

## IN BRIEF

**Shashikant Shinde appointed unit president of Sharad Pawar’s NCP Faction**

Mumbai July 15 (UNI) : Senior leader Shashikant Shinde has been appointed as the new Maharashtra state president of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) led by Sharad Pawar. The decision comes following the resignation of former state president Jayant Patil. Shinde's appointment was made unanimously during a crucial party meeting held here today.

The proposal to appoint Shinde was formally put forward by Jayant Patil himself, signaling a smooth leadership transition within the party. Known as a loyal and trusted aide of Sharad Pawar, Shashikant Shinde has been associated with the NCP since its inception and remained with Pawar even after the party split.

A native of Humgaon in Jawali taluka, Shinde was born on October 19, 1963. He holds a degree in commerce and is known for his effective leadership in labour movements.

**More than 100 people fined for feeding pigeons in Mumbai**

Mumbai, July 15 (UNI) : More than 100 people were fined across 49 different locations in Mumbai and kabootar khana (feeding points for pigeons) within 10 days after the Maharashtra government announced the closure of these houses, an official said here on Tuesday.

Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) generated Rs 55,700 by penalising 107 offenders, an official added. Civic officials further said that each offender was penalised Rs 500 for violating the norms. According to civic officials, the highest penalty of Rs 7,700 was recovered from 16 individuals at Dadar Kabootarkhana.

They added that 10-kilogram gains in two gunny bags were also confiscated last week.

It may be recalled that earlier matter was raised in the ongoing monsoon session of the Maharashtra government, during which the state government ordered the BMC to immediately shut it down, citing health hazards arising out of their droppings.

## CM, Fadnavis inaugurates Tesla's first showroom in India



Mumbai, July 15 (UNI) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis today inaugurated the Tesla Experience Center at the Bandra-Kurla Complex here. "I welcome Tesla to Mumbai. Tesla has come to the right city and the right state of Maharashtra. It is a matter of happiness for us that Tesla is launching its first showroom in India in Mumbai. It is setting up a logistics and servicing system here. Four big charging stations are also being built by Tesla here. I am happy that Tesla chose Maharashtra because this state has become a leader in electric mobility. Tesla is launching its Y model in India," Fadnavis said at the launch event.

"India and especially Maharashtra now have a big

and strong market for electric mobility. We are now also becoming a manufacturing hub for electric mobility. But I think Tesla will change the entire market. Tesla is not just a car company but also makes new designs. This is why Tesla is liked globally. Tesla should consider us as partners in their journey," Fadnavis said.

Located in the heart of Mumbai at the Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), the 4,000-square-foot flagship Tesla showroom called the Tesla Experience Center, marks the beginning of the American electric vehicle giant's long-awaited entry into the Indian market.

The Tesla Experience Center is expected to be followed by more outlets in major metros, including New

Delhi. The rent for the showroom in Mumbai, is Rs 35 lakh per month. The storefront has been fully branded prominently with the Tesla logo and a partially covered white Tesla vehicle inside the showroom.

The showroom will serve as the American electric vehicle maker's first physical presence in India. While billionaire Elon Musk's company has not yet confirmed plans for a manufacturing plant or an assembly facility in India, the showroom launch is being seen as a strategic move to gauge consumer interest and market potential.

The showroom is currently showcasing the Model Y, Tesla's all-electric SUV. Six Model Y Tesla SUVs were imported from

Shanghai to Mumbai for the opening on Tuesday, according to a showroom official.

The Tesla Model Y is available in India, in two variants, namely Rear-Wheel Drive at Rs 59.89 lakh (ex-showroom price) and Long Range Rear-Wheel Drive priced at Rs 67.89 lakh (ex-showroom price).

Bookings for the Model Y are now open, and deliveries are scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2025, according to a showroom official.

The Tesla Model Y comes in a standard Stealth Grey colour, while other options like Pearl White Multi-Coat, Diamond Black, Glacier Blue, Quick Silver and Ultra Red are available at an extra cost of up to Rs 1.85 lakh, depending on the colour chosen by customers, a showroom official said.

The dashboard is simple and flat, with a soft-touch finish and a single horizontal line of ambient lighting running across its width. There are no physical buttons or dials since everything is controlled through the large 15.4-inch touchscreen in the centre. It features a three-spoke steering wheel with mounted controls.

## PM Modi welcomes Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla after historic ISS mission

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi today extended a warm welcome to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on his return to Earth following a landmark mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS), hailing it as a defining moment in India's space exploration journey.

Group Captain Shukla, an Indian Air Force officer, became the first Indian astronaut to visit the ISS, a milestone that has drawn national pride and international recognition.

In a post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), the Prime Minister wrote: "I join the nation in welcoming Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla as he returns to Earth from his historic mission to Space.

"As India's first astronaut to have visited International Space Station, he has inspired a billion dreams through his dedication, courage and pioneering spirit. It marks another milestone towards our own Human Space Flight Mission - Gaganyaan."

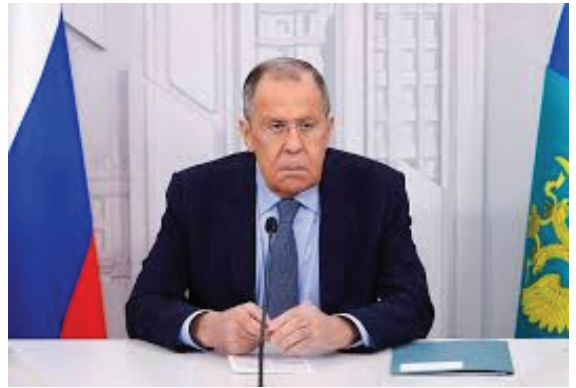


## President Murmu presides over convocation ceremony of Ravenshaw University in Cuttack

Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, 3D printing and cloud computing have brought about a vast change in the thinking and working style in the current era of science and technology, President Droupadi Murmu said today while addressing the convocation ceremony of Ravenshaw University at Odisha's Cuttack city. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Ravenshaw educational institution was an active center of the freedom struggle and associated with the movement for the formation of the state of Odisha.

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## Russian FM says Moscow baffled by US' 50-day ultimatum ...



Reacting to the ultimatum issued by US President Donald Trump given to the Kremlin by Washington, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that Moscow seeks to understand the reasoning behind Trump's statement about a 50-day deadline to resolve the Ukrainian conflict.

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## Yuvraj Singh aims to revolutionise golf ecosystem



The highly-anticipated Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL) today announced the onboarding of Indian cricket legend and golf enthusiast Yuvraj Singh as a co-owner and the brand ambassador. To achieve their mission of strengthening the foundation of the sport in India,

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## Rahul slams BJP over Odisha student's death, calls it ...



: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi today strongly condemned the tragic death of a young student in Odisha, calling it a "murder committed by the BJP's system." In a post on X, Gandhi alleged that the student, who had bravely spoken out against sexual harassment,

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## Govt signs MoUs for pumped storage hydropower projects with Rs 31,955 crore investment

Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) : Water Resources Department on Tuesday signed four MoUs for the development of pumped storage hydropower projects with a total generation capacity of 6,450 megawatt, entailing an investment of Rs 31,955 crore in the state, which will generate 15,000 jobs.

The MoUs were signed with Greenco MH-01 IREP Pvt. Ltd (2,000 MW), Ritwik Kolhapur PSP Pvt. Ltd (1,200 MW), Adani Hydro Energy Ten Limited (1,500 MW) and May Waterfront Construction Pvt. Ltd (1,750

MW).

"These MoUs will give a big boost to renewable energy generation as well as industrial and social development. Maharashtra has become a leading state in the country in pumped storage hydro power projects," said the Chief Minister.

He said that Maharashtra has adopted a very dynamic pumped storage policy and has taken the lead in the entire country in terms of the number of projects, investment and proposed power generation.

"We are moving towards

renewable energy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a goal to make India a 'Net-Zero' country. Maharashtra is moving towards that. For this, we have decided to get more than 50 per cent of electricity from renewable sources by 2030. Emphasis is being placed on power generation through solar energy and pumped storage, and this system of pumped storage will be useful in maintaining grid stability and a large amount of investment has started in solar energy in Maharashtra. Apart from this, work is also underway

in the field of other alternative power generation," he added.

The Chief Minister said that in the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan, due to geographical conditions, it is possible to generate 1 lakh MW of solar energy.

"However, in Maharashtra, due to geographical limitations, only 30,000 to 50,000 MW of solar energy is possible. Due to biodiversity and the Sahyadri mountain ranges that Maharashtra enjoys, there is huge potential in the pumped storage sector, and this potential is being

utilised. The Water Resources Department has set a long-term goal of 1 lakh MW of pumped storage projects, and given the response received from various industry groups, this goal is likely to be achieved," he remarked.

According to the water resources minister Girish Mahajan, as per the pumped storage hydro power project policy rent payable is Rs 1.33 lakh per MW per year for using the reservoir, water charges as per industrial rates, and annual rent of the premises as per prevailing rates.

## Over three crore names will be removed from Bihar voter list: Congress

Patna, July 15 (UNI) Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee President Rajesh Ram today claimed that over three crore names will be removed from the voter list in Bihar under the ongoing voter list revision.

Ram said here that the removal of names from the voter list was not a new development as those working outside Bihar for employment purpose will certainly have their names deleted. Ram said that the Election Commission earlier did not include Aadhaar and ration cards in the list of 11 accepted documents, which the Grand Alliance (GA) strongly protested against.

The Congress leader alleged that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) were providing voters with only one form and claimed that during upcoming scrutiny stages, the number of deleted voters will rise to the crores.

Citing state government data, he pointed out that there are around two crore registered migrant workers from Bihar working outside the state, along with over one crore unregistered workers, and asserted that many of these individuals would be excluded from the voter list.

## Congress, Prakash Ambedkar to protest against Special Public Security Bill

Mumbai, July 15 (UNI) : The Maharashtra state unit of the Congress and the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) led by Dr Bhimrao Raoji Ambedkar's grandson Prakash Ambedkar announced here today that they will oppose the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill, which is now before the Maharashtra Governor for his formal assent, after being passed recently in both the legislative assembly as well as the legislative council.

Announcing his party's plan to oppose the law, VBA president Prakash Ambedkar has tweeted a statement on his X handle stating that, "The

Maharashtra Public Safety Act is an 'undeclared emergency'. The Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi will go to court against this act. The same mistake that Indira Gandhi made during the 1975 Emergency, the BJP has imposed an undeclared emergency in the form of the Public Safety Act. The time has come to fight decisively against this law. The Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi had already opposed the Public Safety Bill and it has now decided to go to court against it. Other political parties should also join this fight."

"Photographs of Rashtriya Swayamsevak

Sangh (RSS) Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat and Prime Minister Narendra Modi worshipping weapons like AK-47 and Tommy Gun are available everywhere. Only certain soldiers in the Indian Army are allowed to use these weapons. Where did the RSS get these weapons from? Will the government take action against them as 'Urban Naxals' or not? Even the opposition is silent about photographs of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Mohan Bhagwat and Narendra Modi worshipping such firearms. Should action be taken against them under the

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# India will continue taking action to bring terrorists, their sponsors to justice: EAM Jaishankar

Tianjin/New Delhi, July 15 (UNI) :With Pakistan's Ishaq Dar listening, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today told the SCO Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Tianjin, China, that the Pahalgam attack was a deliberate attempt to disrupt stability in J&K and sow religious divide, and that India will continue to take action to bring the sponsors and financiers of terrorism to justice.

In his remarks at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Tianjin, which was also attended by the Pakistan Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, EAM Jaishankar also asked the SCO to remain true to its founding objectives and take an uncompromising position on the scourge of terrorism.

Jaishankar mentioned in posts on X regarding the points he had highlighted:

“We meet at a time of considerable disorder in the international system. In the last few years, we have seen more conflicts, competition and coercion. Economic instability is also visibly on the rise. The challenge before us is to stabilize the global order, de-risk various dimensions and through it all, address longstanding challenges that threaten our collective interests.

“The three evils that SCO was founded to combat were terrorism, separatism and extremism. Not surprisingly, they often occur together.

“Recently, we in India witnessed a graphic example in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on 22 April 2025. It was deliberately conducted to undermine the tourism economy of Jammu and Kashmir, while sowing a religious divide.

“The UN Security Council, of which some of us are currently members, issued a statement that condemned it in the strongest terms and “underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of this reprehensible act of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice”.

"We have since done exactly that and will continue doing so. It is imperative that the SCO, to remain true to its founding objectives, take an uncompromising position on this challenge.

“India has taken several initiatives in the SCO in domains ranging from startup and innovation to traditional medicine and digital public infrastructure. We will continue to positively approach new ideas and proposals that are genuinely for our collective good.

It is essential that such cooperation is based on mutual respect, sovereign equality and in accordance with territorial integrity and sovereignty of member states.

# 'Adopt cleanliness, drive away diseases' campaign will be given a broader form through deep cleaning of the reservoir

(Standard Post Bureau)

Navi Mumbai, July 15 : Like the city of lakes, Navi Mumbai is also known as the city of lakes and special attention is paid to the cleanliness of lakes. Accordingly, under the 'Safai Apnao - Bimari Bhagao' campaign, under the guidance of NMC Commissioner Dr. Kailash Shinde, cleanliness campaigns were enthusiastically implemented in all eight department office areas of the city.

In this special campaign for cleaning reservoirs, implemented under the control of Additional Commissioner Mr. Sunil Pawar, effective action was taken in all the departments through Deputy Commissioners of Solid Waste Management Department Dr. Ajay Gade and Mrs. Smita Kale and Zone 1 Deputy Commissioner Mr. Somnath Potre and Zone 2 Deputy Commissioner Mr. Sanjay Shinde.

Under the campaign, floating garbage was collected by going through rafts in the reservoirs with the help of nets. Also, the areas on the banks of the reservoirs, which had become mossy due to rain, were cleaned by applying powder. Also, the citizens of the area were appealed not to throw garbage into the reservoirs.

In this, under the

# First Indian astronaut to visit ISS heads back to Earth

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI) Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, who created history by becoming the first Indian ever to set foot on the International Space Station (ISS), is on his way back.

A live broadcast showed the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission undocking from the orbiting laboratory with its four-member crew on Monday. It is expected to splash down in just under 24 hours, reports BBC.

Led by former Nasa veteran Peggy Whitson and piloted by Group Captain Shukla, Ax-4 had arrived at ISS on 26 June. Its crew included Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski from Poland and Tibor Kapu from Hungary.

Group Captain Shukla is only the second Indian to have gone to space. His trip came 41 years after cosmonaut Rakesh Sharma flew aboard a Russian Soyuz in 1984.

Ax-4 - a commercial flight operated by Houston-based private firm Axiom Space - is a collaboration between Nasa, India's space agency Isro, European Space Agency (Esa) and SpaceX.

On Monday, ISS posted on X that the Ax-4 crew had taken their places in the spacecraft and its hatches had been closed. The undocking of the craft - when it separated from the ISS - was broadcast live.

Axiom Space said the craft would splash down in the ocean off the coast of California and a vessel

would then pick it up.

Indian Science Minister Jitendra Singh has said the splash down is scheduled for 15 July at approximately 3 p.m. India time (09:30 GMT).

In his farewell address from aboard the ISS on Sunday, the Indian astronaut said India's journey in space exploration may be tough, but it has begun.

"It has been an incredible journey. Even though now it is coming to an end, for you and me there is a long way to go. The journey of our human space mission is very long and difficult. But if we are determined, even the stars are attainable."

He referred to India's first man in space cosmonaut Rakesh Sharma famously quoting from a 1924 Urdu song "Sare jahan se achcha" to say "India looked better than the rest of the world".

"Even today we want to know how it looks from space. I'll tell you. From space, today's India looks ambitious. It looks fearless. It looks confident. It looks proud. And so, I can once again say that today's India still looks better than the rest of the world," Group Captain Shukla said.

Ax-4, which was originally expected to spend two weeks on the ISS, ended up staying a few days longer. During their stay, Axiom Space said the crew conducted 60 scientific experiments, including seven designed by Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro).



Mortal remains of veteran South Indian actor B Saroja Devi being brought to her residence, in Ramanagara district, Karnataka on Tuesday.

# President Murmu cautions against misuse of advanced technologies

Cuttack, July 15 (UNI) President Droupadi Murmu today emphasized the need for caution in the use of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, 3D Printing, and Cloud Computing.

She said these innovations have significantly transformed the way we think and work.

Addressing the convocation ceremony of Ravenshaw University, the President remarked that this is an era of science and technology, and it is essential to remain vigilant about the misuse of these advanced tools.

Highlighting the historical significance of Ravenshaw College, she said it played a pivotal role during the freedom struggle and was closely linked to

the movement for the formation of the state of Odisha.

The institution, she added, has consistently contributed to the advancement of education and women's empowerment.

President Murmu noted that many illustrious alumni of Ravenshaw have brought pride to the nation as freedom fighters, educationists, writers, philosophers, political leaders, social reformers, scientists, and artists.

She expressed happiness over the university's achievements in research, innovation, and inclusivity.

The President acknowledged its collaborative efforts with industry partners through consultancy services and technology transfers.

She lauded the role of the university's 'Centre of Design, Innovation and

Entrepreneurship' in promoting ideation, translational research, and entrepreneurial development.

The President also appreciated Ravenshaw's focus on increasing student enrollment from tribal areas, underprivileged communities, and persons with disabilities (divyangjan).

Urging students to draw inspiration from individuals serving the nation—such as soldiers, farmers, scientists, engineers, and doctors—she encouraged them to contribute to India's development with knowledge, skill, and dedication.

President Murmu later laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of three buildings of Ravenshaw Girls' High School in Cuttack.

Speaking at the event,

she said that quality teaching and good infrastructure create an effective learning environment.

She expressed confidence that the redevelopment project would significantly enhance the school's facilities and commended both the Central and State governments for their focus on girls' education.

During her remarks, she also observed that in numerous convocation ceremonies across the country, girls consistently perform better when provided with equal opportunities.

She praised the growing contribution of women in diverse fields—including education, science, literature, industry, and commerce—and encouraged girl students to take inspiration from the women who are setting new benchmarks of success.

## Mamata and TMC

## congratulate astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla on his safe return to earth

Kolkata, July 15 (UNI) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her party TMC today congratulated Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on his safe return to earth after spending 18 days in space.

Shukla returned to earth as the Dragon spacecraft splashed down near the coast of California at 3.01 pm IST.

Shukla and three other astronauts of the

Axiom-4 mission began their return journey to earth yesterday after the Dragon Grace spacecraft undocked from the International Space Station after an 18-day stay.

Shukla and three others, Axiom 4 (Ax-4) crew Commander Peggy Whitson, and Mission Specialists



control of Sixth Commissioner Dr. Amol Palve and Sanitation Officer Shri. Naresh Andher, a thorough cleaning of reservoirs of Amruteshwar Lake, Agroli Lake, Karave Lake, Darave Lake in Sec. 20 Belapur village was done. In this, mainly the garbage floating on the banks of the reservoir and on the water was removed.

In Nerul division too, the reservoir and surroundings of Chincholi Lake were cleaned through the efforts of Sixth Commissioner Mr. Jayant Javadekar and Sanitation

Officer Mr. Arun Patil. A thorough cleanliness drive was carried out with the participation of officers, employees, cleanliness friends and citizens.

In Vashi division too, under the control of Sixth Commissioner Shri. Sukhdev Yedve and Sanitation Officer Shri. Jayashree Adhal, a thorough cleaning of the Jagreteshwar Temple pond and surroundings in Section 7 was carried out.

In Turbhe division, through the efforts of Sixth Commissioner Mr. Sagar More and Sanitation Officer Mr. Jayesh Patil, a thorough

cleaning of the reservoirs at Sec. 26 Kopri Lake, Turbhe Village Lake, Khokad Lake, Sanpada was done.

In Koparkhairane division, Dharan Lake, Khairane Lake and Mahape Lake in Sec. 19 were also cleaned thoroughly by the sanitation workers under the control of Sixth Commissioner Mr. Bharat Dhande and Sanitation Officer Mr. Rajusing Chavan with the cooperation of the citizens present.

In Ghansoli division, thorough cleaning was done at Rabale Lake, Late Rajiv Gandhi Mine Lake,

Gothivli, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Lake, Gunali Lake through the efforts of Sixth Commissioner Mr. Uttam Kharat and Sanitation Officer Mr. Vijay Padghan.

In the deep cleaning campaign implemented by Sixth Commissioner Mr. Sunil Kathole and Chief Sanitation Officer Mr. Rajendra Ingale in Airoli Division, the reservoir and the surrounding area were thoroughly cleaned with the cooperation of the citizens at Sec. 20 Khadi Lake and Airoli Lake.

In Digha division too, a thorough cleanliness drive was carried out at Shri Ganpati Lake under the control of Sixth Commissioner Mr. Nainesh Badle and Sanitation Officer Mr. Pravin Thorat.

Thus, under the 'Safai Aapnao - Bimari Bhagao' campaign, planning has been made to clean various places by paying close attention to the small things related to cleanliness and accordingly, today, the cleaning campaigns of reservoirs were successfully implemented everywhere. In the coming period also, various cleaning activities will be implemented and the cleanliness-loving citizens of Navi Mumbai should voluntarily participate in them, an appeal has been made on behalf of Municipal Commissioner Dr. Kailash Shinde.

## WESTERN RAILWAY

### ELECTRICAL POWER WORK

Sr.DEE/P/BCT, invites Tender No: EL-81-2-663-WA-29, dt.14.07.2025. Work and Location: Churchgate station building - Electrical (Power) work in connection with renovation of toilets and chambers at Hindi section 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Approx. cost of work: ₹ 18,64,980/-. EMD: ₹ 37,300/-. Date & Time of Submission: Till 13.08.2025, 15:00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening: On 13.08.2025 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 0399

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**Name of Work:** Tender No:BB.LD.585.W.882.Cont for 25 KV AC OHE Modification work in connection with running 15 Car EMU services on CSMT-KYN suburban corridor for Vikhroli PF no-3 & PF no-4 in Mumbai Division. Approx. Value ₹ : 78,61,086/- Bid security ₹ : 1,57,200/-  
**Cost of Tender Form ₹ : 0/-**  
**Completion on period :** 2 Months  
**Validity of offer :** 60 Days. I) Tender closing date & time of aforesaid tender: Upto 11.00 hrs. of 04.08.2025 and will be opened after 11.00 hrs. II) The prospective tenderers are requested to visit the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for details of tenders & corrigendum, if any. III) Tenderer may participate in above e-tender electronically through website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) only & submission of manual offers against e-tender are not allowed. Manually, if submitted shall neither be opened nor considered. IV) Bid security should be paid as per details given in tender document. V) For further enquiry, may contact: Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction Distribution), Mumbai Division, Central Railway, Annex building, 2nd floor, Mumbai CSMT-400001 on phone-022-22612355 Complete details of tenders are available at the website "[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)". The complete details of tenders are also available in the "Notice Board" of the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction Distribution), Mumbai CSMT-400001.  
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## CENTRAL RAILWAY

### OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), 1st Floor, Parcel Office Building, above P.F.No.14 & 15, Central Railway, Mumbai CST, 400 001 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites Open tenders from the reputed contractors. S.No. 1. **Name of work:** Repair and maintenance of outdoor signaling gears such as Signals, Location boxes, Point machines, AFTC outdoor connections in Kasara-Titoli (NE ghat)section under SSE/S/M/IGP of Mumbai Division. **TENDER NOTICE NO.CR/BB/S&T/North/2025/36. Approximate Cost:** Rs. 99.39 Lakhs. **Date of Opening:** 08.08.2025. **EMD:** Rs. 1,98,800.00 **Validity:** 60 Days. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. S.No. 2. **Name of work:** Repair and maintenance of outdoor signaling gears such as Signals, Location boxes, Point machines, Track circuit connections, AFTC outdoor connections in KARJAT-LONAWALA (SE ghat) section : under SSE/S/M/LNL of Mumbai Division. **TENDER NOTICE NO. CR/BB/S&T/North/2025/37. Approximate Cost:** Rs. 99.72 Lakhs. **Date of Opening:** 08.08.2025. **EMD:** Rs. 1,99,500.00 **Validity:** 60 Days. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. This tender complies with Public Procurement Policy (Make in India) Order 2017, dated 15/06/2017. Complete details of tenders are available at Central Railway Division website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) The complete tender documents can be downloaded from the website. The complete details of tenders are also available in the "Notice Board" of the Divisional Railway Manager (S&T)'s Office, Mumbai CST.

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# CM, Fadnavis Dy CMs congratulate Shubhanshu Shukla for creating history



Mumbai, July 15 (IANS) After the SpaceX crew capsule Grace, carrying Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and others, splashed down off the coast of California near San Diego, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis congratulated him for creating history.

In his post on X, the chief minister said, “Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla Creates History! Heartiest Congratulations to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on the successful completion of his historic mission to Space. As India’s first astronaut to visit the International Space Station, he has made the entire nation proud and ignited countless dreams with his courage, dedication and pioneering spirit. This is a monumental step towards

India’s Human Space Flight Mission - Gaganyaan!”

Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde also congratulated him for his successful return to Earth after an 18-day space journey.

“After Rakesh Sharma, who travelled to space in 1984 aboard a Soviet spacecraft, Shubhanshu Shukla has become the second Indian astronaut to undertake a space mission. I join the joy of Shubhanshu’s parents and millions of Indians in celebrating the successful completion of this space mission. Concrete steps will now be taken toward realising the dream of building India’s space station, and there is no doubt that this will give new strength to the wings of every Indian student aspiring to become an

astronaut,” said Shinde.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in his message said, “A happy and proud India welcomes back its astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla to planet Earth after spending 18 days in space. Your stupendous feat will inspire more youngsters to explore this field, and I congratulate you and your entire team on the successful culmination of your mission.”Shukla, who became the first Indian to go to the International Space Station (ISS), has emerged as the new star -- also establishing a firm place for India in the global space arena.The 20-day mission, led by private American company Axiom Space, in collaboration with NASA, SpaceX, and other government space agencies, including ISRO, launched to the ISS on June

26. Shukla returned to Earth on Tuesday along with fellow astronauts from the US, Poland, and Hungary aboard SpaceX’s Dragon spacecraft "Grace".

Lucknow-born Shukla was included in the astronaut selection process by ISRO in 2019 after Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018 announced from the Red Fort that a son or daughter of India would go to space very soon.

In January 2025, the 39-year-old astronaut was selected as the pilot for the Ax-4 mission -- a collaborative mission between NASA and ISRO.

The IAF officer became the youngest astronaut-designate under India's Gaganyaan mission -- the country’s first human spaceflight mission.

# DRI arrests woman for smuggling Rs 62.6 crore worth cocaine

Mumbai, July 15 (UNI) : The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) arrested a woman at Mumbai’s CSMIA airport for smuggling Rs 62.6 crore worth cocaine from Doha. The narcotic was hidden in 300 capsules in chocolate boxes, officials said here today.

Sources said the arrest was based on specific intelligence developed by DRI officials that indicated a female Indian national coming from Doha to Mumbai to smuggle narcotics into India. Acting on the intelligence, DRI Mumbai officers intercepted the female passenger upon her arrival at Mumbai airport on July 14.

A thorough examination of her baggage led to the

recovery of 6 Oreo and 3 chocolate boxes. On opening, all nine boxes were found to contain capsules filled with a white powdery substance purported to be cocaine. A total of 300 such capsules were recovered, said an official.

All capsules were individually tested using the field test kit, which showed positive result for cocaine.

Total 6,261 grams of cocaine with an estimated value of Rs 62.6 crore in illicit market was recovered and seized under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

The suspect passenger was arrested. Further investigation is in progress, sources said.

# DRDO and AIIMS Bibinagar unveil first Make-in-India Fibre Foot Prosthesis

Pune, July 15 ( UNI) : First Make-

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		ATMS	21.07.2025
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## Pune woman's suicide: Police file chargesheet after 56 days

Pune, July 15 (UNI) ; In the tragic suicide of Vaishnavi Hagwane, allegedly driven by harassment from her in-laws, the Pune police have filed a chargesheet in the sessions court after 56 days.The extensive chargesheet, spanning 1,767 pages, details the harassment Vaishnavi reportedly endured at the hands of her in-laws.

Vaishnavi died by suicide on May 16 by hanging herself at her residence, allegedly due to constant mental and physical harassment over dowry demands. Following the incident, police arrested her husband, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law.

In addition, Nilesh Chavan, a friend of Vaishnavi’s sister-in-law, was arrested for mistreating Vaishnavi's infant child. All accused are currently in custody.

Two more individuals — Vaishnavi’s father-in-law and brother-in-law — who were helped in escaping were also arrested. However, those who assisted them have been released on bail.

On the day of the incident, Vaishnavi allegedly locked herself in her room and was found dead. Her husband, Shashank, broke open the door after receiving no response and discovered the body. Vaishnavi was rushed to a hospital, but was declared dead on arrival.

Vaishnavi’s father, Anand Kasapte, lodged a complaint alleging prolonged physical and mental abuse of his daughter over dowry demands. Based on his complaint, police registered a case and took swift action against the accused.

## Prada company optimistic about agreement with local cobblers for Kolhapuri Chappals

Kolhapur, July 15 (UNI) : After strong objections from city's cobblers over usage of a pair of unlicensed 'Kolhapuri Chappal' in a fashion show in Rome, Italy last month, a delegation from Italy-based Prada company today visited the city and met local cobblers to seek a detailed information about how to make 'Kolhapuri Chappals' besides expressing their willingness for an agreement with local cobblers.

Notably, on June 23, in a fashion show in Italy, Prada company used an unlicensed pair of 'Kolhapuri Chappal' without mention of the name of 'Kolhapuri'.

Following which, a four-member delegation of Prada company, comprising a director, a manager and two advisers arrive here and visited many cobblers. They took detailed information about the 'Kolhapuri Chappals' and expressed their eagerness to enter into agreement with local cobblers for 'Kolhapuri Chappal'.

# BSE gets bomb threat, nothing suspicious is found

Mumbai, July 15 (UNI) : The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) received a threatening email on Tuesday morning claiming that four RDX IED bombs had been planted in its tower building and would explode at 3 PM; however, it turned out to be a hoax, as nothing suspicious was found after a search of the premises was carried out, police said.

The email was sent from an ID bearing the name “Comrade Pinarayi Vijayan”, prompting immediate security action.

A team of the Mumbai Police and the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) rushed to the BSE high-rise tower and conducted a search, the official said, adding that nothing suspicious was found.A case has been registered against an

unidentified person at the Mata Ramabai Ambedkar Marg Police Station under sections 351(1)(b), 353(2), 351(3), and 351(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita ( B N S ) . F u r t h e r investigation is underway.

The BSE, in a statement on Tuesday, said, "On the night of July 13, BSE received a bomb threat via email from an unknown ID. As a precautionary measure, BSE has stepped up its diligence and supervision at its premises immediately and filed an FIR."

"All relevant authorities have been informed of the said mail. Preliminary checks carried out by the relevant authorities have not found any suspicious elements. The Exchange's operations remain unaffected and continue as normal," the statement said.

# Congress, Prakash Ambedkar ...

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Public Safety Act or not? According to the law, it is legal to possess pistols, but possessing weapons like AK-47 and Tommy guns is a crime according to the law and it is tantamount to overthrowing the state. Since RSS leaders possess and display such weapons, action should be taken against them first under this law," Ambedkar said.

"The Public Safety Bill was not aggressively opposed in both houses of the legislature. It is just a gimmick for opposition leaders to come to the media and speak after people have opposed it on social media. If a common citizen shows photographs of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, PM Narendra Modi and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis worshipping RSS weapons and files a complaint in court against them demanding that they be declared as 'Urban Naxalites', then all these political opposition parties should stand behind that person.

Only then will it be proved that you are truly an opposition," he said.

“Will you call a workers’ protest march 'Urban Naxalism'? If a political party begins an agitation about an issue, will you call it urban Naxalism? If farmers raise their voice against not

getting value for their agricultural produce, will you call it urban Naxalism? Will you call it urban Naxalism if they demand action against private moneylenders? Who exactly is the government going to call 'Urban Naxalites'," Ambedkar said.

"You can call someone who has weapons and ammunition a Naxalite because he is trying to overthrow the state through illegal means. It should be checked whether those who are overthrowing the state through illegal means have weapons and ammunition or not.

RSS activists have weapons and ammunition. They have even declared it publicly. Will they take action against the RSS for urban Naxalism under the Special Public Security Bill," he said.

Meanwhile, the Congress announced here on Tuesday that it will symbolically burn the copies of the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill (Jan Suraksha Bill) in every district of Maharashtra.

Alleging that the "black law" was created only for the benefit of the government and its favoured industrialists, Maharashtra Congress chief Harshavardhan Sapkal said, “The only

## Nagpur getting 150 electric buses under the PM e-Bus Seva Yojana

Nagpur, July 15 (UNI) ; Nagpur, the second capital of Maharashtra, is set to lead India's electric mobility push as it prepares to receive 150 electric buses under the PM e-Bus Seva Yojana.

Though the full fleet is yet to arrive, trial buses have already reached the city and are undergoing test runs on various routes.

Nagpur civic chief Abhijeet Choudhary inspected the bus during a trial.Manufactured by JBM Auto, buses are expected to fully operational in the coming weeks.Mr Chaudhari issued firm directions to ensure technical reliability, safety and on-time rollout.Each bus is eco-friendly, air-conditioned, well-equipped with fast charging, hydraulic ramps for differently-abled passengers.

The bus has 25 seats with six CCTV cameras and four LED displays panels.

beneficiaries of

this law will be the government and the industrialists who support it, besides those who have grabbed land in Dharavi, looted mineral resources in Surjagad (Gadchiroli) and want red carpet access to the Shaktipeeth corridor."

"This law is draconian and is meant to suppress the common people. That's why the Congress Party has opposed it from the very beginning. Despite the ruling party having passed the bill using their majority in the assembly, the Congress's opposition remains strong, and symbolic burnings of this black law will be carried out in every district of the state," he said.

“Is it Naxalism to espouse constitutional values, or to spread the thoughts of Shivaji, Shahu, Phule and Ambedkar? Is it Naxalism to promote the ideologies of Mahatma Gandhi and Tukdoji Maharaj. Fadnavis must clarify.

If these are Naxalite ideas, then I will continue to express them and if Fadnavis wants to arrest me for that, he’s welcome to do so. If Fadnavis believes that leftist ideology is poisonous, then we too will expose what poison is being spread in RSS shakhas,” Sapkal said.

BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION	
	
Tender Document No.	Bid No. 2025_MCGM_1200341_1
Name of the Organization	Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation
Subject	Work of upkeepment of walls and furniture at main building and drug store at G.T.B. Hopsitals, Sewree.
Cost of Tender	3630 + (18.0% GST)
Cost of E-Tender (Estimated Cost)	Percentage Rate Tender
Bid Security Deposit / EMD	Rs 25,000.00
Date of Issue and sale of tender	16-07-2025 from 09.00 Hrs
Last date & time for sale of tender & Receipt of Bid Security Deposit	22-07-2025 upto 12.00 Hrs.
Pre-Bid Meeting, timing & venue	Not Applicable
Address for communication	Office of the : - Medical Superintendent, GTB Hospital, Jerbai Wadia Road, Sewree, Mumbai - 400 015.
Venue for opening of bid	On line in Medical Superintendent Office.
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Keep the terraces clean, remove odd articles/junk/scrap.	Sd/- Medical Superintendent, GTBH



STANDARD POST

PM Awas Yojana  
fulfilling dreams of  
thousands to have  
a permanent house

In Beed district of Maharashtra, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) has emerged as a ray of hope for the poor. Under this scheme, thousands of people in the district have got permanent homes so far, which has created a wave of happiness among the beneficiaries.

Under this scheme, thousands of people in the Bheed district have been approved for houses. Many people have completed their houses and have gone to live in permanent houses. So construction of houses for hundreds of people has started.

But the dream of living in a permanent house, which remained unfulfilled for years, is now being fulfilled under this scheme. Citizens are thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the bottom of their hearts. Shyamrao Maske, beneficiary, told , "I had a kutchra house, now I am having a pucca house. I am very thankful to PM Modi for this. The poor are getting a lot of benefit from this scheme."

Krishna Prakash Shivgan, another beneficiary, said, "I am very thankful to PM Modi for this scheme. It's very good for the poor. I am very happy. I want to give my blessing to PM Modi. I feel grateful that I got a house under this scheme."

In May 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and the government's steadfast commitment to building and providing pucca houses for poor people in rural and urban areas culminated in the launch of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (2015) and Gramin (2016).

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G), the Government has set an ambitious target to build 3.32 crore houses. As of November 19, 2024, 3.21 crore houses have been sanctioned, and 2.67 crore houses have been completed, significantly improving the living conditions of millions of rural families.

The scheme has also placed a special focus on women's empowerment, with 74 per cent of sanctioned houses owned by women solely or jointly. The scheme now aspires to provide 100 per cent ownership to women. Skilled employment has also been a priority, with almost 3 lakh rural masons trained in disaster-resilient construction, boosting their employability. The construction of houses for two crore more households is expected to benefit nearly ten crore individuals. The approval would facilitate the building of safe and secure houses of good quality with all the basic amenities for all people without housing, and people living in dilapidated and kutchra houses. This will ensure the safety, hygiene and social inclusiveness of the beneficiaries.

A Whistle Through the Hills: How  
Mizoram's First Train Line Could  
Spark a Tourism Revolution

The Last Unexplored Frontier Is Now Just a Train Ride Away



(Standard Post Bureau)

Up in the green, rain-drenched hills of Mizoram where nature is one of the breezes, where the clouds come down like a curtain, where silence seems to be the only word, something unusual has occurred. An unfamiliar sound has at last been heard in this outlying northeastern state, the whistle of a train.

The introduction of the Bairabi rail line-Sairang Rail line in June 2025 officially connects the capital of Mizoram to the railway grid in India; the first time in the history of the state of Mizoram. And although this is a historical moment in the history of logistics and integration, it perhaps is the beginning of the great Indian eco-tourism and cultural travel destination of India i.e. Mizoram.

Boarding a Journey Through Untamed Beauty

The railway line that scales 51.38 km is not only an engineering marvel, but also a masterpiece of beautiful scenery. Serpentine through lush forests of conifers, towering ridges and marshy mountains the track provides views that can compete with the most opulent mountaintops of anywhere in the world.



The ride between Bairabi and Sairang is a cinematic experience with 48 tunnels, 142 bridges, and panoramic views on top of high cliffs.

Soon, Indian Railways would also introduce Vistadome coaches on this line, which are glass-roofed compartments meant to give a full view on the beautiful country side. Travellers will, for the first time, be able to serenely slide through the Reiek Hills, have a glimpse of the Vantawng Falls and chug through the haunted forests close to the Tam Dil Lake all in the comfort of their plush train seat.

"It feels like riding through a living postcard," says Tashi Mehta, a travel blogger on

the first preview journey. Sairang: A Hidden Gem Awaits

The terminal point of this new finished railway track, Sairang is only 20 km away of Aizawl and situated peacefully at the banks of the Serchhip River. A once sleepy, back water town only accessible by narrow and winding hill roads, Sairang is all set to relegate to history as the gateway to the fast emerging tourism circuit in Mizoram. Since the introduction of rail services, intentions of developing the station into a global, modern transit hub have already been set forth, with tourist facilitation centers slated to be operational, colorful local crafts markets



with its dense sharpness Culture, Cuisine, and Curiosity

Mizoram is more than a beautiful place, the culture there is something out of this world. With their great hospitality and a rich culture, the Mizo people are prepared to receive a new trove of inquisitive travellers. Bamboo handicrafts, handwoven shawls and delicious smoked pork dishes fill local markets. Dance and music is also a part and parcel of everyday life and homestays are proving to be a window into this rich culture.

"We've always believed our hills had stories worth sharing," says Malsawmi Hmar, a Sairang resident preparing to open a riverside guesthouse. "Now, we finally have the tracks to bring people here."

A New Dawn for Northeast Tourism

The Bairabi Sairang line does not just decrease the time of travel. It puts Mizoram back into the tourist map of India. The state is now open to travelers, backpackers, filmmakers, and eco-tourism entrepreneurs as the obscurity surrounding the state because of impenetrable hills and

cloud banks is no longer evident.

The route also becomes a perfect representation of the bigger India-Myanmar-Southeast Asia route. Since there will be an expansion of the railway extending to the Myanmar border in the future, Mizoram would be a major node in cross-border tourism, by providing transnational travel corridors and cross culture exchanges across the Indo-Pacific.

All Aboard the Green Escape

When you are fed up with over-populated hill stations and over-trodden beaches, Mizoram is your rescue, uncivilized, unadulterated, and now accessible. Bairabi Sairang Railway Line is not a network that links the tracks, it links people with places, travellers with experiences, and India with its most unexplored wealth.

That the next time you are aiming at an outlandish excursion, do not look west, but northeast. Let the whistle of the first train of Mizoram take you in the clouds, in forests, in the unknown.

Platform 1, off we go on adventure.

Sister Donates Stem Cells to Save Brother's Life

(Standard Post Bureau)

As the festival of Raksha Bandhan approaches, a celebration of the bond between brothers and sisters, a truly heartwarming story has unfolded at KIMS Cuddles Hospital in Kondapur, Hyderabad. A 10-year-old girl went far beyond the tradition of tying a rakhi. She donated her stem cells to save the life of her 11-year-old brother suffering from severe aplastic anaemia, a rare and life-threatening blood disorder where the bone marrow stops producing enough blood cells.

A Race against Time

According to Dr. Chandana Mareddy, Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, Oncologist, and Bone Marrow Transplant Specialist at KIMS Cuddles, the boy hails from a modest family



in Warangal. When he was admitted, he was running a high fever and had alarmingly low levels of haemoglobin, platelets, and neutrophils — key components of blood. He was in critical condition, and after a thorough diagnosis, it was confirmed he had severe aplastic anaemia. This condition affects only about 6.8 out of every one million children. Stem cell therapy

was the only viable option. The team requested that a close relative donate stem cells, and that's when the boy's 10-year-old sister stepped up courageously. Without hesitation, she said she was ready to do anything to save her brother. Her stem cells were collected and transplanted into her brother.

The Miracle of Stem Cells Typically, a bone marrow transplant takes

over three weeks for the body to accept and begin functioning, during which patients are highly vulnerable to infections and must take immunosuppressive drugs. However, with a stem cell transplant, recovery can begin faster, and in this case, the boy was discharged within three weeks. The Boy's Unshakable Courage Dr. Chandana

emphasised the boy's extraordinary courage and positive attitude throughout the process. Despite his young age, he insisted on starting treatment immediately and spoke eagerly about returning to school and playing again. Even though the transplant was a half-match his sister's stem cells were not a full genetic match, he responded exceptionally well. Usually, half-match transplants carry higher risks of complications like infections, mouth ulcers, hair loss, nausea, and appetite loss. But this brave boy defied all odds and recovered without any major issues. He remained upbeat and even encouraged his anxious parents throughout the ordeal. Hospital Support and Financial Aid

Treatments of this kind are generally costly. Recognising the family's financial limitations, KIMS Cuddles extended significant discounts and supported the entire treatment process. Thanks to this and the expertise of the medical team, the boy has now been discharged and is on the path to full recovery. Dr. Chandna also credited the success to the collaboration of various departments. Paediatric intensive care specialists Dr. Avinash, Dr. Kalyan, Dr. Vidya, along with the radiation oncology team, lab technicians, blood bank staff, and others, all played a vital role. The effort was coordinated under the leadership of Dr. Parag, Clinical Director of the Paediatrics Department and Head of PICU, and Dr. V. Sudheer, Medical Director.



China launches Tianzhou-9 cargo craft to send space station supplies

Wenchang, Hainan, July 15 (UNI) : China launched the cargo spacecraft Tianzhou-9 in the early morning on Tuesday to deliver supplies for its orbiting Tiangong space station, according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA).

The Long March-7 Y10 rocket, carrying Tianzhou-9, blasted off at 5:34 a.m. (Beijing Time) from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in the southern island province of Hainan, the agency said.

After about 10 minutes, Tianzhou-9 separated from the rocket and entered its designated orbit. Its solar panels soon unfolded. The agency declared the launch a complete success.

The cargo craft will later conduct the rendezvous and docking with the space station combination.

Tianzhou-9 is loaded with essential supplies, including consumables for the orbiting crew, propellant, and equipment for application experiments and tests.

The mission is the fourth cargo resupply flight of China's manned space program since the space station entered the application and development phase. It is also the 584th mission of the Long March rocket series.

Over 2,313 fresh candidates joined Afghanistan’s security ....

Kabul, July 15 (UNI) : A total of 2,313 young men have joined Afghan security forces after completing military training over the past two days, the Defence Ministry said.

According to the ministry, the young men received professional, military, and ideological instruction at training centers under the 209th Al-Fatah Army Corps in the north, the 207th Al-Farooq Corps in the west, and the 217th Omari Corps.

The ministry emphasised the importance of professionalism and discipline among new recruitments, describing the development as a step forward in strengthening Afghanistan's security infrastructure.

Since assuming power in August 2021, the Afghan interim government has aimed to build a national army, raising its target from 150,000 to 170,000, with a potential goal of 200,000 depending on conditions.

Armed men gun down 5 family members in E. Afghanistan

Kabul, July 15 (UNI) : Unknown armed individuals shot and killed 5 civilians, all members of the same family, in eastern Afghanistan's Ghazni province, a provincial government spokesman confirmed Monday night.Ezatullah Saeedi, spokesman for the Ghazni governor, said the tragic incident took place in the Tolakhail area of Qara Bagh district when armed assailants entered a residence and opened fire. Five family members were killed on the spot, and another one was injured.Several suspects have been arrested in connection with the case and are currently under investigation, Saeedi added.The official pledged to bring those responsible to justice.

Brazilian president announces formation of committee to .....

Brasalia, July 15 (UNI) : Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva announced Monday the formation of an interministerial committee to coordinate economic and trade countermeasures to protect the country's economy.The move was taken after U.S. President Donald Trump announced a 50 per cent tariff on all imports from Brazil starting Aug. 1.

The interministerial committee is created through a decree regulating the economic reciprocity law and will be chaired by Vice President Geraldo Alckmin, who is also minister of development, industry, trade and services.The first meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday, with representatives from the industrial sector in attendance.

Anti-nausea drug help fight breast cancer: Study

Sydney, July 15 (UNI) : A common anti-nausea drug has been linked to improved survival rates in women with early-stage breast cancer, particularly those with more aggressive triple-negative breast cancer, a study said on Tuesday.

Australian and Norwegian researchers studied 13,811 Norwegian women diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer from 2008 to 2020, all of whom received chemotherapy and anti-nausea medication, according to a statement released by the Melbourne-based Monash University on Tuesday.

Women who took aprepitant during chemotherapy had an 11 percent lower risk of cancer recurrence and a 17 percent lower risk of breast cancer death over 10 years, said the study co-led by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health.

The benefit was even greater for those with triple-negative breast cancer, a particularly aggressive and difficult-to-treat subtype, with a 34 percent reduced risk of recurrence and a 39 percent lower risk of death, it said."Because of the nature of triple-negative breast cancer, there are fewer targeted treatment options, and therefore repurposing of drugs with well-established safety profiles is an attractive path for rapid translation to improve cancer treatment and outcomes," said lead researcher Aeson Chang from the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MIPS).

No similar benefits were observed with other classes of anti-nausea drugs, highlighting aprepitant's unique association with improved outcomes, according to the study detailed in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute published by Oxford University Press.

Russian FM urges for peaceful resolution of Iranian nuclear deal during talks with Iranian FM Abbas Araghchi

Moscow/Tehran, July 15 (UNI) Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, during a meeting with his Iranian counterpart Abbas Araghchi today, emphasised the importance of resolving the crisis over Iran's nuclear program through political and diplomatic efforts, in an official statement issued by the Russian Foreign Ministry."The sides continued to exchange views on issues of mutual interest on the regional and international agenda. The importance of resolving the crisis over the Iranian nuclear program exclusively through political and diplomatic means in accordance with the norms of international law was once again emphasised. The ministers agreed on upcoming contacts at various levels."

Moscow has repeatedly urged a peaceful resolution of Iran’s nuclear deal, noting that the unresolved issue is ever plunging the already war-torn region of West Asia region into a deeper crisis.

Despite its clear support for Iran during its war with Israel, as well as its condemnation of the US strikes on the country’s nuclear sites on June 22, Russia has even backed the non-enrichment of uranium condition imposed by the US and Israel, urging Iran to accept if possible.

However, Iran has flat out rejected any proposal regarding non uranium enrichment, stating that Tehran is always willing to negotiate, but zero enrichment is unacceptable.

Typhoon Nari makes landfall over Japan's Hokkaido

Tokyo, July 15 (UNI) : Typhoon Nari crossed the Hokkaido coast on Tuesday, the first landfall by a typhoon on Japan's northern main island since 2016, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The fifth typhoon of the year made landfall near Cape Erimo at the southern tip of Hokkaido at around 2 a.m. local time, also marking the first to make landfall in Hokkaido during July since records began in 1951, the weather agency said.

The system, which formed over the weekend around 200 km south of Chichijima Island in the Pacific, moved along the eastern side of the Japanese archipelago before approaching Hokkaido, and turned into an extratropical cyclone at 9 a.m. local time.Weather officials called on residents to remain vigilant against strong winds in Hokkaido, with maximum speeds of up to 87.48 km per hour recorded in the city of Kushiro.

EAM Jaishankar meets Foreign Ministers of Russia and Iran in China's Tianjin

Tianjin (China), July 15 (IANS) :External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Tuesday held discussions with the Foreign Ministers of Russia and Iran on the sidelines of the SCO Foreign Ministers Council meeting in China's Tianjin.

"Reviewed our bilateral cooperation and global developments with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov of Russia in Tianjin this afternoon," EAM Jaishankar posted on X after his meeting with the Russian Foreign Minister.

Moscow asserted that the heads of the foreign ministries discussed important topics on the bilateral and international agenda, as well as the schedule of upcoming contacts.

"They confirmed their mutual commitment to further intensifying the multifaceted Russian-Indian special privileged strategic partnership at all levels. They paid special attention to the situation around Ukraine and the Middle East. They agreed



to continue coordinating approaches to interaction between Russia and India in key multilateral formats," read a statement issued by the Russian Foreign Ministry.

EAM Jaishankar also held a meeting with the Iranian Foreign Affairs Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi."Good to catch up with FM Araghchi of Iran, this time on the sidelines of the SCO Foreign Ministers Meeting in Tianjin," he said.

Araghchi had visited

New Delhi in May this year to co-chair the 20th Joint Commission Meeting between India and Iran. This was his first visit to India since assuming office as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran in August 2024. The Joint Commission Meeting, held on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the signing of the India-Iran Friendship Treaty, reviewed issues of mutual interest between the two countries and the way forward in strengthening bilateral relations.Earlier in

Shubhanshu returns to earth after Axiom-4 mission

San Diego/Bengaluru, July 15 (UNI) :Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and three other crew members of the Axiom-4 commercial mission safely returned to Earth with a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of San Diego, California today.

The return marked the successful completion of India’s second human spaceflight and Shukla's pioneering role as the first Indian astronaut to visit the International Space Station (ISS).The Dragon (Grace) capsule, developed by SpaceX, began its de-orbit burn approximately at 2:07 PM IST over the Pacific Ocean. The critical manoeuvre, lasting just under 18 minutes, allowed the spacecraft to re-enter the Earth’s atmosphere. During this time, communication with the capsule was temporarily

lost for seven minutes due to the high heat and plasma formation around the vehicle.

At approximately 2:26 PM IST, the capsule’s trunk was detached, and the heat shield was oriented to face the re-entry path. The spacecraft endured temperatures nearing 1,600 degrees Celsius as it blazed through the atmosphere.

Parachutes were deployed in two stages to ensure a safe descent — stabilising parachutes were released at 5.7 km altitude approximately at 2:57 PM IST, followed by the main chutes around 2 km above the ocean surface, leading to a gentle splashdown just four minutes later.

Earlier, Shukla and his fellow astronauts had undocked from the ISS to begin their 22.5-hour return journey after completing a highly productive 18-day stay aboard the orbiting lab.

Russian FM says Moscow baffled by US’ 50-day ultimatum, seek to understand Trump’s reasoning

Moscow, July 15 (UNI) : Reacting to the ultimatum issued by US President Donald Trump given to the Kremlin by Washington, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that Moscow seeks to understand the reasoning behind Trump's statement about a 50-day deadline to resolve the Ukrainian conflict.

"We want to understand what is behind this statement. Fifty days. It used to be 24 hours. And 100 days.

"We have all been through this and really want to understand what motivates the US president," Lavrov said at a press conference following the SCO foreign ministers' meeting.

It cannot be said that there was no progress during negotiations in Istanbul on the Ukraine

settlement, Lavrov added commenting on Trump's remark on 50-day deadline.

"If our explanations, which we have repeatedly conveyed to our colleagues, including at my meetings on the sidelines of ASEAN events, if they are simply ignored, or not reported to president Trump — it is difficult to judge what is behind this.

"But to say that there is no progress and therefore 50 days ... If in the week of June 22, the Ukrainian side had agreed to name the date of the third round, maybe there would already be 30 days left," Lavrov said.

The Russian FM went on to say that the POTUS is under strong pressure from his allies in European Union and NATO, which support Volodymyr Zelensky's demands to supply Ukraine with modern weapons.

"The sanctions that the EU has now imposed and that are being prepared again in Brussels are trying to drag the US into the sanctions vortex, but President Trump very specifically explained that Europe will pay for all this.

"All this, of course, has already caused damage to the European economy. Sound and objective European analysts and economists, political scientists admit that the damage is borne primarily by the author of this sanctions war," Lavrov said.

If new sanctions are imposed, Russia will manage to overcome them, he added.

"This conclusion is also based on an assessment, on an analysis of independent, including many Western economists and politicians. Our trade

the day, EAM Jaishankar met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, conveying warm greetings from President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.The interaction took place as part of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers' call on the Chinese President.

In a post on X following the meeting, Jaishankar wrote, "Called on President Xi Jinping this morning in Beijing along with my

fellow SCO Foreign Ministers. Conveyed the greetings of President Droupadi Murmu & Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Apprised President Xi of the recent development of our bilateral ties. Value the guidance of our leaders in that regard."

The EAM is in China, his first visit to the country since the violent confrontation in Galwan Valley in May 2020, to attend the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting (CFM) in Tianjin.

On Monday, the EAM held multiple high-level meetings to deepen dialogue and cooperation with Chinese officials.

He met Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee (IDCPC) and discussed the need for a constructive India-China relationship.

He also held a bilateral meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, a senior member of the CPC Political Bureau.

End Ukraine war or face 100 pc tariffs: Trump tells Russia

Washington, July 15 (UNI) : Frustrated with Russian President Vladimir Putin for not ending the war with Ukraine, President Donald Trump today said that the US will impose 100 per cent tariffs on countries that do business with Russia if there is no peace deal to end the war in Ukraine within 50 days.During a meeting with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte in the Oval Office, Trump said, "We're going to be doing secondary tariffs if we don't have a deal within 50 days. It's very simple, And they'll be at 100 per cent.""We are very unhappy, I am, with Russia," the President explained. Trump reiterated that he had called up Putin several times. "I always hang up and say, 'Well, that was a nice phone call.' And then missiles are launched into Kyiv or some other city, and I say, 'That's strange.' And after that happens three or four times, you say the talk doesn't mean anything," he said.

"He is, I don't want to say he's an assassin, but he's a tough guy," Trump said of Putin, adding, "but he didn't fool me." "Ultimately, talk doesn't work; it's got to be action, it's got to be results," Trump said.

"It's actually more now, mostly soldiers but a lot of people in cities and towns that are getting blown up to it's a horrible war and it should be stopped. And so if it's not done, if we don't have an agreement in 50 days, that's what we're doing secondary tariffs and they're biting and I hope we don't get to the point where we do, but I I've been hearing so much talk. It's all talk. It's all talk and then missiles go into Kyiv and kill 60 people. It's got to stop," Trump said.

Mexico asks US to double its efforts to curb cross-border drugs, arms smuggling amid tariff hike threat

Mexico City/ Washington, July 15 (UNI) :Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum has called on the United States to do more to curb drug and arms trafficking across the border, as Washington threatens tariff hikes on Mexico.US President Donald Trump on Saturday threatened to impose a 30% tariff on Mexican imports starting from August 1 in a letter addressed to Sheinbaum, accusing Mexico of failing to stop drug trafficking and illegal immigration to the United States. Sheinbaum hit back at the criticism yesterday, calling on the United States to redouble its efforts to curb drug and arms trafficking on its own turf.



# BJP leaders hopeful of a popular govt as Manipur longs for stability

Imphal, July 15 (UNI) Manipur BJP MLAs are optimistic that the party’s central leadership will take a decision to form a popular government either immediately before or during the upcoming monsoon session of Parliament scheduled from July 21 to August 12.

All eyes are on the session as a crucial decision on the extension of President’s rule must be taken by the central BJP leadership. The President’s Rule, imposed on February 13, is nearing its six-month expiration and must be extended by both Houses of Parliament.

Former Chief Minister N Biren Singh said he had considered retirement after resigning from the post but realized that many of his responsibilities remained unfinished. He affirmed his commitment to continue serving the people of

Manipur in any capacity and emphasized the importance of peaceful coexistence among all communities.

BJP leaders have been reminding the public of past inter-community conflicts such as those between the Kukis and Nagas, Kukis and Paites, and Kukis and Hmars to reinforce their belief that the current crisis too shall pass.Biren Singh stressed that certain issues such as illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and land encroachments are non-negotiable. He pointed out that a large number of fake Aadhaar cards have been seized in areas like Moreh, Jiribam, and Imphal. Some individuals, he said, falsely accuse the BJP government of acting against a particular community.

He further explained that a significant number of people have fled Myanmar

to Manipur and have since settled there. In response, the Manipur Cabinet constituted a committee led by Minister Letpao Haokip, a member of the Kuki community, to identify illegal immigrants. During an inspection of border areas, the committee discovered thousands of such individuals.

Biren Singh questioned the feasibility of maintaining a 398-km open international border with Myanmar, noting that the Free Movement Regime allows unchecked entry and the establishment of new settlements without documentation. Satellite imagery has revealed the emergence of numerous unauthorized villages, he added, warning that the indigenous population is under threat. He also alleged that certain external forces have long been plotting to destabilize

Manipur.Former Education Minister Th. Radheshyam recently led a delegation of MLAs to meet Governor AK Bhalla urging him to reinstate an elected government. He claimed the support of 44 out of 60 MLAs in the Manipur Assembly. However, he stated that the decision on who will lead the new government rests with the BJP High Command.

Speaker Th. Satyabrata, a key political figure in the state, has not made any public statements but has frequently traveled to New Delhi to discuss ongoing developments. BJP MLA Rameshwor also expressed hope that a popular government will be formed soon.

Although speculation continues to swirl around the possible formation of a new government, BJP leaders have refrained from making any official

comment. With four states and one Union Territory heading to elections next year and Manipur’s assembly elections scheduled for early 2027, political observers believe the central BJP leadership is likely to make a significant decision regarding Manipur’s future.

Several internal meetings have been held at the BJP state office under the leadership of state president Sharda Devi. According to party officials, there is no disagreement among MLAs about leadership matters.

Meanwhile, Manipur continues to face a humanitarian crisis. Since May 3, 2023, Kuki militants have blocked major highways, displacing nearly 60,000 people.Over31 people remain missing, and around 270 have been killed.

## Nitish announces Rs 4 lakh compensation to kin of three students who drowned in Gayaji

Patna, July 15 (UNI) : Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today a n n o u n c e d compensation of Rs 4 lakh each to the kin of the three students who drowned while bathing in a pond in Gayaji .

Kumar, deeply moved by the incident, expressed his profound condolences to the families of the deceased students. In an official statement, he described the incident as "deeply saddening and unfortunate."

Kumar directed the administration to provide the compensation amount to each of the bereaved families.

The Chief Minister also offered prayers for the families, hoping they find the strength and courage to endure their grief and overcome the pain of their loss.

The three students met their watery grave while bathing in a pond (locally known as "Aahar") in Kosdihra village, under the Magadh Medical police station area in Gayaji district yesterday.

# Assam reclaims over 12,000 hectares of Land in 4-year drive, CM vows to free ‘every inch’

Guwahati, July 15 (UNI) : The Assam government has freed more than 12,000 hectares of land from illegal encroachment over the past four years.Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma described the effort as a significant milestone in safeguarding the state’s land, identity, and cultural fabric from what he termed as "existential threats" posed by infiltration and planned demographic changes.Taking to social media, Dr. Sarma underscored the scale of the drive, stating that over 160 square km — nearly 75 per cent of Guwahati’s total area — has been reclaimed.

“We are committed to freeing every inch of land from encroachers,” he said.

According to data released by the state government, a cumulative 12,003.515 hectares of land have been cleared since the 2021–22 financial year.

The most extensive evictions took place in 2022–23, followed by significant operations in the subsequent years. As of July 12 this year, over 638 hectares have already been reclaimed.The Chief Minister emphasized that the campaign is not just about land, but about confronting systemic attempts to alter Assam’s demography.He warned of

a “grave challenge” facing the state — what he described as deliberate and organized encroachment aimed at changing the population balance in several districts.Sarma, who has consistently linked land encroachment with illegal immigration from Bangladesh, reiterated that the eviction drives are legally mandated and essential for protecting government land, forest reserves, and public property. While the government has hailed the evictions as a necessary corrective measure, the campaign has also triggered concern among civil society groups and Opposition leaders.

Critics argue that the operations often lack transparency, fair notification, and rehabilitation for those displaced, many of whom belong to marginalized communities. Human rights activists have called for a more humane approach, warning of the social costs of mass displacement.

The Chief Minister’s statement comes amid heightened political discourse around identity, citizenship, and land rights in Assam, with the state government positioning itself as a defender of Assamese culture against what it sees as demographic threats.

## BSF nabs 26 Bangladeshi nationals, four Indian touts in Meghalaya

Shillong, July 15 (UNI) : Troopers of the Border Security Force (BSF) today foiled an infiltration attempt along the India-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya, 26 Bangladeshi nationals and four Indian tout were arrested in Meghalaya’s West Garo Hills district, BSF said.

Acting on specific input, alert troops of 22 battalion BSF Meghalaya intercepted three vehicles at Matchokpara on Hill road moving towards Barengapara area along State Highway-12 from Purakhasia area.During the identity verification of the occupants of the three vehicles, the BSF found 26 Bangladeshi nationals were being facilitated by four Indian touts in an attempt to infiltrate into India.

“This successful operation, based on precise BSF intelligence inputs, stands as a testament to the unwavering vigilance, operational efficiency, and dedication of BSF Meghalaya in safeguarding national security,” the BSF statement said.

# Mamata Banerjee blames DVC for flooding

Kolkata, July 15 (UNI) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today held the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) responsible for what she described as the “abnormal” release of water from its barrages, which she said had triggered flooding across several parts of the state.After a high-level review meeting with officials and a video conference with district

magistrates of the flood-affected regions, Banerjee said she had urged DVC authorities to immediately halt further water release.

She also said that she had sought an appointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during her visit to Delhi on August 11 and 12 to discuss the flood crisis. Her agenda includes seeking compensation for flood damages from the National Disaster Response

Fund and raising concerns over DVC’s water management.“I intend to raise the matter of DVC’s water release with the Prime Minister,” she said. Banerjee added that she had already lodged a complaint with Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal and reiterated her earlier appeals to DVC to carry out dredging and enhance the capacity of its reservoirs—requests she

claimed had gone unheeded.

“From June 18 to Tuesday, DVC released 27,000 lakh cubic meters of water. As a result, parts of districts like West Midnapore, Hooghly, Howrah, and East Midnapore have experienced flooding,” the chief minister said, adding that while states like Assam receive funds during floods, West Bengal is often left out.



Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge during a meeting, ahead of the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Tuesday.

# Governor urges graduates to embrace responsibility

Ranchi, 15 July (UNI) : Jharkhand Governor and Chancellor of State Universities, Santosh Kumar Gangwar today addressed the fifth graduation ceremony of Marwari College, here,

urging students to view their academic degrees not merely as qualifications but as the beginning of lifelong responsibility.

Speaking at the Vivekananda Auditorium, Gangwar congratulated the graduating students, their parents, and the college community, describing the convocation as a moment of collective pride and

reflection.“Degrees are not just certificates—they represent discipline, perseverance, and commitment.They mark the beginning of a new chapter,” he said.

He encouraged students to treat education as more than a means to employment, and to instead use knowledge as a force for positive change in society.India, he said, with its diversity and immense potential, needs the innovation, ideas, and sensitivity of its youth more than ever.Referring to India’s emergence as the world’s fourth-largest

economy, Gangwar emphasised the importance of youth in achieving the nation’s vision of becoming a developed country by 2047.He expressed confidence that Marwari College graduates would contribute meaningfully across sectors—science, arts, education, public service, entrepreneurship, and social work.

Reiterating his commitment to raising academic standards in the state, the Governor said he had attended convocations across Jharkhand over the past year and interacted directly with students.

# President Murmu presides over convocation ceremony of Ravenshaw University in Cuttack

Bhubaneswar, July 15 (UNI) : Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, 3D printing and cloud computing have brought about a vast change in the thinking and working style in the current era of science and technology, President Droupadi Murmu said today while addressing the convocation ceremony of Ravenshaw University at Odisha’s Cuttack city.

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Ravenshaw educational institution was an active center of the freedom struggle and associated with the movement for the formation of the state of Odisha.

This institution has been continuously making invaluable contributions to the development of education and women's empowerment.Many of its former students have increased the prestige of India as freedom fighters, educationists, litterateurs, philosophers, political leaders, social reformers, scientists and artists, she noted.

Stating that Ravenshaw University is making remarkable strides in research, innovation, and inclusivity, she said the institution has extended its expertise to numerous industry partners through consultancy services and technology transfers.

She also noted that the University is focusing on increasing the enrollment of students from tribal areas, underprivileged groups, and the divyangjan.

“India is going through Amrit Kaal. Making India a developed nation by the year 2047 is our national goal. The sense of nation first is our biggest strength. Our soldiers, farmers, scientists, engineers, doctors and people active in various fields are working with the sentiment of increasing the pride of India."She urged students to take inspiration from them and contribute to the development of the country with their knowledge, skills and devotion.

## BJD calls Balasore Bandh on July 16

Balasore, July 15 (UNI) : The Balasore district unit of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has called for a Balasore bandh from 6 AM to 2 PM on July 16 in protest against the tragic death of 20-year-old Soumyashree Bisi, a student of Fakir Mohan (Autonomous) College.

The BJD alleged that apathy and inaction on the part of the college authorities, the district administration, and political leadership contributed to the death of Soumyashree, who set herself on fire after repeatedly seeking justice against a professor she accused of mental harassment and demands for sexual favours.

Senior BJD leader and former MP R K Jena said that all educational institutions, business establishments,

# Nitish Kumar cabinet approves target of 1 crore jobs by 2030

Patna, July 15 (UNI) : In a significant move, the Bihar cabinet today approved creation of one crore jobs and employment opportunities over the next five years (2025–2030) in the state.The decision was taken in a meeting of the cabinet held here during the day under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The cabinet, in the meeting sanctioned 30 important agendas paving the way for massive employment and infrastructure development in the state.

To facilitate the ambitious plan to create one crore jobs and employment opportunities over the next five years, a high-level 12 membered committee will be constituted under the development commissioner. The committee will advise the government on employment generation strategies.

The cabinet also sanctioned a one-time additional honorarium of Rs 6,000 to each of the 77,895 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and 8,245 BLO supervisors in the state. The one-time honorarium will be in addition to their annual honorarium for conducting the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls.A total of Rs 51,68,40,000 has been sanctioned for the one-time honorarium.

While approving the agenda of urban development and housing department, the cabinet sanctioned allocation of Rs 179.37 crore, excluding service tax, to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) on a nomination basis for the maintenance work of the Priority

Corridor under the Patna Metro Rail Project for a period of 2 years and 8 months commenting from August 2025 and ending on March 2028.

Additionally, approval has been given for the lease of a 3 trainset for a period of 3 years for the operation of the Priority Corridor. The total cost for this lease, including other associated costs and Goods and Services Tax (GST), amounts to Rs 21,1544646 crore.

Further, the responsibility for managing this arrangement has also been approved to be assigned to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) on a nomination basis.

The cabinet also approved the proposal to transfer a total of 112 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) — including 81 ITIs (with 3,020 created posts) established under the 'Establishment of New Industrial Training Institutes' scheme and 31 Women ITIs (with 855 created posts) under the 'Establishment of New Women ITIs' scheme to the Non-Plan Head under the category of Establishment and Other Committed Expenditures, along with a total of 3,875 sanctioned posts.

Several large-scale infrastructure projects cleared by the cabinet include Bhagalpur Ganga Path Project, a 40.8 km road between Sultanganj-Bhagalpur-Sabour with a budget of Rs 4,850 crore and Munger Ganga Path Project, a 42 km stretch between Munger–Bariarpur–Ghorgat–Sultanganj, sanctioned at Rs 5,120 crore.



## Shafali, Arundhati surge in ICC Women's T20I Player Rankings

Dubai, July 15 (UNI) India opener Shafali Verma marched back into the top-10 batters in the latest ICC Women's T20I Player Rankings. Wrapping up the five-match T20I series with 176 runs at a strike rate of 158.56, Shafali was the second-highest run-getter behind fellow opener Smriti Mandhana. The 21-year-old was the star with the bat, top-scoring with 75 off 41 in India's last-ball defeat and has jumped four spots to ninth place with 655 points. Another key contributor in India's 3-2 series win, Arundhati Reddy, who snapped six wickets during the course of the series, also made gains. Reddy, who scalped two wickets in the final T20I, leaped four spots to the 39th place in the Bowling Rankings and 26 spots to 80th among the All-Rounders. Multiple

England stars also made positive strides. Spinner Charlie Dean broke into the top 10 Bowling Rankings after a Player of the Match winning 3/23 in the last match, making a leap of eight spots to share sixth place with Nashra Sandhu and Georgia Wareham.

Linsey Smith also gained nine places to the 38th place while pacer Issy Wong jumped seven places to the 50th. Emily Arlott, who made her England debut earlier this summer against the West Indies, improved 15 places to 67th.

Sophia Dunkley, who was England's top scorer with 151 runs, gained seven points to 19th place in the Batting Rankings after vital contributions of 22 and 46 in the last two games. Meanwhile, opener Tammy Beaumont continued her recent surge, jumping 19 places to the 45th spot.

## China falls to Netherlands in women's water polo at Singapore Worlds

Singapore, July 15 (UNI) : China lost 13-7 to the Netherlands in their final Group B match of the women's water polo event at the World Aquatics Championships here today. Both China and the Netherlands entered the match with one win and one loss, and facing the world No. 2, China made a strong start, trading goals with the rival in a closely contested first period.

Yan Siya and Shao Yixin each scored to keep China close within their opponents by 5-3 in the first half, while goalkeeper Shen Yineng made several key saves.

The second half saw intensified physical challenges on both ends of the pool as China struggled to score during the first six minutes of the third period.

Dutch captain Sabrina van der Sloot led her team on a scoring run that extended their lead and the Dutch side held firm until the final whistle. Defending champions the United States beat Argentina 26-3 in the other match to finish atop the group with a perfect 3-0 record, earning direct qualification to the quarterfinals. The Netherlands and China, which finished second and third respectively, will move on to playoffs for berths in the quarterfinals. "We fight with everything we have, and we've been trying very hard," said China head coach Miki Oca. "We've been playing two periods very close to them, but they're better than us today."

## Punjab FC signs Bijoy Varghese

Mohali, July 15 (UNI) : Punjab FC has announced the signing of defender Bijoy Varghese for the upcoming season from I-League side Inter Kashi. The 25 year old centre back has signed a contract until 2028 with the Shers.

Bijoy joined Kerala Blasters in the 2021-22 season and was part of the side that finished runner-up that year. He then joined Inter Kashi on loan in the 2023-24 season and made 10 appearances in the I-League before the move was made permanent for the next season. Bijoy

played 12 times for Inter Kashi in the 2024-25 season.

Speaking on his signing for Punjab FC, Bijoy said, "I'm really excited to be joining Punjab FC and looking forward to this new chapter in my career. There's strong competition for defensive spots here in the club, which is great for my growth and will push me to give my best every day. I'm confident that I can contribute to the team's objectives with my experience and commitment, and I can't wait to get started with the

## Ancelotti hails Brazil's rise at Club World Cup

Rio De Janeiro, July 15 (UNI) : Brazil manager Carlo Ancelotti has hailed the performances of the country's clubs and individual players at the FIFA Club World Cup in the United States.

The Italian said he was impressed by Fluminense while also praising the feats of Palmeiras, Flamengo and Botafogo, saying they

showed Brazilian teams could challenge Europe's best.

"Fluminense had a great campaign, reaching the semifinals, and Botafogo beat PSG," Ancelotti told the Brazilian Football Confederation's official website.

"Palmeiras and Flamengo also proved they can compete with the best

## ISSF certified coaching courses to be launched in India



New Delhi, July 15 (UNI) : The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has entered into a partnership with the ISSF Academy, the official coaching and education wing of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), to bring ISSF certified coaching courses to India.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in New Delhi today, attended by Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, President, NRAI, Dr. Vesa Nissinen, Director, ISSF Academy, K. Sultan Singh, Secretary General, NRAI, Karoliina Nissinen, CEO, ISSF Academy, Pawankumar Singh, Director, NRAI Education Program and Mansher Singh, Member, ISSF Shotgun Coaches

Committee, marking a significant step towards building a structured and globally benchmarked coaching education system in the country.

The collaboration will enable Indian coaches to access world-class training within the country, reducing the need for international travel and making advanced learning more accessible across regions. It will also contribute to strengthening the grassroots ecosystem of Indian shooting by developing a larger pool of qualified coaches, equipped with modern techniques and global best practices. This initiative of NRAI will also receive support from Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ) coming on board as partners.

Commenting on the

development, Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, President, NRAI, said, "This partnership with the ISSF Academy represents a landmark shift in how coaching education is approached in Indian shooting. For the first time, Indian coaches will have access to globally certified training right here at home, removing barriers of geography and cost. By embedding international standards into our coaching structure, we are not only elevating the quality of mentorship at the elite level but also investing in the long-term development of talent at the grassroots."

Through this agreement, four categories of ISSF Certified Coaches Courses will be conducted in India, namely Category

A (Elite/International Level), Category B (Advanced Level), Category C (Intermediate Level) and Category D (Introductory Level) which will follow the academic framework and certification procedures defined by ISSF Academy.

Speaking on the collaboration, Dr. Vesa Nissinen, Director, ISSF Academy said, "We are pleased to formalise this partnership with the NRAI. By bringing ISSF-certified coaching education to India, we are contributing to the creation of a more robust and standardised coaching framework in one of the world's most dynamic shooting nations. This collaboration will enable knowledge exchange, foster coaching excellence, and ultimately benefit the entire shooting ecosystem both in India and globally."

ISSF Academy will nominate approved instructors and oversee the academic quality and delivery. Additionally, courses will also be conducted on zonal basis across India, recognising the country's vast geographical diversity. This approach will allow equal opportunity for coaches from different regions to attend and benefit from the programs, ensuring broader access and participation.

## India U20 women's coach Alexandersson eyes victorious ending to Uzbekistan tour

Tashkent, July 15 (UNI) : After holding Uzbekistan to a 1-1 draw in the first U20 women's friendly match on Monday, India are gearing up to face the hosts again in the second and final game tomorrow at the Do'stlik Stadium at 20:30 IST. Like the first match, this one will also be played behind closed doors as per the mutual agreement between the teams, who are preparing for next month's AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers.

Sulanjana Raul's 79th-minute equaliser rescued a draw for the Young

Tigresses after Uzbekistan took a 1-0 lead before the half-time whistle.

Reflecting on the result, India head coach Joakim Alexandersson said that his side deserved a victory, but a slow start hampered the chances.

"It was a good game for our side. We struggled with our high press in the first 15-20 minutes. We were not aggressive enough. But with time, we improved and also started to create chances after good build-ups and movements.

"We dominated them in the second half, even

though we conceded a couple of chances because of individual mistakes. But we created many more chances than they did, and for sure, deserved a win. But you have to score goals with these chances," said the Swede.

The match was originally supposed to be played on Sunday but was postponed by over 24 hours due to operational challenges at the Do'stlik Stadium. Despite the unusual last-minute change in schedule, the Young Tigresses remained mentally focused and didn't

let it affect their performance.

"The feeling was a bit negative for a short moment after we reached the venue on Sunday and learned that we wouldn't be able to play. But we are a tight group who have been together for a few months, so the girls handled it very well. We are staying at a very good hotel with good food and facilities. I must commend the attitude of the girls," said Alexandersson.

The rescheduling meant that the teams will have a day less for rest and recovery before the second

game, but that's not much of a bother for Alexandersson. He now hopes to see better fluidity in attack, better duels and overall, a consistent performance from the beginning until the end to wrap up the tour with a win.

"We have to be more ready from the start. I want our back four to be more aggressive. I want all players to be even more involved in attacking actions. We need to be tougher in duels, both offensive and defensive ones. Finally, we need to finish our chances better."

Judging the competitiveness after the first game, Alexandersson felt that the two friendlies form good preparation for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers, where India will take on the likes of Myanmar, Indonesia and Turkmenistan in Yangon.

"I think Uzbekistan look a bit stronger than their previous games that I had watched.

They are a good, organised and a physically strong team with a few individually skilled players. It is a good test," said the Swede.

## Nakaayi vows to fight for Uganda at London Diamond League

Kampala, July 15 (UNI) : Halimah Nakaayi, the only athlete to represent Uganda at the upcoming London Diamond League, vowed to fight for her country. The 2019 world champion and bronze medalist at the 2022 World Indoor Championship will compete in the 800m race at the event on Saturday.

"I will be going all out to try and win the race, but also try to improve my personal best time," Nakaayi, who finished third behind Tsige Duyuma of Ethiopia and South Africa's Prudence Sekgodiso last weekend in the 800m race at the Diamond League in Eugene, the United States, said. Reigning Olympic 800m champion Keely Hodgkinson will miss the race after being forced to withdraw because of a nagging hamstring injury.

Nakaayi is also using the Diamond League events to prepare for the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo in September.

## Padikkal emerges top pick at Maharaja Trophy Auction

Bengaluru, July 15 (UNI) : The fourth edition of the Shriram Capital Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 auction witnessed an intense bidding war today, with stylish left-hander Devdutt Padikkal commanding the highest price of the day. The Hubli Tigers shelled out Rs 13.20 lakh to secure Padikkal's services, making him the most expensive player at this year's auction. Closely following him were Abhinav Manohar and veteran Manish Pandey, who fetched Rs 12.20 lakh each. Manohar joined Padikkal at the Hubli Tigers, while Pandey was snapped up by the Mysuru Warriors.

Among bowlers, the Shivamogga Lions made a bold move by acquiring Vidwath Kaverappa for Rs 10.80 lakh, affirming the high demand for quality pacers. The Bengaluru Blasters, too, made headlines by signing

Vidyadhar Patil for Rs 8.30 lakh, adding muscle to their bowling attack. Mysuru Warriors adopted an all-round approach with key buys such as K Gowtham (Rs 4.40 lakh) and last season's joint top wicket-taker Kumar LR (Rs 1.50 lakh), apart from bolstering their spin department with Shikhar Shetty (Rs 4.70 lakh). They also added depth to their top order with Harshil Dharmani (Rs 3.20 lakh). The Bengaluru Blasters, despite a quiet

start, struck gold with Chethan LR (Rs 5.10 lakh) and 16-year-old prodigy Madhav Prakash Bajaj (Rs 3.15 lakh). Rohan Naveen (Rs 4.25 lakh) and A Rohan Patil (Rs 2.70 lakh) also joined their ranks.

With the biggest purse, the Hubli Tigers dominated early proceedings with high-value signings. Besides Padikkal and Manohar, they brought in Mohammad Taha (Rs 4.60 lakh) and promising pacer Samarth Nagaraj (Rs 3.20 lakh).

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# Central Railway's AC Local Task Force elevates travel experience : 100% Complaints attended



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, July 15 : Central Railway's Mumbai Division in a bold and decisive move to elevate travel experience, while prioritizing the safety and comfort of passengers, undertook a unique initiative to curb irregular travel. On May, 25th 2024, CR introduced a dedicated AC Class Task Force to address issues related to irregular traveling in suburban trains. A specialised squad has been deployed to respond promptly to commuter concerns, aided by a dedicated 24/7 WhatsApp complaint number, 7208819987. This innovative approach allows passengers to report incidents of irregular travel, ensuring immediate assistance during travel hours and subsequent follow-ups as required.

Response to every

complaint received on the dedicated whatsapp number is immediate. If the Special Squad is in the particular section mentioned in the complaint, they immediately swing into action. However if the Squad is not immediately available, then action is taken on subsequent day. During the period 25th May-2024 to 30th June-2025, a total of 11,134 complaints were received and all were addressed within a short span of 2 days, marking a 100% resolution of complaints. This proactive enforcement has led to a notable decline in complaints, with daily average of complaints dropping heavily from 79 in June-2024 to 29 in June-2025. The maximum complaint received per day has also come down from 228 per day in June-2024 to 103 in June-2025. Based on



a thorough analysis of complaints received, action taken and deployment of special squads, an astonishing 1.22 lakh travellers were detected travelling without proper tickets in AC locals and an amount of Rs.4.01 crore were recovered as penalty during the period 25th May-2024 to 9th July-2025 which makes it an average of 365 passengers travelling without proper tickets daily and an average recovery of Rs.1.19 lakh per day from the offenders. "This initiative has received widespread praise from passengers for Central Railway's proactive approach in upholding the high standards of its premium services. Notably, Mumbai Suburban Network of Central Railway carries approximately 3.9 million passengers every day through its 1810 services daily including 80

AC local services daily carrying approximately 78000 passengers per day.

Central Railway's Mumbai Division aims to achieve zero complaints regarding irregular travel in AC local coaches. The introduction of the dedicated WhatsApp complaint number along with regular checks has significantly aided in achieving this objective. Passengers are encouraged to utilise the WhatsApp complaint number, 7208819987, to report any instances of irregular travel they observe. It may be noted that the dedicated number is only for messaging the issue on the given number and that no phone calls can be made on the same.

Central Railway appeals to its passengers to travel with dignity by purchasing proper tickets in order to avoid inconvenience.

## Additional stoppage provided to Mumbai Central - Hazrat Nizamuddin August Kranti Rajdhani Tejas Express at Dahod Station

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, July 15 : For the convenience of passengers, Western Railway has provided an additional stoppage at Dahod station to Train No. 12953/12954 Mumbai Central - Hazrat Nizamuddin August Kranti Rajdhani Tejas Express on experimental basis.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, the details are as under:

Train No. 12953 Mumbai Central - Hazrat Nizamuddin August Kranti Rajdhani Tejas Express will halt at Dahod station for journey commencing from Mumbai Central on 16th July, 2025. The train will arrive Dahod station at 23:38 hrs and depart at 23:40 hrs.

Similarly, Train No. 12954 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Mumbai Central August Kranti Rajdhani Tejas Express will halt at Dahod station for journey commencing from Nizamuddin on 16th July, 2025.

The train will arrive Dahod station at 02:31 hrs and depart at 02:33 hrs.

For detailed information regarding the timings, halts & composition of the above trains, passengers may please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in).

## Rahul slams BJP over Odisha student's death, calls it "system-orchestrated murder"

New Delhi, July 15 (UNI) : Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi today strongly condemned the tragic death of a young student in Odisha, calling it a "murder committed by the BJP's system."

In a post on X, Gandhi alleged that the student, who had bravely spoken out against sexual harassment, was repeatedly threatened, harassed, and humiliated instead of receiving justice.

"Those who were supposed to protect her were the ones who kept breaking her spirit," Gandhi said, adding that the "BJP-led system continually shielded the accused while failing to support the victim".

He further claimed that the girl was driven to set herself on fire due to relentless mental torture and the absence of justice. "This is not a suicide; it's a murder orchestrated by the system," he stated.

Gandhi also accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of maintaining silence amid growing violence and injustice against women in the country.

# Alert Pointsman catches thief red-handed- prevents theft at Mulund Yard

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, July 15 : Mr Sudhir Prajapati, Assistant Pointsman, working at New Mulund Goods Shed(NGSM), Mumbai Division, Central Railway has displayed an exemplary and daring act of bravery in not only preventing a case of theft but also catching the offender red handed. On 14.07.2025, Train no 11016 Amrit Bharat Express after being short terminated at Thane station was brought to NGSM Yard for stabling and was placed on RD Line no 2 as empty rake at 17.05 hrs.

During the stabling process, Shri Prajapati, on duty Assistant Pointsman went towards the Mumbai-end of the train to place wooden wedges and safety chains. As he climbed into SLR Coach no CR-256034 to apply the hand brake, he noticed a person in the coach moving in a suspicious manner. When confronted, the person pushed Shri Prajapati and attempted to flee towards the opposite end of the train. Displaying an example of quick thinking and daring, Shri Prajapati immediately informed his on duty colleague Shri Sunil Patil, Train Clerk and with his help, nabbed the person at the Kalyan end



Mr Sudhir Prajapati, Assistant Pointsman, NGSM

after a short chase.

The stolen item was recovered from the thief which was placed in the safe custody of the Dy.Chief Yard Master, NGSM Yard.

The thief was handed over to the on duty RPF Personnel, NGSM Yard for further proceedings.

This act of Shri

Prajapati, an honest and dedicated Railwayman who joined Railways just 21 months back has not only saved railway property from being stolen but has also set an example for others to go beyond their duties in serving Railways and the Public

Central Railway is proud of such Railwaymen.

# More than 1300 tons of waste collected under special cleanliness drive implemented by Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation!

(Standard Post Bureau)

Dombivli, July 15 : The cleanliness drive of Sumit Elkoplast, a private organization, which started just two months ago for 7 wards of Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation, has started showing positive results. The transfer process of 3 out of these seven wards, D, J and F, has been completed by the municipal administration, and the process of the remaining 4 wards has entered the final stage. Against this backdrop, more than 1,300 tons of waste has been collected under the special cleanliness drive (Initial Total Area Cleaning - itac) implemented in these three wards.

Effective waste collection in these 3 wards...

On the lines of the cleanliness pattern in Chennai city, the work of waste collection and transportation in 7 out of 10 wards of Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation has been given to Sumit Elkoplast, a private organization. This cleanliness work has been started in the remaining 7 wards of the Municipal Corporation except A, B and C. As of today, the work of garbage collection and transportation has been started at full capacity in all three of the 7 wards, D, J and F. While the transfer process of the remaining 4 wards has reached its final stage and Additional Commissioner Harshal Gaikwad has expressed confidence that it will be

completed by the end of August.

**Waste is collected in 3 sessions every day...**

Currently, garbage collection is being done in these three wards every day according to the schedule of 6 am to 2 pm, 2 pm to 10 pm and 10 pm to 6 am. Also, to inform the people about these times and to create awareness about the wet and dry segregation of garbage, the IEC (Information, Education and Communication) team is visiting houses through Sumit Elkoplast. Also, the work of installing speaker systems on the bell trucks that collect garbage has reached its final stage.

**Great response from citizens to this cleanliness initiative...**

Despite complete cleaning in some places in these wards, people are continuously dumping garbage and compactor containers have been placed in such places temporarily. So that the garbage falling in the open space will go into those compactor containers. And along with keeping the area clean, it will also be convenient to pick up this garbage. Additional Commissioner Harshal Gaikwad clarified on this occasion. Also, with some exceptions, this cleanliness initiative in D, J and F wards is also getting a great response from citizens, so the move towards garbage-free has started.

**After that, effective cleanliness will be seen in**

**all wards...**

Additional Commissioner Harshal Gaikwad has informed that the transfer process of the remaining C and H wards will be completed by the end of this month and the remaining I - J wards by the end of August. Therefore, cleanliness will be seen very effectively in all these seven wards after the next few months. He also expressed confidence that since the cleaning staff - machinery in these seven wards will be available for A, B and C wards, even better cleanliness will be maintained in these wards.

**Garbage collection under special cleanliness drive:-**

**5/D Ward (May 19 to June 2):-**

Garbage sites - 100  
Garbage collection - 436 tons

Manpower - 50-55 sanitation workers

Number of vehicles - 7-8 vehicles, including small and large.

**4/J Ward (May 24 to June 22):-**

Garbage sites - more than 80  
Garbage collection - 817 tons

Manpower - 35- 40 sanitation workers

Number of vehicles 8-9 vehicles

**6/F Ward (June 24 to July 3):-**

Garbage sites - 33  
Garbage collection - 70 tons

Manpower - 12 to 15 workers

Number of vehicles - 3-4

# Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, GM, SCR Inspects Hyderabad Deccan & Charlapalli Railway Stations

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 15 : Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway undertook inspection of Hyderabad Deccan (Nampally) & Charlapalli Railway stations of Secunderabad Division today.

He was accompanied by Shri Bhartesh Kumar Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other senior officials throughout the inspection.

Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava conducted a detailed inspection of Hyderabad Deccan Railway station, wherein he reviewed the passenger amenities and facilities available at the station.

He also inspected the booking counter, waiting room, station master's office and circulating area of the station.

The General Manager reviewed the progress of on-going redevelopment works at Hyderabad station undertaken as part of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

The Divisional officials presented a detailed report on the progress and status of



works. The General Manager advised the division to further expedite the works so as to complete the project by the targeted date.

Earlier, the General Manager also conducted a detailed

inspection of Charlapalli Railway station. He examined the modern amenities and facilities provided at the station including executive lounge, waiting halls, Sleeping pods, cafeteria, ticket booking counters, lifts,

escalators, Foot over Bridge, EV charging points etc., During the inspection, the General Manager also interacted with booking clerk, safai mitras and enquired about the duty hours, working environment and facilities provided.