

IN BRIEF

World Environment Day observed in Tirumala

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tirumala, June 5 : In view of World Environment Day, TTD organised a plantation programme in Tirumala near Gogarbhram Circle here on Thursday.

TTD Additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary who graced the occasion planted Ficus bengalensis (Banyan-Marri) in the premises of the Octopus Building.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, on the occasion of World Environment Day, TTD is planting two thousand saplings in Tirumala.

We have taken steps to increase greenery in Tirumala by 80 percent and will soon organise a programme to plant two lakh saplings along with the Forest department.

Deputy CF of TTD Srinivas, Deputy EO Health Somannarayana, FRO Doraswamy, Health officer Madhusudhan, and officers have also planted samplings on the occasion.

Two agricultural workers killed as car hits auto rickshaw

(Standard Post Bureau)

Nellore, June 5 : Two agricultural workers were killed and three others critically injured when the auto rickshaw they were riding to a farm field was hit by a car at AS Pet crossroads of Atmakur mandal on Thursday.

Police said that seven agricultural workers were going to Tellapadu village from Venkat Rao Palli village to work at a tobacco field. The auto rickshaw was hit by a speeding car, killing two workers on the spot. The deceased were identified as auto rickshaw driver D Pulla Reddy (45) and Shaik Azeema (60). After hitting the auto rickshaw, the car veered off the road and overturned in a field. The accident took place when the auto rickshaw was taking a ‘U’ turn on the road. The three injured workers were admitted to the Government General Hospital here, where their condition is said to be very critical. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed grief and shock over the death of two agricultural workers and injuries to three persons. He directed the officials to provide better medical treatment to the injured persons. He conveyed sympathies to the bereaved families.

Government aims to plant 5.88 crore saplings : Naidu



(Standard Post Bureau)

Vijayawada, June 5 : The Government has aimed to plant 5.58 crore saplings in the year. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said that Andhra Pradesh has 37,421 sq. km of forest area, which is 23 per cent of the total state area.

The Chief Minister, along with Deputy Chief

Minister K Pawan Kalyan, participated in the Van Mahotsav programme organized on the occasion of World Environment Day at Ananthavaram village near here and planted saplings.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister voiced concern at the declining rainfall and

depletion of groundwater, causing a threat to agriculture, adding that people are falling ill due to fluoride contamination. He emphasized that all must plant saplings and nurture them to prevent damage to the environment.

“We have started initiatives to generate power from waste. Waste-to-

energy plants have been set up in Guntur and Visakhapatnam. The previous YSRCP-led government neglected this area. We utilize 90 per cent of dry urban waste for energy. Compost units are being established in rural areas,” the Chief Minister asserted.

“On June 21, we will host International Yoga Day in Visakhapatnam under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We aim to organize yoga for 5 lakh people in a single day and 2 crore people across 1 lakh centers in the state, to set a Guinness World Record,” Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu highlighted.

“We will distribute Yoga certificates to 25 lakh people. Yoga must become part of our daily lives. Through AYUSH, we are promoting both online and offline yoga training in every home,” Naidu mentioned.

11,400 induction cooktops distributed to Anganwadi centres in Andhra Pradesh

Vijayawada, June 5 (UNI) : : The Government of Andhra Pradesh, in partnership with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture under the Ministry of Power, on the special occasion of World Environment Day, initiated the distribution of 11,400 induction cooktops and stainless-steel utensil sets to Anganwadi centres across the state.

The distribution of the cooktops was done under Phase-I of the National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP).

This effort is part of a larger rollout targeting all 55,607 operational Anganwadi Centres in the state. The distribution drive will be rolled out, covering all 26 districts of the state. The event was graced by Gummidi Sandhya Rani

Minister of Women and Child Welfare, Kesineni Chinni, MP, Gadde Rama Mohan Rao, MLA.

Launched nationally on November 2, 2023, under the Ministry of Power’s ‘Go Electric’ campaign, the National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP) aims to promote the widespread adoption of energy-efficient electric cooking appliances across India with the guidance from the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). The Andhra Pradesh rollout was formally inaugurated by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Union Minister of Power Manohar Lal on December 7, 2024. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Gummidi Sandhya Rani said: “The distribution of induction cooktops is a commendable step forward in our collective

commitment to cleaner energy and improved community health. Initiatives like the National Efficient Cooking Programme empower our Anganwadi workers, foster sustainable habits, and significantly reduce health risks associated with traditional cooking methods. Andhra Pradesh’s partnership with EESL exemplifies our state’s dedication to innovative, environmentally responsible practices.”

MP Chinni, said: “I am proud to witness this initiative begin in my constituency. Distributing induction cooktops under NECP is a vital step toward reducing health hazards and promoting energy efficiency. Andhra Pradesh’s proactive partnership with EESL

reflects our state’s commitment to sustainable development.” A Surya Kumari, Secretary to Government, said: “We are proud to support this timely and much-needed initiative in partnership with EESL. Anganwadi workers form the backbone of our rural health and nutrition systems, and it is only fitting that they receive tools that enhance both their safety and efficiency. Induction cooktops are more than appliances—they are a symbol of progress. They save time, reduce exposure to harmful smoke, and ease the domestic load on women. This programme truly embodies our vision of women’s empowerment, environmental responsibility, and improved quality of life for the most underserved communities.”

Three-day Jyestabhishekam in Tirumala from June 9

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tirumala, June 5 : The Salakatta Jyeshthabhishekam will be held at the Srivari Temple in Tirumala from June 9 to 11.

Every year, in the Jyeshthamasa, Jyeshthabhishekam is performed for three days, concluding on the day of the advent of Jyeshtha Nakshatra.

This ritual, which is performed at the Kalyana Mandapam in Sampangi Prakaram, is also known as Abhidhyeyaka Abhishekam.

This festival is usually observed to protect the ancient ceremonial idols of the deities from wear and tear due to the abhishekams performed over generations.

On the first day, the golden armour of Malayappa Swamy is removed, and homas, abhishekams and Panchamrutha Snapana Tirumanjanam are performed.

After that, Sri Swami is adorned with a diamond armour. On the second day, a pearl armour is decked. On the third day, the deity is adorned with the gold armour again.

This gold armour is taken off again next year during the time of Jyeshthabhishekam only.

Until then, Swami participates in various festivals in the gold armour throughout the year.

JNTUK UG courses get NBA recognition: VC

Kakinada, June 5 (UNI) : Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Kakinada (JNTUK) Vice Chancellor CSRK Prasad said that five undergraduate programmes of the University college of engineering have received the recognition of National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

Addressing the special meeting of college principal, vice principal, and faculty members and non teaching staff here on Thursday, Prasad said the NBA team had visited the civil engineering, EEE, ECE, CSE and mechanical engineering departments last month and issued the recognition for the five UG courses for three years. He said the NBA recognition would help in encouraging the quality standards in technical education. He said the NBA recognition would be in force for three years till June 30, 2028. The Vice chancellor further said that they were planning to improve the basic infrastructure facilities in the university and sought the cooperation of all teaching and non teaching staff for the development of the university so that rankings and recognition would automatically come. He opined that new courses should be introduced keeping in view the available resources so that the state would develop further.



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 Muhridin 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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SEIL Energy’s employees plant 1000 saplings

Nellore, June 5 (UNI) : SEIL Energy India Limited, one of the largest independent power producers (IPP) in India, on Thursday celebrated World Environment Day by organizing a mega plantation drive at its Supercritical Thermal Power Generation Complex. The initiative aims to promote environmental sustainability, reduce carbon footprint, and contribute to a greener future. On this occasion, SEIL Energy's employees, led by Sunil Kumar Gupta, Head, Operations and Maintenance (O&M), came together to plant 1,000 saplings as part of Vanamahotsavam, showcasing the company's commitment to environmental

stewardship. The plantation drives not only enhanced the green cover but also underscored the importance of protecting our planet for future generations.

SEIL Energy's mega plantation drive is part of its ongoing efforts to promote sustainability and reduce its environmental footprint. The company remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting the environment and contributing to a healthier planet for all. The company has planted more than 1.2

million saplings to date in and around its area of operations. Through this initiative, SEIL Energy reaffirms its dedication to sustainability and environmental conservation, aligning with the United Nations' theme (Ending plastic pollution globally) for World Environment Day. A team of SEIL Employees also organized Mypadu Beach cleaning activity under the guidance of the AP Pollution Control Board and participated in the green rally today in Nellore city.

Three students drowned in irrigation tank

Chittoor, June 5 (UNI) : In a tragic incident, three students were drowned in an irrigation tank at Motlapalli village of V Kota mandal on Thursday.

Police said that a group of students went to the tank to have a bath. Three of the students entered the irrigation tank for a bath while other students stood on the bank. The three students slipped and drowned in the tank.

The deceased boys were studying 8th class and were identified as Kushal (12), Nikhal (12) and Jagan (12). The bodies were retrieved from the tank and shifted to the GGH for postmortem. A pall of gloom descended on the Motlapalli village with the death of three boys.

Minister for Transport M Ramprasad Reddy expressed shock and grief over the incident.

He conveyed sympathies to the bereaved families. He spoke to the local officials and knew about the incident.

The minister appealed to the parents to ensure that children should not enter water bodies to have baths.

He regretted that drowning incidents take place in rural areas.



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.

Govt committed to protecting nature: Telangana 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, Ponnam 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. Chandrasekhara 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.

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No.CAO/Con/RSP/SC/04/2025-
Capital (works) dated 29/05/2025

2. Open E-Tender Notice
No.CAO/Con/RSP/SC/05/2025-
Capital (works) dated 30/05/2025

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00hrs on 23.06.2025

SI.No 1 e-Tender No. CONST-CAO-RSP-25-004 Name of the work Vijayawada (BZA)-Visakhapatnam (VSKP) Section: 1).Construction of Proposed Two lane R.O.B in Lieu of LC.No.384 at Rly Km.559/8-10 Between Nidadavolu Junction and Chagallu Stations.Bridge Proper : Span 1 X 18.0m Composite Girder +1 X 72.0m Bow String Girder + 1X 18.0m Composite Girder. Approaches: Span 7 X 30.0m PSC Girder (On Chagallu Station St Road Side) + 7 X 30.0m PSC Girder (On Markondapadu Side) approach roads with Reinforced Earthen walls on both Sides. 2).Construction of Proposed Two lane R.O.B in Lieu of LC.No.388 at Rly Km.563/24-26 at Chagallu Station yard.Bridge Proper : Span 1 X 18.0m Composite Girder +1 X 72.0m Bow String Girder + 1X 18.0m Composite Girder.Approaches: Span 6 X 30.0m PSC Girder (On Nidadavole Side) + 5 X 30.0m PSC Girder (On Daravaram Side) approach roads with Reinforced Earthen walls on both Sides. 3) Proposed construction of two lane Road Over Bridge ROB of span 1 x 48.0m Bow String girder in lieu of LC No.355 at Rly Km 501/21-23 , between Denduluru - Bhimadole stations Approaches on Apparaopalem village side 7 x30.0m PSC girder and Gundugolanu side 7 x 30.0m PSC girder with Pile foundations. 4)Proposed Construction of Two lane Road Over Bridge (ROB) of Span 1 x 48.0m Bow string girder + 1 x 30.0m Composite girder in lieu of LC No.378 at Rly Km 544/04-06 , between Tadepalligudem and Navabpalem Stations Approaches on Kotturu side 7 x 30.0m PSC girder and Nidadavolu side 5 x 30.0m PSC girder with Pile foundations. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs. 166,79,59,680.34 EMD [Rs.] 84,89,800.00 Completion period (in Months) 18 Defect liability period (in Months) 36**

SI.No 2 e-Tender No. CONST-CAO-RSP-25-005 Name of the work Vijayawada (BZA)-Visakhapatnam (VSKP) Section: 1. Construction of Proposed R.O.B in Lieu of LC.No.404 at Rly Km. 589/12-14 Between Kadiyam and Dwarapudi Stations. Bridge Proper : 1 X 48.0m Bow String Girder + 1 X 72.0m Bow String Girder. Approaches : Span [6 X 30.0m PSC Girder] (On Chaitanyanagar Side) + [6 X 30.0m PSC Girder](On Kakinada Road Side) approach roads with Reinforced Earthen Walls on both sides. 2.Construction of Proposed R.O.B in Lieu of LC.No.407 at Rly Km.593/32-34 Between Kadiyam and Dwarapudi Stations.Bridge Proper : 1 X 72.0m Bow String Girder + 1 X 36.0m Composite Girder & Approaches : Span [8 X 30.0m PSC Girder] (On Kesavaram Side) + [8 X 30.0m PSC Girder](On Kakinada-Rajahmundry Highway Road Side) approach roads with Reinforced Earthen Walls on both sides. 3.Construction of Proposed R.O.B in Lieu of LC.No.409 at Rly Km.597/16-18 Between Kadiyam and Dwarapudi Stations.Bridge Proper : 1 X 36.0m Composite Girder + 2 X 18.0m Composite Girder & approaches : Span [6 X 30.0m PSC Girder] (On Dwarapudi Side) + [7 X 30.0m PSC Girder](On Kakinada - Rajamundry Highway Side) approach roads with Reinforced Earthen Walls on both sides. 4.Construction of Proposed R.O.B in Lieu of LC.No.415 at Rly Km.605/10-12 Between Anaparti and Bikkavolu Stations. Bridge Proper: 1X 36.0m + 1 X 30.0m Composite Girder. Approaches : Span [7 X 30.0m PSC Girder] (On Kapavaram Side) + [11 X 30.0m PSC Girder](On Lakshmi Narasapuram Side) approach roads with Reinforced Earthen Walls on both sides. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs. 207,96,61,924.54 EMD [Rs.] 100,00,000.00 Completion period (in Months) 18 Defect liability period (in Months) 36**

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Dy.CE/Con/RSP/ Secunderabad

Vijayawada, June 5 (UNI) : On the occasion of World Environment Day, former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy highlighted the pressing need to combat plastic pollution and protect the environment for the survival of humanity. Taking to 'X', on Thursday, he echoed the United Nations' message on curbing plastic usage, describing it as a critical priority.

"The Earth is being engulfed by the menace of plastic. The United Nations' message on World Environment Day to protect the environment by curbing plastic usage is of utmost importance. The survival of humanity is intrinsically linked to environmental conservation. This is an undeniable truth, and I hope we all remain committed to this cause," former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy stated.

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.

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.

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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 Muhriddin 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 Muhriddin 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.

India and Central Asia, in each other’s ‘Extended Neighbourhood’, enjoy close and cordial contemporary diplomatic relations underpinned by millennia old cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

The first India-Central Summit held virtually in January 2022 and the mechanism of India-Central Asia Dialogue, at the level of Foreign Ministers, have taken this relationship substantially forward, a statement said.

Rare surgery performed to remove fishbone from heart artery

Kakinada, June 5 (UNI) : A very rare and yet complex surgery was performed on a woman patient by Apollo hospital doctors here for removal of a fish bone that had pierced through the esophagus and lodged in a major artery near the heart. A team of doctors of Apollo hospital consisting of Dr V Sivaramakrishna, Dr P Nageswerarao and Dr G Vamsi Chaithanya told media persons at the hospital here on Thursday that such cases were very rare with two or three reported nationwide.

They explained that the patient, 54- year- old Jampa Mangayamma from Biccavolu, had swallowed the fish bone while eating

fish curry. The fish bone has eventually passed through the esophagus and lodged in a critical area near the heart. Initial examinations revealed the dangerous positioning of the bone.

The medical team after careful study decided not to resort to open heart surgery or cause damage to the chest bones but apply advanced medical techniques to extract the bone and save the precious life of the woman.

Using the Trevor procedure, the fish bone was removed via a catheter inserted through the thigh, the team added.

They confirmed that the patient was now fast recovering and expected to

be discharged soon.

Patient’s son explained that his mother, while eating the fish curry ten days ago, had responded to a cell phone call and did not notice that she swallowed the fish bone.

Initially mistaking the symptoms as gastric problems, they consulted local doctors who prescribed medication.

When the condition did not improve, she was brought to Apollo hospital here and after medical tests the doctors had diagnosed the problem. Hospital COO Dr R.R. Reddy, Deputy CEO Murthy and other staff have commended the medical team for their expertise in performing the challenging surgery.



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

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Friday, 06th June, 2025



11:00 A.M.



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



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 Sonapat 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.

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.

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."

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.

The mobile lab provides lab-quality diagnostics for 13 essential soil parameters, including often-ignored micronutrients, particularly in the drylands, such as iron, zinc, copper, boron, and manganese—key soil vitality and crop nutrition parameters. Water quality testing was also provided on farmers' demand.

"We are deeply grateful to LCT for motivating the farmers to get their soils tested as well as for organizing the exposure visit to ICRISAT—an experience that remains etched in our memory," said Shilpa Yadagiri, Sarpanch (Head) of Kolthur village.

The mobile lab didn't stop at fields—it visited four local schools and one international school, engaging over 1,500 students through hands-on learning, quizzes, and storytelling.

Children celebrated World Soil Day 2024 and explored the hidden world beneath their feet, sparking new interests and conversations at home.

Currently covering over 3488 acres, the project has the potential to scale to 615 acres across Keesara mandal, supported by strong community demand and government interest.

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

matter experts from IBM will co-deliver modules with Woxsen faculty, incorporating real-world business scenarios and professional-grade platforms into academic instruction. The partnership will also provide students with opportunities for internships and placements through IBM's extensive global network, with many students expected to secure pre-placement offers through project-based learning and mentorship during their academic journey.

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.

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.

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.

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

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



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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

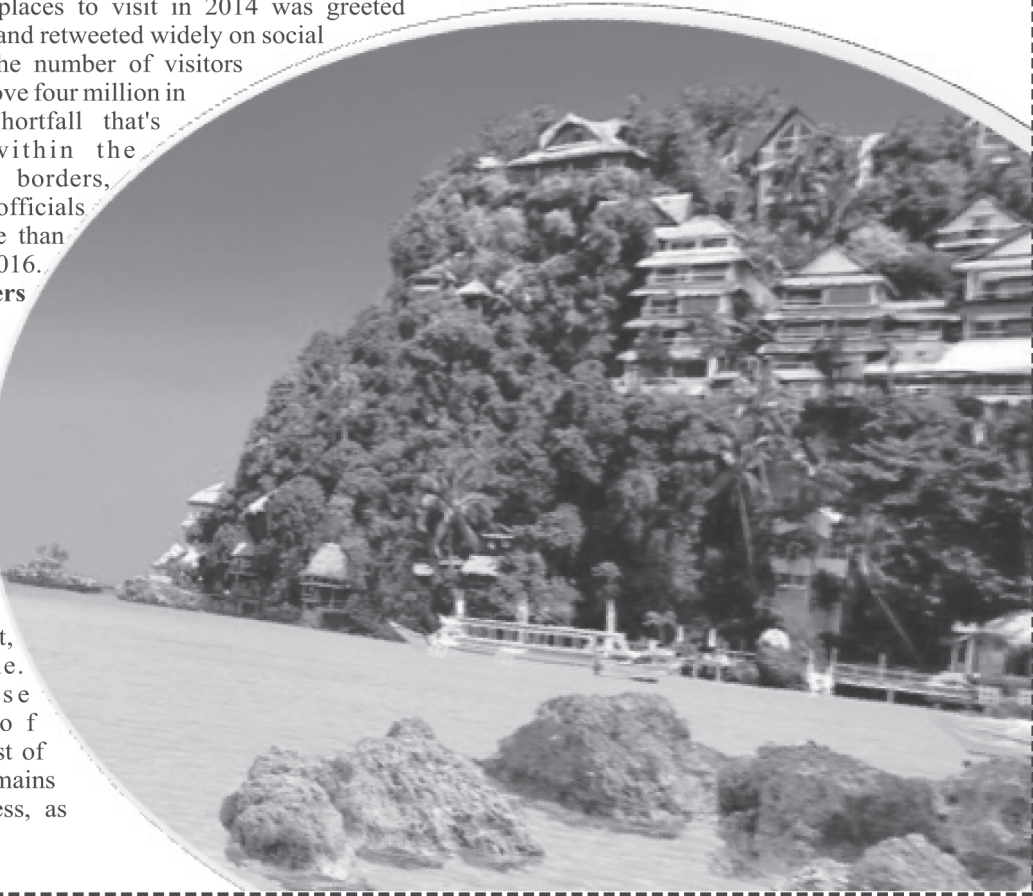
with less than seven million foreign arrivals last year, it is hardly setting the world alight with its visitor numbers. To put that into context, that's less than a third of Thailand's 22.4m during the same year.
Why are numbers low?
The difficult visa process is one problem—one that tourist

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

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.

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.

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, Simhachalam, 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.

NCC Annual Training Camp concludes at MANUU



(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 Artillery 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

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.

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.

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 IIAC, 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.

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.

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