



Jammu and Kashmir's New Era of Progress



Gifts of Railway Projects worth about
₹ 44,000 Crore

INAUGURATION OF

Chenab Bridge

(World's Highest Rail Arch Bridge)

- 359 meter height, 1,315 meter length and 467 meter arch span
- 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

DEDICATION TO THE NATION OF

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project (USBRL)

- Advanced all-weather rail connectivity linking Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of India
- Total length 272 km with 36 tunnels including T-50 (Longest operational tunnel in India) and 943 bridges

FLAGGING OFF OF

2 Vande Bharat Trains Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Srinagar & Srinagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra

- First semi-high-speed train to Srinagar
- Boost to tourism and regional connectivity
- The journey from Katra to Srinagar is possible in about 3 hours

by

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister

In the august presence of

Nitin Jairam Gadkari
Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways

Ashwini Vaishnaw
Union Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics and Information Technology

Dr. Jitendra Singh
Union Minister of State (IC) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Minister of State for Prime Minister Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Deptt. of Atomic Energy & Deptt. of Space

V. Somanna
Union Minister of State for Railways & Jal Shakti

Ravneet Singh
Union Minister of State for Railways & Food Processing Industries

Manoj Sinha
Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Jammu & Kashmir

Omar Abdullah
Chief Minister, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

Surinder Kumar Choudhary
Dy. Chief Minister, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

Jugal Kishore
M.P., (Lok Sabha), Jammu

Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi
M.P., (Lok Sabha), Srinagar

Gulam Ali
M.P., Rajya Sabha



Friday, 06th June, 2025



11:00 A.M.



Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Sports Complex Katra (Stadium)



INDIAN RAILWAYS

Solapur Division Observes International Level Crossing Awareness Day 2025 with Enthusiastic Public Participation



(Standard Post Bureau)

Solapur, June 5 : The Solapur Division of Central Railway observed International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) on 5th June 2025 with a wide-reaching and impactful public awareness campaign focused on promoting safety at level crossings. This initiative, aligned with the global observance spearheaded by the International Union of Railways (IUC), aimed to prevent accidents and save precious lives through informed and responsible public behaviour.

The railway staff reached out directly to citizens at level crossings and railway stations, engaging with them in dialogue and distributed informative material. As part of the campaign, awareness drives were held at various Level Crossing (LC) Gates across key routes of the division, including:

- Daund–Solapur

Section

- Solapur–Wadi Section
- Kurduwadi–Miraj Section
- Kurduwadi–Latur Road Section

To make the safety messages accessible and impactful, the Nukkad Natak team of Solapur Division staged a thought-provoking street play at LC Gate at Tilati and Solapur station. The skit highlighted the dangers of negligence at level crossings and communicated crucial safety protocols in a format that resonated with the general public.

In his message on the occasion, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Solapur, emphasised:

I appeal to all citizens to please follow the safety guidelines, respect the duties of the gateman of the railway department. Therefore, we expect your cooperation by following the rules to avoid accidents

and loss of life and property at the gate.

ICLAD 2025 was organised under the leadership of the Safety Team of Solapur Division. The campaign witnessed active coordination and participation from Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Additional Divisional Railway Manager (ADRM), all senior officers, Station Masters (SMs), Traffic Inspectors (TIs), Permanent Way Inspectors (PWIs) and other frontline staff of Solapur Division. Their concerted efforts ensured effective outreach at ground level reflecting a united front in promoting public safety.

Solapur Division reiterates its commitment to safety, community outreach and proactive awareness-building, and calls upon all citizens to join hands in making railway crossings accident-free zones. Safe Gate, Safe Life’ – this is our shared responsibility.

Two minor siblings go missing in Punjab

Phagwara (Punjab), June 5 (UNI) : Two minor siblings were reported missing late Wednesday under suspicious circumstances from Gobindpura locality of Phagwara, police said, adding they have registered a case against unidentified persons following a complaint lodged by Satish Anand, a migrant labourer hailing from Bihar and a resident of Gobindpura.

According to the complaint, Anand and his wife Radha had gone to work on Wednesday morning, leaving their two sons, Shivam (12) and Bambam (10), in the care of their maternal grandmother at their residence in Gobindpura.

Upon returning home later in the day, the couple find both children missing. The grandmother, who was supposed to be supervising the children, was reportedly unaware of when or how the boys disappeared, police said.

Alarmed by their absence, Anand immediately approached the police, expressing suspicion that the children might have been kidnapped.

A police officer said a case has been registered under Section 346 IPC, which deals with the wrongful confinement of a person with the intent to keep him secret or out of public view. “As of now, no arrests have been made. We are actively investigating all possible angles, including the possibility of abduction.

EAM holds bilateral meetings Central Asian FMs

New Delhi, June 5 (UNI) : 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 Muhridin of Tajikistan, Deputy PM and FM Murat Nurtleu of Kazakhstan, FM Zheenbek Kulubaev of Kyrgyz Republic and FM Rashid Meredov of Turkmenistan.

In posts on X, the EAM said of the bilateral meetings:

“A good meeting with FM Sirojiddin Muhridin of Tajikistan. “Agreed on the need to firmly counter terrorism in our region.

“Shared views on furthering our cooperation including deeper trade, investment and connectivity ties.”On his meeting with his Kazakh counterpart, he posted:

“Pleased to meet DPM & FM Murat Nurtleu of Kazakhstan this morning.

“Appreciated his reaffirmation of zero tolerance for terrorism.

“Discussed various facets of our Strategic Partnership focusing on political, trade, investment and energy cooperation. Also spoke about widening connectivity with the

Central Asia region.”

The two sides also signed a Program of Cooperation for strengthening India - Kazakhstan ties.

On his meeting with the Kyrgyz FM, he wrote:

“A productive meeting with FM Zheenbek Kulubaev of Kyrgyz Republic.”Thanked him for their support and solidarity in countering terrorism.

“Discussed our cooperation in banking, education, energy, health, connectivity and capacity building.

“Today’s signing of Program of Cooperation is a step forward in deepening

our bilateral ties”.

He also met with the FM of Turkmenistan:

“Delighted to meet FM Rashid Meredov of Turkmenistan.

“A warm exchange on deepening our cooperation, particularly in trade, investment, connectivity, health and energy sectors.”Welcome his strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.”

EAM Jaishankar will host the Foreign Ministers of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan for the 4th meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue in New Delhi on June 6. The Third meeting of the Dialogue was hosted by India in New Delhi in December 2021.

Coal India Inks MoU with IIT(ISM)



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 5 : Coal India Ltd signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology (ISM) ,Dhanbad for setting up of a state-of-the-art 1500 Seater Auditorium in the Centenary Building at its Dhanbad campus (Jharkhand) at Coal Bhawan, CIL HQ, Kolkata today.

This initiative is part of Coal India’s CSR efforts to promote quality education and infrastructure development. This collaboration underscores Coal India’s commitment

to supporting green initiatives and enhancing educational facilities.

Coal India Ltd is supporting the project by funding Rs. 57 Cr for this project.

The MoU for the project was signed in the presence of Dr.Vinay Ranjan , Director (HR),CIL ,Sri.Achyut Ghatak, Director (Technical),CIL and Prof Sukumar Mishra ,Director ,IIT(ISM) ,Prof Dheeraj Kumar ,Deputy Director , IIT(ISM). Senior officials of CIL and executives of CSR Department were also present.

CENTRAL RAILWAY
MUMBAI DIVISION
Provision for Air-Conditioning of Running Room at various Locations
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE No.
09/2025 OF 03.06.2025
For and on behalf of The President of India invites open E-tender through website www.ireps.gov.in from reputed contractors. **Name of work** - Provision for Air-Conditioning of Running Room at various locations such as Igatpuri, Lonavala and Sanpada in Mumbai Division. (**Tender No.** 09/2025 (BB.LG.W.IGP.2025.01) **Approximate Cost of the Work** - Rs. 22,62,279/-, **Bid Security** - Rs. 45,300/-, **Validity** - 60 days, **Completion Period** - 06 Months (C), **Instructions:** 1. Tender closing date & time of aforesaid tender : Upto 13.00 hours of 24.06.2025 and will be opened after 13.00 hrs. 2. The prospective tenders are requested to visit website www.ireps.gov.in for complete details of tenders & corrigendum, if any. 3. Tenderer may participate in above e-tender electronically through our website www.ireps.gov.in only & submission of manual offers against e-tender are not allowed. Manually, if submitted shall neither be opened nor considered. 4. For further enquiry may contact: Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (General Service), Annex Bldg., 1st floor, Central Railway, CSMT Mumbai. 5. This tender complies with Public Procurement Policy Order 2017, dated 15/06/2017.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General)
अनाधिकृत रूप से रेल लाइन को पार करना दंडनीय अपराध है

World Environment Day Celebrated at SWR, Rail Soudha, Hubballi



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 5 : South Western Railway, Headquarters, Hubballi, observed World Environment Day on June 5, 2025, with great enthusiasm and commitment. The event was organized at the forecourt of Rail Soudha and witnessed active participation from officers and staff across various departments. General

Manager Shri Mukul Saran Mathur led the celebrations by administering an oath to all staff members, emphasizing the shared responsibility to protect, preserve, and promote environmental sustainability. He highlighted Indian Railways' commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and encouraging eco-friendly practices.

As part of the observance, a sapling plantation drive was launched within the premises of Rail Soudha. Officers and staff enthusiastically participated in planting saplings, symbolizing hope, renewal, and a collective commitment toward a greener future. The General Manager released the

annual Sustainability Handbook-2025 of South Western Railway on Environment Day, highlighting key initiatives taken by SWR in water and air pollution control, and waste management. The initiative underscored the importance of environmental awareness, reducing plastic usage, and the critical role individuals play in combating climate change.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, details of the trains are as under:

1. Train No. 09207/09208 Bandra Terminus - Bhavnagar Terminus (Weekly) Special “Train No.09207 Bandra Teminus – Bhavnagar Terminus Special has been extended up to 15th August, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09208 Bhavnagar Terminus – Bandra Terminus Special has been extended up to 14th August, 2025.
2. Train No. 09415/09416 Bandra Terminus - Gandhidham Superfast (Weekly) Special “Train No.09415 Bandra Terminus – Gandhidham has been extended up to 14th August, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09416 Gandhidham – Bandra Terminus Superfast Special has been extended up 14th August, 2025
3. Train No. 09055/09056 Bandra Terminus – Udhna (5 Days a Week) Superfast Special “Train No. 09055 Bandra Terminus – Udhna Superfast Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09056 Udhna –

WR extends trips of 6 Pairs of Special trains

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 5 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the summer season, Western Railway has extended the trips of 6 pairs of Special trains on Special Fare.

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1. Train No. 09211/09212 Gandhigram – Botad (Daily) Unreserved Special “Train No. 09211 Gandhigram – Botad Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025.
2. Train No. 09215/09216 Gandhigram – Bhavnagar (Daily) Unreserved Special “Train No. 09215 Gandhigram – Bhavnagar Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09216 Bhavnagar – Gandhigram Special has been extended up to “30th September, 2025
3. Train No. 09529/09530 Dhola – Bhavnagar (Daily) Unreserved Special “Train No. 09529 Dhola – Bhavnagar Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025. “Similarly, Train No. 09530 Bhavnagar – Dhola Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025
4. Train No. 09052/09053 Dhola – Bhavnagar (Daily) Unreserved Special “Train No. 09052 Dhola – Bhavnagar Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025. “Similarly, Train No. 09053 Bhavnagar – Dhola Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025
5. Train No. 09055/09056 Bandra Terminus – Udhna (5 Days a Week) Superfast Special “Train No. 09055 Bandra Terminus – Udhna Superfast Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09056 Udhna –

Bandra Terminus Superfast Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025

4. Train No. 09211/09212 Gandhigram – Botad (Daily) Unreserved Special “Train No. 09211 Gandhigram – Botad Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09212 Botad – Gandhigram Special has been extended up to “30th September, 2025.
5. Train No. 09215/09216 Gandhigram – Bhavnagar (Daily) Unreserved Special “Train No. 09215 Gandhigram – Bhavnagar Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09216 Bhavnagar – Gandhigram Special has been extended up to “30th September, 2025
6. Train No. 09529/09530 Dhola – Bhavnagar (Daily) Unreserved Special “Train No. 09529 Dhola – Bhavnagar Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025. “Similarly, Train No. 09530 Bhavnagar – Dhola Special has been extended up to 30th September, 2025

The booking for extended trips of Train Nos. 09207, 09208, 09415, 09416, 09055 and 09056 opens on 6th June, 2025 at PRS counters and IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

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EOI NOTICE

Sub:- E01 for Regarding for supply of temporarily labour for action of unauthorized hawkers in 'S' Ward.

The Asst. Commissioner 'S' Ward invites lacquer sealed E01 for above subject work in 'S' Ward.

| EOI Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) | Cost of EOI document (Rs.) (Non-Refundable) | Sale of Blank EOI Document | Due Date for Submission of EOI |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 19966/- | 1452/- + 18% GST | 09/06/2025 to 16/06/2025 upto 4.00 PM | 17/06/2025 upto 01.00 PM |

EOI document The blank EOI copies are available in the office of Senior, Inspector (Encroachment) addressed mentioned below between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. from 09/06/2025 to 16/06/2025 (upto 4.00 p.m.). The Challan for EOI form cost shall be obtained from this office and paid at any CFC Centre. A copy of receipt of the payment shall be produced in this office upon which EOI document will be issued. The last date of issue of EOI forms will be one day before the due date i.e. upto 16.06.2025.

Office of Asst. Comissioner 'S' Ward
3rd floor 'S' ward Bldg, L.B.S Marg Bhandup (W), Mumbai- 400 078.

The lacquer sealed EOI must be submitted in the office of Senior Inspector (Encroachment) by 1.00 pm on 17.06.2025. The EOI will be Opened on working days at 3.00 P.M.

The EOI copies shall not be sent or received by post. EOI will be opened as stated above, in front of the parties who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the EOI as specified, the EOI will be received and opened on the next working day the same time and venue.

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Fever? Act now, see you doctor for correct & complete treatment.

Sd/-
Senior Inspector (Encroachment) 'S' Ward
05.06.2025

IN BRIEF

Fire in Mumbai cake shop inside Churchgate railway station, no injury

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) A massive fire broke out at the Monginis cake shop located inside Churchgate railway station in south Mumbai on Thursday. The incident was reported at approximately around 5.27 PM in the evening. According to preliminary information, the fire erupted in the shop situated within the premises of Churchgate station was doused within half an hour. However, no injury was reported in this incident. The reason of the fire has yet to be ascertained.

Young MNS leader not against alliance with Shiv Sena (Thackeray)

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)' young leader Amit Thackeray clarified on Thursday that he was open to idea of an alliance between his party and the Shiv Sena (Thackeray) group. When asked about the estranged cousins coming together ahead of upcoming local bodies elections, he replied that he had no objection to the two leaders coming together. They (both the leaders) should talk to each other and decide about it, as both have each other's phone number, Amit added. He made this statement a day after Shiv Sena (Thackeray) leader Sushma Andhare also appealed the two cousins to come together in interest of Maharashtra. Amit Thackeray also took a veiled dig at Shiv Sena (Thackeray) group MP Sanjay Raut over his morning routine of making statements. The discussions about the Thackeray cousins coming together gained momentum after a statement made by Raj Thackeray in an interview to film director Mahesh Manjrekar's YouTube channel. After that, Uddhav Thackeray also expressed his support for the alliance, saying that the interests of Maharashtra and the Marathi people are more important than the differences between the two leaders. In a recent instance, Shiv Sainiks and MNS workers protested together for the Palava bridge in Dombivli.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi plants a sapling at his residence on World Environment Day, in New Delhi on Thursday.

USBRL project will boost spiritual tourism, create livelihood opportunities: PM Modi

Jammu, June 5 (UNI) : Ahead of inaugurating the world's highest railway arch bridge, Chenab Bridge, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project will boost spiritual tourism and create livelihood opportunities. "Tomorrow, 6th June, is indeed a special day for my sisters and brothers of Jammu and Kashmir. Key infrastructure projects worth Rs. 46,000 crores are being inaugurated, which will have a very positive impact on people's lives," PM Modi said in a post on X. He said, "The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project ensures all-weather connectivity and the Vande Bharat trains from Shri

Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to Srinagar will boost spiritual tourism and create livelihood opportunities." In addition to being an extraordinary feat of architecture, the Prime Minister said that the Chenab Rail Bridge will improve connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar, adding, "The Anji Bridge stands tall as India's first cable-stayed rail bridge in a terrain that is challenging." Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has also reached Katra to review the arrangements and chair a meeting with the railway officials. Meanwhile, an official here said that the Prime Minister will inaugurate the Chenab bridge and visit the bridge deck at around 11 AM, and thereafter, he will visit and

inaugurate the Anji bridge. The architectural marvel Chenab Rail Bridge, situated at a height of 359 meters above the river, is the world's highest railway arch bridge. It is a 1,315-metre-long steel arch bridge engineered to withstand seismic and wind conditions. A key impact of the bridge will be in enhancing connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar. "He will flag off Vande Bharat Trains at around noon and later lay the foundation stone, inaugurate, and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 46,000 crore at Katra," he said. Through the Vande Bharat train moving on the bridge, it will take just about 3 hours to travel between Katra and Srinagar,

CM inaugurates Thane Creek Bridge No 3

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, June 5 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday virtually inaugurated the Thane Creek Bridge No 3 South Channel on the Sion-Panvel Mahamarg, marking a major step forward in boosting connectivity between Mumbai and Pune. This new bridge is a significant addition to the Mumbai-Pune highway and stands as a milestone in modern engineering and infrastructure development. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, Minister Dadaji Bhuse, MoS Meghna Bordikar and other dignitaries. An audiovisual presentation was also showcased, offering insights into this landmark project and its role in easing traffic congestion on the

busy corridor. An official post on X (formerly Twitter) shared by CM Fadnavis, along with a photograph of the bridge, highlighted the milestone. Fadnavis also inaugurated virtually the final phase of Hindu Hridayasamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg in Igatpuri of Nashik district. Of the 701-km-long Samruddhi Highway, the 76-km route passes through Nashik and Thane districts. The tunnel near Igatpuri is eight-km-long and is the longest in the state and the widest in the country. Speaking on occasion, the Chief Minister said that the Samruddhi Mahamarg will play an important role in the development of the state. This highway will be a corridor of prosperity for the state, he said. In the coming time, this highway will be connected to Vadhvan Port, he informed.



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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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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Supriya Sule denies talks on NCP factions' merger

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI): NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule on Thursday dismissed rumors of a merger between the two rival NCP factions led by Sharad Pawar and his estranged nephew Ajit Pawar. Talking to reporters here, she clarified that no discussions or proposals regarding reunification have taken place. "There is no storm in a teacup as some are suggesting," said Ms Sule, who serves as the working president of the NCP (SP) and is the daughter of party chief Sharad Pawar. She added that the party would participate in the upcoming INDIA alliance meeting scheduled in the coming days. The NCP is set to celebrate its 26th foundation day in Pune on June 10, where Sharad Pawar is expected to address party leaders in the morning, followed by a public meeting featuring Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and NCP head Ajit Pawar. Despite multiple recent meetings between the two leaders, speculation about a possible reconciliation continues to swirl. The party split occurred in July 2023 when Ajit Pawar joined the BJP-Shiv Sena government along with several NCP leaders, fracturing the party founded by Sharad Pawar.

Dassault, Tata Advanced ink deal to make Rafale fuselage in India

Mumbai, June 5 (UNI) : Tata Advanced Systems Limited will make fuselages for the Dassault Aviation-manufactured Rafale fighter aircraft in India, according to an agreement reached here on Thursday. Both the companies have signed four production transfer agreements to manufacture the fuselage in India, marking a significant step forward in strengthening the country's aerospace manufacturing capabilities and supporting global supply chains. This facility represents a significant investment in India's aerospace

infrastructure and will serve as a critical hub for high-precision manufacturing. Under the scope of the partnership, Tata Advanced Systems 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.

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 underground 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 underground 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 underground 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 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.

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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) |
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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

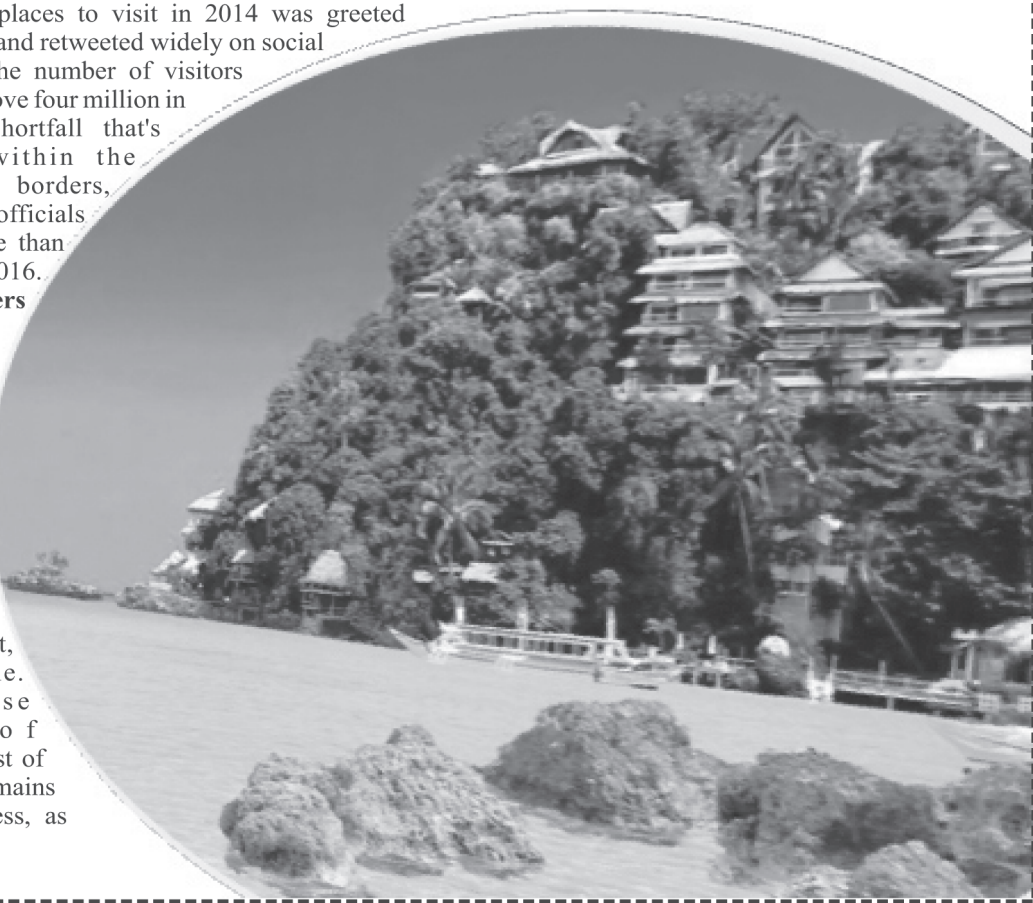
with less than seven million foreign arrivals last year, it is hardly setting the world alight with its visitor numbers. To put that into context, that's less than a third of Thailand's 22.4m during the same year.
Why are numbers low?
The difficult visa process is one problem—one that tourist

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.

Over 22,000 enthusiasts register for NMDC 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.

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."

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.

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

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).

Tendulkar-Anderson Trophy for England-India series

London, June 5 (UNI) : This summer's Test series between England and India will be played for a new trophy named after legendary pair Sachin Tendulkar and James Anderson.The Tendulkar-Anderson Trophy will be unveiled in the run-up to the five-match series, which begins at Headingley on June 20.India great Tendulkar remains the leading run-scorer in Test history with 15,921. The 52-year-played 200 Tests between 1989 and 2013. Anderson is both England's all-time leading wicket-taker and the most successful pace bowler in Test cricket with 704 wickets.Since retiring from international cricket last summer, the 42-year-old has worked as England's bowling consultant and is now back playing county cricket for Lancashire, having signed a one-year contract extension at Old Trafford.Tendulkar and Anderson played against each other in 14 Tests. No

bowler dismissed Tendulkar more than the nine times he was removed by Anderson, the BBC reported.The move to honour the pair in this way mirrors the Crowe-Thorpe Trophy, named after former batters Martin Crowe of New Zealand and England's Graham Thorpe. It was contested for the first time during England's tour of New Zealand last year, with England winning the Test series 2-1.Test series between England and India in the UK had previously been played for the Pataudi Trophy, named after the Pataudi family.The Nawab of Pataudi played for both England and India in the 1930s and 40s, while his son played for India in the 1960s and 70s and was one of their greatest captains. The Pataudi family have been told of the trophy change.

England are the current and final holders of the Pataudi Trophy, having retained with a 2-2 draw in a series held over 2021 and 2022 because of a Covid scare.

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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Dharam Veer Meena, GM, Central Railway Chairs 126th ZRUCC Meeting



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Mumbai, June 5 : Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway chaired the 126th Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) meeting at Central Railway Headquarters, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai on today. A total of 44 ZRUCC members, including three Members of Parliament, Mr Dnyaneshwar Raosaheb Patil, Smt. Varsha Eknath Gaikwad and Anup Sanjay Dhotre were present during the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Dharam Veer Meena said that the suggestions of ZRUCC members hold an important place and help Central Railway provide better services to its passengers. He lauded the tireless efforts of railway personnel who work round the clock with utmost dedication to ensure smooth train operations and passenger comfort.

Focusing on passenger amenities, Mr Meena highlighted the enhanced

facilities such as modernized waiting rooms, better toilets, increased seating, drinking water booths, lifts, escalators, mobile charging points, and digital display boards. Central Railway runs 383 Mail/Express and 142 Passenger/MEMU/DEMU trains daily, serving 5.5 lakh passengers. Premium services like 10 Vande Bharat trains and the newly launched Amrit Bharat Express from LTT to Saharsa have improved travel experience. Under the Amrit Station Scheme, 98 stations are being redeveloped, including 12 stations inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22 May 2025. Shri Meena also mentioned that Central Railway operates 1,810 suburban services in Mumbai Division and 42 in Pune Division, carrying around 38.2 lakh passengers daily. Recognising the importance of suburban services as the lifeline of Mumbai, efforts have been made to enhance passenger

comfort. As part of this, the number of air-conditioned services in the Mumbai Division has been increased to 80, providing a more convenient travel option for commuters.

Speaking on security and passenger safety, he shared that over 5,200 CCTV cameras have been installed in suburban coaches and an additional 2,693 cameras in Vande Bharat, DEMU, and LHB coaches. Emergency Talk Back Systems have been installed in ladies coaches of 161 EMU Rakes. Central Railway's RPF saved 73 lives and reunited 1,463 missing children with their families in a year. QR code-based payments and Digital Divyangjan ID cards have made ticket booking easy & convenient for passengers including Divyangjan.

Highlighting innovation and infrastructure achievements, Shri Meena reiterated that Central Railway's waterproof point machine won first prize across all zonal railways for

its efficiency during track flooding. The Real-Time Water Level Notifier in coaches won second prize, contributing to passenger satisfaction. A total of 316 km of doubling/multi-tracking and 72.5 route km of electrification were completed in FY 2024-25. Central Railway commissioned 17 FOBs, 31 ROB, 92 RUBs, and closed 31 level crossings to enhance safety. Under the 'One Station One Product' initiative, 161 stalls have sold over ₹8.74 crore worth of local products. "During his address, Shri Meena also mentioned that Central Railway has been honoured with a total of six prestigious departmental shields at the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar 2024 ceremony held in New Delhi, marking a significant achievement in operational excellence. Among these, the most coveted Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Overall Efficiency Shield was awarded to Central Railway for exhibiting the best overall performance across all zones of Indian Railways, in addition to five other departmental shields.

Members of Parliament raised various issues related to their constituencies & were satisfactorily answered by Railway Officers. Members of the ZRUCC also discussed various rail user-related issues, took updates on the works under the Amrit Bharat Station Project, suggested augmentation of passenger amenities at various stations, and raised demands for stoppages and new train services. They also offered a number of constructive suggestions during the meeting.

The General Manager assured the members that Central Railway has examined their suggestions and will implement them after detailed deliberation.

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.

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.

Central Railway Observes World Environment Day with Launch of 'Go Green' Initiative, Rallies, Pledge Ceremony and Tree Plantation Drive

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, June 5 : Central Railway observed World Environment Day with great enthusiasm and a firm commitment to promoting environmental sustainability. To mark the occasion, a series of green initiatives were undertaken, including the formal launch of the 'Go Green' initiative, a pledge ceremony, and a tree plantation drive.

The Environment Pledge was solemnly administered at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Hall, Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, along with all PHODs, headquarters officers and staff. The pledge was administered via video conference by Member Traction and Rolling Stock (MTRS), Railway Board.

During the gathering, Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, underscored the vital role of trees in sustaining life. He emphasized how tall trees, besides their ecological benefits, act as natural protectors during lightning by safely diverting electrical discharges away from



populated areas. He also highlighted the unique qualities of native species such as the Banyan and Peepal trees, which possess immense ecological and environmental value. The General Manager lauded the silent and selfless service rendered by trees to

humanity, offering oxygen, shade, shelter, and serving as a crucial line of defense against the adverse impacts of climate change. He urged all railway personnel to incorporate environmentally responsible practices in their daily work and adopt sustainable methods to

safeguard nature for future generations.

Later in the day, Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, along with Principal Heads of Departments and senior officers, led a mass plantation drive during which 100 saplings were

planted. A larger target of 500 saplings is set to be achieved in the coming days, reinforcing Central Railway's commitment to a greener future.

Shri Meena also inaugurated an exclusive exhibition on eco-friendly alternatives to plastic. The exhibit featured edible cutlery made from pulses and showcased various types of plastics, educating visitors on their environmental impact. Designed to raise awareness and promote behavioural change, the exhibition encouraged all stakeholders to refrain from using plastic and to align with this year's global theme — "End Plastic Pollution."

Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, also led an awareness rally at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus precincts. The rally saw enthusiastic participation from railway staff, Bharat Scouts & Guides, and the Civil Defence team. The objective was to create awareness about environmental conservation and the urgent need to end plastic pollution.

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.