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Visakhapatnam: Adani **Gangavaram Port** wins Platinum Award in **Environmental Excellence**

Visakhapatnam, May 30 (UNI) :Adani Gangavaram Port, on Friday said it has won the Platinum Award in Environmental Excellence at the 9th APEX India Green Leaf Awards 2024. This award recognizes the port's outstanding achievements in sustainability, innovation, and best environmental practices, the Port Said said in a release here.

It also recognises Gangavaram Ports state-ofthe-art green infrastructure.

The award highlights Adani Gangavaram Port's continuous efforts in promoting sustainable port operations through various environmental initiatives, including air and water quality management, waste reduction and recycling programs, green belt development, and energy efficiency measures include the implementation of continuous ambient air quality monitoring systems, fully mechanized cargo handling.

Chandrababu Naidu urges industry leaders to participate in Swarnandhra Vision



New Delhi, May 30 and inclusive growth. (IANS): Andhra Pradesh special plenary session of building the Annual Business infrastructure,

Highlighting Minister N. measures taken to drive industrialists, the Chief Chandrababu Naidu on economic growth and Friday invited industry sustainable development in support to bring investment leaders to participate in the the state, he told the to Andhra Pradesh so it can Swarnandhra Vision, aimed industry leaders that in continue creating wealth. at transforming the state into addition to promoting speed a \$2.4 trillion economy by of doing business, boosting leaders to become partners 2047. Addressing the industries related to tourism, Summit 2025 of the implementing necessary Confederation of Indian educational reforms in the Industry (CII) in Delhi, the state, the government is Chief Minister called for shaping an ecosystem where infrastructure. deeper collaboration in the youth can aspire to be

Recalling his long the association Minister sought their

> He invited industry in building the greenfield capital, Amaravati. The first phase of Amaravati will be completed in three years, including an international airport and world-class

He announced that

Computing Centre will be industry leaders that under operational in Amaravati by the Integrated Clean Energy January 2026. "With TCS, (ICE) Policy 2024, Andhra IBM, and L&T as Pradesh is leading the green partners, this ecosystem will transition, targeting 160 GW drive breakthroughs in renewable capacity and Rs health, cryptography, manufacturing by uniting contributing significantly to

industry leaders," the CM added.

Pradesh is a preferred to Bengaluru, is being investment destination, he developed, focused on mentioned some key drones, defence, satellites, investments including and automobiles. Within a ArcelorMittal Steel Plant at year, this corridor is expected Anakapalli with an to attract Rs 5 lakh crore investment of Rs 1.43 lakh investment and create 4.5 crore, BPCL Refinery at lakh jobs, he said. Ramayapatnam in partnership with Saudi ports, airports, inland Aramco, TCS facility in waterways, and highways to Visakhapatnam at a cost of reduce logistics costs. We Rs 1,370 crore, and LG also boast rich mineral Electronics at Sri City with wealth, tourism potential, an investment of Rs 5,000

government is in will empower industries to discussions with global lead," the CM said. players like Google. He site allocation and a Global Leadership in record time.

Naidu also told the political leaders.

energy, 10 lakh crore in clean energy and investments by 2029, startups, academia, and the national 500 GW target.

He revealed that a Hi-Tech Industrial Corridor from Claiming that Andhra Lepakshi to Orvakal, close

"We are integrating and innovation hubs like the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub. He revealed that the Our hub-and-spoke model

Naidu sought their assured the investors that support in establishing permissions would be done Centre in Amaravati to train entrepreneurs and

Farmers in border areas are nation's second line of

and border regions.

Modi prioritised border areas,

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

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termed last village as 'first ...



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, (See on page 4)

Security audit meeting in Tirumala

Tirumala, May 30 (UNI): A high-level meeting on security audit was held at Annamayya Bhavan here on Friday. The meeting, held in the presence of AP DGP Harish Kumar Gupta along with the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) EO J Syamala Rao, discussed the various security aspects and the measures to beef up security in Tirumala and surroundings keeping in view the prevailing circumstances in the country.

Earlier, Tirupati SP and TTD in-charge Harshavardhan Raju explained the security-related issues and the security audit measures being contemplated through a brief PowerPoint Presentation. The State police chief strongly felt that a robust security setup is needed for Tirumala, considering its popularity worldwide. The DGP suggested having an Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for each security agency involved in Tirumala.

He also suggested a multi-layered vehicle scanning system at Alipiri, and a strong cyber security system.

Syamala Rao felt the need for a formal coordination mechanism on security, besides strengthening the cyber security set-up in Tirumala. Among various other police officers, Additional DGP (Law and Order) Sudhakar Reddy, Additional DG for Intelligence Mahesh Chandra Laddha, IG Srikanth, DIG Ananatapuram Dr Semushi, SP ISW Arif Hafiz, DFO Vivek and other top brass officials from different security agencies and others were present.

TTD's additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary and other officers from TTD Vigilance and security were also present.

DRDO scientists visit **Eastern Naval Command** in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam, May 30 (UNI) Aimed at enhancing collaboration between DRDO scientists and naval personnel onboard ships and operational platforms, 59 scientists from the Directorate of Interaction with Services for Business (DISB), DRDO, visited Eastern Naval Command (ENC) here from May 23 to 29. The DRDO Scientists Interaction Programme was aimed at fostering meaningful dialogue between personnel in research and operations and providing first-hand exposure for the scientists to various operational naval systems. a defence release said here on Friday.

During the seven-day programme, DRDO scientists, headed by Director DISB were given a detailed briefing on operations of the Indian Navy by Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at HQENC. Subsequently, they engaged in educational visits to several operational and training units of the Eastern Naval Command, including INS Satavahana, INS Kalinga, and INS Shalki.

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)



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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)

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 Municipal Mumbai Corporation. The said unauthorized construction was served by the Airoli Department under Section 54 of the Maharashtra Regional Planning and Town Planning Act, 1966. 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 NMP.3 breakers, 2 hammers, 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

said that the court

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. Nonbailable 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 lasted for 34 years," they in the presence of police. said. Prosecution sources The PAC along with the identified," they said.

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 Scheduled Caste in Panwari village under Sikandra police station. "On June 22, the dispute took a violent police used force. Soni Ram Jat died due to bullet injuries in the firing," they

Prosecution sources said that after this, violence broke out in 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 accused died during the turn when the marriage sheet was filed against 72 trial of this case which procession was taken out accused. While one of the deceased could not be

"These individuals or

users are suspected to be

As such, maintaining the

element of surprise, the

searches were meticulously

planned and conducted,"

raids, incriminating material

in the form of SIM cards,

mobile phones, tablets, and

other digital devices

investigation of the case

have been recovered and

seized in the instant case.

would follow, and leads that

would emerge would

become the basis for further

here that the operation is

aimed at to uncover crucial

evidence, curb illicit

activities, prevent the

misuse of communication

devices, such as mobile

phones, and dismantling

the terror ecosystem in the

UT by identifying terrorist

associates and Over

Ground Workers (OGWs)

supporting and abetting

terrorism and also ensuring

legal action against them as

envisaged by the law of the land.

It is pertinent to mention

investigation," it read.

"Analysis of the data

on

It also said that during

the release said.

bearing

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

Srinagar, May 30 (UNI) Shopian, and Srinagar. 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 communique said that during the investigation of the instant case, suspicious technical signatures were traced at different locations of Districts Budgam, Kupwara, Pulwama,

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 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.

First centre fuselage for LCA Tejas Mk 1A handed over to HAL Technologies New Delhi, May 30

(UNI): In a significant boost to India's indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities, the first centre fuselage assembly for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1A was handed over to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) by VEM Technologies in Hyderabad on Friday.

The handover took place in the presence of (Defence Secretary 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 subassembly for the LCA Tejas is being manufactured by a private Indian company.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeev Kumar hailed the partnership

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 between HAL and VEM 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 subassemblies 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), Technologies, and Lakshmi Machine Works (LMW) to produce complex subassemblies 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 inhouse 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.

Modi prioritised border areas, termed last village as 'first village': Jitendra Singh

Jammu, May 30 (UNI): 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. Highlighting India's leap from the world's fifth to the fourth largest economy, Jitendra Singh rebuked false narratives of economic downfall due to assertive defence strategies. He cited Operation Sindoor as a testament to India's balanced approach — maintaining strategic strength while propelling economic growth.

"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

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 agrientrepreneurship. 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 AIbased agricultural decision-making system in Srinagar

Op Sindoor a testament to success of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat': Yogi 1.21 lakh hamlets of the Kanpur, May 30 (UNI) increase by another 4,000 going to write a new saga state has increased from

: 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 in touch with suspicious power and capability. entities across the border.

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 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

15,000 MW to 25,000 MW. He said that by the

end of the year, it will

MW.While counting UP's achievements, he said that electricity has reached

state and free connections have been given to 1.78 crore poor families.



Kathak Kendra, New Delhi National Institute of Kathak Dance (Constituent Unit of Sangeet Natak Akademi An Autonomous Organisation under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India) 2, San Martin Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110021

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	2. Post Diploma Course – 1 st Year (Eligibility: Successful completion of Dip Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent	` '	21-26 year
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Officials directed to work to achieve goals set by NITI Aayog

Vijayawada, May 30 (UNI) Twenty Point programme Implementation Committee chairman Lanka Dinakar directed the officials to strive to achieve the goals set by the NITI Aayog.

Lanka Dinakar held a review meeting with the officials of Andhra



Dt: 28.05.2025 of India, the undersigned invite e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on dt: 27.06.2025

SI. No.: 01 e-Tender No.: 47_CO SC_25_OT Name of the work SW 1) Operation and maintenance Sewage treatment plant Secunderabad station under SSE Works/East/SC section for a period of 24 months. SW 2) Operation and maintenance of Sewage treatmen SSE/Works/HYB section for period of 24 months. Approx Tender Value: ₹60,21,661/- EMD ₹1,20,500/- Completion period in Months: 24 Maintenance period in Months: Nil

SI. No.: 02 e-Tender No.: 48_CO 1) Construction of Dog Kennel a ecunderabad. SW 2) Construction of Divisional RPF stores a Secunderabad. SW 3) Construction of 10 Bed Barracks with furniture for female RPF at Secunderabac Post. SW 4) Construction of 10 Bed Barracks with furniture fo female RPF at Hyderabad Post. SW 5)Construction of New Male RPF Barrack 94 beds with furniture a Approx. ₹6.54.47.036/-EMD: ₹4,77,300/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 36

SI. No.: 03 e-Tender No.: 49_ CR SC 25 OT Name of the work: SC-KZJ Section: Proposed or construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.46 (M) at Km.295/20-22 Ippaguda staions. **Approx. Tender Value:** ₹9,93,98,942/- **EMD:** ₹6,47,000/-Completion period in Months: 09 Maintenance period in Months: 36 SI. No.: 04 e-Tender No.: 50_S SC 25 OT Name of the work - Construction of 24 bed Male RPF Barracks with funiture a Warangal. Approx. Tender Value EMD: Completion period in Months: 10 Maintenance period in Months: 36 SI. No.: 05 e-Tender No.: 51_S_ SC 25 OT Name of the work: Supply of potable drinking water through tankers to stations and colonies under Sr. DEN/South/SC Jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value:** ₹80,92,157/- **EMD:** ₹1,61,900/-Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: Nil SI. No.: 06 e-Tender No.: 52_S_ SC_25_OT Name of the work: SW 1) KZJ-BZA Section: Dewatering out silt from the RUB/Bridge locations KZJ sub division. SW 2) KZJ-BZA Section: Dewatering and cleaning out silt from the existing RUB/Bridge locations during monsoon under ADEN/DKJ sub division. SW 3) KZJ-BZA & MTMI-JPTN Sections Dewatering and cleaning out silt from the existing RUB/Bridge location during monsoon under ADEN/MDF sub division. Approx. Tender Value: ₹1,60,09,348/- **EMD:** ₹2,30,100/ Completion period in Months: 09 Maintenance period in Months: Ni SI. No.: 07 e-Tender No.: 53 BRS SC_25_OT Name of the work Carring out instrumentation of Bridges for Fatigue life of Steel Bridges fo 142 UD at Km. 265/15-264/14 and 66 UD at Km. 319/33-92 in KZJ-BPO Section. Note: The tenderers should note that the present work involves highly technical expertise involving usage of special tools, probabilitstic methods, stresses by instrumentation detailed investigations, etc. to asses fatique life as per RDSO, IRBM Approx. Tender Value: ₹33,22,880/ EMD: ₹66,500/- Completion period in Months: 06 Maintenance period

in Months: Nil SI. No.: 08 e-Tender No.: 54 W SC_25_OT Name of the work: VKB-PRLI Section: Proposed for construction of RUB as 2x5.5x5.0m RCC Box in lieu of LC No.9 (M) a Km. 15/7-8 between Vikarabad Sadashivpet Road stations. (Two Packet System). Approx. Tende ₹11,01,59,024/-EMD 7,00,800/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 36

SI. No.: 09 e-Tender No.: 55_W SC 25 OT Name of the work: SC-WADI Section: Proposed construction of RUB of size 1x5.50mx5.0r Precast RCC Box at Km.55/16-18 in lieu of LC No.9 (M) at Km.55/12-14 between Nawandgi- Mantatti stations Two Packet System). Approx Tender Value: ₹11.17.92.801/- EMD ₹7,09,000/- Completion period in Months: 09 Maintenance period in Months: 36

SI. No.: 10 e-Tender No.: 56_NW SC 25 OT Name of the work: VKB PRLI & KHNP-GR Section: Proposed repairs to Bridges and bridge protective works under ADEN/BIDI sub division. Approx. Tender Value ₹5.38.28.331/- **EMD:** ₹4.19.200/ Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 06 SI. No.: 11 e-Tender No.: 57_NW_ SC_25_OT Name of the work: SW 1) Repairs to RUB CC Road surfaces under ADEN/BIDR sub-division SW 2) VKB-PRLI Section: Repairs to retaining wall at Br No. 178 A at Km. 141/14-15 between BHLK-KCP stations. Approx. Tender Value ₹2,09,53,322/- **EMD:** ₹2,54,800/-Completion period in Months: 09 Maintenance period in Months: 06 Pradesh State Planning Department in his chamber in the Secretariat at Amaravati, near here, on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, Lanka Dinakar said that the State Planning Department should work towards the Sustainable Development Goals as suggested by NITI Aayog, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Sankalpa Vikasit

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's objective Swarnandhra, and that the officials should pay special attention to the necessary information linkage on websites and dashboards for the meaningful information, he told them. He ordered the officials to work in line with the ideas of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and produce results for the progress of the state. During the review, Ananth Shankar, Joint Secretary, State Planning Department explained that the district level and

SI. No.: 12 e-Tender No.: 58_N_ SC_25_OT Name of the work BPQ-KZJ Sections: (UP&DN & UD) i Widening / repair of Cess for 50,000 um ii) TFTR Widening / repair of Cess, filling up of low lying areas ear toe of bank, providing Toe banl & Precast / Cast insitu RCC centra drain & cross drain HDPE through he Railway formation at a required depth to the required slope etc. for total length of 64.332km in SSE/P Nay/SKZR & BPA (Telangana state under ADEN/BPA Sub-division and SSE/P.Way/MCI, PDPL & N.KZJ Telangana state) under ADEN RDM system). Approx. Tender Value ₹53,93,22,590/- **EMD:** ₹28,46,700/ Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 36 SI. No.: 13 e-Tender No.: 59_N SC 25 OT Name of the work: KZJ BPQ Section: Provision of subways o facilitate crossing of railway track at identified vulnerable locations tween BPQ-ASAF stations. SW 1 Proposed construction of LHS Br No 217 A of size 1x5.00x3.30m RCC BOX at vulnerable location km 202/33-35 in SKZR staion yard. Approx Tender Value: ₹8,73,60,962/- EMD: 5 86 900/- Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in SI. No.: 14 e-Tender No.: 60_N

-BPQ section: Proposed Emergency dewatering accumulated rain water and clearing of silt under ADEN/ RDM, ADEN/BPA in Sr.DEN/N/SC urisdiction. Approx. Tender Value 1.41.40.634/- **EMD**: ₹2.20.700/ Completion period in Months: 12 Maintenance period in Months: 36 Tenderers should participate

rough e-tendering only and no nanual offers may be considered . All the prospective tenderers are equested to remit EMD through online payments / BG only. 3. The Railway serves the right to cancel the tende ithout assigning any reason thereto . All the prospective tenderers are dvised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offer Sr.DEN/Co-ord/Secunderabac

Open Tender Notice No. TRD-TNDR-09-2025-26 Dt: 22.05.2025

enders are invited in IREPS by the indersigned for the following works. Tender No. B-E29-TRD-TNDR-09 2025-26 Name of Work: Vijayawad Division - Provision of Cyber Security ature for Existing SCADA syste BZA division Approx Value ,59,09,61.00 Completion Period 09 Months Bid Security (EMD): ₹4,29,600/- Date of Closing: ₹4,29,600/- **Date of Closing:** 16.06.2025 at 15.00 Hrs. **Cost of** Tender form: ₹ NII

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer TrD/Vijayawada

The following modification has bee made for the tender No.E-15-Central BZA-2025 invited under e-Tende Notice No.DRM/Works/BZA/12/2025 dt 27.05.2025 and the details are

Name of work as existing	Name of work Now Read as	
Vijayawada Division: BZA- GDR section: Proposed safety related track maintenance works and other miscellaneous track works in ADEN/NLR Sub-division of Sr.DEN/	Vijayawada Division: GDR - BZA Section. Proposed safety related track maintenance works and other miscellaneous works in SSE/P. Way/TEL, SSE/P. Way/NDO & SSE/P. Way/BPP sections under ADEN/Bapatla Sub-Division of	
South/ BZA	DEN/Central/BZA	

Please note other terms and conditions of the above Tender notice

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mandal level Swarnandhra vision documents had been completed and the assembly constituency vision was being prepared. Along with this, the vision and implementation plans for each sector (Agriculture and allied, industries and infrastructure, service sector) would be completed.

APSDPS E D Alaparthi Venkateswara Rao said that 30 lakh households with poverty in the bottom 20% of the population in the State had been identified under P4 in the survey, 58,000 golden families and 53,000 mentors had been identified so far.One young professional would be appointed for each Assembly constituency through examination and interview to implement P4 effectively on ground, Rao added. Directors of the State Planning Department Rambabu, Vijayalakshmi and other officials were among those who attended the

meeting.

TTD Board Chief directs its broadcasting arm to improve programme quality

Tirumala, May 30 (UNI) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Chairman B R Naidu on Friday directed the officers concerned of the Sri Venkateswara Bhakti Channel (SVBC), the broadcasting arm of TTD, to improve the quality of programnes being telecast on the Channel.

Naidu along with the TTD EO J Syamala Rao, held a review meeting on SVBC at Annamaiah Bhavan here, and asked the officials to increase the viewership with innovative programmes.

The EO also directed the SVBC officials to bring in the required changes to improve the quality of content and video.

TTD Additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary, JEO and CEO SVBC In-charge Veerabrahmam, OSD SVBC Ms Padmavati were also present.

Prez Murmu visits Visakhapatnam on June 10: CS

Vijayawada, May 30 (UNI): President of India Draupadi Murmu will participate in the first

EAST COAST RAILWAY (1) eT-HQ-WAT-02-2025, Dt.: 16.05.2025 NAMEOFTHEWORK: ZONAL CONTRACT CIVIL WORKS IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER / WORKS/EAST SECTOR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEE (ADEN)/ ESTATE/WALTAIR FOR THE

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ENGINEER WORKS/ SOUTH SECTOR
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ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER
(ADEN)/ESTATE/WALTAIR FOR THE
PERIOD ENDING 30 06 2026 Approx. Cost of the Work:

(5) eT-HQ-WAT-06-2025, Dt.: 16.05.202 NAME OF THE WORK: ZONAL CONTRACT CIVIL WORKS IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER /WORKS/ HQ SECTOR UNDE THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTAN ONAL ENGINEER (ADEN)/ESTATE WALTAIR FOR THE PERIOD ENDIN Approx. Cost of the Work

₹1,00,00,000/-, EMD : ₹2,00,000/-(6) eT-HQ-WAT-07-2025. Dt.: 16.05.2025 NAMEOFTHEWORK ZONAL CONTRACT CIVIL WORKS IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER / WORKSWATER SUPPLY EAST & WEST SECTOR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (ADEN)/ ESTATE WALTAIR FOR THE PERIOD ENDING Approx. Cost of the Work

(7) eT-HQ-WAT-08-2025, Dt.: 16.05.202 NAMEOFTHEWORK: ZONAL CONTRACT CIVIL WORKS IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER /WORKS/ ELS & DLS SECTOR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (ADEN)/ ESTATE/WALTAIR FOR THE DEPLOD ENDING 20 06 2026 Approx. Cost of the Work

(8) eT-HQ-WAT-09-2025, Dt.: 16.05.2025 NAMEOF THE WORK: ZONAL CONTRACT CIVIL WORKS IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER /WORKS/ MPM SECTOR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (ADEN)/ESTATE/WALTAIR FOR THI

Approx. Cost of the Work ₹1,24,99,999.67, EMD: ₹2,12,500/-NAMEOTHEWORK: ZONAL CONTRACT CIVIL WORKS IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER /WORKS/ VDPD SECTOR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (ADEN)/ESTATE/WALTAIR FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 33.06.2026. Approx. Cost of the Work

Completion Period of the Work: 1 Tender Closing Date and Time: At 150 Hrs. of 10.06.2025 (for all tenders) No manual offers sent by Post / Courie ax or in person shall be accepted again

such e-tenders even if these are submitte on firm's letter head and received in tim All such manual offers shall be rejecte summarily without any consideration. Complete information including e-tende ocuments of the above e-tender vailable in website : www.ireps.gov.in Note: The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 15 (Fifteen days before the date of closing of tender to te any changes / Corrigendum issue sional Railway Manager (Engg) convocation ceremony of the Central Tribal University Visakhapatnam on June 10.

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Government's Chief Secretary K Vijayanand reviewed the arrangements to be made for the President's visit with the officials of various departments at the State Secretariat at Amaravati near here on Friday. Speaking on this occasion, the Chief Secretary said that as per the present minute-tominute program the President will reach Visakhapatnam at 11.30 am on June 10th in the Draupadi Murmu by aircraft. participate in the first convocation ceremony of the Central Tribal University till 3 pm, and leave for Jharkhand state tour by plane from Visakhapatnam at 3.20 pm.

Therefore he directed to make proper arrangements in terms of various departments regarding the President's visit. He also said that appropriate arrangements should be made as per the protocol rules.Chief Secretary Vijayanand instructed the Vice Chancellor of the Central Tribal University, Kattimani who participated virtually to immediately send the details of the programs related to the President's visit, including minute-to-minute program, dias, backdrop, etc., and send them to the President's Office for approval.

PAST COAST RAILWAY

Notice No.: eT-North-WAT-18-2025,
Dt.: 26.05.2025

N A M E O F T H E W O R K
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:

,14,89,812.32, <u>EMD :</u> ₹ 2,07,500/-Completion Period of the Work: 1 Tender Closing Date and Time: At 150 Hrs. of 19.06.2025 No manual offers sent by Post / Courier/ Fax or

person shall be accepted against such e-tender even if these are submitted on firm's letter hea and received in time. All such manual offers sha e rejected summarily without any consideration. Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available ebsite: www.ireps.gov.in <u>Note</u>: The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 15 (Fifteen) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes orrigendum issued for this tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg)

PR-180/Q/25-26

YSRCP unveils "Backstab-Day" poster

Vijayawada, May 30 (UNI) YSRCP State Coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, alongside party leaders, unveiled the poster for the statewide "Backstab-Day" protest at the YSRCP Central Office in Tadepalli, near here on Friday, condemning Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's administration betraying the people of Andhra Pradesh.

"The YSRCP will organize statewide "Backstab Day" protests on June 4 to expose Naidu's failures. Party workers and citizens will hold rallies across constituencies, submitting memoranda to local officials demanding immediate implementation of promised schemes.." Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy

the occasion, Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy alleged the Naidu headed coalition government had failed to implement even a single election promise in its first year, resorting to deceptive tactics to seize power and plunging the state into **YSRCP** chaos. The coordinator asserted that Naidu's Governance has marked been unprecedented deceit, with no regard for the welfare of the people. "Chandrababu Naidu has not only failed to fulfill any promise but has also systematically destroyed revolutionary systems established by Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, who implemented 99% of his promises within his first year," Reddy noted. He highlighted Jagan's

announced. Speaking on

legacy of delivering transparent, people-centric governance, contrasting it with Naidu's anarchic rule, which has dismantled welfare schemes and created an atmosphere of Reddy emphasized that

these protests aim to hold government accountable and awaken Naidu to the public's outrage. "The coalition government's reckless borrowing of Rs 1.37 lakh crore without transparency is a direct betrayal of the people who voted for them," he remarked.

Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy further criticized Naidu for openly admitting the difficulty in fulfilling election promises, accusing him of resorting to new distractions like the "P-4" narrative to evade

responsibility for poverty alleviation. "Naidu's history of deception, from betraying his own mentor in 1995 to misleading the public in 1999, 2014, and now 2024, is unparalleled. His brazen refusal to honor commitments is a slap in the face of every citizen," Reddy declared.

The poster unveiling

ceremony was attended by former ministers Dharmana Krishnadas, Adimulapu Suresh, Ambati Rambabu, Sake Sailajanath, MLCs Appireddy, Kalpalatha Reddy, Kumbha Ravi, former MLA Malladi Vishnu, and leaders Ankireddy Naga Narayana Murthy, N. Chandrasekhar Reddy, Kommuri Kanakarao, Challa Madhusudhan Reddy, Manohar Reddy, Perada Tilak, among others.



A differently-abled person rides his tricycle through a waterlogged road following heavy rainfall, in Guwahati, Assam.

Opposition YSRCP objects allocation temple lands without auctions

Andhra Pradesh, the heritage. YSRCP objected to the allocation of temple lands without auctions by the Chandrababu Naidu headed government.

YSRCP senior leader and former MLA Malladi Vishnu strongly objected to the TDP-led coalition government's move to allocate temple lands without transparent public auctions, as outlined in G.O. Ms. No. 139, issued on May 2, 2025.

In a statement there on Friday, Malladi Vishnu described the order, which amends the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Immovable Properties and Other Rights (Other than Agricultural Lands) Leases and Licenses Rules, 2003, as a "sinister attempt" to plunder the sacred assets of Andhra Pradesh's temples, which form the

Vishnu highlighted that Endowments Department manages 4.67 lakh acres of temple lands, a sacred trust meant to sustain religious institutions. He criticized the TDP government, led Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, for permitting the leasing of these lands to select organizations under the pretext of "charitable activities" for up to 33 years at nominal rates, bypassing mandatory public auctions.

He stressed that this move violates High Court and Supreme Court rulings, which mandate auctions for leasing temple lands and require prior court approval for any transfers. By disregarding these legal safeguards, Vishnu argued, the TDP government is jeopardizing the financial stability of temples, as auctions

pointed out that the issuance of G.O. No. 139 without Cabinet approval raises serious concerns about transparency and accountability. He accused the government of orchestrating a deliberate strategy to allocate assets worth thousands of crores to favored institutions and

Vishnu recalled a similar incident during the TDP's 2014-19 tenure, when leaders attempted to seize 83.11 acres of Sadavarti Satram land near Chennai for just Rs22.44 crore. He noted that YSRCP's legal battle, backed by Supreme Court intervention, led to a re-auction that fetched Rs 60.33 crore, underscoring the importance of auctions in protecting temple

The Ex-MLA warned that the current policy, with 87,000 acres of temple lands

Vijayawada, May 30 backbone of the state's competitive bidding and already encroached and (UNI): The Opposition in cultural and spiritual maximize revenue for their only 1.60 lakh acres welfare. The former MLA generating revenue, risks repeating such scams on a larger scale.

> Expressing solidarity organizations, Hindu Dharma protection groups, and concerned citizens, Vishnu echoed their demand for the immediate withdrawal of G.O. No. 139. He vowed that YSRCP would pursue all legal avenues to safeguard temple lands, refusing to allow the TDP government to distribute these sacred assets like "lentils and jaggery" or let them "melt away like camphor in

"Ex-MLA Malladi Vishnu urged the people of Andhra Pradesh, devotees, and stakeholders to join YSRCP in opposing this policy and called on the government to uphold transparency by conducting public auctions and adhering

Stage set ready to distribute commodities through ration shops in Andhra Pradesh

Vijayawada, May 30 (UNI): Stage has been set ready for distribution of ration commodities to ration shops from June 1, and all arrangements have been made for the same. The Naidu headed government has decided to dispense with the distribution of ration commodities at the door steps to the ration card holders and distribute the same through ration shops as earlier.

Minister for Civil Supplies Nadendla Manohar directed the civil supply officials to make all arrangements across the state to distribute ration commodities through ration shops from June 1 onwards.

Minister Nadendla Manohar held a video conference with district Collectors and civil supply officials on Friday. He reviewed the arrangements being made to distribute

commodities through ration shops across the state to the ration card holders from June 1.

The Civil Supplies Minister has directed the ration shops dealers to be ready to distribute essential commodities through ration shops from June 1 as per the decision of the Government.

The Minister asserted that ration dealers should work in line with the aspirations of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister to bring good name to the government. The Ration dealers should work with dedication and serve

the cardholders with respect, he ordered them. "The surroundings of ration shops should be kept hygiene and commodities should be distributed with proper scaling of weight of commodities.

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 cochair, 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.

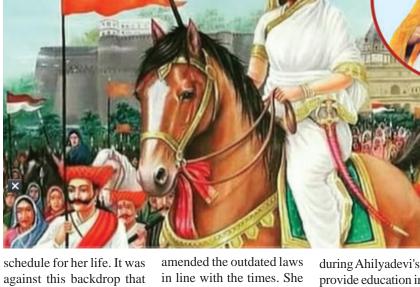
Trump created DOGE as one of his first executive orders after being sworn in as the 47th president of the United States. Musk was appointed to head the new department, whose priorities include cutting costs and restructuring federal agencies. Businessman Vivek Ramaswamy was to share the helm with Musk 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 administered the state well. Importantly, Hindus and Muslims flourished during reign. Ahilyadevi's 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 Rameshwar and from

Jagannathpuri to Somnath. By building ghats on the rivers Narmada, Ganga, and continued uninterruptedly 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



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 Dhangar 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 Godavari, the process of all castes and religions. building ghats on rivers has 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

made the tax system mild. stopped 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 content 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

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

the common people.

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 ", 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 publicspirited 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 this is the ideal they had set 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

In memory 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 meeting, 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 tercentenary 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 (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 transform 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 crossborder threats. The Minister emphasised 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 others 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 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.

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"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 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. Alexus Grynkewich 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.

Anaclaudia 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 nonlegislative 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, Rossabach 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

The Taiwan issue is the selling weapons and main red line in China-US relations that cannot be Taiwan Strait, Lin said, 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 interested "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 and its island province

Beijing, May 30 (UNI): on Washington to stop creating tension in the 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 thenspeaker 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

In next dialogue with Pakistan, India should reclaim PoK: **Abhishek Banerjee**

West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress MP Abshishek Banerjee, representing India's all Parliamentary outreach mission in Indonesia, on Friday demanded New Delhi in the next dialogue with Pakistan should restrict itself only to reclaiming PoK and called upon the Indian diaspora to visit Kashmir the next time they return home."In the next dialogue with Pakistan, our approach should be to talk about reclaiming PoK.,*: Banerjee said in Jakarta.

Banerjee urged the Indian diaspora to spend three additional days in Kashmir with their families during their next visit to India. Addressing the business and community leaders from the Indian diaspora.Banerjee said it was always good to see so many Indians on foreign soil and added It also reminds him of India's

might and vigour. "It is a testament to the fact that in this war, India is not alone — it has its diaspora by its side,' Banerjee said, pointing to the assembled people. He opined that India's diaspora carries India's pluralism, the idea of "Unity in Diversity, and its strength in adversity.Banerjee said cross-border terrorism has

Jakarta, May 30 (UNI): become a global imperative, and al should raise their voices against it whether you are a student or a professional in any distinguished field,"

"You must expose our neighbour, Pakistan, which has been nurturing, harbouring, and shielding terrorists to hatch and execute terror plots against us. There is ample proof available for the world to see," the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha member said.

The Indian all party delegation visited various countries and whoever they met agreed to "stand with India in its fight against terrorism, and we must all do our part by raising this issue within our respective circles. We need to expose Pakistan," Banerjee said. "What more does India

need to offer the world, when the evidence is out in the open? Everyone could clearly see top officials of Pakistan Army attending the funerals of the terrorists," he told the Indian diaspora.*Look at the composition of our delegation. I might have differences with the ruling party, but I will not let my political interests override my national interest. I will keep working for what is in the best interest of my nation.* The TMC general secretary said.

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.

Mi-35M "New transport-combat helicopters have arrived in Belarus as part of militarytechnical 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 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.

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

through non-governmental

contacts

maintained

organizations.

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

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

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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Dt: -28.05.2025

Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Mumbai, hereby invites the tender in two part systems from the Only Manufacturers/importers/Manufacturer Authorized bidder are eligible to participate in the tender. Following Project for Various Govt. Medical Colleges & Hospitals. The details are as follows

Schedule

All bid related activities (process) like Tender Document Download, Bid Submission and Submission of EMD and other documents will be governed by the time schedule given under Key Dates below:

Date of Tender Publish	28.05.2025 - 10.00 hrs.	
Date Of commencement of sale of Tender document/ download	28.05.2025 -10.00 hrs to 17.06.2025 - 05.00 hrs.	
Pre Bid Meeting	04.06.2025 at 11.30 am	
Last Date and Time for the Sale & Submission of tenders	17.06.2025 - 05.00 pm	
Date and Time of Opening of Envelope No. 1	18.06.2025, 02.00 PM. onwards	
Address for communication	Directorate of Medical Education Research	
Director of Medical Education and Research Mumbai	Mumbai Govt. Dental College Build. 4th floor St	
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Sr. No.	E- Tender No.	Name of Item	Name of the Consignee	ÉMD Amount	Tender Fees
1	E-02 (2025-26)	Infrastructure Modification & Modernization of MICU Department Along with Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of	K.M.S. Kannawar Government Medical College & Hospital, Chandrapur	Rs.39,00,000/-	Rs.30,000/-
2	E-03 (2025-26)	Equipments on Turnkey Basis Infrastructure Modification & Modernization of SICU Department Along with Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Equipments on Turnkey Basis		Rs.41,00,000/-	Rs.30,000/-
3	E-04 (2025-26)	Infrastructure Modification & Modernization of Dialysis Department Along with Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Equipments on Turnkey Basis		Rs.40,00.000/-	
4	E-05 (2025-26)	Infrastructure Modification & Modernization of Surgery Department Along with the upgradation of the Equipments on Turnkey Basis		Rs.40,00,000/-	Rs.30,000/-

- 1. The interested bidders will have to pay non-refundable tender fee will be paid Online on or before dt.17.06.2025. 05.00 hrs.
- 2. The details regarding schedule, I erms & conditions are available on the website https://mahatenders.gov.in.
- 3. The Director of Medical Education & Research, Mumbai reserves the right to increase or to decrease the quantity of tendered Item & reserves the right to reject the tender without any reason there to.

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Travel

Maharashtra

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

stupping 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.

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

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 coffeegrowing 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 <u>Narnala</u>Fort.

tone for your time spent here. Keechakadara As accounted in the Mahabharata, this is

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-

Bhandardara, with its soaring mountain

ranges, plunging waterfalls and carpet of

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,

delight. After you've had your fill of its misty

coffee, tea and spice plantations, head to the

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 Maharashtrians. 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



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

5 reasons why you should visit Wayanad's natural Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary that hosts numerous migrating birds in this period. splendour With virescent hills carpeted with

Kerala during the Monsoon

plantations, rainforests and tumbling waterfalls, Wayanad is a photographer's

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

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

trawl through the backwaters, then this is the time to get the best bargains. To avail the best discounts, make sure you plan your visit before the end of September, after which tariffs being climbing up again.

Ayurvedic therapies

Kerala is home to several excellent spas and wellness resorts, and there's no better time to pamper yourself than the monsoon season. According to Ayurveda, the cool, pleasant weather is ideal for rejuvenation. Sign up for a week-long retreat at top-notch stays such as the Kairali Ayurvedic Healing Village Health Resort in Palakkad or Somatheeram Ayurvedic Health Resort in Kovalam with relaxing oilbased therapies, massages, yoga and a balanced diet that'll cleanse your mind, body and soul.



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 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



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

Paris, May 30 (UNI): 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 oncourt 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 myteam, we are like family."

Women are worthy of French **Open night sessions**

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

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

Paris, May 30 (UNI): WTA world number one, says no women's players have complained directly to her about the situation.

> Asked if 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 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

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 boundaryline 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 Royal Challengers Bengaluru in Qualifier 1.

Chandigarh, May 30 (UNI): A 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), Shahrukh 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 subpar 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

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) 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

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

"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 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

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

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 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 said result," 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 threeyear 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 antidoping 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 38member 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 World Test Championship cycle.

Bumrah, currently part of the Mumbai Indians squad for the Indian Premier League, is among 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 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 journey Express commencing on 30th & 31st May, 2025 will short terminate at Vasai Road. Hence, this train will be partially cancelled between Vasai Road and Borivali.

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

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

Train No. 19417 4. 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

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

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

In his address, DRM Shri Lalit Bohra commended

successful organization of the camp. He emphasized the significance of such initiatives in nurturing young talent, promoting sportsmanship, 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 residents 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

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. Α majority

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 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 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.

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 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 laying 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 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 Dharashiv, Indian Railways has changed name 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

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 rediverted 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 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.

the Panhala Fort. Sitting

atop the Sahyadri range,

testament to many battles

and is closely connected

with Chhatrapati Shivaji

Maharaj who spent over

the hill fort bears a

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





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 Pratapgarh Fort which is of immense historical importance because of the Battle of Pratapgad 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

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 & sightseeing 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 For more details, you can

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