

IN BRIEF

Saamana publishes Raj Thackeray and Uddhav Thackeray's photographs together after long time

Pune, June 7 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (UBT) mouthpiece 'Saamana' has published the photographs of cousins - Raj Thackeray and Uddhav Thackeray - together in today's edition after a long gap.

The photographs of both cousin brothers in Saamana is being seen as a big sign that both will come together soon.

Meanwhile, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-SP) leader Supriya Sule said here on Saturday that "I welcome this decision. They are a family and part of Balasaheb's vast legacy. If they take this legacy forward together, it will be a happy moment for us."

Mumbai police book filmmaker Manish Gupta for stabbing driver over salary dispute

Mumbai, June 7 (UNI) : Bollywood filmmaker Manish Gupta has been booked for allegedly stabbing his driver with a kitchen knife following a salary dispute, police said on Saturday.

According to Mumbai police, the incident occurred on Thursday night at Gupta's residence in the Sagar Sanjog building in Andheri area of a Mumbai suburb .Police sources said the victim, 38-year-old driver Mohammad Lashkar, had worked with Gupta for three years, earning a monthly salary of ₹23,000. However, Gupta reportedly never paid his salary on time, leading to frequent altercations between them. Gupta also failed to pay Lashkar's salary for the previous month and sacked him.

On June 5 when Lashkar demanded his pending salary, Gupta allegedly refused to pay and reportedly took a knife from the kitchen and stabbed him on the right side of his body.The Versova police station registered an FIR against Gupta on June 6 under Sections 118(1)(voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 115(2) and 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), and 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.



People wait as a newly-inaugurated Vande Bharat Express train arrives at a platform, at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station, in Reasi district, Jammu and Kashmir.

Rahul Gandhi must accept the truth, says CM

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, June 7 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and said "until the Congress leader accepted the truth, until he wakes up and works on the ground, his party has no future."

"I think Rahul Gandhi is lying to himself and trying to comfort himself," said

Chief Minister Fadnavis, in response to the Congress leader's charges of voter fraud in the 2024 Maharashtra assembly polls in an article published in a daily.Accusing Rahul of insulting the people of Maharashtra, Fadnavis advised him to "wake up, at least now."Fadnavis said Rahul believed that if he lied every day, people would

think it is true. "That is why he keeps saying the same things. He had made this allegation earlier too", he said.

"The Election Commission has given all the evidence about the increase in the voter count in the previous as well in the 2024 elections, but "Rahul has got into the habit of lying every day", Fadnavis told media.

India as fifth largest economy, and key to global supply chains, deserves invite to G7: Canadian PM Carney

Ottawa/New Delhi, June 7 (UNI) : Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has said that India being the fifth largest economy in the world, having the largest population, and being central to vital global supply chains, deserves to be invited to the G7 Summit, and that he had spoken to PM Modi to invite him.

Asked at a press conference why Ottawa had invited PM Modi after the Canadian government accused New Delhi, under the previous dispensation of Justin Trudeau, of being involved in "a campaign of murder and intimidation", Canadian PM Carney also said that the two countries have agreed "to continue law enforcement dialogue"

so that it "recognises issues of accountability"."Canada is in the role of the G7 chair, and in those discussions, as agreed with our G7 colleagues, include important discussions on energy security, on artificial intelligence, on critical minerals, and partnerships on building infrastructure in the emerging and developing world."There are certain countries that should be at the table for those discussions; and my capacity as G7 chair, in consultation with others, make those determinations.

"India is the fifth largest economy in the world, effectively the most populous country in the world, central to a number of those supply chains, at

the heart of those supply chains, and so that (invite) makes sense.

"And in addition, bilaterally, we have now agreed, importantly, to continue law enforcement dialogue, so there's some progress on that which recognises issues of accountability. I extended the invitation to PM Modi in that context and he has accepted."A statement from the Canadian PM's office said:"Today (Friday), the Prime Minister, Mark Carney, spoke with the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi."The two leaders discussed the longstanding relationship between Canada and India, including deep people-to-people ties and significant commercial links.

Rahul's article has created a political upheaval, says chief

Mumbai, June 7 (UNI) : The Maharashtra Congress has reiterated its demand for a thorough investigation into party leader Rahul Gandhi's charge in a leading daily on Saturday that the BJP-led Mahayuti government came to power by stealing votes in assembly elections 2024.

"The sudden increase in voting (for the Assembly polls in 2024) was completely illegal and fraudulent. The Congress demanded an investigation, but no investigation has been initiated," said Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee chief Harsh Vardhan Sapkal on Saturday.

"Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly raised this issue inside and outside Parliament.

Today, his article published in the country's leading newspaper has created a political upheaval and the demand for an independent investigation into election fixing has intensified", said Sapkal.

Speaking to media at Tilak Bhavan, Sapkal said Congress and Rahul Gandhi have raised the issue of voting scam with data. This is not just an allegation, but a demand with facts and evidence that there should be a fair investigation. "But Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not say a single word on it in his one-and-a-half-hour speech in Parliament, which is a very serious and worrying situation for democracy", he alleged.

Dy CM Shinde helps woman awaiting kidney transplant

(Standard Post Bureau) Jalgaon, June 7 : Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde helped a woman awaiting a kidney transplant and brought her in his chartered plane to Mumbai from Jalgaon, Shinde's office said on Saturday.

It said Shinde had come to Muktainagar to attend the Sant Muktabai Palkhi departure ceremony. While returning to Mumbai from there, his flight was slightly delayed after reaching the airport. However, this delay turned out to be life-saving for a woman, said Deputy Chief Minister office (DCMO) in a statement.

Sheetal Borde from Jalgaon district was suffering from a kidney disease. Sheetal had to reach Mumbai immediately for the transplant surgery. However, before reaching the airport, she came to know that the plane going to Mumbai had left. It

became impossible for her to reach Mumbai on time.

However, she learned that Shinde's chartered plane was going to Mumbai from Jalgaon airport. Borde conveyed her problem to the people present at the airport. They conveyed the matter to Minister Girish Mahajan, then Mahajan requested Shinde to take the woman and her husband to Mumbai in his plane, said Deputy Chief Minister office .

Shinde agreed and brought the woman and her husband to Mumbai in his chartered plane.

During the journey, he spoke to the woman and inquired about the treatment she was undergoing.

Also, upon reaching Mumbai, he provided a special ambulance for her and admitted the woman to the hospital, said Jalgaon guardian minister Gulabrao Patil.



Delegation led by Shashi Tharoor meets US Deputy Secy of State Christopher Landau

The all-party parliamentary delegation, led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, met US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau and briefed him on the atrocities of the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.The delegation also met with members of the US Congress, the US Government, think-tanks and intelligentsia. They also met Senator Chris Van Hollen, member of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and briefed him.The Indian Embassy in the US said in posts on X: "The All Party Parliamentary delegation led by Dr. @ShashiTharoor had a warm and candid conversation with US Deputy Secretary of State @DeputySecState today. (See on page 2)

Ukraine gave Putin reason to 'bomb hell out of them': Trump



US President Donald Trump said that Kiev gave Russian President Vladimir Putin a reason to "bomb the hell out of them" when Ukraine attacked airfields in several Russian regions earlier this month. On Sunday, the Russian Defence Ministry said that Kiev had carried out a terrorist attack using FPV drones at airfields in the Murmansk, (See on page 3)

Klugman misses out on rare British juniors win in French



Teenager Hannah Klugman was unable to become the first Briton in almost 50 years to win a French Open juniors title after losing in the girls' singles final on Saturday. The 16-year-old, competing in her first junior Grand Slam singles final, was beaten 6-2 6-0 by Austria's Lilli Tagger. (See on page 7)

Nadda rejects Rahul claims of rigged Maharashtra polls



BJP president JP Nadda attacked Congress MP and leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Saturday, dismissing his recent article alleging manipulation in the Maharashtra elections as "a deliberate attempt to create misleading narratives." (See on page 8)

IMD issues yellow alert as rain and thunderstorms loom over Mumbai

Mumbai, June 7 (UNI) : A yellow alert has been issued for Mumbai due to expected rain and thunderstorms, the Meteorological Department said on Saturday.

The Regional Meteorological Department attributed the weather to oligocyclonic conditions affecting the region, along with weak southwest monsoon winds.

Mumbai witnessed significant rainfall at several locations on Friday, while other parts of Maharashtra remained under cloudy skies.

Temperatures held steady without much increase, but the combination of humidity and intermittent rain created a muggy and uncomfortable atmosphere for residents.

Meteorologists predict that this pattern will continue through the weekend, with light to moderate rainfall and the possibility of thunderstorms. Since the onset of the monsoon, rainfall has been moderate, with Colaba recording 30 mm and Santa Cruz 47.1 mm over the past six days.

Despite temperatures being slightly below average—32.2°C in Colaba and 31.7°C in Santa Cruz—the high humidity contributed to a warm sensation. Notably, Santa Cruz received 14 mm of rain on Friday, while Colaba remained dry.Similar weatheris forecast for districts including Jalgaon, Nashik, Pune, and Nagpur, where isolated thunderstorms are also anticipated.This weather pattern extends from Madhya Maharashtra to Coastal Andhra Pradesh, as well as parts of Karnataka and Telangana, where cloudy conditions prevail.

Despite the challenges posed by the monsoon, farmers are reporting success, exemplified by a local grower cultivating Iranian dates organically and earning notable profits.

Rain is expected to continue over the weekend, although thunderstorm activity may decrease if conditions change.

Shiv Sena activists detained amid tensions at Durgadi Fort

Thane, June 7 (UNI) : Tension gripped the Durgadi Fort area in Kalyan town of Mahrashtra on Saturday when activists from both groups of rival Shiv Sena allegedly attempted to reach the goddess Durga temple located atop the fort, while Eid ul-Azha prayers were being held peacefully at its foothills.

Workers from both the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) and the faction led by Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde arrived separately at the base of the fort in the morning. They staged bell-ringing protests and demanded access to the temple, converging at Shivaji Chowk and raising slogans calling for the “liberation of Durgadi Fort.”Anticipating unrest,



Visitors amid rainfall at Marine Drive, in Mumbai on Saturday.

ED summons Bollywood actor Dino Morea, 7 others to face probe in Mumbai Mithi River scam

Mumbai, June 7 (UNI) : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) which had earlier raided Bollywood actor Dino Morea's residence here, summoned actor and seven others to face a probe and their alleged links with the accused in multi-crore Mithi river desilting project, sources said here on Saturday.

ED is probing the alleged financial irregularities and corruption related to the

river’s cleanup project.

According to the sources, during the raid on actor's premises on Friday the officials had examined various records and documents related to the financial transaction of the actor, who along with his brother Santino Morea, was earlier questioned by a special investigation team (SIT) of the Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) for their possible links with the firm linked

to the multi-crore Mithi river desilting project and close links with the arrested accused Ketan Kadam of Vodar India Ltd.

ED raids are part of an investigation into the scam, which has also prompted the Mumbai Police to register a case. The ED is targeting various contractors and BMC officials involved in the scheme.The EOW's SIT has registered a case against 13 people, including contractors and

civic officials, in connection with the scam and is probing the matter.

One of the arrested accused, Jay Joshi of Virgo Specialties Pvt Ltd, was on June four granted bail by the city sessions court after his bail plea was rejected by the local court.Joshi had supplied a machine, which he had imported from Netherlands for Rs eight crore in March-April 2021 and was used in the project.

IAC chief rejects Rahul Gandhi's allegation over Assembly elections

Pune, June 7 (UNI) : National president of India Against Corruption (IAC), Hemant Patil, here on Saturday dismissed the statement made by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and senior Congress leader, Rahul Gandhi, regarding 'electoral fraud' in the Maharashtra Assembly elections in a newspaper article, terming it as 'baseless'.

The remark by Rahul Gandhi on the Maharashtra elections is an attempt to cast doubt on transparent electoral system of the country, he said.

The statement made by the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha without any proof can create confusion among the countrymen,

he noted.Rahul Gandhi alleged that there was widespread fraud in the Maharashtra Assembly elections held in 2024, but he did not provide any evidence in this regard in an article written in a newspaper, he said.

Rubbishing Rahul Gandhi's claim that the voting percentage in Maharashtra has suddenly increased by 7.83 percent after the assembly elections, the IAC chief explained that it takes time to get the final voting percentage during elections in any state, hence, no statistics can be accepted until the last voter has voted.

He pointed that the Opposition leader has made usual political allegations of unilateral election commissioner

selection, fake voters, fake voting, target booth rigging and CCTV evidence being hidden in the election.

In such a situation, to raise doubt about the sudden increase in voting percentage is wrong, he argued.Patil contended that Rahul Gandhi has made these allegations only to create confusion among the public against the (Narendra) Modi government at the Centre and as a political conspiracy ahead of upcoming local body elections in Maharashtra, he added.

After IAC chief Hemant Patil objected to Rahul Gandhi's allegation of 'electoral fraud' in the Maharashtra Assembly elections, state BJP chief and Revenue minister

Chandrashekhar Bawankuleon Saturday asked the former Congress president to stop trying to confuse the countrymen by reading selective figures.

"Instead of blaming others to hide your own failures, do some self-examination. The people of Maharashtra rejected you. Now, the people of Bihar will also show you the way out," he remarked.

"The people of Maharashtra elected the Mahayuti with a majority. This is the trust the people have shown in us. This trust will remain unwavering in the next elections as well. By repeatedly lying, you are insulting the mandate of the people of the state," added Bawankule.

Symbiosis Skills & Professional University launches BTech in Defence Technology

Pune, June 7 (UNI) : Just as ‘Make in India’ is essential for nation-building, the defence technology plays a vital role in achieving the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India), said Manish Bhardwaj, Technical adviser to the chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), here on Saturday.

Speaking at the event organised for newly introduced BTech in Defence Technology programme by Symbiosis Skills and Professional University (SSPU), here, he said that Operation Sindoor has highlighted significance of the armed forces and indigenous technology.

The entire nation has witnessed the strategic importance of DRDO-developed systems such as missiles like Akash and BrahMos, radar systems and drones, he said and pointed that however, there is still a significant need for skilled human resources in this sector.

Students should aim not just for a successful career, but for active participation in nation-building, said Bhardwaj.

For the purpose of nation-building, more research and innovation must be carried out in the field of defence technology, he said.

Daji Panshikar passes away at 92

Mumbai, June 7 (UNI) : Daji Panshikar, a distinguished scholar and author renowned for his profound interpretations of Indian epics, passed away at his residence in neighbouring Thane city of Maharashtra, following a brief illness.

He was 92, family sources said here on Saturday. Panshikar devoted over 50 years to the study and dissemination of Hindu scriptures, including the "Ramayana" and "Mahabharata" as well as the works of saint-poets. Throughout his career, he delivered more than 2,500 lectures, both in India and internationally. For 16 consecutive years, he contributed regularly as a columnist to the Marathi daily "Saamana".

Among his acclaimed works are titles such as "Mahabharata: Ek Sudacha Pravas", "Karna: Khara Kon Thota?", "Kathamrut", "Kanikaniti" and the five-part series "Unfamiliar Ramayana".

In addition to his literary pursuits, Panshikar served as the manager of 'Natyasampada Natya Sanstha', a theatre organisation founded by his elder brother, the celebrated actor Prabh2akar Panshikar. He collaborated closely with luminaries from literature, music, theatre and film.

Mumbai, Pune lead fresh COVID-19 surge, 1 more death recorded

Mumbai, June 7 (UNI) : Maharashtra reported 114 new COVID-19 cases, raising the total count since January to 1,276, officials confirmed on Saturday.

Meanwhile, one more patient succumbed to the coronavirus, bringing the toll in the state to 18, the state Health department announced on Friday.

Among the new cases, Pune recorded the highest number with 44 infections (42 within city limits and two in rural areas), followed by Mumbai with 37, and seven each in Mira-Bhayandar and Panvel Municipal Corporation areas.Other affected regions include Navi Mumbai (4), Pimpri-Chinchwad (6), Kalyan (3), and one case each in Thane, Satara, Kolhapur, Sangli, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Parbhani.

Since January, Maharashtra has

Peaceful Eid celebrations mark across State amid rituals & festivities

Mumbai, June 7 (UNI) : Eid-ul-Adha 2025 was celebrated with heartfelt prayers and communal harmony across Maharashtra on Saturday, as devotees gathered at prominent mosques, including Mumbai’s iconic Haji Ali Dargah, Sunni Jama Masjid and others.

Despite intermittent rain in some areas, the spirit of the Festival of Sacrifice was celebrated with enthusiasm and peace.

Large congregations assembled at Haji Ali Dargah, located off the Worli coast, where worshippers offered prayers in honour of the occasion. Similar scenes of devotion were witnessed at Sunni Jama Masjid near Bandra railway station and the Jama Masjid in Mahim, with worshippers exchanging warm Eid greetings.

State police confirmed that the celebrations proceeded peacefully with no incidents reported.

In Pune, due to rainy weather, prayers were held inside mosques rather than open Eidgahs, where approximately 3,000 Muslims came together to

mark the festival. Across other districts such as Buldhana, Aurangabad, Beed, Jalna, Osmanabad, Parbhani, Nanded, Latur and Hingoli, Eid was celebrated with traditional fervour.

In Buldhana, congregants gathered at the Eidgah ground of Moti Masjid to offer collective prayers and pray for peace, unity, and prosperity.

This year, Eid-ul-Adha coincided with Ashhudi Ekdashi, leading some Muslims to forgo the customary animal sacrifice.

Maulana Hafiz Rehmat Qureshi from Jami Masjid, Buldhana, emphasized that the essence of Bakrid lies in sacrifice and faith, with its core message promoting love, peace and brotherhood within society.

Eid-ul-Adha, also known as Bakrid, commemorates Prophet Ibrahim’s unwavering devotion and willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience to God’s command. Celebrated on the 10th day of Dhul-Hijjah according to the Islamic lunar calendar, this year’s festival fell on June seven in India and other South Asian countries.

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For and on behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager, Central Railway invites e-tenders for supply of the following Items:				
Sr. no.	Tender No	Description	Quantity	Due Date
1	27253631	Contacttor for Head Light	368 Nos.	27-June-25
2	38253311	Constant contact Poly urethane side bearer pad assembly	2999 Nos.	27-June-25
3	75252504	Decorative Thermosetting Synthetic Resin Bonded Laminated Sheets.	4307 Nos.	27-June-25
4	18252268B	RELAY (GP)	443 Nos.	30-June-25
5	27253674A	End Frame DE Assembly	52 Nos.	30-June-25
6	42251387A	SET OF VALVES FOR EMU'S / MEMU'S AIR SUSPENSION BOGIES COMPRISING	1085 Sets.	30-June-25
7	42251450	SET OF ITEMS AS PER M/s Schunk Carbon Technology India Pvt., Ltd part no:- [1] BASE BEARING - (a) PART NO. 909010010200 (Floating)	41 Sets.	30-June-25
8	42253452A	LOWER RUBBER WASHER	18418 Nos.	30-June-25
9	43250001	Battery fuse box negative	880 Nos.	30-June-25
10	18252161	CYLINDER LOW PRESSURE	68 Nos.	01-July-25
11	27255016	Roof Mounted Air Conditioning System	700Nos.	02-July-25
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13	27255017	Waterless Urinal	415 Nos.	07-July-25
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NOTE: All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website.

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STANDARD POST

Musk-Trump rupture poses serious threat to NASA, Pentagon programs

Elon Musk's threat, which he later retracted, to cut off NASA's use of SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft would be a huge blow to NASA, depriving the space agency of the only American vehicle capable of transporting astronauts to the International Space Station and dramatically changing how NASA would access the \$100 billion orbiting laboratory, The Washington Post has reported.

The threat, posted on X, came during an escalating fight between the wealthiest man in the world and President Donald Trump, after Trump had threatened to cancel all of Musk's company's federal contracts. "Given SpaceX's importance to multiple federal programs, severing those relationships could leave NASA as well as the Pentagon and intelligence agencies in a lurch," noted the report.

Several hours after making the threat, Musk relented, saying in response to a post on X that he should cool off and reconsider: "Ok, we won't decommission Dragon." Over the years, SpaceX has become a vital contractor, launching sensitive national security payloads such as satellites that provide missile warning, battlefield communication and guide munitions to precise targets, Xinhua news agency reported.

In a statement, Bethany Stevens, NASA's press secretary, did not address how NASA would continue to fly its astronauts to the ISS without SpaceX, writing only that "NASA will continue to execute upon the President's vision for the fulfillment of space.

We will continue to work with our industry partners to ensure the President's objectives in space are met."

Earlier Elon Musk called for the impeachment of US President Donald Trump and announced the decommissioning of the vital SpaceX programme after accusing that Trump’s name is in the Epstein files, according to media reports.

“In light of the President’s statement about cancellation of my government contracts, SpaceX will begin decommissioning its Dragon spacecraft immediately,” Musk said in a post on X.

Technological Advancements making prompt diagnosis and better treatment for brain tumor

(Standard Post Bureau) Brain tumors are very rare and cause swelling like tumors around the major veins of the brain and hence required delicate analysis of the situation. The occurrence of brain tumors in India is steadily rising. More and more cases of brain tumors are reported each year in our country among people of varied age groups. In 2020, brain tumor was ranked as the 10th most common kind of tumor among Indians. While there is no specified known cause, age bracket or gender for brain tumors, there is still hope for patients – the medical fraternity has made several strides to treat brain tumor effectively with a reduced rate of morbidity and mortality.

Symptoms of such tumors pose a challenge in its early diagnosis and hence complications arise for surgical intervention. Only, once the patient have persistent symptoms and come for further investigation and hence the doctors’ advice not to ignore any such symptoms for better outcomes.

The International Association of Cancer Registries (IARC) reported that there are over 28,000 cases of brain tumors reported in India each year and more than 24,000 people reportedly die due to brain tumors annually. Every year 40,000 to 50,000 people are diagnosed with brain tumors, out of which 20% are children.

While there has been tremendous advancements made in the treatment modality of brain tumors, the latest CyberKnife radiosurgery system can be used as an alternative to surgery, or in conjunction with other treatments. With the advent of cyberknife, the procedure has played a significant role in the management both non-cancerous and cancerous brain tumors.

The technique that has been around in India for about 3-4 years has been mostly used to treat a range of cancerous and non cancerous/benign tumors in the body including the prostate, lung, liver, etc., is now being commonly used to kill tumors of brain and spine as well.

What is CyberKnife? Basically, CyberKnife radiation surgery is the most advanced, non invasive radiation therapy tools available to treat especially non-cancerous as well as cancerous and other diseases with the help of precise beams of high-dose radiation. It is a no pain and a no risk day-care treatment wherein patients are discharged as soon as the session gets over and therefore, no

World Brain Tumor Day Special



Dr Aditya Gupta,
Director, Neurosurgery and Cyberknife Centre,
Artemis Hospital

hospitalisation is required. The treatment uses a sophisticated image guidance system to beam high doses of radiation directly to your tumor.

The CyberKnife radiation therapy has clinically proven success rates, however, it works the best for a tumors that's upto 2-2.5 cm in size. However, in a few rare cases it is also used as an treatment option to cure brain tumors that either cannot be operated because of their location in the head, or the patients who cannot undergo brain tumor surgery due to their poor medical condition, etc. And, the success of the

radiation therapy is to destroy the harmful cells while minimising damage to healthy cells.

Besides, the CyberKnife system automatically adjusts itself and tracks the tumor which aids in minimising radiation exposure to healthy organs and tissues. The CyberKnife radiation surgery offers multiple benefits compared to conventional radiation treatments and surgery.

For brain tumor patients, Gamma Knife treatment is not as convenient or comfortable, largely because Gamma Knife requires an invasive head frame be bolted into the skull. Besides, the entire treatment process; right from imaging to planning to treatment itself has to happen on the same day. Typically, the head frame is mounted to the patient’s skull in the morning, followed by imaging scans which take place. The patient has no choice but to wait in the hospital during the treatment planning process with the metal head frame bolted to their skull. Compared to this, the CyberKnife is a non-invasive, real-time motion tracking technology for accurate delivery of high-dose radiation therapy. Instead of a bulky head frame, CyberKnife patients are provided with a soft, mesh mask during the treatment.

Moreover, treatment with CyberKnife is flexible; imaging is performed few days in advance, thereby leaving the neurosurgeon with enough time to design and finalise a customised treatment plan. Once the plan is set in place, the patient will return for a non-invasive, pain-free experience. Using advanced tumor-tracking technology, the CyberKnife system is able to either deliver one single high-dose treatment, or smaller doses (upto 5) over the course of two to five days. This approach limits side effects and enables most patients to return to their regular routine the same day. Additionally, clinical studies have shown that patients with certain cancerous and non-cancerous conditions in the brain, neck and spine have a better outcome with a lower dose of two to five fractionated radiation treatments than a single, large dose.

Nothing is required of patients during treatment with CyberKnife, except to relax and lie as still as possible. The treatment is usually completed in four to five treatment sessions, over a week’s time. The treatment through CyberKnife is cost effective and it is almost similar to the cost of other surgeries.

KIMS Kondapur Doctors Save Life of man Airlifted from Africa



(Standard Post Bureau) Sixty-year-old Uday, originally from Kakinada, had been living in Ghana, West Africa, for over two decades as a successful businessman. His life took a critical turn when he was diagnosed with falciparum malaria. His condition further deteriorated due to sepsis and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), leaving him unable to breathe without life support.

Realizing the grave situation, doctors in Ghana contacted specialists at KIMS Hospitals, Kondapur. Following their advice, Uday was placed on a ventilator and transported via a special air ambulance from Ghana to Hyderabad. This complex medical evacuation was meticulously planned and executed by Dr. D.V. Rama Krishna and the medical operations team at KIMS Kondapur. Upon arrival,

geographical boundaries. Our team was well-prepared with a 48-hour pre-mission strategy and absolute clinical precision. We were driven by the sole aim to save Uday,” stated Dr. Sudhir Vinnamala, Regional Medical Director, KIMS Hospitals. Doctors involved in this life-saving treatment included, Dr. Ravisekhar Reddy – Head of Internal Medicine, Dr. Pankaj – Critical Care Consultant, Dr. G. Avinash – Pulmonologist, Dr. P. Shyam Sundar Reddy – Cardiologist, Dr. C. Shyam Sundar Rao – Nephrologist, Dr. Patil Pratik Yashwanth – Infectious Disease Specialist, Dr. Venkatesh Pabbiseti – Gastroenterologist, Thanks to the extraordinary coordination and expertise of KIMS Kondapur’s multi-disciplinary team, Uday is now on the path to full recovery.

Travel agent couple dupes man of Rs 13.4 lakh in Canada immigration scam

Phagwara, June 7 (UNI) A couple posing as travel agents has been booked for allegedly defrauding a local resident of Rs 13.4 lakh under the pretense of sending his son to Canada.

The incident came to light following a complaint filed by the victim, Gurdeep Singh, at the Talwandi Chaudhariyan police station.

According to the complaint, Singh had approached the accused couple, Sham Singh alias Satnam Singh and his wife Manjit Rani of Boghiwal village in Ferozepur, after they claimed to have extensive experience in sending individuals abroad.

Trusting their assurances, Singh handed over his son Surjeet Singh’s documents and subsequently paid a total of Rs 13.4 lakh in installments. Despite repeated follow-ups and a considerable lapse of time, Surjeet was neither sent to Canada nor was any refund issued. Realising he had been deceived, Singh approached the local police with evidence of the transaction.

Following a preliminary investigation, police have registered an FIR against the accused couple. However, no arrests have been made as of yet.

UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy in New Delhi, to meet PM, EAM

New Delhi, June 7 (UNI) : UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy is visiting New Delhi today, to further advance the India-UK relationship during talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, besides other government officials.

His visit comes after the two nations agreed on the Free Trade Agreement, which is set to increase trade by more than pounds 25 billion every year.Foreign Secretary Lammy will meet with Prime Minister Modi on his second visit to India to discuss ongoing economic and migration partnership, a statement from the British HC said.

The Foreign Secretary will also welcome progress in the migration partnership, including ongoing work on safeguarding citizens and securing borders in both countries. Addressing migration remains a top priority for the government - the Foreign Secretary is focused on working internationally with global partners to secure the UK’s borders at home.

Foreign Secretary David Lammy said: “Signing a free trade agreement is just the start of our ambitions - we’re building a modern partnership with India for a new global era. We want to go even further to foster an even closer relationship and cooperate when it comes to delivering growth, fostering innovative technology, tackling the climate crisis and delivering our migration priorities, and providing greater security for our people.”

The Foreign Secretary will also meet with leading figures in Indian business to discuss how we can unlock even greater investment by Indian business in the UK.

Our investment relationship supports over 600,000 jobs across both countries, with over 950 Indian-owned companies in the UK and over 650 UK companies in India. In 2023-24, India was the UK’s second largest source of investments in terms of number of projects for the fifth consecutive year.Talks will also take stock of progress, following a commitment by the UK and Indian Prime Ministers to take forward an ambitious UK-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

The trade deal is a key example of the progress being made since the last meeting between the Foreign Secretary and his Indian counterpart. It follows the signing of the UK-India Programme of Cultural Cooperation Agreement in May and pounds 400 million of trade and investment wins boosting the British and the Indian economy at the Economic and Financial Dialogue in April.The Foreign Secretary is also expected to address the recent escalation in tensions following the Pahalgam terrorist attack and how the welcomed sustained period of peace can be best supported in the interests of stability in the region.On May 2, the UK and India signed a new UK-India Programme of Cultural Cooperation to boost collaboration across the arts and culture, creative industries, tourism and sport sectors.

‘Center group of forces destroyed over 455 Ukrainian servicemen’

Moscow, June 7 (UNI) : The Russian Defence Ministry's Center group of forces continued to advance deep into the enemy's defences, and the Ukrainian Armed Forces lost more than 455 servicemen in its area of responsibility, the group's spokesman, Alexander Savchuk, said."The Center group of forces continues to carry out combat missions in the area of ??the special military operation. The group's units continued to advance deep into the enemy's defences, inflicted losses on units of three mechanized, motorized infantry, jaeger, two airborne assault brigades, two brigades of the Ukrainian Armed Forces' marines and a brigade of the National Guard of Ukraine," Savchuk said.

He said the defeat was inflicted in the areas of Koptevo, Dimitrov, Krasnoarmeisk, Sergeyevka, Udachny and Alekseyevka.

"The enemy's losses were over 455 servicemen, eight combat armored vehicles, including a French-made VAB armored personnel carrier, seven pickups and three field artillery guns," Savchuk said.

Two people injured in Moscow region after repelling Ukrainian UAV attack: Governor

Moscow, June 7 (UNI) : Two people were injured in the Moscow Region after Ukrainian drones carried out attacks over night and the previous day, Moscow Region Governor Andrei Vorobyov said on Saturday.

"Air Defence Systems repelled an enemy drone attack in the Moscow region. Overnight and the previous day, nine UAVs were shot down above the region in Zaraysk, Odintsovo, Domodedovo, Istra and Solnechnogorsk. Most of the drones were destroyed on their approach... Two residents, a man and a woman, were wounded by drone fragments in Istra," Vorobyov said on Telegram.

The injured are receiving all the necessary medical care at the hospital, their condition is stable, there is no threat to life, Vorobyov also said. As a result of the attacks a private house was also damaged, with the roof, walls, outbuildings and a car being struck. Recovery and support for the family is being monitored, the governor added.

"Emergency services are also operating in all of the affected communities," Vorobyov said.Earlier in the day, the Russian Defence Ministry said that the Russian air defence systems destroyed 36 Ukrainian drones at overnight above the territories of the Kursk, Bryansk, Kaluga, Smolensk and Moscow Regions.

Musk suggests forming his own political party after Trump feud

Austin, June 7 (UNI) : After his falling out with US President Donald Trump over the 'One Big Beautiful Bill', SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk has now suggested forming his own political party, potentially further straining his ties with Trump.

The multi-billionaire first floated the idea on Thursday on X/Twitter, while taking pot shots at the US President.Musk posted a poll on his account asking his 220 million followers if they think it's "time to create a new political party in America that actually represents the 80% in the middle."Surprisingly, over 80% agreed with the poll."The public has spoken. A new political party is needed in America to represent the 80% in the middle! And exactly 80% of people agree. This is fate," he wrote, on Friday evening.

Musk then endorsed a fan's suggestion that he name it the "America Party".

The name bears a resemblance to America PAC (Political Action Committee), the political action committee founded by Musk last year that was his main vehicle for spending \$239 million to help elect Trump and other Republican candidates in 2024, CBS News reported.

However, forming a political party in the US is easier said than done, as the country's two major parties, the Democratic and the Republican party, along with several other big third parties such as the Libertarian, Constitution, and Alliance parties have made inroads into several major towns, municipalities, and cities, and have ballot access in every state.

Even with Musk's enormous wealth, it is a very difficult task, and currently he is at the crossroads with his Republican allies, still musing on how to part from them – if he ever even will.Musk offered a pointed suggestion Thursday afternoon to congressional Republicans who may be unsure of whether to side with him or the president, writing on X: "Trump has 3.5 years left as President, but I will be around for 40+ years."

Ukrainian President Zelenskyy hoping for meeting with President Trump on G7 sidelines

Kyiv/Washington, June 7 (UNI) :Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is working to arrange a meeting with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the Group of Seven summit in Canada next week, Zelenskyy's Chief of Staff Andriy Yermak said.

One of the aims of a visit to Washington earlier this week by a delegation from Kyiv was to prepare for a potential Trump-Zelenskyy meeting at the G7 gathering set for June 15-17 in Kananaskis, Alberta, Yermak said on a national broadcast late Friday."Our visit was part of the preparation, including for what I believe will be a meeting between President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and President Trump on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Canada, which is taking place in 10 days' time," Yermak said. "This was a key step in preparing for this conversation," Politico reported.



Union Minister of State Arjun Ram Meghwal during a visit at the Swaminarayan temple in London.

Italy, Argentina enact joint action plan to boost bilateral cooperation

Rome/Buenos Aires, June 7 (UNI) : Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and Argentine President Javier Milei have jointly adopted the Italy-Argentina Action Plan 2025-2030 aimed at dramatically strengthening bilateral ties.The move was made during Milei's visit to Rome on Friday, his first stop on a ten-day swing through Europe and Israel.The plan, announced in broad terms during Meloni's visit to

Argentina last November, facilitates cooperation between Rome and Buenos Aires in an array of sectors, including energy, infrastructure, critical raw materials, aviation, space and tourism. It also strengthens security and judicial cooperation, including the fight against organised crime and drug trafficking.

Following the adoption of the plan, implementation will be carried out by the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of both countries.

Meloni and Milei met for around two hours late for around two hours late on Friday. According to a statement from Meloni's office, the leaders discussed "strengthening the already strong bilateral partnership between Italy and Argentina, based on shared values and on deep cultural links between the two nations."

Both leaders, according to the statement, expressed their

support for greater cooperation between the European Union and the South American trade bloc Mercosur.Italy and Argentina possess long standing historical ties, with millions of Argentinians, Milei himself having their roots in Italy, following the mass immigration of Italians to Argentina during the early 19th century. Due to this, Italian culture has greatly influenced Argentinian society.

US President Trump says decision on next Federal Reserve Chair will be announced soon

Washington, June 7 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump has said that a decision on the next Federal Reserve chair is currently pending and would be revealed soon.

Speaking to reporters on Air Force One, Trump added that former Fed governor Kevin Warsh is "very highly thought of" regarding the post.

Trump lashed out at the current Chairman Jerome Powell again on Friday morning shortly after the

release of the US nonfarm payroll report for May.

The POTUS' relations with Powell have been far from amicable, as he has launched a barrage of slurs against him, and labelled Powell as "Mr. Too Late", calling him a "disaster" at the Fed. He urged Powell to cut interest rates by 1%.

Interest rates for both long and short-term debt would be greatly reduced if Powell cuts, said Trump in a post on social media.

Trump asserted that

there is virtually no inflation anymore and that Powell is costing the country a fortune. If inflation were to return, the Fed could raise rates to counter, said Trump.Political interference could make it more difficult for the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates, according to St. Louis Fed President Alberto Musalem.Independence is important as it allows for "more anchored inflation expectations," said Musalem in an interview

with the Financial Times published on Friday.

Trump repeatedly threatened to fire Powell earlier this year but later stated that he didn't intend to do so.

In response, Powell had previously stated that the president does not have the legal authority to dismiss a sitting Federal Reserve chair without "cause," a standard long understood to refer to misconduct rather than policy disagreements.

‘Israeli strikes on Gaza leave over 20 people killed since morning’

Jerusalem, June 7 (UNI) : Over 20 people were killed in the Gaza Strip as a result of Israeli strikes conducted on Saturday morning, Al Jazeera broadcaster reported, citing sources at the hospitals in Gaza.

Since Saturday morning, at least 22 people have been killed in various areas of Gaza, the report read.The broadcaster specified that 12 civilians were killed and other 40 were injured as a result of the Israeli strikes on the tents of the displaced people near the town of Khan Younis in the south of the enclave.Another seven people were killed as a result of the Israeli strike on a residential building in Gaza City, where refugees were housed, it added.The sources also told the broadcaster that another six people were killed after the Israeli soldiers opened fire on the people who gathered near the center of distribution of humanitarian aid in the city of Rafah in the south of Gaza.

Ukraine gave Putin reason to 'bomb hell out of them': Trump

Washington, June 7 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump said that Kiev gave Russian President Vladimir Putin a reason to "bomb the hell out of them" when Ukraine attacked airfields in several Russian regions earlier this month.

On Sunday, the Russian Defence Ministry said that Kiev had carried out a terrorist attack using FPV drones at airfields in the Murmansk, Irkutsk, Ivanovo, Ryazan, and Amur regions. All the attacks on airfields in the Ivanovo, Ryazan, and Amur regions were repelled.

According to the ministry, the fires that

occurred as a result of Ukraine's attacks on airfields in the Murmansk and Irkutsk regions were extinguished.

"Well they gave Putin a reason to go in and bomb the hell out of them last night. That's the thing I didn't like about it. When I saw it I said, 'Here we go, now it's going to be a strike'," Trump told reporters when asked about Ukraine's drone attacks inside Russia.

Asked whether he was worried that the Russia-Ukraine conflict could spiral into a nuclear one, Trump said "I don't... I hope not. I hope not."

German Chancellor Merz confident about US' commitment to Europe after visiting Trump

Berlin, June 7 (UNI) : German Chancellor Fredrich Merz has expressed a positive outlook on his meeting with US President Donald Trump, saying that he was confident that Washington's commitment to protecting its European partners was still as strong as ever.

"My conclusion from this encounter is different from perhaps the public image," Merz said during a business summit in Berlin, following his inaugural visit to the White House the day before.

"This American government is open to discussion, listens, is prepared to accept other opinions ... You can talk to them. But you can't let them intimidate you," he added, reports Politico.

Trump's more friendly and positive relationship with Russian President Vladmir Putin, coupled with his administration's more anti-Zelensky approach, Trump's reciprocal trade tariffs, and its threats of pulling out of Russia-Ukraine peace talks, had left Germany and most of Europe uncertain about its future relationship with Washington.Due to this, Merz's visit was strongly focused on three key issues: U.S' continued support for Ukraine, the future of NATO and Europe's trade negotiations with Washington.When asked about concrete outcomes, Merz confidently said that the US govt was still aligned with NATO, and that the White House would further strengthen its engagements with the German Chancellery. "We will be advising two representatives who are now talking intensively with each other about German-American trade relations embedded in the European framework," he said. "The lunch was worth its weight in gold for that."

The German Chancellor added, that he would extensively brief the European Commission's President Ursula von der Leyen later about the meeting, and how it should approach its dialogue with Washington, regarding the 50% hike on steel and aluminium tariffs, as the entire EU is looking to strike a far-reaching deal with the US.

‘Iran-Russia to collaborate on space power with joint satellite production’

Moscow/Tehran, June 7 (UNI) Iranian Ambassador to Moscow Kazem Jalali and Russian state space corporation Roscosmos CEO Dmitry Bakanov discussed joint production of satellites at a meeting, the Islamic Republic's embassy said.

"At the meeting on Friday, the sides exchanged views and discussed the following aspects of space cooperation between Russia and Iran: development of advanced technologies, joint design and creation of satellites, joint construction of infrastructure, conducting training courses and knowledge sharing, combating Western sanctions, supporting joint initiatives in the field of maintaining international peace and

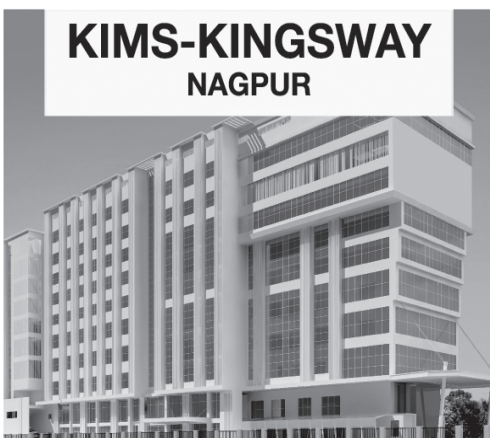
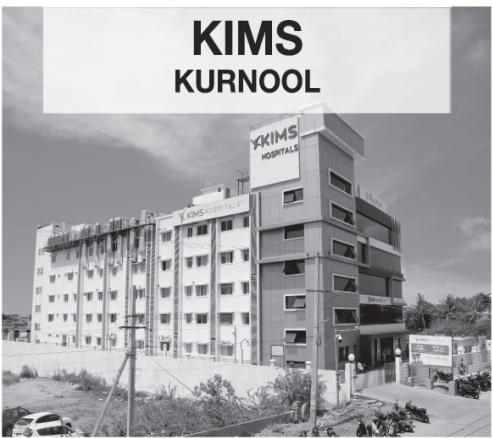
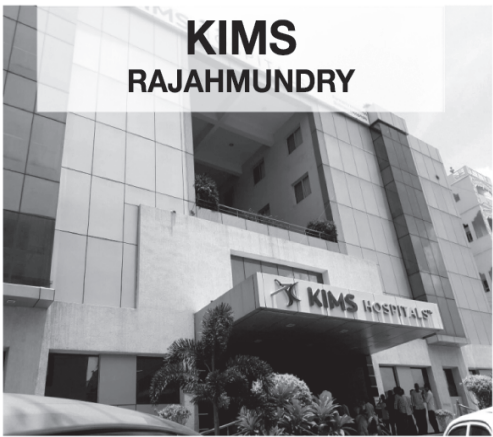
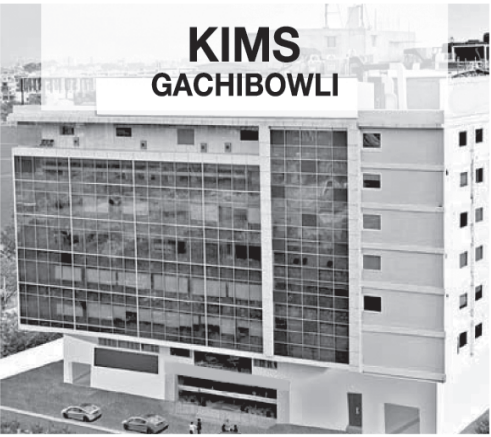
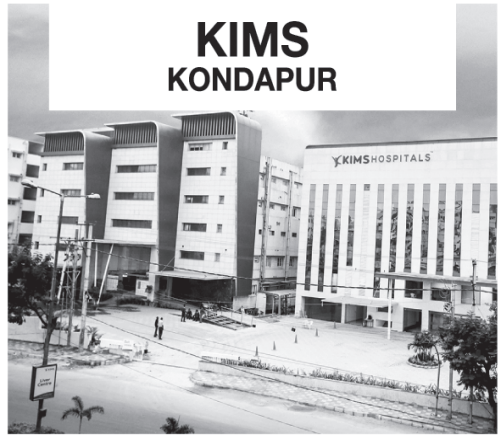
stability," the embassy said.In early November, the Soyuz-2.1b rocket launched the Fregat upper stage with 53 small spacecraft into orbit from the Vostochny Cosmodrome, including the Iranian Kowsar remote sensing satellites and the Hodhod telecommunications satellite by private Iranian company Space Omid.

Moscow and Tehran's bilateral relations having already been strong have strengthened significantly, following the Russia-Ukraine war in 2022.The ties between the two have grown stronger particularly due to West's increased hostility with both countries, including its imposition of strong sanctions, and attempting to isolate both of them on the global stage.

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Mcllroy concerned for US Open after driver issues

Oakmont, June 7 (UNI) : Northern Ireland's Rory Mcllroy said he is "concerned" by his form heading into the US Open next week after struggling with driver issues at the Canadian Open.

The 36-year-old missed the cut at the Canadian Open on Friday, finishing nine over par and 149th in a 153-man field.

The Masters champion shot an eight-over-par 78 during his second round as he struggled to get to grips with a new driver.

Mcllroy's previous driver was ruled non-conforming on the eve of last month's US PGA Championship, with the Northern Irishman going on to finish 47th in North Carolina.

With a new 44-inch driver in hand, Mcllroy found just 13 of 28 fairways in Toronto and he made a quadruple-bogey eight on the par-four fifth hole after a disastrous tee-off, the BBC reported.

"Of course it concerns me," said Mcllroy.

"You don't want to shoot high scores like the one I did today. I felt like I came here, obviously with a new driver, thinking that sort of was going to be good and solve some of

the problems off the tee, but it didn't.

"Obviously going to Oakmont next week, what you need to do more than anything else there is hit fairways. I'm still sort of searching for the missing piece off the tee. Obviously for me, when I get that part of the game clicking, then everything falls into place for me. Right now that isn't. Yeah, that's a concern going into next week."

With play starting on 12 June, Mcllroy has little time to iron out his issues from the tee. But the five-time Major winner says he will test several drivers in the coming days to find the right one.

"I'm going to have to do a lot of practice and a lot of work over the weekend at home and try to at least have a better idea of where my game is going into next week," said Mcllroy.

"I went back to a 44-inch driver this week to try to get something that was a little more in control and could try to get something a bit more in play. But if I'm going to miss fairways, I'd rather have the ball speed and miss the fairway than not. 'I'd say I'll be testing quite a few drivers over the weekend."

Klugman misses out on rare British juniors win in French Open

Paris, June 7 (UNI) : Teenager Hannah Klugman was unable to become the first Briton in almost 50 years to win a French Open juniors title after losing in the girls' singles final on Saturday.

The 16-year-old, competing in her first junior Grand Slam singles final, was beaten 6-2 6-0 by Austria's Lilli Tagger.

Klugman, ranked 13th in the world junior rankings, was aiming to emulate Britain's Michelle Tyler, who won the French Open girls' title in 1976.

"It's been a long week but I'm really proud of myself," said an emotional Klugman.

Despite the defeat, Klugman's performances in Paris underlined her huge potential.

The London-born player had little experience on clay until spending two months practising on the surface earlier this year - including spending a few days at Rafael Nadal's academy in Spain, the BBC reported.

After her semi-final victory, Klugman said the advice she received from 14-time French Open men's champion Nadal had helped give her more belief. But Tagger, who recently beat French Open women's semi-finalist Lois Boisson in a lower-tier IFT Tour final, had too much quality for the Briton.

Klugman shot to wider prominence when, as a 14-year-old, she won the prestigious Orange Bowl junior championships in Florida in 2023.

Past winners include

French Open finalist Coco Gauff, as well as Grand Slam champions Chris Evert, Caroline Wozniacki and Bianca Andreescu.

Klugman has also contested two Grand Slam girls' doubles finals, losing the 2023 Wimbledon and this year's Australian Open trophy matches.

But defeat by 17-year-old Tagger - who played well above her junior ranking of 47th in the world - completed an unwanted hat-trick of defeats.

Klugman needed to show fight in both quarter-final and semi-final victories, coming back from a set down before winning - but she could not do the same against Tagger.

Tagger was solid from the baseline and used her elegant one-handed backhand - an increasingly rare sight - to great effect.

Klugman had break points in the first and seventh games of the opening set, but dropping her own serve in the fourth game proved decisive.

The high-quality baseline exchanges continued in the second set, but Tagger edged them again to break at her first opportunity.

From that point, Klugman's confidence began to drain.

She fell 4-0 behind after producing a double fault on break point and won just five more points as Tagger confidently secured victory.

Tottenham sacks coach Postecoglou just two weeks after Europa League win

London, June 7 (UNI) : Tottenham Hotspur sacked coach Ange Postecoglou, just 16 days after he led the team to its first trophy in 17 years with a 1-0 victory over Manchester United in the Europa League final.

The club's decision came amid a dire Premier League season, which saw 59-year-old Postecoglou's side finish 17th in the table after losing 22 out of 38 matches.

"Following a review of performances and after significant reflection, the club can announce that Ange Postecoglou has been relieved of his duties," the club stated in a release on Friday.

The statement expressed "extreme gratitude" to the Australian for becoming only the third coach to win a European title with Tottenham, but clarified that "our decision is not based on emotions tied to this achievement."

"It is crucial that we are able to compete on multiple fronts and believe a change of approach will give us the strongest chance for the coming season and beyond.""We have made what we believe is the right decision to give us the best chance of success going forward," added the club.

Brentford coach Thomas Frank is widely considered the frontrunner to succeed Postecoglou, with Bournemouth's Andoni Iraola also a potential candidate.

Gauff stuns Sabalenka to lift 1st French Open crown

Paris, Jun 7 (UNI) : In a pulsating three-set final that captivated a packed Court Philippe-Chatrier, young American star Coco Gauff scripted a sensational comeback to win her maiden Roland-Garros title, defeating World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-4 here on Saturday.

The 21-year-old Gauff, seeded second, recovered from a heart-breaking 78-minute first-set tiebreak loss to dominate the next two sets with remarkable composure and power, sealing the biggest clay court victory of her career in 2 hours and 38 minutes.

This is Gauff's second Grand Slam title, adding to her US Open triumph in 2023, and marks a milestone for American tennis, making her the first American woman to win the French Open singles title since Serena Williams in



2015 and the youngest since Serena's 2002 victory in Paris. The match was a rollercoaster of emotions and momentum swings. Sabalenka, dominant early,

surged to a double-break 4-1 lead in the opening set. But Gauff clawed her way back to force a tiebreak, where the Belarusian top seed held her nerve to edge

it 7-5. nfazed by the setback, Gauff stormed back in the second set with clinical aggression, racing to a 4-1 lead and closing it out 6-2 in just 32 minutes. The third

set brought more drama, with Gauff breaking early and Sabalenka levelling at 3-3 before the American broke again and held her nerve to serve out the match at 6-4, sending the Chatrier spectators into raptures.

Gauff's blend of speed, tactical maturity, and defensive grit ultimately overwhelmed Sabalenka, who struggled with consistency in the wind and racked up unforced errors at key moments.

This victory not only solidifies Gauff's status as a Grand Slam champion on multiple surfaces but also as a torchbearer for the next generation of women's tennis.

Sabalenka, chasing her third major title, was gracious in defeat. With this historic win, Gauff now inches closer to the No.1 spot in the WTA rankings and reaffirms her place among the sport's elite.

Sarthak Chavan, Savion Sabu top Pro-Stock races

Chennai, June 7 (UNI) : Two teenage sensations, Sarthak Chavan from Pune and Bengaluru's

Savion Sabu lit up the first round of the MRF MMSC-FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2025 with brilliant wins in the two premier Pro-Stock categories, the 301-400cc Open and 165-200cc Open, respectively, at the Madras International Circuit here on Saturday.

Sarthak Chavan, the Petronas TVS Racing team spearhead, kept his nerve to win a close

Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open race in a near-photo finish. The 18-year-old

Sarthak, the defending champion, got past pole-sitter from Hyderabad Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power1) with a brilliant pass at Turn 11 on the last lap after trailing him throughout the six-lap race, the margin of victory being two-hundredth of a second. A creditable

third was Chennai's Alwin Sundar who thus marked his debut race for Petronas TVS Racing team with a podium finish.

Sabu, the 17-year-old Bengalurean having started from pole position, made it a lights-to-flag win in the Pro-Stock 165-200cc Open class race which underlined his maturity and a rare

ability to absorb pressure as he held off experienced Chennai rivals, Soorya PM (Chandra LGE Racing) and Mohan Babu (Rockers Racing). The day's other winners in their respective categories of the National Championship races were Chennai's Ann Jennifer (Motul Sparks Racing), Rajender Beedani (MAI Racing) from Hyderabad, and Varun Patil (Mad Rabbit Racing), from Bengaluru.

Ann Jennifer, seeking her third National title after last winning it in 2020, won untroubled the Girls (Stock 165cc) race after starting from pole position which she had secured earlier this

morning. Two other Chennai riders completed the podium with reigning National champion Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) in P2 and teenager Rakshitha Dave (RACR Castrol Power1) in P3. Earlier, 21-year-old Rajender Beedani played a waiting game to win the Stock 165cc (Novice)

Race in a close finish, ahead of Tirupati's Kedarnadh (Motul Gusto Racing) and Visakhapatnam's Yashwant Varma (Motul Sparks Racing). Starting from P2 on the grid, Beedani opted to stay just behind the front-runners, biding his time. Pole-sitter Lal Nansunga,

who led initially, lost track position as the engine switched off and by the time he could restart, he dropped down the grid and finished in P10. Up ahead, Beedani made his move on Kedarnadh in the last lap and took the lead which he maintained to the chequered flag.

Varun Patil converted a P3 start into a victory in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) race that boasted of a 32-rider grid after some of the front-runners dropped out of contention. Another Bengalurean, Jagadeesh Nagaraj (Motul Sparks Racing) came in second, ahead of Chennai's Kamal Nivas (Rockers Racing).

Blue Tigers not resting on past laurels: Jhingan

Kowloon (Hong Kong), June 7 (UNI) : As the Asian Cup qualifier against Hong Kong, China, gets closer, three days to be precise, many on the Indian side of the continental football spectrum will be recalling the last match played between the two sides – a roaring 4-0 victory for the Blue Tiger in Kolkata, three years ago. For the Indian senior men's national team, however, that is ancient history. The Indian senior men's team, ahead of Matchday 2 of the AFC Asian Cup 2027 Qualifiers, held their first training session in Hong Kong on Friday evening at the Jockey Club HKFA Football Training Centre in Tseung Kwan O.

The Blue Tigers will train at the Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground on Saturday and Sunday, followed by an official training session

at the newly constructed Kai Tak Stadium on matchday minus one (Monday). The Asian Cup qualifier on June 10 will be the first football match at the 50,000-capacity venue. Still looking to recapture their form, the Blue Tigers have kept their heads up and are focusing on what needs to be done to turn their fortunes around, after a 0-2 loss against Thailand in a preparatory international friendly last week. Sandesh Jhingan, who had captained the side against Thailand on June 4, is focussed on getting the best result against Hong Kong. "When we arrived (in Hong Kong) just after the Thailand game, the focus for the team was on recovery. However, the main focus since we assembled for the camp in Kolkata (on May 18), has always been to get the

maximum points against Hong Kong," said Jhingan. "It's all about preparing ourselves in the training sessions leading up to the game, so we can arrive at the match in the best way possible, both physically and mentally, and try to get maximum points." While the loss against Thailand was a bitter pill to swallow for the Blue Tigers, it did afford them insight into the areas that need to be improved upon. "We need to be more decisive and clinical inside the boxes at both ends," said Jhingan. "First and foremost, we need to be more solid at the back. If the defence is good, we will have more chances going forward. And the other part, of course, is that we need to be more clinical in attack.

"There were both positives and negatives from that game, and we will analyse and build on them."

KSCA assures full cooperation with stampede probe

Bengaluru, June 7 (UNI) : Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) President Raghuram Bhat on Saturday assured full cooperation with the ongoing inquiry into the RCB stampede tragedy, declaring that the KSCA "will never shy away" from investigation and is committed to transparency before the state government and Karnataka High Court. Addressing reporters after an emergency Managing Committee meeting convened earlier in the day by KSCA, Bhat said, "We have already told the government and the Hon'ble High Court that we are here to support the investigation. We will never shy away from anything. Whatever is there, we are ready to cooperate." The meeting was convened to place and accept the resignations of KSCA Secretary Shankar and Treasurer Jairam, who stepped down on what Bhat described as "moral grounds.""They felt their continuation may be misinterpreted, so they have resigned. The Managing Committee accepted their resignations after appreciating their two-and-a-half years of service," he said. While Bhat did not elaborate on the circumstances surrounding the resignations, citing sub judice constraints, he confirmed that the committee had taken the necessary step of formally accepting them in view of the issue already entering the public domain.

Jaipur Patriots edge past Ahmedabad SG Pipers in UTT Season 6

Ahmedabad, June 7 (UNI) : Indian campaigner Jeet Chandra led from the front as Jaipur Patriots beat Ahmedabad SG Pipers in the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) on Saturday. Meet pulled off a stunning 2-1 upset win over World No. 34 and World Championships silver medalist Ricardo Walther, powering Jaipur to an 11-4 victory that sent them to the top of the table.

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. The tie opened with Jaipur Patriots' Kanak Jha surviving a spirited debut from Divyansh Srivastava, edging the opener on Golden Point before closing out the next two games 11-8, 11-6. Britt Eerland then doubled the lead with a composed 3-0 win over Giorgia Piccolin, sealing the third game with another Golden Point. Ahmedabad clawed two games back through Walther and Ayhika Mukherjee, who took the mixed doubles 2-1 over Jeet and Eerland.

Jeet returned to face Walther in the singles and delivered a sensational performance. He edged the German in the first game on Golden Point, dropped the second, but stormed back to take the decider 11-9—marking one of his biggest wins in IndianOil UTT yet. With the tie already in their hands, Sreeja Akula held off Ayhika Mukherjee in the final rubber, coming from a game down to win 2-1 and seal Jaipur's dominant 11-4 triumph.

For his standout display, Jeet picked up the Indian Player of the Tie, as well as the Shot of the Tie honours. Meanwhile, Eerland's clean sweep over Piccolin saw her named the Foreign Player of the Tie.

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Chinese shuttlers make two finals at 2025 Indonesia Open

Jakarta, June 7 (UNI) : China's shuttlers advanced to the finals in two events at the Indonesia Open on Saturday, held at the Istora Senayan stadium. Women's singles world No. 2 Wang Zhiyi will face Paris Olympic champion An Se-young of South Korea on Sunday after defeating compatriot Han Yue 21-12, 21-13 in the semifinals. In the women's

doubles, Liu Shengshu and Tan Ning overcame South Korea's Baek Ha-na and Lee So-hee 21-19, 21-18 to reach the final, where they will take on Malaysia's Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan. Another Chinese pair, Li Yijing and Luo Xumin, fell short in the other women's doubles semifinal. Despite taking the first game 21-12, they were defeated by Tan

and Muralitharan 17-21, 11-21, missing out on an all-Chinese final. In the men's singles, Chinese ace Shi Yuqi narrowly lost to Denmark's Anders Antonsen in a tightly contested match. Shi claimed the opening game 21-9, but Antonsen rallied to win the next two 21-18, 21-19. It was the 11th career meeting between the two.

Western Railway celebrated World Environment day with greater Fervour and Enthusiasm

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, June 7 : Western Railway observed the World Environment Day campaign from 22nd May to 5th June, 2025, with the central theme “Ending Plastic Pollution.” The initiative underscores WR’s ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and reducing plastic waste across its operations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, during this fortnight, several and awareness Campaigns were conducted, encompassing extensive activities across various divisions and workshops. The campaign began on 22nd May with a public gathering and oath-taking ceremony, where officers and staff pledged to actively combat plastic pollution. Various activities were conducted across all the Divisions, Workshops of Western Railway during this period.

Mr Vineet informed that from 3rd June to 5th June, 2025 the campaign focussed on “Passengers Involvement and Water Conservation”, during which a series of impactful activities were carried across all six divisions as well as Workshops of Western Railway. On 5th June, 2025 on the occasion of World Environment Day, Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager of Western Railway, administered the Environment Oath to railway officials at Vadodara. Thereafter, GM Shri Misra participated in a Cyclothon, covering a distance of over 50 km



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



Smt. Kshama Misra, President - WRWWO alongwith the Executive Members of WRWWO at the Tree Plantation drive at Badhwar Park Officers Colony on the occasion of World Environment Day.

alongwith a team of senior railway officers, highlighting the message of a cleaner and healthier environment. Giving further details, Shri Vineet said that Selfie Points and Signature Campaigns were held at the Headquarters Office,

Churchgate as well as various other locations. Jute Bags were distributed to staff with a view to encourage them to adopt an eco-friendly alternative to plastic. Rainwater harvesting and water recycling initiatives as well

as cleaning & revival of water bodies were carried out at multiple locations. Nukkad Nataks and interactive sessions were organised in association with school children to raise awareness about plastic and water pollution

and ways to reduce it. The Water Recycling Plants & Automatic Coach Washing Plants installed at various locations were inspected in order to ensure their proper functioning. Public announcements were also ensured at various locations, including workshops, trains, and stations, to encourage the use of personal water bottles and spread awareness about plastic and water pollution. These initiatives reflect Western Railway's commitment to environmental conservation and its efforts to promote sustainable practices among its staff and the general public.

Mr Vineet further informed that Western Railway Women's Welfare Organization (WRWWO) has advocated the theme of ‘Nurturing the Nature’ as part of this year's World Environment Day. Smt. Kshama Misra, President - WRWWO along with Executive Members conducted a Tree Plantation drive at Badhwar Park Officers Colony. The organization spearheaded this initiative with various activities such as use of eco-friendly bags, avoiding single use plastics, etc. Also, Tree Plantation drive will be conducted by WRWWO across all Divisions over Western Railway during regular intervals. With the series of activities during the runup to the World Environment Day, Western Railway has strengthened the message of responsible usage of plastics and has promoted environmental consciousness, reinforcing its commitment to a cleaner, greener future.

CR to run the following trains with revised composition

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, June 7 : Central Railway has decided to run the following trains with revised composition as below: Revised composition of Train no 22866/22865 Puri – LTT (Mumbai) - Puri Express and Train no 20857/20858 Puri – Sainagar Shirdi - Puri Express are given below:- One First AC, Two AC-

2Tier, Five AC-3Tier, One AC-3Tier Economy, 06 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class, 1 Pantry Car 2 General Second Class cum Guard's Brake Van. Train no 22866/22865 Puri – LTT (Mumbai) - Puri Express will run with revised composition Ex. Puri from 05th August 2025 and from Ex. LTT (Mumbai) from 07th August 2025.

Train no 20857/20858 Puri – Sainagar Shirdi - Puri Express will run with revised composition Ex. Puri from 08th August 2025 and from Ex. Sainagar Shirdi from 10th August 2025. For detailed timings and halts of these trains, please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or download NTES App. Passengers to please note the above changes

Few Western Railway trains affected due to block between Dungri and Bilimora Section

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, June 7 : Western Railway will be carrying out the work of launching of PSC slab with replacement of the steel girder on Bridge No. 360 between Dungri – Bilimora section of Mumbai Division. For this purpose, a block of 03.30 hrs will be undertaken on Tuesday, 10th June, 2025 from 12:20 hrs to 15:50 hrs. Due to this block, a few Western Railway trains will be regulated / rescheduled. According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, during the execution of the work, a few Mail/ Express trains will be affected. The details of these trains are as under:

Trains Rescheduled on 10th June 2025: 1. Train No. 22195 Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi – Bandra Terminus Superfast Express, journey commencing on 9th June, 2025 will be rescheduled by 2.30 hrs. 2. Train No. 20968 Porbandar – Umdanagar Superfast Express, journey commencing on 10th June, 2025 will be rescheduled by 1.30 hrs. 3. Train No. 19016 Porbandar – Dadar Saurashtra Express, journey commencing on 9th June, 2025 will be rescheduled by 1.30 hrs. Regulation of Trains on 10th June 2025: 1. Train No. 09003 Mumbai Central – Delhi Superfast Special will be

regulated by 45 minutes. 2. Train No. 19015 Dadar – Porbandar Saurashtra Express will be regulated by 40 minutes 3. Train No. 22543 Bandra Terminus - Lalkua Superfast Special Express will be regulated by 35 minutes 4. Train No. 09055 Bandra Terminus - Udhna Superfast Special Express will be regulated by 30 minutes 5. Train No. 04126 Bandra Terminus – Subedarganj Superfast Special Express will be regulated by 30 minutes 6. Train No. 14805 Yesvantpur – Barmer AC Express will be regulated by 30 minutes. Passengers are requested to kindly take note of the same.

Temporary augmentation of trains with additional coaches : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, June 7 : In order to clear extra rush of waitlisted passengers, Indian Railway has decided to augment the following trains with additional coaches as detailed below:- 1. The train No. 22810 Visakhapatnam – Paradeep SF Express will be augmented with Two (02) Sleeper Class Coaches on 08.06.2025 and 15.06.2025. 2. The train No. 22809 Paradeep - Visakhapatnam SF Express will be

augmented with Two (02) Sleeper Class Coaches on 09.06.2025 and 16.06.2025. 3. The train No. 20807 Visakhapatnam – Amritsar Hirakud Express will be augmented with One (01) Sleeper Class Coach on 10.06.2025. 4. The train No. 22808 Amritsar - Visakhapatnam Hirakud Express will be augmented with One (01) Sleeper Class Coach on 14.06.2025. People are requested to make use of these services.

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Nadda rejects Rahul claims of rigged Maharashtra polls as ‘false narrative’

New Delhi, June 7 (UNI) : BJP president JP Nadda attacked Congress MP and leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Saturday, dismissing his recent article alleging manipulation in the Maharashtra elections as “a deliberate attempt to create misleading narratives.” Nadda accused Rahul of spreading “absurd conspiracy theories” out of frustration from repeated electoral defeats. "His consistent losses are driving him to invent false stories," Nadda stated in response to Gandhi's claims that the 2024 Maharashtra polls were manipulated to subvert democracy. In an article published in a daily, Gandhi had alleged inflated voter turnout and tampering with electoral rolls. Rahul had also claimed that similar electoral “match-fixing” would be repeated in Bihar and other regions where the

BJP faces potential defeat. The Congress leader’s allegations come a few months ahead of the upcoming elections in the northern state of Bihar, where political stakes are notably high. Nadda rejected the allegations and instead charged Rahul with attempting to erode public trust in democratic institutions and pointed out discrepancies in his statements regarding voter fraud. On social media platform X, Gandhi outlined what he called a step-by-step account of election rigging: “Step 1: Manipulate the selection panel for the Election Commission. Step 2: Insert fake voters. Step 3: Inflate voter turnout. Step 4: Direct fake voting to key constituencies. Step 5: Conceal the evidence.” In response, Nadda dismissed the article as nothing more than a plan to propagate

misinformation. "This is his real blueprint," Nadda said: “Step 1: The Congress keeps losing elections because of its behaviour. Step 2: Rather than reflecting, Rahul Gandhi concocts outlandish conspiracies. Step 3: He ignores facts. Step 4: He maligns institutions without any proof. Step 5: He aims for sensational headlines over truth.” Nadda said, “He continues to spread lies, even when repeatedly proven wrong, because he knows another defeat — this time in Bihar — is inevitable.” “Democracy doesn’t need theatrics; it needs honesty,” Nadda added. Rahul had earlier remarked that elections, when manipulated, become ‘poisonous’ for democracies and although the cheaters might win temporarily, they ultimately damage institutions and erode public trust.

ECoR Waltair Division launches week long awareness campaign for International level crossing awareness day 2025



(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, June 7 : I Waltair Division, East Coast Railway has launched a week-long awareness campaign from 5th June 2025, aimed at promoting safe practices at level crossings. The initiative is part of the International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD), a global campaign organized by the International Union of

Railways (UIC) with the 2025 theme: “Helping People Make Good Decisions” and the slogan “Safe Decisions – Every Time.” The campaign involves active participation from Civil Defense personnel, Civil Engineering staff, and Railway Safety teams, who are engaging the public across the Division through rallies, awareness drives, and street plays.

Today an awareness rally was flagged off today from the Divisional Railway Manager's (DRM) Office, attended by Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo, ADRM (Operations); Shri E Santharam, ADRM (Infrastructure); Shri M.K. Sahoo, Senior Divisional Safety Officer and other officers. On this occasion a street play by Civil Defense volunteers was

also performed at the DRM Office Annex, Dondaparthi, highlighting common risks and safe behavior at level crossings. Addressing the gathering, ADRMs emphasized the importance of safety awareness at level crossings to prevent accidents and safeguard lives and property. The general public were urged to follow all safety guidelines and exercise caution when crossing railway tracks to ensure their own safety and that of others. The safety campaign is being coordinated by Shri M.K. Sahoo, Senior Divisional Safety Officer, who has mobilized teams to conduct awareness activities throughout the Division. Shri M. Satyanarayana, Principal, Divisional P.Way Training Institute, leading the engineering team, and Shri K.Y. Reddy, Civil Defense Inspector, heading the Civil Defense contingent took active part in this campaign. As part of the campaign, intensified awareness drives will be carried out at level crossing gates, public areas, and locations near railway tracks.