

IN BRIEF

IPS officer Charu Sinha takes charge as ADGP CID

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) : Senior IPS officer Charu Sinha took charge as the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Crime Investigation Department (CID), here on Thursday.

In her new role, Sinha will also hold full additional charge as ADGP, Women Safety, including SHE Teams and the Bharosa Centre.

An Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from the 1996 batch, Sinha has returned to the Telangana cadre after a distinguished seven-year tenure with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).She had earlier served in Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir.She was the first IPS officer to head four CRPF sectors — Bihar, Jammu, Kashmir and the Southern Sector.

Woman’s body found stuffed in travel bag

Hyderabad, June 5 : The woman, whose body was found stuffed in a travel bag in Hyderabad’s Bachupally area, has been identified by the Cyberabad police.

The victim is a Nepalese, who was allegedly murdered by a youth, who is also from Nepal.A day after the decomposed body of the woman was found, Cyberabad police on Thursday achieved a breakthrough.

Police identified the accused through the CCTV footage.The youth allegedly killed the woman on May 23 and, after stuffing the boy in a travel bag, dumped it at an isolated place near the Bachupally-Miyapur road.Police investigation revealed that the accused purchased the travel bag in KPHB. The accused reportedly had an extramarital affair with the deceased. However, it could not be immediately confirmed if police have arrested the accused.

Further details of the case, including the name and age of the deceased and the motive behind the murder, are likely to be announced soon.

The police on Wednesday found a decomposed body of a woman stuffed in a travel bag near the wall of Reddy’s Lab in Vijayadurga Owners Association Colony.

Bachupally police received about a foul-smelling travel bag in the construction area.

When they opened the bag, they found the body of a woman dressed in a maroon suit.

The woman was believed to be between 25 and 35 years old.

Government committed to protecting nature: CM

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, June 5 : The government is committed to respecting and protecting nature, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said on Thursday.

The Chief Minister, in his message on World Environment Day, called for rededication to protecting the environment.

"Let us all rededicate ourselves to understanding nature, respecting its rules and boundaries, and doing our best to bring sustainability to every aspect of our lives, private, public, individual and collective," he said.

"As a government, we are totally committed to respecting and protecting nature, through rigorous protection, rejuvenation, recycling, re-use, and sustainability," the Chief Minister said in a post on X.

"Let us all come together and strive to make Telangana the greenest, bluest, cleanest and one of the most environmentally-friendly places on Planet Earth," he added.

Minister for Environment and Forest



Konda Surekha, in her message on World Environment Day, highlighted the need to protect nature and preserve life by saying no to plastic.

"You can’t drink plastic. You can’t breathe smoke. You can’t eat concrete. You can’t live without nature. This World Environment Day, let’s remember what really sustains us," she posted on social media.

As part of the World Environment Day celebrations, the Telangana Pollution Control Board organised a plantation programme at the Golconda Area Hospital in Hyderabad.

Minister for Transport and BC Welfare, Ponnamp Prabhakar, who is also the in-charge minister for

Hyderabad, planted a sapling.Speaking on the occasion, the minister warned that if people ignore plantations, a situation may arise where they have to wear oxygen masks. He said that if measures were not taken to control pollution, people would suffer from various ailments.

Prabhakar said that every citizen should take up plantation as a social responsibility and should take care of the plant.

Meanwhile, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader and former minister T. Harish Rao slammed the Congress government in the state for cutting plantation funds by 53 per cent.In his message on World Environment Day, he said he saluted the

visionary leadership of former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao.

He said that Haritha Haram, the massive plantation drive of the previous BRS government, boosted Telangana’s green cover by 7.7 per cent, from 24 per cent to 31 per cent, with 250 crore saplings planted.

"We didn’t just promise a greener future; we delivered. In contrast, Congress cut plantation funds by 53% (?36Cr to ?17Cr) and reduced targets," he posted on X.

Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government even chopped down trees at Hyderabad Central University (HCU), leading to environmental and wildlife destruction.

"Revanth Reddy’s negligence is evident not only in environmental destruction but also in governance. HCU’s trees fell victim to his actions," he said."We demand that the HCU forest be restored at the earliest, in accordance with the Honourable Supreme Court’s directions," the BRS leader added.

PM Modi launches ‘Aravali Green Wall’ project by planting sapling under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative

New Delhi, June 5 (IANS) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday launched the ‘Aravali Green Wall’ project, a special drive aimed at reforesting the Aravali range, one of the biggest forest covers, spanning four states -- Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi.

To mark World Environment Day, he also planted a sapling at the Bhagwan Mahavir Vanasthali Park in the national capital under the ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ initiative.

He shared pictures of the special tree plantation drive and wrote, “Today, on World Environment Day, we strengthened the Ek Ped Maa ke Naam initiative with a special tree plantation drive.”“This is also a part of our effort to reforest the Aravalli range - the Aravalli Green Wall project,” he added.The Aravalli Green Wall Project is an ambitious project aimed at reforesting the 700 kilometres of the Aravalli range. The Aravali range, stretching across four

states, has seen environmental degradation in the past few decades. The new push under the Aravalli Green Wall Project will create a green zone from Delhi to Gujarat, to act as a "natural barrier against desertification" and will also aid in groundwater recharge.

“Our focus is to rejuvenate areas linked with this range. We are going to work with the respective local administrations and going to emphasise things such as improving water

systems, curbing dust storms, stopping eastward expansion of the Thar desert and more,” PM Modi further said.

The project will go beyond conventional methods and encourage new techniques in urban as well as semi-urban areas to address space constraint problems.“Plantation activities will be geo-tagged and monitored on the Meri LiFE portal. I call upon the youth of our nation to take part in this movement and

add to our planet’s green cover,” PM Modi said.

As part of the major drive, one thousand permanent nurseries will be set up to revive the country’s oldest mountain range. Technologies like satellite mapping will also be deployed to facilitate speed and transparency in the project.Notably, the Aravali range is home to 22 wildlife sanctuaries and four tiger reserves, namely Ranthambore, Sariska, Ramgarh-Vishdhari, and Mukunda Hills.

CM, Siddaramaiah orders Cunha Commission, suspends top policemen

Bengaluru, Jun 5 (UNI) : In a strong bid to restore public confidence after the stampede at the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) victory celebration that left 11 dead and 56 injured, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday announced sweeping punitive measures, including the appointment of a one-man judicial commission and the immediate suspension of top police officials.

Addressing media persons here, Siddaramaiah declared that retired High Court judge Justice Michael D’Cunha will head an independent judicial inquiry to probe the lapses that led to the stampede at Chinnaswamy Stadium.

"Under the chairmanship of Justice Michael D’Cunha, a retired judge of the High Court, we have appointed a one-man commission to

investigate the circumstances that led to this tragedy," the Chief Minister said.

The move comes amid growing public outrage and demands for accountability over the mismanagement of crowd control at the high-profile celebration event.

In parallel, the Chief Minister announced that criminal action will be initiated against key organisers of the event.

"We have taken a decision to arrest the representatives of RCB, their event manager DNA, and the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), who were involved in the planning and execution of the event," Siddaramaiah stated.

In what is being termed one of the largest administrative crackdowns in recent memory, the government has suspended

a string of senior police officers for negligence.

"Cubbon Park Police Station Police Inspector, Station House Master, Station House Officer, ACP, Central Division DCP, Cricket Stadium in-charge, Additional Commissioner of Police, and the Commissioner of Police have all been suspended with immediate effect," he said.

The Chief Minister reiterated the government’s resolve to ensure justice and accountability at all levels. "This government will not shield anyone. We will fix responsibility, whether it’s the organisers or those in uniform," he added.

The formation of the Cunha Commission and the mass suspension of the police hierarchy signal a firm shift in the state government’s stance from damage control to assertive action.



CJI Gavai champions cross-border legal synergy at ICA ...

Chief Justice of India Justice B R Gavai inaugurated the third International Conference on “Arbitrating Indo-UK Commercial Disputes: Synergizing India–UK Arbitration Practices” in London on Thursday.The high-level event, hosted by the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) during London International Disputes Week, brought together legal luminaries, judges, policymakers, and commercial dispute resolution experts from both nations to strengthen ties in arbitration and mediation.Delivering the inaugural address,

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EAM holds bilateral meetings Central Asian FMs



Ahead of the Fourth India-Central Asia Dialogue, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from the Central Asian nations.He met with FM Sirojiddin Muhriddin of Tajikistan, Deputy PM and FM Murat Nurtleu of Kazakhstan,

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JP had made call for total revolution from Bihar : Rai



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and senior BJP leader Nityanand Rai said that great freedom fighter and revolutionary Jaiprakash Narayan had given the call for total revolution from the land of Bihar to protest the dictatorial government of Congress in the mid-seventies.

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Sreeja Akula sparks Jaipur Patriots’ 8-7 Triumph over ...



Indian ace Sreeja Akula stunned World No. 12 Bernadette Szocs, the highest-ranked player in the league, during their singles match, as the Jaipur Patriots narrowly defeated U Mumba TT 8-7 for their second victory in Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 6.

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On World Environment Day, Singareni announces complete ban on plastic usage

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) :On the occasion of World Environment Day, with the global theme 'Let's put an end to plastic pollution globally', state-owned Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) on Thursday declared a complete ban on plastic usage across all its areas, including the Hyderabad office.

Singareni Chairman and Managing Director N. Balam made this impactful announcement, emphasising particularly that plastic bottles must not be used under any circumstances.

At a plantation drive held in the office premises at Singareni Bhavan here, Balam stated that the company has already been undertaking various eco-friendly measures and in some areas had reduced plastic use. However, aligning with this year's global slogan, the company is now enforcing a total ban on plastic-made items like bottles, plates, and similar materials across its offices, mines, and departments.

He appealed to all officials, employees, and workers of the organisation to extend their support to this initiative and advised them to minimise the use of plastic even at home.

Balam shared that he has personally planted over 19,000 saplings across Singareni areas out of his deep commitment to environmental conservation. Inspired by

this, the company's directors and employees have also begun actively planting trees, which he described as an encouraging development.

He urged every individual to plant at least three saplings and informed that SCCL would distribute saplings free of cost to all those interested.

He noted that three decades ago, temperatures in the Singareni regions used to rise above 50 degrees Celsius during summer. Thanks to the extensive plantation efforts by SCCL, many of these saplings have now grown into forests, helping to bring down temperatures to about 40 degrees Celsius.

In contrast, in Naini, Angul district of Odisha, where SCCL operates a coal mine, local residents have reported temperatures exceeding 50 degrees. Hence, he mentioned that Singareni is now ready to undertake large-scale plantation activities in that area as well.

The event was attended by Executive Director (Coal Movement) S.D.M. Subhani, General Manager (Marketing) N.V. Rajasekhara Rao, and other senior officials and employees from various departments.

The CMD also presented prizes to winners of the essay competition conducted on the theme of environment and distributed jute bags to all participating employees.

LCT in partnership with ICRISAT, launches Telangana's First Mobile Soil Testing Lab

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) : Laurus Charitable Trust (LCT), in collaboration with ICRISAT (The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics), launched the first Mobile Soil Health Testing lab in the state to reshape farming communities and young minds in Telangana. It is bringing awareness and science-based support directly to the doorstep of farmers across 22 villages in Shamirpet and Muduchintalapalli mandals with the support of the district-level Agriculture Department officials, the Institute said in a release here on Thursday..

"This state-of-the-art mobile lab is designed not just to test soil but to spark a movement. It is helping farmers, many of whom are testing their soils for the first time in years, gain valuable insights into the health of their land, while teaching school children where food comes from and why the soil beneath our feet matters," said Dr Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICRISAT.

"Our partnership with ICRISAT on the 'Agriculture on Wheels' initiative is a significant step toward promoting soil

and water health. Soil is key to future generations; this effort will help farmers become more profitable. This is just the beginning—we look forward to doing much more together," said Ravi Kumar, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, Laurus Labs.

In villages where trust has worn thin due to injudicious fertilizer application and uncertain returns, the soil testing bus offered a new promise—no sales pitch, no jargon, just honest, science-backed soil care. From January 2023 to February 2025, ICRISAT scientists tested 2,400 soil samples and issued 2,400 Soil Health Cards, offering personalized advice for each farmer.

"A bus came to our village, and the team informed us we would receive useful agricultural advice. They visited our Gram Panchayat Office and distributed soil health cards with guidance on how to grow vegetables and cereals without using excessive fertilizers. By following their recommendations, we were able to grow our crops successfully," said Konda Anjaiah, a farmer from Kolthur village, Muduchintalapalli mandal.

India's first state-run digital wallet marks 8 years with 16 lakh users

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) : India's first state-managed digital wallet, T Wallet, has reached 16 lakh registered users and processed over 4 crore transactions since its launch in 2017, the Telangana government said here on Thursday.

Introduced during the 2016 demonetisation, T Wallet continues to drive digital payments across the state. The wallet provides multiple services, including IMPS-based real-time bank transfers, utility bill payments, service fee payments, and merchant transactions, the state government's Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) wing under the ITE&C Department said. T Wallet is integrated with over 4,500 MeeSeva centres and 11,000 plus Fair Price Shops, ensuring accessibility in remote and rural areas, with options for citizens to use it via mobile app, web, or assisted services for those without mobile access.

Launched on June 1, 2017, T Wallet was a pioneering response to the 2016 demonetisation, aiming to promote cashless transactions in Telangana.

Its flagship Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) feature allows direct bank account transfers, setting it apart from traditional wallets that rely on peer-to-peer transactions or UPI, and offering 24/7 availability for seamless banking integration. The ITE&C Department emphasised T Wallet's role in enhancing financial inclusion, particularly in underserved regions, with its growth over eight years underscoring its importance as a state-led digital payment solution for Telangana's citizens.



Buses move out of a depot after Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off 200 electric buses under the Delhi Government's sustainable transport initiative, on World Environment Day, in New Delhi on Thursday.

Dassault partners with TASL to manufacture first Rafale fighter fuselage in India

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) : Dassault Aviation and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) have signed four production transfer agreements to manufacture the first-ever Rafale fighter aircraft fuselage in India.

This facility represents a significant investment in India's aerospace infrastructure and will serve as a critical hub for high-precision manufacturing, TASL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Sons, said in a release here on Thursday.

Under the partnership, TASL will set up a cutting-edge production facility in Hyderabad for the manufacture of key structural sections of the Rafale, including the lateral shells of the rear fuselage, the complete rear section, the central fuselage, and the front section.

The first fuselage sections are expected to roll off the assembly line in FY2028, with the facility expected to deliver up to two complete fuselages per month.

"For the first time, Rafale fuselages will be produced outside France. This is a

decisive step in strengthening our supply chain in India. Thanks to the expansion of our local partners, including TASL, one of the major players in the Indian aerospace industry, this supply chain will contribute to the successful ramp-up of the Rafale and, with our support, will meet our quality and competitiveness requirements," said Eric Trappier, chairman and CEO of Dassault Aviation.

Sukaran Singh, chief executive officer and managing director, Tata Advanced Systems Limited, said, "This partnership marks a significant step in India's aerospace journey. The production of the complete Rafale fuselage in India underscores the deepening trust in Tata Advanced Systems' capabilities and the strength of our collaboration with Dassault Aviation.

It also reflects the remarkable progress India has made in establishing a modern, robust aerospace manufacturing ecosystem that can support global platforms."

Ms Vijaya Laxmi said. The book highlights Dattatreya's 70-odd years of life and is replete with illustrations, anecdotes and experiences which are highly inspiring and motivating, she said. The book, published by famous Emesco Publishers, is going to unfold unknown facets of history and enliven the known in the narration of which Dattatreya is just the 'Sutradhar'. Therefore, he called the story of his life the story of the people of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh and present Telangana.

Recounting his 70 years of experiences in multiple domains, he wrote his autobiography,

intellectuals, community elders and eminent personalities will grace the occasion.

Dattatreya, who is one of the tallest leaders of Telangana, coming from a very humble background, held many positions and handled them with diligence, she said. He earned a reputation for himself being the leader of the masses, who effectively and reverentially call him "Dattanna".

Chairperson Bandaru Vijaya Laxmi on Thursday. A galaxy of national-level personalities including Union Minister and state BJP President G Kishan Reddy, former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, former Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, Andhra Pradesh Governor Abdul Nazir, Orissa Governor Dr Kambhampati Haribabu, Tripura Governor N Indrasena Reddy and Union Minister Srinivasa Varma along with a host of

Woxsen University, IBM India sign MoU across business and technology disciplines

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) : Woxsen University has signed a strategic memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IBM India Private Limited, forming an academic-industry partnership aimed at technology education across business and technology disciplines.

The five-year collaboration will enhance curriculum, foster hands-on industry training, and offer globally recognized IBM certifications, Hyderabad based University said in a

release here on Thursday.

The collaboration spans Woxsen's School of Business and School of Technology, directly benefiting students enrolled in MBA (Business Analytics) and BBA (Data Science & Artificial Intelligence), while extending its impact to technology students across the university. Students from both schools will gain exposure to IBM's enterprise tools used by Fortune 500 companies.

Dr Raul Villamarin

Rodriguez, Vice President of Woxsen University, said, "Our partnership with IBM is not an add-on, it is a structural shift in how we envision higher education. By embedding enterprise-grade tools and certifications into the DNA of our curriculum, we are placing Woxsen students on the same technological footing as professionals in Fortune 500 companies. This alliance breaks down the traditional silos between business and technology education, enabling a business

analyst to speak the language of AI and a data scientist to understand market strategy. This collaboration ensures our graduates are ready from day one and are equipped to lead with technological fluency, strategic sharpness and global agility." A key highlight of the collaboration is access to IBM's full technology ecosystem, including artificial intelligence, blockchain, and advanced analytics, which are complemented by globally recognized certifications. Subject

MeitY notifies Telangana Forensic Science Lab as Govt Examiner of Electronic Evidence

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) The Telangana Forensic Science Laboratory (TGFSL), an NABL accredited laboratory, announced that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has officially notified TGFSL under Section 79A of the IT Act, 2000, designating it as a 'Government Examiner of Electronic Evidence'. This landmark recognition signifies a monumental stride in the Laboratory's journey towards excellence in digital forensics and scientific service delivery, said Shikha Goel, CID Director General & TGFSL Director in a release on Thursday. With this notification, TGFSL is now empowered with enhanced legal authority to examine, analyze, and certify digital and electronic evidence, thus making such evidence more admissible and credible before courts of law across India.

This achievement reinforces TGFSL's position as a leading institution in the forensic domain, known for its robust technical capabilities, adherence to global best practices, and investment in cutting-edge digital forensic infrastructure. From advanced forensic workstations to validated tools for big data analysis, TGFSL remains at the forefront of forensic innovation. The Digital Forensics Division of TGFSL is among the most advanced in the country, equipped to handle complex investigations involving mobile devices, hard drives (including damaged media), and a wide array of digital storage formats. The division processes an average of 50 cases per month (around 150 material objects) and has played a pivotal role in securing convictions in several high-profile cases in Telangana. Significantly, TGFSL has set a benchmark nationally by delivering prioritized forensic reports in POC SO Act cases, in line with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directives.

Attestation ceremony for Agniveers held

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) : After several months of rigorous training, the Artillery Centre hosted its Attestation Ceremony for Agniveer Batch batch 05/24 here. The day began with a poignant homage at the

War Memorial of Artillery Centre in the city, where Agniveers, instructors, and senior officials had gathered to pay tributes to the fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service to the nation, a defence release said here

on Thursday. The attestation ceremony was held at the Palani Parade Ground and it was reviewed by Brigadier Rahul Thapliyal, Sena Medal, Commandant & Chief Executive Instructor, Artillery Centre,

Hyderabad. The event showcased immaculate parade drills, a demonstration of discipline and precision that stood as a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Agniveers and the tireless efforts of their

instructors. In his address, the Commandant commended the Agniveers for their dedication and resilience, emphasising the pivotal role they will play in safeguarding national security and upholding the values of the armed forces.



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- Bridge connecting Kauri and Bakkal areas of Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir

Anji Bridge (India's First Cable Stayed Rail Bridge)

- 725 meter length, 290 meter main span
- Bridge connecting Katra and Reasi districts of Jammu and Kashmir
- 96 cables attached to a single giant pylon, 193 meter high

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Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

In the august presence of

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Chief Minister, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

Surinder Kumar Choudhary
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M.P., Rajya Sabha



Friday, 06th June, 2025



11:00 A.M.



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INDIAN RAILWAYS

STANDARD POST

White-collar hiring for women, PwD shows strong momentum in India

With a 2 per cent month-over-month (MoM) and a significant year-over-year (YoY) growth, white-collar hiring for women, and persons with disabilities (PwD) in India is showing strong momentum.

The report by the job platform foundit (formerly Monster APAC & ME), showed that over the past two years, diversity hiring in India has evolved from a compliance-driven mandate to a strategic workforce priority, growing by 53 per cent.

The broader Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) category -- which now includes LGBTQIA+ individuals, women, PwDs, and other underrepresented groups -- stands at 27 per cent.

The share of women in diversity hiring grew from 53 per cent to 68 per cent this year, reflecting a strong focus on gender inclusion. Meanwhile, hiring for persons with disabilities (PwD) rose from 2 per cent to 5 per cent, highlighting an expanding commitment to inclusive talent acquisition.

Further, the report showed that the surge is led by the consumer electronics sector, which saw a remarkable 70 per cent YoY spike, while the logistics and transportation sector fuelled MoM growth with a 5 per cent uptick.

Senior management roles emerged as a key focus area, registering the highest YoY growth at 36 per cent, signalling robust leadership hiring.

Among cities, Mumbai stood out with the strongest YoY growth at 23 per cent. These trends reflect growing sectoral resilience, innovation, and a strategic push towards long-term, sustainable workforce development.

“The consistent rise in white-collar hiring reflects India’s shifting economic landscape and the growing demand for skilled talent,” said Anupama Bhimrajka, VP of Marketing at foundit.

“From leadership to entry-level roles, industries are showing resilience and agility, with metros leading the way and tier-2 cities quickly gaining ground. Encouragingly, diversity hiring has evolved into a strategic priority, with organisations embedding inclusion into core HR practices to drive meaningful representation for women, persons with disabilities (PwD), and other underrepresented groups,” Bhimrajka added.

The report noted that the IT software and services sector grew its share of diversity hiring from 19 per cent to 23 per cent, while BFSI dipped from 30 per cent to 21 per cent over the last year. Metro cities continue to lead women-centric hiring, driven by proactive initiatives in BFSI and IT leadership pipelines.

Mumbai and Pune are at the forefront, offering structured return-to-work programmes and implementing diversity quotas in mid-to-senior management roles. Interestingly, tier-2 cities such as Coimbatore, Jaipur, and Chandigarh are rapidly catching up through targeted skilling programmes and the development of women-led entrepreneurship zones, the report said.

Indian Railways: Where growth meets sustainability

(By Ashwini Vaishnaw)

Every time you choose to travel by train over other modes, you’re not just choosing comfort or convenience — you’re choosing a cleaner, greener Bharat. More than 700 crore people chose to travel in Indian Railways last year. It’s our lifeline, and a green promise for tomorrow.

Indian Railways is helping the country move closer to the Panchamrit goals given by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi - net zero by 2070. Railways is enabling this through a multi-pronged approach. By shifting traffic from road to rail and powering operations with cleaner, greener energy sources. Together, these moves are helping India decarbonize its economy at scale.

Road to Rail leading the way

In 2013-14, railways carried about 1,055 million tons of cargo. This has increased to 1,617 million tons in 2024-25, making our railway the second largest cargo carrying railway in the world. Using the computations done by experts, this shift of cargo from road to rail has helped our country save over 143 million tons of CO₂ emissions. That’s like planting 121 crore trees.

Transporting goods by rail costs nearly half of what it does by road. This means big savings, not just for businesses, but for the entire economy. This shift has helped save ₹ 3.2 lakh



Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw

crore in logistics costs over the last decade.

Railways are also much cleaner, releasing 90% less carbon dioxide than trucks. That’s less smoke in our skies and cleaner air for us. This road to rail transition has saved us 2,857 crore litres of diesel, roughly translating to savings of ₹ 2 lakh crore in fuel costs.

Greener Tracks, Stronger Nation

India imports oil. Therefore, it makes strategic sense to electrify our transportation sector so that our dependence on imports is reduced. In the 60 years before 2014, Indian Railways electrified 21,000 kilometers of track. And in the last 11 years, we have electrified 47,000 kilometers. Today 99% of our broad gauge network is electrified. Railways is

increasingly using green energy for stations, factories and workshops. Now it is working with states to get more green energy for running the trains. This will all lead to India achieving its net zero goal.

Transforming freight movement

Building on this momentum, Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) are electrified, high-capacity railway lines designed exclusively for goods transport. With 2,741 km operational, DFC has eased congestion on roads and significantly reduced diesel consumption and carbon emissions.

India is also embracing modern, zero-emission technology like the hydrogen powered train.

The first train will run between Jind and Sonipat in Haryana and carry up to 2,600 passengers. It will be the most powerful and longest hydrogen train in the world.

Economy and Ecology India is proving that economic growth and ecological responsibility can, and must go hand in hand. According to the World Bank’s Logistics Performance Index 2023, India now ranks 38 out of 139 countries, a jump of sixteen places since 2014. The expansion of railway electrification has reduced costs and emissions. It has also increased speed and capacity, helping India move closer to world-class logistics standards.

Railways to go Net Zero PM Modi set 2030 as the year to achieve net zero for Indian Railways. Due to the accelerated electrification and large-scale shifting of cargo from road to rail, Indian Railways is on track to achieve net zero (Scope 1) within 2025 itself.

On this World Environment Day, Indian Railways reaffirm its commitment to sustainable development. Every electrified track, every solar panel placed, and every freight container off the road is a promise — to our people and our planet.

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AICTE Revamped MODROBS Scheme to Upgrade Technical Education Infrastructure

(Standard Post Bureau)

In a strategic move to strengthen India’s technical education landscape, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched a revamped edition of its Modernisation and Removal of Obsolescence (MODROBS) scheme. This initiative is designed to modernize laboratory infrastructure, promote industry-aligned education, and bring cutting-edge technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), into classrooms—particularly in rural and underserved regions of the country.

MODROBS, a key component under AICTE’s Quality Improvement Schemes (AQIS), aims to enhance the quality of practical training and research in engineering and technical institutions by supporting the development of advanced laboratories, workshops, and computing facilities. This year’s edition brings a special focus on Government Institutes located in Aspirational Districts, North-Eastern States, and Jammu & Kashmir (including Ladakh), as well as in rural areas, where infrastructural development is most needed.

Announcing the launch, Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE, said:



““The revamped MODROBS guidelines aim to strengthen research and development infrastructure, especially in institutions located in rural and remote areas. By focusing on emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, the scheme ensures that engineering and diploma students gain hands-on experience aligned with industry needs. In today’s fast-evolving technological landscape, outdated infrastructure should not hinder innovation. This initiative is a vital step towards making technical education more inclusive, future-ready, and responsive to the demands of the modern world.”

Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE, highlighted the goals of the scheme:““We are focusing on creating an environment where students learn through solving real-world problems with the help of

modern tools. AICTE is committed to ensuring that institutions across all regions are empowered to train the next generation of engineers, scientists, and technologists.”

Adviser-II Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy elaborated on the various benefits of the MODROBS scheme and outlined the application process for interested institutions.

The scheme provides financial support of up to ₹30 lakhs per project, covering both recurring and non-recurring expenditures.

A total of 500 such projects are set to be funded in this special edition. Institutions can utilize the funds for procuring modern equipment, upgrading existing tools and software, and replacing obsolete machinery. Preference will be given to institutions that have not received MODROBS funding in the past 10

years, ensuring equitable access to resources.

In line with AICTE’s vision to mark 2025 as the “Year of AI”, proposals that integrate AI into core engineering disciplines will be prioritized.

This includes the development of labs that support AI-driven research, machine learning, and interdisciplinary applications.

To promote transparency and wider accessibility, all institutions sanctioned under MODROBS are required to register their upgraded facilities on the I-STEM (Indian Science Technology and Engineering Facilities Map) portal.

This scheme underscores AICTE’s commitment to quality, equity, and innovation in technical education, ensuring that India’s youth are equipped to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

JP had made call for total revolution from Bihar : Rai

Patna, June 5 (UNI) : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and senior BJP leader Nityanand Rai said that great freedom fighter and revolutionary Jaiprakash Narayan had given the call for total revolution from the land of Bihar to protest the dictatorial government of Congress in the mid-seventies.

Rai, while speaking on the occasion of "Sampoorna Kranti Diwas ", said that Congress, in blatant disregard of the will of the people, had imposed emergency and arrested opposition leaders. Under the leadership of Jaiprakash Narain, youths and students had launched such a powerful movement that shook the very foundation of the Congress regime, he added. Many young lives were sacrificed during the struggle for the restoration of democracy, he further added.

" JP had given the call for total revolution on June 5, 1974 from historic Gandhi Maidan in Patna during his massive public meeting ", Rai recalled.

BJP leader pointed out that some leaders who once stood shoulder to shoulder with J P, eventually betrayed his ideals and sided with Congress to

enjoy the power. RJD leader Lalu Prasad was one such leader who not only betrayed JP but also the very spirit of democracy and the total Revolution, he added.

" Lalu's actions proved that both Congress and RJD share the same political character—marked by scams, dynasty politics, corruption, and divisive politics ", he stressed.

BJP leader further said that Congress and RJD, together, ruined Bihar, making it weak and tarnishing its image. Bihar would never forgive Lalu for betraying JP. Tejashwi Yadav was also part of the same legacy, and the people of Bihar were well aware of it, he maintained. Taking a sharp dig at Rahul Gandhi, Rai said that the Congress party had always followed a policy of surrender. Be it before terrorists or on matters of national security, Congress had repeatedly bowed down, he pointed out. He criticized Rahul Gandhi for using terms like “surrender,” stating that such language dishonoured the sacrifice and valour of the armed forces. People would give a befitting reply to Congress in the next Bihar assembly elections, he warned.

Harrier.ev unleashes a Bold New League of SUVs



(Standard Post Bureau)

Tata Motors, the leader of India’s electric vehicle revolution and the nation’s leading SUV manufacturer, today launched the Harrier.ev - India’s most powerful, most capable, and most intelligent SUV yet. Crafted to embody the SUV of tomorrow, the Harrier.ev ushers in a new mindset—where capability meets sophistication. It’s an SUV, that doesn’t make you choose between adventure and indulgence; it delivers both. From conquering untamed terrains to gliding through urban landscapes, the Harrier.ev envelops every journey in a cocoon of unmatched luxury. With 504 Nm torque and a QWD dual-motor, the Harrier.ev is the best homegrown SUV in India, yet. Available in four striking colour options, the Harrier.ev starts at an introductory price* of ₹21.49 lakh.

Powered by the next-gen acti.ev+ pure EV architecture, it’s an SUV in a league of its own – capable of super-sprinting from 0-100 km/h in just a segment-best 6.3 seconds with boost mode. Its six advanced terrain modes coupled with exceptional ground clearance allow the Harrier.ev to decimate roads less travelled, all while its occupants indulge in opulent luxury inside the Zenith Suite, aided by an

advanced collection of features that are not just segment-first or industry-first, but even world-first. It is the most intelligent SUV created by Tata Motors - from Digi Access using Ultra Wide Band for hands-free unlocking, to an e-Valet, to a 540° Surround View system that reveals even what’s underneath, this tech first product is designed not just to assist, but to anticipate.

Furthermore, underscoring its confidence in the maturity of battery technology and dedication to an effortless ownership experience, Tata Motors has introduced a lifetime warranty on the battery pack of the Harrier.ev, bringing peace of mind to the EV community

Built on the cutting-edge acti.ev+ architecture and powered by a robust QWD that generates the highest torque and unleashes fastest acceleration ever seen in an Indian SUV, the Harrier.ev redefines performance. This commanding power is paired with a suite of first-in-world and segment-first luxuries, including a display by Harman, powered by Samsung Neo QLED, immersive Dolby Atmos acoustics, and a revolutionary 540° Surround View system that eliminates blind spots—even beneath the vehicle.

158 Agniveers pass out at 14 Gorkha Training Centre in Subathu

Solan, June 5 (UNI) : As many as 158 Agniveers passed out in an impressive passing out parade at the historical Salaria Stadium of 14 Gorkha Training Centre in Subathu, in Himachal Pradesh.

The recruits, who swore allegiance to the Indian Republic, have undergone rigorous training of over 31 weeks in various aspects of physical fitness, battle and field craft, weapons and tactics.

The Agniveers would now be joining the Gorkha Battalions of First and Fourth Gorkha Rifles of The Indian Army, having a rich and glorious military history of over 200 years of valour and sacrifice.

Brigadier Puneet Sharma, Commandant 14 Gorkha Training Centre reviewed the parade.

He also addressed the parade wherein he motivated all the recruits to keep the National and Indian Army flag flying high across all frontiers of the Country.

The parade was followed by a melodious pipe band display of martial music with excellent synchronisation.



Newly-recruited Indian army soldiers during attestation cum passing out parade of the fifth batch of Agniveer, at JAKLI regimental centre, at Rangreth area of Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

Making Rajasthan self-sufficient in water our priority: CM, Bhajanlal

Jaipur, June 5 (UNI) : Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on Thursday said that making Rajasthan self-sufficient in water is the state's priority.

Addressing the 'Shramdaan' programme at Ramgarh dam in Jamwaramgarh, Jaipur, on the occasion of World Environment Day and Ganga Dussehra, Sharma said, "Water is life. It is our duty to protect nature."

He appealed to the people to participate in the 'Vande Ganga Jal Sanrakshan-Jan Abhiyan' by contributing their efforts to clean traditional water

sources and conserve rainwater.

The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the Patrika Group for their efforts in water conservation and environmental protection. On this occasion, he planted a Sindoor tree under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign and appealed to the people to plant more trees.

Sharma said that the state government has launched the 'Vande Ganga Jal Sanrakshan-Jan Abhiyan' to involve people in water conservation efforts on a large scale. He

urged people to worship and protect water sources, rivers, and ponds on the occasion of Ganga Dashami.

The Chief Minister highlighted the various initiatives taken by the state government to conserve water, including the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), the Yamuna water agreement, and other projects. He said that the government aims to make Rajasthan self-sufficient in water.

Sharma also mentioned the 'Karmabhoomi se Matrubhoomi' campaign, which aims to build water

conservation structures in each district through NRIs from Rajasthan. He said that this campaign will help increase water availability and improve groundwater levels.

The Chief Minister appealed to the people to plant at least one tree under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign to support environmental conservation efforts.

He also highlighted the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in promoting social causes, including the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign.

Chhattisgarh Gov adopts two villages in Gariyaband, assures all-round development

Raipur, June 5 (UNI) Chhattisgarh Governor Ramen Deka adopted two villages in Gariyaband district on Thursday, and directed that a roadmap be prepared for all-round development of the villages.

Earlier, Governor Deka had adopted only Madwadih, but now he has included Bijli gram panchayat as well.

Governor Deka visited Madwadih, which is a village under Bijli gram panchayat, on Thursday, and met with the villagers. He addressed a public gathering there and assured the villagers of comprehensive development.

The Governor underscored that the villages should achieve 100% implementation of all central and state government schemes, prioritising facilities like water, electricity, roads, education, health, agriculture, employment, and drinking water.

He directed that a three-month roadmap be prepared for both villages.

Governor Deka also planted a mango sapling under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign 2.0 in Madwadih and encouraged people to plant trees.

Jitendra, Omar review final arrangements ahead of PM's Katra visit to flag off train to Srinagar

Jammu, June 5 (UNI) : Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday reviewed the final arrangements ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Katra to flag off the Katra-Srinagar train.

"Last minute touches at the site of the inauguration of the world's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Bridge, by PM @narendramodi tomorrow," Dr Singh posted on X.

He further posted, "#Katra Railway Station all decked up for flagging off #VandeBharat to #Kashmir by PM Modi."Meanwhile, Abdullah posted, "Visited the tallest railway bridge in the world, The Chenab Bridge, to review arrangements for the visit of the PM @narendramodi ji tomorrow.""Tomorrow is a landmark day for J&K when, finally, the valley will be connected to the rest of the country by a railway link to be inaugurated at the hands of the Honorable Prime Minister," the Chief Minister posted.Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Chenab bridge and visit the bridge deck, and will also lay the foundation stone, inaugurate, and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 46,000 crore tomorrow (Friday) at Katra in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.PM Modi will visit Jammu and Kashmir on June 6, and in line with his commitment to boost rail infrastructure and connectivity in the region, he will visit and inaugurate the Anji bridge and flag off the Vande Bharat Trains.

The Prime Minister will also dedicate the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project to the nation, it read.The release said that the 272 km long USBRL project, constructed worth around Rs 43,780 crore, includes 36 tunnels (spanning 119 km) and 943 bridges.

The project establishes all-weather, seamless rail connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country, aiming to transform regional mobility and drive socio-economic integration. The Prime Minister will also flag off two Vande Bharat Express trains from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to Srinagar and back, read the PIB release, adding that in a major boost to last-mile connectivity, especially in border areas, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate various road projects.He will lay the foundation stone of the road widening project from Rafiabad to Kupwara on National Highway-701 and the construction of Shopian bypass road on NH-444 worth over Rs 1,952 crore.

NIA conducts searches at 32 locations in terror conspiracy case

Srinagar, June 5 (UNI) : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday raided 32 locations across Kashmir in a terror conspiracy case, officials said.

The raids targeted hybrid militants and overground workers (OGWs) affiliated with various proscribed terrorist organisations.

The NIA conducted a series of searches on Thursday across Kashmir as part of its continuing investigations against terror conspiracy by Pakistan-backed proscribed terrorist organizations and their offshoots to destabilise Jammu and Kashmir.

A NIA statement said that 32 locations in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir were searched as part of today's crackdown.

The locations searched were residential premises of hybrid terrorists and overground workers associated with these Pakistan-based

offshoots such as The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF, and others, which are affiliated with proscribed terrorist organisations such as Laskar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Al-Badr etc.

"The cadres and workers whose premises were searched are under the NIA's scanner for their involvement in supporting terrorist activities such as facilitating terrorists, collection and distribution of sticky bombs/magnetic bombs, IEDs, funds, narcotic substances, and arms/ammunitions," the statement said.

According to the NIA investigations, the above-mentioned organisations supported by their leaders in Pakistan have been conspiring to commit acts of terror and violence by radicalising local youth

and mobilizing overground workers, to disturb peace and communal harmony in J&

Investigations have revealed that Pak-based operatives were using social media, online apps to facilitate and promote terror.

Drones were being used by them to deliver arms/ammunition, explosives, narcotics, etc., to their operatives and cadres in the Kashmir valley, the NIA said.

Two Live cartridges, a fired bullet head, and a bayonet have been recovered during the searches. Apart from this, several digital devices containing large volumes of incriminating data & documents have been recovered by NIA in these searches." These will be subjected to a thorough scrutiny by the agency to unravel the details of the terrorist conspiracy, " the NIA said.

NIA is continuing its investigation into the case.

Bengal assembly's monsoon session to begin on June 9

Kolkata, June 5 (UNI) : The monsoon session of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly will begin on June 9, with the House expected to introduce a resolution

thanking the Indian armed forces for launching Operation Sindoor against terrorists in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir.The operation was launched after

‘Odisha to emerge as an Electronics System Design and Manufacturing Hub’

Bhubaneswar, June 5 (UNI) :Odisha is poised to create a conducive ecosystem to emerge as a competitive IT and Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) hub, State Electronics and Information Technology Minister Mukesh Mahaling said on Thursday.

Addressing a workshop on the preparation of the ‘Odisha IT/ITES Roadmap,’ Mahaling stated that the state government aims to promote innovation and create countless employment opportunities by implementing an AI policy and adopting a new IT policy.

He highlighted that Odisha is the first state in the country to implement an AI policy, which will support AI startups in flourishing and provide vast employment opportunities for local youth.

Principal Secretary to the Department, Vishal Kumar Dev, said the government is actively working to create a new environment by launching the AI policy and the upcoming GCC and Fintech policies.He added that the Electronics and IT Department has decided to set up tech towers in eight major cities, and land acquisition is underway for the development of IT parks between Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.Dev also said that tenders have been floated for the establishment of a cable landing station and a data center in Puri, in collaboration with Singapore.The E&IT Department presented its vision for Odisha Electronics, IT, and ITES in a detailed “Vision 2030” presentation.The broad goals outlined in the Odisha Vision 2036 and 2047 include developing world-class GCC hubs in the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Puri corridor, expanding startup incubation capacity, and increasing participation in high-growth sectors such as IT/ITES, FinTech, and data centers.Strategic interventions, such as the proposed Odisha Digital Economy Mission, are also being prepared to support this transformation.This initiative aims to generate over Rs 7,000 crore in electronics exports and create over 2 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities.Additionally, the state plans to attract Rs 10,000 crore in data centers by 2036, creating over 50,000 employment opportunities in the financial sector.


terrorists shot dead 26 people, including 25 tourists, at Jammu and K Pahalgam on April 22, in Jammu and Kashmir.An all-party meeting and a Business Advisory Committee meeting were held on Thursday in the chamber of Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee. While several senior leaders from the ruling Trinamool Congress were present, the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was absent from the meetings. Speaker Biman Banerjee expressed his

dissatisfaction after the BJP did not take part in the meetings where many points were discussed to be raised during the monsoon session.The coming session is very important, he said, and requested all the MLAs, both treasury and opposition, to make the session lively with positive discussions. In a democracy, debate is always welcome, but one should also remember that to make the House dysfunctional means depriving the people, who had voted to

their representatives, the Speaker said.

On the opening day, the obituary references would be made, while on day two, the resolution will be introduced to honour the bravery of the Indian armed forces in response to the Pahalgam terror attack. A two-hour special discussion has been scheduled on the issue.On June 11, the House will deliberate on the issue of Ganga erosion, and on June 12, a bill related to ensuring access of water to every household will be debated.

CENTRAL RAILWAY						
SOLAPUR DIVISION						
TENDER NOTICE						
Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms / contractor for the following works.						
Tender Notice No.	Name of Work	Approximate Cost of the work	Earnest Money	Completion period of the work	Maintenance Period	
13-2025-SrDENC	TRR(P)-7 km, TSR(P)-12.71 Km, Casual renewal of rail -4 Km & casual renewal of sleepers 3 Km, CTR(P)- 5.655 Km, TRR(P)-4.237 Km in yards, renewal of SEJ with TWSEJ and Glued joints, TTR(TSR) & TTR (TWS+WCMS), TFR - 36.13 km and TTR (TFR) in ADEN/SUR(T) section under Sr. DEN(S) SUR jurisdiction in Solapur division.	Rs. 65391168.44	Rs. 477000.00	12 Months	NA	
14-2025-SrDENC	TSR(P)-11.9 Km, Casual renewal of rail -4 Km & casual renewal of sleepers 3 Km, CTR(P)- 1 km in yards, renewal of SEJ with TWSEJ and Glued joints, TTR(TSR) & TTR (TWS+WCMS), TFR - 6.1 km and TTR(TFR) in ADEN/KLBG section under Sr.DEN(S) SUR jurisdiction in Solapur division.	Rs. 37408054.56	Rs. 337100.00	12 Months	NA	
15-2025-SrDENC	47.3 Km TBR Work under th jurisdiction of ADEN/T/SUR in Solapur division	Rs. 84157008.99	Rs. 570800.00	12 Months	NA	
Last date & Time of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website.			23.06.2025 upto 15:00 hrs			
Date & Time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in			23.06.2025 at 15:30 hrs			
The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigendum issued for this tender. Website: www.ireps.gov.in .						
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2	EE/EHV(O&M)/Dn./KLW/ TENDER/22/ 2025-26	5,99,954.73	Work of hiring of MMV i.e. Mahindra Bolero Pickup to attend the maintenance / breakdown work of the lines of 400kV Line maintenance S/Dn., Kalwa under EHV (O&M) Dn., Kalwa.(RFx. No.7000036652)	Technical Opening: - Dt. 20.06.2025 at 11:00 hrs (Onwards if possible) Commercial Opening:- Dt 20.06.2025 at 14:00 hrs (Onwards if possible)
3	EE/EHV(O&M)/Dn./KLW/ TENDER/23/ 2025-26	5,99,110.80	Work of Hiring of LMV i.e. TATA Sumo/ Innova/Bolero/Mahindra for substation maintenance subdivision Kalwa under EHV O&M Division, Kalwa. (RFx. No. 7000036649)	
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Travel

Ten countries that deserve more Tourists

There are more than one billion tourists in the world, but some destinations don't get quite as many visitors as you would expect. The beaches may be beautiful and the coastline inviting, but you can understand why Tuvalu doesn't get much through-traffic. It's tiny for a start; one of the smallest nations in the world, and not much bigger than Vatican City. It's also about as far from the beaten track as possible—right out in the middle of the South Pacific. So the 1,200 international arrivals recorded there in 2011—according to the World Bank—had to make quite an effort. It had the least number of recorded visitors for all countries where data was available (and no, there were no figures for North Korea). Incidentally, if you are curious about Tuvalu, the official tourism website is surprisingly enticing. Low tourism to other nations is less easy to explain. Here we round up some of the places where visitor numbers are surprisingly low.

India



India
The world's most populous democracy ought to be a huge hitter when it comes to tourism. Right in the centre of Asia, with strong historical links to Britain, it has some amazing attractions, from the Taj Mahal to tigers. But

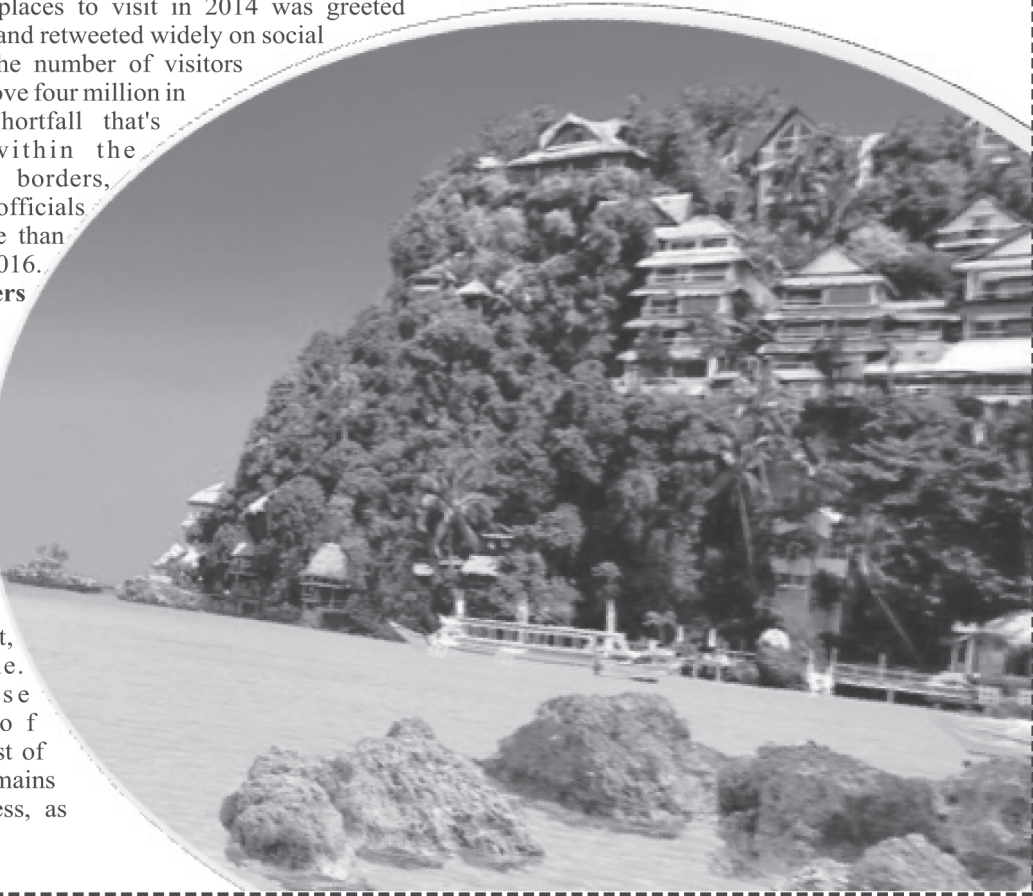
with less than seven million foreign arrivals last year, it is hardly setting the world alight with its visitor numbers. To put that into context, that's less than a third of Thailand's 22.4m during the same year.
Why are numbers low?
The difficult visa process is one problem—one that tourist

authorities are apparently trying to address, with a drive to reduce bureaucracy. The recent spate of bad publicity about attitudes towards women—including some recent attacks on tourists—has also done little to boost the country's image.

A glorious archipelago with miles and miles of pristine beaches, the Philippines certainly look enticing. On an unscientific level, news that the Philippines featured in Telegraph's 20 places to visit in 2014 was greeted enthusiastically and retweeted widely on social networks. Yet the number of visitors was only just above four million in 2012. It's a shortfall that's recognised within the country's own borders, with tourism officials aiming for more than 10m visitors in 2016.

Why are numbers low?
Political instability bedevilled the country for many years, and natural disasters certainly have not helped. Typhoon Haiyan being a recent, tragic example. Despite those images of devastation, most of the country remains open for business, as explained here.

The Philippines



Bhutan

This landlocked country in South Asia is a beautiful, mountainous nation. With a strongly Buddhist culture, wonderful treks, remote forests and Himalayan kingdoms, there is a wealth of visitor attractions—yet there were only around 44,000 to appreciate them in 2012.

Why are numbers low?

This is the country's own choice. Bhutan has long limited tourists: visitors have to pay a tariff of \$250 a day to enter, a fee that immediately excludes many of the backpackers that head to Thailand.

Brazil

It may be the most visited country in South America, but that continent as a whole remains relatively unexplored. For a country with such a reputation for its beaches, natural assets and football culture, Brazil is arguably still not punching its full weight. It's comfortably the biggest economy in the region, and its attractions vary from the beaches of Salvador, Rio's Carnival to the remote flora and fauna of the Amazon.

Why are numbers low?

5.7 million visitors isn't that bad, you might argue, considering the country is hardly positioned at the world's crossroads. But then, Australia gets more than six million, and it is further away from both Europe and the USA. Bolivia and Peru are two other countries where the visitor numbers don't seem to match the attractions on offer.



Zimbabwe

With vast landscapes, natural wonders, and mesmerising wildlife, Zimbabwe should be a rival to South Africa. Once upon a time it was, but visitor numbers have declined in recent years—it now registers around 1.8m visitors (compared to South Africa's 9.2m), and many more head to the mighty Victoria Falls from the Zambian side nowadays.

Why are numbers low?
Robert Mugabe.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

At the intersection of two great empires—the Austro-Hungarian and the Ottoman—this region has huge historic appeal, perhaps most notably in its capital city, Sarajevo. With its rivers and mountains, it is also being touted as a future adventure capital of Eastern Europe. Yet, of all the countries belonging to the former Yugoslavia, only Croatia has been a true success with its tourist industry (10.4m in 2012), with only 439,000 going to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the same year.



Why are numbers low?

The shadow of the Balkans conflict has been hard to shake—and it lacks the magnificent coastline of Croatia, for example. There are also currently no direct flights from Britain either.

Greece

For culture and history, few countries can compare with Greece. Often referred to as the birthplace of democracy, with ancient ruins dotting the landscape, it also has glorious beaches, and some wonderful islands—often at good value.

Why are numbers low?

Greece's recent travails have been well documented, and there was inevitably an effect on the country due to that. Signs are that tourism is on the rise again—with around 17 million people thought to have visited in

2013. Not a disaster, but then, when you think Spain has almost 60m and Italy is at almost 50m.



Norway

For a country whose fjords and wooden clapboard houses are almost instantly recognisable, Norway is significantly behind its neighbour Sweden for international arrivals, which has more than double the number of visitors, at around 10m. In some respects, however, business is booming: more Britons went on a cruise to Norway in 2012 than to the Caribbean.

Why are numbers low?

Expense would be one reason; Norway is hardly a destination for the budget traveller. Sweden also has more neighbours, which would explain some of the discrepancy, with the country easily accessible across the bridge from Denmark.



Japan

For a country that has given so much to the world culturally—from temples to the madness of Tokyo—Japan has a relative dearth of visitors (about 8.4m, only about a million more than for Taiwan).

Why are numbers low?

High prices are probably the main reason—although with the devalued yen, that is less of a problem than it used to be. The country's cultural complexity could be another—perhaps the writing and language are viewed as obstacles by novices. The 2020 Olympics could provide a boost, however.



New Zealand

With The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit offering a giant marketing boost over the last few years, the number of tourists to this beautiful country is on the increase. But at just over 2.5m international arrivals at the last full count, it is still a long way behind Australia, its neighbour across the Tasman—it has only slightly more than a third of the visitors.

Why are numbers low?

It's a very long way away from almost everywhere, with a much smaller population than Australia (and hence fewer European relatives to visit). Australia also has more flight connections, and a reputation for its beaches.



Aryna Sabalenka beat Iga Swiatek to reach French Open final



Paris, June 5 (UNI) : World number one Aryna Sabalenka moved a step closer to a maiden French Open title by taking out four-time champion Iga Swiatek in their blockbuster semi-final here on Thursday.

Belarus' Sabalenka earned a 7-6 (7-1) 4-6 6-0 victory to end fifth seed Swiatek's 26-match winning run at the tournament.

After a slow start at

Roland Garros, Poland's Swiatek fought back to level but Sabalenka dominated a 24-minute deciding set.

Sabalenka, whose three Grand Slam titles have all come on hard surfaces, has never reached the Paris final before.

"It feels incredible but the job is not done yet. I'm thrilled with my performance," said the 27-year-old. "Iga is the

toughest opponent, especially at Roland Garros, I'm proud I managed to get this win."Top seed Sabalenka will face either American second seed Coco Gauff or French wildcard Lois Boisson in Saturday's final.Gauff, a finalist in 2022, is the heavy favourite against Boisson, who began the event ranked 361st in the world and is appearing in her first Grand Slam main draw.

Siddharth Raut sets up SoBo Mumbai Falcons' resounding win

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) : Shreyas Iyer took charge of the SoBo Mumbai Falcons after finishing a successful Indian Premier League. But the rest of his teammates – led by Siddharth Raut's new-ball exploits – ensured Shreyas wasn't even required to bat as the Falcons registered their second consecutive victory in the T20 Mumbai league's third edition.Raut's sensational spell of 4/14 in his four overs meant that the Falcons restricted Prithvi Shaw-led North Mumbai Falcons to 132 for eight at the Dr. D.Y. Patil Sports Stadium on Thursday evening.

A dominant unbroken partnership of 130 runs off just 64 balls between opener Ishan Mulchandani and promising Harsh Aghav helped the Falcons romp home with nine wickets and a whopping 49 balls to spare.

The facile win catapulted the Falcons to the top of the points table, with the huge margin of victory giving them a fillip in terms of the Net Run Rate.

Raut had bowled an accurate Super Over to stifle Shivam Dube on Wednesday. On Thursday, he was raring to go the moment captain Angkrish Raghuvanshi opted to bowl after winning the toss. It took him just six balls to snare through left-handed Harsh Rane's defence with a peach. Off the second ball of his second over, he forced Shaw into a false drive that was pouched by Nikhil Giri at mid-on.

When Arun Jayswal stepped out of the crease in Raut's next over and was beaten all ends up to see his woodwork disturbed, Raut was at his prime. The right-arm pacer had taken a wicket in each of his three overs and the Panthers were reeling at 20 for four in the fifth over.

Despite Divyaansh Saxena and Gaurav Jathar staging a recovery of sorts and Souabh Singh's lusty blows in the end, the Falcons never lost their grip. To add icing on the cake, Raut accounted for the dangerous Ayush Vartak in his last over.Captain Raghuvanshi perished early in quest of a quickfire start but then was all smiles for the rest of the evening as Mulchandani (61 not out, 25b, 7x4, 4x6) and Aghav (64*, 40b, 6x4, 4x6) starred under lights. While Mulchandani went after Ranji Trophy champion Mohit Avasthi, Aghav matched the opener shot for shot. Both the batters smashed fours sixes each before the Falcons overhauled the target in the 12th over. Raut was fittingly adjudged the Player of the Match for his rich haul.

Brief scores:

North Mumbai Panthers 132/8 in 20 overs (Gaurav Jathar 34, Sourabh Singh 28 not out; Siddharth Raut 4/14, Nikhil Giri 2/35) lost to SoBo Mumbai Falcons 135/1 in 11.5 overs (Harsh Aghav 64 not out, Ishan Mulchandani 61 not out).

Australia takes major step towards WC qualification

Sydney, June 5 (UNI) Australia almost guaranteed qualification for the 2026 FIFA World Cup by beating Japan on Thursday night.

Veteran defender Aziz Behich scored the only goal in the 90th minute to steer the Socceroos to a 1-0 victory over Japan at Perth Stadium in Western Australia.

The result means that Australia has a six-point and +10 goal difference advantage over Saudi Arabia in the race for second place in Group C in the third round of Asian qualifying for the 2026 World Cup.In order to secure second place and qualification for a sixth consecutive World Cup, the Socceroos need only to avoid a heavy defeat against Saudi Arabia in Jeddah on Tuesday, or for Saudi Arabia to fail to beat Bahrain later on Thursday.

Behich's goal, his third for Australia and his first since 2012, came against the run of play after Japan had dominated possession throughout the match.

Over 22,000 enthusiasts register for NMDC Hyderabad Marathon

Hyderabad Marathon

Hyderabad, June 5 (UNI) : Over 22,000 enthusiasts have registered for the14th edition of the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2025, to be held on August 23 and 24.Registrations for the marathon, powered by IDFC FIRST Bank, close on Sunday.Over 22,000 enthusiasts have registered across all the categories – 5k, 10k, half Marathon and marathon -- so far, Hyderabad Runners Society said in release here on Thursday.

The event will be held on August 23 and 24, 2025.

In line with best practices and established guidelines, registrations will close 10 weeks before race day to allow participants ample time to train and prepare effectively for the event.

This event marks the vibrant beginning of the marathon season in India and celebrates the spirit of healthy living, endurance, and community participation.

Botafogo beats Ceara, climbs to sixth

Rio De Janeiro, June 5 (UNI) : Reigning champions Botafogo rose to sixth in Brazil's Serie A standings with a 3-2 home victory over Ceara. Gonzalo Mastriani gave the hosts the lead by tapping home from close range on the stroke of halftime before Pedro Raul equalized with a first-time effort from the edge of the six-yard box on Wednesday.

Former Manchester United full-back Alex Telles restored Botafogo's lead from the penalty spot and Marlon Freitas made it 3-1 with a low finish into the far corner. Raul reduced the deficit by heading into the top-right corner after Fabiano Souza's cross.The result leaves Botafogo with 18 points from 11 outings, six points behind leaders Flamengo. Ceara is 10th in the 20-team standings, three points further back.

Liverpool tell Barcelona Diaz is not for sale

London, June 5 (UNI) : Liverpool have rejected an approach from Barcelona to speak to forward Luis Diaz.

Club sources told BBC Sport that Colombia international Diaz, one of Liverpool's key players in winning the Premier League title last season, is not for sale.The 28-year-old joined Liverpool from Porto in January 2022 and has a contract with the club until 2027.He scored 13 goals and made seven assists in the league as Liverpool won the title by 10 points.

Diaz attracted interest from Manchester City last summer and also has admirers in Saudi Arabia.

"I'm very happy at Liverpool - I've always said so," said Diaz, who is on international duty for his country's games against Peru and Argentina. "They've welcomed me very well."The transfer market is opening, and we're trying to arrange what's best for us. I'm waiting to see what happens. "If Liverpool gives us a good extension or I have to see out my two-year contract, I'll be happy.

London, June 5 (UNI) : England Women head coach Sarina Wiegman has called Michelle Agyemang and Lauren James into her 23-player squad as England look to defend their 2022 European Championship title in Switzerland next month.

Wiegman named her squad just two days after England lost 2-1 to Spain to miss out on the UEFA Nations League finals.

James returns after a hamstring injury and will give big-game experience to a squad that has been hit by the withdrawals of veteran defender Mille Bright, who said she was not in either the physical or

154 entries for 1st Rd of National 2W Racing this weekend

Chennai, June 5 (UNI) : India's top riders and teams congregate this weekend at the iconic Madras International Circuit, at Irungattukottai, about 40 km from here, for an adrenaline-filled weekend of racing setting the stage for the first round of the MRF MMSC-FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2025.

The three-day event, commencing on Friday, will see 19 races with over 154 entries across all categories in the fray.

One of the features of the new season is the introduction of a new National Championship category, the Pro-Stock 165-200cc which will join the other classes--the two Novice categories--Stock 165cc and Stock 301-400cc which has attracted 32 entries – besides Girls (Stock 165cc) and the premier class, the Pro-Stock 301-400cc.

In an innovative move, Petronas TVS Racing will supply 12 factory-supported GP 200R based

on Apache RTR 200 4V bikes that are designed for racing with modifications focusing on enhancing engine performance, suspension, and other key components.

This marks the first time in the history of Indian motorsports that a brand has been entrusted to design, develop, and provide race-tuned motorcycles specifically for the National Championship, reaffirming TVS Motor's leadership and commitment to racing excellence.

With 20 years of TVS Apache's racing heritage behind it, this milestone marks a powerful step forward in Indian motorsports. This category will take up the slot of the popular Pro-Stock 165cc which will join the championship in Round-2 in the form of Super Stock 165cc.

Also making its debut is the Honda CB 300F that will compete in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup which is a one-make championship. The CB 300F category replaces

the NSF 250R which was the quickest bike on the track. Honda, after a selection process, shortlisted 10 riders headlined by former National woman's champion Ann Jennifer for the CB 300F grid.

Petronas TVS Racing will be having their own One-Make Championship comprising four categories.

On view will be the powerful Apache RR 310 (Open) besides the Apache RTR 200 which will be run in the Rookie, Girls and Media classes.

In the National Championship, much of the focus will be on a pair of Petronas TVS Racing riders, National champion Sarthak Chavan (Pune) and his arch-rival Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru), in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc class.

The two teenagers showcased their undoubted talent and fierce competitiveness that not only scripted some thrilling spectacle, but also, in the process, helmed a change of guard

as the duo represented a new generation of fearless riders.

Incidentally, Sarthak won nine of the 10 races last season while Chiranth topped the other. The duo will resume their rivalry this weekend after having gained rich experience from participating and scoring podium finishes in the Asia Road Racing Championship.

MMSC President Ajit Thomas said: "At the outset, a very warm welcome to the competitors, title sponsors MRF Tyres, and the manufacturers, TVS and Honda. All of them have contributed immensely to the continuing growth of the championship that today is among the most fiercely competitive sporting events in the country. We at the MMSC have not spared any effort to provide a wholesome platform to encourage and nurture talent. We are confident that the 2025 season will be as exciting, if not more, than the previous."

James returns as Wiegman names England Women's squad for Euro defense

London, June 5 (UNI) : England Women head coach Sarina Wiegman has called Michelle Agyemang and Lauren James into her 23-player squad as England look to defend their 2022 European Championship title in Switzerland next month.

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James returns after a hamstring injury and will give big-game experience to a squad that has been hit by the withdrawals of veteran defender Mille Bright, who said she was not in either the physical or mental condition to play at her best, and Fran Kirby, who announced her retirement from international football.

"They've done so much for us, so much for England's football," Weigman said of Kirby and Bright.

"They've been playing the tournaments since I've been here, so it's hard to replace them. But there are also other players who have done really well, and now those players get the opportunity to step up. So you have to move on," said the coach, who added that she was confident in her squad's experience.

"In the last couple of

days, I found out - we were in conversation. It's sad, it's disappointing. As I said last week, it's not nice and I hope she feels well very soon," Wiegman said of Bright's absence.

Bright's decision follows last week's announcement by goalkeeper Mary Earps that she was retiring from international football after Hannah Hampton had overtaken her in the pecking order.

Earps' retirement means that the uncapped duo of Anna Moorhouse and Khiara Keating are included in the squad.

"You always want to pick a little bit more because

players in their environment have done well. But in the end, you have to make those decisions, which for 23 players is good, and for some players is disappointing," commented Wiegman.

England has a tough draw in Switzerland, in a group containing France, the Netherlands and Wales.

Full squad: Goalkeepers: Anna Moorhouse (Orlando Pride), Hannah Hampton (Chelsea), Khiara Keating (Manchester City)

Defenders: Lucy Bronze (Chelsea), Lotte Wubben-Moy (Arsenal), Jess Carter (Gotham FC), Niamh Charles (Chelsea), Maya Le

Tissier (Manchester United), Esme Morgan (Washington Spirit), Alex Greenwood (Manchester City), Leah Williamson (Arsenal)

Midfielders: Grace Clinton (Manchester United), Jess Park (Manchester City), Ella Toone (Manchester United), Georgia Stanway (Bayern Munich), Keira Walsh (Chelsea)

Forwards: Lauren Hemp (Manchester City), Beth Mead (Arsenal), Lauren James (Chelsea),

Chloe Kelly (Arsenal), Aggie Beever-Jones (Chelsea), Michelle Agyemang (Arsenal), Alessia Russo (Arsenal).

Sreeja Akula sparks Jaipur Patriots' 8-7 Triumph over U Mumba TT

Ahmedabad, June 5 (UNI) : Indian ace Sreeja Akula stunned World No. 12 Bernadette Szocs, the highest-ranked player in the league, during their singles match, as the Jaipur Patriots narrowly defeated U Mumba TT 8-7 for their second victory in Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 6.

Staged under the aegis of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and promoted by Niraj Bajaj and Vita Dani, IndianOil UTT continues to grow as a premier professional league. All 23 ties, over 16 action-packed days, will take place at Ahmedabad's EKA Arena.

Jaipur started strong as Kanak Jha handed Lilian Bardet his first defeat of the season, edging him 2-1 in a tightly contested opener. Sreeja then lit up the tie, outplaying Szocs with a fearless display in the decider after the two split the opening games. But U Mumba stormed back into the contest through the pairing of Szocs and

Akash Pal, who swept the mixed doubles 3-0 to swing the tie their way.

Jeet Chandra's gritty comeback win over Akash Pal—sealed with a Golden Point in the second game—brought the tie level once again, setting up a tense finish. In the decider, Britt Eerland's experience proved crucial as she overpowered young Yashaswini Ghorpade 2-1, sealing the tie 8-7 for Jaipur despite dropping the final game.

Akash and Szocs' outstanding doubles win earned the pair the Indian and the Foreign Player of the Tie honours,

respectively. Jeet Chandra claimed the Shot of the Tie.

Earlier, at the Dream UTT Juniors—a joint initiative by IndianOil UTT and Dream Sports Foundation—PBG Pune Jaguars cruised to a 7-2 win over Dabang Delhi TTC, with Atharva Nawarange starring in both singles and doubles alongside Tushti Sood.

In a nail-biter, Kolkata ThunderBlades edged Dempo Goa Challengers 5-4, with Ritvik Gupta and Swara Karmakar each winning their singles rubbers and combining for a crucial point in doubles.

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NCC Annual Training Camp concludes at MANUU



Vice-Chancellor also presented mementoes to the ANOs of various institutions for their dedication and hard work. Col. Ravindra Rao thanked the university authorities for ensuring a successful training camp. A yoga session was conducted under the guidance of Yoga Teacher B. Lokeshwar Rao. Cadets completed their firing practice at the Artillery Centre, Golconda Range. Dr. Mahati Priyadarshini, MBBS, MD, HOD, Critical Care Medicine at Omega Hospital, Gachibowli was invited to deliver a guest lecture in CPR session. Mr. Venugopal Rao and Mr. Anil from the Telangana Traffic Police delivered lectures on traffic rules and regulations. Prizes were distributed for sports competitions during campfire which was conducted at the MANUU Open Air Auditorium on June 03. Lt. M.A. Mujeeb was appointed as Camp Adjutant for the entire 10-day duration.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, June 5 : The 10-Day Annual NCC Training Camp-IV 2025 organized by 1T Artillery Battery, Hyderabad Group at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) concluded yesterday. During the camp, cadets learned how to handle small arms, how to fire with small arms, and map reading. Daily activities include PT training, drill, theory

classes, games and parade, Roll call, cultural practice and Lights out.

The training camp was inaugurated with an opening address by Col. Ravindra Rao, Commanding Officer, 1T Arty Bty NCC and warm welcome by Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar of the university on May 26. The Registrar also planted a sapling during a tree plantation drive conducted

during the camp.

Padma Shri Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor emphasized “Nation First” in his address during the cultural programme. NCC cadets presented a Guard of Honour to the Vice-Chancellor on the occasion. Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed highlighted national integration, and Prof. M.A. Azeem, Proctor, spoke on unity and discipline. The

ECoR, Waltair Division commemorates world environment day 2025 with Enthusiastic initiatives to beat plastic pollution



(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, June 5 : Waltair Division celebrated World Environment Day with great enthusiasm and commitment, emphasizing its dedication to environmental protection and sustainability. This year's theme, “Beat Plastic Pollution,” highlight the urgent need to end plastic pollution, and the division has actively focused on raising public awareness about plastic ban and promoting large-scale tree plantation drives.

In a concerted effort to foster community participation and promote a sustainable environment, Waltair Division observed World Environment Day through a series of activities spanning from May 22 to June 5, 2025. These initiatives aimed at reducing plastic pollution and enhancing green cover across the division.

Railway Employees across the division pledged to adopt environmentally friendly habits in their daily lives and to inspire others to do the same. Thousands of saplings of various species were planted at



multiple locations, including railway colonies and community spaces. Notably, the Dolphin Nose Railway Colony witnessed active participation of ADRM (Operations) Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo, ADRM (Infra) Shri E. Santharam, and branch officers.

Further, ECoRWWO organized community plantation programs to preserve biodiversity and enhance green cover. The President of ECoRWWO, Smt. Jyotsna Bohra, along with Vice-President Smt. Madhusmita Sahoo,

Secretary Smt. Ankita Sharma, and other executive members, graced the event at Anurag Montessori School.

Extensive cleanliness campaigns were conducted at key stations and colonies including Duvvada, Vizianagaram, Simbachalam, Srikakulam Road, Koraput, Rayagada, Jagdalpur, and Kirandul, emphasizing the importance of waste management and plastic reduction.

Awareness programs were held to educate the public on the detrimental

effects of plastic and the global goal of achieving zero plastic pollution. Chief Medical Officer Dr. D. Sarath Babu, along with his team, actively participated in mass plantation drives, reinforcing the link between a healthy environment and public health.

Waltair Division's broad approach to World Environment Day reflects its commitment to environmental conservation, community involvement, and actionable initiatives for a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.

Diya Kumari launches 'Vande Ganga Jal Sanrakshan Jan Abhiyan' in Ajmer division

Beawar, June 5 (UNI) Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari launched the 'Vande Ganga Jal Sanrakshan Jan Abhiyan' in Ajmer division on the occasion of World Environment Day and Ganga Dussehra on Thursday.

In her capacity as the in-charge Minister for Beawar, Diya Kumari inaugurated the campaign from the Beawar District Collectorate. She highlighted that water conservation is not an option but a necessity in Rajasthan. To address the challenges of climate change and depleting groundwater levels, she stressed the need for a large-scale campaign with public participation. Praising Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma's initiative to make water

conservation a people's movement, she said the campaign will run across the state from June 5 to June 20.

She added that the 'Vande Ganga' campaign will bring a new revolution of green consciousness and water conservation in Rajasthan. The deputy CM urged citizens to save water and secure the future, highlighting that every drop counts and every citizen has a responsibility. During the programme, eco-friendly bags made by local resident Kartikeya Devda as an alternative to plastic were showcased. Diya Kumari appreciated this startup as a significant initiative towards environmental protection and assured state government support.

Regular Services of Vande Bharat Trains Between Srinagar and Katra to Begin from June 7

(Standard Post Bureau)

New Delhi, June 5: Northern Railway has announced the commencement of regular services of the Vande Bharat Express trains between Srinagar and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra starting June 7, 2025. The services will operate six days a week, enhancing connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the prominent pilgrimage destination.

Two pairs of Vande Bharat Express trains—Train Nos. 26404/26403 and 26401/26402—will run on the Srinagar–Katra–Srinagar route with intermediate stops at Banihal.

Details of Train Services:

Train Nos. 26404/26403 (Srinagar – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra – Srinagar)

Commencement Date: June 7, 2025

Frequency: Six days a week (except Wednesday)

Route & Timings:
Train No. 26404: Departs Srinagar at 08:00 hrs, Banihal at 09:02 hrs, and arrives at Katra at 10:58 hrs.

Train No. 26403: Departs Katra at 14:55 hrs, Banihal at 16:40 hrs, and arrives at Srinagar at 17:53 hrs.

Train Nos. 26401/26402 (Katra – Srinagar – Katra)
Commencement Date: June 7, 2025

Frequency: Six days a week (except Tuesday)

Route & Timings:
Train No. 26401: Departs Katra at 08:10 hrs, Banihal at 09:58 hrs, and arrives at Srinagar at 11:08 hrs.

Train No. 26402: Departs Srinagar at 14:00 hrs, Banihal at 15:10 hrs, and arrives at Katra at 16:58 hrs.

Attack outside SDM office; victim alleges role of police officer's kin

Phagwara (Punjab), June 5 (UNI) : A violent incident was reported outside the SDM office in Sultanpur Lodhi, Kapurthala district, late on Wednesday, where a group of unidentified youths allegedly attacked a man and his friends with bricks and weapons.

The victim, Gagandeep Singh, was accompanied by his friends Harman Cheema and Kashish when the trio arrived at the local court for a scheduled hearing. As they were exiting the court complex in their car, they were reportedly attacked by several armed individuals.

According to Singh, the attackers shattered the vehicle's windows using bricks and other objects. The three occupants managed to run away from the scene to save their lives. The sudden violence caused panic and chaos within the court premises. Singh claimed that the attack was orchestrated by a local police officer and his sons, suggesting personal vendetta behind the incident.

Cleanliness drives at around 1200 stations, more than 740 workshops organised

Indian Railways launched an awareness drive on the occasion of World Environment Day 2025

Railway officials and employees took an oath for environmental conservation



(Standard Post Bureau)

New Delhi, June 5 : On the occasion of World Environment Day, Indian Railways organized a special fifteen-day campaign from 22nd May to 5th June. Under this year's theme “Beat Plastic Pollution,” various awareness activities were conducted across all zones, divisions, stations, and offices of Indian Railways. Railway employees, passengers, general public, and other stakeholders actively participated in this campaign. Activities included plastic waste assessment, segregation of waste, review of plastic bottle crushing machines, initiatives for cleanliness and water conservation, and awareness programs aimed at reducing plastic usage.

On 5th June, a pledge for environmental protection was undertaken, emphasizing reduced plastic usage, cleanliness, and energy conservation.

At the Railway Board level, the pledge was administered by the Member (Traction and Rolling Stock), in presence of other Board Members and General Managers of Zonal Railways present via video conferencing. On this occasion, Indian Railways also released its Annual



Environment Sustainability Report. During the campaign, approximately 150 tonnes of plastic waste were safely disposed of. Awareness was spread through posters and digital media at over 1230 stations. More than 740 workshops were organized, cleanliness drives were conducted at 1200 stations, performance of over 180 plastic bottle crushing machines was reviewed, and around 230 street plays (nukkad natak) were performed to raise awareness at the grassroots level.

Indian Railways remains consistently committed to environmental sustainability. A comprehensive plan worth ₹750 crore has been approved for the year 2025–26, dedicated to environmental activities. So far, 98% of Broad Gauge

routes have been electrified. Solar rooftop installations at 3512 stations and service buildings have created a power generation capacity of approximately 227 MW. All railway stations, offices, and residential complexes have been equipped with 100% LED lighting. Additionally, Indian Railways has taken concrete steps toward environmental preservation through initiatives such as the development of hydrogen fuel-based trains, the plantation of 9.7 crore saplings since 2014, and the installation of 100% bio-toilets in passenger coaches.

Indian Railways, embracing its environmental responsibility, remains determined to build a greener and cleaner transportation system in the future.

CJI Gavai champions cross-border legal synergy at ICA London conference

New Delhi / London, June 5 (UNI) : Chief Justice of India Justice B R Gavai inaugurated the third International Conference on “Arbitrating Indo-UK Commercial Disputes: Synergizing India–UK Arbitration Practices” in London on Thursday. The high-level event, hosted by the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) during London International Disputes Week, brought together legal luminaries, judges, policymakers, and commercial dispute resolution experts from both nations to strengthen ties in arbitration and mediation. Delivering the inaugural address, CJI Gavai remarked, “India and the United Kingdom share a rich history, bound by the tradition of arbitration and mediation rooted in our common law heritage.”

The conference was also addressed by Union Minister of Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, Lord Michael Briggs, Judge of the UK Supreme Court, Justice Hima Kohli, Supreme Court of India, Vikram Doraiswami, High Commissioner of India to the UK, and eminent lawyers including Harish Salve KC and Geeta Luthra, Vice President of ICA.

CJI Gavai reflected on India's arbitration journey, invoking Mahatma Gandhi's commitment to mediation as

foundational. “Disputes are inevitable. What defines a strong commercial relationship is our commitment to resolve them efficiently,” he stated.

He emphasised India's progress through amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act (notably 2019), the establishment of the Arbitration Council of India, and the 2024 Bill proposing emergency arbitration and appellate tribunals. He lauded the UK's 2025 reforms in its Arbitration Act, promoting summary disposal and legal clarity.

Justice Gavai drew from key Indian rulings, including BALCO, Vijay Karia, Amazon versus Future Retail and Gayatri Balasamy, to emphasise judicial minimalism and finality in arbitration.

He noted, “When arbitral awards are upheld without unnecessary interference, it enhances predictability, business trust, and investor confidence.”

The CJI praised the growth of Indian institutions like DIAC, MCIA, and IAC, while commending LCIA's role as a global benchmark. He stressed the importance of collaboration between Indian and UK arbitration bodies to raise global standards.

Justice Gavai applauded the adoption of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and hybrid systems such as Arb-Med-Arb.