

IN BRIEF

PM Modi condoles demise of Saroja Devi

New Delhi, July 14 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed grief over the passing away of noted film personality B Saroja Devi, describing her as an exemplary icon of Indian cinema and culture who left an indelible mark across generations.

Modi said her diverse performances spanning different languages and covering diverse themes highlighted her versatile nature. The Prime Minister posted on social platform X: “Saddened by the passing of the noted film personality, B. Saroja Devi Ji. She will be remembered as an exemplary icon of Indian cinema and culture. Her diverse performances left an indelible mark across generations. Her works, spanning different languages and covering diverse themes highlighted her versatile nature. My condolences to her family and admirers. Om Shanti.”

BJP not tempting or threatening anyone to switch sides: Minister

Mumbai, July 14 (UNI) Maharashtra Revenue Minister and BJP leader Chandrakant Bawankule today said that leaders and workers from Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray faction) are joining the BJP not because of any inducement or pressure, but because Uddhav Thackeray himself is not in touch with his grassroots workers.

"Uddhav doesn't meet his workers. He's unable to take care of them. That's why they are coming to BJP on their own," Bawankule said. "We are neither luring anyone nor threatening them to join us," he said.

"The BJP's strength lies in its active outreach and grassroots work. We have 137 MLAs who are constantly in touch with the people and solving their problems. That's the reason the party is growing," he added. Responding to allegations that Deepak Kate, a BJP office-bearer and a close associate of Bawankule, was involved in blackening the face of Sambhaji Brigade founder Pravin Gaikwad, the minister said just because someone appears in a photo with a leader "does not mean they are close associates".

Govt to provide subsidy for rooftop solar panels, implement underground cabling: CM

Mumbai, July 14 (IANS) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday announced that the state cabinet has cleared a policy in line with the PM Suryaghar Yojana, wherein a subsidy will be provided for the installation of rooftop solar panels to the electricity consumers consuming 0-100 units.

Apart from this, the government will consider the implementation of underground cabling across the state, and after the approval of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC), a surcharge of 1, 2 or 5 paise can be recovered from the tariff charged to the electricity consumers.

He was replying to the calling attention motion moved by NCP member Chetan Tupe in this regard in the state Assembly.

CM Fadnavis, who holds the energy department, said that it is for



the first time in the last 20 years that the electricity tariff charged to almost 70 per cent of the consumers consuming 0-100 units of the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company (Mahavitaran) has been reduced. The tariff cut has been 26 per cent. He said there won't be a 10 per cent rise in the power tariff for

these consumers in future.

The CM said that the underground cabling has been launched in some parts, but it can be started in other parts of Maharashtra to further streamline the electricity supply. The surcharge of 1,2, or five paise per unit will be recovered through a surcharge in the tariff from

the electricity consumers.

Congress legislator Amit Deshmukh had sought the CM's reply on the implementation of underground cabling across the state.

On Amit Deshmukh's question on the present state of smart metering, CM Fadnavis said that so far, 40 lakh smart meters have

already been installed, and only one per cent of complaints with regard to the installation have been received, which were addressed immediately.

He further added that there have been no complaints about inflated electricity bills from the consumers.

CM Fadnavis said that consumers having smart meters get a 10 per cent rebate in the electricity tariff, especially during solar hours.

He clarified that the charges for the installation of smart meters are not recovered from the electricity consumers but from energy savings. He told the House that the smart meter installation was being done through outsourcing.

The CM said that electricity consumers having smart meters through an APP can get real-time information about their electricity consumption and also about energy savings.

President appoints Governors for Haryana, Goa and LG for Ladakh

New Delhi/Chandigarh, July 14 (UNI) : President Droupadi Murmu today appointed Prof Ashim Kumar Ghosh as the Governor of Haryana and Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju as the Governor of Goa.

According to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique, the President accepted the resignation of Brig BD Mishra (Retd) as Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh and named Kavinder Gupta as the LG of the Union Territory.

The above appointments will take effect from the dates they will assume charge of their respective offices, the statement said. Ghosh will be the 19th Governor of Haryana; and he will replace Bandaru Dattatreya, who had been serving in the post since July 18, 2021. Ghosh, a prominent political figure from West Bengal, hails from Howrah and served as the West Bengal BJP state president from 1999 to 2002. His appointment is being viewed as a strategic move by the Centre, bringing a seasoned organizational hand with roots in Bengal politics into the constitutional framework of Haryana. His political career spans both academia and grassroots politics. During his tenure as West Bengal BJP chief, the party was still establishing its foothold in a state dominated by the Left Front. Despite limited electoral success at the time, Ghosh was credited with strengthening the BJP's organizational base in Bengal.

His gubernatorial appointment may be symbolic of the BJP central leadership's continued recognition of leaders who helped lay the party's foundations in eastern India.

Congress party to symbolically burn copies of Public Security Act

Mumbai, July 14 (UNI) : Describing the Public Security Act as 'draconian inside and out' and is meant 'to suppress the common people', Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee President Harshavardhan Sapkal today once again voiced his party's opposition to it saying that to express their strong opposition, they will carry out symbolic burning of this black law in every district of the state.

Addressing a press conference at party head office here, he said the government's claim that the Public Security Act has been introduced to eliminate urban Naxalism is 'absolutely laughable'.

He further stated that the very intent behind the Public Security Act is sinister.

"This law is draconian inside and out and is meant to suppress the common people. That's why the Congress party has opposed it from the very

beginning," he said.

The only beneficiaries of this law will be the government and the industrialists who support it, he claimed.

Those who have grabbed land in Dharavi, looted mineral resources in Surjagad (Gadchiroli) and want red-carpet access to the Shaktipeeth corridor are the ones who will benefit, he alleged. On the other hand, environmentalists and tribals in Gadchiroli, residents of Dharavi, and farmers opposing the Shaktipeeth project — if they resist — will be jailed and have their properties seized, he claimed.

"The underlying message is clear: either praise the government or remain silent; if you raise your voice in protest, the hammer of the Public Security Act will be used to silence you," he said. "Is it Naxalism to espouse constitutional values, or to spread the thoughts of Chhatrapati

Shivaji Maharaj, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, Jyotiba Phule and Dr B R Ambedkar? Is it Naxalism to promote the ideologies of Mahatma Gandhi and Tukdoji Maharaj? Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis must clarify. If these are Naxalite ideas, then I will continue to express them — and if Fadnavis wants to arrest me for that, he's welcome to do so," Sapkal challenged. "If Fadnavis believes that Leftist ideology is poisonous, then we will expose what poison is being spread in RSS shakhas," he added.

Dr. Narendra Dabholkar, who worked his entire life to eradicate superstition, was murdered. Comrade Govind Pansare and Dr M M Kalburgi, who enlightened the masses through their writings, were also killed. The same forces behind those murders are also behind the attack on Sambhaji Brigade's Pravin Gaikwad," Sapkal claimed



Nitish Kumar needs five more years to ruin Bihar: Prashant

Taking on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for the "complete collapse of law and order", Jan Suraaj leader Prashant Kishor today accused Nitish government of failing to address the state's employment crisis. Bihar will go Assembly polls are due in a few months. Speaking to the media in Madhepura, Kishor slammed Kumar's promise to provide one crore jobs in the next five years, questioning what his government has achieved in the past 20 years.

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Germany will not send Taurus missiles to Ukraine ...



The German authorities will not send Taurus missiles or Patriot air defense systems to Ukraine, despite Ukraine's "renewed request", German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said in an interview with the Financial Times. "We only have six [Patriot systems] left in Germany," Pistorius told the newspaper.

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Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap call it quits after 7 ...



Shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap, who tied the knot in the year 2018 have officially parted ways. The news of their separation was confirmed after Saina posted a heartfelt note on her Instagram page, it read: "Life takes us in different directions sometimes. After much thought and consideration,

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Global validation of ayurveda through research is need ...



Minister of State for Ayush, Prataprao Jadhav, today stressed the importance of advancing scientific research in Indian traditional medicine, ayurveda, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision. He said: "Promotion of research must remain our foremost priority. Through rigorous scientific inquiry, the efficacy of our traditional systems can be established globally.

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UBT hopeful after SC agrees to hear Uddhav Thackeray's poll symbol plea in August

Mumbai, July 14 (UNI) : With the Supreme Court agreeing today to hear and decide in August Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray's plea challenging an Election Commission decision about the party's election symbol, the Thackeray-led outfit now has got some fresh hopes.

It may be recalled that the Election Commission had recognised the party led by Maharashtra Deputy CM Eknath Shinde as the official Shiv Sena and allotted the bow and arrow symbol of the undivided Shiv Sena, to the Shinde-led party. The

Supreme Court's stand has brought some hope to the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, which will contest the soon-to-be-announced municipal elections against the BJP-led Mahayuti (grand alliance).

Thackeray had originally requested the top judiciary to give a temporary (interim) decision so that it does not suffer any losses in the local civic body and municipal corporation elections which are approaching, but the court indicated that it might pass a verdict. Reacting to the development, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said, "If the verdict comes

in August, it will definitely be timely. Our last hope is the Supreme Court, where justice will be served in this theft case. Our symbol has been stolen. Perhaps the Election Commission has the right to give an election symbol, but it does not have the right to change the name of the party. That is definitely not the right of the Election Commission".

Earlier today, a Supreme Court bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi heard a plea filed by Uddhav Thackeray seeking some interim relief in the wake of the impending local body

and municipal elections to be announced in Maharashtra.

The Supreme Court stated that it will hear and decide the main case itself instead of merely giving interim relief. "The only solution is we decide the main case. Somewhere in August we will adjust it. We will notify the date in the evening. We will give the exact date of listing of the matter later as we don't want to clash with other cases," Justice Kant said.

Appearing for Uddhav Thackeray, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal requested expeditious disposal of the

case in view of the local civic body and municipal polls expected to be announced in Maharashtra.

Significantly, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray had requested the Supreme Court to allow him to re-use the name 'Shiv Sena', the undivided party's original election symbol 'Dhanushyabana' (bow and arrow) as well as the saffron flag with the tiger on it, during the municipal elections in Maharashtra.

Uddhav Thackeray had sought an early hearing on the matter before the vacation bench of the Supreme Court on July 2.

What happened to an elected CM in J&K is unacceptable: Mamata

Kolkata, July 14 (UNI) : TMC chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today batted for her Jammu and Kashmir counterpart Omar Abdullah and asked what is wrong if visits a graveyard of martyrs in Srinagar to pay homage.

Omar shared a video on the social media platform X and stated that he was “physically grappled” by the police personnel when he was at the martyrs' graveyard in Srinagar.

"What is wrong in visiting the graveyard of martyrs?" Mamata questioned. "This is unfortunate; it also snatches the democratic right of a citizen," Banerjee opined on X."What happened this morning to an elected Chief Minister @OmarAbdullah is unacceptable. Shocking. Shameful," said Banerjee, who last week had hosted Omer Abdullah to her official chamber at Nabanna.Abdullah came here and appealed to the people here to visit his state, which is witnessing huge fall in tourism following a bloody massacre of 25 tourists at Pahalgam on April 22 last.



Staff members of the Navy Children School assemble at an area after a bomb threat, at Chanakyapuri area, in New Delhi. At least three schools in the national capital received bomb threats on Monday morning, prompting the emergency services to be kicked in, a Delhi Police official said.

Nitish Kumar needs five more years to ruin Bihar: Prashant Kishor

Patna, July 14 (UNI) : Taking on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for the "complete collapse of law and order", Jan Suraj leader Prashant Kishor today accused Nitish government of failing to address the state's employment crisis. Bihar will go Assembly polls are due in a few months.

Speaking to the media in Madhepura, Kishor slammed Kumar's promise to provide one crore jobs in the next five years, questioning what his government has achieved

in the past 20 years.

In a sarcastic manner, Prashant Kishor said, “Now Nitish Kumar needs another five years to completely ruin Bihar on the employment front.”He also took a dig at Leader of Opposition Tejaswi Prasad Yadav, who claims to have provided five lakh jobs during his 17-month tenure as Deputy Chief Minister.

Kishor demanded transparency from Yadav, saying, “he should release the names and contact numbers of those who actually got these jobs. Let

the public verify whether those claims were true or just political gimmick.”

Targeting the Bihar government on the issue of law and order, Kishor referred to JD(U) MP Sanjay Jha’s recent statement where he claimed that law and order in Bihar was well under control and that only one curfew had been imposed in the last 15 years and said that Jha enjoys government security, so he doesn’t see the daily reality of kidnappings, murders, robberies, and the growing fear among common

citizens.“Blinded by the arrogance of power, people like Sanjay Jha see Ram Rajya (an ideal state of governance), while the public was suffering,” Kishor quipped.

The murder of prominent businessman and BJP leader Gopal Khemka outside his residence in Patna has triggered a political storm in Bihar. Another murder that of lawyer Jitendra Kumar was recorded, he was allegedly shot dead in Patna city by unidentified assailants.

Three more arrested in murder of TMC leader in Bengal'

Kolkata, July 14 (UNI) : Police have arrested three more suspects in the murder of Razzak Khan, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) area president of Chaltaberia in Bhangar, taking the total number of arrests to four.

On Sunday night, officers from Kashipur police station apprehended Azharuddin Molla, Jahan Ali Khan, and Raju Molla. They are scheduled to be produced before the Baruipur sub-divisional court on Monday.

The trio were arrested

after police on Sunday morning arrested a TMC leader, Mofazzel Molla, a member of the TMC's Bhangar assembly committee.According to sources, during interrogation, Mofazzel provided crucial information that led investigators to the other suspects. Following this lead, police launched an operation and arrested the three additional accused from the Bijoyganj Bazar and Chak Moricha areas on Sunday night.

The murder of Khan,

who was believed to be close to local TMC MLA Shaukat Mollah, triggered widespread political turmoil and led to an extensive police manhunt, resulting in the arrest of four individuals.

Apart from the local North Kashipur police, senior officers from the Kolkata Police Detective Department, Anti-Gang Division, and Special Branch have joined the investigation. Deputy Commissioner (Detective Department) of Kolkata police Rupesh Kumar, and

Saikat Ghosh, DC of Bhangar Division, are closely monitoring the case.Sources also said that Rupesh Kumar personally interrogated Mofazzel Molla for several hours, leading to the identification of the three additional suspects.

Razzak Khan was shot dead near his home on Thursday night while returning from a party meeting. Police reports state that three bullets were fired initially, followed by multiple strikes with a sharp weapon to kill him.

Shaukat Mollah had claimed that rival Indian Secular Front (ISF) was behind the murder but ISF had denied the allegation and claimed that Razzak’s death was a result of Trinamool Congress’ internal bickering.

Though four persons have been arrested, police have not yet confirmed about the exact cause of the murder.“We are interrogating the accused and we will come to know the reason behind Razzak’s murder soon,” an investigating officer said.

Tarlok Singh Chauhan appointed Chief Justice of Jharkhand HC

Ranchi, July 14 (UNI) : Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan, currently serving as a Judge of Himachal Pradesh High Court, has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.The appointment was made by the President of India in consultation with the Chief Justice of India, as part of a wider reshuffle involving elevation and transfer of Chief Justices across several High Courts.

Meanwhile, Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao, who has been serving as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court, has been transferred to Tripura High Court as its Chief Justice.Justice Chauhan brings with him long judicial experience from the Himachal Pradesh High Court. His appointment comes at a time when several key matters related to governance, corruption, and socio-economic rights are pending before the Jharkhand High Court.The changes are part of a broader realignment aimed at ensuring administrative efficiency and uniformity across the higher judiciary.

Manipur Governor reviews relief measures for Internally Displaced Persons

Imphal, July 14 (UNI) : Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the ongoing relief and rehabilitation efforts for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) across the state.

The meeting was attended by key officials, including the Chief Secretary, Deputy Commissioner of Imphal West, and senior representatives from various departments involved in managing relief operations.

A comprehensive presentation was made highlighting the current status of IDPs, the challenges faced by the administration, and initiatives undertaken to provide shelter, food, healthcare, and psychological support.

One of the major points of discussion was the newly-launched dedicated IDPs portal, which enables real-time monitoring and data management to ensure targeted and transparent delivery of services. Officials explained that the portal is proving critical in tracking the number of displaced individuals, coordinating logistics, and monitoring the distribution of relief materials and government aid.Governor Bhalla stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination, stating that timely delivery of welfare schemes to displaced families must remain the top priority.“We must ensure that not a single displaced person is left behind due to administrative delays or data lapses,” he asserted, directing all concerned departments to work in unison.The meeting also revisited the state government’s long-term rehabilitation plans, including livelihood restoration, temporary housing, and psychosocial care, especially for women and children who have borne the brunt of the conflict.This review comes in the backdrop of over 60,000 people being displaced due to the Kuki-Meitei ethnic conflict that erupted in May 2023. Thousands of people continue to live in relief camps, separated from their homes, communities, and normal livelihoods.Despite intermittent peace-building efforts and deployment of central forces, tension still simmers in parts of the hill and valley districts, making rehabilitation a complex and urgent administrative challenge.

New line to boost economy, reduce isolation

Aizawl, July 14 (UNI) : Mizoram’s capital Aizawl is set to be connected to India’s railway network for the first time, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi expected to inaugurate the Bairabi–Sairang line later this month.

The 51.38-km stretch, built through steep hills, forested terrain and fragile slopes, is being hailed as a game changer for the state’s economy. With 48 tunnels, 142 bridges, and a station perched on a ridge outside Aizawl, the line is set to reduce freight costs, improve logistics and strengthen trade routes in the landlocked hill state.

The Prime Minister gave his nod for the inauguration during a meeting with Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma in New Delhi today.

Lalduhoma also requested central support for several state priorities, including national highway upgrades, piped gas connectivity, and regional peace initiatives.

The railway project, first conceptualised in 1999, took over two decades to realise due to engineering challenges and geographic constraints.

Insult of Tushar, a reflection of prevailing Godse mindset under NDA regime in Bihar : Congress

Patna, July 14 (UNI) : Congress today condemned the insult of Tushar Gandhi, great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi in West Champaran district of Bihar, saying it was reflection of prevailing

G o d s e m i n d s e t u n d e r N D A regime in the state.

President of Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (B P C C) Rajesh Ram and in-charge of party affairs of Bihar Krishna Allaveru besides other senior leaders of the party in a joint statement condemned the incident of T u s h a r G a n d h i during a function at Turkaulia in

Tribal girls in Jharkhand take Wheel in male-dominated auto sector

Ranchi, July 14 (UNI) ; In a first-of-its-kind initiative in Jharkhand, Tata Motors has successfully trained and certified an all-girls batch of tribal youth in motor mechanics under its Kaushalya Programme.

The development was announced on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day.

The batch, comprising 13 girls from gram panchayats in Chandil, Potka, and Jamshedpur, completed a 50-day classroom training module focused on commercial vehicle systems. The course was followed by a one-year On-the-Job Training (OJT) at authorised service stations and dealerships associated with Tata Motors.

All trainees were selected from underserved

tribal communities, many of whom had previously discontinued formal education. Tata Motors, in collaboration with Vikas Samities—a company-run society—undertook mobilisation efforts through local outreach, family counselling, and community engagement to ensure participation.

The programme provided trainees with residential accommodation, uniforms, safety gear, and a monthly stipend throughout the training period.Vinod Kulkarni, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Tata Motors, said the initiative marked a conscious step towards creating inclusive opportunities for young women in traditionally male-dominated sectors.

He said the company

aimed to build a safe and supportive training environment to enable girls from remote communities to access employability pathways previously unavailable to them.

The Kaushalya Programme is part of Tata Motors’ broader CSR framework aimed at promoting skill development and sustainable livelihoods in rural and tribal regions.

The company stated that the successful completion of this batch demonstrates the viability of gender-inclusive skilling models in the automotive sector.According to the company, similar programmes are under consideration for replication in other regions, based on local demand and institutional partnerships.

Army dedicates Open Gym to Namsing village under ‘Op Sadbhavna’

Itanagar, July 14 (UNI) : In a significant gesture of community outreach and nation-building, the Indian Army today dedicated a newly constructed Open Gym to the residents of Namsing village under Ruksin sub-division in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

The project, undertaken as part of Operation Sadbhavna, was formally handed over during a ceremony attended by village elders, local dignitaries, students, and serving and retired Army personnel.

The project is aimed at promoting health, fitness, and social well-being in the village, while also reinforcing the bond between the armed forces and the local community. The Open Gym is envisioned as a recreational and wellness space that will benefit villagers of all

age groups and serve as a hub for community interaction.Operation Sadbhavna is a flagship programme of the Indian Army focused on fostering trust, goodwill, and sustainable development in remote and border areas. Its wide-ranging activities include support in education, healthcare, skill development, and infrastructure enhancement, with a core emphasis on inclusive growth and harmony.

The collective efforts of both serving and retired Army personnel have played a vital role in the transformation of Namsing into one of the most progressive villages in the region.Marking the inauguration, a tree plantation drive was also conducted with active participation from villagers, students, and Army personnel. This green

initiative further reinforced the shared commitment to e n v i r o n m e n t a l sustainability and ecological awareness.

Residents of Namsing expressed deep gratitude for the Indian Army’s sustained support, recalling previous interventions such as medical camps, educational assistance, and civic infrastructure development under Operation Sadbhavna that have significantly improved living standards in the area.

The inauguration of the Open Gym not only signifies a step toward healthier lifestyles but also reflects the Indian Army’s continued dedication to the holistic development of the region. The event stood as a symbol of enduring partnership between the armed forces and the local community in building a resilient and united society.

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Govt orders investigation into bank corruption case

Mumbai, July 14 (IANS) : Minister of State for Home (Urban) Yogesh Kadam in the state council on Monday announced a probe by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) into the North Canara Gaud Saraswat Co-op Bank corruption case.

In his reply to a calling attention motion moved by BJP legislators Prasad Lad and Pravin Darekar, the minister said, the Managing Director, employees of North Canara Gaud Saraswat Co-operative Bank and the Chief Financial Officer of UB Engineering and other concerned conspired to open a bank account closed by the company in the Girgaum branch of the bank between 2018 and 2021 on the basis of a forged letter from the Chief Financial Officer and changed the signatory authority and made financial transactions in it.The minister said that complaints have also been received that Rs 1.83 crore has been diverted elsewhere in this regard, and since the police officer investigating this case also

has a connection with the bank, the entire matter will be investigated by the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

While giving an explanation in the matter of financial irregularities in this bank, Minister Kadam clarified that no written evidence of any financial transaction was found against the concerned Senior Police Inspector during the investigation.

However, the then-senior police inspector did not give proper direction to the investigation of the complaint filed in this case. Therefore, the administration has taken necessary action against him for dereliction of duty.

The minister said that Rs 1.83 crore frozen in the bank was de-frozen and withdrawn illegally. After this matter was revealed in the audit of the Reserve Bank, the bank returned the entire amount along with interest. In this regard, the Reserve Bank of India imposed a fine of Rs 50 lakh on the concerned bank.

A case has been registered against the then General Manager of this

bank and his wife (the chairman of the bank). Based on the complaints received in this regard, a forensic audit has been conducted in 47 cases, and the investigation is currently underway.

Meanwhile, the Minister of State for Home (Rural), Pankaj Bhoyar, in the state council that a special investigation team (SIT) will conduct a probe into about 57,000 kg of beef being transported in two large containers in Kusgaon, Pune.

He was responding to a discussion on the calling attention motion moved by BJP member Shrikant Bharatiya and Shiv Sena UBT member Anil Parab.

Minister Bhoyar said that the preliminary investigation has revealed that the company Asian Foods Micro Pvt. Ltd. is involved in the transportation of beef. Since this company is from Hyderabad, the state government has requested the central government to cancel the license obtained by this company through APEDA, he added.



Portions of a road that caved in near the Railway Station metro station following monsoon rain in the area, in Jaipur on Monday.

Students protest over engineering exam results at Pune university

Pune, July 14 (UNI) : Students from the engineering faculty of Savitribai Phule Pune University today staged a protest on campus after discrepancies were reported in the recently declared examination results.

Demanding a re-examination and the provision of a 'carry-on' facility to avoid losing an academic year over a single

failed subject, the students gathered in front of the Vice-Chancellor's office.

Although they were initially assured a 10-minute meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, the students were not granted an audience. This led to frustration among the protestors, some of whom attempted to breach the barricades and enter the university building.

The situation escalated

briefly but was brought under control through police intervention. A delegation of students was eventually allowed to meet with the Vice-Chancellor. Students are now awaiting the outcome of the meeting and the university's response to their demands.

The protest highlights ongoing concerns about exam result management and the impact on students' academic progression.

Gutka worth Rs 1 crore seized

Ahilyanagar, July 13 (UNI) Continuing its crackdown on illegal businesses in the district, a special police team seized gutka worth Rs one crore in a raid at Kotul village in Akole taluka of the district today and detained 12 people in this connection.Acting on a confidential information, the special team raided a shed in Kotul and detained Shoaib Shavid Qazi and Shahid Hussain Latif Patel, who were

storing and selling gutka in partnership.

Ten other people were detained in this operation, and gutka worth Rs 1,01,74,750, vehicles and cash have been seized.

Gujarat govt steps up bridge safety after Gambhira tragedy; major repairs and expansion work underway

Surat, July 14 (IANS) In the wake of the tragic Gambhira Bridge incident, the Gujarat government on Monday launched a sweeping initiative to inspect, repair, and expand old bridges while accelerating the construction of new ones across the state. The effort aims to ensure public safety and ease traffic congestion on vital routes.

One of the major projects underway is the urgent repair of the Tapi River bridge near Kamrej on the busy

Ahmedabad-Mumbai Highway (NH-48). This bridge, which sees over 1.5 lakh vehicles daily, has become hazardous due to its damaged expansion joints.

Plates covering these joints were shifting dangerously, raising fears of accidents. Recognising the critical risk, the Surat district administration took swift action, coordinating with police and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials to plan traffic diversions and start repairs without delay.

Speaking to IANS, Surat District Collector Sourabh Pardhi said, “In the last two-three days, we had technical teams and administrative officers inspect all major and minor bridges in Surat district. Wherever issues were identified, we issued immediate instructions for corrective steps. At Kamrej, although the structural strength of the Tapi bridge was sound, the expansion joints had become risky. We couldn't ignore it. We diverted traffic onto the newly opened expressway and began repairs. The work is progressing well and should be completed within 20–25 days.”

He added that minor repairs on other bridges in the district are also being addressed proactively.

“We’ve taken necessary steps wherever needed. Traffic has been diverted, and repair work is underway,” Pargi said.

NHAI officials on-site explained the challenges of maintaining such a high-traffic bridge without an alternative route. Built in 2011, the bridge carries 1.5–2 lakh vehicles daily.

“Earlier, there was no feasible way to close or divert traffic. But once the Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway section opened, we finally had an alternative. With support from the state government, district administration, police, and our senior officials, we diverted traffic 48 hours ago and began repairs immediately,” said NHAI Project Director Sanjay Yadav.

He added that the repair work is being done round-the-clock.

“Our engineers and contractors are fully mobilised and working day and night. We expect to complete these repairs within 30–35 days,” Yadav said.

Beyond emergency repairs, the state government and NHAI are also investing in long-term solutions to modernise Gujarat’s critical highway infrastructure. Yadav shared that the contractor responsible for the Kamrej repairs has also been tasked with building 14 new bridges as part of a Rs 600 crore project.

“We have many old and narrow bridges between Vadodara, Bharuch, and Surat.

Govt instructs completion of relief, rehabilitation in flood-hit Vidarbha

Mumbai, July 14 (IANS) : Disaster Management Minister Girish Mahajan said in the Maharashtra Assembly on Monday that the government has given instructions to all agencies to complete relief and rehabilitation of people hit by heavy rains and floods in Nagpur and Amravati divisions in Vidarbha, in a timely and transparent manner.

In a statement, the minister said the state government has implemented immediate measures as the loss of life, property and financial losses due to this natural disaster have been massive.The minister said as per the government decision dated May 30, 2025, relief funds have been distributed at the district level to the citizens whose houses have collapsed.

As per the government decision dated July 28, 2023 the approved deadline for distributing relief to household utensils, clothes, stall holders and shopkeepers has been extended.

The District Collectors have been given the powers to take all decisions regarding the distribution of relief in a disaster.Minister Mahajan said that heavy rains caused floods in Nagpur, Wardha, Gondia, Bhandara, Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts in which 7 citizens died, 4 were injured and 17 large and 10 small animals died.

In addition, 1,927 houses were partially damaged and 40 houses were completely destroyed, 209 cowsheds were damaged and 715 citizens were shifted to safer places.

Over 20,854 hectares of farms with crops were damaged and the number of affected farmers is 29,920. Panchnama work is underway in this place.

According to the minister, the effects of heavy rains were also seen in Amravati division. One person has died and one person has been injured, 180 houses have been partially damaged and 9 houses have completely collapsed, four animals have been killed and 3,411 hectares of agricultural area has been damaged.Meanwhile, the Minister of State for Urban Development, Madhuri Misal, announced in the state Assembly that the entire tender process related to the solid waste management of the Pune Municipal Corporation has been cancelled as it was found that the rate was 5 to 7 per cent higher. She however, clarified that no financial loss has been incurred due to this.

Replying to a question raised by BJP member Bhimrao Tapkir, Minister Misal said that the government has instructed the Pune Municipal Corporation to investigate the tender process and take appropriate action.

MP demands BJP’s clarification on attack against Sambhaji Brigade founder

Pune July 14 (UNI) : Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-SP) Member of Parliament Dr Amol Kolhe today strongly condemned the attack on Sambhaji Brigade founder-president Pravin Gaikwad in Akkalkot and demanded that the BJP issue a clarification, as names of BJP Yuva Morcha office-bearers have reportedly surfaced in connection with the incident.

Gaikwad was in Akkalkot yesterday where he had gone to attend a

felicitation ceremony for Janmejayaraje Bhosale. He was allegedly assaulted by members of the Shivdharma Foundation. He was pulled out of his vehicle and smeared with black ink and grease on his face. There was also an attempt to tear his clothes and physically assault him.

The incident sparked statewide outrage today with leaders from various political parties and social activists condemning the attack. In a show of support, Sambhaji Brigade activists

in Pandharpur welcomed Gaikwad with a ceremonial milk bath (dugdhabhishek). Gaikwad warned that such cowardly attacks will be answered in their own way by his followers.Calling the incident disgraceful, MP Kolhe emphasized that with BJP members' names being linked to the attack, the party must clarify its stance. He also urged Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to take a firm stand and ensure strict legal action against the perpetrators.

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RBI to wait for stronger growth signals before rate cut as inflation cools

The further softening of the CPI inflation in June to 2.10 per cent -- lowest year-on-year inflation recorded since January 2019 -- gives the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) significant room to manoeuvre but we do not expect an immediate policy pivot in August, economists said.

The RBI monetary policy committee (MPC) is likely to hold rates and wait for stronger growth signals — particularly from investment and export activity — before calibrating further action, said Arsh Mogre, economist, PL Capital. “The current real policy rate of +340 bps (repo at 5.50 per cent vs CPI at 2.10 per cent) is already highly restrictive by both historical and global EM standards. However, the central bank may prefer to validate the durability of food disinflation across July–September and monitor the kharif sowing and rainfall trajectory before signalling the next round of easing,” said Mogre. A rate cut in October remains the base case, contingent on continued inflation moderation and external stability. In sum, the macro narrative is transitioning from anchoring inflation to assessing the timing and depth of growth support, according to experts. The CPI inflation is following a continuously easing trajectory, from 6.2 per cent in October 2024 to 5.4 per cent in November 2024, to 5.2 per cent in December 2024, 4.26 per cent in January 2025, 2.82 per cent in May 2025 and now 2.10 per cent in June, posing a decline of 72 basis points in headline inflation of June 2025 in comparison to May 2025. This has provided a substantial boost to households, businesses and India’s growth, said Hemant Jain, President of industry chamber PHDCCI.

The significant decline in headline inflation and food inflation during the month of June is mainly attributed to decline in inflation of vegetables, pulses and products, meat and fish, cereals and products, sugar and confectionery, milk and products and spices.

“Moving ahead, assuming a normal monsoon, CPI inflation is expected to remain well within the RBI’s target band,” said Jain. Despite concerns over uneven monsoon spatiality in June, the impact on prices remains contained as mandi arrivals remained robust, especially in pulses, onions, and oilseeds, said experts.

According to Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist at ICRA, Kharif sowing is up by a robust 6.6 per cent which augurs well for containing food prices.

“ICRA expects the headline CPI inflation to recede further and bottom out at 1.9 per cent in July 2025, despite an unfavourable base,” Nayar mentioned.

Advanced Treatments Like MRgFUS, DBS, and Botox Offer Hope



(Standard Post Bureau)

Tremors in hands and legs, difficulty in walking, unsteady steps, and slurred speech are not always caused by Parkinson’s disease alone. There are multiple other underlying conditions that can lead to such movement disorders, and treatment approaches should be based on both the root cause and the severity of the symptoms, according to several national-level medical experts.

The significance of this understanding was emphasized at the “Practical Neurology – 2025” Advances in movement disorders conference, held on Sunday under the guidance of the Neurosciences Department of KIMS Hospitals, one of Hyderabad’s leading medical institutions. The event aimed to raise awareness especially among neurologists and neurosurgeons working in

Tier-2 cities and towns, who often encounter such cases in clinical practice.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Bollineni Bhaskar Rao, Chairman and Managing Director of KIMS Hospitals, Dr. Mohan Das, Chief Consultant Neurologist; and Dr. Manas Kumar Panigrahi, Head of the Neurosurgery Department and Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon. More than 200 neurologists and neurosurgeons from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Maharashtra attended the session. Medical experts explained that various neurological conditions such as Chorea, Dystonia, Atypical Parkinson’s Syndromes, and Wilson’s Disease can also cause movement-related issues. They noted that treatment should be tailored according to the specific diagnosis and its intensity. Among all the available therapies, MRgFUS

(Magnetic Resonance-guided Focused Ultrasound) has emerged as one of the most advanced and fast-acting options. When patients understand this procedure and opt for it, results can often be seen immediately—sometimes as soon as they get up from the treatment table. So far, KIMS Hospitals has successfully treated 19 patients using MRgFUS, and their video testimonials, describing their recovery journeys, were showcased during the conference.

In addition to MRgFUS, Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) was also discussed as an effective therapy for certain movement disorders. Furthermore, in some specific cases, Botox injections have proven to be highly successful in reducing symptoms, offering another valuable treatment path. The event was organized by Dr. M. Jayasree, Consultant

Neurologist and Movement Disorder Specialist at KIMS, who served as the Organizing Secretary. Several senior doctors from KIMS, including Dr. Subhash Kaul, Dr. Gopalakrishna, Dr. Seetha Jayalakshmi, Dr. Varalakshmi, Dr. Praveen Kumar Yada, and Dr. Anuja Patil, were actively involved in the discussions.

Renowned neurologists and neurosurgeons from across India also participated and spoke about these evolving treatments. These included Dr. Mohit Bhatt from Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai, Dr. Kalyan B. Bhattacharya from Medica Hospital in Kolkata, Dr. Hrishikesh Kumar from the Institute of Neurosciences, Kolkata, Dr. Rupa Rajan from AIIMS New Delhi, Dr. Pramod Pal from NIMHANS Bengaluru, Dr. L.K. Prashanth from the Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Clinic in Bengaluru, Dr. K.P. Divya from SCTIMST in Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Neeraj Kumar from AIIMS Bibinagar, and Dr. Rupam Borgohain and Dr. Rukmini Mridula from Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City.

The conference served as a platform for sharing critical knowledge about the latest treatment methods for movement disorders, encouraging doctors to adopt innovative approaches and offer faster, more effective solutions to patients suffering from debilitating neurological conditions.

A ‘Viksit Gaon’ is an achievable reality: Chandrasekhar

New Delhi, July 14 (UNI) : Calling for a renewed focus on grassroots development, Union Minister of State for Rural Development Dr Pemmasani Chandrasekhar has noted that a ‘Viksit Gaon’ where every family has a pucca house with basic amenities, every youth is employed, and every woman is economically empowered is not a distant dream — it is an achievable reality.

Speaking at the first Performance Review Committee meeting of the Ministry of Rural Development here, Dr Chandrasekhar underscored the critical role of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in building a ‘Viksit Gaon’ as the foundation for a ‘Viksit Bharat’ by 2047, according to a statement here today.

He said rural development schemes are no longer just welfare measures but essential engines driving the nation’s inclusive growth story under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Cabinet Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Among flagship initiatives, MGNREGS stood out prominently in the Minister’s address. Describing it as “the strongest weapon against rural unemployment and distress migration”, Dr Chandrasekhar highlighted the scheme’s continuing relevance, particularly during agricultural lean seasons.

With an annual investment between Rs 90,000 and Rs 1,00,000 crore, MGNREGS has generated over 250 crore person-days of work each year. More than 36 crore job cards have been issued so far, and over 15 crore workers remain active beneficiaries, said the statement.

However, the Minister stressed the need to transition beyond mere wage payments. He called for a shift towards meaningful and durable asset creation, diversified work categories to ensure productivity, greater convergence with other developmental schemes, and enhanced community participation in selecting and planning work.

“The true potential of MGNREGS lies in its ability to create productive infrastructure that sustains rural livelihoods over time,” he said. In his review, Dr. Chandrasekhar also provided updates on several other key schemes stating that under PMAY-Gramin, over 3.22 crore pucca houses have been constructed so far. An additional 2 crore houses are targeted by 2029. The Minister called for the use of eco-friendly, region-specific technologies and cost-effective housing designs, he said. Similarly, PMGSY has ensured that more than 7.56 lakh km of rural roads are built. The Minister proposed setting up state-level road maintenance funds and encouraging community-based monitoring for improved sustainability. Under the DAY-NRLM, over 10.05 crore rural women have been mobilised into 91 lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs), with cumulatively achieved bank linkages worth over Rs 11 lakh crore.

Tata Motors introduces Lifetime HV Battery Warranty for Curvv.ev and Nexon.ev 45 kWh



(Standard Post Bureau)

As part of its consistent efforts to remove barriers to electric vehicle adoption in India, Tata Motors – the leader of India’s electric vehicle revolution and the nation’s leading SUV manufacturer – today announced the introduction of Lifetime HV Battery Warranty for the Curvv.ev SUV Coupe and the Nexon.ev 45 kWh.

The Lifetime HV Battery Warranty, first introduced with the recently launched Harrier.ev, received widespread appreciation from consumers nationwide. Encouraged by this positive response, the company has now extended this offering to existing and new first-time customers of two of its most popular SUVs. Talking about the benefit of Lifetime HV Battery Warranty to the customer, Mr. Vivek

Srivatsa, Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd., said, “By democratising premium EV technology, we have played a significant role in advancing India’s EV category’s exponential growth. One of the key factors behind this growth is the ability to instil confidence amongst customers for a worry-free ownership experience. Today, we are proud to extend this feeling even further with the introduction of the Lifetime HV Battery Warranty solution for all customers of the Curvv.ev and Nexon.ev 45 kWh. By offering this unprecedented assurance, we are enabling a truly carefree, future-ready ownership journey for every TATA.ev buyer.”

By removing one of the biggest barriers to EV

adoption — uncertainty around long-term battery health and replacement costs — TATA.ev is ensuring a greater ownership experience to its customers with this solution. This warranty, which is among the most comprehensive assurances when it comes to purchasing an EV, is being extended to all private individual customers of the Curvv.ev and Nexon.ev 45 kWh. This includes both new first-time buyers and current owners who are registered as the first owners of either of these two SUVs. This new warranty not only supports the progressive development of long-term resale value for EVs but also complements the significant savings in running costs (estimated at Rs 8–9 lakh over 10 years), creating a compelling ownership proposition.

Centre informs SC it has exhausted all options to save Kerala nurse facing death sentence in Yemen

New Delhi, July 14 (UNI) : The Central government today informed the Supreme Court that it has exhausted all possible diplomatic and legal options to save Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya, who has been sentenced to death in Yemen for the murder of a Yemeni national.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta was hearing a plea filed by the Save Nimisha Priya International Action Council, seeking directions to the Centre to use diplomatic channels to secure her release.

Appearing for the Centre, Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani stated, “Negotiating link has also been done. There is a point till which the Government of India can go. We have reached it. We also told the public prosecutor if the execution could be suspended. But it has not worked out. Nothing matters to the Yemen government.

“We did not go much public about it. We also got involved with a sheikh influential there. It did not work out.

“We got an informal communication that execution would be put in abeyance but we don’t know if it will work out. This is not an area where government can be asked to do something beyond

defined limit.”

The AG further submitted that the government had explored all methods, including negotiations, but nothing has worked so far.

During the hearing, Justice Mehta noted that the petitioner claimed to have arranged blood money, the compensation payable to the deceased’s family under Yemeni law to secure release from execution. However, the AG responded: “They say it is a question of honour and we don’t accept. We don’t know if it changes with more money. But as of now it is at standstill.” Senior Advocate Raghenath Basant, appearing for the petitioner organisation, stated, “Good samaritans are not able to do anything since it is Yemen.” The AG replied, “Yes, nothing is happening. Problem is we can’t say ‘please do it’ and they will listen to us.”

The petitioner’s counsel also submitted that they were willing to pay a higher amount of blood money if that could resolve the matter. The AG informed the court that the Joint Secretary from the Ministry of External Affairs was present and briefing him.

He added: “There is a communication even at 10:30 am requesting for suspending the sentence. But nothing has happened.

This may even prove counterproductive. These are highly confidential matters.”

The Court recorded the submissions and adjourned the matter to July 18, directing, “We have heard the AG. List on Friday. Let parties inform us the status.” The Supreme Court was hearing the plea filed in Save Nimisha Priya International Action Council v. Union of India.

Nimisha Priya, who was working as a nurse in Yemen, was convicted for the murder of Yemeni citizen Talal Abdo Mahdi. Her appeal against the conviction was earlier rejected by the Yemeni Supreme Court. Nimisha Priya is facing the death sentence in Yemen for the alleged murder of the Yemeni national in 2017. According to case records, Priya, who was working as a nurse in Yemen, was allegedly subjected to torture and assault by the Yemeni man. It has been stated that to retrieve her passport, which was in his possession, she attempted to sedate him. However, an overdose of the sedative reportedly caused his death. The present PIL, filed by the Save Nimisha Priya International Action Council, seeks directions to the Central government to take urgent diplomatic steps to secure her release and save her from execution.

3 killed in Kentucky shooting

New York, July 14 (UNI) : Two women one a 72-year-old and another a 32-year-old were killed in a shooting in Kentucky, officials said.

The incident occurred yesterday around 11:35 a.m. ET (1535 GMT) near Blue Grass Airport, where a trooper pulled over a vehicle after receiving a license plate reader alert. The suspect in the vehicle shot the trooper, carjacked another vehicle and fled the scene before arriving at Richmond Road Baptist Church, where he killed the two women, Lexington Police Chief Lawrence Weathers said at a news conference.

The fleeing suspect wounded two men before being fatally shot by three responding officers and pronounced dead at the scene. The injured trooper is in stable condition. In a post on the social platform X, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear called the incident "senseless acts of violence" and thanked the swift response by local police.

Over 30 killed in clashes in Syria’s Suwayda: Ministry

Beirut, July 14 (UNI) : More than 30 people have been killed in clashes in the mostly Druze-populated southernmost Syrian province of Suwayda over the past two days, while more than 100 others have been injured, the Syrian Defense Ministry said on Monday.

"It is with deep sorrow and concern that we are following the tragic events in Suwayda province. Over the past two days, more than 30 people have been killed and more than a hundred injured in a number of districts and towns," the statement read.

The ministry said that lack of effective government institutions on the ground had contributed to the chaos and prevented security forces and troops from intervening quickly to curb violence.

The Ministry of Defence and the Interior Ministry sent troops to the south, the department said. Safe corridors for civilians were created. The government called on the sides to the conflict to cooperate with the army and exercise restraint, saying that further escalation would only increase the suffering of civilians.The Ministry called on employees working in conflict zones to strictly fulfill their duties, meaning to protect citizens and prevent new violations.

The Druze spiritual leadership called on the interim government to restore order on the Damascus-Suwayda highway and eliminate the presence of armed gangs.On Sunday, armed gangs attacked a number of Druze settlements in Suwayda, blocking the highway that connects the province to Damascus.

Leaked Treasury advice urges Australian gov't to raise taxes

Canberra, July 14 (UNI) : Australian Treasurer Jim Chalmers says he is not concerned about the accidental publication of advice that recommended the federal government raise taxes.

The confidential advice, which was prepared by the independent Treasury and provided to the governing Labor Party following the May 3 general election, was mistakenly sent to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and published on Monday.It advised the government that it must find additional taxation revenue and reduce spending in order to achieve a "sustainable" federal budget.

Additionally, it said that Labor's key promise to build 1.2 million new homes over a five-year span between 2024 and 2029 will not be met and briefed Chalmers on the consequences for Australia if there is a global loss of confidence in the U.S. dollar or the independence of the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Speaking at a press conference on Monday morning, Chalmers said that the documents were sent to the ABC in error and that he is "pretty relaxed" about the leak.He said that the government has already made it "really clear" that more needs to be done to make the economy more productive and more resilient and that tax reform will be discussed when he hosts experts, business leaders and trade unions in Canberra for a landmark three-day economic summit.

Chalmers conceded that the government will fall short of its housing target on the current trajectory but said that the target can still be met.

A report published by the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council in May forecast that 938,000 dwellings would be built over the five-year period.

Sri Lankan Navy has arrested 181 Indian fishermen so far this year

Colombo/New Delhi, July 14 (UNI) : Sri Lanka Navy has seized 24 Indian fishing boats and arrested 181 fishermen for allegedly fishing in Sri Lankan waters so far this year, the navy said in a statement today.

This includes the seizure of an Indian fishing boat and seven Indian fishermen during an operation yesterday, the navy said in a statement.

They were arrested off the Delft Island, Jaffna, in Sri Lanka's Northern province. The navy said the seized boat and the fishermen were handed over to the fisheries officials for further legal proceedings.

The report comes as seven additional fishermen from Rameshwaram were detained by Colombo.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has urged New Delhi to act upon this immediately, as the central government is in talks with authorities in Sri Lanka to immediately release the fishermenThe Sri Lankan navy reiterated that it continues to conduct regular patrols and operations in Sri Lankan waters to prevent illegal fishing by foreign vessels, citing concerns over its impact on the livelihoods of local fishermen.In just the past two weeks, over 15 Indian fishermen have been arrested on the same charges, and have been put into extended judicial custody post initial hearings.



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a meeting with the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Nurlan Yermekbayev, in Beijing, China.

India hopes zero tolerance for terrorism will be strongly upheld: Jaishankar

Beijing, July 14 (IANS) : A day ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting (CFM) in Tianjin, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Monday stated that the "primary mandate" of the grouping is to "combat terrorism, separatism and extremism".

"Tomorrow, we will be meeting in the format of the SCO, whose primary mandate is to combat terrorism, separatism and extremism. This is a shared concern and India hopes that zero tolerance for terrorism will be strongly upheld," the EAM said in his opening remarks during a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday.

Last month, the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting held at Qingdao could not adopt a Joint Statement after India's concerns on terrorism did not reflect in the document.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who had attended the meeting, had laid down the broad contours of India's transitional shift in its

policy against terrorism and had also called upon the member countries to unite in eliminating the menace for collective safety and security."I understand that they could not adopt a Joint Statement. I also understand that member countries could not reach consensus on certain issues and hence the document could not be finalised. On our side, India wanted concerns on terrorism reflected in the document, which was not acceptable to one particular country, and therefore the statement was not adopted," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had said during a regular media briefing held in New Delhi on June 26.

On June 24, while spotlighting the barbaric Pahalgam terror attack and India's subsequent Operation Sindoor to dismantle terror infrastructure across the border, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval had also called for the urgent need to shun double standards in the fight against terrorism and take decisive actions against UN-proscribed

terrorists and entities.

Addressing the 20th meeting of the Security Council Secretaries of the SCO Member States in Beijing, NSA Doval had said that India is deeply concerned about continued threat from terror groups designated by United Nations Security Council (UNSC),including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) — two of the most dangerous and state-supported terror outfits operating out of Pakistan - besides Al Qaeda, ISIS and its affiliates.

In his intervention, he highlighted the need to shun double standards in the fight against terrorism and take decisive actions against UN-proscribed terrorists and entities like LeT, JeM and their proxies and dismantle their terror eco-systems.

Reiterating that any act of terror including cross border terrorism is a crime against humanity, India had called on SCO members to hold accountable the perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of acts of cross border terror and to help bring them to justice.

Russia’s foreign intelligence service says NATO wants to involve Moldova to counter Moscow

Moscow, July 14 (UNI) : The Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) has alleged that NATO countries are actively preparing to involve Moldova in a potential armed conflict with Russia, to use it as yet another bastion in the bloc’s efforts to counter Moscow’s ongoing military advance into Kyiv."The press office of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service reports that, according to information received by the SVR, NATO is actively preparing to engage Moldova in a probable

armed conflict with Russia. A decision has been made in Brussels to speed up the transformation of the country into the 'forward outpost of the alliance on the eastern flank, taking into account the advancement of Russian forces in Ukraine,'" the statement read, reports RIA Novosti.The SVR report further alleged that NATO is working to make Moldovan territory suitable for the rapid deployment of alliance troops to Russian borders."NATO forces are intensively turning what was once a peaceful

agricultural republic into a military testing ground. Moldova’s territory is being made suitable for the operational redeployment of NATO troops to Russian borders.“Projects are underway to switch to European railway standards and increase the capacity of bridges. Logistic hubs, large warehouses, and areas for concentrating military equipment are being built.

“The Marculesti and Balti airfields, located near Ukraine, are being modernised with a focus on enabling the reception of a

Cambodian PM to approve mandatory 24-month military conscriptions from 2026

Phom Penh, July 14 (UNI) : Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet has said that come 2026, the country’s National Assembly will approve the Law on Compulsory Military Service, enforcing military conscription.

The law was promulgated on December

22, 2006, with a proposal for an 18-month training period, aimed at strengthening the armed forces, but sits idle on paper and has not so far been implemented.

"From 2026 onwards, the Law on Compulsory Military Service will be enforced," Hun Manet said

in a speech during the celebration of the 32nd founding anniversary of the National Military Police held at a training center in central Kampong Chhnang province.

"The military conscription law will help us increase the number of soldiers, reinforcing our

France doubles military spending, targets 64 billion euros by 2027

Paris, July 14 (UNI) : In light of the NATO and the EU's decision to increase its military budget, citing security issues amid the Russia-Ukraine war and Moscow's increasing foothold into Ukrainian territory, French President Emmanuel Macron announced a significant increase in the country's military budget, stating that it will rise to 64 billion euros (\$74.8 billion) by 2027- double the level of 2017.

"In 2017, the military budget was 32 billion Euros. According to our law on military planning, we agreed to double it by 2030. But we will do it by 2027. This will be a new historic effort. By 2027, our military budget will double to 64 billion euros," Macron said in his annual address to the French Armed Forces today on the eve of the national holiday, Bastille Day, which was broadcast on the official Elysee Palace account on X.

"To be free in this world, you must be feared. To be feared, you must be powerful," he added, stating the world was witnessing the return of nuclear power and the "proliferation of major conflicts," reports BBC.

He mentioned the various conflicts which have been taking place worldwide, referencing the 12-day-Israel-Iran war with Israel's bombings in Tehran, the US bombing of Iranian nuclear sites on June 22, the India-Pakistan conflict post the Pahalgam terror attack which saw India aggressively attacking Pakistani military facilities and terror bases, and the Russia-Ukraine war, where Russia continues to push forward.

Germany will not send Taurus missiles to Ukraine: Defence Minister

Moscow, July 14 (UNI) : The German authorities will not send Taurus missiles or Patriot air defense systems to Ukraine, despite Ukraine's "renewed request", German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said in an interview with the Financial Times.

"We only have six [Patriot systems] left in Germany," Pistorius told the newspaper. "That's really too few, especially considering the NATO capability goals we have to meet. We definitely can't give any more."

Germany already gave Ukraine three such systems, two others had been lent to Poland and at least one was always unavailable due to maintenance or training, he explained.

The minister noted that he would meet with Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth in Washington today. During the meeting, the roadmap for ensuring European security by the United States will be discussed. According to Pistorius, the ministers will also discuss the sale of two Patriot systems to Germany by the United States, intended for Ukraine.

The Minister further said that Germany is also working on a "purchase plan" for military equipment by the country until the 2030s, which will include the purchase of tanks, submarines, drones and fighter jets.Earlier, army," he said, as per Khmer News.Under the Law on Compulsory Military Service, all Cambodian male citizens between 18 and 30 years old are obliged to register for and fulfill military service for 18 months.

However, service for women remains voluntary.

Trump greenlights weapons consignment, including Patriot missiles, for Ukraine

Washington, July 14 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump has reportedly unveiled a new weapons package for Ukraine which will contain more offensive weapons, after earlier announcing that he has greenlit shipments for Kyiv which were stopped for a while due to domestic shortages and shifting strategic priorities.

"We basically are going to send them various pieces of very sophisticated military. They're going to pay us 100% for them," Trump pointed out, adding that the issue would be discussed at his meeting with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte in Washington today, reports Axios News.

Regarding the supply of Patriot missiles which are at a critical low in Ukraine, Trump didn't say much, stating "I haven't agreed on the number yet, but they're going to have some because they do need protection. But the European Union is paying for it. We're not paying anything for it, but we will send it. It will be business for us, and we will send them Patriots."

The scheme was reportedly proposed by Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelensky during the NATO summit two weeks ago. Trump and Zelensky, who met on the sidelines of the summit ended discussions on a positive note, with the White House stating that it was a very productive meeting.

US officials noted that the shipment was a strategic move from Washington's side to pressure Russian President Vladimir Putin to come to agreements on a peace proposal, after he declined an earlier settlement offer during a phone call with the US President.

Noting that Trump has become increasingly frustrated with Moscow's unwillingness to come to a peace proposal and continue hostilities, a US official stated that his weapons package approval was fuelled by this very frustration.

“Trump is really pissed at Putin. His announcement tomorrow is going to be very aggressive.”

Putin has indicated that over the next 60 days he would make a renewed push to occupy territory up to the administrative lines of the Ukrainian regions in which Russia has a significant foothold.

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German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said that Berlin would support Ukraine in developing its own long-range systems against the backdrop of the lifting of restrictions on strikes on Russian territory, agreed upon, according to Merz, with the United States, the United Kingdom and France.

Later, the chancellor noted that the decision had been made several months ago. After a visit to Germany, Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in an interview with the RTL broadcaster that Kyiv and Berlin were working on the issue of Taurus supplies, but declined to disclose details.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, during a meeting with representatives of international news agencies at the SPIEF in June, said that the use of Taurus missiles would damage relations between Russia and Germany, but would not affect the course of military action.

Russian Ambassador to Germany Sergey Nechayev previously said that Russia would closely monitor Berlin's specific actions regarding the transfer of Taurus missiles to Ukraine and training of the Ukrainian Armed Forces in their use.

Russia believes that arms supplies to Ukraine hinder the settlement of the conflict and directly involve NATO countries in it.

Beauty

Why you should try a Hair spa this summer



Use a night cream for Better skin

Night creams work wonders on your skin while you sleep... read on to find out more



Skin is the most important part of one's body. And it is the most essential part of one's beauty as well. If your skin looks fresh and radiant, there is little that you need to do after that. And in the rush to look younger and slow down the process of ageing, night creams have come as a blessing to women who want to keep themselves beautiful.

So how do these night creams work? And are they any good? Better than day creams? These are the normal questions that arise in a person's mind. But let me tell you, night creams are very good. They repair and moisturise your skin. These are called night creams because you apply them before you go to sleep and when you wake up, viola! You find your skin refreshing and the complexion soft and rosy. This is because the elements used in night creams remove all the dull and dead skin while you sleep. The night creams are thicker as compared to the ordinary moisturisers. Hence, they penetrate deep inside the skin and moisturise it. And the vitamins and snit-ageing components help your skin look younger, wrinkle-free.

Also, when you are sleeping, the deep-breathing helps your skin produce new cells, which also helps in looking younger. But remember; don't apply the night cream on your upper lids of your eyes before sleeping or else you will wake up with puffy lids. So use the night creams and wake up to find a soft and supple skin and feel refreshed.

It's certainly hot and while you're watching your diet and eating right, also ensure you take care of your hair, which faces damage due to the heat. A hair spa can take care of that. Importantly, it seeks to normalise oil secretions due to sweating. Of course, one can go in for a hair spa for tired-out hair during any season, but with the hair losing its moisture and sheen during the summer, the treatment is especially a boon. Agrees beauty expert, Nisha Jhaveri. "Sun damage does have an adverse effect on the hair, leaving it dehydrated.

But as people are constantly highlighting and streaking their hair, it makes the hair very brittle. So, I'd advise a hair spa at least once a week at any time," she says.

What is the treatment about?

If you're going in for a hair spa, the therapist would first take a look at what kind of hair you have, its quality, etc. You are then offered suitable remedies and packs. Some spas also have a protein treatment for hair. Says Jhaveri, "The idea is to rejuvenate and protect the hair. A serum is

Sign #1 Your hairstyle hasn't changed since ages

You have evolved through the years and so has your sense of fashion but not your hairstyle. It's high time you altered that too. Hairstylist Savio Pereira suggests you to get inspired by collecting images of cuts and styles you wish to have. Hurry and schedule an appointment!

Sign #2 You look older than you really are

Even though you might humbly grace greying, often when the grey strands are visible at a young age, you tend to look older than you are. Consider a colour change or head in to shorten the length of your hair to look chic as they age.

Sign #3 Your hair has no volume

With the increasing level of pollution and almost no time to oil and nourish your hair every week, the hair starts losing out on volume. "When you feel your hair is flat on the crown and has no movement even after a blow dry, it is time for you to go in for a new hairstyle," says Sylvia Chen hairstylist. A haircut with added layers will retain the length and will inject life and energy to your hair.

Sign #4 Your hair colour has begun to fade out

You are planning to go for a party and you notice that your hair colour has begun to fade out, and you don't want people to start noticing the little strands of grey hair. Head to a salon straight away and ask your hairstylist for a new look. Add deeper, warmer streaks using peroxide and ammonia-free shades in burgundy and mahogany to add loads of dimension without damaging your hair.

Sign #5 No one compliments your long-black-straight-hair

You'd had people complimenting your long straight hair 5 years back. But now no one notices it! Turn heads by a simple twist to your present hairstyle. Hairstylists recommend setting your strands on hot rollers. Of all the styling tools, the hot rollers produce the sexiest and the softest waves.

Sign #6 You are bored with your current hairstyle

Going to beauty parlours is not always a viable option due to time and financial constraints. However, we still look forward to healthy and glowing skin. Here are some quick home remedies anyone can follow. Everybody desires to have fair and flawless skin like Kareena Kapoor and Katrina Kaif. Television advertisements and tips garnered from the internet tell us we ought to drink gallons of water and use endless varieties of creams, soaps and face washes. Instinctively, we also know maintaining a beautiful,

ageless skin also means numerous visits to the parlours and emptying out of our hard-earned cash on various beautification regimes.

But for many of us this is not an option. A more viable alternative to have an enviable skin tone is right inside your kitchen cabinets itself. Skin specialist Keertana Mohan, gives a few tips on how to prepare your own skin creams

and lotions to look picture perfect. - Add oatmeal to a mixture of curd and tomato and apply it on your face. Wait till it dries. Wash off. Repeat twice a week to de-tan your face. - Keep raw potato slices to remove blemishes and scars on the face. Keep repeating the process till you achieve the desired result. - Take one spoon of milk powder and to it add a teaspoon

of lemon juice and a drizzle of honey. When it becomes a homogenous mixture, add some almond oil and mix it thoroughly again. Apply this mix on your face and rinse it out after 20 minutes. - Take one tomato and crush it to a pulp in a blender, to it add 6 drops of lemon juice. Apply the pulp on your face for about 20 minutes to achieve an instantaneous glow and lightens skin as well. - Take some

10 signs you need a hair Makeover

It usually takes a jolt to do anything that would fundamentally change our look. But it's worth it. If no one has given you a second glance in a while and you are tired of tying the same boring ponytail, it's time for a snip...

Limp and dull hair

You might like the length of your hair and be quite happy with your hairstyle, but often the hair becomes dull and boring. Chen explains,

"The hair needs a cut or a trim every three to four months. Though the hair is growing constantly, however due to regular use of styling products or wash and external factors like exposure to sun, air and dust, the hair develops split ends and becomes dull and limp and loses its texture. This is the time you should go in for a haircut or a hair make-over."

Sign #8 When your partner says 'you still look the same'

When your partner says 'you still look the same,' he is not referring to your overall look always. He is looking for a change in your hairstyle too! Ask your hair expert to give you an interesting look to surprise him when you get back home. Pereira says, "If you have long hair, you could opt for layers and shorten your hair upto your shoulders and if you have medium-length, you could go in for a flared bob."

Sign #9 Always sporting a pony

You wouldn't want your hair to look like a lizard's tail! Chen says, "You can add some layers and locks to your mane to wear them down." If you do not want to shorten the length of your hair, you can always add layers or bangs to add more volume to your hair. This will help you can wear them in any way you want to and not tie them up all the time.

Sign #10 You fail miserably every time you try to style your hair

If styling your hair takes more than 15-20 minutes, then your cut is clearly not making the most of your texture. In this case, ask your stylist to give you a hair cut or style that is easy to maintain and can be styled in just five to 10 minutes.

Treat your skin to oatmeal,almonds

almonds and soak in cold water overnight. Crush them in the morning and add it to 20 ml of honey. Rub the concoction to your face for about 30 minutes. Rinse off with cold water to reveal fresher, glowing skin. - Take dried orange peels and crush it to powder. Add this to milk and apply the paste on your face. It must be used regularly for whiter skin.

"Apart from this, consuming fruits and raw vegetables are always beneficial, to maintain your skin's healthy glow," says Mohan.

Hockey Jharkhand lifts Division A title in Sub-Junior women's hockey nationals



Ranchi, July 14 (IANS) : Hockey Jharkhand were crowned as the champions of the 15th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship 2025 - Division 'A' after defeating Hockey Association of Odisha 1-0 in the final at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium here on Monday.

Hockey Haryana secured the bronze medal after defeating Hockey Mizoram 3-3 (SO 5-4) in the

3rd/4th position match. In the final match, Hockey Jharkhand won 1-0 against the Hockey Association of Odisha. Both teams played distinctly and prevented each other from scoring with strong defence skills, but it was Jirn Soy Munda (27') who paved the way for Hockey Jharkhand to lift the trophy after netting the only goal of the match on their home soil.

Also, in the 3rd/4th Place match between

Hockey Haryana and Hockey Mizoram, Hockey Haryana secured the third place and won the Bronze medal after defeating Hockey Mizoram 3-3 (SO 5-4) in a nail-biting thriller.

K. Vanlalpeki (9') opened the goal count on the scoreboard for Hockey Mizoram, but Captain Bhavya (19'), Durga (27'), and Manjinder (30') soon took the lead for Hockey Haryana to push Hockey Mizoram on the back foot throughout most of the

game. Hockey Mizoram tried hard but couldn't but was unable to convert the opportunities against the strong defence of Hockey Haryana until the very last minute, where Laldinpuli (60', 60') heroics helped Hockey Mizoram end the match with a draw as the final whistle was blown, as she scored two back-to-back goals.

In the shoot-out, again, it was a neck-to-neck competition between both teams. Captain Bhavya, Manjinder, Neeshu, Radhika, and Harshita scored for Hockey Haryana in all five chances that they got. On the other hand, Laldinpuli, K. Vanlalpeki, C. Lalruatsiami, and Lalnunfeli could only score out of their five chances and fell short in a closely contested game.

Hockey Haryana's goalkeeper Saina's match-winning save in the shootout stood out as be difference maker and helped her side end their campaign on the podium.

Double delight for Rohaan Madesh, Shiv Neel, Eshanth Vengatesan, Rivaan Dev Preetham notch wins

Coimbatore, July 14 (UNI) : Bengaluru's Rohaan Madesh (Peregrine Racing) came up with a brilliant drive to top the Senior Max category in the first round of the MECO-FMSCI National Karting Championship Rotax Max Classes with SIDVIN Energy Engineering as the Presenting Sponsor and MRF Tyres as the partner sponsor, at the CoASTT circuit here on Sunday.

Also topping their respective classes were a trio of MSPORT team drivers, Chennai's Eshanth Vengatesan in the Junior Max, Rivaan Dev Preetam, also from Chennai, in the Mini Max and Shiv Neel from Coimbatore who notched a double by winning the Pre-Finals and Finals races in the Micro Max.

Rohaam Madesh's skills were put to acid test in the Finals as he stoutly defended his P1 spot despite close attention from Mumbai's Aahil Mecklai (Rayo Racing) who had to settle for second place ahead of Bengalurean Rishon Rajeev (Birel Art India).

Having also won the Pre-Finals earlier, Rohaan, thus, completed a fine double. Incidentally, the Senior Max attracted Asia's biggest grid of 34 drivers.

Meanwhile, Eshanth Vengatesan benefitted after front-runners Pune's Arafath Sheikh (Crest Motorsports) and Rayo Racing's Kiaan Shah from Mumbai, who had earlier won the Pre-Finals, collided midway through the 14-lap Junior Max Finals. Vengatesan capitalised on the incident to move from P3 to P1 and went on to clinch victory ahead of Sheikh while Bengaluru's Rishik Rohit Reddy (MSPORT) delivered a stunning third place after starting the race from 16th on the grid, but subsequently received a five-second "bumper" penalty which pushed him to fourth while elevating Bengaluru's Thimmaiah Yohan (Peregrine Racing) to third.

Rivaan Dev Preetam made amends for his disappointing Pre-Final performance to snatch a fine win in the Mini Max Finals after jumping into the lead in the very first lap.

Rivaan, who had finished third in the Pre-Final race earlier today, never looked back for a comfortable victory while behind him Faridabad's Yatharth Gaur (Leapfrog Racing), winner of the Pre-Finals race, finished second, ahead of Mumbai's Hamza Balasinorwala (Crest Motorsports). Earlier, in the Pre-Finals, Yatharth Gaur pulled off a fine win over favourite Rivaan Dev Preetham who couldn't defend his pole position and yielded to pressure after leading till the 11th lap, to eventually finish third. Hamza Balasinorwala also moved past Rivaan to finish second.

Washington Sundar's scalps soon followed. Nitish Kumar Reddy and Ravindra Jadeja approached the game with caution and were very calm and composed in front of a fired-up England side.

However, disaster struck for India as Reddy was dismissed by Chris Woakes in the final over of

the session, prompting the umpire to signal lunch.

"It was wonderful. England were superb. Led by Stokes, led by Archer. Passion, energy, getting stuck in - everything about the theatre of Test match cricket that we love. India couldn't cope with it, really."

"He has had a long time

out of the game, but the emotions he will be getting from bowling spells like this - running in, crowd roaring, Test match on the line - [are great]," said Broad on Sky Sports.

Broad was also full of praise for Archer, who is playing his first Test match in four years, as he delivered with the crucial

J&K Kabaddi Association official calls on DG YSS, apprises her of game

Jammu, July 14 (UNI) : Jammu and Kashmir Kabaddi Association General Secretary Kuldeep Gupta here today called on Director General Department of Youth Services and Sports Anuradha Gupta. As per official communique, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, who is also Technical Director Asian Kabaddi Federation and Secretary Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation flanked by S. S. Gill, Technical Director, J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association and Tajinder Singh apprised to Director General Youth Services and Sports Department that J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association under the guidance of its President Anil Kumar is going to conduct the J&K (UT) Kabaddi Referee's Course Level-I at Srinagar, Kashmir from July 28 to 31.

He requested that Physical Education Teachers, Masters and Lecturers, who are interested in kabaddi discipline, get registered with J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association on or before July 25 for the referee course Level-I to enhance their skills as per rules and regulation of Amateur kabaddi Federation of India. During interaction, Gupta apprised Anuradha Gupta about the achievements of Kabaddi Game in Jammu and Kashmir. He informed that the Kabaddi Stadium of Jammu in the premises of Maulana Azad Stadium is the first in the North Zone which has the feat of being made on International Standards. Gupta expressed hope that DG YSS will help in development and promotion of sports in each nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir and particular Swadeshi Khel Kabaddi.

Pandey, Padikkal to headline Maharaja Trophy auction

Bengaluru, July 14 (UNI) : The stage is set for an exciting player auction ahead of the fourth edition of the Shriram Capital Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20, to be held tomorrow in Bengaluru.

Star performers Manish Pandey, Devdutt Padikkal, Abhinav Manohar, and Chethan LR are among the top names expected to attract keen interest from franchises aiming to bolster their squads. With Rs 50 lakh allotted to each team, the Hubli Tigers enter the auction with the largest remaining purse of Rs 41.50 lakh, followed by Mangaluru Dragons (Rs 37.70L), Mysore Warriors (Rs 36.50L), Shivamogga Lions (Rs 30.80L), Bengaluru Blasters (Rs 28.40L), and Gulbarga Mystics (Rs 24.05L).

Category A features premier Indian and IPL cricketers. Abhinav

wickets of Yashasvi Jaiswal on Day 4, followed by Pant and Sundar's scalps on the final day of the Test.

"Test match cricket is about bringing theatre, and Jofra did all of that. It was Test cricket led by a guy who has missed a lot of Test cricket.

"When he is wearing that England shirt, you can

Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap call it quits after 7 years of marriage

New Delhi, July 14 (UNI) : Shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap, who tied the knot in the year 2018 have officially parted ways. The news of their separation was confirmed after Saina posted a heartfelt note on her Instagram page, it read: "Life takes us in different directions sometimes. After much thought and consideration, Kashyap Parupalli and I have decided to part ways. We're choosing peace, growth, and healing-- for ourselves and each other. I'm grateful

for the memories and wish nothing but the best moving forward. Thank you for understanding and respecting our privacy during this time."

The couple, once hailed as a power duo in Indian sports, trained together at the Pullela Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad, and later started dating in 2004. The professional journeys of both the players are marked by remarkable achievements. While Saina made a name for herself by clinching the world no.1 ranking and a

bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics, Parupalli followed through by winning gold at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and also made it to the BWF top 10 rankings. Saina's historic achievement as the first Indian woman to attain the world no. 1 ranking in Badminton has inspired countless young athletes across the country, also paving the way for future generations to follow in her footsteps. There has not been any communication regarding the matter from Parupalli Kashyap as yet

Markram & Matthews named ICC Players of Month for June 2025

Dubai, July 14 (UNI) : South Africa batter Aiden Markram and West Indies skipper Hayley Matthews have been announced as the winners of the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month awards for June 2025. Markram won the men's award ahead of team-mate Kagiso Rabada and Sri Lanka opener Pathum Nissanka for his for Player of the Match effort in the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final against Australia at Lord's.

The 30-year-old opener struck a solid 136 off 207 balls and featured in a 147-run third wicket stand with captain Temba Bavuma in a successful chase of 282. The five-wicket victory helped South Africa win an ICC Title for the first time since the Champions Trophy in 1998. Markram also picked up a wicket each in the two innings.

Matthews, who has

previously won the awards in November 2021, October 2023 and April 2024, edged South Africa's Tazmin Brits and compatriot Afy Fletcher to become only the second player to win the award four times after Australia all-rounder Ashleigh Gardner.

The West Indies skipper scored 104 runs in the three ODIs against South Africa, which included a half-century in the third match. She also grabbed four wickets in the series. Her fine run continued in the subsequent 2-1 T20I series win.

She was named Player of the Series for her two fifties in an aggregate of 147 runs and two wickets.

Markram said, "It is a privilege to receive this award. To contribute to an ICC World Test Championship win for our team and South Africa is something that means a lot to me." "Winning the

final at Lord's is a historic moment for South African cricket, and it is something we will remember forever. This victory was only possible due to the combined efforts of the entire team, with crucial contributions from KG (Kagiso Rabada) and Tembs (Temba Bavuma)," he said. Matthews said, "It's an honour to receive the Player of the Month award again. I've been pleased with my form recently, but more importantly, it's been great to contribute to the team's success—especially in a hard-fought T20I series against South Africa."

"Recognition like this is appreciated, but my focus remains on what's ahead. There's a lot more I want to achieve, both personally and with this team. We're heading in the right direction, and I'm excited about where we can go from here," she added.

India could not cope with theatrics on Day 5, says Broad

London, July 14 (IANS) : Former England fast bowler Stuart Broad believes India could not cope with the theatre of Test match cricket after losing four wickets in the morning session of the Lord's Test on Monday.

After Jofra Archer uprooted Rishabh Pant's stumps, K.L. Rahul and

Washington Sundar's scalps soon followed. Nitish Kumar Reddy and Ravindra Jadeja approached the game with caution and were very calm and composed in front of a fired-up England side.

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WR's Mumbai Central Division held meeting of Divisional Railway consultative Committee



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Mumbai, July 14 : A meeting of the Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) of Western Railway's Mumbai Central Division was held recently at the Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Mumbai Central. The meeting was chaired by Shri Pankaj Singh, Divisional Railway Manager of Mumbai Central Division, with the proceedings conducted by Shri Abhay Singh Chauhan, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Mumbai Central Division.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, the meeting

witnessed active participation from DRUCC members representing various sectors such as trade, commerce, industry, agriculture, consumer rights, Divyangjan, passenger associations and nominees of Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Among those present were Shri Arvind Ramlakhan Yadav, Shri Ramgopal Sharma, Shri Nilesh Shyam Shah, Adv. Milind Balu Kapde, Shri Mahendra Shivraj Kothari, Shri Rajiv Singhal, Shri Sanjaykumar C. Shah, Shri Ashish H. Shah, Shri Jagdish Jaysing Solanki, Shri Ramnik Lalji Sangoi, Shri Hasmukh Bhavanj Gala, Shri Devis E.T. and Smt. Jayshree Umesh Ballikar. Their active

involvement and constructive feedback contributed significantly to the deliberations. During the meeting, members proposed several key suggestions aimed at enhancing passenger amenities and travel convenience. The discussions primarily focused on upgrading basic infrastructure at suburban stations, introducing improved facilities for Divyangjan & senior citizens such as ramps, lifts & escalators and streamlining the management of waitlisted tickets. A noteworthy suggestion regarding the provision of escalators at suburban stations received special appreciation from

the Divisional Administration for its structured, practical and visionary approach. Furthermore, information was shared about a social organisation working to support elderly individuals found abandoned within railway premises, reflecting a compassionate and socially responsible perspective. The meeting concluded on a positive and constructive note with fruitful interaction between the committee members and railway officials. The Divisional Railway Administration reaffirmed its commitment to upgrading facilities and priority based implementation of suitable suggestions.

Global validation of ayurveda through research is need of hour: Ayush Minister

New Delhi, July 14 (UNI) Minister of State for Ayush, Prataprao Jadhav, today stressed the importance of advancing scientific research in Indian traditional medicine, ayurveda, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision.

He said: "Promotion of research must remain our foremost priority. Through rigorous scientific inquiry, the efficacy of our traditional systems can be established globally. The Government has already authorized ayurvedic practitioners to perform 39 surgical procedures and 19 additional operations, thereby strengthening the integrative approach to healthcare."

The Minister was speaking at the Shalyacon 2025, the 3rd national conference on Shalya Tantra to mark Sushruta Jayanti at an event organised by the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the Ministry of Ayush, an official statement said.

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, highlighted India's leadership in combining ayurveda with technology, including AI-driven platforms like the ayush master application, indigenous chatbots, and integration with WHO-led AI initiatives.

"Ayush is also advancing AI applications with tools like indigenous chatbots, a unified Ayush Master Application, and integration of over 22 digital platforms such as AHMIS, Ayush e-LMS, Ayush Research Portal, and Namaste Yoga App among others," he said, according to the statement. The event, jointly organised with the National Sushruta Association, saw participation from over 500 experts, including surgeons, scholars, and students from India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

CR to run the following trains with revised composition

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 14 : Central Railway will henceforth run the following trains with revised composition as per details below:

Train no 10105 / 10106 Diva-Sawantwadi Road-Diva Express to now run with one additional 3AC Economy Coach.

10105 Diva-Sawantwadi Road Express ex Diva with effect from 16.07.2025

10106 Sawantwadi Road-Diva Express ex Sawantwadi Road with

effect from 15.07.2025

Revised composition: Three AC-3Tier Economy, 12 General Second Class, 1 Generator Car and 1 Second Seating & Luggage cum Guard's brake van.

Train no 04116 / 04115 LTT-Subedarganj-LTT Express to now run with Four 3AC Economy Coaches & 6 Sleeper Coaches.

04116 LTT-Subedarganj Express ex LTT with effect from 11.07.2025

04115 Subedarganj-LTT

Express ex Subedarganj with effect from 10.07.2025

Revised composition: Six AC-3Tier, Four AC-3Tier Economy, 6 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class, 1 Generator Car and 1 Second Seating & Luggage cum Guard's brake van.

For detailed timings and halts of these trains, please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or download NTES App.

Passengers to please note the above changes

TB Free Campaign Scheme in Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation



(Standard Post Bureau)

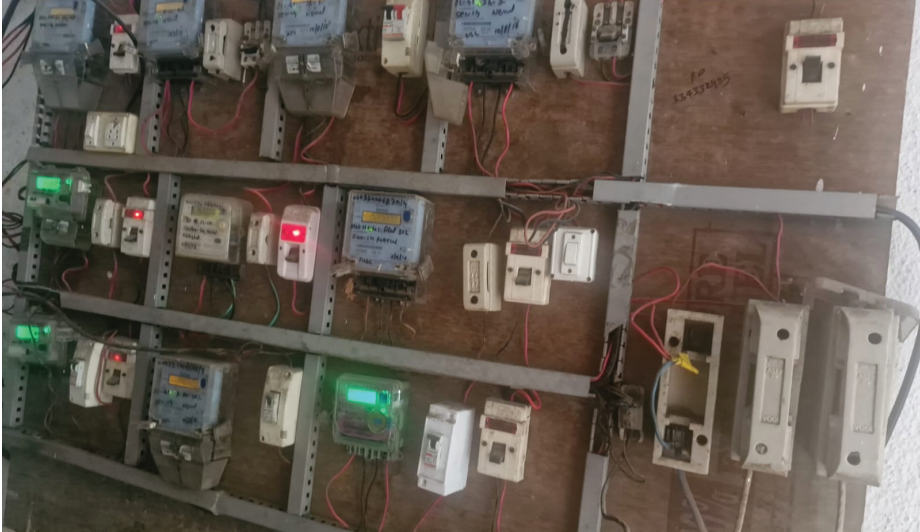
Bhiwandi, July 14 : A health camp was organized on 11.07.2025 at Mangal Bhavan Kamatghar Urban Health Center under Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation under the TB Free Campaign Scheme in collaboration with Kamatghar Urban Health Center and Indian Women and Children Foundation Bhiwandi for screening of the population at risk of tuberculosis, persons who have had TB in the last five years, persons in contact with TB patients,

persons above 60 years of age, persons with Body Mass Index (BMI) less than 18 kilograms / meter square, persons who smoke cigarettes or bidis, and persons with diabetes. The said health camp program was completed under the guidance of Hon. Administrator and Commissioner of Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation So. Shri. Anmol Sagar (B.P.S.) and Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Sandeep Gadekar.

Dr. Bushra Syed, City Tuberculosis Officer of Bhiwandi Municipal

Corporation, gave information about tuberculosis. Bhiwandi Municipal Corporation City Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Bushra Syed, Director of Indian Women and Children Foundation Mr. Prabhakar Jadhav, Dr. Raveena Arekar of Apla Dawakhana, District Coordinator of Bhiwandi Tuberculosis Department Mr. Anil Gupta, STLS Mr. Mobin Sheikh, Kamatghar Na. Health Center staff, ASHA workers, social workers as well as Tuberculosis Department and Kamatghar Na. Health Center staff were present.

Crime registered for stealing electricity worth Rs 56,900 by tampering with the main line of Mahavitaran



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, July 14 : Currently, a vigorous campaign of electricity connection inspection is underway in Mahavitaran along with electricity bill collection. During one such operation, the officers and employees of the Palm Beach branch of Mahavitaran's Nerul division have uncovered electricity theft worth Rs 56 thousand 900. During the inspection, it was observed that the said consumer was stealing electricity by tampering with the main line. In this regard, a case

has been registered at Vashi Police Station as per Section 135 of the Indian Electricity Act 2003.

An electricity connection inspection campaign is underway in various circles of Bhandup circle. Under the guidance of Superintendent Engineer Mr. Deepak Patil and on the instructions of Nerul Division Working Engineer Mr. Suhas Bedgkar, Assistant Engineer Mr. Hemant Chore and his colleagues Mr. Santosh Kolekar and Mr. Rahul Zende had gone to Sector 14, Nerul, Kukshetgaon for

a daily electricity check. There, some irregularities were found in the meter of Plot No. 14, House No. 302. On inspection, it was found that a 2.5 square meter wire was connected from the main line cut-out and electricity was being supplied illegally directly from the MCB. When the meter was taken out of the cabinet and inspected, it was found that the wire was connected to the house of House No. 302, Kanchan Kambha Thakur and a load of 1 kilowatt was running on it. The matter was shown to Kanchan

Kambha Thakur in person.

After detailed information, it was found that the electricity supply to the said meter was disconnected on October 06, 2023. Therefore, for using electricity illegally for the last 14 months and causing a financial loss of Rs. 56,900 for 2,598 units and PD arrears of Rs. 25,950 to Mahavitaran, a case was registered against Kanchan Kambha Thakur on October 06, 2023. On June 27, 2025, a case of electricity theft was registered under Section 135 of the Electricity Act 2003.

Electricity theft is a pest and is causing losses to the consumers along with the Maharashtra Distribution Company. The Chief Engineer of Bhandup Circle, Mr. Sanjay Patil, made a humble request that the consumers should use electricity officially and pay the electricity bill regularly. He also warned that stricter action will be taken if anyone is found stealing electricity by tampering with the meter in this way.

BABINA Hospital hosts 2-Day Free Skin Health Camp under IADVL initiative



Imphal, July 14 : In a remarkable step toward promoting skin health and raising public awareness, BABINA Hospital organised a Free Skin Consultation and Advisory Camp on July 13 and 14, 2023, under the historic IADVL & CD 2025 initiative. The camp, initially scheduled for one day, was extended to two days due to an overwhelming number of online and telephonic registrations.

Led by Dr. Karam Lokendro, Senior Consultant Dermatologist at BABINA Hospital, the camp focused on skin, hair, nail, and genital health—areas often neglected or misunderstood by the general public. A total of 222

patients were seen during the two-day camp, with 132 and 90 consultations on the first and second day respectively. Patients not only received free consultations but also benefitted from 50% discounts on relevant investigations and 20% discounts on applicable procedures, making quality dermatological care more accessible.

"Skin health is not just about appearance—it's often a reflection of our overall well-being. We were pleasantly surprised by the huge turnout, and it's a sign that people are becoming more aware and proactive about their health," said Dr Karam Lokendro, speaking at the conclusion of the camp. "This initiative is not just a medical event but part of a national movement to promote dermatological awareness and remove stigma around skin and genital issues," he added. This event is a part of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists (IADVL)'s attempt to set an International Book of Records entry for conducting the maximum number of Free Skin Health Camps across India under its IADVL & CD 2025 programme. The success of the camp not only highlights the need for regular skin health initiatives but also reflects BABINA Hospital's continued commitment to community welfare and accessible healthcare.

Railways to Install CCTV Cameras in Coaches to Enhance passenger Safety

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, July 14: Based on the positive outcome of experimental installation of CCTV cameras in passenger coaches, Railways has decided to install CCTV cameras in all coaches. This move will significantly improve passenger safety. Miscreants and organised gangs take advantage of gullible passengers. With cameras, such incidents will significantly reduce. To preserve privacy of passengers, CCTV cameras will be installed in the common movement area near the doors.

The Union Minister for Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw and The Union Minister of State for Railways Shri Ravneet Singh Bittu reviewed the progress of CCTV Cameras' installation in locomotives and coaches. The meeting held on Saturday 12th July, 2025 was attended by the senior officials of the Railway Board. 3 6 0 - d e g r e e comprehensive coverage

The railway officials informed that successful



trials have been done in the loco engines and coaches of the Northern Railway. The Union Minister for Railways gave the go ahead to install CCTV cameras in all 74,000 coaches and 15,000 locos. Each railway coach will be covered with 4 dome type CCTV cameras - 2 in each entrance way and each locomotive will have 6 CCTV cameras. This will include 1 camera each at the front, rear and on both sides of the locomotive. Each cab (front and rear) of a loco will be fitted with 1 dome CCTV camera and 2

microphones.

Modern surveillance for modern problems

The officials shared that the CCTV cameras will have the latest specifications and will be STQC certified. The Union Minister for Railways emphasised on deploying the best-in-class equipment. He urged the railway officials to ensure that high quality footage should be available even for trains running at 100 kmph plus speeds and also under low lighting conditions. The Union Minister for Railways



encouraged the officials to explore the use of AI on the data captured by CCTV cameras, in collaboration with the IndiaAI mission.

Data privacy at the core The purpose of fitting cameras in the common movement areas of coaches is to improve safety and security of passengers. While preserving privacy, these cameras will help in identifying miscreants. The modernization efforts of Indian Railways are a reflection of its commitment towards a safe, secure, and passenger-friendly travel experience.