and two ISL Cup titles. "It's hard to say goodbye, but I leave with nothing but gratitude in my heart. Mumbai City has been my home for seven unforgettable years; this club has given me everything," Singh told Mumbai City FC. "To the fans, teammates, staff, and everyone who's been part of this journey, thank you for the love and belief. Mumbai City will always be a part of me," he added.

Since joining Mumbai City FC from ATK in 2018, the Manipur-born winger has been an integral part of the Islanders' rise. Over his seven-season spell at the club, he scored 25 goals and registered 11 assists in the ISL, tallying 28 goals across all competitions.

His standout season came in 2020-21, when Mumbai City FC created history by becoming the

## Top players advance as Zheng cruises into French Open last 16

Paris, May 31 (UNI) : Paris Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen of China advanced to the women's singles Round of 16 at the French Open for the second time, as top seeds continued to shine at Roland Garros.

The eighth seed spent under 90 minutes on Friday to beat 18-year-old Canadian qualifier Victoria Mboko 6-3, 6-4 in their first career meeting, marking her second appearance in the last 16 at Roland Garros after her breakthrough run in 2022.

"I was born in China in a really hot place, which is called Wuhan. So I handled the hot weather quite well," Zheng said in her post-match interview.

"Last year, when I played the Olympic Games, it was hotter than this. So actually I like this condition, but I want to say thanks to all the crowd who suffered here under the sun today with me."

Zheng also praised her young opponent. "I want

to say congrats to the opponent because I feel she played really well, and I think we pushed each other to play our best tennis. And sometimes we had really good points. It was not an easy match."

Top seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus also continued her strong showing with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Serbia's Olga Danilovic, advancing into the tournament's fourth round for the third consecutive year.

Four-time winner Iga Swiatek of Poland overcame a spirited challenge from Romania's Jaqueline Cristian in straight sets, stretching her tournament's winning streak to 24 matches. "I'm just happy that I was super solid in the last game and didn't give any free points," said Swiatek. "It was a great match and I think it was pretty entertaining. We both played nice. I'm happy I'm through and happy with the performance." Last year's finalist Jasmine

Paolini of Italy prevailed 6-4, 6-1 over Ukrainian lucky loser Yuliia Starodubtseva for her ninth straight win on clay.

"The first few games were tough," said Paolini. "I had to adjust a little bit with the conditions, but then I felt better on court. Happy to be in the fourth round here in Roland Garros."

On the men's side, defending men's champion Carlos Alcaraz of Spain survived a stern test from Bosnian Damir Dzumhur, eventually sealing a 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win. The Spaniard is through to the second week in Paris and will face American Ben Shelton for a spot in the quarterfinals.

Meanwhile, 10th seed Holger Rune came from behind to defeat home favorite Quentin Halys 4-6, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

The Dane has now reached the round of 16 at Roland Garros for the fourth consecutive year. He will meet eighth seed Lorenzo Musetti in the next round.

## Ecuador names Valencia, Plata in squad for World Cup qualifiers

Quito, May 31 (UNI) : Brazil-based forwards Enner Valencia and Gonzalo Plata have been included in Ecuador's squad for World Cup qualifiers against Brazil and Peru despite injury concerns, the Ecuadorian football federation said.

Internacional's Valencia has missed the Porto Alegre club's past six games due to a hamstring strain, while Flamengo's Plata has been sidelined since April with a knee injury.

"They are in a complicated situation but they are currently in the process of recovering," Ecuador manager Sebastian Beccacece told reporters on Friday.

The Argentine coach recalled Leonardo Campana and Angelo Preciado, who missed Ecuador's last double header of qualifiers in March with injuries.

As expected, the 28-man squad includes Brighton left-back Pervis Estupinan, Paris Saint-Germain center-back Willian Pacheco and Bayer Leverkusen

defender Piero Hincapié. Ecuador will meet Brazil in Guayaquil on June 5 and Peru in Lima five days later. Beccacece's men are currently second in the 10-team South American group with four qualifiers remaining.

The top six teams will automatically qualify for next year's World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada while the seventh-ranked side will dispute a playoff. Ecuador squad: Goalkeepers: Hernan Galindez, Moises Ramirez, David Cabezas, Gonzalo Valle Defenders: Pervis Estupinan, Cristian Ramirez, Xavier Arreaga, Willian Pacheco, Piero Hincapié, Joel Ordonez, Felix Torres, Angelo Preciado Midfielders: Bryan Ramirez, Jhegson Mendez, Alan Franco, Moises Caicedo, Pedro Vite, Kendry Paez, Alan Minda, Yaimar Medina, Gonzalo Plata, John Yeboah, Jhon Mercado, Nilson Angulo, Denil Castillo Forwards: Leonardo Campana, Kevin Rodriguez, Enner Valencia.

with our fans and his contributions to our success speak for themselves." "As we bid farewell, with immense gratitude and pride, retiring the No. 29 jersey is a small gesture to honour everything he has meant to us and the legacy he leaves behind. He will always have a place in the Mumbai City family," Chandra said.

Sujay Sharma - Director of Football, Mumbai City

FC, commented, "Bipin has been a pillar of our squad through the most historic moments in the club's timeline. He complemented to this and his key goal contributions over the years, with his positive team persona on and off the pitch. We thank him for everything he's done for the club, and wish him and his family the very best in their future, as he moves on to his next chapter."

## Bangladesh slip to 10th

Dhaka, May 31 (UNI) : After losing the first two matches of the three-match T20I series against Pakistan, Bangladesh have slipped to No 10 in the ICC Men's T20I rankings in the latest rankings update.

Before the series, Bangladesh were ninth in the rankings. But after the 57-run defeat in the second T20I on Friday in Lahore, the Tigers have slipped down one spot to 10th with 220 rating points, below Afghanistan.

Bangladesh are now ranked 10th in both white-ball formats. The Tigers had slipped to 10th in ODIs earlier this month, the Daily Star reported.

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## SWR General Manager Mukul Saran Mathur Inspects Ashokapuram Railway Workshop



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 31 : Mr Mukul Saran Mathur, General Manager of South Western Railway, conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Ashokapuram Railway Workshop, Mysore today. He was accompanied by Mr Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mysuru; Mr V.K. Chadha, Chief Workshop Manager; Shri Umesh Kumar, Chief Mechanical Engineer; along with other senior officers of South Western Railway. During the visit, Mr

Mathur reviewed the ongoing works, assessed the progress of various projects, and discussed future development plans for the workshop. He interacted extensively with the employees, gathering insights into workshop performance, earnings, and staff strength.

A highlight of the visit was the ceremonial flagging off of a newly introduced Train Bus, aimed at improving operational efficiency and connectivity. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from employees and senior

officials.

In his address, Mr Mukul Saran Mathur commended the dedication and hard work of the staff and emphasized the importance of adopting modern technologies, continuous skill development, and fostering teamwork to enhance productivity and service standards.

The visit underlined South Western Railway's commitment to infrastructure development, employee engagement, and excellence in railway operations.

## Kharge demands special Parliament session over CDS remarks made in Singapore

New Delhi, May 31 (UNI) : Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday called for a special session of Parliament, alleging that recent remarks made by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) during an interview in Singapore, raise several important questions.

Kharge said the "fog of war is clearing," and it's now evident that the Modi government has "misled the nation."

On his social media handle X, Kharge said, "Our IAF pilots were risking their lives fighting the enemy. We have suffered some losses, but our pilots were safe. As per CDS's interview, "we made, remedy it, rectify it, and then implement it again after two days and flew all our jets again, targeting at long range".

"We salute their resolute courage and bravery. However, a comprehensive strategic review is the need of the hour," Kharge said.

He further demanded the constitution of an independent expert committee to conduct a comprehensive review of India's defence preparedness, similar to the Kargil Review Committee established after the 1999 Kargil conflict. Raising concerns over Trump's repeated assertions about brokering a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, Kharge said, "US President Donald Trump has again repeated his claim about BROKERING a CEASEFIRE.

This is a direct affront to the Shimla Agreement".

## Shailendra Nath Gupta takes charge as Director General Defence Estates

New Delhi, May 31 (UNI) Shailendra Nath Gupta on Saturday assumed the office of Director General of Defence Estates.

A 1990-batch Indian Defence Estates Service officer, Gupta has a distinguished career in Cantonments and Defence land management, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Prior to this appointment, the officer has served in various capacities including CEO of various Cantt Boards, Defence Estate Officer of various circles, staff officer, Director Defence Estates, Central Command and Principal Director, Defence Estates, Eastern Command.

Directorate General of Defence Estates is responsible for the management and maintenance of about 18 lakh acres of defence land across the country. It operates under six commands, 38 Defence Estates Circles and 61 Cantonment Boards.

## Punjab Mail enters its glorious 114th year of Service

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 31 : The Punjab Mail, one of the earliest trains in Indian Railways, which continues to cater people, will enter its glorious 114th year on 1st June 2025.

It will complete 113 years of service to its esteemed passengers.

**The Journey**

- The Punjab Mail first steamed out on 1st June 1912 from the Ballard Pier Mole station, which at the time was a hub for GIPR (Great Indian Peninsula Railway) services.

- The train used to run on fixed mail days from Bombay's Ballard Pier Mole station all the way to Peshawar, covering a distance of 2,496 km in approximately 47 hours.

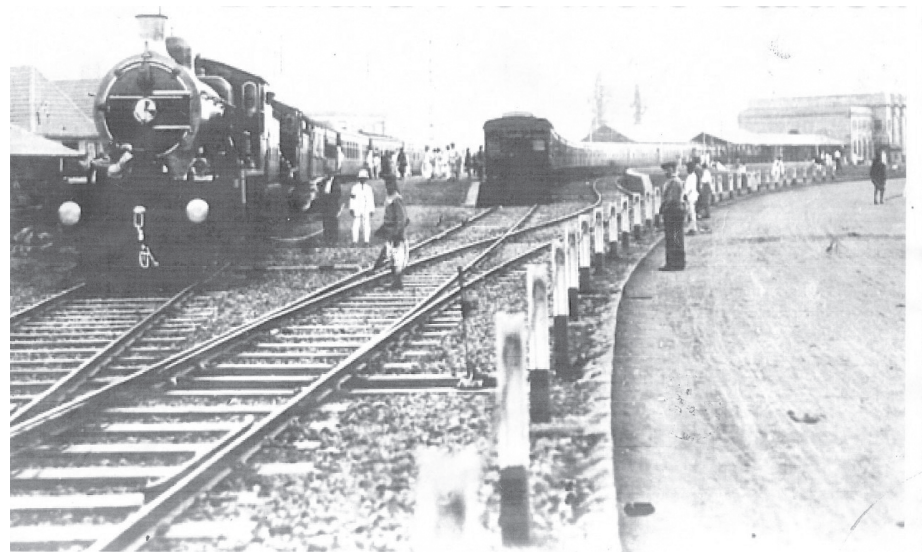
- The train's route ran predominantly over the GIPR track and passed through major cities like Itarsi, Agra, Delhi, and Lahore before terminating at Peshawar Cantonment.

- In 1914, the service shifted to originate and terminate at Bombay VT (now Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai) and became a daily service covering the 1,541 km, Bombay-Delhi GIPR route in 29 hours and 30 minutes.

- By the early 1920s, this transit time was reduced further to 27 hours and 10 minutes.

- However in 1972, the travel time was extended back to 29 hours with added stoppages.

- Today, the Punjab



Mail covers a distance of 1,928 km between Mumbai and Firozpur Cantonment in 33 hours and 35 minutes halting at 52 stations enroute.

**Coaches & Traction over the years**

- The train originally consisted of six coaches: three for passengers and three for postal goods and mail. The three passenger coaches carried approximately 288 passengers.

- In the mid-1930s, IIIrd class coaches were introduced.

- In 1945, air-conditioned coaches were introduced.

- In 1968, the train was dieselized up to Jhansi and later extended from Jhansi to New Delhi by 1976, and finally to Firozpur.

- By the late 1970s/early 1980s, dual-current locomotives (WCAM/1) were used to run the train on electric traction up to Igatpuri with a traction changeover for its further journey.

- The conventional coaches of Punjab Mail were replaced with LHB

coaches and the train started running with LHB coaches from 1st December, 2020 onwards.

- The train is now electric-hauled and its restaurant car has been replaced by a pantry car.

- Currently, the train runs with an occupancy of more than 250% and includes: "1 AC First Class cum AC-2 Tier, 2 AC-2 Tier, 6 AC-3 Tier, 6 Sleeper Class, 4 General second class coaches, 1 Generator van and 1 SLR (Second Luggage and Guard van)

## Deccan Queen enters its glorious 96th year of Service



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 31 : The "Deccan Queen" one of Central Railway's most prestigious and popular train will enter its glorious 96th year of service on 1st June 2025. It will complete 95 years of service to its esteemed passengers.

The train, introduced between Mumbai and Pune, the two premier cities of Maharashtra on 1st June 1930 was a major landmark in the history of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, the forerunner of the Central Railway.

This was the first deluxe train introduced on the railway to serve 2 important cities of the region and was aptly named as "Deccan Queen" or "Dakkan ki Rani"

**Journey till now**

- The "Deccan Queen" was initially introduced with 2 rakes of 7 coaches each, one of which was painted in silver with scarlet mouldings and the other with royal blue with gold lines.

- The under frames of the coaches of the original rakes were built in England while the coach bodies were built at



Matunga Workshop of the GIP Railway.

- The coaches of the original rakes were replaced in 1966 by anti-telescopic steel bodied integral coaches built by Integral Coach Factory, Perambur. "The number of coaches were increased from 7 to 12

- The old rakes were replaced with new air brake rakes in 1995

- The Mumbai-Pune Deccan Queen was attached with a Vistadome coach with effect from 15.8.2021. This provided passengers a golden opportunity to have a wonderful view of the breathtaking scenery as the train traversed through the Western Ghats.

- All the Conventional coaches of Deccan Queen Express were replaced with LHB coaches in June 2022, under Project Utkrisht. These coaches have modern facilities like LED lights, Bio toilets, Braille Signages etc.

- The train now runs with revised composition of 16 Coaches viz. Three AC Chair Car, 9 Second Class Chair Car, One Vista dome coach, One Dining Car, One General Second class cum Guard's brake van and Generator Car.

**First time in India**

Deccan Queen has the distinction of having many Firsts to its credit.

- Coaches with roller bearings introduced

for the 1st time

- End on generation coaches replaced with self-generating coaches with 110 volts system for the 1st time

- First and Second class Chair Cars introduced for the 1st time

**Unique Feature- The only train with a Dining Car**

The Deccan Queen is the only running train with facility of a Dining Car, which offers table service and has modern pantry facilities such as microwave oven, deep freezer and toaster. The dining car is also tastefully furnished with cushioned chairs and carpet.

The history of Deccan Queen (Dakkan ki Rani) is literally a tale of two cities. The public of both the cities are happy with the impeccable record of "right time start" and "arrival" of Deccan Queen. Over the last 95 years of its colourful history, the train has grown from a mere medium of transportation between two cities into an institution binding generation of intensely loyal passengers.

## V. Somanna, Minister of State for Railways Lays Foundation Stones for Goods Shed



(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, May 31 : V. Somanna, Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti, Government of India laid the foundation stones for construction of goods shed at Khanapur Jn. Railway station and Road Under Bridge (in lieu of level crossing no. 71 between Bhalki and Kalgupur Railway stations) today at Khanapur Jn. Railway Station. Mr Rahim Khan, Minister for Municipal Administration & Haj, Govt. of Karnataka; Shri Sagar Eshwar Khandre, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bidar; Hon'ble Members of Legislative Assembly – Dr. Shailendra K. Beldale, Dr. Sidhhlingappa N. Patil, Prabhu B. Chauhan, Sharanu Salagar and Dr. M.G Muley, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council & other dignitaries also graced the occasion. Shri Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, SCR; Shri Neeraj Agrawal, Additional General Manager, SCR; Shri Bhartesh Kumar Jain, Divisional Railway

Manager, Secunderabad Division and other officials were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr V. Somanna stated that the goods shed at Khanapur Jn Railway station is being constructed with a cost of Rs. 15 crores. He stated that the station is convenient for new goods shed which will further boost the freight loading in the region. He advised the officials to ensure development of new goods shed keeping in mind the requirements for the next 50 years.

He stated that transportation through Railways is cheaper as compared to road transportation and also helps the small-scale industries in transporting their manufactured goods to different locations. He stated that under the guidance and visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the Rail developments in Karnataka State are progressing at a fast pace. Further, he stated

that foundation stone has also been laid for construction of Road Under Bridge in lieu of level crossing no. 71 at Bhalki with a cost of Rs. 10.85 crores. He stated that once the RUB work is completed, it will facilitate smooth movement of vehicular traffic and enhances safety.

The Minister of State also informed that the redevelopment of Bidar Railway station has been taken up with a cost of Rs. 24.35 crores and the works are nearing completion. He also stated that Yadgir station is being developed with Rs. 26.12 crores, while Raichur station redevelopment has been taken up with Rs. 21.71 crores in the SCR jurisdiction. Apart from these another 58 Railway stations are being redeveloped under ABSS in Karnataka State. He also stated that the 'KAVACH' train protection system has been deployed on 1465 RKms across SCR jurisdiction and plans for further installation is being taken up in phased manner.