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## TTD to adopt new cottage policy soon in Tirumala for convenience of devotees

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tirupati, July 14 : In the larger interests of the devotees, a new cottage policy is soon in offing to provide accommodation to the devotees who come to Tirumala, said Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Executive officer J Syamala Rao here on Monday.

Rao, who conducted a review meeting with the officials here along with the Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, asked for a new policy to be formulated for the management of cottages in Tirumala.

The EO directed the officials concerned for a policy blueprint to be prepared so that donors can construct cottages that are convenient for the devotees.

At the same time, he suggested preparing a comprehensive report on the privileges of donors, management of facilities provided to donors, management of rooms, beautification, greenery, parking, cottage design, Srivari photo and painting

in the cottages, construction of rooms to instill a sense of devotion and many more.

The EO also suggested that rules should be formulated so that the donors construct the cottages and hand them over to the TTD within the stipulated time, so that the privileges allotted to the donors are not misused and that the selection of donors for the construction of cottages, procedures, responsibilities, are transparent. Similarly, the EO suggested that the construction of cottages should be done on a stable and equitable basis, and the rules should be formulated so that the actions to be taken in case of violation of the rules during construction are clearly assessed in advance.

Earlier, TTD Additional EO explained the procedural issues related to the construction of new cottages to the EO. Reception Department Deputy Executive Officer Bhaskar and other officials participated in the review meeting.

## Five burglars nabbed

Kakinada, July 14 (UNI) : The Kakinada sub division police have successfully nabbed a five member burglary gang and recovered from them Rs.17.50 lakhs stolen property.

Disclosing the details oif the arrests to media persons at his office here on Monday ,the Kakinada SDPO Manish Devaraj Patil said the recovered property include gold jewelry weighing 135 grams and silver articles weighing 1567 grams.

A pulsar motorcycle used to commit the offences was also seized from them.

He gave the names of the five accused as 1)Gampala Satisha(25), satyadev nagar Jagannadhapuram Kakinada; 2)Malladi Durgaprasad (26)Balayogi nagar Yanam; 3)Kaladi Arjunarao(23) ,Godarigunta area Kakinada; 4)Gorripudi Venkataramana(42), Balabhadrapuram village Biccavolu mandal and 5) Rekadi Venkateswerlu(23) Yetimoga area Kakinada. The gangsters were arrested in five burglary cases in and around Kakinada .Rural circle Inspector Chaithanya Krishna, Port CI P Sunil Kumar, Indrapalem SI M Virababu were among those attended.

## Sarbananda Sonowal launches .....

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safety, efficiency, and competitiveness, taking us closer to realising India's vision of becoming a global maritime leader.”

M. Sribharat, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) for Visakhapatnam, stated that under the leadership of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu,

"port-led development will accelerate in the state". He mentioned that the state is currently developing four new ports and proposed establishing a port every 50 km along the coastline.

T.K. Ramachandran, Secretary, MoPSW, highlighted the One Nation-One Port Process (ONOPP) for process standardisation, a BIMSTEC wide maritime skill certification system, and measures to boost coastal shipping and cruise tourism.Dr Angamuthu, Chairman of Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) called for collaboration in port-led industrialisation, digital integration, and maritime skill development and emphasised the role of VPA as a hub for maritime education through the

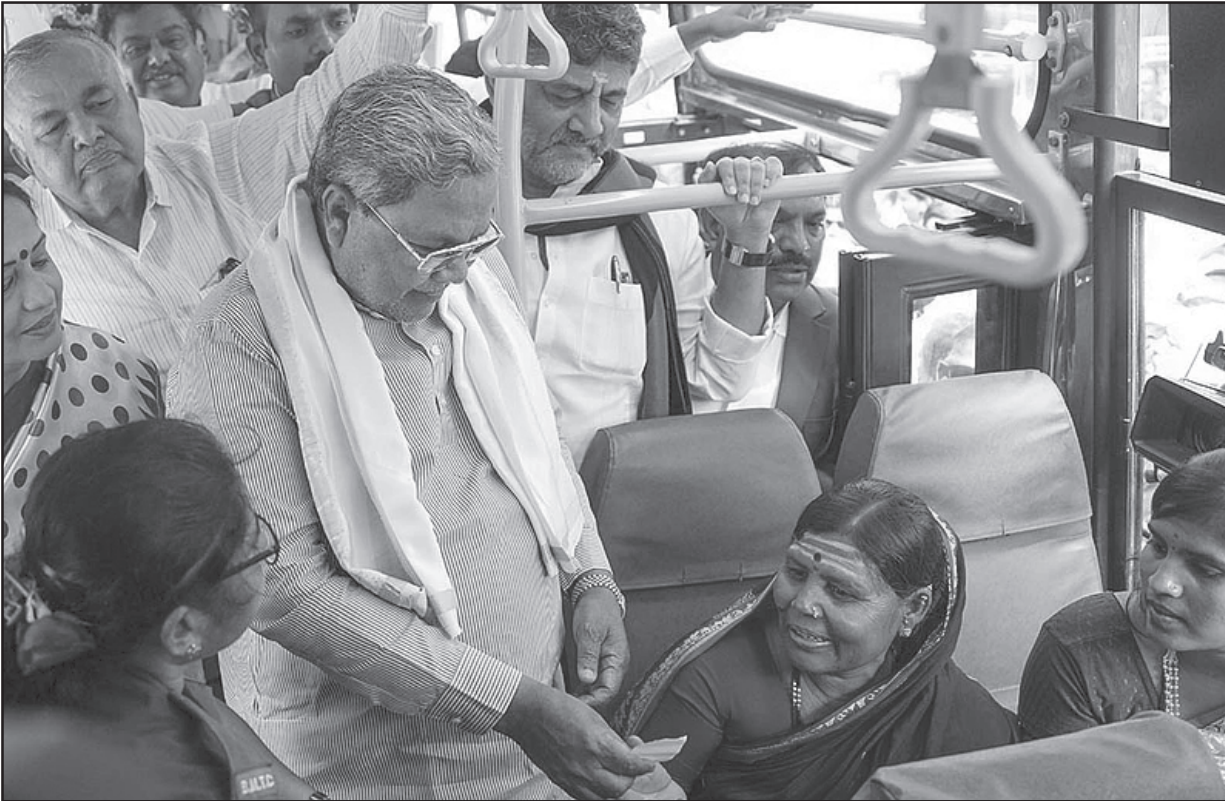
Centre of Excellence in Maritime Skill Development (CEMS).

The Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS), operational from July 10, 2025, is backed by a 15-year radar feed from the Indian Coast Guard and integrates AIS, radar, and CCTV monitoring of all crafts within port limits, while also supplying IVTS format data to NMDAC, Noida.

Talking to reports on the sidelines of the event, Union Minister Sarbananda highlighted the dynamic potential of Visakhapatnam Port and commended the dedicated leadership of Dr. M. Angamuthu along with the hardworking team of VPA in driving the port's performance to rank among the top in the country.

He further acknowledged the visionary support of AP CM Chandrababu Naidu for advancing the maritime sector, especially in shipbuilding and state port development.

The event was also attended by the Secretary General of BIMSTEC, Indra Mani Pandey among other officials of the government.



Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with his deputy D K Shivakumar distributes free bus tickets to women passengers as part of Karnataka's Shakti scheme, in Bengaluru on Monday.

## BIMSTEC Ports Conclave aims to unlock Bay of Bengal's potential of blue economy: Union Minister Sonowal

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, July 14 : Envisaging the role of BIMSTEC Ports Conclave as the springboard for sustainable development of port-led industrial clusters, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal today said the BIMSTEC Ports Conclave stands as a springboard to unlock the immense potential of Blue Economy of the Bay of Bengal region.Addressing after inaugurating the two-day second edition of BIMSTEC Ports Conclave organised by the Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) here, showcasing India's unwavering commitment to enhancing regional maritime connectivity and cooperation under the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral

Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) framework, Sarbananda Sonowal said: "Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

India has a 'Neighbourhood First' Policy and in this sees BIMSTEC nations as key partners in regional prosperity. We want this platform to enhance collaboration among all member nations for strengthening port-led industrialisation, digital integration and skill development which in turn will boost cruise tourism, and foster coastal economic zones.

"Together, we aim to create a seamless and efficient network of ports that can serve as engines of growth," he said.

Through joint feasibility studies, PPP, and skill development of our maritime workforce, we can transform our region into a thriving hub of global trade, tourism, and sustainable economic progress, he added.

Building upon the momentum of the 1st BIMSTEC Ports Conclave, the meet aims to operationalise the recently signed BIMSTEC Agreement on Maritime

Transport Cooperation (AMTC), facilitate dialogue on port-led development, and foster deeper integration in maritime trade, logistics, cruise tourism, and skill development, said Sarbananda Sonowal.

The Conclave is designed to chart a common path towards a sustainable, resilient, and integrated maritime future for the Bay of Bengal, promoting robust economic growth while ensuring environmental stewardship. India was first to ratify the agreement. The Union Minister called for speedy ratification of the AMTC and its implementation.

The two-day Conclave featured two key sessions shaping BIMSTEC's maritime future --the first focused on boosting private sector investment and PPPs to overcome outdated infrastructure and limited coordination, proposing a regional PPP facilitation platform and harmonised laws, while the second explored

opportunities from shifting global supply chains, highlighting prospects to attract manufacturing hubs in shipbuilding, logistics, electronics, and renewables.Both sessions stressed the need for coordinated strategies, improved connectivity, and policy reforms to unlock the Bay of Bengal's potential as a resilient trade and industry hub.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister of State for MoPSW, Shantanu Thakur said, "Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, India, through the BIMSTEC platform, has laid out a bold & collaborative roadmap to transform the Bay of Bengal into a vibrant hub of trade, tourism, and industry". By harmonising maritime transport policies, integrating digital logistics platforms, and unlocking private sector investment, we aim to build seamless regional

connectivity. Equally important is our focus on skill development and green innovation, ensuring that our maritime workforce is future-ready and our growth remains sustainable. Together, these efforts will strengthen BIMSTEC's shared prosperity and resilience in the evolving global landscape," Shantanu Thakur added.

The Conclave's sessions focused on operationalising the BIMSTEC Maritime Transport Agreement, harmonising customs and logistics to boost intra-regional trade, and unlocking cruise tourism's potential through PPPs and joint branding. Panels explored plans for port-linked industrial zones, digital integration, and sustainable cruise routes, alongside proposals for a BIMSTEC Ports Coordination Centre and a regional Port Community System.The two days event has played a critical role in strengthening regional maritime

connectivity, ports cooperation and sustainable development in the Bay of Bengal region.The event is being attended by policymakers, high end officials, maritime experts, port authorities, private sector stakeholders, and academic scholars from all seven BIMSTEC nations, i.e. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka & Thailand.The inaugural session was attended by Visakhapatnam MP M Sribharat; BIMSTEC Secretary General Mani Pandey; MoPSW Secretary TK Ramachandran; Chairman of VPA & Dredging Corporation of India (DCI), Dr M Angamuthu along with 28 delegates from all the BIMSTEC member nations.During his visit, the Union Minister also inaugurated several developmental projects at Visakhapatnam Port and laid the foundation stone for upcoming infrastructure works.

## Dismiss Lab techs in sexual harassment case: Chairman

Kakinada, July 14 (UNI) : State Mahila commission

Chairperson Dr Rayapati Sailaja said that they were suggesting to state government to summarily dismiss the four erring Lab technicians in the sexual harassment of para medicos case. The chairperson has visited the Rangaraya medical college on Monday and interacted with the para medical students on

the sexual harassment meted out by them.

She talked to them privately in a chamber and heard their plight.

The chairperson also talked to the College Principal, lecturers and members of the internal complaints committee and suggested to them about the remedial measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents. Later she told

media persons that it was atrocious that such a heinous crime was being perpetuated in the Medical college.

Complimenting the para medical students for bravely lodging a complaint, she said, they told her how the technicians took their photos in a most indecent postures and sent them in one time use mode

harassing them sexually .

They also complained how the technicians used to behave indecently with the women patients visiting the GGH.

The chairperson said the commission was suggesting to the government to summarily remove them from service .

Joint collector Rahul Meena, SDPO Manish Devaraj Patil, Medical College principal Dr Vishnuvardhan, PD ICDS Durga Devi, GGH superintendent Dr Lavanya Kumary, AO Sridhar were among those who accompanied the Chair person during the visit .

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## CM congratulates Ashok Gajapathi Raju on appointment as Goa Governor

Amaravati, July 14 (IANS) :Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has congratulated Telugu

Desam Party (TDP) leader and former Union Minister P.Ashok Gajapathi Raju on his appointment as the Governor of Goa and termed it a great pride for the people of Andhra Pradesh. The TDP president took to the social media platform 'X' to convey heartiest congratulations to the senior leader.“This is a moment of great pride for the people of our state. I sincerely thank the Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, and the

Union Cabinet for bestowing upon him this honour,” wrote Chandrababu Naidu.

He wished Ashok Gajapathi Raju "a successful and fulfilling tenure in this esteemed role".Human Resources Development and IT Minister Nara Lokesh also congratulated Ashok Gajapathi Raju Garu on being appointed as the Governor of Goa. He thanked President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bestowing this honour on Raju. “I am confident that with his integrity, honesty and utmost commitment to public cause, Raju Garu will

bring great dignity to the office of the Governor,” posted Lokesh.Ashok, scion of the royal family of Vizianagaram, is one of the seniormost leaders of the TDP. The 73-year-old is a member of the TDP politburo, the highest decision-making body of the party. He won six times as MLA on a TDP ticket from the Vizianagaram Assembly segment.In 2014, he was elected from the Vizianagaram Lok Sabha constituency and was made Civil Aviation Minister. He had to quit in 2018 after TDP pulled out of the NDA government over the delay in granting special status to Andhra Pradesh.

## Farmers seek collector's intervention in land records correction

Kakinada, July 14 (UNI) : A large number of farmers of Uddanda Jagannadhapuram village in Prathipadu mandal have sought the Collector's intervention to correct their land titles online Adangal, restoring their rights.

They represented collector Shan Mohan at the grievance cell at the collectorate here on Monday that 80 acres of land situated in survey no 59/2 in the village was under their cultivation for the past 60 years.

They said these lands were purchased by them and under their cultivation but during the YSRCP regime these lands were not recorded in the online Adangal.The lands should have been recorded in 1 B Adangal during the re-survey conducted as part of Jagananna Permanent Land title and Land protection scheme.They further explained that the Prathipadu Tahasildar's office did not respond to their representation and advised them to approach the joint collector for rectification.As the land details were not recorded in the Online 1 B Adangal, the banks were not coming forward to sanction loans for agriculture purposes.



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IN BRIEF

CPI demands welfare board for unorganised sector workers

Kakinada, July 14 (UNI) :The CPI state executive member Thatipaka Madhu has demanded that the government constitute a comprehensive welfare board for unorganised sector workers, especially the Hamali auto workers, besides building construction workers.Addressing the Railway Hamali workers at the Goods Yard in Samalkot today, he demanded not only welfare boards but also allocation of adequate funds be made in the budget .

He said several agitations were held in the past for the constitution of welfare Board under the auspices of the AITUC.

The CPI leader further claimed that they had called on the Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu recently and represented him over the need for a separate welfare Board for the unorganised sector workers. Madhu also made it clear that the agitation launched by various trade unions against electricity smart meters would not stop until the meters were withdrawn.

He asked the railway Hamali workers to attend the party's two-day district conference scheduled for July 16 and 17 in large numbers and make it a success.

**Anivara Asthanam at TTD temples on July 16**

Tirupati, July 14 (UNI) : The Anivara Asthanam festival will be observed with religious fervor at TTD run Govindaraja Swamy Temple and Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy Temple in Tirupati on Wednesday.

Anivara Asthanam, an annual budget fete traditionally conducted on the last day of the Tamil month Ani, marks the ceremonial offering of accounts.

Historically, it was the day when Mahants assumed administrative responsibilities, and annual income expenditure accounts began from this day.

However, with the formation of the TTD Trust Board, the fiscal year was aligned to April–March.The Asthanam will be conducted between 5.30 PM and 6.30 PM at the Bangaru Vakili with the processional deities of Sri Govindaraja Swamy along with Sridevi and Bhudevi.

## Sarbananda Sonowal launches capacity-building initiatives worth Rs 276 Cr at Visakhapatnam Port



**(Standard Post Bureau)**

Visakhapatnam, July 14 : Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal launched multiple Capacity Building initiatives worth more than Rs 276 crores at the Visakhapatnam port here today.

The Union Minister laid foundation stones for six projects with a total investment of more than Rs 116 crores with an aim to build new capacity for Visakhapatnam port.

Key initiatives include the construction of a B-Ramp within the port area (Rs 33.49 crore) and a new finger jetty and wharf in the fishing harbour (Rs 32.61 crore) to boost cargo handling and support the local fishing community.

Further enhancing operational efficiency, the port will see two additional breasting dolphins at OSTT (Rs20.87 crore) and

an additional ramp linking the Ambedkar Centenary Flyover to the L-17 corridor (Rs 8.31 crore).

To promote cruise tourism and public engagement, a public promenade near the cruise terminal (Rs15.90 crore) will be developed, alongside the construction of toilet blocks at 15 locations across the port area (Rs 5.50 crore), improving amenities and accessibility.Together, these projects aim to strengthen Visakhapatnam Port's role as a modern, inclusive, and globally competitive maritime hub.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarbananda Sonowal said, "These new projects reflect Modi Government's unwavering commitment to building world-class port infrastructure that drives economic growth, creates opportunities, and strengthens India's

maritime capabilities. By laying the foundation for modern, efficient, and people-centric facilities, we are taking another step towards realising our vision of a globally competitive and sustainable port sector that will benefit generations to come."In a significant boost to modernisation and efficiency, the Union Minister inaugurated a series of projects at Visakhapatnam Port with a total outlay of Rs 159.96 crore, include the commissioning of the new Oil Refinery Berth-2 (Rs 42 crore) and installation of advanced fire-fighting facilities at the OSTT Berth (Rs 27 crore), enhancing safety and capacity for liquid cargo.Infrastructure upgrades feature a covered storage shed at the R-10 area (Rs 22.50 crore), road improvements from WQ-5 Junction to Essar Junction (Rs 19.69 crore), and

expansion of the customs boundary wall (Rs 7.17 crore).Strengthening digital systems, the port will introduce a new RFID gate management system (Rs 15 crore), a modern Port Operating System (Rs 10.77 crore), and a state-of-the-art Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) worth Rs 15.83 crore, reaffirming Visakhapatnam Port's commitment to smarter, safer, and more efficient maritime operations.

"Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the inauguration of projects at Visakhapatnam Port is a major stride towards realising India's vision of becoming a global maritime leader. Together, they not only strengthen Visakhapatnam Port's competitiveness but also create jobs, facilitate trade, and position India more prominently in global shipping and logistics networks," said Sarbananda Sonowal.

Speaking on the occasion, Shantanu Thakur, Union Minister of State for MoPSW, said, "Under the dynamic leadership of PM Narendra Modi ji, the launch of these transformative projects at Visakhapatnam Port marks a significant step towards strengthening world-class maritime infrastructure. With advanced systems like VTMS and modern facilities, we are enhancing

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### TTD EO directs full-scale Annaprasadam distribution at Vontimitta Kodandarama Swamy temple in Kadapa Dist

Tirupati, July 14 (UNI) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Executive Officer J. Syamala Rao today directed officials concerned to take necessary steps for full-scale distribution of Annaprasadam to devotees at the TTD-run Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Vontimitta of Kadapa district.

Rao, who conducted a review meeting here along with JEO Veerabrahmam and other officials, recalled that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, during his visit to Vontimitta for the Sri Kodandarama Swamy Kalyanotsavam on April 11, had instructed that Annaprasadam distribution should be organized at Vontimitta on the lines of Tirumala.

In line with this directive, the EO instructed the concerned departments to initiate measures to ensure full-fledged food service for devotees.

As an interim arrangement, German sheds are currently being used at the temple premises, he said from August onwards, coordinated efforts between the Engineering and Annaprasadam departments should ensure the full setup of Annaprasadam distribution facilities.



### 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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## Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan condole death of Saroja Devi

Amaravati, July 14 (IANS) : Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan have expressed condolences over the passing away of veteran actress B. Saroja Devi.

Chief Minister Naidu posted on the social media platform X that he was deeply saddened to hear that the renowned actress Saroja Devi passed away in Bengaluru.

He noted she received numerous accolades as a heroine in Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada films. She acted in many films along with great actors like NTR and ANR, captivating Telugu audiences. "I pray to God that her soul finds peace. I express my heartfelt condolences to her family members," wrote Naidu.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan also mourned the loss of Saroja Devi. The actor-politician posted on X that he was saddened to know about the demise of Sarojia Devi and prayed that her soul finds peace.

"From 1955, for nearly three decades, she acted in Telugu, Kannada, and Tamil films, leaving her unique mark on the film industry. With films like Bhookailas, Panduranga Mahatyam, Seetharama Kalyanam, Jagadeka Veeruni Katha, Shakuntala, Danaveera Shura Karna, and Atmabalam, she won the hearts of Telugu audiences," wrote Pawan Kalyan.He expressed his deepest condolences to the family of Saroja Devi.Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy expressed deep condolences on the passing of renowned actress and Padma Bhushan recipient B. Saroja Devi. He recalled her remarkable contributions to Telugu, Kannada, and Tamil cinema, where she won the hearts of audiences with numerous successful films. Extending his sympathies to her family and fans, YS Jagan stated that her invaluable services to the film industry would always be remembered. Stating that her demise is an irreparable loss to cinema, he prayed for her soul to rest in peace.

## CM wants reintroduce virtual classrooms, strengthening fiber network in rural areas

**(Standard Post Bureau)**

Vijayawada, July 14 :Chief Minister emphasized the need to reintroduce services like virtual classrooms and called for strengthening the fiber network in rural and underserved areas and resolving pending issues with LCOs.

The Chief Minister held a review meeting with officials at the Secretariat on Monday to assess the challenges, financial constraints, necessary corrective steps, and new policy directions. He pointed out that while there were 8.70 lakh connections in 2019, the number had dropped to 4.50 lakh under the YSRCP government—clearly highlighting the setback.

Mr.Naidu instructed the officials to prepare an action plan to fully utilize the network's capabilities and present it at the next cabinet meeting. From June 2024 to June 2025, Rs 192.5 crore has been allocated under CAPEX and Rs 66.76 crore under OPEX. An additional Rs 67.14 crore

from the Central Government under BharatNet Phase 2 is yet to be received."Andhra Pradesh currently leads the nation in village panchayat connectivity. Fiber net services have been extended to 12,946 panchayats so far. Additionally, 104 government offices have active fiber net connections," he noted.

The Chief Minister said: "At present, residential connections are available through five different service packages. Over 21,000 institutions are benefiting from high-speed broadband, and connectivity has been extended to 175 telecom towers. The state government is working to further enhance this infrastructure.Atotal of 442 employees and officers are currently managing the project."

To date, 78,355 km of fiber optic cable has been laid across the state. The government aims to expand this to a total of 2 lakh km. Andhra Pradesh leads all

Indian states in fiber optic network coverage, followed by Maharashtra (50,481 km), Tamil Nadu (49,616 km), Gujarat (35,246 km), and Telangana (29,143 km), he noted.The Chief Minister approved the integration of AP Fibernet with the BharatNet (Amended BharatNet Programme – ABP). Under this scheme, the Central Government will allocate Rs. 1,900 crore to AP Fibernet from 2025 to 2035. He also approved the transition of fiber networks in 1,692 gram panchayats across Chittoor and Visakhapatnam districts from linear to ring architecture. Additionally, 480 new gram panchayats will be connected using the ring model.

"The Central Government will provide Rs. 430 crore for this phase," he said and proposed the creation of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), jointly managed by the Central and State Governments, to oversee these projects.ACEO will be appointed by the State Government to head the SPV.

STANDARD POST

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.

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.

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.

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,

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.

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

significant number of combat and military transport aircraft," the statement said.

Accusing the Western bloc of wanting to use Moldovans as "cannon fodder" in the event of armed actions against the Russia, the SVR report further alleged that NATO is forcing Chisinau to change its military doctrine, and adhere to the bloc's own concepts of warfare.

The Moldovan army is being flooded with military instructors from the bloc's countries, and specialised training centres are being set up.

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

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.

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 Baruiipur 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.

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 Godse mindset under NDA regime in the state.

President of Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) 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 insult of Tushar Gandhi during a function at Turkaulia in West Champaran.

Tushar was insulted and asked to leave the venue when he had started speaking about communalism and hatred

being spread under present regime at the Centre and in the state, they added.

"Even after decades of assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, thoughts of Godse are still alive and people are working with same mindset under present regime,"Congress leaders said adding that Mahatma Gandhi had raised the issue and launched struggle against

the then British regime to protect the interests of farmers who were being meted out all sorts of atrocities.

They were being forced to cultivate the Neil which was reducing fertility of the lands but decades later, Tushar

Gandhi was meted out rough treatment and it was reflection of mindset of Godse being still alive, they pointed out.

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 environmental 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.

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.

President visits self-immolation victim college girl at AIIMS Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, July 14 (UNI) : President Droupadi Murmu today visited the second-year B.Ed student of F.M. Autonomous College, Balasore, who is currently undergoing treatment in the burn ward of AIIMS Bhubaneswar following a self-immolation attempt.

After addressing the fifth convocation ceremony of AIIMS Bhubaneswar, President Murmu visited the hospital's

burn unit, accompanied by Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

During her visit, the President interacted with the medical team attending to the victim, who has sustained over 90 percent burn injuries and is fighting for her life.

She enquired about the student’s condition

and the treatment being provided.

The President also spoke to the girl's parents and conveyed her wishes for the student’s speedy recovery.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Director Dr. Asutosh Biswas informed that the patient is admitted to the ICU and is currently on ventilator support. He said her condition remains critical and that all advanced treatment facilities available at the institute are being

utilized.Dr Biswas added that the next 72 hours are crucial for the patient. An expert medical committee has been formed to monitor her treatment and condition closely.

The 20-year-old student allegedly attempted self-immolation on the college campus on Saturday, accusing Assistant Professor Samir Kumar Sahu of mental and sexual harassment. Sahu has since been suspended and arrested following the incident.

# 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.

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## 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

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## 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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"When he is wearing that England shirt, you can

tell how much he is thriving and enjoying the ultimate form of the game. He was having a few words with the batters as well, and that may cost him a few quid," he added. At lunch, India will need to score 81 runs if they hope to win the Lord's Test; England, on the other hand, will need to take two wickets to go ahead in the series.

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## Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR Reviews Status of Station Redevelopment Works Over the Zone



(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 14 : Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway held a safety review meeting and examined the status of station redevelopment works undertaken on SCR today i.e., 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri Neeraj Agrawal, Additional General Manager, SCR participated in the meeting along with all the Principal Heads of Departments.

Divisional Railway Manager's (DRMs) of all six Divisions i.e. Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur and Nanded joined the review meeting through video conference.

Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava held a review on the status of redevelopment works undertaken at 119 stations on the zone as part of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme with a cost of approximately Rs. 6744 crores (out of which,

works at 3 stations viz. Begumpet, Warangal & Karimnagar have been completed and were recently inaugurated by Hon'ble PM). The concerned officials from Headquarters & six Divisions gave a detailed power point presentation on stations identified for redevelopment pertaining to their division, project cost, targeted date of completion and present status of the work.

The General Manager appreciated the progress of works in stations undertaken for major upgradation across the zone. He instructed the officials to maintain the same pace of works so as to complete the projects at the earliest. He also advised the officials to ensure compliance of all safety guidelines and quality of works, without fail. He instructed the officials that proper precautions have to be taken at every worksite, without causing any inconvenience to passengers.

During the meeting, Shri Sanjay Kumar reviewed the safety precautions being followed at Level crossing gates across the zone. He laid special emphasis on identified vulnerable LC gates and instructed the officials to conduct regular inspections, counsel the staff and strictly ensure adherence of all safety procedures. The General Manager also reviewed the status of various safety drives undertaken by the zone pertaining to safety of tracks, availability of equipments etc. He also reviewed the fire safety measures, track safety, electrical and signaling, Mechanical items and Monsoon precautions.

## MRI Scan equipment ensures safe and reliable train operations

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, July 14 : Indian Railways has adopted advanced Measuring, Recording, and Instrumentation (MRI) equipment as part of its ongoing commitment to safety and efficiency in electric traction operations. This state-of-the-art technology can be retrofitted onto Tower Cars to continuously monitor and record critical parameters of Overhead Equipment (OHE), such as contact wire stagger, contact wire height, and the precise positioning of traction distribution assets using GPS data. In today's environment, accurate and real-time monitoring of these parameters is essential to prevent pantograph entanglement



with OHE, a major cause of service disruptions. Waltair Division of East Coast Railway has also adopted this technology thus by ensuring safety and punctuality of the train operations. Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra said that the Pantograph maintenance has long posed challenges for electric trains. The

pantograph, mounted on the rooftop of locomotives, is vital for maintaining uninterrupted contact with the overhead catenary that supplies power to the train. Traditional manual inspections, typically performed at depots, may not always detect emerging faults in time, potentially leading to overhead wiring failures, extended delays,

costly repairs, and significant safety risks. To address these challenges, Indian Railways is leveraging MRI technology to enable real-time monitoring and proactive maintenance of pantographs and OHE.

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD) Shri Shivanad Prasad opined that with the deployment of MRI scan equipment can swiftly analyze any changes in OHE parameters resulting from engineering works, modernization efforts, or routine maintenance. Any abnormalities detected can be addressed promptly, helping to prevent incidents such as pantograph entanglements or conductor separations, which can severely disrupt train operations.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

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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.