

17 Maoists surrender before police in Kothagudem District

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : As many as 17 cadres of the CPI (Maoist) party surrendered before the police and CRPF personnel at Kothagudem district on Friday.

The Maoists who surrendered included two area committee members, four party members and 11 militia members, according to Kothagudem district Superintendent of police B Rohith Raju.

They surrendered after being attracted to the welfare measures under 'Operation Cheyutha', the SP said.

In this year, as many as 282 Maoists of various ranks surrendered to the Kothagudem district police.

Rohith Raju said that Maoists were moving on Telangana-Chhattisgarh borders and residents of border villages should not cooperate with them at any cost'. If the villagers notice any Maoist movements, they should immediately inform the police.

The surrendered Maoists were given suitable reward and assistance to live a normal life, the SP said.

The SP appealed to all underground cadres to join mainstream life by laying down their arms to live peacefully.



An all-party delegation including JD(U) MP Sanjay Jha, Congress leader and former external affairs minister Salman Khurshid, BJP MPs Aparajita Sarangi, Brij Lal, Pradan Baruah and Hemang Joshi, TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee, CPI(M) leader John Brittas and former ambassador Mohan Kumar with Ambassador of India to Indonesia Sandeep Chakravorty during a meeting with Chairman of the Nahdlatul Ulama Executive Board (PBNU) Ulil Abshar Abdalla and others, in Jakarta, Indonesia.

CM congratulates Nandini for winning heptathlon gold in Asian Athletics in South Korea

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy today extended congratulations to athlete Agasara Nandini for winning the gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championship in Gumi (South Korea).

The 21-year-old Nandini from Telangana became only the third Indian athlete to win a heptathlon gold at the

Asian Athletics Championship.

On 'X' the CM praised her for bringing laurels to Telangana and making India proud.

"Winning the gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championships 'Telangana's prestige on the world stage.

"My congratulations and in the future more successes to receive. I

bless you wholeheartedly," he tweeted.

Nandini clocked 2:15.54 (885 points), outpacing Jingyi, who finished in 2:24.87 (759 points), to secure a brilliant win.

Nandini is the third Indian to win heptathlon gold at the Asian Championships, following Swapna Barman (2017) and Soma Biswas (2005).

She is the only athlete

from Telangana state who participated in athletics in the Asian Games.

A product of the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Women's Degree College, Sangareddy, she is currently studying Bachelor of Arts (Business Administration) final year..

She studied up to 10th standard in Gurukul School, Narsingi.

Pak had to plead before the might of Indian Army: Modi

Kanpur, May 30 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday praised the valour of the Indian Armed forces during Operation Sindoor and said it was because of this that Pakistan had to beg to stop the war.

Addressing a public meeting after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of various development projects here, the PM reiterated that India now treats terrorists and the

government that supports them alike. He said that Uttar Pradesh is moving at a fast pace towards becoming an Uttam Pradesh today.While referring to Operation Sindoor, he said it has only been postponed and it is not over yet. "The enemy who was pleading during Operation Sindoor should not be under any illusion. This operation is not over yet," he said

Modi said, "Our army

showed such valour that the Pakistani army was forced to beg and demand to stop the war."The PM said that he salutes this valour of the Indian armed forces again and again from Kanpur, the land of the freedom struggle.He said India has clearly laid down three principles in its fight against terror.

"India will give a befitting reply to every terrorist attack, its time,

method and conditions will be decided by our forces themselves.

India will no longer be afraid of the threat of the nuclear bomb nor will it take any decision based on that. India will look at the master of terror and the government that patronises terrorism with the same eye."

He said, "Pakistan's game of state (government) and non-state (outside the government) actors is not

going to work anymore. If I say straight in Kanpuriya that the enemy will be killed wherever he is.The PM said, "Our Indian weapons and Brahmos missile have wreaked havoc by entering the enemy's house. We have got this strength from the resolve of self-reliant India. There was a time when India was dependent on other countries for military needs, for its defence. We have started changing those conditions."

SC allows Trump to revoke legal status for 500,000 migrants

Washington, May 30 (UNI) US President Donald Trump's administration can temporarily revoke the legal status of over 500,000 migrants living in the US, the US Supreme Court ruled on Friday.

The ruling put on hold a previous federal judge's order stopping the administration from ending the "parole" immigration programme, established by former President Joe Biden.The programme protected immigrants fleeing economic and political turmoil in their home countries, media reported.The new order puts roughly 530,000 migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela at risk of being deported, BBC reported.

Justices Ketanji Brown Jackson and Sonia Sotomayor, two of the court's three liberal justices, dissented.

The parole programme allows immigrants temporary status to work and live in the US for two years because of "urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit", according to the US government.

The Trump administration had filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court after a federal judge in Massachusetts blocked the administration from ending the programme, also known as CHNV humanitarian parole.The White House "celebrated" the opportunity to deport 500,000 "invaders", White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller local media. "The Supreme Court justly stepped in".In her dissent, Justice Jackson wrote that the court's order would "have the lives of half a million migrants unravel all around us before the courts decide their legal claims".

If Pak casts evil eye on India, our Navy will lead the response: Rajnath Singh

New Delhi, May 30 (UNI) : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday sent a clear message to Pakistan that if it tries to cast an evil eye on India, it is possible that New Delhi's response will be at the hands of the Indian Navy.Addressing the officers and sailors onboard India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant off the Goa coast, Rajnath Singh commended the Indian Navy's "silent service" during Operation Sindoor, a Defence Ministry statement said.

"Operation Sindoor is not just a military action, but India's frontal assault against terrorism, and if Pakistan resorts to anything evil or unethical, it will, this time, face the firepower and ire of the Indian Navy," the Defence Minister said.

"The mighty Carrier Battle Group ensured that the Pakistani Navy did not

venture out, or else it would have faced the consequences," Rajnath said.

Rajnath called for the handing over of terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar to India. "Both of them are not only in India's list of 'Most Wanted Terrorists', they are also UN designated terrorists. Tahawwur Rana, an accused in the Mumbai attacks, has been brought to India recently. Hafiz Saeed is also guilty of the Mumbai attacks, and justice must be done for his crime," he said.

On Pakistan's repeated offer of talks, the Defence Minister again clarified, "If there are talks, it will only be on terrorism and PoK. If Pakistan is serious about talks, it should hand over terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar to India so that justice is served."

Singh asserted that

Congress govt to celebrate Telangana Formation Day across state on June 2

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : The Congress government on Friday decided to celebrate Telangana State Formation Day on Monday as a state function in a grand and befitting manner at the State Headquarters and at all remaining 32 districts in the state.At a state level function to be organised at Hyderabad, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will unfurl the National flag, according to a G.O issued by Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao.Ministers/ Dignitaries would pay floral tributes at the Telangana Martyrs' memorials at their districts.

The Chairman/Speaker of Telangana Legislative Council / Assembly, Local MLCs, MLAs, ZP Chairpersons/Special Officers, Mayors, Chairperson DCCB and DCMS, Municipal Chairpersons and District Level Officers in the District headquarters would participate at the collectorates .

All the important dignitaries like MLAs, Mayors, ZP Chairpersons/ Special Officers, Chairpersons DCCB and DCMS, Municipal Chairpersons and Heads of Offices are requested to unfurl the National Flag in their respective offices, the GO said.

Similarly, MPPS/Special Officers are requested to unfurl the National Flag in MPP Office and Sarpanch/ Special Officers shall do the same in Gram Panchayat offices.Flag hoisting shall be conducted by Head of Offices in all Government offices at different level before 0930 hours, the GO added.



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Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday said that over the last 11 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi prioritised border areas and sought to do away with the terminology "Last Village" to replace it with "First Village" vision, placing border development at the heart of the nation's growth.Addressing a gathering of farmers, youth, and entrepreneurs during "Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan" in the border area of R.S.Pura sector near here, the Minister emphasised that there has been a paradigm shift in the mindset and approach towards the aspirations of citizens in remote and border regions. (See on page 2)

Farmers in border areas are nation's second line of



Union Minister for Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday visited RS Pura in Jammu and highlighted the vital role of farmers living in border regions, describing them as the second line of defence of the country.Addressing a convention of farmers organised under the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' (VKSA) here at R.S. Pura, (See on page 4)

Estonia terminates talks with Russia over Narva River



Estonia has stopped on-going negotiations with Russia over the controversial replacement of navigating buoys on the Narva River, opting instead to do without installing them this summer and increase patrols, the Estonian Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

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China's Zheng Qinwen advances to last 16 at French Open



Paris Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen of China continued her strong run at the French Open on Friday, advancing to the women's singles Round of 16 with a straight-sets win over 18-year-old Canadian qualifier Victoria Mboko. (See on page 8)

Crackdown on unauthorized construction in Airoli division



(Standard Post Bureau) Navi Mumbai, May 30 : Despite the notice issued by the Encroachment Department of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation, the concerned did not take cognizance of the notice. As per the instructions of Commissioner Dr. Kailash Shinde through the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation Department, eviction action was taken in Airoli Division by the Encroachment Department under the guidance of Additional Commissioner (2) Dr. Rahul Gethe and Deputy Commissioner

(Encroachment) Mr. Bhagwat Doifode. Vivek Kotkar and others, behind Vinita Apartment, Airoli Village, Sector-20, Airoli, under the jurisdiction of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation, had started the construction of an RCC building without any permission from Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation. The said unauthorized construction was served by the Airoli Department under Section 54 of the Maharashtra Regional Planning and Town Planning Act, 1966. The unauthorized

construction done by the concerned was required to be removed on their own. But they continued the unauthorized construction. The said unauthorized construction has been partially evicted under the NMP3 breakers, 2hammers, 1 gas cutter, 10 laborers and 01 Mukadam were used for this raid, and officers/ employees of the G- Department Airoli were present for the raid. Under this action, a penalty fee of Rs. 50,000/- has been collected from the owner of the said construction. Action will be intensified in this manner in future as well.

35 get 5 years RI in Panwari violence case

Agra, May 30 (UNI) : A special SC ST court on Friday sentenced 35 convicts to five years rigorous jail term along with Rs 41,000 fine in the communal violence that took place in Kagaraul during the infamous Panwari village incident of 1990, prosecution sources said here.

It may be noted that the court of Special Judge Pushkar Upadhyay had convicted these accused two days ago.

"After the court order, 32 were sent to jail. Non-bailable warrants were issued for three convicts who failed to appear before the court. 15 accused had already been acquitted due to lack of evidence. 22 accused died during the trial of this case which lasted for 34 years," they said.Prosecution sources

said that the court sentenced the convicts under sections 147 (rioting), 148 (rioting while armed with weapons), 149 (unlawful assembly) and 310. "All the accused are residents of Akola area. After the court's decision, the family members of the convicts said that they would challenge the decision in the High Court," they said.It may be noted that on June 21, 1990, a conflict broke out between the people of Jat and Jatav community on the issue of taking out a marriage procession of a youth belonging to the Scheduled Caste in Panwari village under Sikandra police station. "On June 22, the dispute took a violent turn when the marriage procession was taken out in the presence of police. The PAC along with the

police used force. Soni Ram Jat died due to bullet injuries in the firing," they said.

Prosecution sources said that after this, violence broke out in the surrounding villages.

"On June 24, 1990, people belonging to the SC and Jat community came face to face at 1 pm in village Akola. "A woman died and more than 150 were injured in the conflict that lasted for one and a half hours. Curfew was imposed for about 10 days and the army was also deployed along with the police," they said.

Prosecution sources said a case was registered against more than 200 people in the matter. "After investigation, a charge sheet was filed against 72 accused. While one of the deceased could not be identified," they said.

CIK of J&K Police conducts searches at multiple locations across Kashmir

Srinagar, May 30 (UNI) The Counter-Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) team on Friday conducted searches at multiple locations across Kashmir after obtaining a search warrant from the Court of Special Judge, Designated under NIA Act, Srinagar in a terror-linked case. An official communicate said that during the investigation of the instant case, suspicious technical signatures were traced at different locations of Districts Budgam, Pulwama, Kupwara,

Shopian, and Srinagar. The suspects were found using suspected encrypted messaging applications, read the handout.During further analysis, it read that various individual suspects were found using a ‘specific encrypted messaging application’ which is widely used by terrorists and handlers from across for coordinating and executing a variety of terrorist related activities, including recruitment into terrorist ranks.

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Senior SAD leader Sukhdev Dhindsa cremated at his native village Ubhawal

Sangrur, May 30 (UNI) : Former Secretary General of Akali Dal and former Union Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, considered a pillar of Punjab politics, who passed away on Wednesday evening at age 89, was cremated today. His last rites were performed at his native village Ubhawal.Every eye was moist during the cremation of Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa. Various political personalities and other leaders attended his last farewell.On this occasion, Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Badal along with Manpreet Singh Badal, Prem Singh Chandumajra, Bikramjit Singh Majithia, Adesh Pratap Singh Kairon, Abhay Chautala, former Congress cabinet minister Vijay Inder Singla, AAP MLA Narinder Kaur Bharaj, Ashwani Sharma, Preneet Kaur and other leaders attended his last farewell.The former Sangrur MP passed away at Fortis Hospital in Mohali on Wednesday evening after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife, son and former finance minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa, and two daughters.

His body was kept at his residence in Chandigarh.

Today, his body was first brought to his house in Sangrur where a large number of leaders and workers paid their last respects and in the afternoon, the body was brought in a convoy to his native village Ubhawal where his last rites were performed.A large number of people had thronged the roads to pay their last respects to the veteran Punjab leader.

Kanpur, May 30 (UNI) : Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday saluted the valour of the Indian Army, saying that due to the bravery of its soldiers under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the whole world now exemplifies India for its power and capability.

During the launch of projects worth Rs 47,000 crore by Prime Minister Modi in Kanpur, the CM praised and congratulated the PM on his first visit to Uttar Pradesh after 'Operation Sindoor'.

He said the bravery that the Indian forces have displayed by destroying the enemy's air defence system also made the world realise the power of 'Made in India' started by Prime Minister Modi 10 years ago. "This is also a great example of the success of self-reliant India," he said.

Yogi said projects worth Rs 47,600 crore received by the state are the foundation of a developed India.

Welcoming the PM in the industrial city of Kanpur, located on the banks of the Ganga, Yogi said: "I welcome him wholeheartedly on behalf of the people of the state. This land was once the pioneer of the industrial revolution, and today, it is

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The handover took place in the presence of Secretary (Defence Production) Sanjeev Kumar and Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of HAL, DK Sunil, a Defence Ministry statement said.

This event marks the first time a major sub-assembly for the LCA Tejas is being manufactured by a private Indian company.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeev Kumar hailed the partnership between HAL and VEM

Technologies in accelerating the production of LCA Mk 1A.

He said, "There is a significant growth in defence production at a rate of about 10 percent annually, as well as in our defence exports. This would not have been possible without the support of industries and Public Sector Units like HAL. Security and sovereignty of the country are paramount and cannot be achieved without our own manufacturing and supply of spare parts, which could meet the requirements of the Armed Forces".

CMD, HAL, acknowledged the rapid growth of Tier 1 and MSME suppliers in the production of the LCA Tejas.The handover marked a significant

milestone in establishing a fourth production line for the LCA Mk1A, in addition to the two existing lines in HAL-Bengaluru and one in HAL-Nashik. He assured that with major sub-assemblies underway, HAL will increase the production of the LCA aircraft and ensure timely deliveries to the Indian Air Force.

HAL has built a national aerospace ecosystem by closely supporting private partners and providing critical inputs such as jigs, fixtures, tools, and technical know-how. This has enabled companies like L&T, Alpha Tocol, Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL), VEM Technologies, and Lakshmi Machine Works (LMW) to produce complex sub-assemblies such as centre fuselages, fuel drop tanks, pylons, rear fuselages,

wings, fins, rudders, and air intakes.

The LCA Tejas Division has already received structural modules of air intake assemblies, rear fuselage assemblies, loom assemblies, and fin and rudder assemblies in the Mk1A configuration. HAL plans to extend this outsourcing model to future projects, reinforcing its in-house capacity with the expertise of Indian industry.

In line with the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, HAL continues to drive indigenisation efforts in the aerospace and defence sector.In the last three years, HAL has placed orders worth Rs 13,763 crore with Indian vendors and is actively pursuing the indigenisation of complex aircraft systems and critical components across platforms.

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"This rise is a befitting reply to so-called intellectuals who doubted India's capability to sustain economic growth with a robust defence policy," Dr. Singh asserted, crediting the leadership of PM Modi over the last 11 years for the economic resilience.

He quoted Prime Minister Modi's core governance mantra of serving the Women, Poor, Farmers, and Youth, and affirmed that 26 crore citizen have risen above the

poverty line over the last decade through initiatives such as Fasal Bima Yojana, Nano Urea, and direct support for marginal farmers, especially in conflict-affected border regions.

He also recognised the role of the Ministry of Home Affairs in ensuring insurance coverage for fields exposed to cross-border shelling.

Singh referred to the Purple Revolution, spearheaded from Bhaderwah under the Aroma Mission, which has expanded to Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Singh shared that over 3,000 lavender-based startups are now active, engaging with perfume industries in Mumbai and redefining the concept of agri-entrepreneurship.

He also spotlighted tulip cultivation—once seasonal, now being harvested off-season. The CSIR-Srinagar is poised to lead cultivation of saffron and marigold, opening new vistas in floriculture.

Underlining the role of cutting-edge science, Dr. Singh announced that biotech-based value addition projects will enhance the shelf life of produce, with a notable rise in apple production and SHG involvement.

Jitendra Singh announced the operationalisation of Biotech Industrial Park in Kathua, Biotech Kisan Hub under Aspirational Districts Programme, upcoming AI-based agricultural decision-making system in Srinagar

Op Sindoor a testament to success of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat': Yogi

going to write a new saga of development."

The CM described 'Operation Sindoor' as a symbol of India's military power and self-reliance and said that first surgical strike, then air strike and now 'Operation Sindoor', the Indian Army under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi has shown the world that India now believes not only in responding but also in deciding the style of responding."This is a strong example of Made in India and self-reliant India," he said.

On the foundation stone laying and inauguration of projects worth Rs 47,600 crore in Kanpur by Prime Minister Modi, the CM said that this programme is a big step to take UP forward as a 'growth engine' of a developed India. He said that after the first phase of Kanpur Metro launched by PM Modi in the year 2021, now the second phase has been inaugurated, which will make the public transport system of the city modern and convenient.


Referring to UP's energy sector, Yogi said with the start of thermal power plants in Panki, Ghatampur, Jawaharpur (Etah), Obra (Sonbhadra) and Khurja (Bulandshahr), the power capacity of the

state has increased from 15,000 MW to 25,000 MW.

He said that by the end of the year, it will

increase by another 4,000 MW.While counting UP's achievements, he said that electricity has reached

1.21 lakh hamlets of the state and free connections have been given to 1.78 crore poor families.



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Firemen douse a fire at a warehouse at Dadupur Govindpur area, in Haridwar district, Uttarakhand on Friday.

Mumbai Suburban District Planning Committee reviews schemes

Mumbai,May 30 (UNI) : A meeting of Mumbai Suburban District Planning Committee was held under the chairmanship of Guardian Minister and Minister of Information, Technology and Cultural Affairs Adv. Ashish Shelar on Friday.In this meeting, detailed discussions were held on the implementation of schemes for 2024-25, analysis of expenditure and planning of new schemes for 2025-26.Out of the Rs 1088.77 crore available for approved works in the last financial year, 99.8 percent i.e. Rs 1086.75 crore was distributed to various agencies.On this occasion, information was given on the proposed schemes worth Rs 1144.02 crores for 2025-26.

Singareni Collieries plans massive afforestation drive

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : In view of the onset of the monsoon, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) Chairman and Managing Director N. Balram on Friday instructed the officials to undertake a massive Vanamahotsavam (afforestation drive) across all areas of SCCL starting June 1.He stated that 40 lakh saplings will be planted and maintained over 675 hectares this year. To review the progress of the prestigious 'Neeti Bindhu–Jala Sindhu' water conservation programme and the preparations for the afforestation activities, Balram conducted a special video conference with company directors, area General Managers, and heads of the Forestry and Environment Departments. During the meeting, he assessed the area-wise targets for the Vanamahotsavam and instructed the officials to ensure that the plantation targets are strictly met. In line with the directions of the Government of Telangana, he emphasised that Vanamahotsavam should be celebrated enthusiastically in every area with active participation from workers and local communities. The CMD also reviewed the progress of the Neeti Bindhu – Jala Sindhu programme, which aims at enhancing groundwater levels in Singareni regions.Out of the 62 proposed mini water tanks, 48 have already been completed, the CMD expressed satisfaction over it.He directed that the remaining works must be completed within a week.As part of desilting works in existing water bodies, a target was set for 45 tanks, out of which 25 have already been completed, as reported by area officials, he said.

First centre fuselage for LCA Tejas Mk 1A manufactured by Hyderabad-based firm, handed over to HAL

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Commemoration ceremony of100th pre-flying training course held at AFA

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : The Pre-Flying Training Course (PFTC) is a foundational training programme of the Indian Air Force (IAF), conducted at the Air Force Academy (AFA), here. The 100th PFTC marks a significant milestone, marking 50 Glorious years of shaping IAF's future Aviators since the first batch passed out. The landmark occasion was commemorated with a ceremony held at AFA here on Thursday. PFTC is the ab-initio training faculty for graduates intending to join the Flying branch through various induction pathways like CDS, AFCAT, NCC, and Service Entry.Almost 40 per cent of all the pilots follow this pathway. PFTC has the exclusive privilege of having trained all the women Air Force pilots to date. The course includes rigorous physical training, drill, basic aviation subjects, military leadership, and service knowledge.Trainees also undertake air experience sorties for orientation towards flying. The Flight Cadets are exposed to various aspects of military life, teamwork, and core values essential for their future roles as aviators.The curriculum ensures holistic development and readiness for the demanding next phase of training. The commemoration ceremony was presided over by Air Marshal Tejbir Singh, Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO), HQ Training Command, IAF.

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : Apollo Cancer Centres (ACC) on World No Tobacco Day,(ACC) launched #OrALife, a proactive screening initiative focused on the early detection of oral cancer on Friday. The program emphasizes public awareness, routine screening, and targeted intervention particularly for high-risk individuals, including tobacco users, alcohol consumers, those with HPV-16 infection, and people with prior oral lesions. As part of this initiative, ACC has partnered with the Isha Foundation to provide holistic support for individuals seeking to overcome tobacco addiction. This collaboration integrates physical health interventions with mental and emotional wellness support. “Tobacco users are six to seven times more likely to develop oral cancer than non-users.Oral cancer is

Two-day Southeast Zone states regional workshop on PM Janman being held

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : A two-day Southeast Zone States Regional Workshop on PM Janman, Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), began here on Friday. Telangana Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development D.Anasuya Seethakka inaugurated the workshop which was attended by senior officials from MoTA and the Tribal Welfare Departments of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Telangana states.In her inaugural address, Seethakka said that the state government is diligently implementing the Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan Development Fund (ST SDF) scheme and is constructing over 22,000 permanent brick houses specifically for the state's tribal people. She also mentioned that recently, the state government launched the prestigious 'Indira Solar Giri Water Development' scheme, which provides solar-powered pumps to tribal farmers who have received podu land titles,

enabling them to irrigate their lands and improving water management facilities.Since tribal people live in the forest, the Minister appealed to the central government to amend the Forest Department laws so that programmes aimed at their development are not hindered.Speaking on the occasion, Telangana State Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao stated that Telangana is setting an example for the entire country through the PM Janman and Dharti Abhijan National Village Excellence

schemes, and that the state is steadily progressing in this direction. He stated that the benefits of every scheme implemented by the central and state governments reach every tribal person living in the forests. MoTA Additional Secretary Manish Thakur, who reviewed the implementation status of schemes in the states, offered several suggestions on how to implement these schemes more effectively.He praised the schemes being implemented in Telangana.

ACC introduces screening program for early detection of Oral Cancer

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : Apollo Cancer Centres (ACC) on World No Tobacco Day,(ACC) launched #OrALife, a proactive screening initiative focused on the early detection of oral cancer on Friday. The program emphasizes public awareness, routine screening, and targeted intervention particularly for high-risk individuals, including tobacco users, alcohol consumers, those with HPV-16 infection, and people with prior oral lesions. As part of this initiative, ACC has partnered with the Isha Foundation to provide holistic support for individuals seeking to overcome tobacco addiction. This collaboration integrates physical health interventions with mental and emotional wellness support. “Tobacco users are six to seven times more likely to develop oral cancer than non-users.Oral cancer is one of the few cancers that can be detected early through a simple oral examination. With this program, our goal is to detect cases early—before it’s too late.” said Dr. Umanath Nayak Senior Consultant Head and Neck Oncology Surgeon at Apollo Cancer Centre. Oral cancer is the most common cancer among Indian men and is rising steadily among women. Incidence rates vary widely across states: West Bengal reports the highest, while Kerala sees the lowest. Maharashtra, Ahmedabad Urban, and Meghalaya also report alarmingly high figures—largely driven by tobacco use.Chennai-based studies have identified an increase in cancers of the tongue base and floor of the mouth, sites known for high metastatic potential. The buccal mucosa remains the most frequently affected site nationwide. Notably, smokeless tobacco use is rising among

women, contributing to a narrowing gender gap in incidence rates. Risk factors—such as the combined use of smokeless tobacco, betel quid, and alcohol—are especially prevalent in underserved communities with limited access to preventive care. The disease is increasingly affecting individuals aged 31–50, with poor nutrition further exacerbating the risk.“Our objective is to foster a culture of preventive healthcare. Oral cancer is highly treatable when detected early. We urge everyone over 30, especially tobacco users to undergo screening,” said Dr. Arsheed Hakeem Consultant - Head & Neck Surgical Oncology, Apollo Cancer Centre, Jubilees Hills, Hyderabd. The #OrALife, the Oral Cancer Screening Program, involves a comprehensive visual and tactile oral examination conducted by trained medical oncologists and head & neck surgeons. It aims to identify early warning signs such as persistent ulcers, red or white patches, lumps, and non-healing sores—many of which are often overlooked. Apollo has teamed up with the Isha Foundation to incorporate spiritual well-being into its tobacco cessation efforts. As part of this, individuals will have access to a simple, yet effective 7-minute guided meditation led by Sadhguru. “Miracle of Mind” is a free meditation app that empowers individuals to take charge of their well-being.“ Our collaboration with Isha Foundation is a

testament to our belief in integrated care, where early detection and mental wellness are both critical pillars.” Dr. Abhishek Budharapu, - Head & Neck Surgical Oncology, Apollo Cancer Centre said. Research indicates that tobacco users spend over Rs 1.1 lakh more on healthcare over their lifetime compared to non-users. The consequences extend beyond health—tobacco use reduces life expectancy, raises insurance premiums, limits claim payouts, and destabilizes families, particularly when primary earners are affected.

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(1) eT-HQ-WAT-02-2025, Dt.: 16.05.2025	
NAME OF THE WORK: ZONAL CONTRACT CIVIL WORKS IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER / WORKS/EAST SECTOR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (ADEN)/ ESTATE/WALTAIR FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30.06.2026.	
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Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹85,00,000.19, EMD: ₹ 1,70,000/-	
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NAME OF THE WORK : CONSTRUCTION OF 50 BEDDED RPF BARRACK AT RAYAGADA IN RAIPUR-VIZIANAGARAM LINE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/RAYAGADA OF WALTAIR DIVISION.	
Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹1,14,89,812.32, EMD: ₹ 2,07,500/-	
Completion Period of the Work : 12 (Twelve) Months.	
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Police nab 26-year-old drug Peddler

Hyderabad, May 30 (UNI) : A 26-year-old drug peddler was nabbed by Shamshabad Special Operation Team (SOT) and the Shadnagar Police , Cyberabad. Acting on reliable information, the Shamshabad team and Shadnagar Police jointly nabbed drug peddler Vikas Sohu, a cooking master at Sanju Bhai Marwadi Dhaba located near Raikal Toll Gate on NH-44 of Shadnagar

Police station limits. Police seized 632 gms Opium, 1 kg Ganja, 1.5 Kg Heroin, 2.8 kg Poppy Straw, besides net cash of Rs Rs 89,700 and three smartphones from his possession. The drug peddler Vikas, a Native of Moulasar, Nagaur (Rajasthan), who came to work at a dhaba near Raikal Toll Gate NH-44 in 2019, and was working as a watchman. Later he learned to cook and worked

as a cooking master. He also used to help his dhaba owner sell ganja. In 2022, both Vikas Sohu and Sanju Bhai, the dhaba owner were arrested by Jadcherla Police for selling ganja near Jadcherla Bus Stand. After their release, they resumed selling ganja. On April 28, 2025, Sanju Bhai passed away due to illness, after which Vikas continued selling these substances.

STANDARD POST

DOGE to continue even without Musk at Helm, Ramaswamy may take lead

The US Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) will keep functioning even without Elon Musk at the helm and can be led by Vivek Ramaswamy, the department's initial co-chair, Timothy Kneeland, a professor of history, politics, and law at Nazareth University in the New York State, told Sputnik.

On Wednesday, Musk announced that his tenure as a special government employee is concluding and expressed gratitude to US President Donald Trump for "the opportunity to reduce wasteful spending" within the government.

"I think DOGE will continue, its purpose seems to be about more than saving the government money, it seems to be a way for President Trump to eliminate government employees whose ideological commitments are more liberal and progressive than those of the Trump movement. That is DOGE has at least two purposes, 'drain the swamp' of experts and liberals and, at the same time, save money for other goals of the Trump White House," Professor Kneeland said.

The Trump administration already has a "ready-made leader" for DOGE in Vivek Ramaswamy, who has been appointed to lead the cost-cutting agency alongside Musk but left as he "felt that he was not given sufficient power to work alongside" the tech entrepreneur, the professor added.

Kneeland suggested that Musk's businesses, including Tesla, SpaceX, and X, may be among the reasons for his official departure from politics, because he was concerned with the need to control the companies' operations and, at the same time, with the fact that "public outrage" directed at him as the head of DOGE may harm his business interests.

However, Professor Kneeland said that it is too early to judge whether public opinion has a chance of pressing the White House to close the department.

"President Trump's followers seem to like the idea and they are really the core of his constituency. I suspect it may take more than a few polls commissioned by the legacy media for President Trump to change his mind," he added.

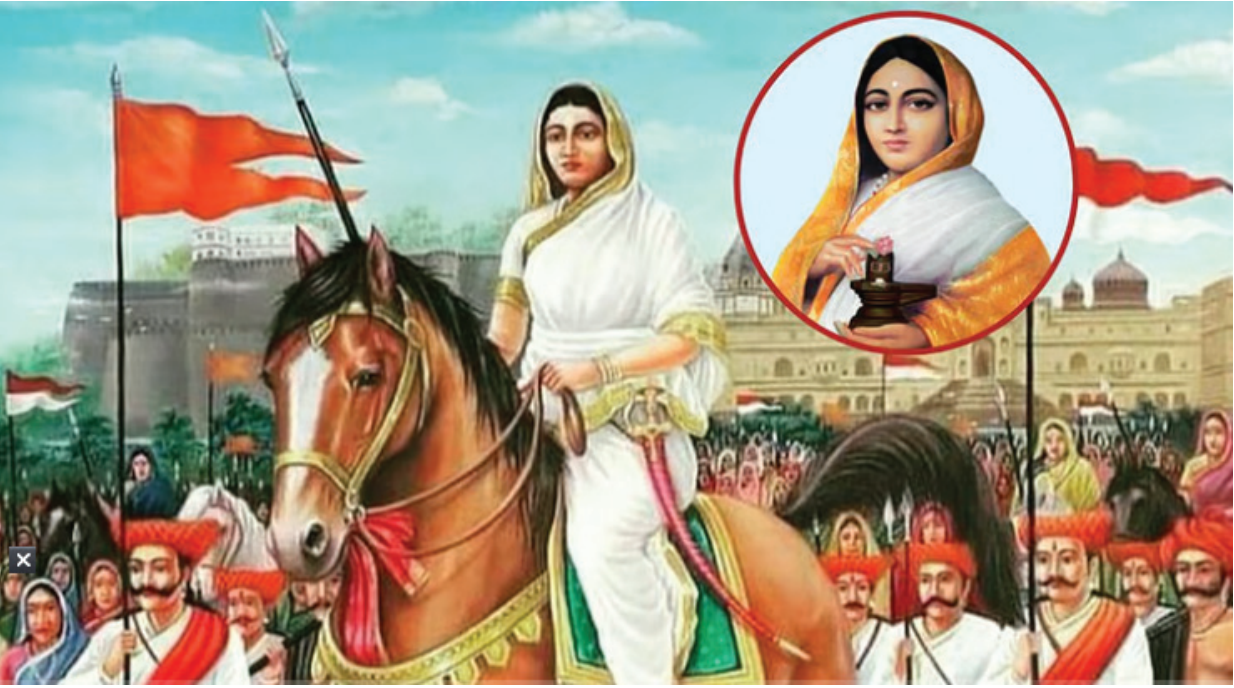
On Thursday, the CBS broadcaster reported, citing a senior official, that Musk was leaving the White House on good terms with Trump and will keep privately advising him in the future. The official noted that Musk's exit from the administration should not be considered a separation but rather a return to the private sector, as the tech mogul remains the president's friend.

Trump created DOGE as one of his first executive orders after being sworn in as the 47th president of the United States. Musk was appointed to head the new department, whose priorities include cutting costs and restructuring federal agencies. Businessman Vivek Ramaswamy was to share the helm with Musk but announced soon after the Trump administration's takeoff that he would not be involved with DOGE.

May 31: Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Holkar Jayanti An ideal princess

When we talk about an ideal king, the image of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj comes to mind, while when we talk about an ideal ruler, the name of Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Holkar comes to mind. She served the people throughout her life in diverse roles such as an ideal daughter, a virtuous wife, a mother endowed with all virtues, and a public-spirited ruler. Not only that, she took all religions into her confidence and administered the state well. Importantly, Hindus and Muslims flourished during Ahilyadevi's reign. Ahilyadevi, who reached the highest peak in religious devotion through social work through politics, was awarded the title of Punyashloka in Hindu culture. This is a matter of great pride for the Marathi people.

Ahilya Devi, while taking concrete measures for the restoration of Hindu temples and pilgrimage sites during her reign, did not forget mosques and dargahs. She also made financial provisions for them in the treasury. She played a truly charitable role by implementing various public welfare initiatives such as the restoration of the twelve Jyotirlingas and many temples, gardens, rest houses, food shelters, wells, dharamshalas, roads, water sources from Badrikeshwar to Rameshwar and from Jagannathpuri to Somnath. By building ghats on the rivers Narmada, Ganga, and Godavari, the process of building ghats on rivers has continued uninterrupted from that period to the next. Rajmata used to regularly donate food, clothes, and also donate to the poor people of the state on festivals. Preserving her character and the splendor of femininity, this great mother combined worldly and spiritual values, leaving behind the tragic events of the past, and established a well-ordered



schedule for her life. It was against this backdrop that Ahilyadevi Holkar was known as the ideal royal mother among her subjects, and she remains so even today.

Ahilyadevi Holkar was the daughter of Mankoji Shinde-Patil of the Dhargar community of Chaundi village in Ahmednagar district. At the age of twelve, Ahilyadevi was married to Khanderao Holkar, the son of Malharrao Holkar, the Peshwa's subedar. But time took its toll and unfortunately, Khanderao died suddenly in 1766. However, she recovered with great courage and, accepting the orders of her father-in-law, Malharrao Holkar, as her highest duty, spent the rest of her life in public service.

On the strength of her own efforts, this queen mother skillfully ruled the Holkar kingdom and gave equal justice to people of all castes and religions. This courageous and courageous mother, who was distressed by the grief of widowhood and the loss of a son, stood firm and kept the revolutionary sun of the Holkar empire burning brightly. Ahilyadevi made the saying "Marave Pari Kirtirupe Urave" true by leading an ideal state. We all humbly salute such a great mother.

Ahilyadevi, who had progressive views,

amended the outdated laws in line with the times. She made the tax system mild. She stopped the oppressive practice of confiscating the wealth of widows and depositing it in the treasury. If a widow wanted to adopt a child, she was allowed to do so by law. Ahilyadevi had issued an order to punish the officials who obstructed the judicial process. She was a good fighter. She was also well-versed in politics and economics. She had appointed Panchadhikari (magistrates) in every village to ensure that justice was served on the spot for the people. She got the people of the Bhil and Gond tribes to cultivate the waste land. Through this, Ahilyadevi increased the treasury many times over the time of Malharrao. She devoted her entire life to keeping the people happy and content by implementing various public welfare activities from the money received in the form of taxes from the people. She had immense compassion in her heart for the common people.

It is noteworthy that Ahilyadevi laid more emphasis on education in her kingdom. Maheshwar, the capital of Holkar, was the main center of education. Sanskrit language was also taught in Marathi and Hindi schools. Apart from this, arrangements were made

during Ahilyadevi's reign to provide education in Vedas-Puranas, Shastras, Vedanta, and grammar through scholars and pundits. Sculptors, writers, artists, scholars and pundits were given special respect in her court. Poets Moropant and Shahir Anant Fandi had a place of honor in the government court. Ahilyadevi had also received military education. She was a brave fighter. She used to visit her army from time to time with the aim of maintaining the morale of her soldiers and increasing their confidence. Notably, Ahilyadevi had formed a special contingent of women in her army.

It is a matter of pride that the achievements of Ahilya Devi had a great impression on the Mughals, Tipu, Nizam, and Peshwas. They had utmost respect and tolerance for other religions. "The king should be like a trustee and should be concerned about the welfare of the subjects", this is the ideal they had set in their governance. That is why they were respected by the subjects as an ideal ruler. Ahilya Devi was famous throughout the kingdom as a public-spirited queen.

The Fadnavis government in the state is committed to following in the footsteps of the ideal Rajmata Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Holkar and to rule like her. Against this

backdrop, the Mahayuti government in the state is taking decisions in the public interest as a government of the masses. The state government intends to announce a comprehensive policy in memory of Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Holkar, and as a part of it, women have been given a 50 percent discount on ST travel. Under the Chief Minister-Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana, the state government is providing financial assistance of Rs 1500 per month to poor women. Crores of mothers and sisters in the state are getting financial support through this scheme and through which they are contributing to their families by starting small businesses. What is special is that they are standing on their own feet. Apart from this, free medical facilities and equipment are being provided to elderly men and women under the Vayoshree Yojana. A fund of Rs 2 crore has been allocated for the special campaign 'Maa Surakshit Toh Ghar Surakshit' for health check-ups of women, provision of ambulances to take them to hospitals, and provision of medicines. The Mahayuti government in the state is committed to establishing a welfare state by keeping in mind the ideals of Punyashloka Ahilyadevi

Holkar.

In memory of Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Holkar, the Maharashtra government organized a cabinet meeting at her birthplace in Chaundi in Ahilyanagar district. This was the first such meeting since the formation of the state of Maharashtra. In this meeting, a comprehensive development plan for Chaundi was prepared and an administrative approval was given for it with a provision of Rs 681 crore 32 lakh. The citizens who go here will be able to see important events in the life of Rajmata Ahilyadevi Holkar. Not only this, they will also be aware of the past Holkar empire and the exemplary governance of Ahilyadevi. And their memories will be revived. In fact, this is the true tribute paid by the Mahayuti government on the occasion of the tercentenary of Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Holkar.

Brothers and sisters, a woman who became a widow at a young age, upholding the ideal of religious harmony, ruled the Indore state for 30 years from 1765 to 1795, setting a record in Indian history. The humanistic outlook of the Queen Mother was loved by people of all religions. The people of the Muslim community used to pray in the mosque for the bright future of the Indore state of Ahilyadevi. That is why the entire public was called Punyashloka Ahilyadevi with respect. Ahilyadevi was the divine light that dispelled ignorance, injustice, and sorrow in human life and illuminated it. On behalf of the people of all religions in the state, I pay tribute and pay my respects to Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Holkar!

Hail woman power!
The country will be great, when women will be respected
(Author: Ranveer Rajput, Retired District Information Officer)

Farmers in border areas are nation's second line of defence: Union Minister Chouhan in Jammu

Jammu, May 30 (UNI) : Union Minister for Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday visited RS Pura in Jammu and highlighted the vital role of farmers living in border regions, describing them as the second line of defence of the country. Addressing a convention of farmers organised under the 'Vikasit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' (VKSA) here at R.S. Pura, the Union Agriculture Minister termed the courage of farmers as unmatched, and said that despite facing constant danger farmers continue to cultivate the land and feed the nation.

He assured the local farming community that their concerns, particularly regarding land rights, security infrastructure, and access to government schemes, have been heard.

"The demand for more bunkers in vulnerable areas will be strongly raised in New Delhi. Your safety is our priority," he affirmed.

He also said that the Central Government will make farmers self-reliant and transform the agriculture landscape of India. He was accompanied by Union Minister of State, Science and Technology; MoS PMO, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh.

Chouhan paid homage to the brave soldiers stationed at the border areas and lauded the enduring resilience of farmers living under the constant shadow of cross-border threats. The Minister emphasised the government's dedication to national security and agricultural prosperity.

He lauded the valour of Indian soldiers and the significance of Operation Sindoor, during which precise strikes were conducted on terror infrastructure across the border. "It was a necessary step, Pakistan's attempts to infiltrate with drones and missiles were dealt with decisively. This is a tribute to the strength of our armed forces and the will of the Indian people," he said.

Addressing the critical issue of water sharing with neighbouring countries, the Minister criticised the decisions of previous government that allowed 80 percent of India's water resources to flow out of the country.

"These water resources belong to Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan and other areas of the country. I commend the

Prime Minister for putting the Indus Water Treaty on hold. Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee rightly opposed the decision to give away our precious resources," he said.

The Minister praised the renowned R.S. Pura Basmati rice, noting that productivity is expected to rise with the introduction of advanced agricultural techniques and research.

"I am here to experience first-hand the life and challenges of farmers in border areas. Together, we will ensure that schemes like PM Kisan Nidhi reach every deserving farmer," he said. Underlining the government's vision of Viksit Bharat, he said that there can be no Viksit Bharat without Viksit Krishi, highlighting that the agricultural production has reached an all-time high in

this year, thanks to the hard work of the farmers and scientists. As part of an ongoing agricultural transformation, he revealed that research scientists will now visit villages, address farmer queries, and provide hands-on guidance to tackle crop diseases and boost productivity.

"Maintain close contact with these scientists. They are your partners in progress," he urged. The Minister thanked the Prime Minister, the state government, and the farmers of Jammu for their efforts and cooperation. He reiterated his mission to elevate the agriculture sector to new heights, ensuring that Jammu and Kashmir becomes a model agri-region for the nation. He said that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the government has taken a resolve to

transform the agriculture sector by incorporating latest trends, technologies and modern research.

Chouhan emphasised that his life is devoted to serving farmers, increasing agricultural output, lowering production costs and protecting the nation's food supply. He highlighted that a balanced use of fertilisers, a deep understanding of local conditions and access to high-quality seeds are key factors that can significantly boost the productivity of farmers.

He said that the Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry, State Agriculture Ministry, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Vigyan Kendra and all agricultural institutes should work together as a team to realise this goal.

NHL star Ovechkin to return to Russia after next season : Wife

Moscow, May 30 (UNI) Washington Capitals' Russian forward Alexander Ovechkin will return to Russia with his family after the next season, as he has a contract for another year, Ovechkin's wife Anastasia Shubskaya said. On May 24, Ovechkin arrived in Moscow from the United States on vacation.

"Alexander has a contract for one more year. So, he will play out the next season and then we will fly back to Moscow to live. To our homeland. We will stay in Russia, yes ... He has his last season next year. I want him to simply enjoy what he loves, to simply enjoy this last season," Shubskaya said in an interview with the AiF website. She said she understood the pressure her husband faced to score that record-breaking goal.

"It was difficult. The pressure was serious and it was coming from everywhere. And every day there were the questions: 'When, when, when are you going to break the record?'" Shubskaya said.

In April, Ovechkin broke the NHL record for the most goals in league championships in history. He scored 897 goals, outdoing the previous record of 894 goals of Canada's Wayne Gretzky.

Finland to lead EU quantum defense project

Helsinki, May 30 (UNI) : Finland will lead a new European Union (EU) initiative focused on applying quantum technology to defense, the Finnish Ministry of Defense announced on Friday.

The project, known as QUEST (Quantum Enablers for Strategic Advantage), aims to explore the defense applications of quantum technologies, with a focus on positioning, territorial surveillance, and air and missile defense. Its objective is to harness next-generation technologies to enhance Europe's defense capabilities.

"Finland has cutting-edge expertise in quantum technology and hosts one of the most advanced ecosystems in this field," Finnish Defense Minister Antti Hakkanen said. "We are committed to integrating quantum technologies into our defense capabilities."

Hakkanen noted that the QUEST project, carried out in collaboration with other European countries, will establish a strong foundation for the use of quantum technologies in defense. A major goal is the development of precision Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) systems that operate independently of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS).

The project will be implemented jointly by the VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland and the Finnish defense administration.

The initiative is part of the sixth wave of projects under the EU's Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), a key element of the bloc's common security and defense policy. It is one of 11 new projects -- proposed by Germany, France, Finland, and Italy -- formally approved by EU member states. The European Council adopted the decision to launch this latest wave on May 27. PESCO seeks to strengthen European defense cooperation by pooling resources, improving interoperability, and reinforcing the European Defense Technological and Industrial Base. With the latest additions, the total number of PESCO projects has now reached 75.

Trump to keep USEUCOM chief dual hatted as NATO's supreme allied commander : Reports

Washington, May 30 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump will stick to the tradition that the chief of the US European Command also serves as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO forces, despite his calls on Europe to increase its engagement in defense and security, Reuters reported on Friday, citing officials.

Trump is expected to nominate Air Force Lt. Gen. Alexis Grynkwich for the positions, a US official told Reuters. The US president reportedly privately briefed NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte on the decision.

Azerbaijan to host World Urban Forum in 2026

Nairobi, May 30 (UNI) : The 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) will take place in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, in May 2026, according to an announcement made Friday at the resumed second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly underway in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

Ana Claudia Rossbach, executive director of the UN Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat), said WUF13 will shine a global spotlight on the urgent need to address the global housing crisis and its central role in sustainable urban development.

"Established by the UN General Assembly as a non-legislative platform in 2001, the World Urban Forum facilitates inclusive dialogue among global stakeholders on pressing urban issues," Rossbach said.

She observed that the forum is one of the largest UN platforms convening diverse parties to exchange, partner, and act on priorities to promote sustainable cities and communities in line with the priorities of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. WUF13 will run under the theme "Housing the World: Safe and Resilient Cities and Communities," focusing on practical solutions that integrate housing with broader urban systems, such as climate adaptation, land and tenure security, inclusive governance, and locally driven development, Rossbach said.

Anar Guliyev, national coordinator of WUF13 and chairman of the State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of Azerbaijan, said his government is committed to working closely with a wide range of partners to ensure a successful five-day forum.



An all-party delegation including Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, Shiv Sena leader Milind Deora and others during an interaction with the Colombian journalists and media personalities from leading media houses, in Bogota, Colombia.

China points out Taiwan issue red line in relations with US : Ministry

Beijing, May 30 (UNI) : The Taiwan issue is the main red line in China-US relations that cannot be crossed, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian said at a briefing on Friday.

Earlier in the day, Reuters reported, citing US officials, that the volume of US arms supplies to Taiwan during President Donald Trump's current term is expected to exceed the volume of supplies during his first term, as Trump and his administration officials are interested in "enhancing hard deterrence" for Taiwan.

"The Taiwan issue is at the core of China's fundamental interests and is the main red line in China-US relations that cannot be crossed," Lin said commenting on the report.

China strongly opposes arms sale to the island by the United States and calls

on Washington to stop selling weapons and creating tension in the Taiwan Strait, Lin said, adding that China's determination to defend its national sovereignty and territorial integrity was unwavering.

Beijing considers Taiwan an integral part of China, and adherence to the "One China" principle as a prerequisite for other states wishing to establish or maintain diplomatic relations. The situation around Taiwan escalated in August 2022, when then-speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi visited the island.

Beijing condemned Pelosi's visit, saying it symbolized US support for Taiwanese separatism, and conducted large-scale military exercises around the island. Official relations between mainland China and its island province

broke down in 1949 after the defeated Kuomintang forces led by Chiang Kai-shek fled to Taiwan after losing a civil war to the Chinese Communist Party. They resumed business and informal contacts in the late 1980s. Since the early 1990s, the two have maintained contacts through non-governmental organizations.

Belarus receives Mi-35M helicopters from Russia : Defense Ministry

Minsk, May 30 (UNI) : Belarus has received Mi-35M combat/transport helicopters as part of the military industrial cooperation with Russia, the Belarusian Defense Ministry said on Friday.

"New Mi-35M transport-combat helicopters have arrived in Belarus as part of military-technical cooperation with Russia," the ministry said on Telegram. The Mi-35M helicopter is a modernized version of the Mi-24 combat helicopter. It is capable of performing a wide range of tasks: destruction of armored and unarmored equipment, enemy manpower; fire support and landing operations; conducting aerial reconnaissance; transportation of troops and cargo and evacuation of the wounded. This helicopter is designed to operate under various conditions, regardless of the time of day or year, the statement said.




Estonia terminates talks with Russia over Narva River buoys : Foreign Ministry

Moscow, May 30 (UNI) : Estonia has stopped on-going negotiations with Russia over the controversial replacement of navigating buoys on the Narva River, opting instead to do without installing them this summer and increase patrols, the Estonian Foreign Ministry said on Friday. In May 2024, the Estonian Interior Ministry's Police and Border Guard Department accused Russian border guards of removing 25 buoys on the Narva River. The placement of the buoys fluctuates every year and is negotiated by the parties in the spring. Last year, Estonia said Russia rejected the placement of nearly a half of the 250 buoys. In May 2025, Estonian broadcaster ERR reported that Estonian and Russian border services resumed negotiations, but the meetings have not yet resulted in an agreement.

"Estonia is ending talks with Russia regarding the Narva River navigation buoys, as despite efforts to reach an agreement with Russia on the location of the navigation buoys, it has not been successful," the ministry said in a statement.

In spring, Estonia proposed a new deal on the location of the buoys during the navigation period, but this also did not lead to a "constructive outcome," the statement read.

Estonian Deputy Director General for Border Management Veiko Kommusaar said that installing buoys without consensus would cause confusion, prompting Estonia to abandon the plan for the summer and enhance patrols instead. On Thursday, Estonian Interior Minister Igor Taro said Estonia might place buoys in its territorial waters if no deal was reached.

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Travel

Panchgani

Deriving its name from the surrounding five hills that envelop it, Panchgani offers a window to the past. Located just about 38 metres below Mahabaleshwar, at an altitude of 1334 metres, the approach to this beautiful hill station is replete with lovely views of the Krishna River to one side, and the plains on the other. A quintessentially residential area, it exudes a charm that harks to a time gone by. Whether in the old colonial architecture, the Parsi homes, and century-old boarding lodges. The best vantage point to take in the world below can be found at Table Land, a flat mountain peak overlooking the plains. To mix things up, head to the local bazaar where business moves along at an unhurried pace, setting a leisurely tone for your time spent here.

Keechakadara

As accounted in the Mahabharata, this is the place where Bheema killed Keechaka, the villain and threw him into the valley below. Taking its name from the incident, Keechakadara is also often referred to as Chikhaldara. Aside from its mythological roots, there's more to this beautiful hill station. Situated at an altitude of 1118 metres in the Vidarbha region, this is the only hill resort in the area, and has the added attraction of being the only coffee-growing area in Maharashtra. This is even a great place for wild life enthusiasts to do some spotting as panthers, bears, sambar, wild boar, and wild dogs thrive here and it is neighboured by the famous Melghat Tiger Project which has 82 tigers. Hurricane Point, Prospect Point, and Devi Point are all great vantage points to take in the views, and this is also a good starting point for excursions to Gavilgad and Narnala Fort.

Bhandardara

Also cradles within the Sahyadri Hills,

5 hill stations in Maharashtra to get away to

Through the length of its state, Maharashtra encompasses a landscape ranging from the steeply rising Western Ghats, all the way down to the seashore of the Arabian Sea. Cradled within is carpeted green mountain walls, are the most stunning hill stations, each with a charm that's all their own. Take a break from the frenzied pace of the city and get away to these oases of calm.

Bhandardara, with its soaring mountain ranges, plunging waterfalls and carpet of green, attracts tourists all through the year. For a short hour-long journey, this hill station offers city dwellers a drastically contrasting landscape and stunning surroundings. Bright green paddy fields and clear blue skies punctuated with a labyrinth of gurgling streams, provide all the essential ingredients for a weekend away from the madding crowds. There's enough to keep you busy through the days. Built in 1910, Wilson Dam stands 150-

metres-high and has a beautiful garden at the base. of Wilson Dam there is a garden endowed with thick greenery, streams and gigantic trees, the silently serene Arthur lake which mirrors the beauty of its surroundings in its blue waters, Mount Kalsubai, which is Maharashtra's highest peak at 1646 metres and draws in serious trekkers to its summit, the Agasti Risha Ashram which has been mentioned in the Ramayan and the ancient Ratangad Fort which offers panoramic views from its ramparts.

Matheran

Discovered back in 1850 by Hugh Malet, collector for the Thane district, Matheran sits atop the Sahyadris Mountain range and is another hot weekend getaway for city slickers. This gorgeous and quaint hill station is best accessed via the slow-moving toy train which chugs along over a leisurely two-hour-long journey from the valley below. Sprawled across a lush green,

undulating hilltop, Matheran sits at a height of about 800 metres with drastic, steep cliffs offering the most stunning views of the plains below. Make your way up to Hart Point at night, and take in the dreamy, twinkling lights of Mumbai far below, meander through the winding ways and feast your eyes on the British-Parsi architecture of the local homes, walk up to Charlotte Lake, and do a spot of shopping in the market where you'll find lots of leather goodies, hats and ofcourse the famous sweet-sticky chikki best eaten hot and fresh.

Mahabaleshwar

Translating to mean 'God of Great Power' in Sanskrit, Mahabaleshwar is a favourite hill destination with Maharashtrans. Once the summer capital of the Bombay Presidency during the British Raj, it offers visitors a perfect blend of modernity with old-world charm. Aside from being abound with natural beauty, there's lots you can do here to keep entertained. All parts of the hill station are accessible by car, so getting around is no problem, and if you're feeling adventurous, just climb onto a horse and get going. Make your way to Malcolm Peth, the bazaar at the heart of Mahabaleshwar, which has a good mix of hotels, shops and restaurants. Visit Mount Malcolm which was built in 1829 and once served as the Governor's residence, Moraji Castle which was home to Mahatma Gandhi back in 1945, and wind down at the Mahabaleshwar Club in the evening over drinks. During the day you can take the short drive up to Venna Lake and go boating or fishing, and proceed a little further down to Panchgani, and walk through the strawberry fields.



During the rains, god's own country transforms into a veritable paradise with lush greenery gracing its backwaters and hills, cloudy sunsets, cool breeze and the cheerful fervour of an array of festivals. Intermittent showers heighten the romance of the season. It might not be the best time to hit the beaches, but here are five reasons why Kerala in the monsoon will leave you singin' in the rain.

Snake boat races

The months between July and September are water sports season, with the backwaters around Alappuzha playing host to a series of snake boat races. The most famous of the lot is the Nehru Trophy Boat Race, generally held on the second Saturday of August every year. The regatta takes place on the Punnamada Lake, and features ceremonial processions and magnificent floats. Its star attraction is the synchronised rowing of traditional 30-metre-long snake-boats or chudan valloms, which have a raised prow resembling a snake.

The Onam sadya feast

This ten-day harvest festival celebrates the homecoming of the mythical king Mahabali, but it's also a good excuse to feast on some of Kerala's most lip-smacking vegetarian fare. Traditionally served on palm leaves, the nine-course banquet is held on the last or tenth day. It's best savoured at a local home, but you don't manage to get an invite then most local restaurants also offer these meals. The preceding days are filled with costume parades, boat races and shopping discounts.

Great hotel deals

Sandwiched between Kerala's sweltering summers and its peak tourist season (November to March), the monsoon is a great time to snag deals at otherwise expensive hotels and resorts. If you've ever fantasised about an indulgent houseboat

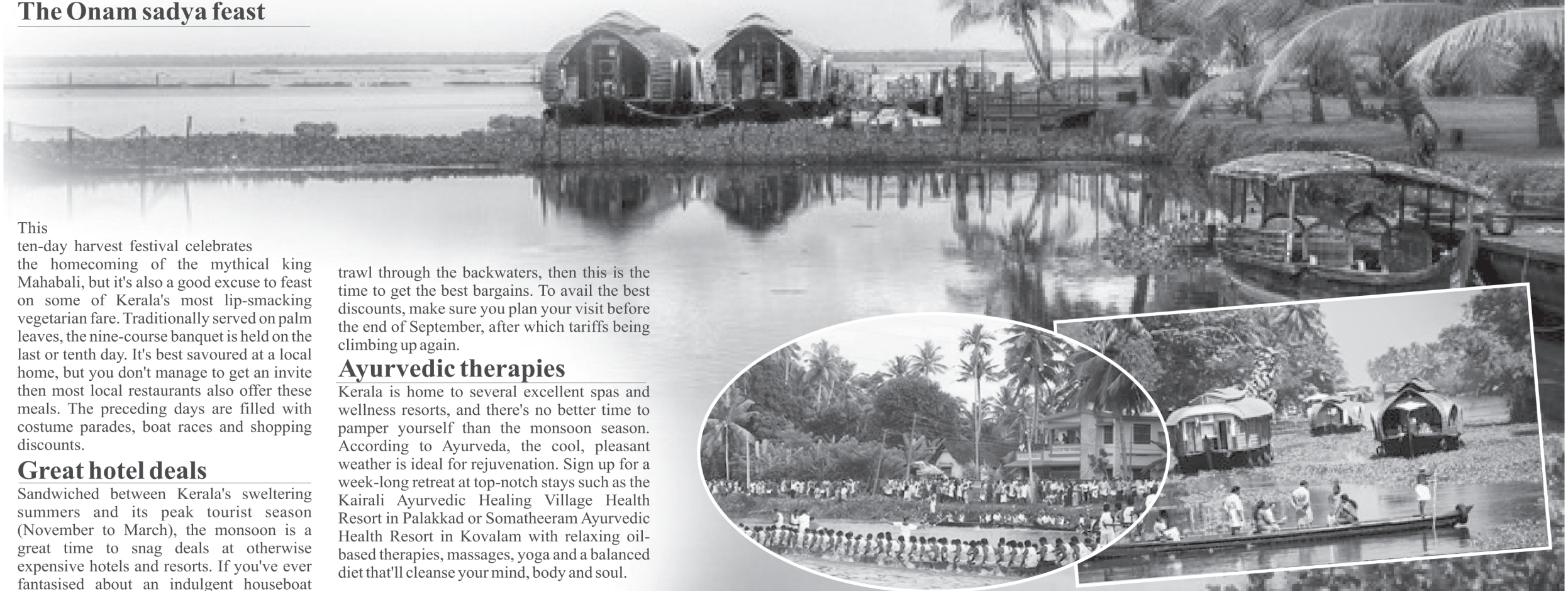
5 reasons why you should visit

Kerala during the Monsoon

Wayanad's natural splendour

With virescent hills carpeted with plantations, rainforests and tumbling waterfalls, Wayanad is a photographer's delight. After you've had your fill of its misty coffee, tea and spice plantations, head to the

Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary that hosts numerous migrating birds in this period. Wayanad's tourism department also holds an annual monsoon carnival in July with village excursions, rain treks as well as local sports such as mud football and archery.



Swiatek powers into Round 3 of French Open

Paris, May 30 (UNI) : Poland's top seed Iga Swiatek advanced to the final of the third round at Court Suzanne Lenglen with a commanding 6-2, 7-5 victory over Romania's Jaqueline Cristian on Friday.

Swiatek, showing her trademark resilience and precision, dominated the match despite Cristian's determined fightback. The Polish star secured 13 games to Cristian's 8, maintaining control with an impressive 75 percent win rate on first serves and 69 percent on second serves.

Cristian, who struggled to convert break points, failed to capitalise on six opportunities, while Swiatek converted three out of seven. The Polish ace also displayed superior returning skills, winning 32 receiving points compared to Cristian's 18.

Despite Cristian's higher number of double faults at three, both players remained steady in serving, with Swiatek winning 10 service games to Cristian's 7. Swiatek's consistency was further underlined by her ability to win eight points in a row at one stage, demonstrating her momentum in the match.

The win puts Swiatek in the final, where she will aim to add another trophy to her illustrious career. Cristian, meanwhile, can take pride in her spirited performance against the top seed on one of tennis's grandest stages.

China's Zheng Qinwen advances to last 16 at French Open

Paris, May 30 (UNI) : Paris Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen of China continued her strong run at the French Open on Friday, advancing to the women's singles Round of 16 with a straight-sets win over 18-year-old Canadian qualifier Victoria Mboko.

The eighth seed needed just under 90 minutes to beat Mboko 6-3, 6-4 in their first career meeting, marking her second appearance in the last 16 at Roland Garros after her breakthrough run in 2022.

"I was born in China in a really hot place, which is called Wuhan. So I handled the hot weather quite well," Zheng said in her post-match interview.

"Last year when I played the Olympic Games, it was hotter than this. So actually I like this condition, but I want to say thanks to all the crowd who suffered here under the sun today with me."

Zheng also praised her young opponent. "I want to say congrats to the opponent because I feel she played really well, and I think we pushed each other to play our best tennis."

And sometimes we had really good points. It was not an easy match."

Zheng will next face the winner of the match between Dayana Yastremska of Ukraine and Liudmila Samsonova of Russia as she looks to reach her first French Open quarterfinal.

Sabalenka storms into French Open fourth round



Paris, May 30 (UNI) : World number one Aryna Sabalenka produced another devastating display to reach the French Open fourth round on Friday and continue her pursuit of a first Paris title.

The three-time major winner stamped her authority on the match early on by winning the first five games against Serbia's Olga Danilovic.

The 27-year-old went on to complete a 6-2 6-3

victory on Court Philippe Chatrier to set up a meeting with American Amanda Anisimova. The Belarusian, who has reached at least the quarter-finals at each of the past nine Grand Slams she has contested, has lost just 10 games in her first three matches in Paris.

Now in her 40th consecutive week as the top-ranked women's player, Sabalenka thanked her team for helping to lay the foundations for her

continuing success, the BBC reported. "When I am on court, I am a completely different person, very focused, very aggressive. On the court it is about dreams and I give my all on court," she said in her on-court interview. "Off court, it is important to surround yourself with the right people and have fun with your crew and that's what I'm doing. "I am really grateful to have all of them on my team, we are like family."

Women are worthy of French Open night sessions

Paris, May 30 (UNI) : French Open tournament director Amelie Mauresmo has rejected accusations that not scheduling women's matches in the tournament's night session implies female players are not "worthy" of the slot.

The first six night sessions at Roland Garros have all been men's singles matches.

In a news conference earlier this week, two-time Wimbledon finalist Ons Jabeur said the decision - which is debated every year - affects the growth of women's sport.

Mauresmo, a former

WTA world number one, says no women's players have complained directly to her about the situation.

Asked if she understood that not picking women's matches led to some women feeling "not worthy", Mauresmo replied: "That's not what we're saying. I have to stop you right there.

"For me, the message that I always said, and I will repeat, is the conditions have not changed of having one unique match in the evening.

"The message has never been the girls are not worthy of playing at night.

It's never been this."

Mauresmo still has to make a decision on which match will feature in Saturday's night session - which will clash with Paris St-Germain facing Inter Milan in the Champions League final in Munich.

"The Champions League final won't change much for us anyway," she said. "We are trying to do the utmost for the tournament. We are very happy for PSG but we are organising our own event. "There will be 15,000 people here so we want to give them the best possible match."

Hitman, Hardik hammer Gujarat Titans, ensure MI's march into IPL Qualifier 2

Chandigarh, May 30 (UNI) : A throwback to Rohit Sharma's vintage flair and a last-over blitz from skipper Hardik Pandya fired Mumbai Indians into Qualifier 2 of IPL 2025 with a 20-run win over Gujarat Titans in a high-octane Eliminator at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium here on Friday.

Under pressure in a knockout clash, MI came out swinging. Choosing to bat first, they racked up a towering 228 for 5, thanks to Rohit's authoritative 81 off 50 balls, an innings that stitched together finesse and firepower, and a death-over assault led by Hardik, whose three monstrous sixes in the final over turned a strong total into an imposing one. In reply, Gujarat never quite recovered from an early jolt and despite a valiant 80 by young Sai Sudharsan, they could only muster 208 for 6 in their 20 overs. Mumbai bowlers, spearheaded by Trent Boult and supported by Jasprit Bumrah's precision, kept their composure under pressure and sealed the deal.

Rohit, who had been quiet this season, rose to the occasion when it mattered most. The former MI captain unfurled nine crisp boundaries and four effortless sixes, bringing up his 47th IPL fifty and becoming only the second player after Virat Kohli to breach the 7000-run barrier in IPL history.

Jonny Bairstow (47 off 28) gave MI a rousing start with a flurry of boundaries, and though he fell to a stunning boundary-line relay catch between Sai Kishore and Gerald Coetzee, MI's momentum never waned. Suryakumar Yadav (33 off 20) and Tilak Varma (25 off 11) played with freedom, allowing Rohit to anchor while the middle order swung freely. The fireworks arrived

in the final stretch. Tilak Varma smashed a 93-metre six off Mohammed Siraj before falling, setting the stage for Hardik's entry. The MI captain walked in with clear intent and exploded in the last over, bowled by Coetzee, sending one sailing over the sightscreen before dispatching two more sixes into the stands en route to 22 runs in that over alone.

Faced with a steep target, GT lost captain Shubman Gill early to a Boult inswinger. Kusal Mendis (20) and Washington Sundar (48 off 24) tried to rebuild, with Sundar particularly impressive in counterattack, but regular wickets derailed their chase.

Sai Sudharsan, unflustered at one end, played a fine hand, his 80 off 49 balls included ten fours and a six, but lacked meaningful support in the slog overs. Cameos from Sherfane Rutherford (24), Shahrulkh Khan (13), and Rahul Tewatia (16 not out) narrowed the gap, but the required rate kept climbing as Mumbai closed in with disciplined bowling. Trent Boult (4-0-56-2) struck key blows, while Bumrah (4-0-27-1) choked the flow at the death. Ashwani Kumar, Richard Gleeson and Mitchell Santner chipped in with a wicket each.

Adding to Gujarat's woes was their sub-par fielding, Kusal Mendis grassed a sitter and Coetzee dropped a tough but crucial chance, both reprieves to Rohit and Suryakumar that cost them dearly. Mumbai's fielding, in contrast, was sharp and assured. With this win, MI, who have now crossed 200-plus for the third time this season, march into Qualifier 2, where they will meet Punjab Kings, who went down to Royal Challengers Bengaluru in Qualifier 1.

Fernandes considering quitting Man Utd for Al-Hilal

London, May 30 (UNI) : Bruno Fernandes is giving serious consideration to quitting Manchester United next week and taking up a lucrative offer to join Saudi Pro-League club Al-Hilal. Fernandes' representatives are said to have met Al-Hilal officials in the past few days for further discussions about a move that would allow the 30-year-old to take part in the forthcoming Club World Cup.

The issue has been the topic of conversation on United's current tour of Asia.

While Fernandes has remained focused and continues to take his responsibilities as captain seriously, he has offered no guarantees about his future, which has led to some thinking he is ready to leave.

Manchester United are said to be relaxed about the situation.

While head coach Ruben Amorim has previously said he wants Fernandes – who earlier this month was crowned the club's player of the year for a joint record fourth time – to stay at Old Trafford, he also knows a rumoured £80m transfer fee might be the best way of being able to reshape his squad, the BBC reported.

Asked about the present situation on the club's current post-season trip to Asia, Amorim said: "We talk about this many times.

"You can see by his performances. You can see by his leadership. You can see the passion he has for the game.

In difficult moments Bruno is the guy who takes responsibility. He should do because he is the captain."

Fernandes is expected to be involved in United's game against Hong Kong on Friday (13:00 BST kick-off).

ITTF justifies election process, condemns AGM disruption

Doha, May 30 (UNI) : The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) has defended its presidential election during its recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Doha, while strongly condemning the disruption that resulted in the suspension of the AGM. During Tuesday's AGM, Sweden's Petra Sorling was re-elected ITTF president after receiving 104 votes, while her opponent, Khalil Al-Mohannadi of Qatar, received 102. Sorling was proclaimed by the AGM Chair as ITTF president, and will serve her new term from 2025 to 2029.

In a statement released on Friday, the ITTF said a total of 208 member associations registered to take part in and vote on all the decisions scheduled at the AGM, and all the delegates were informed of this at the outset of the AGM. "The ITTF Constitution authorizes voting in person, online or in a hybrid format," it said.

As per the request of the two candidates, the ITTF said, the presidential election was conducted in a hybrid format, with 185 delegates present in Doha

voting manually by placing paper ballot with their vote into the voting box and 21 online voting through the system.

Doubts were raised during the roll-call voting process, as 16 member associations were counted as present online while the final tally showed 21 online votes.

"During the AGM, the total of votes placed by the member associations fluctuated throughout the day's proceedings, as delegates joined and left the meeting (both online and in person). This information was transparently displayed for all delegates during the AGM," the ITTF explained. Each member association present has one vote, irrespective of whether it is present in person or online, at the time of the roll call or at a later stage during the AGM, it added.

According to the ITTF website, "the AGM had to be suspended after it was disrupted by outsiders" after the presidential election.

The ITTF said that these individuals were neither delegates from

member associations, nor members of the Executive Board, Council, Committees or invited guests.

"As the communication of the outcome of the election resulted in the disruption of the AGM and in unsubstantiated allegations of irregularity, the ITTF would like to clarify that the election process was conducted in strict accordance with the ITTF Constitution and Statutes and in full respect of the member associations' rights," it said.

According to the ITTF, since 2020, it has employed secure electronic voting systems to ensure integrity and confidentiality, and the systems were overseen by a company used by several other sports institutions, such as the International Olympic Committee.

"The ITTF rejects the misconceived statement by some member associations to recognize any other result," said the organization."

The ITTF will not comment any further on the election process at this stage and will address any formal complaint it should receive in the appropriate forum."

Banka, Yang elected third time as WADA president, VP

Montreal (Canada), May 30 (UNI) : The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) confirmed that the third and final three-year term from 2026 to 2028 for its president Witold Banka and vice president Yang Yang. WADA's Extraordinary Foundation Board Meeting was convened online on Thursday to elect the new leadership of the international organization which is based here.

"Today's result reaffirms our shared mission and values. Despite the many challenges we have faced over the past five and a half years, it has also been a period of transformation, of resilience, and of undeniable progress," said President Banka, the former sprinter-turned Minister of Sport and Tourism of Poland.

"In our final term, we are committed to continue strengthening the global anti-doping system by elevating the athlete experience; expanding the impact of our science, development, compliance and intelligence work and much more," said Banka. He said WADA and its stakeholders

around the world would meet the shared objectives and exceed them with the sole purpose of protecting clean sport. Yang, a former Olympic short-track speed skating champion, also expressed her gratitude for the Board's confidence and reiterated her commitment to spearheading WADA's increased emphasis on education and the role of athletes in charting the course for the future of anti-doping.

"Serving as vice president has been the privilege of a lifetime, and I enter this final term determined and fully committed to continuing the meaningful work we do each and every day," said Yang. "I am grateful for the opportunity to spend another term alongside President Banka and look forward to devoting the next three and a half years to completing the work we started in 2020." WADA, established in 1999 as an international independent agency to lead a collaborative worldwide movement for doping-free sport, is composed of a 38-member Foundation Board, which is the agency's highest policy-making body.

Bumrah positive India can counter ultra-aggressive England

Mumbai, May 30 (UNI) : India and England will lock horns in a five-Test match series, marking the beginning of the upcoming ICC World Test Championship cycle .

Bumrah, currently part of the Mumbai Indians squad for the Indian Premier League, is among the experienced campaigners who feature in India's Test squad against England, especially after the retirements of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma.

The 31-year-old, who was phenomenal with the ball during India's previous Test assignment in Australia, is eager to take on the challenge of playing in English conditions.

"Playing in England is always a different challenge, I always love bowling with the Dukes ball," Bumrah said in a conversation with Michael Clarke on the Beyond23 Cricket Podcast.

"The weather, the

swinging conditions sometimes, and then when the ball becomes soft, there's always a challenge. So I always look forward to playing in England," he said. The seasoned pacer added that in Ben Stokes' England side, a unique challenge awaits India.

"They're playing an interesting style of cricket which is interesting because I don't really understand it too much," Bumrah said.

"But as a bowling unit, we always feel confident that when the batters are being ultra-aggressive, on a given day, anybody could run through and get wickets," he said.

India and England will kickstart the five-match series on June 20 with the first Test in Headingley.

With cricket set to make a big return at the Summer Olympics, Bumrah also has his sights set on making an appearance at Los Angeles 2028. "Obviously, it is

tough for any individual to keep playing everything for so long," he said. "I've been doing it for a while, but eventually you have to understand where your body is going, what is the important tournament."

"You have to be a little selective and smart about how you use your body. As a cricketer, I would never want to leave anything and always keep on going. But I don't set goals or look at numbers. whenever I have [set goals], I've never been able to fulfil them," Bumrah

said. "Yes, you have to be selective. Now I've heard there's Olympics in cricket coming as well. So that is something that I'm looking forward to. Who would've thought cricket will become an Olympic sport?" he said..

Back in April, the number of teams set to participate in the men's and women's cricket tournament for LA 2028 were confirmed.

Both tournaments will be hosted at the Fairgrounds in Pomona, Southern California.

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WR's Major block at Kandivali Yard

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, May 30 : To facilitate the Dismantling of Elevated Booking Office at Kandivali Yard, a major block of 36 hours will be undertaken on the 5th line and yard lines from 13:00 hrs on Saturday, 31st May 2025, to 01:00 hrs in the intervening night of Sunday/Monday, i.e. 1st/2nd June, 2025.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek during the block, suburban and mail express trains will be run on Fast Line. Details of affected trains are as under.

Short Termination/Origination/Partially cancellation of trains:

1. Train No. 19418

Ahmedabad – Borivali Express journey commencing on 30th & 31st May, 2025 will short terminate at Vasai Road. Hence, this train will be partially cancelled between Vasai Road and Borivali.

2. Train No. 19425 Borivali – Nandurbar Express journey commencing on 31st May & 01st June, 2025 will short originate from Bhayandar. Hence, this train will be partially cancelled between Borivali and Bhayandar.

3. Train No. 19426 Nandurbar – Borivali Express journey commencing on 31st May, 2025 will short terminate at Vasai Road. Hence, this train will be partially cancelled between Vasai

Road and Borivali.

4. Train No. 19417 Borivali – Ahmedabad Express journey commencing on 01st June, 2025 will short originate from Vasai Road. Hence, this train will be partially cancelled between Borivali and Vasai Road.

Due to this block, few suburban trains will be affected and will be cancelled. List of trains cancelled on 31st May, 2025 is enclosed as Annexure I. While, list of trains cancelled on 01st June, 2025 is enclosed as Annexure II. Detailed information to this effect is available with concerned Station Masters. Passengers are requested to please take note of the above arrangements.

Successful conclusion of summer coaching camp 2025 by East Coast Railway sports association



(Standard Post Bureau)
Visakhapatnam, May 30 : The East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA) successfully concluded its highly anticipated Summer Coaching Camp 2025, held from April 22 to May 30, 2025. The 40-day camp, hosted at the Waltair Railway Stadium, provided world-class sports coaching to children aged 5 to 15 years, with sessions conducted both in the morning and evening.

The closing ceremony was graced by Divisional Railway Manager and President of ECoRSA, Shri Lalit Bohra, as the chief guest. Other distinguished guests included President ECoRWWO Smt. Jyotsna Bohra, ADRM (Operations) Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo,

Sports Officer Shri M. Haranath, Treasurer Shri Jusuf Kabir Ansari, Assistant Sports Officers Shri Sh. Patil & Shri Sahu, General Secretary Smt. N. Usha, and representatives of recognized unions.

The camp offered coaching in a wide array of sports for both boys and girls.

For Boys: Athletics, Boxing, Basketball, Cricket, Ball Badminton, Football, Shuttle Badminton, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Yoga, and Volleyball.

For Girls: Athletics, Boxing, Basketball, Shuttle Badminton, Swimming, Table Tennis, Yoga, and Tennis.

In his address, DRM Shri Lalit Bohra commended the ECoRSA team for the

successful organization of the camp. He emphasized the significance of such initiatives in nurturing young talent, promoting sportsmanship, and providing opportunities for local youth to excel at the national and international levels. The camp was open free of charge to children of Railway employees as well as residents of Visakhapatnam, ensuring broad community participation, he added.

To encourage a healthy competitive spirit, various sports competitions were held on the final day of the camp. Winners and runners-up were awarded trophies and certificates, while all participants received certificates of participation in recognition of their enthusiasm and effort.

Op Sindoor a testament to success of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat': Yogi

Kanpur, May 30 (UNI) : Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday saluted the valour of the Indian Army, saying that due to the bravery of its soldiers under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the whole world now exemplifies India for its power and capability.

During the launch of projects worth Rs 47,000 crore by Prime Minister Modi in Kanpur, the CM praised and congratulated the PM on his first visit to Uttar Pradesh after 'Operation Sindoor'.

He said the bravery that the Indian forces have displayed by destroying the enemy's air defence system also made the world realise the power of 'Made

in India' started by Prime Minister Modi 10 years ago. "This is also a great example of the success of self-reliant India," he said.

Yogi said projects worth Rs 47,600 crore received by the state are the foundation of a developed India.

Welcoming the PM in the industrial city of Kanpur, located on the banks of the Ganga, Yogi said: "I welcome him wholeheartedly on behalf of the people of the state. This land was once the pioneer of the industrial revolution, and today, it is going to write a new saga of development."

The CM described 'Operation Sindoor' as a symbol of India's military power and self-reliance and

said that first surgical strike, then air strike and now 'Operation Sindoor', the Indian Army under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi has shown the world that India now believes not only in responding but also in deciding the style of responding. "This is a strong example of Made in India and self-reliant India," he said. On the foundation stone laying and inauguration of projects worth Rs 47,600 crore in Kanpur by Prime Minister Modi, the CM said that this programme is a big step to take UP forward as a 'growth engine' of a developed India. He said that after the first phase of Kanpur Metro launched by PM Modi in the year 2021,

Installation of ATVMs in Hubballi Division : SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 30 : In a move aimed at reducing crowding at ticket counters, South Western Railway (SWR), Hubballi Division, has installed 25 Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) across various stations within its jurisdiction. Hubballi station has 8 machines, followed by Belagavi and Ballari with 3 each, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Gadag, and Hosapete with 2 each, and Dharwad, Koppal and Ghataprabha with 1 each.

A majority of passengers rely heavily on unreserved tickets. These machines are useful for daily commuters such as workers and students, enabling them to quickly and conveniently obtain tickets without having to wait in long queues. "ATVMs facilitate the issuance of multiple ticket types, including monthly (season) passes, platform tickets, and unreserved journey tickets. One of the key features is the use of rechargeable smart cards, which can be used as needed for different travel purposes.

Passengers can also scan a QR code to purchase tickets." 31 ATVM facilitators are appointed across various stations to facilitate the passengers in using the machines. They either disburse the tickets through the facilitator smart card or guide the passengers to buy tickets. These facilitators are retired Railway employees selected through screening of applications by the committee of officers.

To encourage the use of ATVMs, passengers purchasing unreserved tickets through these machines are offered discounts credited to their smart cards—3% for journeys up to 150 km, 2% for distances between 150 and 500 km, and 1% for trips exceeding 500 km. These discounts are also extended to ATVM facilitators (operators).

With advanced technical support, the department aims to significantly increase the number of tickets issued through ATVMs. This not only enhances passenger convenience but also reduces the workload on conventional ticket counters.

now the second phase has been inaugurated, which will make the public transport system of the city modern and convenient. Referring to UP's energy sector, Yogi said with the start of thermal power plants in Panki, Ghatampur, Jawaharpur (Etah), Obra (Sonbhadra) and Khurja (Bulandshahr), the power capacity of the state has increased from 15,000 MW to 25,000 MW.

He said that by the end of the year, it will increase by another 4,000 MW. While counting UP's achievements, he said that electricity has reached 1.21 lakh hamlets of the state and free connections have been given to 1.78 crore poor families.

Usmanabad Station to be known as Dharashiv Railway Station

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 30 : Pursuant to the decision of the Government of Maharashtra to rename Usmanabad as Dharashiv, Indian Railways has changed the name of Usmanabad Railway Station to Dharashiv Railway Station. Consequently, the new station name and code

have been approved by the Indian Railways Conference Association.

The station previously known as Usmanabad with the station code UMD has now been officially renamed as Dharashiv with the new station code DRSV. "Accordingly, the new name of the station is to be read and written in the following manner:

In Devanagari Script

(Marathi):

In Devanagari Script (Hindi):

In Roman Script (English): DHARASHIV

All railway records, signage, announcements, and passenger information systems will be updated to reflect the new name.

Passengers and the general public are requested to take note of the change.

To implement the name change, Mumbai PRS (Passenger Reservation System) will be temporarily shut down for a brief period of 1 hour 45 minutes i.e from 23:45 hrs of 31.05.2025 to 01:30 hrs of 01.06.2025. During this period of shutdown, changes related to the renaming of Usmanabad station to Dharashiv and necessary updates will be carried out.

Mega Block over Central Railway on Sunday

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 30 : Central Railway, Mumbai Division will operate Mega Block on its suburban sections carrying out various engineering and maintenance works on 01.6.2025 as under:

UP & DOWN slow lines between CSMT Mumbai and Vidyavihar from 10.55 hrs to 15.55 hrs

DOWN slow services departing CSMT Mumbai from 10.48 hrs to 15.45 hrs will be diverted on DOWN fast line between CSMT Mumbai and Vidyavihar

stations and will halt at Byculla, Parel, Dadar, Matunga, Sion and Kurla stations and further re-diverted on DOWN slow line at Vidyavihar station.

UP slow services departing Ghatkopar from 10.19 hrs to 15.52 hrs will be diverted on UP fast line between Vidyavihar and CSMT Mumbai stations and will halt at Kurla, Sion, Matunga, Dadar, Parel and Byculla stations.

CSMT – Chunabhatti / Bandra DOWN Harbour line from 11.40 hrs to 16.40 hrs & Chunabhatti /

Bandra- CSMT UP Harbour line from 11.10 hrs to 16.10 hrs

DOWN Harbour line services to Vashi /Belapur/ Panvel leaving CSMT / Vadala Road from 11.16 hrs to 16.47 hrs and DOWN Harbour line services to Bandra/Goregaon leaving CSMT from 10.48 hrs to 16.43 hrs will remain suspended.

UP Harbour line services for CSMT leaving Panvel/Belapur/Vashi from 9.53 hrs to 15.20 hrs and UP Harbour line services for CSMT leaving Goregaon/

Bandra from 10.45 hrs to 17.13 hrs will remain suspended. Special services will run between Panvel and Kurla (Platform No.8) during the block period.

Harbour line passengers are permitted to travel via Main Line and Western Railway from 10.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs during block period.

These maintenance mega blocks are essential for infrastructure upkeep and safety. Passengers are requested to bear with the Railway Administration for the inconvenience caused.

Niche Heritage Tour on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Circuit by Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train from 9th June 2025

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Circuit tour is ready to depart on June 09

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 30 : The 06 days itinerary will commence its journey from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT). On Day 1 for Mangaon Railway station on the Konkan Railway network, the closest railway link for Raigad fort. The first destination is Raigad, known for the eponymous hill fort where Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's coronation or Rajyabhishek had taken place and was later his capital from where he ruled. On completion of the sightseeing, the tourists would return back to the train as it proceeds for the next destination, Pune wherein the tourists will be having dinner followed by overnight stay at hotel at Pune.

On Day 2 of the tour, the prominent sites that the tourists would be covering at Pune are Lal Mahal, Kasba Ganapati and Shivsrushti. Lal Mahal as the name suggests is a red-colored palace constructed by Chhatrapati Shivaji's father Shahaji Bhosale for his wife Jijabai and son in 1630 CE. The present-day structure was rebuilt in 1984 on a part of the land where Lal Mahal stood and houses a vast collection of oil paintings that depicts significant life events of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The temple of Kasba Ganapati, the presiding deity of Pune dates back to the 1893 and is believed to have been earmarked by Jijabai, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's mother. Since then, the city is known as the city of Ganesha. Later in the day, the tourists shall be visiting Shivsrushti– the largest



historical theme park showcasing the legend of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Tourists will watch the life story of the Maratha ruler in 3D and will enjoy other interactive sessions. "After a night's rest at Pune.

On Day 3, the guests will be travelling to Shivneri, situated at a distance of 95 kms from Pune city. The Shivneri Fort is situated on a hilltop overlooking the Junnar City. It is the birthplace of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and a symbol of Maratha pride and resistance against Muslim rule. Post lunch, the tourists will be visiting Bhimashankar Jyotirlinga temple, one of the 12 Jyotirlinga temples before returning back to Pune for night halt.

On Day 4 of the itinerary, the tourists will be boarding the

train for onward journey to Satara. The key site to be covered from this station is Pratapgadh Fort which is of immense historical importance because of the Battle of Pratapgadh that took place in 1659 between Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Bijapur Sultanate general Afzal Khan. This battle had set the stage for the establishment of the Maratha Empire. Post visit, the tourists will take lunch at a suitable place and start back for the train as it proceeds for the last destination of this tour, Kolhapur. "On Day 5, the train will arrive at Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminus Kolhapur Railway Station early morning. Post wash & change and breakfast at a hotel, the tourists will proceed for Mahalakshmi Temple popularly known as Ambabai followed by

the Panhala Fort. Sitting atop the Sahyadri range, the hill fort bears a testament to many battles and is closely connected with Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj who spent over 500 days as where he was held captive and later escaped. The Panhala Fort – also called as the 'Fort of Snakes' since it is zigzag in shape. The Fort is associated with the life history of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Shambhaji Maharaj. It is remembered for the heroic valour shown by Baji Prabhu Deshpande, the commander of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj during the fight in capturing the Fort. In the late evening, the train starts back on its return journey for Mumbai and reaches early morning in Mumbai on Day 6. "The package has been attractively priced at Rs. 13,155/- per person in Economy (Sleeper Class), Rs 19,840/- per person in Comfort (3AC) & Rs. 27,365/- per person for Superior (2AC). 5% discount will be given for 1st 100 bookings done directly. The all-inclusive price in all categories will cover train journey in respective classes, night stay at comfortable hotels, all meals (vegetarian only), all transfer & sight-seeing in buses, travel insurance, services of tour escort etc. All necessary efforts will be made by IRCTC to provide a safe and memorable experience to the guests.

For more details, you can visit the IRCTC website: <https://www.irctctourism.com/bharatgaurav>, and bookings are available online on a first-come, first-serve basis on the web portal. For more information, you can contact IRCTC at 8287931886.