

IN BRIEF

Bomb threat to Mumbai-Ahmedabad flight, police register FIR

Mumbai, July 17 (UNI) Police registered an FIR in connection with the threatening calls received about a bomb on a Mumbai-Ahmedabad flight and also to blow up Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, officials said today.

According to information the FIR was registered by Navi Mumbai police as the call was received at the office of the Navi Mumbai joint commissioner of police, in the neighbouring city between 2pm and 2:30pm yesterday.

An FIR has been registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita as the calls were intended to disturb public peace and create fear in the minds of the people," the official said.

Forensic labs extend working hours to expedite pending tests, speed up justice delivery

Mumbai, July 17 (UNI) All forensic laboratories across Maharashtra are now operating for an additional four hours daily, and weekly offs on Saturdays have been cancelled, as part of efforts to clear the backlog of pending tests, an official aid here today.The efforts of the state forensic department, which plays a crucial role in the judicial process, are expected to significantly accelerate the justice delivery process.Forensic laboratories are essential to judicial investigations, as police inquiries and their timelines heavily depend on reports generated by these labs. A faster turnaround of forensic tests can bring substantial relief to citizens awaiting justice.

Currently, over 1.3 lakh forensic tests and investigations are pending across all forensic labs in the state.However, the department has set an ambitious target to reduce this backlog by 70 percent within the next three months. Additionally, the department aims to shorten the current three-month waiting period for viscera reports to just 45 days, the official added.

BJP, NCP-SP LEGISLATORS CLASH INSIDE ASSEMBLY



Mumbai, July 17 (IANS) : The supporters of BJP MLA Gopichand Padalkar and NCP-SP MLA Jitendra Awhad engaged in a direct fight on Thursday in the Vidhan Bhavan lobby when the proceedings in both the Houses of Maharashtra legislature were underway.

The issue was raised by Awhad, another NCP-SP legislator Rohit Pawar and BJP member Sanjay Upadhyay in the Assembly expressing serious concern over the incident and raising alarm over the security of legislators in the premises of the Vidhan Bhavan.

The fight took place a day after the altercation between Padalkar and Awhad outside the Vidhan Bhavan took place on Wednesday.Awhad told the

Assembly about the threats he had received and claimed that BJP workers had come to target him.

"They were here to target me. But since I had gone out of the House after my speech in the Assembly, they found my party workers and beat them," the NCP-SP legislator said.

"If you are going to allow goons into the Assembly, our people are not safe. I have posted about this on X. I was subjected to obscene criticism. After speaking in the House, when I came out to get some fresh air, I was directly attacked. Those goons had come to kill me," Awhad alleged.

Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar has sought a detailed report on the incident. "I will initiate stern

action in this matter. Ensuring security in Vidhan Bhavan is my responsibility. It will be done. Legislators should not worry about their security," he said.

Narwekar directed that he will ensure safety of every MLA and a detailed report should be submitted to him. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis condemned the incident.

"The Assembly Speaker and the Chairman should take a serious note of it. I have requested them to take a strict action. This is not worthy to the culture of the State Legislature," Fadnavis said.Former Chief Minister and Shiv Sena-UBT President Uddhav Thackeray demanded strict action against the goons.

"Those are not political

workers, but goons. Is this what we have reduced to?" Thackeray asked.

Speaking to reporters, NCP-SP legislator Awhad said, "MLAs are not safe within the campus of the State Legislature. A goon enters inside, abuses us, threatens us. What's the use of becoming the MLA?"

Padalkar was called by the Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule after NCP-SP delegation led by Awhad and senior MLA Jayant Patil held a meeting with Chief Minister Fadnavis.

"The incident is unfortunate. I apologise to the Assembly Speaker and Chairman. I will discuss this with my party leadership and after that I will speak to the media," Padalkar said.

7 killed, 2 injured after car-motorbike collision in Nashik

Nashik, July 17 (UNI) : Seven members of a family died when their car collided with a motorcycle in Vani-Nashik Road late yesterday in Maharashtra.

The impact of the accident was such that the car overturned into a deep drainage channel after colliding with a motorcycle.

Three women, three men and a two-year boy died in the accident. The family was returning to Dindori after celebrating the child's birthday in Nashik city.

Police said the car carrying the seven occupants collided head-on with the motorcycle near Dindori around midnight. The impact caused the vehicle to veer off the road and plunge into a deep drain, trapping all occupants.

When the police reached the spot, the two vehicles were found in a small canal alongside the road, the official said.Preliminary investigations indicate suffocation as the primary cause of death.

Rescue teams recovered the victims' bodies today morning after extensive recovery operations.

The deceased were identified as Devidas Pandit Gangurde (28), his wife Manisha (23), their son Bhavesh (2); Uttam Eknath Jadhav (42) and wife Alka (38); along with Dattatreya Namdev Waghmare (45) and wife Anusuya (40).

The motorcycle riders – Mangesh Yashwant Kurghade (25) and Ajay Jagannath Gond (18) – sustained serious injuries and remain under treatment at Nashik Government Hospital. Dindori Police Station has launched a full investigation into the circumstances of the collision.

Rahul accuses EC of 'stealing votes in Bihar in name of SIR'

New Delhi, July 17 (UNI) Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi today once again attacked the Election Commission, accusing it of "stealing votes in the name of SIR" in Bihar.

In a post on X, Gandhi claimed that the Election Commission in Bihar was "caught red-handed stealing votes in the name of 'SIR', referring to the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls being held in the state ahead of the Assembly elections.

"Their job is just theft, named 'SIR'—and now an FIR will be filed against those who exposed them!" he alleged.

Questioning the neutrality of the Election Commission, Gandhi further asked, "Is the EC still the 'Election Commission' or has it completely become the BJP's 'Election Theft' branch?"



PM to visit Bihar and West Bengal on 18th July

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Bihar and West Bengal on 18th July. He will lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 7,200 crore at Motihari in Bihar at around 11:30 AM. He will also address a public function. Thereafter he will visit West Bengal and lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 5000 crore at Durgapur at around 3 PM. He will also address the gathering on the occasion.

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Former Purandar MLA Sanjay Jagtap quits Congress



In a significant political development in Pune district, former Purandar MLA and long-time Pune district Congress President Sanjay Jagtap has officially joined theBharatiya Janata Party (BJP).Jagtap hails from an influential political family in Purandar and had been a staunch supporter of Congress for years.

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Pro league a wakeup call for Indian team: Sreejesh



Former India Hockey great PR Sreejesh feels that India's poor show at the European leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25 is a wakeup call ahead of Asia Cup in August.India finished eighth on the FIH Pro League 2024-25 points table after suffering seven successive losses in the European leg of the tour. (See on page 7)

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav alleges bias in electoral ...



Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader, Tejashwi Yadav, today accused election authorities of systematically excluding voters from the marginalised communities, including the poor, backward classes, minorities, and especially Yadavs, during the ongoing revision of the electoral rolls ahead of the assembly elections.

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Young agri graduates can take India’s farming sector to new heights: Chouhan

Samastipur, July 17 (UNI) Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan today exhorted the young agriculture graduates to work hard, set high goals and use their power of knowledge to uplift Indian agriculture.

The Union Minister was speaking to the media after inaugurating the newly constructed Vikramshila Hostel and the Aryavart International Guest House, and releasing two important publications "Pusa Bihar: The Birthplace of Agricultural Research and Education" and "Textbook on Natural

Farming" during the 4th Convocation Ceremony of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University at Pusa, Samastipur.

Chauhan told news persons here that the young agriculture graduates were reservoirs of infinite power and had the potential to take India’s farming sector to new heights with the education they received from Pusa.

Praising Bihar’s rich cultural and historical heritage, he described Samastipur as the “Gateway to Mithilanchal”, the sacred land of King Janak and Goddess Sita, ideals for

Indian womanhood.

Highlighting the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the agriculture sector, Chouhan said that agricultural production registered 40% growth in the last 11 years, free food grains were provided to 80 crore people under food security programs and basmati rice exported worth over Rs 50,000 crore.

He also praised Bihar for significant growth in the production of maize, litchi, and makhana, and reiterated that Makhana Board has been established to further support farmers.

NCPRE’s pioneering work in high-efficiency, low-cost Silicon-Perovskite Tandem Solar Cells is a game-changer for India’s solar energy future: Union Minister Pralhad

(By PIB, Mumbai/ Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, July 17: Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Pralhad Joshi visited the National Centre for Photovoltaic Research and Education (NCPRE) in IIT Bombay and held an interactive meeting with its Investigators and Advisory Board Members. Shri Joshi visited the Perovskite Tandem solar cell lab, Silicon Fab laboratory and Medium voltage Laboratory at NCPRE and interacted with the scientists. IIT-Bombay-incubated startup - Advanced Renewable Tandem-Photovoltaics India (ART-PV India) has developed a 4-Terminal Silicon/CdTe-Perovskite tandem solar cell with a conversion efficiency of 29.8%. This is a national milestone and one of the highest performance levels ever achieved in India.

NCPRE was launched at IIT Bombay in 2010 with



funding from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) of the Government of India. The broad objectives of NCPRE are to provide R&D and education support for India’s ambitious 100 GW solar mission. Till date, MNRE has provided over Rs 200 crore funding to NCPRE, IIT Bombay, over the last 15 years.

MNRE is also supporting ART-PV India with \$10 million (~ Rs 83 crore) for establishing a

state-of-the-art pilot manufacturing facility in IIT-B campus, in line with the commitment to nurturing domestic Intellectual Property, and ensuring Indian innovation reaches global markets. MNRE will continue to provide policy and financial support to ensure India’s RE sector thrives on innovation and self-reliance, said Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi.

Speaking at a post-visit media interaction, Union

Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi stated, "Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is proud to support NCPRE’s pioneering work in high-efficiency, low-cost Silicon-Perovskite Tandem Solar Cells, a game-changer for India’s solar energy future." At a time when the world is seeking efficient, affordable, and scalable solar energy solutions, this innovation gives India a leadership edge, further stated Union MNRE Minister. This technology

has the potential to achieve more than 30% efficiency, far surpassing conventional solar panels, making India a global leader in next-gen photovoltaics and by investing in such innovations, we are driving down the cost of solar energy, making it more accessible for all Indians, he added. This is not just a lab-scale breakthrough, it is a blueprint for clean, scalable, and Aatma nirbhar energy production, stated Shri Joshi. In this context, Union Minister Shri Joshi also said, India is not just adopting renewable energy but defining its future—through research in perovskite solar cells, Inverter technology, PV-reliability, green hydrogen, and energy storage.

Shri Pralhad Joshi said, the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is committed to advancing cutting-edge renewable energy technologies under the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, ensuring India leads in clean energy innovation.

18442 candidates appeared for the NMU recruitment exam



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, July 17 : On the second day of the 'Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation Direct Service Recruitment – 2025' process, a total of 21000 candidates appeared for the exam at 28 centers in 12 districts and the entire process was conducted in an orderly manner.

The examination has been planned for 668 posts in 30 cadres in Group-C and Group-D at 28 centers in 12 districts. Under the guidance of Commissioner Dr. Kailash Shinde, senior officers of Class 1 category of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation have been appointed as Coordination Officers and 29 officers as Center Inspectors to monitor and control this examination process conducted through Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

9 am to 11 am. 6223 candidates took the exam in this first session.

1 to 3 pm. 6234 candidates took the exam in this second session.

5 to 7 pm. 5985 candidates took the exam in this third session.

Thus, 18442 candidates have appeared for the exam on the second day of the NMU

Direct Service recruitment process.

On the first day of the recruitment examination, 21115 candidates appeared for the examination and on the second day, 18442 candidates appeared for the online examination. The examination process on both the days was conducted in a well-organized manner and the next two days of the examination have also been planned in the same manner. The examination process was conducted smoothly and the next three days of the examination process have been planned in the same manner, said Deputy Commissioner of Administration Department, Shri. Sharad Pawar.

The admit cards for the examination have been sent online to the eligible candidates who have filled the online application form for the examination. They should download the admit card and be present at the examination venue at the time mentioned in the admit card. Every candidate should take note seriously that if they do not appear at the time mentioned in the admit card, they will not be able to appear for the examination as per the rules.

Cashless Payment System for Transport services launched in Manipur

Imphal, July 17 (UNI) Governor of Manipur, Ajay Kumar Bhalla today launched the Cashless Payment System for Transport Services and the implementation of electronic Driving Licenses (eDL) and electronic Registration Certificates (eRC) at Raj Bhavan, Imphal. This transformative initiative under the Transport Department aims to enhance transparency, efficiency, and ease of access for the citizens of Manipur. During the event, the governor lauded the initiatives of the Transport Department and emphasised the importance of leveraging technology to deliver good governance and citizen empowerment.

The Secretary of Transport stated that, out of the total services available in the national web portal of Parivahan Sewa, thirty-two services are made available in the state, and more services will be provided shortly. The event was also attended by Director – Transport, SIO, NIC team, RO SBI and other stakeholders.

With the adoption of digital payment modes, all fees and charges related to transport services can now be paid through Point of Sale (POS) terminals and other online payment systems w.e.f. 18th July 2025, ensuring a seamless, secure, and contactless experience. The POS machines will accept debit/credit cards, UPI, and other digital payment methods. eDL and eRC shall be introduced officially throughout the State with effect from 01.08.2025. The introduction of eDL and eRC will eliminate the need for physical documents, as citizens can now carry their driving licenses and vehicle registration certificates in electronic form via DigiLocker and mParivahan mobile applications.

EAM Jaishankar meets with South Korean President's team of Special Envoys to India

New Delhi, July 17 (UNI) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today met with South Korean President Lee Jae-Myung’s delegation of special envoys to India, led by former prime minister Kim Boo-kyum, during which the two sides discussed economic, technology, defence and maritime cooperation. In a post on X, the EAM wrote:

“Delighted to meet RoK President Lee Jae Myung’s delegation of Special Envoys to India led by former PM Kim Boo-kyum this morning in Delhi.” Discussed economic,

technology, defence and maritime cooperation. As well as expanding people-to-people exchanges. “India will engage the new administration actively and work towards further enhancing our Special Strategic Partnership.” The meeting builds upon last month’s meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South Korean President Lee Jae Myung, on the sidelines of the G-7 Summit in Canada, during which the two leaders committed to enhancing collaboration in areas like trade, investment, green energy, and ship building.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. VSKP-ELECTG-25-26-WC-17, Dated: 10.07.2025

NAME OF THE WORK: AUGMENTATION OF POWER SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT FOR PROVISION OF AIR-CONDITIONERS [DUCTABLE ACS] IN RELAY ROOMS OF EI STATIONS OVER WALTAIR DIVISION.

Tender Value : ₹ 4,08,42,807.36, Bid Security: ₹ 3,54,200/-, Completion Period: 240 days.

Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1330 Hrs. of 07.08.2025.

Date and Time of Opening of Tender : At 1600 Hrs. of 07.08.2025.

Complete details and Tender documents will be available at website www.ireps.gov.in

The tenderers are required to watch the website for any corrigendum's issued.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G), Waltair

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CENTRAL RAILWAY

PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS

TENDER NOTICE NO. 07/2025 DATED 14.07.2025

FOR PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS

For & on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, Central Railways, Mumbai Division, Mumbai CSMT-400001 invites electronic tenders for supply of the following item:

1. Tender No. 92255432B Description: Supply of Signal Group, 4 Aspect Siemens make (No. A-RT-RGA057) or functional equivalent without base plates. **QTY.:** 90 Nos. **EMD AMT:** Rs.101850.00 **Due Date:** 28.07.2025

2. Tender No. 92255708 Description: Main Air Compressor-VV120-T 2.0 for Vande Bharat Express as per KBIL Part No. 8.121.2.321.211.9. **QTY.:** 04 Nos. **EMD AMT:** Rs.120000.00 **Due Date:** 04.08.2025 **NOTE:** 1. Above tenders are uploaded on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm who desires to participate against above e-tenders, are advised to register themselves electronically on the above website. Manual offers against these e-tenders will not be accepted. 2. Bidders will have to make online payment of EMD through IREPS. 3. For details of these tenders and other governing conditions, please visit the web site www.ireps.gov.in. 4. For any queries, please write to Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, Central Railway, DRM Office, Mumbai CSMT-400001. E-mail: srdmm@bb.railnet.gov.in **Note:- "This tender complies with the tender public procurement policy order 2017/dated 15.06.2017".**

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मुख्य कार्यालय विरार

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जाहिर नोटीस

महाराष्ट्र मुंबई प्रांतिक महानगरपालिका अधिनियम १९४९ चे कलम ४६९ अन्वये जाहिर नोटीस खालील मालमत्तेच्या हस्तांतरण संबंधाने वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती (ई) कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे प्राप्त झालेल्या मालमत्ता धारकांच्या प्रकरणपरत्वे नोटीसीनुसार सदर हस्तांतरण संदर्भाने कोणत्याही हितसंबंधाने हरकत अगर आक्षेप असल्यास ही नोटीस प्रसिध्द झाल्यापासून ७ दिवसाच्या आत हितसंबंधाच्या व हरकतीच्या लेखी पुराव्यासह वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती (ई) कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे लेखी स्वरुपात हरकत नोंदवावी अन्यथा करवसुलीच्या सोयीसाठी सदर हस्तांतरण करून महानगरपालिका दप्तीर याबाबतची नोंद घेतली जाईल.

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१.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३७०/४६३	१३४२	डी जी एस डेव्ह.	शर्मा सुमन बलरामभाई
२.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/२६१/२८	१२९३	अजय राजेश श्रीवास्तव / राजेकुमार	मुरलीधर के. त्रिपाठी
३.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/२८६/१५	११२८	गोपीचंद नारायण कयातम	सुरेश गंगाराम बेडला व सपना सुरेश बेडल
४.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/२९९/२८	३५८९	जय एंटरप्राईज	कारमेलीन जेरॉम वाज
५.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३७०/३४९	३७६६	डी जी एस डेव्ह.	दिनेश रं. देवरुछकर
६.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३७५/२२	३९०६	संतोष गुप्ता	अजुंम आरा मोहम्मद सलीम
७.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३७०/३९६	३९१४	डी जी एस डेव्ह.	दिपक ब्रम्हदेव मिश्रा व ममता दिपक मिश्रा
८.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३७०/१७७	३९१८	डी जी एस डेव्ह.	मंजुदेवी अशोक गुप्ता
९.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/४०६/१०८	४१०८	पवनकुमार आर मौर्या	प्रताप प्रकाश सकपाळ
१०.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३१५/२२	४१६९	उत्तम दिपक खेडेकर	रीता शांताराम भालेराव
११.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/२८०/४६	३७६८	वैभव वसंत गायकर	रंजीत लखन तुरीया
१२.	निळेमोरे-६	NL२९/१११/१०	३८३५	राजकुमार आर यादव	अनारा राजकुमार यादव
१३.	निळेमोरे-६	NL२९/१३२/८८	३७५४	सुधीर कांतीलाल जोशी	पलक सुधीर जोशी व हिमानी सुधीर जोशी
१४.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/२९९/२५	३६०६	जय इंटरप्राईज	कारमेलीन जेराम वाज
१५.	निळेमोरे-६	NL२९/२३६/४८	३९४४	मंगलमूर्ती इस्टेट डेव्ह.	नितीन नारायण सोवण
१६.	निळेमोरे-६	NL२९/१२८/१३	३९००	प्रमोद श्रिभवन उपाध्याय	अविनाश हिंदूराव जाधव / सुनीता हिंदूराव जाधव
१७.	निळेमोरे-६	NL२९/५०/१८०	४१३३	गणेश शंकर दांडेकर	मिलींद कृष्णाजी नाडीरकर
१८.	निळेमोरे-६	NL२९/२००/३४	१३२५	भुपेंद्र सिंह सिसोदिया	अनिल सुदामा यादव/रागिनी यादव/ दिपक यादव
१९.	निळेमोरे-६	NL२९/१९६/१०७	१३२७	जेठाराम जे. चौधरी	रामकुवर केशव सिंह रुपेश सिंह पिकी सिंह
२०.	निळेमोरे-६	NL२९/२६६/२४१	१३२३	सत्यम रामलाल गुप्ता वर्षा गुप्ता	राजन रामसकल यादव

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वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका

NCP (SP) faction leaders from Jalgaon defect to BJP

Jalgaon, July 17 (UNI) BJP's Maharashtra unit consolidated its presence in Jalgaon district today wheb former Chalisgaon deputy mayor Bhagwan Patil, Zilla Parishad member Bhushan Patil and dozens of NCP (SP) workers formally joined the ruling party.The defection ceremony occurred at BJP's state headquarters in Mumbai under the supervision of state president Ravindra Chavan, cabinet minister Girish Mahajan, and legislator Mangesh Chavan.

Addressing the gathering, Chavan framed the move as validation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' leadership. "We honour this trust and will ensure it remains justified," he declared, positioning Jalgaon as an emerging BJP stronghold. The state president credited minister Mahajan and MLA Chavan for strengthening the party's foundations, predicting the district would become "politically impregnable." Chavan characterised the defection as a significant setback for the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition, citing existing turmoil within its Chalisgaon unit. He highlighted Mangesh Chavan's electoral record – securing the assembly constituency's highest-ever vote share – as evidence of BJP's developmental governance model.



Policemen investigate after an injured prisoner undergoing treatment was shot by unidentified assailants at Paras Hospital, in Patna on Thursday.

Issuance of certificate on movie on UP CM Yogi Adityanath within 2 days, CBFC informs HC

Mumbai, July 17 (UNI) : The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) today informed the Bombay High Court that it will decide within two working days on an application moved by the makers of the film, 'Ajey: The Untold Story of a Yogi', based on Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.The bench of

Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Neela Gokhale accepted the statement made by the CBFC and asked when the same would be communicated to the filmmakers, Samrat Cinematics India Private Limited.The bench accepted the statement and disposed of the petition. The makers stated that

the film is inspired by the book, The Monk Who Became Chief Minister, authored by Shantanu Gupta, which is based on the life and public leadership of a contemporary political figure, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The filmmakers claimed that the CBFC had

demanded a NOC (no-objection certificate) from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) of Uttar Pradesh. They said this was an "erroneous, extraneous, and baseless demand, despite there being no such requirement under the statute, that is, the Cinematograph Act or the rules framed thereunder."

Waqf Act petitioner being spied upon, files complaint

Mumbai July 17 (UNI) : Mumbai resident Muhammad Jameel Merchant, who was among the five petitioners to challenge the new Waqf Act, has filed a complaint alleging that he was being spied upon. Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 2025, popularly known as

the new Waqf Act of UMEED Act, was passed by Parliament in April. Days later, President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent to the Act. Merchant has filed a complaint with the Malvani police station, citing that he is being spied upon and assured top police officials that he will share the CCTV footage to support his claim. "Over the past few days, certain unknown individuals have

been keeping watch on me, my residence and my office. The activities of these unknown persons are more during the night hours when they closely monitor the entry and exit," he said. He claimed that the identified individuals are particularly active during night hours and closely monitoring entry and exit points of his building compound. In a detailed three-page letter addressed to the Senior Inspector of Police at Malvani police station, Merchant expressed serious apprehension for his life. "I have serious apprehension that my life is in danger and someone may be plotting to trap me in a false or fabricated case. These ongoing suspicious activities suggest a coordinated attempt to intimidate or harm me or my family members, either physically or through misuse of official authority," he said in the missive, According to him, the suspicious persons were keeping a track of him and his family members. "They gather information about me and my family and my movement...this leads to the apprehension of threat to life," he said. Jameel urged the police to carry out a proper investigation, take necessary legal action, and examine CCTV footage of the area.

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IndiGo Delhi-Goa flight diverted to Mumbai after mid-air engine snag, 191 passengers safe

Mumbai, July 17 (UNI) An IndiGo flight from New Delhi to Goa made an emergency landing at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) yesterday night after facing an engine issue mid-air, Mumbai airport officials said. An IndiGo Airbus A320neo operating flight 6E-6271 from New Delhi, safely landed at 9:53 pm IST. There were 191 people on board. The incident occurred approximately 100 nautical miles north of Bhubaneswar when the crew detected a technical fault in one engine. CSMIA activated full emergency protocols at 21:35 hours as the diverted flight approached Mumbai. Airport authorities confirmed the emergency status was lifted just five minutes post-landing at 21:57 hours. "All passengers were safely deboarded and were assisted by terminal staff," stated a CSMIA spokesperson, confirming no disruption to overall airport operations. IndiGo acknowledged a "technical snag" necessitated the diversion but did not specify the fault's nature. An alternative aircraft was arranged to transport passengers to Goa after the original jet underwent mandatory safety checks. The airline confirmed maintenance procedures would be completed before the A320neo returns to service.

No hoardings, ads, or celebrations on CM Fadnavis' birthday: BJP appeals for donations to CM relief fund

Mumbai, July 17 (UNI) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis will celebrate his birthday on July 22. In a notable move, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has urged its leaders and party workers not to put up hoardings, banners, or release advertisements in newspapers or on television to mark the occasion. BJP office secretary Mukund Kulkarni issued a statement today conveying this directive and emphasised that any violation—such as displaying hoardings or publishing ads—will be treated as a serious disciplinary matter by the party.Instead of celebrations, the party has encouraged all well-wishers and supporters to contribute generously to the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund as a meaningful way to honor the occasion.

Vikram Shinde honoured with Annabhau Sathe Sahitya Bhushan Award

Pune, July 17 (UNI) Renowned young Marathi writer Vikram Shinde from Velu village in Koregaon Taluka has been conferred the prestigious Annabhau Sathe Sahitya Bhushan Award for his remarkable contribution to the field of literature. The award ceremony was held at the Yashwantrao Chavan Auditorium in Karad, organised by the Akhil Bharatiya Swabhimani Sangharsh Sena and the Piraji Thoravade Social Foundation. The event recognised eminent personalities from across Maharashtra for their significant work in literature, arts, education and culture.The award was presented to

Vikram Shinde by senior academician and National Science Promoter Awardee Dr. Sanjay Pujari, author Satyawan Mandlik, internationally acclaimed cartoonist Ashok Sutar, and Sena President Piraji Thoravade. Shinde was a c k n o w l e d g e d especially for his impactful literary work at a very young age.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender No. eT-CMS-WAT-Dialysis-02-25
NAME OF WORK : CONTRACT FOR ESTABLISHMENT & MANAGEMENT OF HEMODIALYSIS UNIT AT DIVISIONAL RAILWAY HOSPITAL, WALTAIR (VISAKHAPATNAM) FOR A PERIOD OF 03 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.
Advertised Value : ₹ 1,39,76,280/-, EMD: ₹ 2,19,900/-, Tender Document Cost : ₹ 5,900/-, Period of Completion: 36 Months
Bidding Start Date : 22.07.2025
Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1100 Hrs. of 05.08.2025.
Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Complete information including e-Tender documents and corrigendum is available in website www.irops.gov.in
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Sl.	Item of Work	Approx. Value
1	Execution of site clearance work by carrying out jungle cleaning, earth work, dismantling of structures, liaisoning with GoK authorities in preparation of RTC and mutation copies, taking possession of land and other miscellaneous works between Jamakhandi - Kudachi stations from KM 85000 to 142200. (Tender Ref. No. : BGK-KUD-46-R)	Rs. 6,26,20,300/-
2	Hubballi Division- Hubballi- Ballari Section- Construction of subway at Km. 117/000-100 in lieu of LC No.66 at Km 117/600-700 between Koppal and Gingera stations (Balance works) (Tender Ref. No. : KBL-LC-66-BAL-R2)	Rs. 3,84,14,056/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 05-08-2025**

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Cost of E-Tender (Estimated Cost)	Rs 810300/-
Cost of legal & Stationary Charges	Rs.1000/- + (18% G.S.T.) i.e. Rs.1180/-
Tender Fee	Rs.1452/- + (18% G.S.T.) i.e. Rs.1714/-
Bid Security Deposit / EMD	Rs.16500/-
BID Start date & time	Dt. 17-07-2025 at 10.00 a.m.
BID End date & time	Dt. 25-07-2025 at 01.00 p.m.
Packet A & B Opening date & time	Dt. 29-07-2025 at 03.00 p.m.
Packet C Opening date & time	Dt. 31-07-2025 at 03.00 p.m.
Last date & time for Tender Fee	Dt. 25-07-2025 at 01.00 p.m.
Bid No.	2025_MCGM_1201019_1
Website	http://mahatenders.gov.in

Medical Officer, B. G. Kher Maternity Home, Kherwadi, Bandra East, Mumbai - 400 051 reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender to be received without assigning any reason there of as per order of Municipal Commissioner, Brihanmumbai Mahanagarpalik.

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Keep the terraces clean, remove odd articles/junk/scrap.

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Medical Officer (i/c),
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Former Purandar MLA Sanjay Jagtap quits Congress

Pune, July 17 (UNI) In a significant political development in Pune district, former Purandar MLA and long-time Pune district Congress President Sanjay Jagtap has officially joined theBharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Jagtap hails from an influential political family in Purandar and had been a staunch supporter of Congress for years. In 2016, he was appointed president of the Pune District Congress Committee. Just two days before formally joining the BJP, he resigned from both his position and primary membership of the Congress party. Despite his family's longstanding association with the Congress, Jagtap stated that changing political circumstances compelled him to switch to BJP.

STANDARD POST

India’s strategy in current geopolitics

The international scene in India’s view today is marked by a tentativeness injected by US President Donald Trump in2 the United State’s approach to India and Pakistan, increased influence of China on India’s neighbours, need for India to continue with Russian supplies in the spheres of defence and energy, challenge for India to keep up its active profile in both BRICS and QUAD, revelation of Chinese military support to Pakistan in the military confrontation between India and Pakistan that followed the Pak - directed terrorist attack at Pahalgam, the ongoing crisis in the Middle East and the prospect of India rising to become one of the top economies of the world.

The current geopolitics is barely keeping the world from getting pushed towards a new Cold War- this is primarily because a certain bonhomie still existed between President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin. International developments are keeping the world scene somewhat in a flux and India’s national strategy has to have the necessary flexibility to cope up with the same.

The strategic paradigms for India are not difficult to define. Adjusting with President Trump’s somewhat erratic style of governance through Executive Directives, in pursuance of his maxim of ‘Make America Great Again’ (MAGA) and the call of ‘America First’ practised in domestic, foreign policy and trade&tariff spheres, has become important. Prime Minister Modi on his visit to the White House in February this year made it clear that India had an approach of understanding towards MAGA or America First and added that India would also like to call for ‘Make India Great Again’.

India did not react to a group of illegal immigrants of India being sent back to this country in handcuffs in a military plane, in the follow-up on ‘Immigration Emergency’ declared by Trump and took the sensible line that India would cooperate with US in dismantling ‘the eco-system that had been created to encourage illegal migration to that country’. On balance of trade and tariffs India rightly favoured negotiations -befitting the status of a country that had offered its huge market to the world. Hints of India resisting any stark arbitrariness of the US in matters of trade,however, need to be clearly sent out.

Another point of strategic challenge for India is the Sino-Pak alliance basically operative against India whose military dimension became evident when India retaliated against Pahalgam terror attack by taking out nine terrorist bases in POK and Pakistan.

This precipitated a full -fledged military confrontation between India and Pakistan in which Pakistan used military hardware and ‘live inputs’ supplied by China besides the drones that were received from Türkiye. This went on till a ceasefire plea from Pak DGMO was accepted by India. The Dy Chief of Indian army recently confirmed that India was having to combat ‘three enemies’ and wanted India to draw lessons from this. It may be mentioned here that the growing proximity of Bangladesh to China and Pakistan also has strategic implications for India.

A related matter is the threat of Islamic terrorism emanating from the Pak-Afghan belt where Pakistan enjoyed a certain ‘strategic depth’ against India. It is significant that Pakistan arranged a ‘give &take’ adjustment between the Taliban Emirate of Kabul and China by which the latter would extend its Belt&Road Initiative(BRI) to Afghanistan- this was like an economic investment- and Taliban on its part, would not rake up the issue of treatment of Muslim minorities in China, particularly in Uzbekistan next door. India needed to educate US on how Pakistan continued to foster Islamic terrorists on its soil while trying to gain American sympathy on the issue of attacks by the radicals of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). TTP had its own reasons for targeting Pak army establishments besides the Shiites.

Radical Islamic forces are anti-US as they carried the historical memory of the anti-West Wahhabi revolt of the 19th century and are hostile to the Pak army for the friendship its Generals enjoyed with Pentagon. Shiites are of course the traditional ‘enemies’ of Sunni extremists. TTP has become more active after Pakistan was found to have ‘tamed’ the Kabul Emirate.

In regard to the tension between US and China, there was no doubt that China was striving to become the second superpower by building not only its military and technological power but also its economic strength which it was consolidating at a fast pace. China-Russia axis remains inviolable and it is China that leads the combine against the US. India’s strategy should be to maintain friendship with Russia without prejudice to its relationship with US and not let any American reservations against import of oil and military equipment from Russia, come in the way of its traditional bonds with the latter. India is a major world power having a say on the global issues of ‘war’ and peace and it has the capacity to handle international developments keeping its national interests on top.

Finally, of all the regions of the world where India had strategic stakes, Middle East is perhaps the most important. India has maintained friendship with all the major players of the region-Israel, Iran and Saudi Arabia-with their different international alignments but the military confrontation between Iran and Israel has threatened to create a global conflict after US in support of Israel, attacked the nuclear sites of Iran with bunker-buster bombs and China and Russia rallied behind Iran.

Robotic Surgery: Precision That Heals Faster

(Standard Post Bureau)

Modern medical procedures have made significant advancements, and robotic surgery is at the forefront. Once reserved for complex specialities, robotic assistance is now revolutionising routine surgical care. It combines cutting-edge precision with patient-centred care, providing benefits that extend far beyond the operating room.

How Robotic Surgery Works

Robotic surgery uses a set of robotic arms equipped with high-definition cameras and ultra-fine instruments. Surgeons operate these robotic arms from a nearby console, where their hand movements are converted into precise, smaller actions within the

patient's body.

Despite the term "robotic," these procedures are guided entirely by the surgeon. The robotic system enhances their capabilities, allowing for minimally invasive techniques and unmatched accuracy.

Why Precision Makes All the Difference

Whether it's removing a gallbladder, repairing a hernia, or managing appendicitis, robotic systems offer better visibility and greater control. Precision surgery technology helps minimise damage to surrounding tissues, reduces the risk of complications and improves long-term outcomes.

Benefits of Robotic Surgery



Dr Vishwas Sharma, Senior Director, General, Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgery, Max Hospital, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.

Here's how robotic surgery improves both the process and the recovery experience: Smaller Incisions: Less tissue disruption, which

means quicker healing

Lower Risk of Infection: Minimal exposure reduces complications

Shorter Hospital Stay:

Many patients go home the same day

Quicker Recovery: Return to work or daily life sooner

Minimal Scarring:

Cosmetic concerns are significantly reduced

Is Robotic Surgery an Option for You?

Many common procedures like gallbladder removal, all types of hernias (groin, umbilical, incisional), complex surgeries like hiatus hernia, rectal prolapse, splenectomy and other abdominal surgeries can be done with robotic systems with greater precision and minimal blood loss,

leading to early recovery and shorter hospital stay. It is especially beneficial for patients who have high BMI and other comorbidities.

However, the final decision should be made by the treating physician based on a comprehensive evaluation of the patient's condition.

Conclusion Robotic surgery isn't just about high-tech equipment, it's about better healing, smarter procedures, and compassionate care. It enables skilled surgeons to operate with increased control, making recovery easier for you.

If you have been advised for a procedure or surgery, consult your doctor whether robotic assistance is suitable for you or not.

PM to visit Bihar and West Bengal on 18th July

PM to lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 7,200 crore at Bihar.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Bihar and West Bengal on 18th July. He will lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 7,200 crore at Motihari in Bihar at around 11:30 AM. He will also address a public function.

Thereafter he will visit West Bengal and lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 5000 crore at Durgapur at around 3 PM. He will also address the gathering on the occasion.

PM in Bihar

Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation development projects catering to Rail, Road, Rural Development, Fisheries, Electronics and Information Technology sectors. In line with his commitment to boost connectivity and infrastructure, Prime Minister will dedicate to the nation multiple rail projects. It includes automatic signalling between Samastipur-Bachhwara rail line that will enable efficient train operations in this section. Doubling of Darbhanga-Thalwara and Samastipur-Rambhadrapur rail line part of Darbhanga-Samastipur doubling project worth over Rs 580 crore that will enhance the capacity of train operations and reduce delays.

Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stone for multiple rail projects. Rail projects include development of infrastructure for maintenance of Vande Bharat trains at Patliputra. Automatic signalling on Bhatni-Chhapra Gramin rail line (114 km) to enable streamlined train operations. Upgradation of traction system in Bhatni-Chhapra Gramin section to enable higher train speeds by strengthening the traction system

infrastructure and optimising energy efficiency. Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj rail line doubling project worth around Rs 4,080 crore to increase sectional capacity, enable operation of more passenger and freight trains, strengthen connectivity between North Bihar and the rest of the country.

In a major boost to road infrastructure in the region, Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for 4-laning of Ara bypass of NH-319 that connects Ara-Mohania NH-319 and Patna-Buxar NH-922 providing seamless connectivity and reducing travel time.

Prime Minister will also inaugurate the 4-lane Parariya to Mohania section of NH-319, worth over Rs 820 crore, part of NH-319 which connects Ara Town to NH-02 (Golden Quadrilateral) that will improve freight and passenger movement. Among others, a 2-lane with paved shoulder from Sarwan to Chakai of NH-333C which will facilitate the movement of goods and people and act as a key link between Bihar and Jharkhand. Prime Minister will inaugurate New Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) facility at Darbhanga and State of the art Incubation Facility of STPI at Patna for promoting IT/ITES/ESDM Industry and Startups. These facilities will help in boosting IT software and service exports. It will also nurture the tech startup ecosystem for budding entrepreneurs, encourage innovation, IPR and product development.

In a major step towards strengthening the fisheries and aquaculture sector in Bihar, Prime Minister will inaugurate a series of fisheries development projects sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Matsy Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). This will mark the launch of modern fisheries infrastructure including new fish hatcheries, biofloc units,

ornamental fish farming, integrated aquaculture units, and fish feed mills across various districts in Bihar. Aquaculture projects will help in generating employment opportunities, enhance fish production, promote entrepreneurship, and accelerate socio-economic development in rural areas of Bihar.

In line with his vision of a future-ready railway network, Prime Minister will flag off four new Amrit Bharat trains between Rajendra Nagar Terminal (Patna) to New Delhi, Bapudham Motihari to Delhi (Anand Vihar Terminal), Darbhanga to Lucknow (Gomti Nagar) and Malda Town to Lucknow (Gomti Nagar) via Bhagalpur improving connectivity in the region.

Prime Minister will also release Rs 400 crore to around 61,500 Self-Help Groups in Bihar under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). With a special focus on women-led development, over 10 crore women have been connected to Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Prime Minister will also hand over keys to some beneficiaries as a part of Griha Pravesh of 12,000 beneficiaries and release over Rs 160 crore to 40,000 beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin.

PM in West Bengal

Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects catering to Oil and Gas, Power, Road and Rail sectors.

In a major boost to Oil and Gas infrastructure in the region, Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd (BPCL) City Gas Distribution (CGD) project in Bankura and Purulia district of West Bengal worth around Rs 1,950 crore. It will provide PNG connections to households, commercial establishments and industrial customers, and provide CNG at the retail

outlets and also create employment opportunities in the region.

Prime Minister will also dedicate to the nation Durgapur to Kolkata section (132 Km) of Durgapur-Haldia Natural Gas Pipeline, which has been laid as a part of ambitious Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline also known as Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga (PMUG) Project. The Durgapur to Kolkata section worth over Rs 1,190 crore is passing through the districts of Purba Bardhaman, Hooghly and Nadia in West Bengal. The pipeline provided direct and indirect employment during its implementation phase and will now facilitate supply of natural gas to lakhs of households in the region.

In line with his commitment to clean air and health security for all, Prime Minister will also dedicate to the nation Retrofitting Pollution Control System-Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) of Durgapur Steel Thermal Power Station and Raghunathpur Thermal Power Station of Damodar Valley Corporation, worth over Rs 1,457 crore. It will benefit the region by supporting cleaner energy production and creating employment opportunities in the region.

Boosting rail infrastructure in the region, Prime Minister will also dedicate to the nation the doubling of Purulia – Kotshila Rail Line (36 KM) in Purulia worth over Rs 390 crore. It will improve rail connectivity between industries from Jamshedpur, Bokaro and Dhanbad with Ranchi and Kolkata and efficient movement of goods trains, reducing travel time and improving logistics for industries and businesses.

Prime Minister will inaugurate two road over bridges (ROBs) constructed under Setu Bharatam Programme, worth over Rs 380 crore, at Topsy and Pandabeshwar in Paschim Bardhaman.

Cong calls for foreign policy recalibration, slams India’s abstention on Gaza ceasefire resolution

New Delhi, July 17 (UNI) The Congress today accused the Centre's Narendra Modi government of causing a "serious drift" in India's foreign policy and called for a "comprehensive course correction" to restore the country's global stature and moral standing.

The party also strongly criticised the government's recent decision to abstain from voting on the United Nations resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, calling it "painful and unacceptable." Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters, senior Congress leader Anand Sharma expressed deep concern over what he described as a "fundamental departure" from India's traditional foreign policy, which, he said, has adversely impacted the nation's standing in the international community.

"It is a matter of serious concern that there is a drift in India's foreign policy and a visible decline in India's influence in the world," Sharma said, adding that India's foreign policy has historically been rooted in national interest, moral leadership, and broad-based national consensus. Sharma lamented that this consensus has weakened in recent years, if not completely broken down.

"The government has arbitrarily chosen to depart from India's traditional position without taking Parliament into confidence. While the government has the mandate to take decisions, when it comes to foreign policy, it must involve all stakeholders," Sharma said. Reiterating the need for a collective national approach, he said, "It is

time for recalibration, honest introspection, and course correction in our foreign policy."

He also underlined the importance of reviving "India's neighbourhood policy", which he claimed has deteriorated, resulting in the loss of India's once pre-eminent status in South Asia.

"No one today refers to India as the pre-eminent power in South Asia as they once did. That must change," he asserted. "Despite the challenges and complexities, we must rethink our strategy to regain strength and respect in our own region." On India's abstention from the UN resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, Sharma expressed deep disappointment. "It is painful that the land of Mahatma Gandhi did not vote for peace. Even countries with strong ties to Israel and the United States voted in favour of the resolution. We had a moral voice and a sense of humanity, but both have declined," the former Union Minister said.

Calling for a national debate on India's strategic and foreign policy choices, Sharma said, "Time has come for India's strategic engagements and foreign policy to be debated and discussed. No country in a democracy avoids debate or discussion on its foreign policy".

Observing that multilateralism was under siege as the United Nations was getting weakened with its decisions not getting implemented and frequently violated, he said, India needs to think where it stands when the rule-based multilateral order of governance has started to collapse.

Relationships



Being a leader is a lot more than just having the position where you can give orders and be at the top of the team build up. Being a good leader also means that people are willing to take orders and they see you as their leader. A good leader is simply who people like to follow. And these are simple tips you can practice to be a good leader.



make confident choices and have the power to decide quickly and properly, and if you are confident of your ability of decision making, then you will surely hit the bull's eye.

Take responsibility

Always take responsibility of things that go by in the team. If you have the position of a leader in the team, and if a team member commits a mistake, you should step up and take responsibility of their actions. This is what good leaders are made of.

Talk less, listen more

Leading a team doesn't always mean giving orders and only saying what you think. It is also about listening to what others have to say. And if you are a good listeners, you can be a good leader. Also take care that you do what you preach.

Follow these tips to be an Inspiring Leader



Take part

Be a part of the team you are leading. Being a leader or the boss doesn't mean that you distance yourself from your group. In fact,

if you mingle well with the people they will be more supportive of you and help you lead better.

Be confident

Being confident in decision making is one of the most important part of being a good leader. People look up to people who can

6 ways to deal with sibling rivalry

Are you irritated every time your kids fight over who will eat the last bite of ice-cream or quibble over who will play with the new video-game you bought for them?

Sibling rivalry is an inevitable parenting evil. Moreover, its degree can determine positive or negative effects on your kids in the long run. Here are ways you can foster a healthy bond between your kids.

1. Start early: Introduce your older child to the younger one when the latter is in the womb itself. This will prepare him/her for the new addition in the family as well as build a friendly bond between the two. Let your kid pat your bulge and talk to the child.

2. Set boundaries: Make sure that your kids know what behaviour is acceptable and what is not, especially when they are quarrelling. Sit them down and lay down the limits where calling each other names, physical violence as well as stealing each other's belongings is definitely not acceptable.

3. Avoid comparisons: Picture this — Your five-year-old son is having a meal and drops some food on his shirt. You scold him, 'Even your baby sister doesn't do something like this.'

especially if the older kid feels ignored when he/she sees you pampering the younger one. Make the older kid feel important and ensure that you pay equal attention to both of them and love them equally.

5. Separate them: Are there times when your kids want to watch the television at the same time or are quarrelling for a bicycle ride? If you can't find a way to solve the situation, ask them to go to their respective rooms. Allot particular time periods for each during which they can use common things. From an early age, encourage your kids to share their things with each other.



But, joining them in their endeavours will get you more 'us' time and make your relationship strong. Here are some fun things you can do with your tots...

Get adventurous

Rock climbing, bungee jumping, trekking, biking, rafting these are some of the options you can pursue with your kid if the two of you are adventure junkies. Parthiv Painter, who has been attending freehand climbing sessions with his 14 year-old son and 12-year-old daughter, says, "I have been spending three hours with my kids every weekend, attending these classes. My son is quite gung-ho about adventure sports, and my daughter is also loving it. Now that we've had our training, we are planning to go for a rock climbing and water rafting trip. These trips, in a way, help prepare kids to face challenges. Also, it's fun screaming and shouting together when you are hanging 15ft above the ground, secured only with a rope."

Get creative with them

If your kid likes to paint or make things at home, then join him/her. You two can spend the evenings painting or making those DIY bracelets. You two can even start making cute

birthday or anniversary cards by writing your own verses and decorating them according to your tastes. Nikita Nijam, mother of two, says, "Every day , my two daughters and I sit together and make interesting card games. We come up with our own puzzles as well. The topic depends on their choice -we cut pieces of cardboard into different shapes and paint one side with their favourite toon characters. This keeps our afternoons occupied." You can also arrange a small party at home and invite your kid's friends over for a role play , and get them to work on costumes and props as well.

Spring cleaning in summer
Want to bond with your tot inside the comfort of your home? Then, spring cleaning is a good option. This will not only be a fun activity for the two of you, but also declutters your home. Start with one room and pull out all the junk that's occupying precious space in your place. General physician Raghuraman adds, "Of course, make sure you don't expose your kid to

Enrolling your kids in summer classes and keeping them occupied with storybooks during the vacation will help them spend their time wisely.

too much dust. You can also realign your books or give your kid's room a makeover."

Make health a family affair

Working out alone can get quite boring. But, getting your kids to join you can make the whole exercise quite fun. Rohit Dinker, a marketing professional, says, "Every morning, my wife and my 13-year-old son got to the park near our home and jog for half an hour. We then do some stretching and my wife teaches us basic yoga. This is the only time I get to spend with my son because I'm mostly out at office throughout the day ."

Child counsellor Ramola Vishwas says, "Kids must be taught from a young age how important a healthy lifestyle is. They need not go to the gym when they are that young; playing and running are some of the activities that will help them warm up to the idea of workouts. So, when your kids have time this vacation, play with them. It can be something as simple as hide and seek and a game of catch or some outdoor sports like basketball!"

Explore places

If your kids love history , then exploring nearby museums and heritage structures are an option. You can even plan a weekend trip with the family to places of historic importance. Anusha Sidhwani, a preschool teacher, says, "This vacation, my 6year-old son and I've been checking out all the parks in our city .The idea is to spend as much time together as we can and find out little known facts and places about our city."

Get pet-friendly

Looking for a novel way to spend the vacation usefully? Try building shelters for stray birds and animals. Animal activist Rithangshu Bhatt says, "My daughter, who is in Class 5, has been wanting to do her bit for animals. So, my wife and I decided to make use of this vacation to help her realise her dream. She's got together her friends as well and we've been working on building shelters for animals and baths for birds. We've also been feeding the strays together. It has been a fun and a humane exercise in kindness."



Comparisons like these do more harm than good. Your older child may develop negative feelings towards his/her sibling.

4. Give equal attention: Rivalry often stems from jealousy,

However, if you feel that things are going out of hand or you just can't ignore their misbehaviour, you could meddle in their affairs. However, at that time, be a neutral parent and avoid passing any judgments on either of the kids.

6 Reconsi der when to intervene: When your children are fighting, it isn't necessary that you interfere on every account.



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Owen Coyle leaves Chennaiyin FC

Chennai, July 17 (UNI) : Indian Super League (ISL) side Chennaiyin FC on Thursday announced that they have mutually parted ways with head coach Owen Coyle.

Coyle leaves the club after a two-season tenure, having joined the club in 2023. Owen Coyle first took charge of Chennaiyin FC in the 2019-20 season, when he orchestrated a remarkable turnaround by lifting the club from the bottom half of the table to a dramatic run into the ISL final. Upon his return in 2023, Coyle once again made an immediate impact, guiding the team to the playoffs for the first time in four years. They finished sixth in the league but lost to FC Goa in the playoffs. However, the 2024-25 season proved to be a setback for Chennaiyin FC, who finished 11th in the standings. While they matched their points tally of 27 from the previous season and marginally improved their goal count by scoring 34 goals, having scored 26 the season before, it wasn't enough to revive their fortunes. Beyond results, Coyle's influence was also felt in the development of young talent. He played a key role in grooming players who would go on to represent the national team, most notably Irfan Yadwad.



Young men take part in a physical examination for recruitment in the Indian armed forces under the Agniveer scheme, in Bhopal on Thursday.

Dr Mandaviya conducts ‘Khelo Bharat Conclave’, outlines India’s medal strategy for 2036 Olympics

New Delhi, July 17 (UNI) : The Union minister for youth affairs and sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya today outlined India's strategy towards finishing among the top 10 nations in the 2036 Summer Olympics and Paralympics.

Dr Mandaviya today conducted the ‘Khelo Bharat Conclave’, where representatives of the National Sports Federations, Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), Indian Olympic Association (IOA), institutions, top corporate houses and the who's who of Indian sports administration took part in a day-long brainstorming

session aimed at making India a global power by 2047. The interactive Conclave covered several key pillars enshrined in the Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 (sports policy). Critical discussions were held on the importance of good governance and the upcoming Bill that will be tabled in the Monsoon session of Parliament starting July 21.

Dr Mandaviya emphasised that sports is a public movement where all stake holders have to do their fair share “Sports is a public movement. We can set goals and achieve them only if we all work together. Our Prime Minister Modi

always believes in a united force when it comes to sport and we have to shed our egos, focus on comprehensive planning and convert plans into a substantial output.”

Dr Mandaviya has put the onus on the National Sports Federations to take the lead and start the process of good governance on a war footing. “We need to assess at once where we are and where do we want to go. To begin with, I urge the NSFs to provide me a five-year policy by August and then we can develop a 10-year plan. With the Asian Games in 2026, we need a holistic approach

because we not only want to win medals at the Olympics but make sports a commercial property where we can invite the world to come and play in India and boost sports tourism in Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.”

While the need for good governance was emphasised, there were hectic discussions on producing quality coaches, groom quality sports administrators, develop sports goods business and control the menace of doping. The sports ministry's “nation-first” approach has sought a serious level of commitment from the

national sports federations and urged sports bodies to spell out “three good governance initiatives” by August 29, the National Sports Day.

“The success of implementing the Khelo Bharat Niti depends on how well we execute the initiatives. We are happy to provide all support to National Sports Federations but going forward, we will look at performance-based grants. This will ensure that we are focused and serious with our planning and how we run the game,” said Dr Mandaviya. The ministry urged NSFs for proper calendar of events so that

athletes do not suffer logistical issues.

Towards a Viksit Bharat, the sports ministry is focusing on a three-layered structure integrated talent development pyramid starting with schools and converging at the proposed Olympic Training Centres. The government has already outlined a five-year plan (2026-27 to 2030-31) starting with residential sports school involving more than 16500 school goers who will have the opportunity to reach the intermediate level (6500-plus) and then graduate to the elite division that will cater to more than 1300 potential international medal winners.

Olympian Kolosov to lead Germany's bid for rhythmic gymnastics medals at Rhine-Ruhr Universiade

Essen (Germany), July 17 (UNI) Rhythmic gymnast Margarita Kolosov, who came close to claiming a medal at last summer's Olympics in Paris, will lead the host nation's bid for the podium at a FISU World University Games.

Kolosov, the world championship silver medalist, is one of two student-athletes in her sport representing Germany at the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Games.

Just 1.05 points separated Kolosov from claiming the bronze medal in the individual all-around in Paris, and the 21-year-old is looking forward to competing from July 17-19.

“After my fourth place at the Olympic Games, this is the next big highlight in my career,” Kolosov said prior to her debut at the Universiade.

“It's a great honor for me, especially in my role as ambassador for German university sport,” she added.

Kolosov will be joined by her sole rhythmic gymnastics teammate, Anastasia Simakova, a former two-time junior world champion.

Simakova is trained by Yulia Raskina - the same coach who led Germany's Darya Varfolomeev to all-around Olympic gold last year in Paris. Before that, at the age of 16, Varfolomeev won all five individual events at the 2023 world

championships in Valencia. “My goal is to deliver a strong performance and compete against the best female athletes in the world,” the 20-year-old Simakova said.

“I'm looking forward to experiencing the atmosphere of a home event. With the support of family, friends and fans, it will certainly be a special experience.”

The Rhine-Ruhr 2025 rhythmic gymnastics competition features a change of rules. In the three-point RSG judging system - defined by difficulty, artistry and execution - the difficulties have been reduced and the risk elements simplified.

The change is expected to shift the judges' focus to the artistry of each performance.

Jabeur to step back from tennis for own wellbeing

St Petersburg, July 17 (UNI) : Ons Jabeur is taking a “step back” from tennis for her own wellbeing.

The WTA announced today that the Tunisian had withdrawn from the forthcoming Montreal Open and added the 30-year-old was “the only player in the top 99 who has not entered next month's US Open”.

“For the past two years I've been pushing myself so hard, fighting through injuries and facing many other challenges,” wrote Jabeur in a social media post. “But, deep down, I haven't felt happy on court for some time now.” Tennis is such a beautiful sport. But right now I feel it's time to take a step back and finally put myself first: to breathe, to heal, and to rediscover the joy of simply living.”

Jabeur has been as high as number two in the rankings but has now dropped to 71st.

Registrations start for 20th Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon

New Delhi, July 17 (UNI) : Registration process for the landmark 20th edition of the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon has started from today onwards.

This year's Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon will take place on October 12, 2025 and it will be flagged off from the iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

Since 2005, the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon (DHM) has broken barriers and transformed India from a spectator nation into a participative one. DHM has sparked a running revolution across North India, fuelling the rise of clubs, events, and a growing fitness culture. It provides platform for more than 800 Indian athletes, many of whom have competed internationally to win accolades globally.

Former India Hockey great PR Sreejesh was present at the launch function, he expressed happiness that number of participants at the event is

rising every year

“Every year more people are joining and running (in the Delhi Half Marathon), it is becoming more popular, it's exciting, people should challenge themselves, get into the rhythm. Grassroots development begins at home- when parents encourage kids to run, to play, to dream.

I broke my first barrier when I chose hockey in a football-loving state like Kerala. Every step since has been about challenging myself, not the world. That's the same spirit I see in the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon.”

Minister of Law & Justice, Tourism Development, Govt of NCT Delhi Kapil Mishra promised the continued support of the state government for the event “I want to announce that the Government of Delhi and Delhi Tourism will support the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon. We will be part

of the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon this year and in the coming years. The Prime Minister's vision for Delhi includes event economy, sports, and fitness, and under Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's leadership, we are ready to implement it.”

Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd., Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd. Priya Agarwal Hebbur said, “The Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon is a testament to the power of community and purpose. Over the last three editions, every step taken has helped nourish a child or feed an animal. I'm proud to share that we've enabled over 17 million meals through ‘RunForZeroHunger’ and this year, we're pushing this milestone even further. As Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon turns 20 this year, we reaffirm our commitment to the cause of nourishing India through collective actions such as running for a cause. Together, let's build a New India”.

Italy into semis with dramatic win over Norway in UEFA Women's Euro

Geneva, July 17 (UNI) : Italy captain Cristiana Girelli scored a dramatic 90th-minute winner as they beat Norway to set up a potential Euro 2025 semi-final against reigning champions England.

After a dominant first-half performance, Girelli opened the scoring in the 50th minute before Norway captain Ada Hegerberg recovered from missing a penalty to level the match.

However, with the game heading towards extra time,

Girelli headed home Sofia Cantore's cross to send her side through to the last four for the first time since 1997, where they will face Sweden or England, who play their quarter-final on Thursday (20:00 BST), according to a BBC news.

“It's a dream that becomes a reality,” Girelli said after the game on Wednesday. “It's amazing.

“I felt something different, something special. I have seen in the eyes of my team-mates a

special light. “I just believe to fight until the end and to believe until the end until the referee's whistle. If you have a flame you have to continue to live. We suffered a lot but we fought until the end.”

Italy were the better side throughout the opening 45 minutes and were left to rue missed opportunities at the break, with Arianna Caruso, Girelli, Emma Severini and Lucia di Guglielmo all going close. Girelli broke the deadlock shortly after half-

time, touching in Cantore's cross with her left foot from close range, and Italy thought they had doubled their lead a few minutes later when Severini scrambled the ball over the line. However, it was ruled out for offside against Caruso.

Norway were handed a golden opportunity to level in the 60th minute when Hegerberg was awarded a penalty after being hauled to the floor by Elena Linari, but for the second time in this

tournament she sent her spot-kick wide.

However, she made amends six minutes later, coolly slotting the ball past onrushing goalkeeper Laura Giuliani.

Momentum swung in Norway's favour following the equaliser, with the best chance for a winner falling to Ingrid Engen, whose curled effort from the edge of the box went just wide, before Girelli popped up in the box late on to spark Italian celebrations.

First gold atRhine-Ruhr Universiade completes Danish girl's dream

Essen (Germany), July 17 (UNI) : With a Danish flag wrapped around her shoulders, taekwondo athlete Eva Eun-Kyung Sandersen raced around the venue today after claiming the first gold of the Rhine-Ruhr World University Games in the women's individual poomsae with a score of 8.732.

A nine-time World Poomsae medalist and 11-time European champion, Sandersen dominated the final with refined technique and precise coordination, finishing ahead of South Korea's Jung Ha Eun.

Kaitlyn Marie Reclusado of the United States and China's Pan Meijing shared bronze.

“I feel so relieved,” said Sandersen, pausing to catch her breath in a post-match interview. “I'm really happy and proud of my trainer and everything we've worked for. I can finally tell them that we did something great together.”

Despite having stood on many podiums before, the gold at the University Games held special significance for the 24-year-old. “I've practiced taekwondo for about 15 years. The sport is my whole life - it's everything I think about. This gold medal means so much to me.” This marked Sandersen's first and last appearance at the Universiade. She had hoped to make her debut two years ago in China's

Chengdu, but a last-minute injury ended those plans.

“I was supposed to go to Chengdu, but I injured my knee just one month before, due to intense training over a long period,” she said, becoming emotional.

“It was a tough time, and it was hard to recover both physically and mentally.”

Born to South Korean parents and raised in Denmark, Sandersen wasn't introduced to taekwondo right away. “My sports journey actually started with ballet,” she said.

“But my mom suggested I try taekwondo because of our Korean heritage.” After a decorated career that spans both continental and global success, Sandersen now hopes to combine her two passions: sport and science.

“I'm a student majoring in pharmacy, and ideally I'd love to find a way to blend pharmacy with sports.

I want to promote taekwondo around the world and show people how beautiful it is.” She also shared a personal dream: to one day see her discipline recognized at the Olympic level. “I know individual poomsae isn't currently part of the Olympic program, so I may never get the chance to compete at the Olympics,” she said. “But I really hope it will be included one day, and if it is, I'll definitely fight for that glory.”

Pro league a wakeup call for Indian team: Sreejesh

New Delhi, July 17 (UNI) : Former India Hockey great PR Sreejesh feels that India's poor show at the European leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25 is a wakeup call ahead of Asia Cup in August. India finished eighth on the FIH Pro League 2024-25 points table after suffering seven successive losses in the European leg of the tour. Speaking to the Press on the side-lines of the launch event of the 20th Vedanta Delhi Half marathon yesterday evening he said “I think the team performed well, we created a lot of opportunities, we gave very good fight on the field but sometimes it happens, the result went against us but the result went against us. This result is a very good wake up call for us ahead of the Asia Cup, and other crucial tournaments like the World Cup and Asia games next year.”

The Asia Cup will be held in Rajgir, from August 27 to September 7, 2025. The Hockey World Cup will be jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands in August 14-30, 2026 while the Asian Games will be held from September 19 to October 4, 2026.

Sreejesh, who won the ‘World Games Athlete of the Year’ in 2021 expressed happiness that more and more people are taking to running as a way to stay healthy

“Every year more people are joining and running (in the Delhi Half Marathon) is becoming more popular, it's exiting, people should challenge themselves, get into the rhythm.” The two time Olympic medallist who is now the Head Coach of India men's national U-21 team said that as a coach one of his main job is to ensure that the players learn how to handle pressure

“As a coach my job is to take the pressure off the players, I tell them that during the Junior World Cup 10 thousand odd people will be cheering and yelling at you, accept these things, being a coach sharing my playing experience with the players is very important” he said.

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MR sanctions Doubling of Puntamba-Sainagar Shirdi rail line



(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 17 : Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways has sanctioned the Doubling of the 16.50 kms, Puntamba-Sainagar Shirdi rail line at a cost of 239.80 crores.“The project is part of the 2024-25 Umbrella Work of Multi tracking for capacity augmentation. In the vicinity of the project area, the Final Location Survey for Pune-Nashik new connectivity via Ahmednagar, Puntamba,

Shirdi and Nashik road is also under progress and this route will serve as a new corridor and enhance rail connectivity between two religious places of great significance.
The Doubling work will ease line capacity of the Puntamba-Sainagar Shirdi section which is presently utilised at 19.66 % and is expected to rise to 79.70% without doubling in the near future.
Puntamba and Sainagar Shirdi are already

connected by rail with many trains operating on the route.
This project will ease rail connectivity to Sainagar Shirdi and will be a boon to lakhs of devotees visiting the Shrine of Saibaba at Shirdi.
It will not only benefit devotees but also regular passengers, students, businessmen and farmers. It will also facilitate movement of farm products etc to the markets and will boost the economy of the area.

Indian Railways Boosts Safety with Nationwide CCTV Rollout at Manned Level Crossings

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 17 : Indian Railways is significantly enhancing safety and efficiency across its network with the mandatory installation of CCTV cameras at all manned non-interlocked level crossing gates. This critical step gives Station Masters real-time visibility, ensuring timely and secure gate closure by gatemen and substantially reducing accident risks.
This nationwide deployment follows a highly successful pilot project by South Western Railway (SWR). Initial implementation in the high-traffic Hospet area (Hubballi Division) proved the system's viability and

immediate benefits. The SWR pilot's success, especially the pioneering work by the Hubballi Division led by DRM Mrs. Bela Meena and SrDSTE Mr. Praveen SP, was instrumental in scaling this vital safety measure across the network.
Each manned non-interlocked LC gate will now feature a minimum of two IP-enabled CCTV cameras (one on each side), along with essential infrastructure like Network Video Recorders (NVR), Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) systems, and Solar Panels. Real-time video feeds will be accessible to Station Masters and Engineering Control, ensuring

continuous monitoring. All CCTV equipment will meet stringent RDSO specifications.
The system also includes remote access capabilities for authorized personnel, further boosting oversight. The entire project, covering supply, installation, operation, and five-year maintenance, falls under the relevant Plan Head.Sri Mukul Saran Mathur, General Manager, South Western Railway, praised the initiative: "CCTV at level crossings is a game-changer, giving Station Masters invaluable direct monitoring of gate operations and ensuring hassle-free movements of trains. This is a win-win situation for both road and rail users

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, GM, SCR Reviews Progress of Works at Railway Manufacturing Unit, Kazipet

(Standard Post Bureau)
Hyderabad, July 17: Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway undertook inspection of Railway Manufacturing Unit, Kazipet of Secunderabad Division today. He was accompanied by MrBhartesh Kumar Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other senior officials throughout the inspection.
Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava conducted a detailed inspection of the on-going construction works at the upcoming Railway Manufacturing Unit in Kazipet. The concerned officials



presented a comprehensive report on the progress and status of the project.
The General Manager advised the division to further expedite the works so as to complete the project at the earliest.
The General Manager also inspected the safety aspects at the construction

site and informed the supervisors and officials to ensure all safety guidelines and procedures without fail.
He also interacted with media personnel at the site and briefed them on the developmental plans being undertaken by SCR.
Earlier, Mr Sanjay

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav alleges bias in electoral roll revision

Patna, July 17 (UNI) : Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader, Tejashwi Yadav, today accused election authorities of systematically excluding voters from the marginalised communities, including the poor, backward classes, minorities, and especially Yadavs, during the ongoing revision of the electoral rolls ahead of the assembly elections.
While talking to the media, Yadav alleged that the revision exercise was being used as a tool to disenfranchise vulnerable groups. “Entire localities dominated by these communities were being ignored. Even Booth Level Officers (BLOs) do not visit these areas for voter list verification,” he claimed.

Questioning the credibility of the Election Commission, Yadav alleged that around 35 lakh names had reportedly been deleted from the electoral rolls.
He accused the commission of ignoring repeated objections and concerns raised by the opposition party.
Yadav also announced that a meeting of the INDIA alliance will take place in New Delhi, on June 19, to devise a joint strategy against the "undemocratic practices" employed at the Bihar Assembly elections.

Meanwhile, Bihar Congress President, Rajesh Kumar, claimed his party had video evidence of irregularities in the voter list revision process and threatened to publicise it.
Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) leader, Mukesh Sahani, alleged that the ongoing electoral manipulation was part of a larger conspiracy to dismantle democracy in India. He urged backward and Dalit elected representatives to stay alert, especially with municipal polls likely to follow the Assembly elections.
Communist Party of India (CPI) leader, Nivedita, called the entire revision process deeply suspicious, alleging that women, Dalits, and laborers were being denied their basic constitutional right to vote.

Kumar Srivastava carried out a rear window inspection from Secunderabad to Kazipet section, wherein he inspected the safety aspects of tracks and signaling systems.
Further, he conducted detailed inspection of Yadadri & Jangaon Railway stations and reviewed the progress of redevelopment works undertaken at the stations as part of Amrit Bharat Station scheme. Later, the General Manager inspected Kakatiya running room at Kazipet and interacted with the loco pilots about the facilities provided. He planted saplings towards protection of environment.

Ashta Jyotirlinga Shravan Special Yatra from Madgaon by Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 17 : The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) is a 'Navratna' listed company under Ministry of Railways, Government of India. It offers a wide range of services, including Online Railway Ticket Booking, Catering, Tourism, Rail Neer and Hospitality services.“
IRCTC aims to make travel across India more convenient, enjoyable and affordable for every passenger.

IRCTC's West Zone Mumbai Office is pleased to announce the launch the Ashta Jyotirlinga Shravan Special Yatra on Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train from ex Madgaon on 05.08.2025. Bharat Gaurav Tour Packages offer traveller's a hassle-free and memorable holiday experience this Shravan.
Group General Manager, West Zone, Shri. Gaurav Jha stated that the package provides a seamless and affordable way for families, groups, and solo travellers to Jyotirlingas most popular tourist destinations, all while enjoying the comfort and convenience of train travel. The package price of the tour starts from approx. Rs 23880/- per person ex Madgaon on 05.08.2025.
Mr. Gaurav Jha, Group General Manager, West Zone said that our goal is to make travel more



accessible and enjoyable, ensuring that every trip is a memorable one. These packages are designed to provide convenience, comfort, and affordability, giving people the chance to explore the best of India during the Shravan. There has been lot of interest in the market for this package and regular customers swoop down on these packages the moment they are available for sale online on www.irctctourism.com. Bharat Gaurav trains

have a mixed composition of Sleeper (Non-AC), AC III tier and AC II tier coaches. The exterior of these trains showcases popular Indian monuments, sculptures, landmarks, and dance forms etc having a total capacity of around 600 - 700 seats and are fitted with infotainment systematic and CCTV cameras and a well-equipped pantry car for preparing fresh meals onboard.“IRCTC has launched this all-inclusive package very well

designed, economical wherein services like off-board travel and excursions by buses, stay at hotels, tour guides, meals, travel insurance etc are provided along with comfortable train journey and allied onboard services. “
Customers can visit the official IRCTC website www.irctctourism.com or contact the West Zone Mumbai Office 8287931886 (WhatsApp or SMS) and konkan Kerla Tour on 9309773341.

Ayushman Cards for 270 Ashram School Students



(Standard Post Bureau)
Dharashiv, July 17 : Ayushman cards were issued to 270 school students at the Adarsh Primary Ashram School and Vidyaniketan Secondary Ashram, Shingoli (Taluka and District Dharashiv). Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, launched the Ayushman

Card initiative across the country to provide free healthcare facilities to every citizen.
As part of this initiative, the Zilla Parishad's Health Department is making Ayushman Bharat cards available to citizens and students.
At the Ashram school in Shingoli, District

Coordinators Akash Nilegaonkar, Alim Sheikh, Shahrukh Sheikh, Sajeda Sheikh, and Samina Mujawar created Ayushman Bharat cards for 270 students.
This initiative by the Health Department brought satisfaction to both teachers and students.
On this occasion,

Principal Annasaheb Chavan, Satish Kumbhar, Deepak Khabole, and Prashant Rathod honored the team with a shawl, a traditional turban (pheta), a coconut (shreefal), and a bouquet.
Chandrakant Jadhav, Khandu Padwal, Shesherao Rathod, Senior Clerk Maske Sanjivkumar, Vishal Rathod, Mallinath Konde, Kailas Shanime, Sachin Rathod, Sudhir Kamble, Irfan Sheikh, Surekha Kamble, Shraddha Suryavanshi, Jyoti Rathod, Jyoti Sane, Balika Boyne, hostel superintendent Vaishali Shitole, and non-teaching staff Govind Bansode, Sagar Suryavanshi, Amol Jagtap, Sachin Anantkalwas, Avinash Ghodke, Reva Chavan, Linga Ade, and a large number of students were present for the event.

Mistress's murderer, accused arrested within 24 hours

(Standard Post Bureau)
Dharashiv, July 17 : A man accused of murdering his mistress out of suspicion of her character has been arrested by Umarga police within 24 hours. The court has remanded the accused to police custody until July 18.
According to the official information released by Umarga police, on July 13, 2025, around 12:30 PM, the Umarga police station received information that a woman named Soumaya Ramesh Shinde (age 45),residing near Momin Masjid on Patange Road, Umarga, was found dead on her bed at her home. It appeared she had been strangled with some object.
The Umarga police station's officers and personnel immediately went to the scene, conducted an inquest, and took the body to the Umarga sub-district hospital for a post-mortem examination.“During the police investigation, based on technical analysis near the Momin Masjid and questioning of eyewitnesses who saw the accused at the crime scene, it was revealed that the woman, Soumaya Ramesh Shinde, was murdered by her lover, Madhav Pandurang Pachange (age 44), a resident of Hippargarao, Tq. Umarga, and currently residing in Turori, Tq. Umarga. He had strangled her with a towel out of suspicion over her character due to their illicit relationship.“A case has been registered at the Umarga police station under CR No. 462/2025, Section 103(1) of the Indian Penal Code, based

on the complaint filed on July 14, 2025, by Rohini Deepak Patole (age 24), a resident of Sai Nagar Society, Manjari, Pune district. Police Inspector Ashwini Bhosale of the Umarga police station is investigating the case.
The accused was traced using technical analysis, taken into custody from Pune, and arrested on the night of July 14, 2025. When he was presented before the Umarga court on July 15, 2025, the court granted police custody until July 18, 2025.
During the investigation, it was revealed that the accused, harboring a grudge that his family life was ruined because of the deceased woman's character, went to her house on the night of July 12, 2025, and strangled her with a towel.
The Umarga police have performed a commendable job by identifying and apprehending the accused within 24 hours of the crime.
The team that made this commendable effort includes Police Inspector Ashwini Bhosale, Assistant Police Inspector Pandurang Kanhere, Sub-Inspector Gajanan Pujarwad, Police Constables Chaitanya Konagulwar, Atul Jadhav, Valmik Koli, and Shivling Gholasgaon, and Police Naik Anirudha Kavale, working under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Smt. Ritu Khokhar, Additional Superintendent of Police Smt. Shafkat Amna, and Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Umarga, Sadashiv Shelar.