

IN BRIEF

Adilabad tribals stage protest against GO 49

Adilabad, July 21 (UNI) : A tribal strike called in Adilabad district today remained peaceful, aimed at protesting against GO 49, issued by the Centre in the name of Qawwal Forest Conservation.

The bandh was observed across Adilabad, Asifabad, and Uttoor agency areas.

Left parties, including the CPI and CPM, have extended their support to the strike. TSRTC bus services were affected in some places as protesters blocked buses from leaving the depots. Several hotels, business establishments, and educational institutions remained voluntarily shut in support of the agitation. Police said no untoward incidents were reported from any part of the region so far.

Heavy rain likely in Telangana over next 48 hours: Met

Hyderabad, July 21 (UNI) : The Meteorological Centre has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places across several districts of Telangana over the next 48 hours.

In its daily weather bulletin issued on Monday, the Met Centre said that districts including Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Medak, Kamareddy, and Nagarkurnool are likely to receive heavy to very heavy rain during the next 24 hours.

On Tuesday, similar conditions are expected to persist in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Mahabubabad, Warangal, and Hanamkonda districts.

Heavy rainfall is also likely at isolated places across Telangana during the next five days.

The forecast further indicates light to moderate rain or thundershowers at most or many places over the state during the next seven days. Additionally, thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and strong winds (30-40 kmph) are likely at isolated places in all districts over the next five days.

CM Revanth Reddy directs Collectors to stay vigilant amid heavy rains



(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 21 : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday held a high-level video conference with district collectors and senior officials from the Secretariat, issuing a series of instructions in view of the ongoing heavy rains across the state.

The Chief Minister called on district collectors and all department heads to remain on high alert to ensure public safety and uninterrupted services. He expressed concern that although the state recorded 21 per cent less rainfall since June, the last three days have witnessed intense

downpours, necessitating immediate preparedness at all levels. "In Hyderabad city alone, 150 teams have been deployed to handle emergencies, and efforts are being coordinated through the Command Control Room based on real-time weather updates," Reddy said.

He directed senior police officials in all commissionerates to remain on the ground to manage traffic and assist the public.

Collectors were instructed to maintain detailed records of damages caused by lightning and to take precautionary measures in ITDA regions to prevent the spread of infectious

diseases among tribal populations. The Chief Minister emphasised that doctors must be available round-the-clock at PHCs and government hospitals, and the veterinary department should also stay vigilant to protect livestock.

He ordered Collectors to undertake surprise inspections and asserted that negligence would not be tolerated. "The Chief Secretary has been instructed to submit daily reports on Collectors' activities to the government," Reddy added.

On the agricultural front, the CM highlighted that Telangana had produced a

record 2.85 crore metric tons of paddy, becoming the leading state in the country.

He addressed concerns about urea supply, assuring that sufficient stocks were available and any artificial shortage being created would be dealt with strictly.

He directed that stock details be displayed outside fertiliser shops and uploaded online, and asked for a special complaints desk to be set up for fertiliser-related grievances.

Turning to ration card distribution, the Chief Minister noted a surge in demand driven by the distribution of thin rice. "The value of both the ration

card and the ration shop has increased," he remarked.

He announced that from July 25 to August 10, an official ration card distribution drive would be held across all mandal centres. District Collectors and additional collectors have been directed to participate in the program alongside local MLAs and district-in-charge Ministers to ensure smooth execution.

"Nothing is more important than the welfare of farmers and the people. Our collective vigilance and coordination will help us manage this rain situation effectively," the CM added, an official statement said.

Rahul alleges bias in LS proceedings, says Opposition voices being silenced

New Delhi, July 21 (UNI) Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi today alleged that the Opposition is being systematically prevented from airing its views, and that he, as the LoP, is never given the opportunity to speak.

Speaking to the media in the Parliament House premises, Gandhi said, "Look, the issue is that they allow the Defence Minister and their people to speak in the House, but if anyone from the Opposition wants to say something, it's not allowed. I am the Leader of the Opposition—it's my right—yet I am never allowed to speak. So, this is a new approach from their side."

Responding to a question about the government's unwillingness to engage, Gandhi said, "They ran out of the House in a second, so how can there be a discussion..."

He also responded to repeated assertions by the Chair that the House was ready for a debate. "Yes, there will be a discussion, if they allow it, then it will happen. But the issue is that convention says if people from the government speak, then we should also be given space. We just wanted to say a few words, but the Opposition is not allowed that," he added.

Ration card distribution from July 25 onwards: CM

Hyderabad, July 21 (UNI) : Chief Minister A Revanth today stated that an official ration card distribution program will be started in all Mandal headquarters in the state from July 25 to August 10. Revanth, who conducted a video conference with district collectors and reviewed the distribution of new Ration Cards here, the Chief Minister said the district in-charge ministers, MLAs and public representatives will participate in the distribution of ration cards. District collectors and additional collectors should also participate, he informed.

The government has recently launched the distribution of 7 lakh new rations cards to benefit 31 lakh family members, he said currently, 3.10 crore people are already availing fine rice scheme benefits with 96 lakh ration cards in the state.

Ministers N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Damodar Rajanarimha, D Sridhar Babu, PSrinivasa Reddy, Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy, Ponnamp Prabhakar, Vivek Venkataswamy, Vakati Srihari, Seethakka, CM Advisor Vem Narender Reddy and other higher officials participated. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka from Kothagudem and Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao from Khammam participated in the video conference.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar steps down citing health reasons

New Delhi, July 21 (UNI) : Jagdeep Dhankhar today resigned from the post of Vice President of India with immediate effect citing health reasons.

In a letter posted on the Vice-President of India's X handle and addressed to the President Droupadi Murmu, Dhankhar said, "To prioritise health care and abide by medical advice, I hereby resign as the Vice President of India, effective immediately, in accordance with Article 67(a) of the Constitution". Dhankhar

said, "As I leave this esteemed office, I am filled with pride in Bharat's global rise and phenomenal achievements and hold unwavering confidence in her brilliant future".

Dhankhar in his letter expressed his gratitude to the President, for the "unwavering support and the soothing, wonderful working relationship" he shared with her.

He also expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Council of Ministers for their

"cooperation and support".

He said, "The warmth, trust and affection I have received from all the Hon'ble Members of Parliament would ever be cherished and embedded in my memory".

He said it was a matter of privilege and satisfaction for him to witness and partake in India's remarkable economic progress and unprecedented exponential development during the significant period. "Serving in this transformative era of our nation's history has been a true honour," Dhankhar said.

CP flags off historic Ghattam procession at Akkana Madanna temple

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 21 : Hyderabad City Police Commissioner C V Anand, IPS, along with his wife Ms Lalitha Anand, visited the historic Akkana Madanna Temple on Monday and formally flagged off the Ghattam procession, marking a key ritual in the ongoing Bonalu festivities.

Expressing his happiness at participating in the religious event, Commissioner Anand extended his heartfelt wishes and gratitude to the temple management and procession organisers.

He recalled the rich 350-year history of the Akkana Madanna Temple, tracing its origins to the Qutub Shahi period in 1675, when rituals were performed continuously for a decade. After the tragic deaths of

Akkanna and Madanna, pujas were halted, only to resume after India's independence, following the temple's reconstruction.

"The temple holds deep significance for the people of Hyderabad. Historically, people have prayed to Goddess Mahankali here seeking protection from plagues, floods, and diseases. She has always answered their prayers," he said. Highlighting this year's Bonalu celebrations, Anand praised the efforts of Telangana Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar and Konda Surekha for taking a personal interest and ensuring the festival was celebrated on a grand scale across the city.

On the security front, the Commissioner assured that elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure

the safety and convenience of devotees. "We have deployed police forces strategically at the temple and along the Ghattam procession route to prevent any stampede-like situations. She Teams and Crime Teams are on alert to check incidents of eve-teasing, pickpocketing, and chain snatching," he stated.

He also thanked all Hyderabad Police officials and supporting departments for their tireless efforts in ensuring the Bonalu celebrations have remained peaceful and well-organised.

The Ghattam procession, which is a key highlight of the Bonalu festival, begins at Sri Akkana Madanna Temple in Haribowli and passes through Gowliguda, Lal Darwaza, and Shah Ali Banda before concluding at Nayapul.



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SC rejects ED appeal against quashing of summons to ...



The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed an appeal filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) challenging the Karnataka High Court's decision to quash summons issued to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, in connection with the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam case.

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Draper targets US Open return after arm injury



British number one Jack Draper has withdrawn from forthcoming tournaments in Toronto and Cincinnati because of an arm injury. But the 23-year-old is targeting a return at the US Open, which begins on August 24. Draper, who reached the US Open semi-finals in 2024, said on social media: "After Wimbledon

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Prashant Kishore slams Kushwaha for demanding



Jan Suraaj " founder Prashant Kishore today slammed Rastriya Lok Morcha (RLM) president Upendra Kushwaha for demanding change of JD(U) leadership, saying if he had no faith in leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, it would be better for him to leave NDA with immediate effect.

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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary and other leaders during a meeting of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), in Patna.

PM Modi
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passing
away of former
Kerala CM
Achuthanandan

New Delhi, July 21 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today condoled the death of former Kerala Chief Minister VS Achuthanandan, recalling the veteran leader's long years in public service. In a post on X, Modi said: "Saddened by the passing of former Kerala CM Shri VS Achuthanandan Ji. He devoted many years of his life to public service and Kerala's progress."

The Prime Minister also recalled his interactions as Gujarat Chief Minister with the veteran leader. "I recall our interactions when we both served as Chief Ministers of our respective states. My thoughts are with his family and supporters in this sad hour."

China's Brahmaputra Dam sparks debate,
Assam CM urges calm amid concerns

Guwahati, July 21 (UNI) : As China begins construction of the world's largest hydroelectric dam on the Brahmaputra river in Tibet, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today called for a balanced assessment of the potential impact.

He said there are two scientific views on how the mega project might affect India's northeastern region, particularly his state.

Speaking at a public event here, the Chief Minister said that while concerns are understandable, there is no immediate cause for alarm. He noted that the Brahmaputra is a mighty river not dependent on a single source, as it receives the majority of its water from tributaries in Bhutan, Arunachal Pradesh, and the rainfall within Assam itself. Sarma added that the real impact of the dam would only be known once it is completed, and he expressed hope that the

SC alarmed as Russian woman leaves
India with child amid custody dispute

New Delhi, July 21 (UNI) : The Supreme Court today expressed deep concern after it was informed that a Russian woman, embroiled in a custody battle with her Indian husband, appears to have left India with their minor child during the ongoing legal proceedings.

A bench, comprising Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi, was apprised by Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati that, based on her IP address tracking, the woman was located in Bihar on July eight, then in Nepal, after which she travelled to the UAE and flew to Russia, reaching there on July 16. The ASG clarified that final confirmation from airlines is awaited.

The Court noted with dismay that the child's Indian passport had been surrendered before it, indicating potential collusion or diplomatic

involvement in facilitating the exit. "This is absolutely not acceptable to us at any cost," Justice Kant observed, directing the Centre to file an affidavit confirming the woman's movements.

He further remarked, "There is a gross case of contempt. A Red Corner Notice will have to be issued and diplomatic channels pursued."

The bench directed authorities to submit an updated status report within a week and re-listed the matter accordingly.

Earlier, on July 17, the Court was informed that "the Russian mother and child have vanished into wilderness." Despite stringent directions to the Union and Delhi government authorities to trace them and ensure they did not leave India, the mother's whereabouts remained unknown. A day

later, on July 18, the Centre reported that there was no record of her departure through legal channels, prompting the issuance of lookout circulars, hue and cry notices, and wireless alerts nationwide. The mother had approached the Supreme Court in an ongoing custody dispute with her Indian-origin husband over their five-year-old child, who was born in 2020.

As per interim orders, both parents were residing in Delhi in separate accommodations, with custody split between them. The May 22 order granted the mother exclusive custody three days a week and the father on the remaining days.

Recently, the father filed an application stating that his wife had been untraceable since July seven, after collecting their child from school.

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Ranchi, July 21 (UNI) Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) today hit back at the BJP, accusing it of shedding "crocodile tears" over women's safety while ignoring worse records in BJP-ruled states.

JMM central general secretary Vinod Kumar Pandey said the BJP has no moral authority to speak on women's issues.

"Where was their outrage during the Hathras, Unnao or Manipur incidents?" he asked, calling out the party's "double standards."

Pandey said JMM was the first to raise its voice against witch-hunting and pushed for strong laws.

"Cases are being acted upon, and the state is committed to justice," he added.

He cited government efforts like more women police personnel, stronger helplines, and fast-track courts, asserting that the Hemant Soren-led government is taking concrete steps for women's safety.

"Instead of politicising every sensitive issue, BJP should contribute positively. People know the truth, and that's why the JMM was re-elected," Pandey said.

SC tells SP to
approach Civil
Court over
eviction of
party office

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However, the bench was not persuaded. "As of now, you're an unauthorised occupant. The lease stands cancelled. When power is misused, the proper procedure is conveniently forgotten," Justice Kant observed.

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expressed their admiration for India's indigenously developed military hardware," he noted, adding that defence manufacturing would further empower youth through employment and innovation. Recalling the tragic killings in Pahalgam, the Prime Minister said that political parties and state representatives had risen above partisan considerations to launch a diplomatic campaign that successfully exposed Pakistan's role as a state sponsor of terrorism. He expressed appreciation for those involved, saying their efforts helped shape international understanding of India's position on terrorism.

Turning to internal security, the Prime Minister said that the geographical spread of Naxalism and Maoism is shrinking rapidly. He asserted that "hundreds of districts are now breathing free," crediting the security forces and Constitution for replacing weapons with democratic processes. Former Red Corridor regions, he said, are being reimagined as "Green Growth Zones," marking a definitive shift towards development. Invoking the symbolic significance of the monsoon as a harbinger of "innovation and renewal," Modi noted that favourable

weather conditions and a threefold rise in water reservoir levels, compared to the decadal average, promises well for agriculture and household economic stability. "Rainfall plays a vital role not just in the rural economy, but in the nation's economic architecture," he observed.

The Prime Minister also hailed the recent unfurling of the Indian tricolour at the International Space Station (ISS) as a "historic moment" and a source of national pride. Describing it as a symbol of the country's growing scientific ambition, he said the event has generated renewed enthusiasm for science and technology among youth and will serve as an inspiration for future space endeavours. Highlighting India's economic turnaround since 2014, Modi recalled how the country was previously grouped among the fragile five economies. "Today, India is knocking on the doors of being the third-largest economy globally," he said, pointing to the elevation of 25 crore people from poverty and a sharp drop in inflation from double digits to around 2 percent. He described the combination of low inflation and high growth as indicative of a robust and resilient economy.

Inclusion of Shivaji's forts in World
Heritage Sites is glory for India: CM

Mumbai, July 21 (IANS) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday said that the work of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was always global, asserting that the recognition of 12 forts of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO has given formal recognition to the global nature of his work.

"This honour is a source of pride for the entire country and the Marathi people," he said while speaking at a function to celebrate recognition of 12 forts of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as World Heritage Sites.

He said that the Central government gave priority to the nomination of 12 forts sent by the Maharashtra government and officially recommended 12 forts to UNESCO.

Various states from across the country had suggested many places, but Prime Minister

Narendra Modi was

insistent that only the forts of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj should represent India. For this, the Central and State Governments took the initiative.

While explaining the various aspects of the architecture of the forts and explaining their historical and strategic importance, he said that the forts of Rajgad, Raigad, Pratapgad, Sindhudurg, Vijaydurg, Suvarnadhurg, and Khanderi are not just historical monuments, but are the pillars of Swarajya.

"It is still difficult to understand how difficult it was to build these water forts at that time. However, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj made the impossible possible. 32 lakh kg of lime and 10 lakh kg of iron were used in the construction of Sindhudurg Fort. He said that this shows the Maharaj's foresight and administrative skills," he

remarked.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the role of forts in governance. A fort is the foundation of the state. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj used to say that while protecting 363 forts, no imperial power would be able to take over Swarajya.

Regarding this historic moment, he said, "I accept this award on behalf of everyone who contributed to this success."

While accepting the award from renowned musician Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar on this glorious occasion, the Chief Minister said, "His music and songs have created a glow of patriotism and self-respect in the hearts of Marathi people. The inspiration derived from 'Shivkalyan Raja' is as inspiring even today."

Cultural Affairs Minister Ashish Shelar said that the prowess of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is unique and

incomparable. The tenure of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is an unprecedented example of war strategy, bravery and good governance. He praised the work of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as astonishing.

"Among the numerous forts built, erected and reconstructed by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, 12 important forts were included in the proposal 'Maratha Military Landscape'. Out of these, 11 forts are in Maharashtra, and one is Jinji Fort in Tamil Nadu. The foundation stone of this proposal was laid during the tenure of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis," he said.

On this occasion, a program based on the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was held, featuring Marathi songs, memorial songs, and the Shivharajyabhishek ceremony in the Janata Raja Mahanaty.

Civic chief mentors youngsters through immersive programme

Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, July 21 (UNI) Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar Municipal Commissioner, G Srikanth, has turned his official Jal Shree residence into an unconventional learning hub, hosting municipal school students weekly for leadership development under his pioneering "Main Commissioner Banu Ga" initiative.

Every Saturday, students spend two immersive hours at the bungalow through the "Smart School to Best School" project, building self-confidence while gaining firsthand civic governance exposure.

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Officials demonstrated the 1.5-million-litre reservoir that supplies the old city, explaining its unique water-level gauge

mechanism and historical significance—an experience that prompted students to pledge water conservation and community awareness.

The visit culminated in a candid discussion with Commissioner Srikanth, where Class 7 student Muskan Pathan captivated attendees by reciting a poem of gratitude. Pathan declared her determination to become an IAS or IPS officer, crediting the commissioner's intervention with preventing her school's closure. Moved by her

resolve, Srikanth personally draped a shawl around Pathan while offering encouragement for her ambitions.

The initiative was coordinated by Deputy Commissioner and Education Head Ankish Pandhare with Control Officer Ganesh Dandij.

Programme Officer Gyandev Sangle, Principal Tilotma Mapari, teachers Keshav Tambe, Dinesh Pachlore, Ambadas Karale, and nurse Anita Waghmare witnessed the transformative session.

Rahul suspects voter list manipulation in MP

Bhopal, July 21 (UNI) Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi today warned that there was a possibility of voter list manipulation in the 2028 Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls too, just like, what he claimed, happened in Maharashtra. Gandhi was virtually addressing the opening day of the two-day Congress MPs, MLAs training camp underway in Mandu, a popular tourist destination in Dhar district of Madhya

Pradesh. He urged party leaders to intensify grassroots preparation to ensure electoral success. "Voter list manipulation, similar to what happened in Maharashtra, could take place in Madhya Pradesh too," Rahul Gandhi averred. Gandhi reiterated that if the Congress returns to power in MP, it would conduct a caste census and ensure increased representation for Dalits, backward classes, tribals, and women in government employment.

Kerala. "VS was among the handful of leaders, like P Sundarayya, who earned such wide recognition in Kerala. The seeds he sowed with other key leaders are the foundation of the party's enduring strength in the state," Raghavulu said.

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New genetic test can predict obesity risk in adulthood by age 5

In a significant breakthrough, an international team of researchers has created a genetic test called a polygenic risk score (PGS) that predicts the risk of obesity in early childhood.

The test, which predicts the risk of obesity by age 5, may be key to identifying children and adolescents at higher genetic risk of developing the condition. It may help to target them with preventative strategies, such as lifestyle interventions, at a younger age.

"What makes the score so powerful is its ability to predict, before the age of five, whether a child is likely to develop obesity in adulthood, well before other risk factors start to shape their weight later in childhood. Intervening at this point can have a huge impact," said lead author Roelof Smit, Assistant Professor from the NNF Center for Basic Metabolic Research (CBMR) at the University of Copenhagen and of the research published in Nature Medicine.

"This new polygenic score is a dramatic improvement in predictive power and a leap forward in the genetic prediction of obesity risk, which brings us much closer to clinically useful genetic testing," added Professor Ruth Loos from the varsity.

The World Obesity Federation expects more than half the global population to develop overweight or obesity by 2035. Obesity is a known precursor to many diseases like hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

The PGS test, involving more than 600 scientists from 500 institutions globally, was developed by drawing on genetic data from over five million people.

PGS acts like a calculator that combines the effects of the different risk variants that a person carries and provides an overall score.

The team found that their new PGS was twice as effective as the previous best test at predicting a person's risk of developing obesity.

The scientists also investigated the relationship between a person's genetic risk of obesity and the impact of lifestyle weight loss interventions, such as diet and exercise.

They discovered that people with a higher genetic risk of obesity were more responsive to interventions but also regained weight more quickly when the interventions ended.

However, the new PGS has its limitations. Despite drawing on the genomes of a broader, more globally representative population, it was far better at predicting obesity in people with European-like ancestry than in people with African ancestry.

Advanced Spine Care with Robotics Enhances Precision, Safety, and Faster Recovery

(Standard Post Bureau) Robotic Spine Surgery is redefining spinal care with higher precision and more reliable outcomes

Back or neck pain can affect your ability to move comfortably, work efficiently, or enjoy daily life. In some cases, surgery becomes necessary to correct underlying spinal conditions and restore quality of life. Robotic Advanced Spine Care with Robotics enhances precision, safety, and faster recovery to spinal procedures. With the help of advanced technology, this approach is transforming the way spine problems are treated, offering better outcomes and improved comfort for patients.

What is Robotic Spine Surgery?

Robotic spine surgery is a modern technique that helps surgeons perform spine operations with greater accuracy.

Before the operation begins, a detailed 3D scan of the patient's spine is obtained, allowing the surgical team to meticulously plan every aspect of the procedure. During surgery, the robotic arm and navigation software work together to guide the placement of implants with exceptional precision, minimizing trauma to surrounding tissues.

Key Advantages of



Dr. Puneet Girdhar, Principal Director & Head Centre for Ortho Spine & Robotic Spine Surgery, BLK-MAX Super Speciality Hospital New Delhi

Robotic Spine Surgery

Higher Accuracy and Precision: Robotic guidance allows the surgeon to work with sub-millimetre precision. This reduces the chances of errors and improves the overall success of the surgery.

Minimally Invasive Procedure: With smaller incisions and less muscle cutting, robotic spine surgery leads to less blood loss, less pain, and fewer complications.

Faster Recovery: Because it's less invasive, patients usually spend less time in the hospital—often just 1 or 2 days—and

recover faster at home.

Less Pain After Surgery: Patients report lower levels of post-operative pain compared to traditional surgery. This means fewer pain medications and an easier healing process.

Reduced Risk of Complications: The precise placement of screws and implants helps avoid nerve damage, infection, or implant failure, giving better long-term results.

Better Long-Term Spine Health: Accurate alignment of the spine supports better posture, movement, and overall spinal stability for years to come.

A Second Chance with

Revision Spine Surgery

For those who are unsatisfied with previous spine surgery or experiencing ongoing pain, robotic-assisted revision spine surgery offers a safer and more precise solution. It helps correct complications from past procedures with improved planning and accuracy, reducing risks and enhancing long-term outcomes.

Is Robotic Spine Surgery Right for You?

This technology is ideal for those who haven't found relief from medications, injections, or physiotherapy. It's often recommended for conditions such as:

Herniated or slipped discs

Spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spinal canal)

Scoliosis (curved spine)

Degenerative spine diseases

Spinal fractures or deformities

Spinal instability

Conclusion

Robotic spine surgery is redefining spinal care with higher precision, quicker recovery, and more reliable outcomes. Whether it's your first surgery or a revision to fix previous issues, robotic technology—guided by expert hands—offers new hope for lasting relief and a pain-free, active life. Best Regards.

Kia Launches its First Made-In-India Electric Vehicle Built for the India that Moves Together

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kia India, a leading mass-premium automaker, today launched its first made-in-India electric vehicle, the Carens Clavis EV, starting at INR 17.99 lacs. Designed to meet the evolving needs of prospective EV customers, the Carens Clavis EV offers a unique blend of space, clever features, and flexibility without compromising on affordability. Whether it is a long road trip with friends or family, a quick

weekend getaway, or a regular inter-city commute, the Carens Clavis EV is designed to handle it all with ease. With its inclusive design and impressive performance, it embodies Kia's vision of electric mobility that goes beyond a select few, making it a vehicle for everyone who seeks—smarter, greener, and more practical driving experience.

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Gwanggu Lee, Managing

Director and CEO of Kia India, said, “We are committed to leading the future of electric mobility through innovation, sustainability and a deep understanding of evolving consumer needs. Over the years, we have built a strong global EV portfolio and are proud to bring that expertise to India.

The Carens Clavis EV represents the next step in this journey. It is built on three core pillars — our proven global EV

technology, advanced features that simplify the driving experience, and our unique RV philosophy that stands for movement, flexibility, and togetherness. The Kia Carens Clavis EV, India's first Electric RV, has been thoughtfully built for a nation that moves with ambition and togetherness. Inspired by India, our first made-in India electric vehicle carries forward the idea of ‘E-We’ defining a new way to move.”

CM of Assam Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma performs Bhoomi Poojan for expansion of Purabi Dairy plant at Panjabari

(Standard Post Bureau)

In a significant boost to Assam's dairy sector, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam participated in the Bhoomi Poojan ceremony organised by West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd (WAMUL) for the expansion of Purabi Dairy plant at Panjabari, Guwahati on July 20, 2025. The upgraded facility will double the plant's milk processing capacity from 1.5 lakh litres per day (LLPD) to 3 lakh litres per day (LLPD). Shri Jogen Mohan, Minister of Cooperation, Government of Assam; Shri Krishnendu Paul, Minister of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Government of Assam; Shri Ravi Kota, Chief Secretary,

Government of Assam; Dr Meenesh Shah, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and other dignitaries graced the occasion.

The Rs 104 crore expansion project is in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between WAMUL and NDDB during the Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit in February of this year. This initiative is part of a larger effort to strengthen the dairy value chain and ensure sustainable livelihoods for rural milk producers.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister stated, “The expansion of the Purabi Dairy plant is a crucial step towards realising our vision

of a self-reliant Assam in the dairy sector. By doubling the processing capacity of this plant, we are not only ensuring better market access for a larger number of dairy farmers in the state but also enhancing nutritional security for our people. I congratulate NDDB and Purabi Dairy for their efforts in strengthening Assam's dairy ecosystem and supporting rural livelihoods.”

Dr Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDB & WAMUL stated, “It is a momentous occasion for Purabi Dairy and the cooperative families we represent. The expansion of the Purabi Dairy plant is a testament to the power of cooperative efforts and strategic vision. With this



expansion, we are building the capacity needed to support a growing dairy network, improving milk collection, streamlining processing and reaching more consumers across the region. WAMUL and

SC rejects ED appeal against quashing of summons to Karnataka CM's wife in MUDA case

New Delhi, July 21 (UNI) The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed an appeal filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) challenging the Karnataka High Court's decision to quash summons issued to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, in connection with the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam case. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran observed that political battles should be fought outside the court and questioned the ED's role in pursuing such cases.

“Unfortunately, I have some experience in Maharashtra. Please do not force us to say something. Otherwise, we will have to say something very harsh about the Enforcement Directorate. Let political battles be fought among the electorate. Why are you being used for it?” CJI Gavai remarked. Appearing for the ED, additional solicitor general SV Raju said, “Okay, we will withdraw. But let it not be treated as a precedent.”

Rejecting the appeal, the court said it found no error in the reasoning adopted by the High Court single judge who had quashed the summons. “We do not find any error in the reasoning adopted in the approach of the single judge. In the peculiar facts and circumstances, we dismiss it. We should thank you, ASG, for saving some harsh comments,” the bench added.

The case relates to allegations of corruption and irregular allocation of land by MUDA to Parvathi.

As per the complaint, over three acres of land were ‘gifted’ to her by her brother Swamy, who had bought it in 2004 after it was acquired and de-notified.

Although MUDA developed the land despite its private ownership, Parvathi sought compensation, allegedly receiving inflated compensation, including 14 developed alternate plots valued far higher than the original land under a 50:50 scheme. She later surrendered the land back to the authorities.

Earlier, on March 7, Justice M Nagaprasanna of the Karnataka High Court quashed the ED's summons issued to Parvathi as well as to Minister Byrathi Suresh, who was not named as an accused but was sought to be questioned by the agency. This led to the ED approaching the apex court, which has now upheld the High Court's decision.

Centre has no proposal for development of drone corridor to tackle nature's fury in Odisha

Bhubaneswar, July 21 (UNI) The Ministry of Civil Aviation has not conducted any feasibility studies to boost drone and small aircraft logistics in cyclone and flood-prone areas, Murlidhar Moho, Minister of State civil aviation told the Rajya Sabha today.

To a query by Odisha RS member Sujeet Kumar on whether the Central Government proposes to build dedicated drone lanes in the State of Odisha for use in medical supply delivery, disaster response, and agricultural service, the Minister said “there is no such proposal under consideration currently in the Ministry of Civil Aviation”. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has undertaken several initiatives under the Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) to enhance regional air connectivity in Odisha, beyond the capital city of Bhubaneswar, the Minister informed.

growth.” Operated by the West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd. (WAMUL) under the Purabi Dairy brand, the Panjabari plant is the largest dairy processing facility in Northeast India.

Beauty

Tips to look flawless and acne-free in summer



Ensure facial hygiene to avoid acne and rashes in summer

Here are some tips that can help you look flawless and acne-free:

Watch your diet:

One should avoid food such as doughnuts, wheat bread, soda and baked potatoes. Removing sugary and starchy products from your diet will help you control acne and will keep you healthy in the long run.

Avoid stress:

Physical as well as emotional stress has been proven to trigger acne breakouts in some people.

Wrong cosmetics: Another common factor responsible for causing acne is the use of certain kinds of cosmetics and cleansing products. Avoid using greasy or harsh products or those whose ingredients you are allergic to. These products tend to clog your skin pores and irritate your skin, and result in acne breakouts.

Facial hygiene:

Wash your face with a gentle cleanser at regular intervals. Splashing fresh water on your facial skin rejuvenates it and the hydration prevents acne and pimples.

Include fruits and vegetables in your diet: These foods not only work wonders for your overall health, they are also vital sources of antioxidants, vitamins and other essential nutrients that erase the signs of acne and heal acne-ridden skin.

Hydration:

Make sure you drink lots of water throughout the day. Water flushes out toxins and other impurities from your system and keeps your skin cleansed and hydrated. Avoid a sedentary lifestyle: Try and remain physically active. Yoga and exercise improve your skin and boost metabolism.

Wear comfortable clothing: Sport loose clothes that do not irritate your skin. Prevent acne breakouts by avoiding the heat, friction and constant pressure caused by restrictive headgear or other forms of athletic gear. Switch to cotton clothing instead of wearing synthetic.

Clean up after exercise:

Make sure you shower after exercising to get the sweat and grime off as soon as possible. When you sweat after a serious workout, there is an accumulation of dead cells on the surface of your skin. It is essential to remove these immediately to avoid blockages which can then lead to acne breakouts.



Five benefits of having Oily skin

So, you thought it was downright bad to have an oily skin? Well, it's time to think again. The occasional breakouts should not demoralise. Because, here are a five benefits of having an oily skin.

Much slower rate of aging: People with dry skin show the signs of aging much faster than the ones with oily skin. Wrinkles and fine lines get camouflaged by the oily skin.

Your skin a natural glow, all the time: The shine on your oily face doesn't look bad all the time. While many buy expensive products to get that shiny T-zone, you have it for free. Isn't that awesome?

Your face has natural oils: And these oils keep your skin healthy and soft. Hence, you don't need expensive day or

night creams to protect your skin and make it smooth. Your skin will always be moisturised, season no bar: Your skins natural oils will take care of it. Not only that, your skin is also resilient to the harshness of various environmental conditions.

Low maintenance: Yes, you don't need those heavy foundations that wear out in the middle of the day. A simple dash of face powder and you are ready to go.

Tips on packing Jewellery for your travels

If you are an accessory lover, chances are that while packing for a vacations, you end up carrying a fair bit of weight, thanks to your jewellery bag.



But with a few tricks, you can easily reduce your load. Just carry versatile pieces that you can mix and match.

We give you a few tips on how you can maximise the use of a few chosen pieces and travel light.

Pick versatile and convertible pieces: These make packing convenient because they do the work of more than one piece. For instance, a necklace can easily double up as a stylish bracelet.

Pearl earrings: They won't get in your way while you're navigating through airports. Besides, they add sophistication to the overall look of the outfit.

Your favourite everyday piece: Be it a ring, a bracelet or delicate chain, there are a few pieces that can add to any look.

A dash of colour: Pick jewellery with pop colours because they have the ability to instantly make a simple black dress chic.

Sparkle and shine: Add a little sparkle to an outfit by wearing a pair of hoop earrings. It's easier than packing another dress.

Makeup on acne?

This could be tricky if you are not aware of the dermatological effects

When you are suffering from acne you need to be careful of what you wear on your skin because the wrong cream or powder can aggravate your condition. However, the right product can, not just camouflage your acne marks but also lend an elusive iridescence to your skin.

Dr Sama Rais, consultant dermatologist and cosmetologist says that if one is suffering from mild acne one must preferably apply light makeup like a daily-wear foundation and a concealer which is non-comedogenic. She adds, "When you have acne you should avoid clogging of pores and so, must not use heavy makeup that cakes up on your face." However, she cautions, "In the initial phase, while undergoing treatments, it is best to avoid makeup till the eruptions settle a bit."

In the later course of the treatment when you have only acne marks left on your skin, experts say, that it is completely okay to wear light makeup.

Covering marks with makeup could also boost one's confidence.

Dr Poonam Wadhvani, cosmetic dermatologist says, "For acne prone skin always apply makeup, which is paraben-free or oil-free or lanolin-free and non-comedogenic."

Choosing the right product is essential, emphasises Dr Wadhvani. She adds, "If one has oily skin, one should never use a creamy, hydrating moisturiser. Rather, one should use a primer, a good foundation and then dust powder on top of it."

Dermatologist Dr Geeta Oberoi calls attention to using minimal makeup on skin that has acne. She states, "Use light makeup to just conceal the marks during the day. But you need to make sure to keep your face makeup free at night or when at home, to avoid clogging of pores." Dr Oberoi also cautions, "Do not use oil as a makeup remover if you have acne. Opt for a double cleansing with a cleanser to remove makeup followed by a medicated face wash."



Let your hair shine in summer



Here are some easy tips to prepare your hair for the season.

- Cleansing

We often end up with various hair problems during the summer - things like hairfall and dandruff are common occurrences due to the build up of dirt and pollution on our scalp.

A dirty scalp tends to get really oily and will make our hair feel heavy and unflattering. Therefore, it is important to wash our hair more often in the summer.

Use the Hair Spa Rejuvenation shampoo two to three times a week. The product is infused with hydrating marine minerals complex and essential nutrients that deeply nourish and cleanse the scalp.

- Massage and Condition

It always helps to massage your scalp during the summer as it increases the blood flow, leaves your hair beautifully nourished and will also make you feel rejuvenated.

Once you wash your hair, apply a generous amount of the Hair Spa Rejuvenation massage it with a conditioner to wet hair. The conditioner is especially designed to massage the scalp and moisturize the hair. This prevents it from tangling, making it softer and smoother.

- Protect

We all worry about UV protection for our skin, but what about the hair? UVA and UVB rays can also cause damage to the cuticles leaving your hair dry, frizzy and dull.

It's time to get creative with that headgear. Experiment with hats and scarves that will not only make you look stylish, but will also double up and protect your hair from the harsh sun.

- Use hair-friendly tools

and styles

Since your hair is already prone to so much damage in the summer because of all the heat and humidity, we should ensure that all other processes are smooth and hassle-free. If you choose to blow dry your hair, avoid heat and opt for the cool setting. It's there for a reason.

Avoid metal or rubber when buying hair accessories as they can easily entangle the hair causing breakage. Cotton or plastic hair bands will always be safer.

Opt for loose styles such as fishtail braids or a glamorous messy bun that are really summer-friendly and easily be created at home.

- Protect those tresses while swimming

There is no better feeling than taking a dip into cool water during the scorching summer heat.

The pool water is usually loaded with chlorine and other chemicals that can cause damage to the hair. While you may feel good, you will notice that your hair gets frizzy.

When you are in the pool, ensure that you cover up with a swimming cap.

After swim, care is also really important so ensure that you wash and condition your hair with moisturizing hair products.

- Stay healthy

It's not only about what you put on your hair that matters, but also what you put inside your body.

Maintain a diet that is rich in Vitamins, Iron and Zinc that help in preventing your hair from becoming dull, thin and dry.

Indulge in different kinds of berries and fruits like kiwis, oranges and papaya, while also gorging on all things green. Spinach and other leafy vegetables are really high in Iron content and can do wonders for your hair.

Don't forget to include a wide variety of nuts

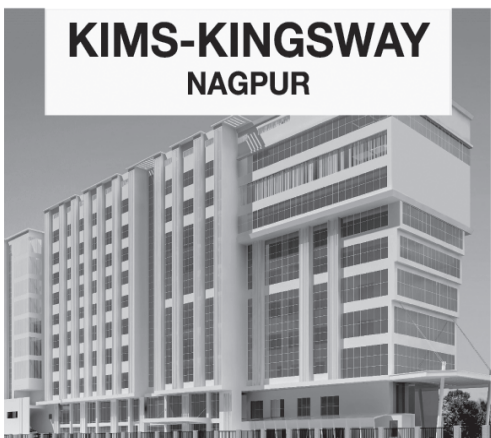
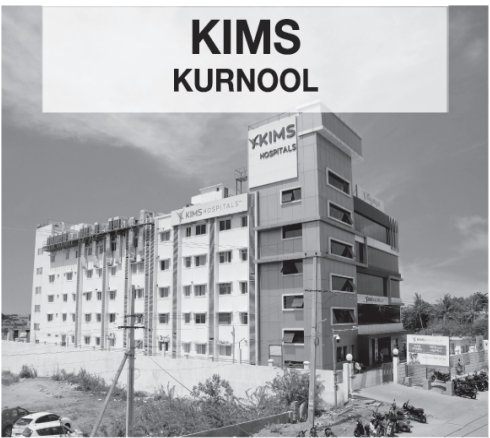
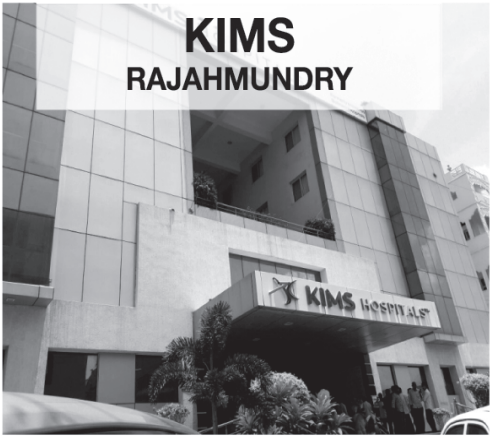
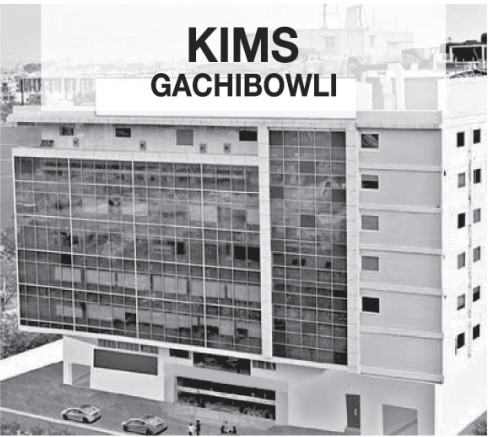
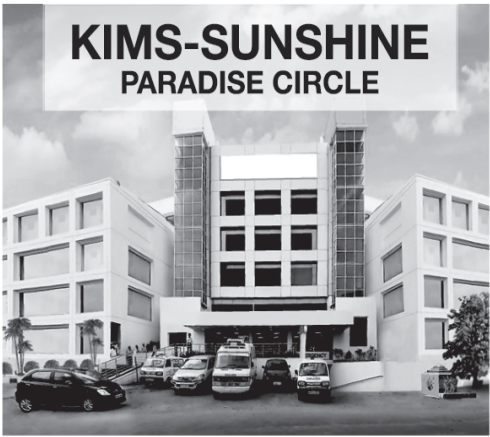
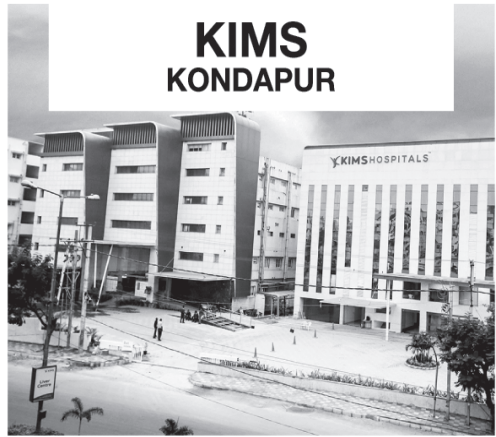
Cleanse and condition your hair well, use the right tools and protect it from heat, humidity and pollution for a healthy shine on your mane.

in your diet as they act as superfoods for you hair. They are rich in Vitamin E which boost blood circulation to the scalp and keeps the hair follicles healthy.

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ISL clubs aim for positive momentum

Kolkata, July 21 (UNI) The Durand Cup is set to kick off its 134th edition, starting on July 23.

Established in 1888, the Durand Cup is the oldest football tournament in Asia. Named after its founder, Henry Mortimer Durand, the iconic competition holds a significant distinction in Indian football.

The tournament will feature 24 teams competing, with six group winners and the two best second-placed teams advancing to the knockout round.

ISL teams have participated in every edition since the 2021 campaign and have won each of those editions. The competition has also helped youngsters and foreigners get into the groove in Indian football in the past.

For the 2025 edition the total cash prize money pool will increase three times to Rs 3 Crore. Along with the winners and runners-up, teams reaching the semi-finals and quarterfinals along with three individual awards will also receive a share of the prize pool.

Kolkata will host two groups and a total of 15 matches, including a quarter-final and one semifinal. The final will be played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK).

East Bengal FC, Mohun Bagan Super Giant, Mohammedan SC, NorthEast United FC, Jamshedpur FC, and Punjab FC are the six Indian Super League (ISL) clubs that will participate in this year's tournament.

The Red and Gold Brigade will kickstart the campaign, as they will feature in the opening match against South United FC. Drawn in Group A, East Bengal FC will face Indian Air Force FT and Namdhari FC in the other group stage fixtures.

East Bengal FC were runners-up in the 2023 edition but endured a disappointing campaign in 2024 after losing out to Shillong Lajong FC in the quarter-finals. Oscar Bruzon's side will be aiming

to bounce back strongly as they go again.

The Mariners, the runners-up of the 2024 edition, and the Black and White Brigade find themselves in Group B. Both Kolkata giants are placed in the same group, along with Diamond Harbour FC and BSF FT. The Kolkata derby arguably is the biggest game to watch out for in this group, where Mohun Bagan Super Giant face Mohammedan SC on July 31 at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan in an evening fixture.

Other ISL sides, Jamshedpur FC and Punjab FC, are placed in Groups C and D, respectively. The Men of Steel will play all three group-stage matches at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur, a venue where they proved formidable during the ISL 2024-25 season. On the other side, the Shers will travel to Kokrajhar for their Group D fixtures.

Jamshedpur FC did the double over Punjab FC in the ISL 2024-25 season and will be looking to continue their winning run against the Shers under the tutelage of head coach Khalid Jamil. Meanwhile for Punjab FC, the target will be to better their quarter-final finish from the 2024 edition, where they lost to Mohun Bagan Super Giant on penalties.

Defending champions, NorthEast United FC, are drawn in Group E. Having won their first club trophy in the previous edition, Juan Pedro Benali's side will be raring to go again and put on a strong show in front of their home fans.

Joining the Highlanders in this group are Rangdajied United FC, Shillong Lajong FC, and the Foreign Services Team, with all group fixtures set to be played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong.

NorthEast United FC's clash with Shillong Lajong FC also promises to be a thrilling encounter and is set to reignite the Northeast rivalry, a rematch of the 2024 semis where NEUFC came out on top after a hard-fought 2-0 win.

Arsenal short of numbers after £123m spend: Arteta

London, July 21 (UNI) : Mikel Arteta said Arsenal are "short on numbers" and are looking to "improve the depth and quality" of the squad.

The Gunners have been busy in the transfer market and have completed deals for Martin Zubimendi, Kepa Arrizabalaga, Christian Norgaard and Noni Madueke for a total of about £123.5m. They are also still in negotiations for the 73.5m euros (£63.5m) transfer of Sporting striker Viktor Gyokeres and working to bring in young defender Cristhian Mosquera from Valencia.

Arsenal had been hoping to finalise a deal for Sweden international Gyokeres and include him on their pre-season tour but a transfer has yet to be completed, although Arteta has not ruled out new signings joining them in Asia.

"I cannot comment on any player who is not part of our group yet. When we have something concrete to offer in any case to any player, we will do that," Arteta said when asked about the arrival of 27-year-old Gyokeres.

Asked whether there could be more new signings joining his 30-man squad while they are travelling, Arteta said: "There's still a long time in the window and we are seeking still." "In terms of numbers, we are short and we have to improve the depth and quality of the squad. We are constantly looking in the market.

"Until that happens, [we] focus on the players we have - and I'm very pleased with what I have seen in the last 10-15 days."

Arsenal are in Singapore for matches against AC Milan and Newcastle before they travel to Hong Kong for a game with rivals Tottenham, according to a BBC news.



In this image posted by @BCCI on X, players and coaches of Indian cricket team and Manchester United during an interaction, in Manchester, England on Monday.

Sports instill courage, strength & determination in youth: CM Sai

Raipur, July 21 (UNI) : Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai attended the closing ceremony and prize distribution event of the WAKO India National Kickboxing Championship 2025, held at the Sardar Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium here last evening.

Welcoming around 1,200 athletes and 300 coaches from 28 states across India, CM Sai said it was a matter of pride for Chhattisgarh, the maternal home of Lord Shri Ram and the sacred land of Mata Kaushalya, to host a prestigious national sporting event. He thanked the WAKO India National Kickboxing Federation for choosing Chhattisgarh as the host state.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister highlighted the unique cultural and

ecological identity of Chhattisgarh.

Describing it as a small but resource-rich state in central India, he said, "Nearly 44% of Chhattisgarh is covered by lush green forests, including the remote and dense Abujhmad region, where even sunlight struggles to reach."

He also spoke of the state's scenic waterfalls, ancient caves, mineral wealth, and vibrant tribal culture.

Sai reiterated that, in line with Union Home Minister Amit Shah's firm resolve, Naxalism in the state is nearing its end.

He urged participants to take time to explore the state's natural beauty and cultural heritage during their stay.

"Kickboxing instills courage, resilience, and determination in youth," he

remarked, adding that the championship would significantly boost Chhattisgarh's growing presence on the national sports map. Commending the Kickboxing Association of Chhattisgarh for its successful organisation of the event, the Chief Minister said, "Sports are an essential part of life. They not only enhance physical fitness but also nurture discipline, confidence, and dedication."

Encouraging athletes to pursue their dreams with hard work and passion, he said, "Victory and defeat are part of the journey, but the real objective should be to discover and sharpen one's inner potential."

Highlighting the government's commitment to sports, CM Sai praised Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's Khelo India programme and noted that all 33 districts of Chhattisgarh have been brought under its ambit to ensure equitable opportunities for athletes from both urban and rural areas. He said the state is actively developing sports infrastructure, improving training standards, and offering incentive schemes. He also announced that athletes winning medals at prestigious international events such as the Olympics are eligible for cash awards ranging from Rs 1 crore to RS 3 crore.

Outlining the Chhattisgarh Sports Promotion Scheme, the Chief Minister said it includes upgradation of playgrounds, provision of modern equipment, financial support to sports clubs, and the revival of traditional sports.

Owen stars on debut to steer Australia to victory against West Indies

Jamaica, July 21 (UNI) : Mitch Owen has crowned a dream debut for Australia with a blistering 26-ball half-century in his first knock for Australia to lead his country to a series-opening T20 win against the West Indies here today.

Owen's (50 off 27) first scoring shot in international cricket was as six off retiring veteran Andre Russell and he proceeded to hit five more to help Australia overhaul West Indies' 8-189 with seven balls to spare.

Cameron Green (51 off 26) also played a crucial hand with five sixes of his own in an 80-run fifth-wicket stand with Owen following Ben Dwarshuis' career-best 4-36 that had earlier put the brakes

on the hosts' fast start after they were sent in by Aussie skipper Mitch Marsh.

Tasmanian allrounder Owen, fresh off a player-of-the-tournament campaign at Major League Cricket in the United States, also claimed a wicket with his third ball for Australia as he showed no signs nerves in his step up to international level.

The 23-year-old took on experienced spinner Akeal Hosein to ice the game, crashing the left-arm out of the ground with the ball nestling under a parked bus amid a 20-run over that yielded three sixes.

He perished the ball after hitting Alzarri Joseph

for six to bring up his maiden fifty in his first innings, as Cooper Connolly (13) also fell in a nervy finish for Australia as Dwarshuis (5 not out) and Sean Abbott (5no) got them over the line by three wickets with five singles in the penultimate over.

Jason Holder was denied a chance to make it an even tighter finish when he had Abbott dropped at fine leg from the final ball of the 18th over with seven runs still required to win.

Jake Fraser-McGurk failed to make the most of his last-minute recall when Australia's chase began as his missed three of his first six balls faced before toe-ending an attempted pull off Holder to mid-off to be out for two off seven.

Marsh (24 off 17) launched Hosein onto the roof of the Kingston Cricket Club and then put Holder over the scoreboard but fell to Joseph's first ball trying to repeat the dose as he feathered an edge behind that was given out following a DRS referral.

Green started his innings with three sixes in the five balls following his skipper's departure to take the tourists to 2-64 after the six-over Powerplay, but West Indies seized the momentum when the field went back as Joseph was again in the action at fine leg when Josh Inglis (18 off 8) top edged a sweep shot.

Glenn Maxwell (11

came and went as his top edge also brought his downfall off Gudakesh Motie, but Owen's first scoring shot for Australia cleared the rope as he launched veteran Russell with horizontal bat over long off.

Roston Chase took out his frustrations from a tough initiation as Test captain over the past few weeks by slamming his fastest T20 half-century from just 25 balls after West Indies were sent in by Marsh.

Openers Brandon King (18 off 12) and Shai Hope (55 off 39), along with Chase (60 off 32), powered the hosts to 1-103 at the halfway mark before the wheels fell off at the death. Dwarshuis (4-36) copped the treatment as he conceded 21 from his first two overs but responded with three wickets in four balls in the penultimate over of the innings to finish with career-best T20 international figures.

West Indies lost 6-30 to end their innings as they crashed from 2-159 to 8-189 from their 20 overs.

King, who was the Windies' shining light with the bat in his debut Test series that they lost 0-3, and white-ball skipper Hope gave the home side a rollicking start as they raced to 0-32 from the opening three overs.

Marsh swung the change straight away and left-arm spinner Connolly

delivered with his maiden T20 wicket for Australia as King ran past a shorter delivery and was stumped by Inglis.

Chase exploded after managing only nine runs from his first 10 deliveries faced, as Connolly's second over cost him 15, with Zampa's second also expensive as the right-hander lofted him for a glorious straight six into the sight screen to take 12 off the over.

A clever assortment of ramps and precision touch through the off-side saw Chase take 16 runs from next Abbott (1-40) over – the 10th off the innings – with four boundaries behind that wicket.

He reached his third T20 international fifty immediately after the interval by slashing Nathan Ellis (1-31) over backward point to the fence to raise his bat in his second innings at No.3 after batting at eight in their previous match against Ireland last month.

Zampa (0-30) bounced back to concede just four in an excellent 12th over of the innings and Dwarshuis was rewarded with his first of the night as Chase holed out to Maxwell at long on.

Hope took over after his departure, greeting Maxwell's first ball of the evening by belting him over the new Sabina Park scoreboard – which had its official unveiling before the match – and onto the road.

Draper targets US Open return after arm injury

London, July 21 (UNI) : British number one Jack Draper has withdrawn from forthcoming tournaments in Toronto and Cincinnati because of an arm injury.

But the 23-year-old is targeting a return at the US Open, which begins on August 24.

Draper, who reached the US Open semi-finals in 2024, said on social media: "After Wimbledon

I picked up an injury in my left arm, nothing serious. "I have to make sure it recovers fully for the rest of the season."

The Canadian Open gets under way on July 26, while the Cincinnati Open starts on August 4.

Draper was knocked out of Wimbledon in the second round as he lost in four sets to Croatia's Marin Cilic, according to a BBC news. He is not the only big name to withdraw from the Canadian Open, with Wimbledon champion Jannik Sinner and 24-time Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic also confirming they will not play.

In conclusion, CM Sai congratulated all participants for their spirited performances and expressed hope that Chhattisgarh will soon become a frontrunner in India's sporting achievements.

Also speaking at the event, Member of Parliament Brijmohan Agrawal emphasized the importance of kickboxing for girls as a means of self-defence. He encouraged students to incorporate sports into their daily routines, noting, "A healthy body nurtures a healthy mind."

He lauded the government's efforts in building sports academies and infrastructure across the state under CM Sai's leadership.

The event was attended by WAKO India National Kickboxing

Federation President Santosh Agrawal, Chhattisgarh Kickboxing Association President Chhagan Mundra, State Minority Commission Chairman Amarjeet Chhabra, Observer Renu Pareekh, Murli Sharma, public representatives, and hundreds of sports enthusiasts. In the final medal tally, Punjab emerged as champions with 22 gold, 18 silver, and 26 bronze medals. Maharashtra claimed second place with 21 gold, 16 silver, and 29 bronze medals, followed by Tamil Nadu in third place with 12 gold, 14 silver, and 15 bronze medals. Chhattisgarh stood sixth, earning national recognition with 8 gold, 13 silver, and 37 bronze medals, an achievement celebrated by the state. The Assam Rifles team was awarded the title of Most Disciplined Team.

Gothia Cup winning Indian team felicitated

New Delhi, July 21 (UNI) Special Olympics Bharat hosted a heartfelt felicitation ceremony today to honour the outstanding performance of the Indian football teams at the recently concluded Gothia Cup 2025, held in Gothenburg, Sweden. The ceremony was graced by President of Special Olympics Bharat Dr. Mallika Nadda and Minister of State, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Raksha Khadse along with support from SKF, Special Olympics Bharat Boys' Team and the Haryana U-15 Girls' Team were selected to represent India at the 2025 Gothia Cup, which also completed 50 years of its inception in this edition.

The Special Olympics Bharat boys' team defended their title with unmatched resolve, emerging Gothia Cup champions for the second consecutive year. Their journey was a powerful display of confidence, camaraderie, and rising above limits- qualities that define not just the team, but the inclusive movement they represent.

India lifted the 2025 Gothia Cup after dominating the final and defeating Poland by 3-1. Ankush Kumar (8', 14') scored a brace and Saheer Muhammad (29') scored a goal as well, emerging as the stars in the final for India. Saheer also emerged as the top goalscorer for India, recording a total of 7 goals while Ankush and Stalin Kumar followed with 3 and 2 goals respectively.

Raksha Khadse, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, said, "These young athletes have reminded us of what India truly stands for- unyielding courage, quiet determination and the unstoppable strength of unity. Watching them not just participate, but rise as champions and changemakers on a global platform, stirs pride in every Indian heart. Their journey is more than a victory — it is a powerful reflection of the India we believe in, where every child, regardless of background or ability, deserves the chance to shine."

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Details of Security Enhancements Post-Bomb Blasts and Ongoing Safety Initiatives

Mumbai, July 21 : In light of the recent Hon'ble High Court ruling and subsequent media queries, regarding the security measures undertaken by Western Railway, post major bomb blast incidents, and the progressive enhancement of security infrastructure over the years, along with key projects currently in the pipeline:

Security Enhancements Post-Bomb Blasts:

Following the major bomb blast incidents, especially 11 July' 2006 Mumbai suburban serial train blasts and other subsequent threats, Indian Railways have significantly overhauled its security strategy in coordination with RPF, GRP, Intelligence agencies, and local administration. The steps taken include:

Formation of Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) at major stations.

Deployment of Bomb Detection & Disposal Squads (BDDS).

Increased RPF-GRP joint patrolling in sensitive areas. Enhanced intelligence

coordination with State and Central agencies.

Special focus on anti-sabotage checks before peak hours.

Random baggage screening at high-risk stations and trains.

Progressive Measures Implemented Over the Years:

Integrated Security System (ISS):

Launched to strengthen surveillance through CCTV coverage, baggage scanners, and bomb detection devices.

3048 CCTV installed across Mumbai Suburban stations.

Out of total 451 ladies coaches, 305 CCTV installed in 146 suburban local trains.

High-definition IP-based CCTVs installed at major stations.

Real-time video feeds integrated with station control rooms and monitored by trained RPF personnel.

Baggage Scanning & Screening:

05 X-ray baggage scanners installed at selected sensitive stations

of Mumbai Division.

Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMDs) and Hand-Held Metal Detectors (HHMDs) used at entry points.

Total 217 HHMDs provided at important stations of Mumbai Suburban.

16 DFMD installed at selected sensitive stations of Mumbai Suburban.

Random checking of luggage through Baggage scanner and DFMD at important stations is being done.

Facial Recognition System (FRS):

Integrated with 470 CCTVs for identification of wanted/criminal elements over Mumbai Suburban stations.

Deployment of Canine Squads:

07 sniffer Dog squads regularly deployed for sniffing and bomb detection duties across major stations of Mumbai Suburban.

Regular checking at stations and coaches of important trains are being done at important stations through K-9 Dogs to

prevent/detect carriage of explosive items.

Train Escorting: RPF escort parties provided in over 64 trains daily, with a focus on vulnerable sections.

"Meri Saheli" teams have been deployed in 08 trains under Mumbai Division to ensure the safety of women passengers. On average, assistance is being provided to approximately 144 female passengers daily.

Drone Surveillance: Conducted in select yards and stations for aerial monitoring over Mumbai Suburban.

Key Projects in Pipeline / Recent Upgrades:

CCTV Coverage Expansion:

652 Non STQC cameras which were installed under VSS phase –I, are proposed to be shifted from 19 stations Mumbai Suburban.

Additional 407 cameras are proposed in revised survey of VSS works.

Real-time monitoring from Central Command Centres (Zonal/Divisional level).

Final Phase Admissions for PG programmes in MANUU

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 21 :Maulana Azad National Urdu University is inviting online applications for admission in different merit based Post Graduate programmes.

The applications will be accepted from July 22 to 27, 2025. This will be the final phase of admissions for academic year 2025-26. According to Prof. M. Vanaja, Director, Directorate of Admissions, the candidates who wish to apply afresh and those who had applied earlier and did not get admission can avail this opportunity.

For verification of documents, the candidates have to report in person at the concerned department at Hyderabad/Lucknow/ Budgam campus on July 29. The list of eligible/selected candidates for School of Languages/Law/Sciences will be displayed on July 31 and fee can be paid on August 01 & 02, whereas eligible/selected candidates list for School of Social Sciences/Management/MCJ will be displayed on August 01 and fee payment date is August 02 & 03.

For details visit University website www.manuu.edu.in or email to admissionsregular@manuu.edu.in for assistance and for general queries admission help desk can be contacted on 040- 23006612 Extn- 1801.

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, GM, SCR Presents ‘Employee of the Month’ Safety Awards to 04 Employees

Safety and Punctuality Review Meeting held by General Manager, SCR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 21 : Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway presented “Employee of the Month” safety awards for the month of June, 2025 to four employees during safety review meeting held today at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The Employee of the month awards are given to the staff, who have shown alertness and dedication to the duty preventing unsafe conditions. Shri Neeraj Agrawal, Additional General Manager, SCR also participated in the meeting along with all the Principal Heads of Departments. Divisional Railway Manager’s (DRMs) of all six Divisions i.e. Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur and Nanded joined the review meeting through video conference.

The General Manager presented the “Employee of the month” safety awards to the staff pertaining to Secunderabad Division - 01, Vijayawada Division - 02 and Nanded Division - 01. The employees belong to various categories like Points Woman, Travelling Ticket Inspector and Train Manager. The General Manager congratulated the awardees and appreciated them for the devotion in discharging their duties with utmost dedication. He stated that these awards will inspire and motivate other employees to be more vigilant and work sincerely to ensure safe working.

Later, the General Manager while emphasizing on the safety of train operations stated that, special drives to be carried out by the officers/supervisors in view of



monsoon. He instructed to intensify the track patrolling focusing on newly constructed RUBs and other vulnerable areas to watch the water stagnation/water bodies along the track side which may lead to soil erosions due to heavy rains. He also instructed the officials to intensify the security checks along with the track to protect the assets related to track and signaling from miscreant activities in tampering the signals to ensure safe movement of the trains. He also instructed officials to adhere all safety precautions at work site and avoid shortcuts methods.

Shri Sanjay Kumar

Srivastava while discussing on the Level crossings (LCs) he instructed the DRMs to take necessary steps to provide CCTVs at all the manned non interlocked LCs gates for enhance safety of trains and road traffic. He also instructed to take all the safety measures to protect the empty rakes at all the stabling yards and keep more surveillance on miscreant activities to avoid fire incidents etc.

Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava instructed to conduct safety drives covering all the safety related areas like crew lobbies, level crossing gates, signalling etc., While discussing on the crew working hours, he

instructed officials to make meticulous action plan focusing on providing proper rest to the on-duty crew at proper time and interval.

The General Manager while reviewing the Punctuality, instructed officials to bring out some system improvements so as to further improve the punctuality of passenger train operations. He also stated that, while taking the blocks for track maintenance works involve all the concerned departments to make a meticulous action plan in advance to have the less impact on the Passenger/Mail/Express train movements to improve the punctuality further.

Indus Hyderabad produces IB World Topper in Class of 2025



(By Snaps India)

Hyderabad, July 21 : Indus International School Hyderabad proudly celebrates the remarkable achievements of its 2025 Batch students in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

The toast of the celebrations is Anya Rao Polasani, who joined a rare league of international IB toppers with a perfect 45/45 score. The distinction that she has achieved is so very rare that only about 0.1 per cent of IB Diploma candidates worldwide hit the perfect score each year.

In 2025, out of over 2.02 lakh students globally, a

mere 200 attained the maximum 45/45, according to official estimates.

Anya's brilliant achievement is a testament to her academic excellence, resilience and the future-ready mindset fostered at Indus.

Following Anya in the merit list are 11 more Indus students, who secured 40+ score, underscoring the school's strong academic culture and support systems.

The Class of 2025 Super Dozen:

1. Anya Rao Polasani (45/45)
2. Sidharth Nimmagadda (43)
3. Donghyun Shin (42)
4. Sheik Nashitah

5. Hansika Reddy Araveti (40)
6. Jasraj Hari Krishna Budigam (40)
7. Urvi Gupta (40)
8. Anya Maryala (40)
9. Navya Sri Lalitha Vatluri (40)
10. Srivalli Konakanchi (40)
11. Kevin Viral Shah (40)
12. Tejas Shreekant Mandke (40)

The institute's Principal Ms Farida Fraz expressed her pride at the spectacular showing, while stating, “These results reflect our students' commitment, the tireless efforts of our faculty, and the shared vision of excellence at Indus. We are especially proud of Anya, whose accomplishment places her among the top performers globally. Our mission is to keep nurturing individuals who can lead with purpose and compassion. On this occasion, we extend our gratitude to Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray (Retd.), CEO of the Indus Trust, for his visionary leadership and enduring belief in holistic, transformative education.”

The 2025 Batch leaves behind a legacy of excellence and purpose, ready to step into leading universities across the globe, carrying with them the values that define Indus: love, empathy, discipline, and respect.

Prashant Kishore slams Kushwaha for demanding change of JD(U) leadership

Patna, July 21(UNI) " Jan Suraaj " founder Prashant Kishore today slammed Rastriya Lok Morcha (RLM) president Upendra Kushwaha for demanding change of JD(U) leadership, saying if he had no faith in leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, it would be better for him to leave NDA with immediate effect.

Prashant during his " Bihar Badlao Yatra " in Siwan district of the state, said that Kushwaha had demanded change of leadership of JD(U) by replacing Nitish Kumar with someone else.

It meant that Kushwaha had no faith over leadership of Kumar and in this situation, it would be

better for him to leave NDA as soon as possible, he remarked.

"Under the leadership of Kumar, Kushwaha was MLC and also Minister in NDA government in Bihar but now he is raising question over his leadership," Jan Suraaj leader said adding that Kushwaha was sent to Rajya Sabha

with support from Kumar.

How could it be possible that Kushwaha after getting so much benefits from Kumar, he was not prepared to accept his leadership, he wondered.

Both receiving benefits and refusing to accept leadership of Kumar, would not run together, he emphasised

Congress Workers Storm Collector's Office, Police Watch Helplessly



(Standard Post Bureau)

Dharashiv, July 21 : Congress workers, protesting the Public Safety Act draft which they claim suppresses the fundamental rights of citizens, directly entered the Collector's Office and raised slogans, demanding that the Governor not sign the draft. Police officers and personnel on duty were seen standing by, helplessly.

More details on the matter are as follows: The Maharashtra government recently approved the Public Safety Act. The provisions of this act are against democratic principles, which will lead to the suppression of ordinary citizens' freedom and civil rights.

For justice, Congress officials and workers, who have always protested on the streets through constitutional means outside the Collector's Office, burned the draft as usual outside the office and then directly entered the Collector's Office, reverberating the premises with slogans.

Police at the main entrance allowed the protesters to enter while demonstrating.

The in-charge officer and personnel of Anandnagar Police Station, who were on security duty, stood by with folded hands, helplessly allowing the workers to enter the Collector's Office. It was here that the Congress officials and workers fulfilled their desire for publicity by shouting slogans.

The protesters have now started a new trend of directly entering the Collector's Office.

Since the police on duty are merely watching, the district administration and police administration will face serious consequences in the future.

There was a discussion going on in the Collector's Office that the Congress members, who usually protest through legitimate means, have shown their uncivilized behavior by entering the Collector's Office.