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Air Marshal visits AFAC

Chennai, June 3 (UNI) : Air Marshal PK Ghosh, Air Officer-in-Charge Administration and Commodore Commandant of AFAC, visited Air Force Administrative College (AFAC) from June 1 to 3. The Air Officer was received by Air Commodore Vikas Wahi, Commandant, AFAC. A guard of honour was presented to the Air Marshal followed by a briefing about the station activities.

He was briefed on the steps taken by the station towards improving the quality of life and living standards of the station personnel.

During his visit, the Air Marshal visited faculties and important installations, and reviewed training activities. During his interaction with the air warriors, he complimented them for their professionalism and exhorted them to maintain their vigil to guard the nation's skies.

The Air Marshal shared the vision of the IAF towards achieving the organizational objectives besides improving the quality of life and urged to continue the good work in preparing the next generation of officers to meet future challenges.

Three militants nabbed in Manipur

Imphal, June 3 (UNI) : Manipur Police and security forces nabbed three militants in three separate operations during the last 24 hours.

Police said on Tuesday that a militant was nabbed from Wangjing S K Leikai under Thoubal PS, in Thoubal District. Manipur Police also arrested a militant from Kakching Phousupat Leikai area under Kakching-PS, Kakching District. In yet another operation, Manipur Police arrested a militant from the Chingtham Pukhri Achouba area under Khongjom PS, in Thoubal District. In an operation, three IEDs, four Crude Grenades were recovered along the track of Yangoubung to Lalim Lok River under Moreh-PS, in Tengenoupal District. In another operation, one INSAS Rifle without magazine, DBBL, three SBBL, two grenades without detonators, and three 51 mm Mortar bombs with cover were recovered from Wangoo Naral Samtak Hill areas under Wangoo-PS in Kakching District.



People wait near submerged part of a road after heavy rainfall at Jamunamukh area, in Hojai district of Assam.

Professional forces not affected by “setbacks or losses”, results are important: CDS

Pune, June 3 (UNI) : A professional armed force is not affected by “setbacks or losses” Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said on Tuesday in continuation to his recent remark that India did suffer “initial losses” of air assets due to tactical errors during Operation Sindoor.

When I was asked about losses on our side, I said these are not important. The results and how you act are important. It would not be very correct to talk about losses,” the CDS said at an event here.

He was explaining his remarks during his interview

to Bloomberg a few days back in Singapore, where he responded to a question on Pakistani claims that six Indian fighter jets were downed during the operation by saying, “What is important is that, not the jet being down, but why they were being down.”

Insisting that “Pakistan’s claim of India having lost six fighter jets is absolutely wrong,” he had told the interviewer: “Why they were down, what mistakes were made — that are important.”

He had said that following the losses, Indian fighter aircraft resumed long-

range strikes on Pakistani targets within two days, demonstrating recovery and operational resilience. While speaking here today on the ‘Future Wars and Warfare’, organised by the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies of Savitribai Phule, Pune University, Gen Chauhan said, “I think it is a professional force that is not affected by setbacks or losses.

In war even if there are setbacks we need to maintain the morale.”

Explaining his statement, he said, “Suppose you are going to a football match, and he scores two goals and

you score four goals....suppose you go in a cricket test match and win by an innings, then there is no question of how many wickets (were lost) and, how many balls and how many players. Based on technical parameters, we will take out this particular data and share it with you. We will tell you how many aircraft and radars we destroyed. We will make a rough assessment of that and come out with that shortly”.

He said, "Operation Sindoor is not yet over and is a temporary cessation of hostilities and there is a need to keep our guard up”.

TN CB-CID unearths multi-crore Iridium Copper scam posing as RBI officials, six held

Chennai, June 3 (UNI) : In a significant breakthrough, the Tamil Nadu Crime Branch-CID wing has unearthed a multi-crore Iridium Copper scam by the culprits posing as RBI officials and arrested six people in this connection.

A CB-CID release here on Tuesday said those arrested included five from Tamil Nadu and one from Telangana and several incriminating materials were seized from them.

It was a case of cheating of public by some groups across Tamil Nadu and neighbouring states by collecting unauthorized deposits claiming that several thousand crore rupees has been received from the central government through RBI for the sale of iridium copper.

They also con them saying service fee has to be paid to RBI and commission has to be paid to higher officials of RBI to release the said amount.

These scamsters assure exorbitant returns in the range of crores by showing

fabricated RBI bonds to make the victims believe their scam.

The scam came to light when a complaint was lodged by a civilian in February 2024 on the “Sachet” website of Reserve Bank of India for lodging complaints against unauthorized deposit accepted by unincorporated bodies. Subsequently, a complaint was filed by RBI Assistant General Manager A.J. Kennedy in May 2024 to the Chennai Police Commissioner and the same was directed to the CBCID.

After conducting a preliminary enquiry, a case has been registered in Salem OCU CBCID unit U/s 419, 465, 468, 471, 420 IPC and 66 D Information Technology Act 2000 r/w five Emblems and Name (Prevention of Improper use) Act, 1950 and taken up for investigation in March 2025. During investigation, the accused persons Nithyanandham, Chandra (both from Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu) were arrested and remanded on May 28.

College student kills living partner, ends life in Chennai

Chennai, June 3 (UNI) In a shocking incident, a 20-year-old college student allegedly murdered his girlfriend before ending his own life in the city on Tuesday. Both of them had not got married but were living partners. The deceased were identified as S. Akash and T. Abinaya, both students of Arignar Anna Government Arts College in Villupuram.

According to police reports, the duo had recently moved into a rented house in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar near Perambur, posing as a married couple. They had told their families they were shifting to Chennai for part-time jobs during the summer break. Neighbors noticed Akash hanging from inside the house and alerted the police, who arrived at the scene and broke open the locked house, only to find Abinaya lying unconscious with facial injuries.

Both were rushed to a nearby hospital, where they were declared dead. Their bodies were sent to the Government Kilpauk Medical College hospital for autopsy.

Floral tributes paid to DMK Patriarch and former TN CM Karuna on his 102nd birth anniversary

Chennai, June 3 (UNI) : Rich tributes were paid to DMK Patriarch and late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M Karunanidhi on his 102nd birth anniversary, being celebrated as the Classical Language day, on Tuesday. Chief Minister and DMK President M K Stalin led the state in paying floral tributes to his father and his mentor on the occasion.

Mr Stalin, accompanied by his Cabinet colleagues and senior leaders, including MPs, MLAs, district secretaries and Party functionaries and DMK cadres, paid floral tributes at the memorials of Mr Karunanidhi, a five time Chief Minister, who had never lost an election having contested for 13 times, and DMK Founder and stalwart C N Annadurai on the Marina Beach front to mark the occasion.

Later, Mr Stalin garlanded the statue of Mr Karunanidhi at the Omandurar Government Estate Multi-speciality hospital complex and paid floral tributes to a decorated portrait of the late leader. Mr Stalin also paid floral tributes to the portrait of Mr Karunanidhi at the latter's Gopalapuram residence, garlanded his statue at the DMK headquarters 'Anna Arivalayam' and also at the premises of Party Organ, Tamil daily Murasoli.



FS Misri, UK Permanent Under Secretary Robbins co-chair Foreign Office Consultations

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and UK Permanent Under Secretary Oliver Robbins today co-chaired the 17th India-UK Foreign Office Consultations and 1st Strategic Exports and Technology Cooperation Dialogue during which they focused on further deepening and diversifying the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The MEA spokesperson in a post on X said that Foreign Secretary Miri thanked the UK Government for their expression of solidarity and support to India in the fight against terrorism. (See on page 2)

Trump contradicts US negotiating team's nuclear



US President Donald Trump publicly contradicted his own administration's nuclear proposal to Iran on Monday, saying that he would not allow any uranium enrichment just hours after reports revealed his negotiators had offered Tehran limited enrichment rights. (See on page 5)

Sabalenka into Paris semi-finals



World number one Aryna Sabalenka edged a tight encounter against Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen to reach the French Open semi-finals on Tuesday. Sabalenka, bidding for a first Paris title, won 7-6 (7-3) 6-3 against China's Zheng on a blustery Court Philippe Chatrier. (See on page 7)

Assam CM demolishes Pak narrative on Brahmaputra river



After the nuclear blackmail during Operation Sindoor, Pakistan has resorted to a new threat asking what if China Stops Brahmaputra water to India. The narrative was, however, demolished by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma before it could gain currency. I (See on page 8)

Broadcasting the message of environmental conservation in Nerul division through Green Marathon



(Standard Post Bureau)

Navi Mumbai, June 3 : On the occasion of World Environment Day, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation participated in the 'Green Marathon: Run for the Planet' eco-friendly initiative organized by D.Y.Patil Climate Action Lab and made this initiative a success. On behalf of the Municipal Corporation, under the guidance of Municipal Commissioner Dr. Kailash Shinde, the Environment Week is being celebrated in line with the theme of this year's World Environment Day, 'Eliminate Plastic Waste at the Global Level'. Various activities are being organized under this and emphasis is being placed on public participation. Similarly, the Municipal Corporation is also participating in eco-

friendly initiatives organized by various organizations.

Today, under the guidance of Dr. D. Y. Patil Group President Shri. Vijay Patil, a large number of young men and women participated in the 5 km. Green Marathon, which started from Dr. D. Y. Patil Stadium and ended near the stadium on a fixed route in Nerul East area, under the guidance of Dr. Y. Patil Climate Action Lab. On behalf of the Municipal Corporation, Deputy Commissioner of the Parks Department Shri. Kisanrao Palande, Deputy Commissioner of the Solid Waste Management Department Dr. Ajay Gade, Deputy Commissioner of the Sports and Cultural Affairs Department Shri. Abhilasha Mhatre, Corporate Relations

Manager of Vijay Patil School of Management Dr. Vidya Srinivas inaugurated the Green Marathon by showing the flag. Sixth Commissioner of Nerul Division Shri. Jayant Javadekar participated in the Green Marathon.

More than 200 citizens participated in this Green Marathon, holding placards with slogans like 'Reject environmentally harmful plastic and accept cloth bags', 'Say no to plastic', 'Avoid the use of plastic - save the environment'.

The number of young men and women was significant. The winners of this Green Marathon were honored with medals and certificates.

Through this, a successful run was taken for sustainable environmental development.

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"17th India-UK Foreign Office Consultations and 1st Strategic Exports and Technology Cooperation Dialogue co-chaired by Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri and Permanent Under Secretary @OllYRObbins were held in New Delhi. "Wide ranging discussions on entire gamut of bilateral relations focusing on further deepening & diversifying India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in areas of Trade & Economy, Technology, Science, Innovation, Defence & Security, Education, Health & Climate & People-to-People exchanges took

place. They also discussed the regional & global issues of topical significance. "Foreign Secretary thanked UK Government for expression of solidarity and support to India in fight against terrorism."

The UK, in a readout, said the two sides "welcomed the significant breakthroughs achieved across the full breadth of the partnership since consultations in London last year, including the announcement of the historic trade deal. Economic growth is the number one mission of the UK Government. Both agreed to work towards implementing the shared vision of the two prime ministers for an ambitious partnership between the UK and India over the next decade. "This year's consultations included the inaugural Strategic Exports and Technology Cooperation Dialogue, aimed at building mutual understanding of systems and agreeing on areas for future cooperation on key sectors such as technology and defence, the UK High Commission said in a statement.

TN moves SC against Madras High Court stay on Vice-Chancellor appointment amendments

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI) : The Tamil Nadu government has approached the Supreme Court, challenging the Madras High Court's interim stay on the state's recent amendments that curtailed the Governor's powers in appointing Vice-Chancellors (VCs) of state universities.

The Madras High Court, through a Division Bench led by Justice G.R. Swaminathan, had granted the stay, ruling that the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations, 2018 particularly Regulation 7.3 prevail over state legislation under the constitutional principle of repugnancy.

In its petition to the apex court, the Tamil Nadu government has argued that the interim stay granted by the High Court effectively amounts to granting final relief, which is legally unsustainable.

The state further contended that the High Court failed to take into account its request to transfer the case to the Supreme Court, which had already been communicated earlier.

The High Court's stay blocks the

operation of amendments made to the Tamil Nadu Universities Laws, which aimed to transfer the power of appointing Vice-Chancellors from the Governor (as Chancellor) to the state government.

The amendments were passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 2022 and 2023, and had become a key point of constitutional friction between the Governor and the elected state government.

While the UGC Regulations, 2018 were partially adopted by the Tamil Nadu government, they had expressly excluded Regulation 7.3, which stipulates the composition of the search committee and the procedure for appointing VCs.

Despite this, the High Court held that the exclusion of Regulation 7.3 was impermissible, asserting that central law (UGC Regulations) overrides state law when the two are in conflict, as per Article 254 of the Constitution.

The Tamil Nadu government, however, maintains that

education is a subject in the Concurrent List, and that states have legislative competence to enact laws governing universities, particularly when the UGC Act does not expressly override the field.

It further accused the High Court of bypassing constitutional norms, arguing that interim relief should not exceed the contours of final adjudication.

Citing two key Supreme Court judgments, the High Court had, on May 22 and 23, 2025, quashed appointments of Vice-Chancellors in separate instances for violating Regulation 7.3, and warned of the dangers of "lack of transparency or malpractice" in appointments if statutory procedures were not followed.

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the transfer petition, signalling that the matter will now be judicially examined at the highest level, potentially setting a precedent on the limits of state autonomy versus central regulations in the field of higher education.

MoS Defence announces expansion of NCC by three lakh cadets

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI) Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth on Tuesday announced the planned expansion of National Cadet Corps (NCC) by three lakh cadets across the country.

The Minister said this during the inauguration of the Special Joint State Representatives and Additional/Deputy Directors General (JS R&A/D) Conference of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in Bhopal, a Defence Ministry statement

said. Several states have already agreed and committed to fast-track the necessary training infrastructure for the planned expansion.

Addressing the gathering, Sanjay Seth reaffirmed the NCC's role in nation-building and youth development. He highlighted recent initiatives including the inclusion of ex-servicemen as NCC instructors, providing new employment avenues for veterans and

lauded the NCC's active involvement in national campaigns such as the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Naya Savera Scheme, and Nasha Mukti Abhiyan. He also congratulated the NCC Mount Everest Expedition team for their successful summit on May 18, describing it as a powerful example of cadet courage and resilience.

Calling for continued centre-state collaboration, Seth urged states to fulfil their commitments towards

manpower, infrastructure, and funding to support this historic expansion, reinforcing NCC's integral role in shaping the youth and securing the nation's future. Director General NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh outlined the Corps' achievements and roadmap ahead, with a focus on establishing robust training and camping infrastructure nationwide. He emphasised the goal of fostering greater youth participation and improving cadet performance.



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 3 : On the occasion of the birth centenary year of India's leading cultural and social organization "Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh", which keeps the strong consciousness of Sanatan culture alive through its powerful style, a special poetic video based on the newly created special poetic composition "May the power of the Sangh always win, victory to Mother India..!" was launched on Monday, 2nd June 2025 by the country's leading cultural and literary

magazine "Hindi Vivek" in Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra.

Giving this information, Amol Pednekar, Chief Executive Officer of "Hindi Vivek", told that his team has decided to implement various creative initiatives to commemorate the centenary year of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

As the first part of this series, a newly created special poetic video was launched and to make it reach the international platform, it has been uploaded on the YouTube channel of "Hindi Vivek", which is getting a very good response from various sections of the society. The creator of this special poetic video is Mumbai's well-known lyricist, stage director and media consultant Gajanan Mahatpurkar, who has previously also written "Shri Ram Mangalgaan",

"Dharahar" and "Duniya Ko Pehchaan Le Beta..!" He has written various popular songs including these, which are making waves on YouTube. In the same sequence, now this special Jaigaan song with the main lines "Sangh Shakti Ki Sada Vijay Ho, Jai Ho Bharat Ma Ki Jai Ho..!" has beautifully weaved the various activities and aspects ensured by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh from its inception to the last 100 years. In accordance with the emotions and words expressed in these lines, the combination of various pictures related to the glorious journey of the Sangh has also been ensured in an elegant manner in the video, which is being widely appreciated. In the video, this dignified poetic composition has been voiced by senior writer and Executive Editor of "Hindi Vivek" Ms.

Pallavi Anvekar and the production and direction of the video has been ensured by the Chief Executive Officer of "Hindi Vivek" Mr. Amol Pednekar. Shri Pednekar informed that as the next major initiative in the centenary year of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, a special book named "Deepastambh" is under publication by "Hindi Vivek" magazine, which will be launched in a dignified ceremony on 10th July, 2025 on the occasion of the upcoming Guru Purnima. Apart from detailed information on various aspects of the historical and glorious journey of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, elegant interviews, special articles and other important material are being included in this book.

The YouTube link of the newly created special poetic video on the birth centenary of the Sangh has been shared below.

High Court of Manipur initiates Suo-Motu PIL on Flood and Landslide

Imphal, June 3 (UNI) The High Court of Manipur has taken suo-motu cognizance of the severe flood and landslide situation affecting large parts of the State of Manipur since late May 2025.

The High Court took action on a detailed note submitted by the Registrar General, High Court of Manipur, based on inputs provided by the Member Secretary, Manipur State Legal Services Authority.

The Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice K. Somashekar and Justice A. Bimol Singh, has registered the matter as a Public Interest Litigation.

A notice has been issued to 43 respondents, including the State of Manipur represented by the Chief Secretary, and the Union of India represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

The PIL seeks the establishment of a comprehensive monitoring mechanism to oversee the efforts of all concerned stakeholders involved in managing the humanitarian crisis. The Court emphasized the need for coordinated, timely, and effective measures aimed at protecting the life and liberty of citizens affected by floods and landslides.

The relief and rehabilitation efforts must address critical needs such as food, shelter, clothing, medical aid, alternate accommodation, compensation, and reconstruction packages for victims.

Congress flays Manjhi and Chirag

Patna, June 3 (UNI) Congress on Tuesday flayed Union Ministers Chirag Paswan and Jeetan Ram Manjhi for their silence on death of a minor Dalit girl after her rape and negligence in treatment. President of Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) Rajesh Ram told media persons here that Manjhi and Chirag claimed to be leaders of the Dalit community. Both the leaders were pursuing their political career on Dalit votes, and on their strength, they were Ministers in the Narendra Modi government, he added.

"It is shameful to note that neither Chirag nor Manjhi not even expressed their words of solace for the family members of victims", Ram said adding that Congress continued its struggle to ensure treatment of the rape victim but due to negligence of the government, she died

during treatment in Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) in Patna on Sunday.

"Double engine government of NDA has utterly failed in providing justice to people of Bihar particularly those from oppressed and deprived sections of the society", Congress leader said adding that rape victim Dalit girl was not given proper treatment in Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital in Muzaffarpur, nor in Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) in Patna. Ruling parties' leaders had lost their emotions and sentiments for the people of the state, he lamented.

A nine year old Dalit girl was raped at Kurhni in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar on May 26 and she was attacked with sharp edged weapon by the culprit causing injuries on twenty spots of her body.

IPROCH celebrates legacy of saint-poet Jayadeva with grand cultural festival

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI) The Institute for Promotion and Research on Odisha Culture and Heritage (IPROCH) hosted a vibrant two-day cultural festival, here dedicated to the life, works, and enduring influence of 12th-century saint-poet Bhakta Kavi Jayadeva.

Themed around Jayadeva's timeless magnum opus Geeta Govinda, the festival from May 31 to June 1, offered a rich tapestry of classical performances, music, film, and scholarship. Artists, scholars, and spiritual thinkers from across India converged to honour Jayadeva's contribution to Indian devotional literature and the Bhakti movement.

The day one began with Shabd Kirtan written on Jaidev were recited on the occasion along with Bhakta Jayadeva's influence on Sikh Gurus and his reference in Guru Granth Sahib.

A major emotional highlight of the event was the Odissi dance drama Manini Radhika, choreographed and directed by renowned artist Guru Sharon Lowen. Featuring Vishwanath Mangaraj and Nisha Nanda in lead roles, the performance vividly brought to life Radha's divine emotions through Jayadeva's poetic

lens.

Celebrated dancers such as Reet Rajguru, Kavita Dwibedi, Purvadhanashree, and Vidha Lal captivated audiences with performances that highlighted the universal appeal of Geeta Govinda and its intersections with Sufi mysticism — exploring the soul's longing for the divine.

The festival concluded with a special screening of the 1987 Odia classic Jayadeva, offering a cinematic tribute to the poet's life, spiritual philosophy, and cultural legacy.

Adding a permanent cultural marker to the event, a seven-foot fiberglass sculpture of Nabagunjara — a unique form of Krishna drawn from the Odia Sarala Mahabharata — was unveiled.

Created by noted sculptor Chuguli Kumar Sahoo, the installation symbolizes Krishna's universal form and reflects Odisha's deep-rooted Jagannatha tradition.

The festival stood as a vibrant reminder of Jayadeva's pan-Indian influence and Odisha's rich spiritual heritage, successfully blending artistic expression with devotional fervour.

Bhu Bharati will permanently solve land problems: Deputy CM Vikramarka



Hyderabad, June 3 (IANS) : Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bharti Vikramarka has said that the Congress government brought the Bhu Bharati Act to permanently solve the land woes faced by people, especially farmers. He, along with Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, attended 'Revenue Sadassu' in Mulugumadu village of Yerrupalem mandal in Khammam district on Tuesday.

Bhu Bharati Revenue Sadassu are being organised from June 3 to 20 to create awareness among farmers about the Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights) Act, which came into force in April.

Bhu Bharati portal was launched by the state government as a solution to

land-related issues, which cropped up after the introduction of the Dharani portal by the previous Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) government.

The Deputy Chief Minister claimed that the Congress government brought the legislation in a transparent manner.

Vikramarka described Bhu Bharati as the best revenue legislation in the country. The legislation aims to conduct a survey of farmers' lands and fix their boundaries without any disputes. He alleged that the Dharani legislation of the previous BRS government had violated the rights of farmers.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that BRS leaders brought the Dharani law to hand over lands to whomever they liked. He said, "The Congress government

threw the Dharani law into the Bay of Bengal as was promised during the elections."

He recalled that the Congress government in the past had distributed 26 lakh acres of land among the poor under the Land Reforms Act. These assigned lands were placed under party B of the Dharani portal, and no inquiry was conducted.

Vikramarka said the government would conduct an inquiry into the assigned lands and give land pattas to genuine assignees.

Assigned committees under the leadership of MLAs will be constituted to give cultivable lands and house sites to the landless poor.

Under the Bhu Bharat Act, land survey will be conducted. Revenue Sadassu will be conducted every year. Gram sabhas

will be held to give details of land transactions in the village and the changes in the land record.

Srinivas Reddy said the government would soon issue 'Bhudhar cards' for lands on the lines of Aadhaar cards for human beings. He said the legislation was brought to make sure that farmers do not face any issues.

The Revenue Minister said licensed surveyors will be used to conduct land surveys. A total of 3,500 revenue officials are being appointed to solve land issues in villages.

Agriculture Minister Rao said their government brought a revolutionary law to solve the problems of farmers. He said for decades, the successive governments brought many laws but could not solve land problems, but Bhu Bharati will permanently solve the problems.

The Bhu Bharati Act came into force on April 14. Revenue Sadassu were held on a pilot basis in four mandals of four districts. Under the second phase, the meetings were held in 28 mandals in 28 villages from May 5. The meetings are now being held in the remaining mandals across the state from June 3 to June 20. In the first two phases, authorities received 55,000 applications relating to land issues. According to the Revenue Minister, 60 per cent of the issues have been resolved.

BRS assures legal support to Telugu students facing difficulties in US

Hyderabad, June 3 (UNI) : Assuring legal support to Telugu students facing difficulties in the US, former Telangana Minister and BRS working President K T Rama Rao (KTR) said that "students should understand American laws and the changes happening in their society."

KTR, who interacted with students studying at the University of Texas at Dallas on Tuesday, also assured that the party would stand by Indian students in the US who are facing difficulties for various reasons.

He emphasized that many students come to the US for higher education with great hopes, and if they unknowingly make mistakes due to a lack of awareness, BRS' US wing would work to provide the necessary legal assistance, he said.

He acknowledged the emotional toll on students when they have to return due to such situations, affecting not just them but their families too. Hence, he said, a decision was made to support them.

KTR also advised that students must understand US laws and societal changes and adapt accordingly.

Every student should be aware of local laws and social dynamics, he said while responding to several questions raised by the students.

He said going to the US and studying there involves significant effort and expense, but the world is changing rapidly, and many opportunities are now available in India.

He pointed out that US education has become more accessible to many. KTR urged students to focus not just on ranks and grades but on life goals.

He noted that life passes by quickly, and one should strive to fulfil dreams and aspirations within this short span. "Even if there are obstacles or people try to pull you back", he told them to move forward with commitment.

Students should not aim only for jobs but work towards bringing positive change in society and the world, he said.

KTR highlighted that innovation is happening globally, and India must compete with other countries in this domain. He encouraged Indian students studying in US institutions to focus on innovation and even cited KCR's (BRS President and former Telangana CM) life as proof that dreams come true when one takes risks.

He mentioned how KCR, at an age considered young in politics (early 40s), gave up positions to fight for the creation of Telangana.

Many ridiculed him at the time, but after 14 years of persistent struggle, he succeeded in achieving Telangana statehood, earning praise from all sections of society.

KTR answered several student queries and encouraged them to return to India after their studies and start their own companies.

Tourism Minister dismisses Miss England controversy as opposition's false propaganda

Hyderabad, June 3 (UNI) : Dismissing the allegations made by Miss English Milla Magee, Telangana Tourism Minister Jupally Krishnarao on Tuesday said it is only false propaganda by the Opposition parties.

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working President and former Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) had earlier called for a thorough and impartial investigation into the allegations made by Miss England Milla Maggi, who claimed she was harassed during her stay in Telangana for the Miss World 2025 event. In a statement, KTR expressed deep anguish over the controversy. Addressing a press conference here, Jupally stated that there is no truth to her accusations.

He said that some BRS leaders are spreading false propaganda, which is completely baseless.

He pointed out that if Miss England had truly been troubled, the other 108 contestants would not have stayed until the end.

He mentioned that the visitors who came to see the Miss World contestants were very happy throughout.

Kukatpally police arrest five drug peddlers, seize drugs worth Rs one crore

Hyderabad, June 3 (UNI) : In a breakthrough, the Kukatpally Police, along with Balanagar Special Operation Team (SOT) arrested five drug peddlers, including a Task Force Police Constable, all from Andhra Pradesh, who were conspiring to sell the Cocaine mixed with Ephedrine, here on Tuesday.

The accused were intercepted near JayaNagar, Kukatpally, while searching for buyers, and a total of 820 grams of drugs worth Rs. One Crore was seized besides five mobile phones from their possession as per NDPS Act procedures, said N. Koti Reddy, I/c Deputy Commissioner of Police, Balanagar Zone, Cyberabad, in a release here. They were taken into custody and are being produced before the Court.

The accused arrested are -- Gunashekar (Supplier), AR Constable, a resident of Tirupati; Unnam Surendra alias Suri, a resident of Tirupati, Dothireddy Haribabu Reddy, a contractor, resident of Bapatla District; Chegudi Mercy Margaret, fast-food center Businessman, a resident of Addanki (Bapatla District) and Shaik Mastan Vali, also Fast-food Center

businessman), resident of Addanki—all from Andhra Pradesh..

Devaraju Yesu Babu, who provides loans, is also the resident of Addanki Village & Mandal, Bapatla District and Appanna, (Peddler), resident of Bangalore, Karnataka.

During the ongoing investigation, it was revealed that the main accused Gunasekhar, a serving Task Force Police Constable in AP State, who proposed the sale of Ephedrine for profit.

The accused hUnnam Surendra, was greedy for easy money and was attracted to the proposal, and along with his associates- Dothireddy Haribabu, Mercy Margaret., Shaik Masthan Vali and Yesu Babu-- conspired to sell the drug in Hyderabad where there is high demand.

In this regard, Surendra got acquainted with Chegudi Mercy Margaret, who previously worked at Keerthana Finance in Kandukur, Prakasam District.

Surendra used to refer customers to Mercy Margaret for gold loans and used to earn commission. Disputes arose to Surendra with Mercy Margaret and Shaik Masthan Vali (who is

the friend of Mercy Margaret) regarding the repayment of the hand loan. To resolve the issue, Surendra's friend Donthi Reddy Hari Babu Reddy, a road contractor from Karlapalem Mandal of Bapatla District, tried to mediate between them. Hari Babu Reddy informed Mercy Margaret, who then discussed it with her friend Devaraju Yesu Babu, a private loan agent from Addanki.

Yesu Babu claimed he knew many people in Hyderabad who were interested in purchasing the drug. On May 29, Unnam Surendra collected 820 grams of drug Cocaine mixed with Ephedrine from A1 at Tirupati and proceeded to Hyderabad via Guntur. The group assembled at Jaya Nagar, Kukatpally, and planned to distribute the contraband.

Today, while they were moving towards Bhagyanagar, Kukatpally in search of consumers, the patrolling police intercepted them based on suspicious movement and behavior. One of the accused attempted to flee but was apprehended. Upon questioning and search, the team recovered 820 grams of Cocaine-Ephedrine, a digital weighing machine, and mobile phones used in the conspiracy.

BRS to develop IT industry after regaining power in Telangana in three years: KTR

Hyderabad, June 3 (UNI) : Former IT Minister and BRS Working President K. Tarakarama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday assured that upon returning to power in three years, the BRS government would further expand and develop the IT industry.

Addressing CEOs at IT companies, KTR stated that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will bring significant benefits in the future.

He emphasised that collaboration between governments and IT companies is essential for India's youth to compete in the AI sector. KTR, while commenting on the current situation in the USA, highlighted the potential for small and medium-sized IT companies to establish offshore centres in India.

He claimed the IT and related policies were introduced under Chief Minister KCR's leadership for transforming Hyderabad into a landmark for IT in just nine years.

The former IT Minister noted that revolutionary approaches in innovation and incubation led to unprecedented growth in Hyderabad's IT sector.

In 2014, Hyderabad had only 3,23,000 IT jobs, but by the time BRS left office, this number had risen to 10 lakh, KTR said.

Many globally renowned tech companies established their largest offices outside the USA in Hyderabad, he said.

Due to current global conditions, KTR predicted that many tech companies would look to set up offshore centers in India, with the IT industry potentially expanding

to Tier-2 cities. He noted that the post-COVID era has shown that work can be done for any company from anywhere in the world. He highlighted that during BRS's nine-year rule, the IT industry was extended to Tier-2 cities in Telangana. The government established IT hubs in 10 such cities, offering rent-free facilities in the first year, plug-and-play infrastructure, and various incentives. For instance, NTT Data, set up in Adilabad, is progressing remarkably with 500 IT professionals, he said. KTR pointed out that while multinational giants like Amazon and Google may not move to Tier-2 cities, small and medium-sized IT companies can.

He emphasized the vast opportunities in India's Tier-2 cities, which have good rail and road connectivity, predicting remarkable developments in the next two decades. Quoting former US President John F. Kennedy, who said the USA became a wealthy nation by investing in highways, KTR urged the central and state governments to recognize the importance of infrastructure development for national progress. He called on investors to contribute to their motherland, stating that India's youth are eagerly awaiting such opportunities.

On this occasion, several IT company representatives remarked that the IT industry's growth in Telangana has slowed down. However, they specifically praised the IT sector's development during BRS's nine-year rule, not only in Hyderabad but also for extending IT to Tier-2 cities, demonstrating how small and medium-sized companies can operate profitably in India.

Rigorous efforts underway to launch new mines across Telangana: Singareni CMD

Hyderabad, June 3 (UNI) : Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) N Balram on Tuesday made it clear that without new mines, areas like Yellandu, Manuguru and Bellampalli, will face an uncertain future.

Balram, who conducted a detailed review of present and future projects with Area GMs.

For the first time in the company's history, at the company's headquarters in Kothagudem, urged proactive efforts to secure permissions—especially forest clearances—without any delay to facilitate the speedy commencement of new projects.

The review covered the current status of 12 area mines and the necessary strategies to implement future mining projects. He stressed the need to focus on loss prevention in underground mines and announced the formation of a special committee to address losses in the prestigious Shanthikhani and Adriyala Longwall projects.

He instructed that employees must utilize their full work shifts with machinery, and those negligent in their duties may be removed if necessary. He insisted that absenteeism must be

significantly reduced and dealt with strictly.

During the review, the CMD also examined the status of coal production at Naini (Odisha) and called for smooth logistics and coal movement.

As part of improving coal quality, he suggested exploring the possibility of establishing a coal washery at Sathupalli.

The CMD emphasized the need for every Area General Manager to prepare concrete action plans for the development of the company.

He stressed the importance of focusing on production, quality, and coal transportation.

Balram, who met with all key stakeholders, including 762 manager level officers, SC/ST/BC liaison officers, and trade union leaders, conducted extensive, one-on-one reviews with Area GMs, providing strategic direction for the company's future.

He elaborated on the company's expansion plans and the vital role Area GMs play in addressing current challenges. He emphasized focused attention on coal production, safe and high-quality mining, and uninterrupted transportation.

He issued a stern warning that strict action would be taken against those who do not perform efficiently.

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Lokesh-Jagan spat over errors in evaluation of SSC answer sheets

Gross errors in the evaluation of 10th class Public Examination answer scripts in Andhra Pradesh have triggered a bitter war of words between former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and Education Minister Nara Lokesh.

While Jagan held Lokesh responsible for the chaos surrounding Secondary School Certificate (SSC) exams, the latter hit back at YSR Congress Party president, saying he "failed" in both public and private life.

Launching a bitter attack on the former chief minister, Lokesh said that the present government need no lessons on values from Jagan, who had stolen SSC exam papers during his student days.

Alleging that the education system was damaged during YSRCP rule, Lokesh claimed that the coalition government is trying to rectify it. The Education Minister, in an open letter, alleged that the previous government brought politics into schools, such as using party colour in uniforms and giving programmes personal names. He also alleged that during the YSRCP rule, students lost access to midday meals and free textbooks while school enrollments dropped.

Earlier, Jagan launched an attack on Lokesh, holding him responsible for the chaos in the evaluation of SSC answer sheets.

He accused the Telugu Desam-led coalition of pushing lakhs of students and their families into distress through administrative failure and lack of accountability.

Jagan, in a social media post, told Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu that he and his son Lokesh have "failed" to conduct the 10th class exam.

"Over 6.14 lakh students toiled hard for these exams, but the government couldn't even ensure proper evaluation and transparent declaration of results.

The mismanagement has eroded students' trust, with many now raising doubts about the accuracy of their marks," he said.

The former chief minister pointed out that the ongoing fiasco is already costing students valuable opportunities in IITs, Gurukula Junior Colleges, and other institutions. He also recalled how the government's inefficiency was evident from the beginning, with question paper leaks and no corrective steps taken thereafter, exposing its lack of competence.

Jagan accused the TDP regime of systematically dismantling the educational reforms introduced by the previous YSRCP government.

"Be it Nadu-Nedu, Gorumudda, English medium education, TOEFL classes from Class 3, tabs for Class 8 students, or subject-wise teaching, all visionary reforms were halted. The Amma Vodi scheme, which empowered mothers to educate their children, was also cancelled," Jagan noted.

The Directorate of Government Examinations on Saturday suspended five evaluators for gross errors in the evaluation of SSC exam answer scripts.

Out of the total 6,14,459 students who appeared for the examination, 34,709 students applied for re-checking. A total of 66,363 scripts were received for re-checking. Of them, 64,251 were for reverification and 2,112 for recounting.

According to the Directorate, out of corrected cases, 8,863 scripts had minor mark changes between 1 and 5 only, and 3,119 scripts had changes of more than 5 marks.

The Department announced that the applications will be disposed of by the first week of June. Many students who aspire for admissions in the IITs run by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Andhra Pradesh.

Meanwhile, state Congress president Y. S. Sharmila has said that arguments between Jagan and Lokesh are like devils reading the scriptures.

"During YSRCP rule, every year 20 per cent of the failed students passed with higher marks in recounting and now under TDP-JSP-BJP rule 11,000 out of 30,000 applicants passed with first-class marks. This clearly shows how much sincerity there is in the evaluation of answer scripts," she said.

Alleging that there is no transparency in the results, she said the education system has been corrupted.

"In fact, it is not the students who have failed. It is the YSRCP and coalition governments that have failed in the state for the last 10 years. They are playing with the lives of students," she said.

Stating that Lokesh failed as the Education Minister, she demanded a thorough probe into the entire episode.

Sharmila also demanded that the re-evaluation of answer sheets be done free of cost.

Mixopathy: A Threat to the Integrity of Healthcare in India



Dr. Vinay Aggarwal
Past National President - Indian Medical Association
Former Chairman Action Committee – Indian Medical Association
Recipient of Dr BC Roy National Award

(Standard Post Bureau) The recent announcement of India's first integrated MBBS and Ayurveda course at JIPMER, Pondicherry, has sparked intense debate within the medical fraternity. Marketed as a visionary step towards "One Nation, One Health System," this move by the Government of India to mix allopathy and AYUSH systems under one educational umbrella is not only scientifically flawed but also structurally dangerous for India's healthcare future.

As a medical professional who has served this country through modern medicine and witnessed the transformative power of evidence-based care, I must unequivocally state: mixing medical systems like allopathy, Ayurveda, homeopathy, Siddha, and Unani is not an innovation; it is a dilution — one that may severely compromise patient safety and the sanctity of every individual system of medicine.

Science Cannot Be Mixed With Sentiment

Modern medicine or allopathy is rooted in decades of research, clinical trials, pharmacovigilance,

and peer-reviewed scientific validation. Similarly, Ayurveda and other traditional systems have their distinct philosophical foundations and therapeutic approaches. Each system has its strengths and should be preserved and practiced in its original form. To combine these vastly different streams — without scientific compatibility or clinical synchronization — is akin to merging chemistry with astrology in the name of integration.

The proposal to produce "hybrid doctors" through integrative education is unscientific, unrealistic, and unworkable. It risks creating confusion over diagnosis, treatment protocols, patient safety responsibilities, and medical jurisprudence. For instance, if a patient experiences adverse effects or death under mixed treatment, who will be held accountable — the modern medicine practitioner, the AYUSH doctor, or the "integrated" graduate? Will the Medical Council or the AYUSH Council register such practitioners? These are not just rhetorical questions — they are real legal and ethical challenges.

India Is a Global Leader in Modern Medicine

The rise in India's life expectancy — from 32 years in 1947 to over 70 years today — is a testament to the success of modern medicine. Diseases such as smallpox, polio and neonatal tetanus were eradicated through vaccines. The introduction of antibiotics revolutionized the treatment of life-threatening infections. Advanced interventions in cardiac care, cancer treatment, diabetes

management, and maternal-child health services have been game changers.

We must not forget that Indian doctors form the backbone of medical services globally — from the NHS in the UK to hospitals across the United States. We have 779 medical colleges and produce over 136,000 MBBS graduates each year. The infrastructure, training, and expertise available in India rival that of many developed nations. There is simply no need to fix a system that has served millions effectively, especially by forcing it to fuse with alternative medicine systems that function on completely different scientific principles.

Lessons From China: A Failed Experiment

The proponents of mixopathy often cite China's efforts to integrate Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) with modern healthcare. But they conveniently ignore the fact that this has largely failed — not only did it result in poor health outcomes, but it also contributed to the erosion of traditional practices. India should learn from China's mistakes, not emulate them.

Moreover, healthcare is not a domain where emotional nationalism should override empirical science. The goal must always be to provide the best, safest, and most effective treatment to the patient — not to push ideological experiments in the name of integration.

A False Promise of Accessibility

Some suggest that mixopathy would help expand healthcare access and reduce costs. While well-intentioned, this assumption is both

dangerous and misleading. It essentially uses under-qualified or differently-trained practitioners to fill gaps in rural or underserved areas. Is this the value we assign to the lives of our citizens? Should affordability come at the cost of quality and safety?

Instead of mixopathy, the government should focus on strengthening parallel systems — increasing AYUSH infrastructure, improving the quality of education within each stream, and encouraging cross-referral networks where necessary. Patient choice must be preserved. Forcing a unified system removes that choice and turns doctors into generalists with diluted competencies.

As the Past National President of Indian Medical Association (IMA), I have consistently opposed this policy and is committed to taking every legitimate and democratic means to reverse it. We do not stand against Ayurveda or any traditional system — on the contrary, we respect and honor their heritage. But we firmly believe that each system must flourish independently, maintaining its purity and professional standards.

We urge the Government to abandon this regressive proposal and instead collaborate with the medical fraternity to enhance quality, accessibility, and innovation in healthcare through evidence-based approaches.

Let us not gamble with the lives of future generations. Let us not create a generation of "qualified quacks." Instead, let us build a "Healthy India" through respectful coexistence of distinct medical streams, not chaotic convergence.

NBE moves SC, seeks August 3 date for NEET-PG 2025 exam in single shift

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI) The National Board of Examinations (NBE) has approached the Supreme Court with a fresh application, requesting permission to conduct the NEET-PG 2025 examination on August 3, in a single shift from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

The move comes after the Supreme Court, in an order dated May 30, criticised NBE's earlier decision to conduct the exam in two shifts, calling it unfair and unsuitable for a national-level medical entrance exam.

In light of this, the NBE postponed the previously scheduled exam date of June 15, and has now sought judicial approval for the revised schedule.

In its application, the NBE cited operational constraints and stated that August 3 is the earliest feasible date offered by its technology partner, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), to administer the examination in a single shift across India.

TCS reportedly informed the NBE that the logistical turnaround time between May 30 and June 15 was too short to transition from a two-shift to a one-shift model.

This is primarily due to the need for a significantly larger number of test centres across more cities, as well as the challenge of sourcing adequate computer infrastructure and technical equipment.

The application notes that accommodating approximately 2.42 lakh candidates (with buffer) in a single sitting would necessitate securing over 1,000 centres nationwide, and would require a major overhaul of infrastructure and manpower, including, three-tier power backup systems, network infrastructure and surveillance software, anti-cheating mechanisms, trained invigilators, security personnel, and technical staff and multiple dry runs and mock exercises.

Furthermore, the NBE has requested to reopen the application window to allow candidates to reselect their preferred test cities, as a new allocation process would be necessary. This reallocation, followed by the issuance of city intimation slips and admit cards, would also need a minimum lead time of two weeks before the exam and four days before the final centre assignment.

The NBE underscored that NEET-PG is a high-stakes, sensitive examination, and any mismanagement could lead to malpractice. Therefore, they emphasised the need for robust coordination with law enforcement agencies to ensure security and integrity.

The Supreme Court is expected to take up the matter shortly for consideration.

Defence Ministry issues advisory on respecting privacy of senior armed forces personnel

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI)The Defence Ministry on Tuesday issued an advisory asking the media to refrain from excessive coverage of senior armed forces personnel and their families as this could pose security risk.

The Ministry of Defence in a statement appreciated "the continued interest and support of the media in covering the activities, achievements, and sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces -the Army, Navy, and Air Force".

"Media engagement plays a critical role in informing the public and fostering a greater understanding of national security matters," the ministry noted,

It said in the light of ongoing operations like Operation Sindoor, senior officers from the Armed Forces have understandably gained public attention due to their leadership roles.

However, the Ministry also noted that the attention has started to go beyond professional reporting, encroaching into the personal lives of these officers and their families. It said "Media personnel have reportedly approached their residence, attempted to contact family members, and pursued personal coverage unrelated to their official duties".It said that that these actions are "highly inappropriate" and may "jeopardise the dignity, privacy, and safety of the officers and their families".

Although senior officers hold prominent public positions, their families are private individuals who deserve to be treated with respect and consideration, the ministry said in the advisory.

The Ministry has asked the media to refrain from visiting or attempting to contact the private residences or families of serving or retired Armed Forces personnel for personal stories or interviews, unless expressly invited or cleared through official channels.The advisory has also asked to avoid the publication or broadcast of personal details, including residential addresses, photographs of family members, or other nonoperational information that is not in the public interest.It said the media coverage should remain centred on the professional and operational dimensions of Armed Forces activities and leadership, avoiding any speculative or intrusive reporting into their personal lives. It is essential to uphold the boundaries of privacy and maintain operational confidentiality, especially during active missions or times of increased national security, the advisory said.

India visit was trip of our lifetime; my children just love PM Modi: Usha Vance

Washington/New Delhi, June 3 (UNI): US Second Lady Usha Vance described her visit to India in April with her husband and children as "the trip of a lifetime", and also that her three children have bonded closely with PM Modi, placing him in the "grandfather category".

In a chat with USISPF Chairman John Chambers on Monday in Washington at the 2025 US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, the US Second Lady, who is of Indian origin, was asked to describe their visit to India and meeting with PM Modi:

"It was the trip of our lifetime for us. My children had never been to India", due to the pandemic and JD Vance's entry into politics.

"They've grown up knowing so much about this country, the stories, the food, the relationships with

grandparents and friends," she said of their children, sons Vivek and Ewan, and daughter Mirabel.

"But they'd never actually seen it, so it was just mind-blowing from their perspective; but for me and JD, I think, it could not have been any more special."

"We had the opportunity to see some of the greatest sights in north India," she said of their visit to the Taj Mahal and to Rajasthan. She added that they will visit southern India, and especially Andhra Pradesh where her family comes from, during her next visit.

She described the food and sights as "just incredible". "It was just one head after another, just incredible food, the peacocks that we got to see, we saw the Taj Mahal in the morning, just when the sun was coming up."

"And of course,

meeting the prime minister -- that was very, very special."

"We'd actually the chance to meet him before," she said, referring to their meeting in Paris in

February, when PM Modi had given the children presents, especially Vivek who had his birthday then.

Describing the meeting between PM Modi and the children, she said:

"And it's funny, my kids saw him and they were sort of sleep-deprived in Paris, and they saw an Indian man with a white beard and white hair, and they just put him in the grandfather category immediately. "They are very into him, they just love him."

"And he has really cemented his status by giving fabulous presents to them.""And so, when we were visiting his home, they sort of just ran up to him

and were hugging him."

"He was just incredibly kind and generous to them," she added."I think it was a very productive conversation with the Indian PM of course, but I think it was a real opportunity for us to snap up a personal relationship at that," she added.

The PM had organised a puppet show at his Lok Nayak official residence for the US Vice President and his family, during their April 21 visit.

Asked about it, Usha Vance said: "There was a puppet show, that was a particular highlight where puppeteers from all over the country, including Andhra Pradesh where my family is from", presented a show.

The US Second Couple and family were on a four-day visit to India. In Delhi they had visited the S w a m i n a r a y a n Akshardham Temple.

3 killed, 8 injured in twin traffic accidents in N Afghanistan

Kabul, June 3 (UNI) At least three people lost their lives and eight others were injured in two separate road accidents in northern Afghanistan's Baghlan province, according to a local police official on Tuesday.

In the first incident, a bus and a private vehicle collided head-on late Monday in the Gazan area of Khenjan district. Provincial police spokesman Shir Ahmad Burhani confirmed that three women were killed and three others, including children, sustained injuries.

The second accident took place the same day on the outskirts of Doshi district, where a car veered off the road and overturned, injuring five passengers, said Burhani.The official blamed reckless driving for the incidents, saying all the injured passengers were taken to health centers for treatment.

Trump congratulates Poland's Nawrocki on winning presidential election

Washington, June 3 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump on Tuesday congratulated Polish opposition candidate Karol Nawrocki on winning the presidential election in Poland, calling him his "ally."

"TRUMP ALLY WINS IN POLAND, SHOCKING ALL IN EUROPE. Congratulations Poland, you picked a WINNER!" the US president said on Truth Social.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio also extended congratulations to Nawrocki, emphasizing the potential for strengthening the US-Poland relations.

"Congratulations to President-elect Karol Nawrocki on a hard-earned victory as a new chapter begins in Poland. Together, the United States and Poland will forge the most ambitious alliance in our shared history on defense, energy, and commerce," Rubio said on X.

According to data from the Polish election commission, Nawrocki won 50.89% of the vote in the second round of the presidential election held on Sunday, defeating the ruling coalition's Rafal Trzaskowski, who garnered 49.11%.

Iran rejects US N-deal, says there will be no change in uranium enrichment plans

Tehran/Washington, June 3 (UNI) Iran has rejected the US’ nuclear deal calling it ‘worthless’, as it bars Tehran from uranium enrichment, which Iran had time and again made clear is an unacceptable proposal, as it does not align with the country’s national interests.

An Iranian diplomat, talking about the proposed deal, said “In this proposal, the US stance on enrichment on Iranian soil remains unchanged, and there is no clear explanation regarding the lifting of sanctions. Iran is preparing a negative response, which can be interpreted as a rejection of the US proposal,” reports Mezha net.

However, the Trump administration reportedly had agreed to a limited low-level enrichment of uranium by authorities for an as-of-yet undetermined duration, the Axios news portal reported on Monday citing sources, according to Sputnik.

On May 31, Oman’s Foreign Minister Said Badr Al-Busaidi, during his visit to Tehran, offered Muscat’s help in mediating between Iran and the United States.

However, even after five rounds of talks between the Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and US President Donald Trump’s representative Steve Witkoff, the parties have been unable to break the lingering deadlock, citing significant differences.

Earlier, White House Press Secretary Caroline Leavitt stated that President Trump’s special envoy Steve Witkoff “sent the Iranian regime a detailed and acceptable proposal, and it is in their interest to accept it.” Leavitt did not provide details but emphasized that President Trump “has made it clear that Iran will never be allowed to obtain a nuclear bomb.”

Iran has repeatedly emphasised that no deal can be made, unless Washington changes its stance on uranium enrichment on Iranian territory. Additionally, it has also refused to export its already accumulated supply of highly enriched uranium abroad.

The US, on the other hand, has made the complete halt of uranium enrichment, the centrepiece of its deal, believing that these materials could be used to develop nuclear weapons, though Iran has rebuked the accusations, insisting that its nuclear programme is solely for peaceful purposes.

Turkish authorities seize USD 142.9 mn worth methamphetamine in anti-smuggling operation

Ankara, June 3 (UNI) Turkish authorities have seized 1,870 kg of methamphetamine worth 5.6 billion Turkish lira (about 142.9 million U.S. dollars) during an anti-smuggling operation at the eastern border crossing in Agri Province, the trade ministry said Tuesday.

The ministry has reported a sharp increase in narcotics seizures in 2025. As of June, a total of 17.1 tons of drugs valued at 19.9 billion Turkish lira (about 507.5 million dollars) have been confiscated, a 234 percent rise compared to the same period last year.

Straddling the crossroads of Asia and Europe, Türkiye remains a key transit route for drug smuggling, and as such is frequently used by drug cartels to smuggle large quantities of drugs into both West Asia and Eastern Europe, due to several viable routes. Despite increased security and monitoring by Ankara, drug smuggling remains a significant issue.

At least 40 people killed, 208 injured in Gaza strip over past 24 hrs: Health Ministry

Gaza City, June 3 (UNI) Forty people have been killed and over 200 injured during fighting in the Gaza Strip over the past 24 hours, the Gaza Health Ministry said on Tuesday.

"Over the past 24 hours, 40 dead, one of which died under the rubble, and 208 injured have been admitted to hospitals in the Gaza Strip," the ministry said in a statement on Telegram.

According to estimates by the Gaza authorities, the total number of Palestinians who have been killed since October 7, 2023, have risen to 54,510, with 124,901 injured. Since March 18, 4,240 people have been killed, with 12,860 injured.

Israel resumed strikes on the Gaza Strip on March 18, citing Hamas' refusal to accept the US plan to extend the ceasefire, which expired on March 1.

Over one third of Australian men report using intimate partner violence

Canberra, June 3 (UNI) ; More than one-third of Australian men have used intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime, a landmark government report has found.

The report, which was published by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) on Tuesday, found that 35 percent of Australian men aged 18-65 had used IPV as of 2022, up from 24 percent in 2014.The data was collected by the AIFS Longitudinal Study on Male Health, which has tracked a group of 16,000 males since 2013. An additional 10,000 males were added to the study in 2024-25.The participants in the study, which is the largest of its kind in the world, are asked about issues such as gambling, mental health, family violence, alcohol and drug use and social connection.

According to Tuesday's report, an estimated 120,000 Australian men start using IPV for the first time each year.The World Health Organization defines IPV as behavior within an intimate relationship that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm.

Emotional-type abuse was found by the AIFS to be the most common form of IPV in Australia, with 32 percent of study participants reporting in 2022 that they had ever made a partner feel frightened or anxious. Nine percent reported ever physically abusing a partner.The study found that men who felt strongly that they had a quality relationship with a father or father figure during childhood were 48 percent less likely to report ever having used IPV and those with high levels of social support all the time were 26 percent less likely to report using IPV.

Men with moderate or severe depressive symptoms were 62 percent more likely to have used IPV as of 2022 than men without any depressive symptoms.



Relics of Lord Buddha return to India after a successful exhibition in Vietnam, which drew over 1.78 crore visitors, marking a significant cultural event.

Trump contradicts US negotiating team's nuclear proposal to Iran

Sacramento, June 3 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump publicly contradicted his own administration's nuclear proposal to Iran on Monday, saying that he would not allow any uranium enrichment just hours after reports revealed his negotiators had offered Tehran limited enrichment rights."Under our potential Agreement -- WE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY ENRICHMENT OF URANIUM!" Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social Monday evening.The statement directly undercut Axios' Monday report, confirmed by two US5 officials, that a detailed proposal delivered Saturday by US Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff to Iranian officials via Omani intermediaries would allow Iran to maintain low-level uranium enrichment for civilian purposes, including nuclear medicine and commercial power generation.Following Trump's latest remarks, Axios updated its report, saying the story on Witkoff's proposal "sparked immediate alarm among Iran hawks in Washington and in Israel,

before Trump himself weighed in.""The question is whether Trump will stick to that red line or show more flexibility to secure a deal than his statement suggests," it said.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt defended the proposal on Monday as "very tough" but refused to clarify the discrepancy.////////

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and other senior officials had repeatedly said that any nuclear agreement would require Iran to dismantle its enrichment capabilities completely.Iran has consistently said it won't sign any deal that doesn't allow enrichment for civilian purposes.

Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei said on Monday that Tehran would not respond positively to a US draft nuclear proposal containing "radical and maximum" demands.

He made the remarks during a weekly press conference in Tehran while commenting on a US proposal for a potential nuclear deal, which was presented to Iran on Saturday by Omani Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr bin

Hamad bin Hamood Albusaidi.Baghaei said both Iran and the United States were aware of each other's red lines, noting that Iran insists on continuing its uranium enrichment and securing the effective removal of what it calls "cruel" sanctions -- two issues he said must be included in any potential agreement with Washington.

He noted that the United States had not provided clarification on the removal of the sanctions, adding that Iran needed a clear understanding of the mechanisms for lifting them and assurances it would see tangible effects, particularly in sectors such as foreign trade, economy and banking.Trump and Witkoff "have repeatedly offered inconsistent public messages about whether Iran would be allowed to retain the capacity to enrich uranium to lower levels for civilian purposes," AP News reported. Since April, Iran and the United States have held five rounds of Omani-mediated indirect talks, three in the Omani capital Muscat and two in Rome, over Tehran's nuclear program and the possible lifting of US sanctions.

Zelenskyy's office chief Yermak en route to US : Reports

Moscow, June 3 (UNI) Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, is headed to the United States, the RBC-Ukraine news website reported on Tuesday, citing unnamed sources.

"Yermak is flying to the United States," a source was quoted as saying, without providing the reason for the Ukrainian official's visit.

Flight tracking data from FlightAware shows the UR-ABA plane linked to Zelenskyy currently in the airspace of the United States. It remains unclear whether Zelenskyy himself is on board.

Yermak is accompanied by Ukrainian First Deputy Prime Minister and

Economy Minister Yulia Svyrydenko, Reuters reported, citing a Ukrainian source. They are expected to visit Washington as part of an official trip.

On February 28, US President Donald Trump sharply criticized Zelenskyy during a White House meeting intended to finalize an agreement on joint development of Ukrainian mineral resources.

Trump demanded that Zelenskyy agree to a ceasefire and refrain from criticizing Russian President Vladimir Putin. When Zelenskyy defended his stance, blaming Russia and warning that the conflict's effects could reach the United States despite the Atlantic Ocean between

them, US Vice President JD Vance labeled him an ungrateful campaigner for the Democrats. The Ukrainian delegation was asked to leave, and the agreement went unsigned. Zelenskyy later expressed regret for the incident and signaled openness to negotiations as soon as possible.The US Treasury Department said that the authorities in Washington and Kiev signed a deal on Ukraine's natural resources on April 30.

Svyrydenko said that the fund created by the US and Ukraine will invest in projects for the extraction of minerals, oil and gas, infrastructure or processing, while Washington will participate in the selection of specific projects.

US withdraws 500 troops from Syria in line with new Middle East policy, post Assad ouster

Washington/Damascus, June 3 (UNI): The United States has withdrawn approximately 500 troops from Syria in recent weeks in line with the US's new Middle East policy, following ouster of the Assad regime.

According to Fox News, the US troops have vacated their three bases in Syria, with some, like Mission Support Site Euphrates, being handed over to the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), while another one, such as Mission Support Site Green Village, has been closed down.In April, the Pentagon announced its plans to decrease its military presence in Syria in the coming months from 2,000 to under 1,000 troops as part of efforts to consolidate US forces to select locations in the country.“The consolidation of US forces in Syria is safe, deliberate, and conditions-based,” a US defense official told Al Arabiya English. Officials further said that a number of troops had been deployed elsewhere and that the bases were shut down or handed over the course of last month.

Elaborating on the Pentagon's April stance on consolidation of troops, Chief Pentagon Spokesman Sean Parnell said the US would consolidate its troops in

Syria under the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve to select locations in the country, bringing down the US footprint in Syria to less than 1,000.“As this consolidation takes place, consistent with President Trump’s commitment to peace through strength, US Central Command will remain poised to continue strikes against the remnants of ISIS in Syria,” Parnell said at the time.

Despite its reduction of troops in Damascus and lifting sanctions , Washington has its doubts over the new interim regime of Ahmed al-Sharaa - who was a former Al Qaeda member.

While Sharaa had defected from the terror group years ago, and his status as an international terrorist was also stripped, his new regime includes several former terrorists, all of whom are hardline Islamists, casting much doubt over the future of Syria.

Syria's armed opposition captured Damascus on December 8, 2024. Bashar Assad stepped down as Syrian president and left the country. Armed opposition leader Ahmed al-Sharaa was declared transitional president in January, and the new cabinet was formed in March.

Australian scientists use underwater robots to explore remote reefs in South Pacific expedition

Sydney, June 3 (UNI) Australian scientists are using cutting-edge underwater robots to explore remote and largely uncharted reef systems in the South Pacific, the University of Sydney said on Tuesday.

As part of a major international expedition, Australian scientists are mapping deep-sea habitats and biodiversity near Norfolk Island, an isolated Australian territory 1,600 km northeast of Sydney, one of the South Pacific's most ecologically important regions, according to a university press release.

Its location and mix of tropical and temperate ecosystems make it key to tracking species shifts and climate change impacts, the release said.

Equipped with high-resolution cameras and sensors, the Autonomous Underwater Vehicles are capturing thousands of images to create 3D maps of the seafloor and document marine life in unprecedented

detail, it said, adding underwater robots serve as the eyes and hands of scientists, safely exploring deep-sea areas beyond the reach of human divers.

"It's the first time that parts of the seabed in the Norfolk Ridge will be imaged in this detail," said Stefan Williams from the University of Sydney's Australian Center for Robotics.The expedition unites scientists from Australia and New Zealand to map the seafloor and collect marine specimens such as fish, corals, molluscs and algae to enhance knowledge of regional biodiversity, the researchers said.

"Norfolk Island is a key oceanic stepping stone for species between tropical New Caledonia and temperate New Zealand," said Shane Ah Yong, acting chief scientist at the Australian Museum Research Institute, leading the second phase of the Norfolk Island scientific expedition.

Foods



1. Egg shells:

The story goes that as per superstition if you do not crush the egg shells after having the egg they will be gathered by a witch who will then use the shells to make a boat for herself. Thus if you crushed the shells, they would be of no use to her.

2. Hanging up garlic:

Garlic used in food and medicine since ancient times also has a strong superstition attached to it. The legend has it that the way to repel an evil eye is by carrying a piece of garlic with you. Garlic was supposed to be a powerful deterrent against werewolves and vampires.

3. Salt:

Spilling salt is considered unlucky. The only way out to turn back the bad luck is to throw some salt with your right hand over your left shoulder. It is also considered to be bad luck if you pass salt to another person. Folks believe that if you throw some salt on

the windows and threshold of a new house, you can protect it from the evil eye.

4. Hollow and crossed bread:

According to the legend, if you came across a hole in a loaf of bread that you cut, it stands for a coffin and means that someone will die soon. Now, that's a strange one considering most loaves of baked bread have holes in them. The other superstition says that all loaves of bread must be marked with a sign of

the cross before baking. The intention was to thwart the devil from sitting on the loaf and spoiling the bread.

5. Make a wish:

One of the most common notions when it comes to the world of superstitions is about pulling a wishbone of the turkey. As per tradition, one must use only their 'pinky' finger to break the wishbone and the one who wins the longest piece gets good luck. That's a nice tug of war you can indulge in at any time, isn't it?

6. Drinking tea:

The ritual of sipping on tea has its own ramifications. It is said to be bad luck if two people pour tea from the same pot. The other story says that if one lifts the lid from the teapot while making tea, it means that a stranger will pay a visit to the home soon.

7. Christmas luck:

There are numerous superstitions associated with a



Christmas cake. One of them is that all members of a family should stir the Christmas cake mixture so as to prevent bad luck on them. For young spinsters, doing so was supposed to be good - or else they would remain unmarried for a whole year.

8. Breaking coffee bubbles:

When you see bubbles in your cup of coffee, try to get them into your spoon and eat them before they burst. If you succeed, you might receive money from an unexpected source.

9. Not roses, but oranges:

If you love someone and you really want that person to reciprocate your feeling, you should give them an orange, which is supposed to bring about love.

10. Watch the cake:

You also have to watch how you serve guests, for tipping over a slice of cake while serving them is said to bring about bad luck.

That's part of the many food superstitions that folks believe in.

While it's considered lucky to break the shells of an egg, one should also throw some salt to avoid bad luck.

Read on to know more...

Things you didn't know about Cheese

Clifton Fadiman once said, "A cheese may disappoint. It may be dull, it may be naive, it may be over sophisticated. Yet it remains cheese, milk's leap toward immortality." Well, we surely think so, too.

-Some cheeses, like Mature Cheddar, are stored for one year or longer before they are ready to eat. They are kept in special rooms and sometimes even caves!

-Cheddar is named after the Cheddar Gorge caves in Somerset where the cheese used to be stored to ripen. Cheddar is one of the most widely made cheeses in the world. King Henry II declared Cheddar Cheese to be the best in Britain!

-Cornish Yarg came from a recipe found in a book in a farmer's attic

-His name was Mr Gray (Yarg spelt backwards!)

-A small matchbox-sized piece of Cheddar contains as much calcium as a third of a pint of milk.

-Egypt brings us the earliest archeological evidence of cheesemaking, found in tomb murals that date back to 2000 BC.

-Although most cheese is produced from cow, sheep,

or goat's milk, it can and has been made from a plethora of milk-producing animals. A farm in Bjurholm, Sweden actually makes moose cheese.

-In sixteenth century Denmark, cheese was often used as currency.

-Some ancient Roman houses had a special kitchen, called a careale, just for making cheese.

Make cheese at home

You can make your own cheese in as little as 20 minutes at home with just a few ingredients. While this homemade cheese won't melt like a rennet-curdled cheese, as the protein structure is too fragile. However, you can use it for salads, or even use it on pizza, as part of a lasagna, drizzled with honey and served with soft fruits.

For the starter

You can substitute rennet with yoghurt. Fresh cheese can be brought to life using a little yoghurt as a bacterial starter and vinegar as an acid. These form curds in the milk. Transfer these curds into a muslin cloth, tie and hang so as to allow the curds to drain excess water.

Timing matters

It's the length of draining time that determines how crumbly or firm the cheese will be.

Texture treat

Play with the fat content of your milk - adding cream if you want a more spreadable version. Or press it further to make a sliceable, fryable paneer.

Did you know that in the 16th century Denmark, cheese was used as currency? Read on to know more fun facts



Drinks Recipe Margarita Mania

Two absolutely amazing margaritas that are perfect for a hot summer afternoon at the pool side or kitty party.

Mango Margarita

Ingredients:

- 1 cup ice
- 1 lime wedge
- 3 ounces silver tequila
- 1 large small mango, peeled
- 1 1/2 ounces fresh lime juice
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 2 ounces orange liqueur
- 3 ounces grapefruit sod

Method:

- Spread the chili powder in a dish. Moisten the rim of a margarita glass with the lime wedge and dip the rim in the chili powder to coat.

- In a blender, puree the mango then add the remaining ingredients and blend until smooth. Pour into the glass and serve.

Pear Margarita

Ingredients:

- Ice
- 1 ounce reposado tequila
- 1 ounce pear nectar or juice
- 1/2 ounce fresh lime juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

Method:

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Add all of the ingredients and shake well. Pour into a chilled margarita glass and serve.



that will keep your breath fresh and your bowel movements in control!

Salad

Salads are always a good option to order. They are fresh, healthy, convenient to eat and have a vibrant presentation. Since salads are a good source of fiber, it will not give you the uncomfortable bloating feeling after you are done munching on it. It's even better if you opt for fig salads. Figs are an aphrodisiac food as they are full of vitamins that are important for sexual health.

Clear soups

You surely do not want a bulging belly after your

Ordering some food items can actually ruin your romantic experience, playing foul by giving you bad breath right before your first kiss. So we bring you the 'Perfect date food'.

We suggest you foods

perfect evening. Known as the comfort food round the world, clear soups will be the perfect choice.

Risotto

As risotto is cooked slowly, you can utilise that time in engaging your date in a nice conversation. The simple carbs present in Arborio rice

Planning your first romantic date with that special someone? You have decided what to wear, what time to meet, where to eat but are you missing out on one of the most important elements? Food.

Perfect 'Date' food!

provide quick energy for the body when converted into glucose. So, you got the point!

Dark chocolate

It is sumptuous and has the potential to make any dessert look sexy. Not only that, the caffeine content will keep your energies uplifted. And if your date makes you lose the grip of your heart, worry not. Dark chocolate will come to your rescue as it reduces risk of heart attack!

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Always go for drinks that have mint, lemon or fruits. This will keep you spiced up and fresh. Also, when you are planning your next move, it will help you keep your breath fresh!



RCB end 18-year wait, win maiden IPL title

Ahmedabad, June 3 (UNI) : After an agonising 18-year wait, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) finally clinched their maiden IPL title with a thrilling six-run win over Punjab Kings (PBKS) in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Tuesday.

The final moments were a rollercoaster of emotions as Josh Hazlewood bowled to Shashank Singh, who smashed a six that hardly mattered for PBKS's cause. The fans erupted, knowing RCB were champions for the very first time in their history — a moment decades in the making.

Virat Kohli, donning the number 18 jersey in his 18th IPL season, broke down in tears. The seasoned star, who had chased this elusive crown for years, was finally rewarded. Cameras lingered on Kohli and AB de Villiers, the latter finishing his IPL journey without a title, while Kohli stood triumphant.

Earlier in the innings, Shashank Singh had kept Punjab Kings fighting with a flurry of boundaries and sixes — including a majestic loft over long-on off Bhuvneshwar Kumar, and a powerful six off Hazlewood's slower deliveries. But despite his valiant efforts, it was "too little, too late" for Punjab.



RCB's bowlers, led by Bhuvneshwar and Yash Dayal, picked crucial wickets at key moments. Dayal's slower ball claimed Azmatullah Omarzai's wicket with a smart catch from the substitute fielder Manoj Bhandage, sparking celebrations from the RCB camp. The decisive blow came when Krunal Pandya trapped Josh Inglis with a stunning catch at long-on, breaking the momentum of PBKS's chase.

Krunal was outstanding with both ball and in the field, his clever variations and sharp catching turning the tide. Nehal Wadhwa and Marcus Stoinis found some rhythm with massive sixes, but wickets kept falling — Nehal Wadhwa

caught by Pandya, Stoinis by Dayal — underlining RCB's clinical finish.

The battle had high points for PBKS too, like Priyansh Arya's fearless stroke play, scoring 24 off 19 balls with some aggressive boundaries. But Hazlewood's key wickets, including Arya's dismissal caught by Phil Salt, tilted the scales.

As the clock ticked, the final six from Shashank Singh was a mere consolation. RCB players and fans celebrated long and loud, reveling in the joy of finally ending their IPL title drought.

The final scoreboard reflected a hard-fought match, but the story belonged to Kohli and RCB

— champions at last.

RCB posted a competitive 190 for 9 in their 20 overs against Punjab Kings, anchored by Kohli's fluent 43 and supported by a series of valuable cameos.

Phil Salt started aggressively, launching Arshdeep Singh for a six and a four in the opening over.

However, Kyle Jamieson quickly shifted the momentum by dismissing Salt, who top-edged a slog and was caught brilliantly by Shreyas Iyer at mid-on.

Mayank Agarwal and Kohli steadied the innings, with Kohli playing some exquisite flicks and slog sweeps. Rajat Patidar joined the attack with two

towering sixes but fell to a clever slower ball from Jamieson as the innings approached the halfway mark.

Liam Livingstone injected acceleration, scoring a quick 25 off 15 balls, including a brutal six over midwicket and a sweep over long-off. Yet, he was dismissed LBW in the 17th over after missing a low full toss.

Jitesh Sharma continued the late surge with 24 off just 10 deliveries, featuring two sixes including a stunning scoop over fine leg, but was bowled by Vijaykumar Vyshak.

Romario Shepherd provided the final flourish with 17 off 9 balls, smacking a six and a four in the 19th over.

Despite conceding 37 runs in his first three overs, Arshdeep Singh bowled an exceptional final over, conceding just 3 runs while taking 3 crucial wickets, finishing with figures of 4-0-30-3. Kyle Jamieson also impressed with 3 for 48, while Azmatullah Omarzai, Yuzvendra Chahal, and Vyshak chipped in with a wicket each.

RCB were 167 for 4 at one point but lost five wickets for 23 runs in the final 21 balls, finishing with a challenging total of 190 for 9.

British pair Skupski & Salisbury reach semi-finals

Paris, June 3 (UNI) : British pair Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski secured their place in the French Open men's doubles semi-finals with a hard-fought victory over Matthew Ebden and John Peers here on Tuesday. The eighth seeds battled back to beat the Australian pair 6-7 (4-7) 6-4 6-4. It is the first time either Skupski or Salisbury, who paired up at the start of the season, have gone beyond the men's quarter-finals in Paris. They are bidding for a first Grand Slam title together, having reached finals on the clay in Qatar and Barcelona this year, the BBC reported. Meanwhile, Britain's Henry Patten and Finn Harri Heliovaara missed the opportunity to set up a last-four meeting with Skupski and Salisbury. Second seeds Patten and Heliovaara, the reigning Wimbledon and Australian Open champions, lost 6-3 6-4 to American ninth seeds Christian Harrison and Evan King. Skupski will feature in the mixed doubles quarter-finals later on Tuesday, when he and American partner Desirae Krawczyk face top seeds Ukraine's Lyudmyla Kichenok and Croatia's Mate Pavic.

Indian Hockey players sign up for various educational courses with Amity University

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI) : More than 100 Indian hockey players have signed up for various educational courses with Amity University Online as they look to secure their future outside and be part of a holistic development programme.

Among the top names to have signed up are Indian Women's Hockey Team's goalkeeper Savita, the Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreet Singh, and Manpreet Singh.

Players from the India Junior Hockey Teams and the Indian Senior Hockey Teams have enrolled themselves in these educational courses.

Earlier in May, Hockey India and Amity University Online (AUO) had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which is aimed at reshaping the future of Indian athletes by providing comprehensive educational opportunities to hockey players at the international, national, and state levels. The MoU was signed on May 20, celebrated nationwide as "Hockey Day" to commemorate a century of hockey excellence in India.

From the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team, there have been 12 players who have registered themselves for the educational courses, with eight of them picking Bachelor of Arts courses while the remainder have gone in for Sports Psychology.

Within the Indian Women's Hockey Team squad, as many as 39 athletes have enrolled themselves in various courses. Whilst Goalkeeper

Savita has gone in for an MBA, forward Lalremsiami is the only one to have picked an MA in Psychology course, and young Beauty Dung Dung is hoping to earn her stripes in Sports Psychology.

Out of the 39 players, three have gone in for a Bachelor of Arts course, seven have picked a BBA course, and one has signed on for an MA in Psychology course. Meanwhile, Ishika Chaudhary is the only one to have gone in for an MA in Journalism and Mass Communication course.

However, among the most sought-after courses were the MBA and Sports Psychology degrees, with 13 and 14 players registering for them, respectively. The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team have also responded enthusiastically to this initiative, with a grand total of 32 players signing up for further education. Whilst Mohammad Konain Dad is the only one to have gone in for a B.Com, seven others have picked a Bachelor of Arts degree, two more have signed on for a Master of Arts degree, and 22 are keen on delving into the world of Sports Psychology. Last but not the least, the Indian Men's Hockey Team to have good numbers in participation, as 36 players are keen on higher education. Whilst captain Harmanpreet Singh, Mandeep Singh, Manpreet Singh, and Hardik Singh are among 17 players who have picked an MBA course, six players are going to feature in Bachelor of Arts courses, and 13 more will be studying Sports Psychology.

Australia's Nick Kyrgios to miss Wimbledon Open

Melbourne, June 3 (UNI) : Australian tennis star Nick Kyrgios on Tuesday announced a setback in his recovery, confirming he will miss the upcoming grass-court season, including Wimbledon.

In a statement shared on social media, Kyrgios said, "Just wanted to give everyone a quick update - I've hit a small setback in my recovery and unfortunately won't make it back for grass (Wimbledon) season this year. I know how much you've all been looking forward to seeing me out there, and I'm genuinely sorry to disappoint. This is just a bump in the road though, and I'm already working hard to get back."

Kyrgios has struggled with injuries over the last two-and-a-half years, which have severely disrupted his career. He played just one competitive men's singles match in 2023 and two in 2024 before exiting early at the Australian Open this year.

The former world No. 13 retired midway through an Indian Wells match against Botić van de Zandschulp. He recorded his first competitive singles win since 2022 by defeating Mackenzie McDonald at the Miami Open in March, but was heavily defeated by Karen Khachanov in the following round and has not competed since.

Fans and tennis followers will be hoping Kyrgios recovers swiftly as he targets a return later this season.

FIH nominates Sport Group to supply LA 2028 hockey turf

Lausanne (Switzerland), June 3 (UNI) : The International Hockey Federation (FIH) on Tuesday announced that it has nominated Sport Group, represented by their brands AstroTurf and

Polytan, as the hockey turf sole supplier for the LA 2028 Olympic Games.

The Poligras hockey turf used for the competition will be manufactured and installed by AstroTurf. The agreement includes three hockey fields (one competition field, one warm-up field and one training field) and their shock pads.

AstroTurf, the original turf made in the USA, created the very first Olympic synthetic surface for hockey for the Montreal 1976 Games. Since then, Sport Group brands AstroTurf, Polytan and Poligras have been selected for 12 Olympic Games.

Sport Group has constantly innovated alongside the sport. The Paris 2024 hockey turf, Poligras

Paris GT zero, marked

the world's first carbon zero hockey turf, and each Olympic Games features new turf technology. Research and Development for the Poligras LA28 turf is well underway.

FIH President Tayyab Ikram said, "The next Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028 will offer another fantastic opportunity for our sport to showcase itself to the world. The most important protagonists of this promotion of hockey are the athletes. It is our duty to offer them the best conditions for them to express their amazing talent. I'm really grateful that our strong partnership with Sport Group, AstroTurf and Polytan will deliver a turf that will include both the competition and sustainability aspects, and leave a lasting legacy for hockey in the USA."

Melissa Twist, Director of Field Hockey, AstroTurf said, "AstroTurf started the hockey turf revolution in 1976 with the first turf at the Montreal Olympics. Since then, we have installed hockey turf in major stadiums, schools and

clubs around the world, including many Olympic Games and World Cups. AstroTurf is based in the USA, so providing the hockey turf for a home Olympic Games, 52 years after Montreal, is deeply rewarding and testament to our enduring love of the sport and respect for everyone involved in the game." Paul Kamphuis, Head of Hockey, Sport Group, added, "We are thrilled that Poligras has been chosen as the hockey turf for LA2028, this will be the 9th Olympic hockey tournament on Poligras. This record of Olympic excellence is something that we are very proud of. Sport Group, together with AstroTurf and Polytan are committed to hockey globally. From the London blue, to the carbon zero turf in Paris 2024, our turf innovations have helped the sport become more skillful, dynamic and thrilling for players and fans. We continue to invest in reducing water and carbon while ensuring that our hockey turf performs at Olympic levels."

IPL final ceremony pays tribute to armed forces

Ahmedabad, June 3 (UNI) : The Narendra Modi Stadium here was awash with patriotic fervour on Tuesday evening as Indian singer and composer Shankar Mahadevan took centre stage during a spectacular IPL closing ceremony held in honour of the Indian Armed Forces.

As Mahadevan passionately raised his voice with a thunderous "Bharat Mata ki!", the packed stadium erupted in a roaring chorus of "Jai!", the call-and-response echoing like a mighty wave of national pride. The sea of fans, many draped in tricolour scarves and waving flags, surged with emotion, transforming the arena into a vibrant tribute to India's defenders.

The ceremony included stirring renditions of patriotic anthems such as "Teri Mitti Mein Mil Jawan" and "Desh

Mere Meri Jaan Hai Tu," each melody resonating deeply with the fans. The performances paid special homage to the valiant heroes of Operation Sindoor, a landmark mission showcasing the courage and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces in safeguarding the nation's security.

Set against the thrilling backdrop of the IPL title clash between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Punjab Kings (PBKS), the ceremony transcended sport, becoming a heartfelt homage that united cricket fans and patriots alike in gratitude and respect.

As night fell over the stadium, the brilliant lights and passionate cheers illuminated the evening sky, reminding all present of the unwavering spirit and dedication of Bharat Mata's brave soldiers.

Indian women's team suffer second defeat at the hands of Uzbekistan

Bengaluru, June 3 (UNI) : The senior Indian women's national team suffered a second narrow defeat at the hands of Uzbekistan, going down 0-1 in the second of two FIFA Women's

International Friendlies at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence here on Tuesday.

Despite an improved and spirited performance, the Blue Tigresses were undone by a moment of brilliance from Nilufar Kudratova early in the second half.

Tuesday's encounter, following the 0-1 loss in the first friendly, offered hope for redemption. And while India showed marked improvement — especially in their intensity and intent — the scoreline, unfortunately, remained the same. India approached the match with renewed determination and tactical discipline. Unlike the first fixture, where the team looked cautious and struggled in transition, the hosts played on the front foot, pressing higher up the pitch and trying to take the game to the visitors.

The defence, led by the tireless efforts of Thokchom Martina and her backline partners, worked hard to contain Uzbekistan's pacey attack. Their positioning and communication were much sharper, and when the backline was breached, goalkeeper Payal Basude stood tall. She made a string of crucial saves in the first half, most notably after Nozimakhon Ergasheva rattled the crossbar with a thunderous strike in the 11th minute.

In midfield, India looked more cohesive, with players utilising the width of the pitch to stretch the Uzbek defence. Sangita Basfore helped build attacks from deep, while fullback Ranjana Chanu injected pace and creativity.

The best chance for India came in the 21st minute. Ranjana whipped in a dangerous cross from the right, which Pyari Xaxa met with a strong header at the far post. The Uzbekistan keeper managed a reflex save, and though the rebound fell kindly to Sangita, she failed to direct her shot on target.

That missed opportunity would come back to haunt India. Just four minutes into the second half, Uzbekistan struck. Kudratova picked up the ball on the edge of the box, skipped past two defenders with elegant footwork, and unleashed a fierce left-footed strike that flew past Payal Basude into the top corner. It was a goal worthy of winning any match. The setback seemed to momentarily unsettle the Blue Tigresses, but they regrouped and pushed forward again. Soumya Guguloth and Pyari Xaxa continued to test the Uzbekistan defence, while substitutes brought fresh energy. However, despite several promising moves, the final pass or shot often lacked the sharpness needed to level the score.

In the end, India fell short, but the performance was anything but disheartening. The Blue Tigresses displayed resilience, tactical awareness, and attacking hunger, qualities they had been criticised for lacking in the previous outing.

India: Payal Basude (GK) (Moirangthem Monalisha Devi 80'), Hemam Shilky Devi, Sangita Basfore (C), Soumya Guguloth (Rimpa Haldar 59'), Pyari Xaxa (Lynda Kom Serto 46'), Karthika Angamuthu, Priyadharshini (Anju Tamang 72'), Thokchom Martina (Ngangbam Sweetie Devi 72'), Sorokhaibam Ranjana Chanu, Kiran Pisdia, Malati Munda (Manisha Kalyan 59').

Sabalenka into Paris semi-finals

Paris, June 3 (UNI) : World number one Aryna Sabalenka edged a tight encounter against Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen to reach the French Open semi-finals on Tuesday.

Sabalenka, bidding for a first Paris title, won 7-6 (7-3) 6-3 against China's Zheng on a blustery Court Philippe Chatrier.

The Belarusian - arguably the favourite for the title - had to come back from a break down in the first set but showed all her fighting quality to advance.

"That was a true battle - I have no idea how I was able to get back into that first set," Sabalenka said.

"I was ready to leave everything I have on court to win."

Sabalenka has yet to drop a set at Roland Garros, with her improved serve and movement reaping rewards, the BBC reported.

A potential mouth-watering meeting with three-time defending champion Iga Swiatek could await if the Pole beats Elina Svitolina in the second semi-final.

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Western Railway Initiates steps to combat plastic plloution campaign during the ongoing World Environment Day

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 3 : Western Railway (WR) is observing World Environment Day campaign from 22nd May to 5th June, 2025, with the central theme “Ending Plastic Pollution.” The initiative underscores WR’s ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and reducing plastic waste across its operations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, during this fortnight, several awareness Campaigns were conducted, encompassing extensive activities across various divisions and workshops. The campaign began on 22nd May with a public gathering and oath-taking ceremony, where officers and staff pledged to actively combat plastic pollution. Various activities are being conducted across Western Railway from 28th May to 2nd June, 2025

Mr Vineet informed that, A ‘Reduce Plastic Pollution campaign’ was observed across Western Railway during which a series of impactful activities were carried across all six divisions as well as Workshops. Passengers were educated and encouraged to make use of plastic bottle crushing machines to dispose off single use plastic bottles and reduce littering at stations. Food Stalls and water refill points were inspected to reduce single use plastic usage. Additionally, through public announcements at



Glimpses of various activities being carried out under World Environment Day campaign across Western Railway.

railway stations passengers were encouraged to refill water in their own bottles and limit the use of plastic bottles. Onboard catering services were also encouraged to adopt eco-friendly alternatives. Other initiatives included organizing Nukkad Natak to promote alternatives to single-use plastics and interactive awareness sessions were held with staff. Furthermore, food stall vendors and staff were sensitized about reducing

microplastic pollution, and cleanliness drives were continued across more locations.

Further, Mr Vineet stated that continuing in this initiative another campaign titled Sustainable Railway Operations was also observed during this period Western Railways has successfully conducted a series of initiatives. The initiatives were implemented across various stations, Railway colonies, Workshops etc. focusing on key areas such

as maintenance of Railway colonies, gardens and parks in Railway premises, waste management and community engagement.

During this campaign, Western Railway organized a range of activities, including a special drive to maintain parks around railway stations, greenery and park maintenance in railway colonies. Additionally, Nukkad Natak were organized to spread environmental awareness and community engagement clean-up drives were conducted at around stations, tracks, colonies and nearby areas.

Drawing, Essay and Quiz competitions were conducted on the theme of a ‘Sustainable Environment’. Other activities included training on sustainable practices and Waste Management as well as distribution of cloth/jute bags among railway commuters. Furthermore, digital and paperless ticketing were promoted at various stations. Eco-friendly products like bamboo toothbrushes and neem combs were promoted for sale under the ‘One Station One Product’ scheme.

Western Railway continues to promote environmental consciousness through such initiatives, reinforcing its commitment to a cleaner, greener future.

The ongoing activities until 5th June, 2025, i.e., World Environment Day, aim to further strengthen the message of responsible plastic usage and environmental stewardship.

Central Railway to run the following trains with revised composition

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 3 : Central Railway has decided to run the following trains with revised composition as below:

Revised composition of Train no 16340/16339 Nagarcoil Jn-CSMT (Mumbai)- Nagarcoil Jn Express and Train no 16352/16351 Nagarcoil Jn-CSMT (Mumbai)- Nagarcoil Jn Express are given below:-

One AC-2Tier, Five AC-3Tier, 07 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class, 1 Pantry Car 1 General Second Class cum Guard’s Brake Van and 1 Generator Van.Train no 16340/16339 Nagarcoil Jn -CSMT (Mumbai)- Nagarcoil Jn Express will run with revised composition Ex. Nagarcoil Jn from 04 August 2025 and from Ex. CSMT (Mumbai) from 05 August 2025. Train no 16352/16351 Nagarcoil Jn -CSMT (Mumbai)- Nagarcoil Jn Express will run with revised composition Ex. Nagarcoil Jn from 03 August 2025 and from Ex. CSMT (Mumbai) from 04 August 2025.

For detailed timings and halts of these trains, please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or download NTES App.

Passengers to please note the above changes

Assam CM demolishes Pak narrative on Brahmaputra river

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI)

After the nuclear blackmail during Operation Sindoor, Pakistan has resorted to a new threat asking what if China Stops Brahmaputra water to India. The narrative was, however, demolished by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma before it could gain currency. In a response to Pakistan’s new scare narrative, the Assam Chief Minister tweeted 'After India decisively moved away from the outdated Indus Waters Treaty, Pakistan is now spinning another manufactured threat: What if China stops the Brahmaputra’s water to India’ “Let’s dismantle this myth — not with fear, but with facts and national clarity,’ the Chief Minister said. ‘Brahmaputra : A river that grows in India — not shrinks. China contributes only 30–35 percent of the Brahmaputra’s total flow, mostly through glacial melt and limited Tibetan rainfall. The remaining 65–70 percent is generated within India, thanks to torrential monsoon rainfall in

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland and Meghalaya and major tributaries like Subansiri, Lohit, Kameng, Manas, Dhansiri, Jia-Bharali, Kopili,” he said. He said additional inflows are from the Khasi, Garo, and Jaintia Hills via rivers such as Krishnai, Digaru, and Kulsi. The Chief Minister said the Brahmaputra is not a river India depends on upstream, it is a rain-fed Indian river system, strengthened after entering Indian territory.

Western Railway gears up for Monsoon 2025

Mumbai’s Lifeline Monsoon-Ready with Comprehensive Preparations

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 3 : In a proactive move to ensure seamless operations during the upcoming monsoon season, Western Railway (WR) has successfully completed a host of critical monsoon preparedness activities across its Mumbai suburban network. These extensive measures aim to minimize disruptions and ensure passenger safety during heavy rains. It is worthwhile to mention that in 2024, Western Railway’s initiatives for monsoon preparedness and mitigation helped in ensuring that no extended waterlogging or flooding occurred at any location across Mumbai Suburban section and achieved the remarkable feat of no service disruptions due to monsoon last year.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, a series of targeted actions were undertaken on a mission mode to ensure uninterrupted train services during the upcoming monsoon season. Key activities such as cleaning and desilting of culverts, nullahs, and drains, removal of muck and garbage along the tracks, construction of additional waterways, installation of high-capacity pumps, and trimming of trees have been executed with precision and urgency. Western Railway’s Mumbai Central Division has compiled a dedicated Monsoon Precaution Booklet, which provides a detailed action plan for the staff. This plan encompasses a range of measures designed to mitigate disruptions, minimise damage to railway assets and keep passengers informed. The detailed plan serves as a vital guide for all the staff involved.

In addition to these measures, Western Railway has also focussed on infrastructure maintenance and upgradation, particularly in the field of signalling and telecommunications. Shri Vineet elaborated on the following key steps taken: Comprehensive Drainage Works: A total of 58 culverts and more than 55 km of drains have been desilted and cleaned. Additionally, 3 km of new drainage lines and new manholes have been constructed in the past year to facilitate smooth water discharge in railway yards.

Retaining wall of 4.5 km length has been constructed in Vasai-Virar section for track protection from flooding.

Muck Cleaning: WR deployed Muck Special train for cleaning of muck/garbage/earth on the Suburban section. Approx. 480 trips of Muck Special trains were operated. This work was carried out by deploying Muck Special wagons, JCB, Poclain and labours to fill up and empty the muck filled bags. This work will help in smooth discharge of water.

Flood Mitigation: 104 high-capacity dewatering pumps have been installed at vulnerable locations to prevent waterlogging. Pumping capacity has been increased by 10% as compared to last year. Additional pipe openings have been carried out with micro - tunneling method in Goregaon - Malad section, Prabhadevi -Matunga section and at Borivali and Virar stations.

Flood gauges installed at 36 strategic locations. Tree Management: To avoid track obstructions, 36 trees (within 4 meters of tracks) have been trimmed or removed.

Track and Structure Safety: Vulnerable spots prone to flooding were identified and attended, while low-lying tracks have been lifted to reduce flood risks. In order to have real-time and authentic water-level of vulnerable bridges, S C A D A - b a s e d (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) Water Level Monitoring Devices have been installed on four key bridges (Bridges 20, 66, 72, and 76). These devices send SMS regarding water level to all concerned every 12 hrs and whenever water reaches danger level.

C o l l a b o r a t i v e Inspections: Joint inspections have been carried out with BMC,



Specialised Suction & Desludging Machine



Micro-tunneling to augment discharge capacity

section for track protection from flooding.

MBMC and VVCMC for review of monsoon preparations.

Advanced Monitoring & Surveys: Drone surveys have been conducted in flood-prone areas. 5 Automated Digital Rain Gauges (ARG) have been installed which enables to provide real-time, accurate rainfall data. Drones are also being used to survey and monitor cleaning of nullahs in Jogeshwari - Virar section.

Deployment of Technology: Floater cameras and drones are being used to monitor culvert cleaning and ensure effective execution of monsoon works.

Specialized Suction & Desludging machine to ensure deep cleaning of culverts at identified locations.

Readiness of Workforce and Reserves: Monsoon patrolling will be undertaken by trained patrolmen and bridge guards. Monsoon reserves, including boulders and quarry dust, have been stocked adequately at Virar.

Western Railway has also identified problematic locations from previous years and taken targeted actions to mitigate risks in those areas. In the last 5 years, Micro-tunneling has been carried at 15 locations. The issuance of updated patrolling charts, counselling of monsoon staff and deployment of modern technological interventions further reinforces WR’s commitment to maintaining uninterrupted train services during the rains.

These proactive steps reflect Western Railway’s unwavering commitment to passenger safety, operational reliability, and efficient service during the challenging monsoon months.

PMO enquiring about the natural calamity.

"Our state administration remains fully committed to managing the situation and providing all necessary assistance to those affected. Thank you once again for your kind concern," Tamang said.

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Be careful, avoid electrical accidents

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Mumbai, June 3 :Electricity has become an integral part of our lives, just like any basic need. Just as we can benefit from electricity to make life comfortable, if proper care is not taken while using it, electrical accidents can occur and cause damage. These accidents can be avoided if everyone follows safety rules. On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Mahavitaran, an Electrical Safety Week has been organized across the state from 1 to 6 June 2025 with the concept of 'Zero Accident Mahavitaran, Zero Accident Maharashtra'. On the occasion...

Whether accidents due to short circuits or accidents while handling electricity, these happen due to lack of precautions. In view of the incidents of electrical accidents from cities to rural areas, it has now become a routine to use electricity with more awareness and safety. For this, effective public awareness is needed.

No excuse for mistakes: 'Electricity' is something that is not visible to the eye, but if care is not taken while using it, the consequences cannot be avoided. There is no excuse for mistakes when handling electricity. Therefore, everyone should seriously consider what



precautions should be taken while handling electrical appliances.

Use of quality appliances: Be it home, industry, office or agriculture, everyone should take care while using electricity. While taking power supply or from time to time, make sure that the electrical cables, switches or other appliances are 'ISI' certified and of the right capacity. Do not put more load on the electrical circuit than the capacity. Electrification work should be done by certified contractors only. MCB (Miniature Circuit Breaker) of the right capacity should be used for wiring, so that there is no danger due to overload or short circuit. Only electrical appliances certified by the Quality Control Board should be used. For example, mixer, water heater, toaster, grinder, fridge, washing machine, etc.

Proper earthing: Earthing is a very important factor in the use of electricity. Many accidents have been proven to have occurred due to improper earthing. Therefore, it is

essential to use copper plate or copper rod for wiring installation in an efficient manner for safety reasons.

Use of insulated wire: To avoid the risk of earth leakage, ELCB (Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker) should be used. In large apartments, there is a separate meter room of 20 to 50 meters. It is often ignored. The meter room should be clean, well-lit and ventilated. During the rainy season, water will not enter the meter room; at the same time, care should be taken that the walls do not get wet. The meter room should not be used as a store room. Attention should also be paid to ensure that rats do not move in the meter room. Avoid keeping flammable materials there. Use insulated wire instead of bare wire for the neutral wire. Do not insert multiple plugs/wires in one circuit. This invites fire due to short circuit.

Use of main switch: If a fire breaks out due to short circuit, first turn off the main switch. Use an electrical fire extinguisher. Do not use water. If the plug, pin, button, board is cracked, replace it immediately. When using fans, irons, coolers, they can get electrocuted. They should be handled with caution, keeping this in mind.

Know the value of life: Ignorance about electricity

is as dangerous as it is, but carelessness and overconfidence despite knowledge are even more dangerous. In their excitement, even the most skilled people ignore small things like wearing rubber gloves, wearing safety boots, and turning off the power supply before starting work, and many incidents of loss of life have occurred. Workers, public servants, and wiremen who work in the electrical sector day and night should know the value of their lives and carry out electrification work, keeping in mind that they are also responsible for their families. It is important to keep in mind that safety measures are not only important for you but also for everyone related to you.

Important points in daily electricity use: Do not handle electrical appliances with wet hands. Do not build under or near power lines. Do not tie cattle to electric poles or pole tension. Do not release electricity. Do not use temporary hanging wires. Avoid unauthorized use of electricity. Keep the power supply off while pouring water into the cooler. Do not keep cut crops under electric wires. Do not use electric wires to dry clothes. If the electric wires are broken and lying on the ground, do not touch them or try to cross them and do not allow others to do so.