

IN BRIEF

Mudragada fast recovering: eldest son Balu

Kakinada, July 22 (UNI) : Kapunadu leader M u d r a g a d a Padmanabham is fast recovering under the care of medical experts at Yasoda hospital in Hyderabad and his condition is stable, said his eldest son Mudragada Veera Raghavarao (Balu) today.

Giving clarity on his father's condition from Kirlampudi, Balu said his father was in intensive care and under constant medical care of experts round-the-clock.

He said his brother Mudragada Giribabu was personally looking after his father's health, staying at the Yasoda hospital. Balu advised Mudragada's supporters and well-wishers not to try to contact Giribabu over phone or go over to Hyderabad to see Mudragada in the hospital. Balu said his father was receiving best medical care and very soon return hale and healthy with the blessings of God and good wishes of well-wishers.

‘Cyclonic circulation now lies over Odisha and neighbourhood’

Amaravati, July 22 (UNI): The Meteorological Centre on Tuesday reported that the upper air cyclonic circulation, which was earlier located over the west-central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal off south Odisha and north Coastal Andhra Pradesh, now lies over south Odisha and its neighbourhood.

It extends up to 5.8 km above mean sea level and tilts southeastward with height. In its daily weather report, the Centre also stated that an east-west trough is currently running roughly along Latitude 13°N, extending from north-central Karnataka to south Coastal Andhra Pradesh at 5.8 km above mean sea level. A fresh low-pressure area is likely to form over the north Bay of Bengal around July 24, 2025, the report said. Heavy rainfall is likely to occur at isolated places in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam during the next five days, and in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh over the next three days.

Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and strong winds with speeds ranging from 40–50 kmph are also likely at isolated places across Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, and Rayalaseema during the next five days.

UAE Economy Minister meets CM, Naidu



Amaravati, July 22 (IANS) :United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of Economy Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri met Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu here on Tuesday.

Yusuff Ali M.A., Chairman and Managing Director of LuLu International, was also present during the meeting.

“Had the pleasure of meeting H.E. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Hon’ble Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates, Mr. Yusuff Ali M.A., Chairman and Managing Director of LuLu International, and Mr. Adeeb Ahamed, Managing Director of LuLu Financial Holdings,” the Chief Minister posted on social media platform X.

“We had an engaging discussion on potential investment and development opportunities in Andhra Pradesh,” he added. Meanwhile, at a review meeting on agriculture, Chief Minister

Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to collect crop details for every survey of land across the state through satellite.

He noted that the satellite survey conducted in Bhalabhadrapuram village of Bikkavolu mandal in East Godavari district highlighted comprehensive data. He emphasised comparing field-level data with satellite survey data and guiding farmers to cultivate uniform crops in specific areas.

He said Rythu Seva Kendras should provide continuous suggestions and assistance. The CM directed that after resurvey and cleansing of revenue records, agriculture records must also be updated.

The review also discussed the use of AI chatbots to assist farmers with crop planning and value addition. The Chief Minister stressed that farmers should receive the necessary information with the help of Artificial Intelligence. Meanwhile,

officials informed the CM that eKYC has been completed for 47,41,792 farmers under the Annadata Sukhibhava scheme. The CM instructed officials to identify eligible beneficiaries via the e-Crop platform and ensure financial assistance reaches every farmer in the state.

The CM reiterated that he prioritises agriculture and announced that he will soon hold virtual meetings with Water Users Associations to interact with them directly. Officials explained that, except for a few districts in South Coastal Andhra, the rest of the state has recorded normal rainfall during the Kharif season.

They stated that the major projects in Krishna, Godavari, and Vamsadhara basins are full and that due to abundant rains, cultivation area in the state has expanded.

They reported that in this Kharif season, crops are being cultivated in 9.90 lakh hectares.

People satisfied with alliance rule, says Minister Subhash

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kakinada, July 22 : Minister for Labour Vasamsetti Subhash today said that people were satisfied with the one year rule of the alliance government in the state.

Undertaking door to door visit as a part of ‘Suparipalanalo tholi adugu’ programme in Bhinakrosupalem and Vunduru villages near here, Subhash said the government was going ahead giving equal priority to welfare and development and all welfare schemes would be implemented in a phased manner. He visited every household and sought to know from the people their opinion about the one year rule and uploaded them into the ‘My TDP App’. During the door to door campaign, the Minister visited the Anganwadi centre and enquired about its functioning. Later, he told media persons that their government was implementing the welfare schemes which is no where in other states. Already pensions hike, free gas cylinder, Thalliki Vandanam schemes were implemented, free bus travel scheme for women and Annadata sukhibhava scheme would be implemented very soon, he added.

TTD decide to construct third Vaikuntam Queue Complex in Tirumala

Tirumala, July 22 (UNI) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Trust Board, managing the richest Tirumala temple, in its meeting on Tuesday resolved to construct a third Vaikuntam Queue Complex (VQC3) to manage the ever-increasing number of pilgrims visiting the Tirumala temple. The meeting, which met under the Chairmanship of BR Naidu at Tirumala, passed several key resolutions. Addressing the media after the board meeting held at Annamaiah Bhavan here, Naidu along with TTD Executive Officer Syamala Rao, said the trust board decided to constitute an expert committee to examine the feasibility of constructing VQC 3 in Tirumala in line with the increasing number of devotees visiting the temple day by day. To study the possibilities of setting up rest centers (lounges) with all facilities in various areas in Tirumala for the convenience of devotees, he said. The current daily footfall of over 70,000 pilgrims far exceeds the capacity of the existing vaikuntam-I and II complexes in Tirumala.

The original Vaikuntam Queue Complex (VQC) was built in 1983 and could accommodate around 17,000 pilgrims. The second Vaikuntam complex was added later to specifically cater to common pilgrims, while the original VQC handles Arjitha Seva and paid darshan tickets.

With the significant increase in pilgrim numbers, TTD is facing challenges in managing the crowds.

The Board also decided to improve infrastructure, lighting, security and spiritually for the devotees on the Alipiri and Srivari Mettu walking paths. The Board resolved to prepare a master plan and DPR for further development of the Shila Toranam and Chakra Theertham areas in Tirumala. Besides approving to set up a cyber security lab to prevent Srivari devotees from being exposed to cyber fraud, the board decided to prepare an action plan in consultation with experts to improve sanitation and security and provide better facilities for devotees at Kalyanakatta in Tirumala. Additional Executive Officer Ch Venkaiah Chowdary, several board members and JEO i Veerabraham participated in this meeting.

'We have power to seek proof of Citizenship during Bihar voter roll revision' : EC tells SC

New Delhi, Jul 22 (UNI) : The Election Commission of India (ECI) has told the Supreme Court that it has the statutory and constitutional authority to seek proof of citizenship during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.

Defending its action in a counter-affidavit filed in the batch of petitions challenging the SIR process, the ECI rejected the argument that it was overstepping its jurisdiction by asking individuals to prove citizenship.

It asserted that this obligation flows from Article 326 of the Constitution and

Sections 16 and 19 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950. “ECI is vested with the power to scrutinize whether a proposed elector fulfils the criteria for being registered as a voter in the electoral roll, which includes an assessment of citizenship as per Article 326,” stated the affidavit filed by Deputy Election Commissioner Sanjay Kumar.

The ECI added that its powers flow directly from Articles 324 and 326 read with Sections 16 and 19 of the RP Act, 1950.

Highlighting Section 19, the Commission emphasised that citizenship is a key eligibility criterion for voter

registration. It is thus obligated to verify this condition to ensure that no ineligible person is included and no eligible person excluded.

The ECI rejected the contention that only the central government can adjudicate citizenship issues, clarifying that Section 9 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, vests exclusive jurisdiction with the Centre only for determining termination of citizenship upon voluntary acquisition of foreign citizenship.

“Other aspects related to citizenship can be inquired into by other relevant authorities for their

purposes, including the ECI,” it stated.

The affidavit further said that proof of citizenship lies within the special knowledge of the individual claiming to be an Indian citizen, and it is incumbent upon them to provide such evidence.

Refuting the petitioners’ argument that seeking such proof reverses the burden of proof, the Commission pointed out that under the electoral registration framework, applicants must establish their eligibility while submitting Form 6 under the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

Regarding deletion of

existing names from the electoral roll, the ECI clarified that such removal is done only after detailed inquiry and satisfaction of the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) that a person is not qualified.

“Under the SIR exercise, the citizenship of an individual will not terminate on account of being held ineligible for registration in the electoral rolls,” the affidavit emphasised, adding that it is not adjudicating citizenship per se but merely ensuring that non-citizens do not get registered as voters.

The matter is listed for hearing on July 28.



TB, malaria, kala-azar show sharp decline; national

India has recorded significant progress in the control and elimination of major communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria, kala-azar, and HIV among others between 2015 and 2024, the Government informed the Rajya Sabha today. The country has met or exceeded several targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reflecting a strengthened and integrated public health response, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel said in a written reply, citing official data from the Ministry. She said, a 17.7% reduction in TB incidence has been reported, with the case rate falling from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 195 per lakh in 2023.

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SC ashamed over rising crimes against women; Seeks



Expressing deep anguish over the rising incidents of brutal violence against women, the Supreme Court today remarked that it feels “ashamed” to hear frequent cases of assaults, including recent incidents where women were burnt alive.

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Trump says US will carry out new strikes on Iranian sites if ...



US President Donald Trump has said that the United States will carry out new strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities “if necessary.” “Iran’s Foreign Minister, Abbas Araghchi, on the Iran Nuclear Sites: ‘Damages are very severe, they are destroyed.’ Of course they are, just like I said, and we will do it again, if necessary! ...

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Zheng Qinwen withdraws from US Open following elbow ...



China's Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen has pulled out of this year's US Open tournament following an elbow surgery, the event's organisers announced today. The sixth-ranked Zheng, two-time US Open quarterfinalist, said in a social media post last Saturday that she has undergone successful surgery on her right elbow and is now recovering

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Commissioner Dr Kailash Shinde took a close review of the functioning of various depts



(Standard Post Bureau)
Navi Mumbai, July 22 : The ranking of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation in the 'Super Swachh League' of the best clean cities in the country in the 'Super Swachh Survekshan 2024' is the result of the combined efforts and hard work of all of us, including citizens and sanitation workers, and congratulating everyone for it, Municipal Commissioner Dr. Kailash Shinde stated in the review meeting of the heads of departments that the responsibility of maintaining its ranking in the 'Super Swachh League' in the future and towards that end, making more progress in city cleanliness and implementing

Govt ambulance stolen from hospital in Chhattisgarh

Raipur, July 22 (UNI) A government-run ambulance was stolen from the premises of the Ambikapur Medical College Hospital in Chhattisgarh, raising serious questions about the adequacy of security protocols at one of the region’s key healthcare facilities. What has particularly alarmed authorities is that the theft of the Sanjeevani 108 emergency vehicle went unnoticed for several days, prompting concerns over administrative oversight and surveillance failure. The stolen ambulance, part of the state’s emergency response fleet, had been parked within the hospital compound, an area presumed to be under round-the-clock security surveillance. Despite the presence of 24-hour guards and a network of CCTV cameras, no alarm was raised until days later. The hospital authorities eventually filed a formal complaint with the police after which an investigation was initiated. Additional Superintendent of Police Amolak Singh Dhillon said, "We have registered a case, and CCTV footage from the premises is being thoroughly examined."

The Sanjeevani 108 ambulance service, vital for emergency healthcare transport in remote areas, has previously been lauded for its quick response during crisis situations. A senior citizen from Ambikapur, who is currently admitted to the hospital for treatment and spoke on condition of anonymity, described the incident as "unprecedented" and urged swift action.

innovative projects and activities has increased. On this occasion, Additional Commissioners Mr. Sunil Pawar and Dr. Rahul Gethe, Deputy Commissioner of Administration Department Mr. Sharad Pawar, City Engineer Mr. Shirish Aardwad and other department heads, department officers, executive engineers were present. The Commissioner directed that an action plan for the planned sanitation activities should be prepared now and a time-bound implementation program should also be decided in view of the upcoming 'Swachh Survekshan 2025'. The online examination process conducted at 28

SC ashamed over rising crimes against women; Seeks concrete solutions beyond symbolism

New Delhi, July 22 (UNI) : Expressing deep anguish over the rising incidents of brutal violence against women, the Supreme Court today remarked that it feels "ashamed" to hear frequent cases of assaults, including recent incidents where women were burnt alive. A bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joyimalya Bagchi was hearing a writ petition filed by the Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association seeking Pan-India Safety Guidelines to protect women, alongside reforms including mandatory chemical castration of sexual offenders upon arrest, immediate polygraph tests, life imprisonment, and permanent castration in cases of heinous rape and murder. The petition also demanded setting up a National Sex Offenders Registry accessible to all

Naveen expresses concern over exclusion of Paika rebellion from NCERT textbook

Bhubaneswar, July 22 (UNI) Former Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today expressed concern over the National Council of Educational Research and Training’s (NCERT) decision to drop Odisha’s historic Paika rebellion from its school textbook. Taking to his social media handle ‘X’, the BJD chief and leader of Opposition in the Odisha

centers in 12 districts under Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation's Saral Seva Bharti - 2025 was conducted in a smooth manner, for which the Commissioner also congratulated the appointed Coordination Officers and Center Inspectors who went to the districts and performed well, as well as all the related units including the Administration Department. He also suggested that plans should be made to provide training in office work to the newly recruited employees. On this occasion, the Commissioner closely reviewed the work planned to be done under the urban planning reforms of the Central Government, department-wise. He also

women. During the hearing, Senior Advocate Mahalakshmi Pavani highlighted that only two days ago, a girl was burnt alive. Justice Kant responded, “We are equally concerned... so many voiceless people in remote areas suffer. Wide publicity may not work out for them. Let’s accept these ground realities.” The Court, however, adjourned the matter to Thursday after noting that the Union Government’s counter-affidavit was not on record. It urged Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati to treat the issue not as adversarial litigation but as a collective challenge requiring both long-term and short-term solutions.

Justice Kant observed, “Just examine possible solutions... comprehensive directions that can create real impact. Only when tragedy strikes do we wake

Assembly urged Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to ensure justice is done to the Paika rebellion, popularly known as Paika Bidroha, and to Odisha’s rich legacy. The longest serving Chief Minister of Odisha described the Paika rebellion as a “watershed movement” in Odisha’s history, stating that the

directed that each department should strictly take action related to it for the effective implementation of the 150-day action plan program envisaged by the Hon’ble Chief Minister. While giving instructions to create more awareness among the citizens to pay various taxes of the Municipal Corporation online, the Commissioner also reviewed the work related to the upcoming Municipal Elections. The dashboards that provide daily details of the work of all departments should be updated and the heads of departments should regularly review the detailed information on it and make corresponding improvements in the working methods.

up. This is what is inherently wrong in the system.” He suggested appointing educated villagers as paralegal workers to bridge justice accessibility gaps, especially when ASG Bhati informed the Court about existing One Stop Centres in every district. Justice Kant proposed that women elected as sarpanch under Panchayat reservation could also be empowered to act as paralegal workers. The petition invoked the doctrine of parens patriae for the Court to safeguard the fundamental rights of women, children, and the third gender. It stated that despite stringent laws after the JS Verma Committee recommendations in 2013, heinous cases like Unnao, Kathua, and Hathras continue to occur due to police and administrative apathy, corruption, and lack of implementation.

brave Paikas fought with extraordinary courage against the British oppression as early as 1817. Patnaik noted that he had repeatedly urged the Central government to officially recognize the Paika rebellion as the First War of Independence. “The Paikas united to fight the tyranny of foreign colonial rule with unparalleled bravery,” Patnaik wrote.

Indian Army receives first batch of three Apache helicopters

New Delhi, July 22 (UNI) : The Indian Army today received the first batch of three state-of-the-art Apache combat helicopters from the US. The helicopters landed at the Hindon Air Base, on the outskirts of Delhi. In a post on X, the Indian Army said, "Milestone moment for Indian Army as the first batch of Apache helicopters for Army Aviation arrive today in India. These state-of-the-art platforms will bolster the operational capabilities of the Indian Army significantly".

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on X said that the arrival of the first batch of Apache helicopters is a significant step towards strengthening India’s defence capabilities. "The arrival of the first batch of Apache helicopters for the Indian Army is a significant step towards strengthening India’s defence capabilities. These advanced helicopters will enhance the Army Aviation wing’s operational effectiveness, specially in challenging terrains. A proud moment reflecting our commitment to modernising the Armed Forces," Rajnath Singh said. The delivery is part of a contract between the Ministry of Defence and Boeing, one of the world’s major aerospace companies, for the purchase of six AH-64E Apache helicopters. The delivery was originally scheduled to begin last year but was delayed by a year. These helicopters are expected to be deployed in Jodhpur.

LS adjourned for second day amid continued ruckus by Opposition

New Delhi, July 22 (UNI) : The Lok Sabha was adjourned for the second consecutive day today without any proceedings, following persistent disruptions by Opposition parties. As soon as the House re-assembled at 2 pm, Opposition members trooped into the well of the House, holding placards and shouting slogans. Presiding officer Dilip Saikia urged the agitating members to go back to their seats and let the House function. But the sloganeering by the protesting members continued. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju while condemning the action of the Opposition said, “It was decided in the

Police nabs 3 in alleged gang rape case of a minor girl

Itanagar, July 22 (UNI) : In a swift and coordinated operation, Diyun Police in Arunachal Pradesh’s Changlang district has arrested three individuals accused of the alleged gang rape of a minor girl near Manabum Nala on the night of July 18 last. The incident came to light after a relative, accompanied by the survivor, filed a complaint at Diyun

UK F35 fighter jet, grounded since June 14 at Thiruvananthapuram airport, departs after repairs

New Delhi, July 22 (UNI) A UK F-35B fighter jet, which had been grounded at Thiruvananthapuram airport since June 14, departed today after a British engineering team completed the repairs and safety checks, a statement said. The UK thanked India for the cooperation extended during the entire process. A spokesperson of the British High Commission said: “A UK F-35B aircraft, which landed following an emergency diversion on June 14, departed today from Thiruvananthapuram International Airport. A UK engineering team, deployed since July 06 completed the repairs and safety checks, allowing the aircraft to

Ruckus Over Voter List and Law & Order Forces Bihar Assembly Adjournment

Patna, July 22 (UNI) The Bihar Assembly was adjourned till lunch today following an uproar by the opposition over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list and the deteriorating law and order situation in the state. As soon as the House assembled for the day and Speaker Nandkishor Yadav took up the Question Hour proceedings, opposition members began vociferously protesting against the SIR and the prevailing law and order issues. Dressed in black as a mark of protest, they shouted slogans demanding the immediate withdrawal of the SIR. Waving placards and banners, they stormed into the Well of the House, creating a noisy scene. The Speaker repeatedly appealed to the protesting

meeting that 'Operation Sindoor' would be discussed first, and a specific time has been allotted for it. How can all issues be addressed simultaneously?" He further said that the members protesting with placards is not acceptable. "In the Business Advisory Committee we have said that the government is ready to discuss. But they (Opposition) don’t want to run the House". "You waste crores of tax payers’ money by disrupting the House," Rijiju slammed the Opposition. But the Opposition ruckus continued and the Chair adjourned the House till 11 AM on Wednesday. Earlier, the zero hour was

Police Station. Acting promptly on the survivor’s inputs, a police team led by Inspector Ongsa Ronrang, assisted by Inspector Bobby Sumnyan and other staff, launched an overnight search operation across scattered locations, including Shillong Pahar, Manabum, and Kamakhyapur. During the raids, three accused persons were arrested. They

resume active service. “The UK remains very grateful for the support and collaboration of the Indian authorities and airport teams throughout the repair and recovery process. “We look forward to continuing to strengthen our defence partnership with India.” The aircraft is part of the HMS Prince of Wales Carrier Strike Group of the UK’s Royal Navy. The UK F-35 aircraft was unable to return to HMS Prince of Wales due to adverse weather conditions. The aircraft was diverted to Thiruvananthapuram International Airport in India, where it landed safely. The aircraft

members to return to their seats and allow the House to function smoothly in the public interest. However the questions and the reply could not be heard properly due to the pandemonium. The opposition, meanwhile, continued to chant slogans against Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and urged the Speaker to accept their adjournment motion notice, seeking to suspend the day’s listed business to discuss their concerns. Despite the commotion, the Speaker attempted to continue the Question Hour proceedings. However, due to the pandemonium, neither the questions nor the responses could be heard clearly. Amid the chaos, some opposition members reportedly tried to overturn

disrupted, leading to the adjournment of the House until 2 pm. When the proceedings resumed at 12 noon following the first adjournment, Opposition members entered the well of the House, shouting slogans and causing an uproar. After the papers were laid on the table, presiding officer Jagdambika called for the zero hour. Opposition members raised slogan, demanding discussion on SIR (Special Intensive Review) and other issues and trooped into the well of the House. Pal informed the members that, based on their demand, the Business Advisory Committee has agreed to discuss Operation Sindoor for 16

were identified as Chugolo Chakma (31), a resident of Shillong Pahar; Amar Chakma (20), meat vendor from Manabum; and Som Kumar Chakma alias Shanti Jivon (30) from Kamakhyapur, a senior police officer said today. The case has been registered as Diyun Police Station Case No. 19/2025, under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya

subsequently developed an engineering issue whilst on the ground which delayed its return to the Carrier Strike Group. Engineers from HMS Prince of Wales assessed the aircraft and it was decided that the support of a UK based engineering team was needed. The UK had accepted India’s offer to move the aircraft in the Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility. To ensure minimal disruption to regular airport operations, it was decided to move the aircraft once UK engineering teams arrive with specialist equipment. The UK has complied with all standard requirements for commercial airports, it said.

the reporter’s desk and chair. The Speaker sternly warned them against such actions, saying it could injure Assembly staff. He also criticized their conduct, stating it was tarnishing their public image. In an effort to restore order, the Speaker offered one of the opposition members a chance to speak—provided they returned to their seats. The opposition members did not budge even an inch and continue to create noise from the well of the house and installed the question hour proceedings. Despite repeated efforts to restore order, the Speaker was unable to calm the situation. With the ruckus continuing unabated, he adjourned the House within 21 minutes, until lunch.

hours. Therefore, members of all parties should remain seated and participate in the House proceedings. He said that the government is willing to discuss any issue raised by the Opposition, but they did not listen to him and continued to create ruckus. Meanwhile, Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal assured the members that the government is ready to hold discussions on all issues. Jagdambika Pal also stated that instead of displaying placards and shouting slogans, members should cooperate in the smooth functioning of the House. As the uproar intensified, he adjourned the proceedings of the House until 2 pm.

Sanhita, 2023 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. The minor survivor has undergone medical examination and has been placed in a Child Care Institute for counselling, rehabilitation, and protection. All three accused have been remanded to judicial custody, and further investigation is underway, the officer added.



Vehicles stuck in traffic jam due to movement of 'Kanwariyas' on the eve of conclusion of the 'Kanwar Yatra' during the holy month of 'Shravan', on the Delhi- Haridwar Expressway.

AP court allows further investigation into Dalit youth’s murder by MLC

Amaravati, July 22 (IANS) :A Special Court for SC/ST cases in Rajamahendravaram town of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday allowed further investigation into the 2022 murder of a Dalit youth by YSRCP MLC Ananta Uday Bhaskar.

The court directed that the supplementary charge sheet in the case should be filed in 90 days.

The court order has cleared the way for re-investigation of the case ordered by the TDP-led NDA government.

YSRCP leader and Kakinada MLC Ananta Uday Bhaskar, also known as Ananta Babu, had allegedly murdered his former driver Veedhi Subrahmanyam, a Dalit, and dumped his body at his

residence in 2022. Ananta Babu had pushed the deceased during an argument, resulting in his fall and death on the night of May 19, 2022.

The MLC also allegedly inflicted injuries on Subrahmanyam’s body to present it as a death in a road accident. However, the driver’s family refused to believe his version and lodged a complaint with the police.

The MLC was arrested, and the YSRCP had subsequently suspended him from the party.

The MLC had told police that Subrahmanyam was in an inebriated condition, and he pulled him up for not giving up bad habits. This angered the driver, who questioned him. Enraged over this, the MLC

held him by the neck and pushed. Subrahmanyam fell down and sustained head injuries. When the driver tried to hit back, the MLC pushed him again, and this time, the driver received a grievous head injury.

The MLC told police that he gave water to Subrahmanyam, but a few minutes after taking a sip, he was unresponsive. The legislator then thought of showing the incident as a road accident. He carried the body in the car to a dumping yard, where he inflicted injuries on the body with sticks.

The MLC later carried the body to Subrahmanyam’s house and told his family members that he died in a road accident. After seeing the nature of injuries on the

body, they refused to believe his version. There was an argument between them, and the MLC subsequently left the place, leaving behind the body in his car. As the investigation officer failed to submit the charge sheet within 90 days, Ananta Babu was released on default bail in December 2022.

After the TDP-led coalition government came to power last year, it decided to re-investigate the case.

In April this year, the government ordered re-investigation. Indian Police Service (IPS) officer and Kakinada DSP Manish Devraj Patil was appointed as the investigation officer.

The investigating officer was asked to take the court’s permission.

Focus shifts to urban Indiramma houses: Minister Ponguleti announces G + 3 model for slum dwellers

Hyderabad, July 22 (UNI) : With the first phase of Indiramma houses nearing completion in rural areas, Telangana Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has announced that the state government is now shifting focus to urban housing.

Plans are underway to build Indiramma houses in city areas, particularly adopting the G+3 apartment model to ensure the urban poor can continue their livelihoods without displacement.

Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Secretariat on Tuesday, Minister Ponguleti discussed Indiramma and 2BHK housing projects in

urban areas with housing officials, GHMC Commissioner RV Kannan, Housing Secretary VP Gautam, and district collectors from Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal Malkajgiri, Sangareddy, and Malkajgiri.

He emphasised the need to address the reality that many of the poor living in urban slums are reluctant to move far from the city, fearing it will impact their livelihoods. He noted that many of the 2BHK houses allotted by the previous government remain unoccupied due to this very concern.

The minister directed officials to begin the first phase of urban Indiramma housing construction as early as possible and

recommended identifying suitable lands within city limits for this purpose. These include government lands, Bhoodan lands, private lands under negotiation, and even encroached areas that could be regularised. He asked district collectors to appoint special officers in their respective areas to speed up the process of identifying these plots and to submit detailed reports quickly. According to the data presented during the meeting, there are approximately 42,432 people living in 166 slums under GHMC limits. A survey has so far been completed in 106 slums in Hyderabad, five in Sangareddy, 12 in Medchal-Malkajgiri, and 26 in

Rangareddy.

The findings show that around 25,501 families are still residing in thatched houses. Ponguleti urged collectors to conduct a more comprehensive survey and submit a final report by the end of this month, detailing the number of slums, the extent of land available, and the feasibility of G+3 model housing in each location.

He added that while each rural constituency was sanctioned 3,500 houses in the first phase, the urban constituencies will receive more allocations due to higher population densities. Addressing the issue of 2BHK houses lying vacant in Sangareddy, Rangareddy, Medchal and Malkajgiri districts, the

Free from stress to keep Brain healthy: Neuro Physician

Kakinada, July 22 (UNI) Neurological disorders are on an increase and one should keep the brain healthy free from stress to avoid brain strokes, said noted neuro physician Dr Bezawada Kamaraju.

Addressing the members of the Lions club Kakinada Stars here on Tuesday to mark the ‘World Brain Day’, he said, among the important human organs, the brain is vital as all body movements, memory and decision making was controlled by it. World Brain day ‘is celebrated to focus on neurological disorders every year on July 22.

Dr Kamaraju said that for disability or deaths, neurological disorders were responsible. If have awareness on Brain health neurological disorders could be prevented. `For maintaining Brain health, people should avoid mental stress. They should have a minimum seven hours sleep and daily exercise .

If suffering from anxiety and frustration consult the Doctors. Precautions to be taken to prevent head injuries while driving. Even the BP and Diabetes should be kept under control. Green leafy vegetables, Beans, sea food, and seeds should be part of the daily diet’ he added.

Club president Prasad Naidu honoured Dr Kamaraju with a shawl.

Club members Nimmakayala Venkateswara rao, Adabala Rathna Prasad, Budharaju Satyanarayana Raju, Chinthapalli subbarao were among those attended.

Court orders special facilities for YSR Cong Party MP in jail

Vijayawada, July 22 (IANS) :The ACB Special Court here on Tuesday directed the Rajamahendravaram Central Prison authorities to treat YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) MP, P.V. Midhun Reddy, as a special category prisoner and provide him special facilities.

The MP, who was arrested by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the multi-crore liquor scam case on July 19, is currently lodged in the Rajamahendravaram Central Prison.

The court passed the orders on a petition filed by the Rajampet MP seeking special facilities like home-cooked food and medicines. The Deputy Jail Superintendent appeared in person before the judge, who directed him to provide the facilities.

The MP had sought a bed, bedsheet, pillow, water bottle, cooler, newspapers, pen, table and also a television to enable him to watch the ongoing Parliament proceedings. He had mentioned that these provisions were necessary for him to discharge his duties as an MP.

The court asked the prison authorities to arrange a television if there

is a provision. It also made it clear that the MP has to bear the cost of water bottles, newspapers and food.

The prison authorities will also take an undertaking from the MP for the outside food. The court directed that Midhun Reddy be provided healthcare facilities available in the jail, and if necessary, he be provided access to healthcare facilities outside the jail.

Midhun Reddy’s family members and his advocate were also permitted to meet him in the jail thrice a week.

During the arguments on the MP’s petition on Monday, his counsel brought to the court’s notice that the prison authorities failed to respond to the legal notice, and that the MP was forced to sleep on the floor. The judge directed the jail superintendent to appear in person before the court.

The ACB court had also directed the prison authorities to file a counter-affidavit.

Midhun Reddy, who is the floor leader of YSRCP in Lok Sabha, is accused number four in the case. He was arrested on July 19, and the next day, the ACB Court remanded him to judicial custody till August 1.

TTD decides to construct new Administration building

Tirumala, July 22 (UNI) : Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) in its board meeting held here on Tuesday decided to construct a new administration building to bring in all departments in Tirumala for the ease of administration. The TTD Trust board which met under the chairmanship of BR Naidu at Tirumala, passed various resolutions.

The Trust board, touted as the richest and biggest temple trust in the world, manages 62 temples across India, including the iconic Lord Venkateswaray Swamy temple at Tirumala.

As per the orders of the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, an expert committee has submitted a report for the construction of Srivari temples in various countries to spread the glory of Srivari worldwide.

TTD has decided to form a sub-committee on this and take further quality enhancing activities as per the report of the said committee.

Besides resolving to fill 4 coordinator posts on contract basis to further expand Srivari Seva and implement voluntary

service to devotees more effectively, the board decided to remove the six blocks of the old HVDC in Tirumala, Balaji Rest House, Ampro Guest House, Annapurna Canteen and Kalyani Choultries as per the suggestions of IIT experts.

Decision to prepare an action plan with experts for various development programs in Tallapaka, the birthplace of Padakavita Pitamaha Annamacharya, it has decided to provide free mike sets worth Rs. 79.82 lakhs to 320 recently built temples under the auspices of Samarasatha Seva Foundation.

As part of the Vedic protection, approval has been given to grant TTD funds of Rs. 2.16 crore to unemployed Vedic reciters through the Endowment Department to pay unemployment allowance.

As per the instructions of the State Endowment Department, funds have been divided into three categories for paying funds to Srivari temples and Bhajan Mandirs built in SC, ST and backward areas under the auspices of SRIVANI Trust.

The board has decided to pay Rs. 10 lakhs, Rs. 15

Lions club distributes stand umbrellas to street vendors

Kakinada, July 22(UNI) The Lions club Kakinada has distributed stand umbrellas to twenty five petty street vendors at the Ramanayyapeta market at a function held in the market on Tuesday.

Lions club leader Degala Ramesh said that the umbrellas distribution was done to mark the 60 years completion of their club.

He said it was club’s Diamond jubilee gift to the vendors who were facing hardships in selling fruits and other goods under scorching sun and also the rain now assured of shelter under the umbrellas.

Adabala Rathna Prasad social activist has complimented the Lions club members for their gesture towards the petty vendors.

Nimmakayala Venkateswara Rao, Prasad Naidu, Budharaju Satyanarayana Raju, Chinthapalli Subbarao and Adabala Satyanarayana attended the event.

SC refuses to transfer Waqf Act Petition; CJI criticises trend of filing petitions for publicity

New Delhi, July 22 (UNI) : The Supreme Court today refused to transfer a writ petition challenging the Waqf Act, 1995, which is currently pending before the Delhi High Court, while expressing concern over the growing trend of filing petitions merely for publicity.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai, Justice K. Vinod Chandran, and Justice N.V. Anjaria was hearing a transfer plea

seeking to move the writ petition challenging the Waqf Act from the High Court to the apex court.

At the outset, CJI Gavai noted that the issue is already being considered by the Supreme Court, and the then CJI Sanjiv Khanna had set clear timelines for admitting writ petitions on the subject to avoid repetitive litigation. The bench led by CJI Khanna had, however, allowed fresh petitioners to file interventions in the

pending batch of 11 petitions. “The issue is already pending before this Court. Why do you want more petitions?” CJI Gavai asked. During the hearing, the bench voiced concern over petitions being filed for media attention, referring to recent discussions in court about the influence of “media narratives” on judicial proceedings.

“What is the hurry to rush to the Court? Only after seeing the newspapers. Petitions are

nowadays being filed only for newspapers... and what was the Solicitor General referring to the other day? Some YouTube channels,” CJI Gavai remarked. The petitioner contended that the matter concerns vast public land holdings under waqf boards, but the CJI responded, “See, whatever we decide in that matter will cover the others. If you want, you can file an intervention in that.” Ultimately, the bench declined to

entertain the transfer petition and ordered, “We are not inclined to entertain the prayer.”

The writ petition before the Delhi High Court challenges the constitutional validity of Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 14 of the Waqf Act, 1995, as amended by the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, on the grounds that these provisions are manifestly arbitrary, irrational, and violative of Articles 14, 15, 21, 25, and 27 of the Constitution.



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STANDARD POST

VS: The unrelenting warrior of Kerala, a personification of probity

A relentless fighter for justice, V.S. Achuthanandan - fondly known as VS - was a towering figure in Kerala politics, as well as a founding leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), who served as the state chief minister between 2006 and 2011. The veteran leader, who passed away today, led a political life marked by landmark struggles for land rights, anti-corruption crusades, environmental protection, and the upliftment of marginalised communities.

In connection with the Punnapra–Vayalar uprising in 1946, he was arrested, tortured, and imprisoned at the age of 23 for participating in a militant revolt against the policies of C.P. Ramaswami Iyer, the Diwan of the princely state of Travancore. He remained in jail even after India's independence on August 15, 1947.

He led the Alappuzha Land Reform Agitations from 1970 onwards, advocating for the full implementation of the 1967 Land Reforms Act and demanding equitable land distribution for farmers.

In 1996–97, he spearheaded a protest with the KSKTU against the conversion of paddy fields. Though controversial due to crop damage, the agitation sparked a vital debate on food security in the state.

Achuthanandan was at the forefront of the protest against the Coca-Cola plant in Plachimada, opposing the company's over-extraction of groundwater.

In 2003, he visited Muthanga to express solidarity with tribal communities demanding land rights and vocally condemned the police firing that occurred during the protest.

Achuthanandan extended support to the anti-nuclear movement at Koodankulam in 2012, before aligning with the party's official position.

As Chief Minister, he launched strong campaigns against illicit lottery networks and film piracy.

He actively pursued justice in the Ice-Cream Parlour sex scandal (2011), filing petitions against P.K. Kunhalikutty. He also fought legal battles against prominent political figures, including R. Balakrishna Pillai and Oommen Chandy, over corruption allegations.

VS was known for his maverick spirit — often taking positions that challenged his party leadership. During the 1962–64 Sino-Indian War, he defied the CPI's neutral stance and volunteered to donate blood for Indian soldiers, a move that led to his demotion.

His firm criticism of Pinarayi Vijayan's alleged involvement in the SNC-Lavalin case caused significant friction within the CPI(M), leading to multiple suspensions from the Politburo. Born on October 20, 1923, in Punnapra, Alappuzha, to Sankaran and Accamma, VS lost both parents early in life. He dropped out of school after the 7th standard and began working — first at his brother's tailoring shop and later at a coir factory. He entered public life through trade union activities, joining the State Congress in 1938 and becoming a member of the Communist Party of India (CPI) in 1940. He was a key figure in the formation of the CPI(M) in 1964, as one of the historic 32 members who split from the CPI. He served as CPI(M) Kerala State Secretary from 1980 to 1992 and was elected to the Politburo in 1985, holding the post until 2009. He lived the longest among the original CPI(M) founders.

In 2006, at the age of 82, VS became the oldest serving Chief Minister of Kerala, after leading the Left Democratic Front (LDF) to a resounding victory. His tenure (2006–2011) was marked by historic anti-encroachment drives in Munnar and Kochi (MG Road) to reclaim illegally occupied land, crackdowns on lottery scams, film piracy and political corruption.

He consistently advocated tribal rights, environmental protection, and justice for Adivasi communities. He played a key role in implementing public projects such as the expansion of Technopark, groundwork for the Vallarpadam terminal, and the early stages of the Kochi Metro. He also promoted free software, particularly in the state's public education system. VS served as Leader of the Opposition for 15 years — the longest in Kerala's legislative history— and was a key force behind the LDF's resurgence after electoral setbacks in 2009 and 2010.

Though denied a ticket for the 2011 Assembly elections, widespread public protests and internal party intervention enabled him to contest from Malampuzha, where he won by over 25,000 votes.

In May 2013, three of VS's staff members were expelled by the CPI(M) for allegedly leaking information to the media. This incident marked a symbolic victory for his intra-party rival, Pinarayi Vijayan. Though there were attempts to remove him from the post of Leader of the Opposition, the move was ultimately shelved.

As Chief Minister, he stood firmly against the Centre's policy of allowing 51% FDI in the retail sector, championing the cause of local traders.

Even after retiring from active politics, Achuthanandan remained a moral compass for the Left, deeply respected for his simplicity, integrity, and lifelong dedication to social justice. VS was married to K. Vasumathy and is survived by their two children: daughter V.V. Asha and son V.A. Arun Kumar. In December 2007, at the age of 84, he became the first Communist Chief Minister to trek to Sabarimala, rejecting any physical support during the arduous pilgrimage.

ISRO-NASA joint satellite mission NISAR launch on July 30

(By United News of India)

The Indian Space Agency today evening announced that NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR), the first joint satellite mission of ISRO and US-based NASA, will be launched on July 30 at 1740 hrs from the spaceport of Sriharikota.

The NISAR satellite will be launched by ISRO's GSLV-F16 from the Second Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC SHAR), Sriharikota.

The GSVL-F16 will inject the NISAR satellite into a 743 km Sun-synchronous orbit with an inclination of 98.40 deg.

NISAR, weighing 2392 kg, is a unique earth observation satellite and the first satellite to observe the earth with a dual frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar (NASA's L-band and ISRO's S-band) both using NASA's 12m unfurlable mesh reflector antenna, integrated to ISRO's modified I3K satellite bus.

NISAR will observe earth with a swath of 242 km and high spatial resolution, using SweepSAR technology for the first time.

The satellite will scan the entire globe and provide all weather, day and night data at 12-day interval and enable a wide range of applications.

NISAR can detect even small changes in the Earth's surface such as ground deformation, ice sheet movement and vegetation dynamics.

Further applications include sea ice classification, ship detection, shoreline monitoring, storm characterization, changes in soil moisture, mapping & monitoring of surface water resources and disaster response. The NISAR launch is the result of

strong technical cooperation between ISRO & NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory technical teams for more than a decade.

NASA said the NISAR Earth-observing satellite, a first-of-its-kind collaboration between NASA and ISRO, carries an advanced radar system that will help protect communities by providing a dynamic, three-dimensional view of Earth in unprecedented detail and detecting the movement of land and ice surfaces down to the centimeter.

With its two radar instruments — an S-band system provided by ISRO and an L-band system provided by NASA — NISAR will use a technique known as synthetic aperture radar (SAR) to scan nearly all the planet's land and ice surfaces twice every 12 days. Each system's signal is sensitive to different sizes of features on Earth's surface, and each specializes in measuring different attributes, such as moisture content, surface roughness, and motion.

These capabilities will help scientists better understand processes involved in natural hazards and catastrophic events, such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, land subsidence, and landslides.

Additionally, NISAR's cloud penetrating ability will aid urgent responses to communities during weather disasters such as hurricanes, storm surge, and flooding. The detailed maps the mission creates also will provide information on both gradual and sudden changes occurring on Earth's land and ice surfaces. Managed by Caltech for NASA, JPL leads the U.S. component of the NISAR project and



provided the L-band SAR. NASA JPL also provided the radar reflector antenna, the deployable boom, a high-rate communication subsystem for science data, GPS receivers, a solid-state recorder, and payload data subsystem.

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, manages the Near Space Network, which will receive NISAR's L-band data.

Multiple ISRO centers have contributed to NISAR. The Space Applications Centre is providing the mission's S-band SAR.

The U R Rao Satellite Centre provided the spacecraft bus.

The rocket is from Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, launch services are through Satish Dhawan Space Centre, and satellite mission operations are by the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network. The National Remote Sensing Centre is responsible for S-band data reception, operational products generation, and dissemination.

NISAR is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory and will map the entire globe in 12 days and provide spatially and temporally consistent data for understanding changes in Earth's ecosystems, ice mass, vegetation biomass, sea level rise, ground water and natural hazards including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes and landslides. NISAR carries L

and S dual band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), which operates with Sweep SAR technique to achieve large swath with high resolution data.

The SAR payloads mounted on Integrated Radar Instrument Structure (IRIS) and the spacecraft bus are together called an observatory.

Jet Propulsion Laboratories and ISRO are realizing the observatory which shall not only meet the respective national needs but also will feed the science community with data encouraging studies related to surface deformation measurements through repeat-pass InSAR technique.

The launch sequence encompasses the time interval that takes the observatory from the ground, encapsulated in the launch vehicle fairing, to after separation, and ends with the completion of solar array deployment and the observatory in an Earth-pointed attitude and in two-way communication with the ground. The launch sequence is a critical event. The first 90 days after launch will be dedicated to commissioning, or in-orbit checkout (IOC), the objective of which is to prepare the observatory for science operations.

Commissioning is divided into sub-phases of initial checkout (ISRO engineering systems and JPL engineering payload checkout), spacecraft checkout and instrument

checkout. Philosophically, the sub-phases are designed as a step-by-step build up in capability to full observatory operations, beginning with the physical deployment of all deployable parts (notably the boom and radar antenna, but not including the solar arrays which are deployed during launch phase), checking out the engineering systems, turning on the radars and testing them independently and then conducting joint tests with both radars operating.

The science operations phase begins at the end of commissioning and extends for three years and contains all data collection required to achieve the L1 science objectives.

During this phase, the science orbit will be maintained via regular maneuvers, scheduled to avoid or minimize conflicts with science observations.

Extensive calibration and validation (CalVal) activities will take place throughout the first 5 months, with yearly updates of 1-month duration. The observation plan for both L- and S-band instruments, along with engineering activities (e.g., maneuvers, parameter updates, etc.), will be generated pre-launch via frequent coordination between JPL and ISRO.

This plan is called the reference mission; the science observations alone within that reference mission is called the reference observation plan (ROP).

The schedule of science observations will be driven by a variety of inputs, including L- and S-band target maps, radar mode tables, and spacecraft and ground-station constraints and capabilities. This schedule will be determined by JPL's

mission planning team, and the project will endeavour to ?y the reference mission, which includes these science observations exactly as planned pre-launch (accommodating for small timing changes based on the actual orbit). NISAR is the first satellite mission to collect radar data in two microwave bandwidth regions, called the L-band and the S-band, to measure changes in our planet's surface less than a centimeter across.

This allows the mission to observe a wide range of Earth processes, from the flow rates of glaciers and ice sheets to the dynamics of earthquakes and volcanoes.

NISAR uses a sophisticated information-processing technique known as Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) to produce extremely high resolution images.

The Radar penetrates clouds and darkness, enabling NISAR to collect data day and night in any weather. The instrument's imaging swath — the width of the strip of data collected along the length of the orbit track — is greater than 150 miles (240 kilometers), which allows it to image the entire Earth in 12 days.

Over the course of multiple orbits, the radar images will allow users to track changes in croplands and hazard sites, as well as to monitor ongoing crises such as volcanic eruptions.

The images will be detailed enough to show local changes and broad enough to measure regional trends. As the mission continues for years, the data will allow for better understanding of the causes and consequences of land surface changes, increasing our ability to manage resources and prepare for and cope with global change.

TRAI convenes Joint Committee of Regulators on issues of Spam and CyberFraud

(Standard Post Bureau)

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today hosted a meeting of the Joint Committee of Regulators (JCoR) in New Delhi to advance coordinated measures against spam, fraud, and misuse of telecom infrastructure. Representatives from RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA and MeitY convened at TRAI headquarters, joined by officials from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The forum focused on rolling out collaborative regulatory measures, especially in light of rising digital payment-linked frauds.

Key Outcomes:

1. **U r g e n t Transition to 1600-Series for Commercial Calls**

Regulators discussed setting up timelines for migration to the dedicated 1600-number series for transactional and service calls in the banking,

financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sectors. Considering different scales of operation of entities, it was agreed that migration may be made in a phased manner based on the inputs provided by the sectoral regulators to TRAI.

2. **Pilot on Digital Consent Acquisition (DCA) launched**

A major pilot project is underway to enhance consumer control over c o m m e r c i a l communications by replacing unverifiable, offline consents for commercial communication with a secure digital consent framework. The new mechanism will enable the consumers to digitally register, review, and revoke consents through a simple, unified and tamper-proof interface. Coordinated by TRAI and RBI, the pilot includes telecom service providers (TSPs) and major banks such as SBI, PNB, ICICI, HDFC, Axis Bank, Canara Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank. Four dedicated working groups will oversee technical,

operational, and awareness-building aspects of the pilot.

Prior to the meeting of the JCoR, a day-long workshop was conducted on 21st July, 2025, jointly by the TRAI and RBI, on the DCA pilot in which 8 telecom service providers and 7 banks viz SBI, PNB, ICICI, HDFC, Axis Bank, Canara Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank participated. Various issues related to digital consent acquisition were deliberated and all the participant agreed to work together in a sustained manner to move forward.

3. **New Enforcement Tools Against Telecom-Based Fraud**

The committee discussed the requirement of automated exchange of spam and cyber fraud data between Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Digital Intelligence Platform of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and DLT platform maintained by the access providers. This will enable swift action against

the telecom resources of the fraudsters — such as number disconnection— so as to prevent them to carry out further frauds.

4. **Curbing Misuse of Enterprise Lines**

The Committee flagged the misuse of SIP and PRI telecom lines for bulk spam. Options under discussion include issuing these lines from a designated number range and imposing additional safeguards to ensure responsible use.

5. **Revamped Portal for information on SMS headers**

TRAI has revamped its SMS header portal viz. smsheader.traigov.in, to empower customers to get the information about the entities sending commercial messages using a particular SMS header.

6. **NPCI Joins as Strategic Stakeholder**

With financial fraud increasingly linked to mobile transactions and UPI platforms, the inclusion of NPCI as a special invitee adds a critical payments dimension to the JCoR's mandate.

BJP doesn't want people to vote, claims SP President Akhilesh Yadav

Lucknow, July 22 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav today said the BJP does not want to let anyone vote as the action that is going on in Bihar indicates.

Yadav claimed that votes were also deleted in the last Uttar Pradesh assembly polls.

"Many of the people who had voted in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, their votes were deleted in the 2022 elections in UP," he said in a statement.

The SP President claimed when his party raised its voice, the Election Commission shut them down.

"Samajwadi Party and our workers worked hard in the entire state and identified more than 18,000 such people who had voted earlier, but their votes were deleted in the next election. We took

their affidavits and sent them to the Election Commission. But the Election Commission did not take any action against any officer and employee," he alleged.

The SP president said his party wanted the matter of the Pahalgam attack to be discussed in the Lok Sabha, adding that when the discussion does take place, the Prime Minister should be there, because there is no use of any discussion and statement without the Prime Minister. "What mistake was made and what omission was made in the case of Pahalgam attack? Was there any intelligence failure? Such an incident did not happen once. It happened in Pahalgam, it happened in Pulwama too. During the BJP government, Parliament House was also attacked," he asserted.

Trump says US will carry out new strikes on Iranian sites if need comes

Washington, July 22 (UNI) US President Donald Trump has said that the United States will carry out new strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities "if necessary." "Iran's Foreign Minister, Abbas Araghchi, on the Iran Nuclear Sites: ‘Damages are very severe, they are destroyed.’ Of course they are, just like I said, and we will do it again, if necessary! ...

“Fake News CNN should immediately fire their phony 'reporter' and apologise to me and the great pilots who 'OBLITERATED' Iran’s nuclear sites," Trump said on social media platform Truth Social yesterday.

On June 13, Israel launched a military operation against Iran after accusing it of secretly pursuing a nuclear weapon.

Airstrikes targeted nuclear facilities, military leadership as well as air bases and killed several military commanders and nuclear scientists.

Iran rejected the allegations and retaliated. The United States conducted a one-time attack on Iranian nuclear sites on June 22. Tehran struck the US Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar in response but said it had "no intention of further escalation."Trump suggested Iran had "let off steam" by attacking the Qatari base, opening a potential path to peace in the Middle East. He announced that Israel and Iran had agreed to a ceasefire that formally ended the "12-day war" on June 24.

Actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner dies in drowning accident while on family vacation

Los Angeles, July 22 (UNI) :Actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner, who gained fame as Theodore Huxtable on “The Cosby Show,” has died at the age of 54.

He died in a drowning accident in Costa Rica, where he was on holiday with his family, a source close to the actor told CNN.

Warner was pulled deeper by a strong current while swimming at Playa Grande near the town of Cahuita in the province of Limón on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica around 2:30 pm local time on Sunday, as per the syndicated news story of Associated Press.

Costa Rica’s Judicial Investigation Police told CNN yesterday that people who were on the beach tried to help Warner, but he was declared dead by the Red Cross. A native of New Jersey, Warner started acting at age of nine, making appearances in shows like “Fame.” He was a young teen when he was cast as the only son of Bill Cosby and Phylicia Rashad’s characters, Heathcliff and Claire Huxtable, in “The Cosby Show,” which ran from 1984 to 1992.

Trump administration releases files on Martin Luther King Jr

Washington DC, July 22 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump’s administration has released a collection of records on the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr, including FBI surveillance files on the civil rights leader.A court-imposed order had kept the FBI documents, totalling 230,000 pages, blocked from public view since 1977.Many members of King's family had opposed the release, with his two living children condemning "any attempts to misuse these documents in ways intended to undermine our father's legacy" in a statement.King, a Baptist minister, was shot in Memphis on April four, 1968, at age 39.

James Earl Ray, a career criminal, pleaded guilty to the killing, but later renounced his plea, reports BBC. In a related development, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) said in a press release yesterday: "The documents include "internal FBI memos" and "never-before-seen CIA records" behind the hunt for King’s assassin, the DNI said.

The release was co-ordinated with the FBI, Department of Justice, National Archives and CIA. "The American people deserve answers decades after the horrific assassination of one of our nation's great leaders," US Attorney General Pamela Bondi said.

ASEAN emergency disaster response exercise kicks off in Cambodia

Phom Penh, July 22 (UNI) : The ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise 2025 (ARDEX-25) kicked off in the Cambodian capital city of Phnom Penh.

Held at the Special Force Command 911, the three-day exercise brought together some 650 participants from ASEAN member states, Timor-Leste, and ASEAN dialogue partners, among others.

It was organised by the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) in collaboration with the ASEAN Coordinating Center for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Center).

Cambodian Senior Minister Kun Kim, first vice-president of the NCDM, said ARDEX-25 is a full-scale exercise held biennially to test and evaluate ASEAN's disaster preparedness and emergency response mechanisms.

"This includes preparation processes, search and rescue operations, impact assessment, and national-level immediate response strategies linked to ASEAN, with the aim of saving the lives of disaster victims through search and rescue, healthcare services, temporary shelter, food provision, sanitation and hygiene, among others," he said at the opening ceremony of the exercise.

Kim said the exercise was also to test the ASEAN Standard Operating Procedure for Regional Standby Arrangements and Coordination of Joint Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Operations.He added that the ARDEX-25 comprises table-top exercises, command post exercises, and field training exercises.

No date set for new Russia-Ukraine talks in Istanbul : Turkish Source

Ankara, July 21 (UNI) : Turkey has not received any proposals regarding the date of the third round of talks between Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul, a Turkish diplomatic source told Sputnik on Monday.

Earlier in the day, the Independent Turkish newspaper reported, citing diplomatic sources, that talks between Russian and Ukrainian delegations could take place in Istanbul by the end of the week, provisionally on July 23 or July 24."There are no specific signals yet," the source said in a comment on the tentative date of the negotiations.

On Saturday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that National Security Council Secretary Rustem Umerov had proposed to Russia to hold another round of negotiations this week. A source in the Russian negotiation team confirmed this to Sputnik.Russia and Ukraine have held two rounds of face-to-face talks in Istanbul, which resulted in a prisoner exchange. Moscow also returned the bodies of deceased Ukrainian military servicemen to Kiev. Both sides exchanged draft memoranda on conflict resolution.

UK, 27 other nations condemn Israel over 'inhumane killing' of Gaza civilians seeking aid

London, July 22 (UNI) : The UK and 27 other countries have called for an immediate end to the war in Gaza, where they say the suffering of civilians has "reached new depths".

A joint statement says Israel's aid delivery model is dangerous and condemns what it calls the "drip feeding of aid and the inhumane killing of civilians" seeking food and water.

Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry said more than 100 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire while waiting for food over the weekend and that 19 others died as a result of malnutrition, reports BBC.

However, Israel's foreign ministry rejected the countries' statement, saying it was "disconnected from reality and sends the wrong message to Hamas".

The ministry accused the armed group of spreading lies and undermining aid distribution, rather than agreeing to a new ceasefire and hostage release deal.

Unlike many international statements condemning Israel's tactics in Gaza during the past 21 months of its war with Hamas, this declaration is notable for its candour.

The signatories are the foreign ministers of the UK and 27 other nations, including Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, New Zealand and Switzerland.

Philippines braces for more rains, severe flooding

Manila, July 22 (IANS) : The Philippines has been bracing for heavy rainfall as two low-pressure areas may develop into tropical depressions within the next 24 hours, the state-run weather bureau said on Tuesday. Weather bureau PAGASA warned that the prevailing southwest monsoon will continue to bring torrential rains and thunderstorms to various areas, which would cause more flooding, landslides, and other weather-related hazards.

On Tuesday, Metro Manila and its adjoining areas remain under a "red" rainfall warning, PAGASA's highest alert level for rainfall, which indicates "serious" flooding is expected in some areas.

Due to the downpour of rain, the country's Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin ordered the suspension of work in government offices and classes at all levels on Tuesday in Metro Manila and several other



provinces.In Metro Manila, knee-deep floodwaters led commuters to wade through streets in search of rides, while motorists navigated submerged roads to return home. Government vehicles have been deployed to assist stranded individuals.

Social media has been inundated with images and footage of evacuations late Monday, showing trash floating through inundated communities.The inclement weather has already had fatal consequences.In a

situational report issued on Tuesday morning, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reported that a total of 362,465 families, or 1,266,322 people, were affected nationwide by the southwest monsoon and Typhoon Wipha.

Wipha exited the Philippines on Saturday, but its aftermath and the intensified monsoon have caused floods and landslides in various regions, resulting in six

deaths, five injuries, and six missing people, said the NDRRMC.So far, more than 1,500 houses have been damaged, and 173 road sections and 11 bridges have been affected across the archipelago, Xinhua news agency reported. Estimated agricultural losses have surpassed 54 million pesos (about \$947,000), the NDRRMC said. According to Philippine authorities, three Filipinos were dead and over 300,000 individuals had been affected by Typhoon Wipha.

Dhaka plane crash: Death toll rises to 27, including 25 children

Dhakar, July 22 (UNI) : The death toll from yesterday's Bangladesh Air Force fighter jet crash at Milestone School and College in Dhaka has risen to 27, with 25 of the victims confirmed to be children, many of them under the age of 12. At least 78 people are currently receiving treatment at various hospitals, with five in critical condition, according to Professor Md Sayedur Rahman, special assistant to the chief adviser for health and family welfare. He briefed the media today morning at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery.

“Among the deceased, 25 are children with severe burn injuries. The remaining

two include the pilot of the aircraft and a female schoolteacher,” Rahman stated.So far, 20 bodies have been identified and handed over to their families.The devastating incident occurred when a Bangladesh Air Force training jet crashed into a school building during operational exercises yesterday. Witnesses described scenes of chaos as parents rushed to the site and emergency services worked frantically to rescue the injured.

Hospital authorities confirmed that army personnel have now been deployed at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery to enhance security and manage the

large influx of relatives and onlookers.“We are doing everything possible to save lives. However, the condition of some patients remains extremely critical,” Prof. Rahman added.

The country's interim leader, Mohammed Yunus, expressed "deep grief and sorrow" over the incident in a post on X (formerly Twitter).“The loss suffered by the Air Force, the students, parents, teachers, and staff of Milestone School and College, as well as others affected by this accident, is irreparable,” he said.“This is a moment of profound pain for the nation.”Yunus's office also released a list of emergency phone numbers and helplines for affected families.

Iran, China, Russia, to hold trilateral meet to discuss Tehran’s nuclear programme

T e h r a n / B e i j i n g / Moscow, July 22 (UNI): Iran, China and Russia are set to hold a trilateral meeting in Tehran today to discuss the country’s nuclear programme, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei announced yesterday.

While the Iranian Foreign Ministry has not named the participants, the trilateral discussion in Tehran is expected to take place below the ministerial level, reports Russian state media TASS.

The trilateral meet come ahead of a meeting in Istanbul between Iran and France, Germany and the United Kingdom, or the E3 nations, on July 25. The E3 nations, China and Russia are the remaining nations involved in the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the nuclear deal that lifted sanctions on Iran

in return for restrictions on its nuclear program.

On June 13, Israel launched a military operation against Iran after accusing it of secretly pursuing a nuclear weapons program, after detecting signs of highly enriched uranium, way above what was needed for civil use.

The IDF strikes targeted nuclear facilities, military leadership as well as air bases and killed several

members of Tehran’s top brass, including the military commanders of the Iranian Army and the IRGC, and key nuclear scientists.

Iran rejected the allegations and retaliated, launching drones into Israeli airspace. The United States conducted a one-time attack on three of Iran’s nuclear sites in Natanz, Isfahan, and Fordo, on June 22.Tehran struck the US Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar in response but said it had “no

intention of further escalation."

Both Tehran and Jerusalem are currently holding an uneasy and fragile ceasefire, with both countries keeping their militaries battle ready and weapon systems operational. Adding further urgency, the Tehran meeting precedes renewed nuclear talks with France, Germany, and the UK scheduled for July 25 in Istanbul.

and inexhaustible wisdom and strength for working miracles,” according to a NK News report.

The report included several more references to factory manager Yun Chi Gol and workers worshipping Kim for his “miracle” work — they are only capable of building ships “when they do as instructed by Kim Jong Un” — and pledging loyalty to him.DPRK state media KCNA also showed photos of workers arranging and

Chinese researchers discover long thought-extinct orchid species in Yunan province

Kunming, July 22 (UNI) : A Chinese orchid species declared extinct has been rediscovered in the wild in Yunnan Province, southwest China, marking a landmark breakthrough in biodiversity conservation, according to scientists.

Researchers from the Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland Sciences identified a population of approximately 50 Eulophia monantha plants during a field survey in Xinping County. The discovery is the first confirmed sighting of the rare orchid since its initial documentation 112 years ago.

British botanist George Forrest originally collected the species near Yunnan's Dali in 1913. Having vanished for over 100 years without further records, the plant was officially classified as extinct in China's 2013 Biodiversity Red List.

UK calls for end to violence in Syria's Suwayda : Foreign Minister

London, July 22 (UNI) : The United Kingdom is "horrified" by the upsurge in violence in Syria's Suwayda province and is calling for an end to the fighting, UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy said.

"We have been horrified by the recent violence in the south, including civilian deaths ... As I have said directly to Foreign Minister al-Shaibani, we want to see the fighting ended, civilians protected, and the rights of all Syrians upheld. The violence in Suwayda must be investigated, and those responsible must be held accountable," Lammy said in the parliament on Monday.

Earlier in July, armed Bedouin groups attacked several Druze settlements in Suwayda, clashing with Druze self-defense forces. The Syrian Defense Ministry said that over 30 people had been killed and 100 others wounded in the clashes, including 20 troops loyal to the Syrian transitional government.Last week, the Syrian Defense Ministry said that the army and interior ministry deployed troops to Suwayda to clear the city of illegal armed factions. Later, they began withdrawing heavy military equipment from Suwayda toward Damascus, transferring residential areas under the control of internal security forces.

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working on presumed metal ship components on an outdoor grid lattice staging area adjacent to a large indoor construction hall where the first Choe Hyon-class destroyer was built.

During the June launch of the second destroyer, Kim reiterated the DPRK’s intent on modernising its navy, and said that it “will continue to build two destroyers every year of the same or higher class and commission them into the Navy.”

Healthy, wealthy and wise!



Fit, successful and beautiful! Are you worth the effort it takes to achieve it? Of course you are

Believe in the power of laughter
Having a good giggle lowers stress levels, inducing a feel-good factor no drugs could ever supply. Adults with a sense of humor live longer than those who don't get the joke. When you're feeling down, slot a comedy into your DVD player, curl up with a funny book or get in touch with the perpetual joker among your family and friends.

Believe in the power of regular exercise
Make exercise a regular feature of your health regime. Exercise releases "happy endorphins" in our brains, which boost our mood; it keeps sickness at bay generally and increases our concentration.

Make time to breathe and meditate
Meditation may not allow you to do "that thing gurus do when they levitate" but studies have shown that it will allow you to decrease your insomnia by 42% and loosen you up with just three deep breaths whenever stress threatens to spoil your day. Meditation is also known to reduce gray matter in the amygdala, the part of our body where anxiety and emotions are regulated.

Consume enough water
Staying rehydrated energizes our bodies, flushes out toxins and helps our bodies to perform at their best.

Drink at least 2 litres of water or liquid a day, restricting coffee, soda and tea consumption to 3 cups per day. If you feel your brain is foggy and tired at work, that's because you haven't had enough water.

Fuel up with food
Food is fuel for our bodies. Treat your body like a temple and consume only whole, clean and natural food stuffs. Eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day and keep red meat consumption to a minimum. Develop a healthy attitude to eating and food in general.

Don't avoid entire food groups
Avoid food fads, diets that tell you to cut out whole food groups and eat only protein or carbs or drink nothing but cabbage soup. Only a balanced diet will keep your body working at maximum potential.

Work with your body, not against it
All those disgustingly healthy people you've met so far have one thing in common: they listen when their body tells them something important. They don't work against their

bodies, but with them. Put aside your knife and fork, when you're full; say "no" to colleagues or boss, when you're inundated with work already; take the pain in your legs or back or arms seriously when you're in the gym and stop pushing yourself too hard.

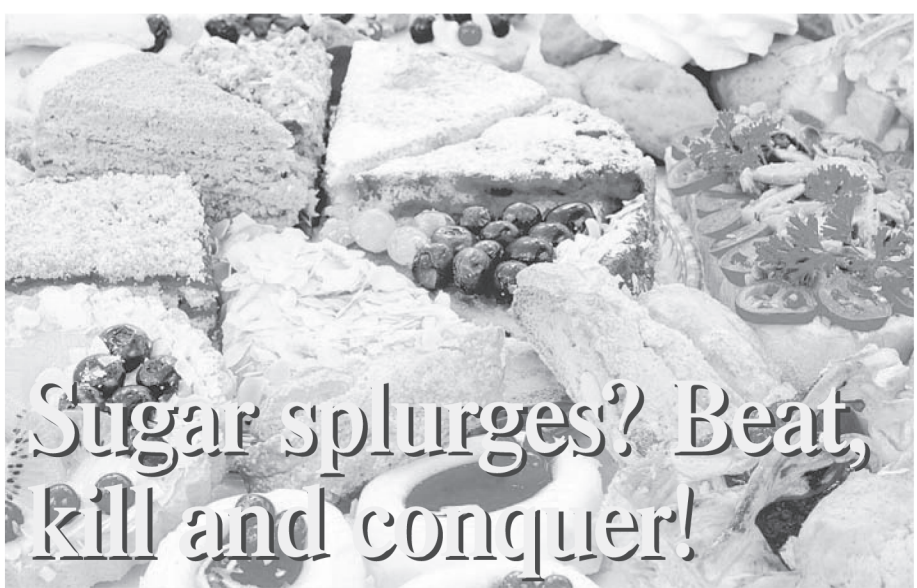
Go out and get some fresh air
Don't be a hermit and stay indoors all the time. Go out for a brisk walk at lunchtime, soak up sunshine, and breathe in fresh air. You'll be amazed how much better you'll be able to perform whatever task lies ahead, including weekend fun and socializing.

Get enough sleep
Insufficient sleep can raise our blood pressure, cause memory loss

and lack of concentration. And there's the whole issue of unsightly bags under your eyes. To stay healthy you'll need a minimum of 7 hours sleep every night.

Strive for a 80/20 balance
Any health regime that requires 100% commitment, 100% of the time will get boring and irritating over time. Follow the 80/20 principle and you'll be able to sustain a healthy lifestyle that has the occasional treat built in. Meaning 80% of the time you're eating clean, healthy food as recommended by your doctor, and 20% of the time you can stuff your face with whatever takes you're fancy. As long as it's an occasional indulgence, you won't come to any harm.

(With inputs from Lauren Chadwick for allwomenstalk)



Feel like hogging on sweets day and night? Energy tends to slump without it? Well, listed here are few ways you can adopt to resist the lure once and for all

Stop eating so many sweets
What? How is that going to help? This might surprise you, but research shows that eating sweet foods drives the craving for more of them. When you cut back on the number of sweets you eat, you'll begin to crave them less. This isn't easy and will take a bit of willpower

Eat a tablespoon of coconut oil
Here's something that may stop a craving instantly. Eating a bit of coconut oil can make a sugar craving disappear. Add a bit of raw cacao powder to give it an appealing taste. Coconut oil contains a certain type of fatty acids that your body converts to energy quickly, much like sugar.

Have a piece of fresh fruit
Really? The last thing any one would want when there are brownies is an apple. However, nibbling on a piece of fruit easily satisfies a sweets craving with far fewer calories and no fat. Try berries, grapes or anything your heart desires. Go ahead and splurge on dessert now and then, but for everyday sugar cravings, beat them with fresh fruits.

Stop eating diet sweets
You might feel like you're doing something virtuous for your body by choosing sugar-free treats like diet soda or candy.

However, what happens when you eat them is that your body expects sugar and when it doesn't get what it thinks is coming, you start to crave more sweet stuff. Skip the diet foods.

Try a real meal instead
Next time you get an intense sugar craving; make yourself a meal instead of eating the cheesecakes. Not only does this give you the opportunity to fill your body with energising foods, but you also get some vitamins and minerals at the same time. Eat something with a healthy mix of protein, carbs and fat and you may find that you don't want the sugary junk anymore.

Keep the sugar out of your house and office
Stop bringing home sugary things and you'll be more likely to get through a sugar craving without giving in. Keep junk out of your office too. When one has to go to the store to get the sugar fixed makes it a whole lot less appealing.

Do something to distract yourself
When you find yourself dying for a slice of cake or a can of soft drink, do something else to keep your mind off the craving.



Theme it the food way!

Do you love experimenting, hogging on new delicacies everyday? Or perhaps you are a chef or a cook who just really loves delicious, fresh food; if any of these details describe you, a foodie themed wedding is the perfect fit for you and your spouse-to-be!

Foodie themed wedding invitation
Not only is this invitation suite perfect for your foodie themed wedding, but it would also be perfect for your fall apple decor wedding. If you are serving farm fresh ingredients, or just love food, this adorable collection will show your guests the charming details of what's to be expected on your wedding day.

Foodie themed wedding decor
How cute is this wagon display idea for your foodie themed wedding. Perhaps you grew up on a farm, met each other at a farmer's market, or you started to grow your own little garden full of carrots, tomatoes, eggplant, and more; couldn't you just picture foodie themed decor like this at your big day.

Foodie themed wedding centerpiece
Is that asparagus I see being used in the centerpiece? Why yes it is! What a creative idea to take a stalk vegetable and tie it around a votive candle for a foodie themed wedding centerpiece, it's simple yet it makes such a big statement to really show your love for fresh food.

Foodie themed escort cards
What's a foodie themed wedding without a barbeque sauce escort card to send your guests home with! Of course this has to be a homemade barbeque sauce since you are a foodie after all. The printed tags and the little barbeque grill stamped on them, the bag included with the escort card tag is a homemade spice rub. Won't your guests just fall in love with you all over again when they get to use this sauce and rub at home, tell them not to forget to invite the new bride



and groom over for dinner!

Foodie themed wedding bar
Are you planning a small brunch wedding with just a few close family members and friends? Well why not set up a pancake bar full of fresh fruit and fresh orange juice for your foodie themed wedding brunch that everyone will drool over, especially

when you offer them fresh coffee as well! Pancakes are such a wonderful comfort food that just about everyone loves, so bring that warm, cozy feeling to your foodie big day and watch your guests go home with hearts and stomachs full of happiness!

Foodie themed wedding table
When think of a foodie

themed wedding and a bride and groom who love food, picture a family style set up for the reception tables. A family style dinner is when the food is brought out in big bowls and serving platters and everyone passes it along to be shared. It's a great way to really appreciate not only the food, but the loved ones you are enjoying the meal with.
You don't have to be a chef to have a foodie themed wedding or even be someone who is an expert cook. A foodie themed wedding can be for any couple, who loves these foodie ideas, loves fresh food and ingredients, loves travelling and experiencing new foods, and loves creating fun recipes for their friends and family to try. A foodie themed wedding can be centred on a farmer's market, a backyard barbeque, a brunch full of fresh fruits and pancakes, or anything about food that you love.

Oh! He is unKNOWN!



Our moms always told us not to talk to strangers when we were kids and of course, it was a good advice for reasons best known to all, but sometimes talking to the unfamiliar can actually put you in good stead

- **Time flies faster**
Having to wait in line or commuting to work can be a real bore. Sparking up a conversation with a person near you can make the time fly faster. It's like having real-life Facebook updates! And don't worry! You aren't committed to ever speaking to that person again, so if the conversation goes poorly, no biggie! At least you'll have a fun story to tell your friends.
- **A great way to improve your social skills**
Talking to strangers is a great opportunity to perfect two essential social skills-asking questions and being a good listener. When interacting with someone, many of us end up too focussed speaking ourselves, pretty much ignoring what the other has to say.
- **You never know who you might meet**
The person next to you

on the bus or the one you start a conversation with when walking your dog might one day become your best friend or spouse. Or they may be the one to finally offer you the job of your dreams. In today's world, who you know is often what matters, not what you know - so the random stranger you talk to on your way to work could become your greatest asset.

- **New perspectives**
There is always someone

out there who'll know more about a topic than you do, and listening to their perspective can completely change your views on that subject, expanding your horizons.
Taking a chance and interacting with people you don't know can really change your life - and theirs - for the better.



Wake up healthy!

Who wants to feel groggy and tired all day? Here are few ways that will give a lively start to your day

- **Drink water as soon as you wake up:** It will not only make you feel great on the outside it will make you feel great on the inside! It will prepare your digestive system and hydrate you!
- **Eat a healthy breakfast:** Eating breakfast in the morning is great for your health. By filling your tummy with some eggs or some fruit or even oat meal with yogurt it will give you energy that is badly needed to start the day.
- **Drink warm water with lemon:** This is a great alternative if you are a coffee or tea lover in the mornings. This drink will boost your metabolism making you burn more calories through out the day, give you energy.
- **Do yoga:** Doing yoga is a great thing to do in the morn-

ing. It will stretch muscles and make you feel great! Accomplishing something like a yoga class or stretches will make you feel on top of the world!
■ **Be exposed to morning sunlight:** Being exposed to sunlight in the morning will remind your body that it's time to wake up. It will brighten your room and it will make you feel calm and ready to start the day! So at night why don't you just leave your curtains open a crack?
■ **Exercise:** Exercising will boost your metabolism and give you heaps of energy! Who doesn't want that!?

Not proud of it, but England’s time wasting tactics were not in the spirit of the game: Gill

Manchester, July 22 (IANS) :India skipper Shubman Gill cleared the air on the incident between him and England openers Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett, claiming their tactics to ensure only one over was bowled at the end of Day 3, was not in the spirit of the game.

After India matched England’s first-innings total of 387, they hoped to sneak in two quick overs in the final six minutes of the day. But those plans were thwarted as Zak Crawley took his time by pulling out of two deliveries during Jasprit Bumrah's run-up and calling the physio for a hand injury, leading to a fiery confrontation between Gill and the two openers.

“Let me clear the air. We had seven minutes of play left, the English batters were 90 seconds late to bat. Not 10,20 but 90. Yes, we would have also liked to bat less in the same situation but there is a manner to do it. I feel what happened was not in the spirit of the game.

“It’s not something that I am proud of, we had no intention of doing that but there was a build-up to it,” said Gill in the pre-game



conference.

The young Indian skipper also confirmed his deputy, Rishabh Pant will be keeping the wickets in the 4th Test, after a injury injury saw Dhruv Jurel replace the left-handed batter in the field at Lords.

With India now trailing 1-2, many are wondering whether Karun Nair’s fairytale has come to an end. In what has been his first series since 2017, the right-hand batter has only amassed 131 runs across six innings with a high

score of 40. With both Sai Sudharsan and Abhimanyu Easwaran itching to go, Gill confirmed he is hopeful that Nair will turn around his form and help the team.

“We have had conversations, we think Karun is batting well. He did not play at his number in the first game, It is difficult to make a comeback in a series like this. It is about getting that click, you score a 50 and then can go on to make a big score. We are hopeful he will turn it around,” he added.

Zheng Qinwen withdraws from US Open following elbow surgery

Washington, July 22 (UNI) : China's Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen has pulled out of this year's US Open tournament following an elbow surgery, the event's organisers announced today.

The sixth-ranked Zheng, two-time US Open quarterfinalist, said in a social media post last Saturday that she has undergone successful

surgery on her right elbow and is now recovering.

"During recent training sessions and competitions, I have been consistently bothered by pain in my right elbow," Zheng wrote.

"Although I persisted through interventions, the impact of the pain persisted. After diagnosis by elbow specialists, they recommended to me and my team to complete minimally

invasive arthroscopic surgery on the right elbow as soon as possible to thoroughly resolve the issue.""After careful discussion with my team, in order to return to the court in the best possible state as soon as possible, we decided that surgery was the best course. I completed the surgery yesterday, it went very smoothly, and I am in

recovery," she added.

A consistent presence in the latter stages of the Grand Slam event in New York, Zheng reached the women’s singles quarterfinals in 2023 and 2024.

The 2025 US Open is scheduled to take place from August 24 to September 7. Looking ahead, Zheng expressed her commitment to a full

National Sports Governance Bill 2025 to be tabled in Parliament

New Delhi, July 22 (UNI) : The much awaited National Sports Governance Bill 2025 will be tabled in Parliament tomorrow. A source in the sports ministry told UNI that once passed, all Sports Federations, and boards will be regulated by the bill.

In an apparent reference to the Board of Control of Cricket in India (BCCI), the source said that even those Sports bodies that don't take financial assistance from the government will be under its purview.The source said that through the bill government aims to ensure that it does not control sports but act more like a facilitator as National Sports federations will be autonomous bodies. The bill is in alignment with the Olympic charter, and will provide for a sports Tribunal to settle disputes. "Like other countries the tribunal will have dedicated sports lawyers to work on the cases, earlier the problem was that sports related institute high courts, and often two different High court would give contradictory judgements, now a centralised tribunal will decide on these cases" said the source.

Earlier in the day, the United Arab Emirates notched their second victory of the tournament with a dominant seven-wicket win over Nigeria.

Nigeria were bowled out for just 58 runs in 13.3 overs, with Isaac Danladi top-scoring with 17.

managed me and took care of me like I was their own. Grateful to the VCA, and all the players and support staff," Nair said in a statement.Reflecting on his time with the team, the India Test batsman added, "As a team, we achieved special things. The atmosphere was so positive. The opportunity to lead such an amazing bunch during the Vijay Hazare and achieving success in the Ranji Trophy is something I will look back on very fondly."

Nair, who became only the second Indian to score a triple century in Test cricket during a match against England in 2016, now re-joins his home state

Hosts Uganda defeat arch-rivals Kenya in Pearl of Africa T20 Series

Entebbe (Uganda), July 22 (UNI) : Hosts Uganda defeated arch-rivals Kenya by 28 runs to make it three wins from three in the ongoing Pearl of Africa T20 Series at the Entebbe Cricket Oval.Uganda won the toss and opted to bat first, notching 157/5 across their allotted 20 overs on Monday.Raghav Dhawan and Robinson Obuya led the charge with contributions of 41 and 40

runs respectively, while Dinesh Kumar Nakransi added 24.In response, Kenya struggled to gain momentum and were restricted to 129/7 in their 20 overs.Rakep Patel was the standout performer for the visitors with a match-high 58 runs, while Sachin Gill chipped in with 30.

"Again, we are very happy to win our third straight match," said Uganda captain Juma

CID urges media to refrain from casting aspersions without verifying facts over HCA elections

Hyderabad, July 22 (UNI) : The Crime Investigation Department (CID), which is investigating the misappropriation of HCA funds, on Tuesday said that reports on HCA (Hyderabad Cricket Association) elections in certain electronic and print media are fueling speculation without factual basis.

This is a case of forgery of the documents for the purpose of cheating and misappropriation of funds with criminal breach of trust by HCA office bearers (accused), the CID said in a release here.

“ We request the media to refrain from casting aspersions without verifying facts” and the CID will release updates on the investigation as necessary.

Speculation about IAS and IPS officers’ voting rights in HCA elections, without understanding the organizational

privileges tied to club affiliation, is unwarranted, the release said.

No officer has the right to vote in his personal capacity, the release added.

In the first week of this month, the CID arrested five people including three of the senior most office bearers of the HCA in a case of forgery and misappropriation of funds.

Among the arrested are President A Jagan Mohan Rao, Treasurer CJ Srinivas and CEO Suneel Kante.

Some media houses reported that the CID has revealed large-scale irregularities in the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) elections held on October 20, 2023.

Among the most serious findings: 23 illegal institutional votes, allegedly cast by IAS and IPS officers, played a decisive role in the election of Jagan Mohan Rao as HCA President,the reports added.

Polish volleyball coach impressed by Chinese players' dedication

Warsaw, July 22 (UNI) : Polish coach Pawel Woicki, head coach of China's men's volleyball U-21 team, has spoken highly of the dedication and mentality of Chinese players.

In a recent interview with Polish media, Woicki expressed deep admiration for Chinese players' relentless work ethic and discipline.

Woicki took charge of the Chinese U-21 team in March, on recommendation of China's men's national team head coach Vital Heynen.

After spending several months working in China, the 42-year-old says he has no regrets about his decision. "From day one, I've been impressed by the work ethic here. Chinese people are taught to work hard from an early age - and under any conditions," Woicki told Polish outlet Sportowe Fakty.

He continued to describe the players' dedication: "Here, you often have to hold them back - they want to push themselves to the absolute limit. I've never seen this level of commitment anywhere else.""There's a huge gap in training intensity between China and Europe," Woicki concluded. "And that's exactly why I'm convinced that China [men's team] will soon break into the world's top 15-maybe even the top 10."

Mentored by Aditi Chauhan, Warriorz FC set for a grand relaunch in Mumbai Women's League

Mumbai, July 22 (IANS) : In what is a big boost to women’s football in Mumbai and Maharashtra, Warriorz FC is set for relaunch as a competitive force in the city’s sports ecosystem and are hoping to move up to the national level by qualifying for the Indian Women's League (IWL) 1.

Currently competing in Mumbai’s top-tier league - the MFA Women’s Premier League, the Warriorz FC will be mentored by former India captain and legend Aditi Chauhan. The club finished runners-up in the MFA Women’s Premier League last season.

Previously known as Rudra FC, the team was acquired by Capri Sports and joins the Warriorz clan, as they look to up the ante. First up on the agenda for the Warriorz FC will be to try and claim the coveted MFA Women’s Premier League title, and then eventually earn the right to consistently compete in the Indian Women’s League 1 – the top tier of domestic competition for women’s football in India.

Warriorz FC represents Capri Sports’ first foray into the world of football, wherein the aim is to help elevate the profile of women’s football in Mumbai.

On this journey, the spotlight will be on elite-level player training and development, and access to some of the best coaches and sports science professionals.

Speaking on the

occasion, Team Mentor, Aditi Chauhan said, “It is great to see big corporates like Capri Sports investing in women’s football and taking ownership to create a better system for the players. I’m looking forward to sharing my experience and knowledge not just with the players but also the management, wherein we work towards the holistic growth of everyone involved. Not just producing champions but also leaders of tomorrow”“Warriorz FC represents far more than just a football team for Capri Sports — it is a strategic opportunity to create meaningful, long-term impact on the women’s football ecosystem in India. Driving that change begins at the grassroots, where foundational interventions are most critical. With Aditi Chauhan bringing her invaluable experience and expertise to the project, we believe we have all the right elements in place to build something truly transformative,” said Apurv Gupta, Director – Contact Sports, Capri Sports.

“With Warriorz FC, our vision is to build a club that not only competes at the highest level but also contributes meaningfully to the rise of Indian women's football. We’re thrilled to welcome Aditi Chauhan on board; her leadership and global experience will be invaluable as we grow this team and this movement,” said Jinisha Sharma, Director - Capri Sports.

LuLu Forex, LuLu Finserv tie with Argentine Football Association

Thiruvananthapuram, July 22 (UNI) : LuLu Forex, a trusted name in foreign exchange and outward remittance services with a strong pan-India presence, and LuLu Finserv, a fast-growing microlending and financial services provider, have announced a partnership with the Argentine Football Association (AFA), signing on as their Regional Fintech Partners.

This sponsorship is part of a larger global agreement through which the various entities under LuLu Financial Holdings, across 10 countries, will become official AFA partners within their respective regions.

In India, LuLu Forex and LuLu Finserv will together represent the brand as official partners, while other group entities such as LuLu Exchange and LuLu Money will take on the partnership role in the GCC countries, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Singapore.

The partnership, which initially runs through mid-2026, was officially unveiled at an event held in Dubai on Tuesday, in the presence of Argentina’s World Cup-winning coach Lionel Scaloni, senior LuLu Financial Holdings leadership, and AFA

executives.The agreement spans a key period in global football, culminating in the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the USA, Canada, and Mexico, where the reigning champions will defend their crown.Over the next twelve months, customers of LuLu Forex and LuLu Finserv can look forward to a range of exciting campaigns and fan-centric activations through the customer engagement centers.

These will include contests and promotions offering exclusive prizes such as match tickets, official AFA merchandise, and even opportunities for meet-and-greet experiences with players.

“For countless fans, the Argentine team represents more than football - it symbolizes hope, resilience, and joy,” said Adeeb Ahamed, Founder and Managing Director of LuLu Financial Holdings.

“These are the same emotions that shape the everyday journeys of our customers, who use our services to care for their families and build better futures. This partnership is a celebration of that shared spirit.”

Claudio Tapia, President of the AFA, said: “We are delighted to have the

LuLuFin family as new regional sponsor of the Argentine Football Association for the Middle East, APAC and India. AFA's international expansion continues to grow, incorporating prestigious groups in important territories for our national team."

"We celebrate this new agreement, which has a strong bond with the Indian community, printing such affection for our team. We share the same values and the importance of teamwork. Today we welcome the LuLuFin family as new regional sponsors of the Argentine national team."

Leandro Petersen, Commercial and Marketing Director of AFA, said “This new regional sponsorship with LuLu Financial

Holdings, through its flagship brands in strategic territories such as India, APAC and the Middle East, marks a new step in the global expansion of the AFA brand.""Since we arrived in the Middle East and India, we have seen strong support for the Argentine National Team. We are proud to continue positioning the team as a benchmark in the sports industry and generate close identification with the Indian community by each of our commercial agreements.""We are pleased that LuLu Financial Holdings has chosen the Argentine Champions as its brand image for this renewed World Cup period. We are very excited and confident that this agreement will be a great success in the market."

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Konkan railway's 'Car on Train' service for Goa to begin from August 23

(Standard Post Bureau)
Ratnagiri, July 22 : A 'Car on Train" (Ro-Ro) facility is being launched for passengers on the Konkan Railway route. With this facility, cars will now be taken directly to Konkan or Goa by the railway.

A press release issued

by the Konkan Railway said the reservation process for this much-awaited service started during the day. The service will start August 23 from Kolad (Maharashtra), while from August 24 it will commence from Verna (Goa).The Ro-Ro

service, which is carried on railway wagons, has been successful. On similar lines, this facility has been made available for private four-wheelers, which will save car owners from the hassle of driving a car for long distances.

Secretary, MoES inaugurates state-of-the-art Atmospheric Chemistry Laboratory



(By PIB, Mumbai/ Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, July 22 : The Secretary, Union Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr. M Ravichandran ceremonially inaugurated the state-of-the-art Atmospheric Chemistry Laboratory and launched the website of MoES ECR-Hub, which stands for ‘Early Career Researchers' Hub’ for Earth Sciences, at Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune today. MoES ECR-Hub is a dedicated platform for the next generation of scientists tackling the planet's most pressing challenges. Dr. Ravichandran also visited the SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research) and WiFEX (Winter Fog Experiment) Control-room in the IITM premises. He interacted with the IITM scientists and researchers and was also briefed about the Metropolitan Air Quality and Weather Forecasting Services (MAQWS) in course of the visit. While launching the MoES ECR-Hub (<https://ecrhub.github.io/>), Dr. Ravichandran urged all that this Hub is a source of connection, growth and

discovery for young scientists and early career researchers in their scientific journey. He said that their curiosity, passion and innovation are the keys to building a resilient and sustainable future. He also said that this initiative reflects the firm belief of the Government that the future of our nation and the planet lies in the hands of a strong, inspired and well-supported scientific community. Briefing the mediapersons on the strong foundation of WiFEX, Dr. Ravichandran said, “What began at IGIA — India’s busiest and most fog-affected airport — has grown into a robust observational network now reaching Jewar Airport, Noida, and Hisar, Haryana, covering key aviation corridors across North India”. Dr. Ravichandran informed that this model can reliably predict when fog will begin, how dense it will be, how long it will last, and when it will clear — achieving more than 85% accuracy for very dense fog (visibility below 200 meters). For airlines, pilots, air traffic controllers, and passengers, this means fewer costly diversions,

fewer delays, safer runways, and more informed travel during the challenging winter fog season, informed the Secretary, MoES. The Winter Fog Experiment (WiFEX), which was launched in the winter of 2015 at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), New Delhi, has completed a remarkable milestone of ten successful years of dedicated research into North India’s dense winter fog and its impact on daily life and aviation safety. Led by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), with support from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), WiFEX is one of the world’s few long-term open-field experiments focused solely on fog — an elusive winter hazard that regularly disrupts air, rail, and road transport across the Indo-Gangetic Plain. WiFEX is stepping into its next phase — WiFEX-II — which will extend localized, runway-specific fog predictions to more airports in North India.

Closure of South Staircase of 2nd Southmost FoB at Platform No.1 of Mira Road Station : WR

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 22 : As a part of station improvement work at Mira Road station, the south-side staircase of the second southernmost Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at Platform No. 1 requires dismantling.

In view of the above, the said staircase will remain closed for commuters from the night of 25th July, 2025. Commuters can use the existing staircases, escalators, and elevators connected to the Middle FOB, North FOB, and South FOB at Platform No. 1 of Mira Road station. Inconvenience to the passengers is highly regretted.

Unauthorized Travel in Goods Train Wagons Legal Action Initiated by RPF

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 22 : A video has recently gone viral on social media platform Instagram, showing individuals unlawfully traveling in the wagons of a goods train between Dudhsagar and Kulem stations. Taking the matter seriously, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of South Western Railway has registered cases against those who filmed and circulated the video.

During the investigation, it was revealed that despite restriction to Dudhsagar Falls, tourists had unlawfully boarded goods wagons from Dudhsagar to Kulem through local agents and recorded videos. This act is both unauthorized and dangerous, as traveling in goods train wagons is strictly prohibited and punishable by law. Such illegal actions put the lives of tourists at serious risk and are considered criminal offenses. The railway administration is taking this issue very seriously and is initiating strict legal action. Public and tourists are hereby requested not to travel in goods train wagons, as it is completely prohibited and punishable under the Railway Act. Avoid attempting to access restricted areas.

Regulation of trains services : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)
Visakhapatnam, July 22 : In view of remodeling work at Arakkonam Yard for the 3rd and 4th line from 00.45 hrs to 02.15 hrs from 19.07.2025 to 28.09.2025, the following will be the changes in the pattern of train services in the first phase of 56 days of the yard remodelling work from 19th July, 2025 to 12th September, 2025 :-

Regulation of Train Services:
Train No.. 13351 Dhanbad - Alappuzha Express will be delayed/ regulated enroute before Arakkonam for about 90 mins o-n all days from 19th July, 2025 to 12th September, 2025
CANCELLATION/ DIVERSION OF TRAINS DUE TO NO.N-INTERLOCKING WORKS OVER VIJAYAWADA DIVISION
Due to No.n-Interlocking works for commissioning of 3rd line between Vijayawada – Gudur section over Vijayawada Division, the following trains are cancelled / partially cancelled / diverted / rescheduled as detailed below:-
Cancellation of Train Services:
1. Train No.. 22707, Visakhapatnam - Tirupati

Double Decker leaving Visakhapatnam on 14.08.25, 16.08.25, and 18.08.25 will be cancelled.
2. The Train No. 22708 Tirupati -Visakhapatnam Double Decker leaving Tirupati on 13.08.25, 15.08.25, and 17.08.25 will be cancelled.
Diversion of Trains:
1. Train No. 22825 Shalimar -Chennai, leaving Shalimar on 22.07.25, will be diverted from the route Krishna Canal–Duggirala–Tenali to Krishna Canal–New Guntur–Tenali.
2. Train No. 22878 Emakulam-Howrah, leaving Emakulam on 28.07.25, will be diverted from Tenali–Duggirala–Krishna Canal to Tenali–New Guntur–Krishna Canal.
3. Train No. 12805 Visakhapatnam - Lingampalli, leaving Visakhapatnam from 09.08.25 to 19.08.25, will be diverted from Krishna Canal–Duggirala–Tenali–Guntur to Krishna Canal–Mangalagiri–Guntur, and Tenali stoppage will be eliminated.
4. Train No. 12806 Lingampalli - Visakhapatnam, leaving Lingampalli 09.08.25 to 19.08.25, will be diverted from Guntur–Tenali–Duggirala–Krishna Canal to Guntur–Mangalagiri–

Krishna Canal, and the Tenali stoppage will be eliminated.
Regulation of Trains:
1. Train No. 12663 Howrah -Tiruchchirappalli, on 10.08.25 and 14.08.25, will be regulated by 150 minutes.
2. Train No. 12665 Howrah -Kanniyakumari, on 11.08.25, will be regulated by 15 minutes.
3. Train No. 15930 - New Tinsukia -Tambaram, on 11.08.25, will be regulated by 120 minutes.
4. Train No. 17479 Puri -Tirupati, on 08.08.25, 10.08.25, 13.08.25, 14.08.25, 15.08.25, and 18.08.25, will be regulated by 40 minutes.
5. Train No. 17481 Bilaspur -Tirupati, on 12.08.25, will be regulated by 30 minutes.
6. Train No. 18567 Visakhapatnam -Kollam, on 14.08.25, will be regulated by 50 minutes.
7. Train No. 22807 Santragachi -Chennai, on 08.08.25, 12.08.25, and 15.08.25, will be regulated by 100 minutes.
8. Train No. 12806 Howrah -Mysore, on 08.08.25 and 15.08.25, will be regulated by 180 minutes.
Rescheduling of Trains:
1. Train No. 22643 Ernakulam -Patna, on 18.08.25, will be rescheduled by 180 minutes.

MANUU to launch MBA programme in Distance Mode

The first university in the country to receive UGC's approval

(Standard Post Bureau)
Hyderabad, July 22 : Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is going to start a four-year degree course under the New Education Policy along with MBA in distance mode. According to Prof. Razaullah Khan, Director, Center for Distance and Online Education, MANUU is the only university in India that is starting a four-year degree program in both regular and distance learning mode. These courses are being launched in the

light of NEP 2020 and as per the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission. The launch of 4-year degree courses and MBA in distance mode is a revolutionary step in higher education and also MANUU's commitment to providing education in a convenient manner to Urdu-speaking and distant students across the country. This program provides students with multiple entry and exit opportunities. Skills and vocational education have been made part of the

curriculum and the opportunity to obtain an Honors degree through research or internship in the fourth year has also been provided. The curriculum also adopts digital and blended learning methods so that quality education can easily reach every home, beyond the traditional classroom.MANUU is successfully running various undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma and certificate programs in distance learning mode. Notification for admission is going to be released soon.

Special trains between Ernakulam and Patna : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)
Visakhapatnam, July 22 : Indian Railways will operate the following Special trains to clear extra rush of passengers as given below:
1. Train No. 06085 Ernakulam Jn – Patna Special will leave Ernakulam Jn at 23.00 hrs o-n 25th July, 01st, 08th, 15th August, 2025 on Fridays which will reach Duvvada on the next day at 23.05hrs and departure at 23.07hrs and reach Patna at 03.30 hrs, the fourth day (4 Services)
2. In return direction Train No. 06086 Patna – Ernakulam Jn Special will leave Patna at 23.45 hrs o-n 28th July, 04th, 11th, 18th August, 2025 on Wednesdays) which will reach Duvvada on Wednesday early hours at 01.05hrs and departure at 01.07hrs and reach Ernakulam Jn at 10.30 hrs, the fourth day (4 Services)
Coach Composition: 1- AC Two Tier Coach, 2- AC Three Tier Coaches, 13- Sleeper Class Coaches, 4- General Second Class Coaches, 2- Second Class Coaches (Divyangjan Friendly)

Stoppages: Aluva, Thrissur, Palakkad, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Salem, Jolarpettai, Katpadi, Arakkonam, Perambur, Gudur, Nellore, Ongole, Bapatla, Tenali, Vijayawada, Eluru, Tadepalligudem, Rajamundry, Samalkot, Duvvada, Pendurthi, Kottavalasa, Vizianagaram, Chipurupalle, Srikakulam Road, Palasa, Sompeta, Ichchapuram, Brahmapur, Balugaon, Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Jajpur Keonjhar Road, Bhadrak, Balasore, Kharagpur, Andul, Dankuni, Barddhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Jamtara, Madhupur, Jasidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Mokameh, Bakhtiyarpur, Patna Saheb City, Rajendra Nagar Terminal between Emakulam Junction, Patna.

TB, malaria, kala-azar show sharp decline; national targets met ahead of global deadlines: Anupriya

New Delhi, July 22 (UNI) India has recorded significant progress in the control and elimination of major communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria, kala-azar, and HIV among others between 2015 and 2024, the Government informed the Rajya Sabha today. The country has met or exceeded several targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reflecting a strengthened and integrated public health response, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel said in a written reply, citing official data from the Ministry. She said, a 17.7% reduction in TB incidence

has been reported, with the case rate falling from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 195 per lakh in 2023. TB-related mortality also saw a 21.4% decline, dropping from 28 to 22 deaths per lakh during the same period. This progress is attributed to improved case detection, digital surveillance mechanisms, and greater access to timely treatment. On malaria, Patel said India achieved a 78.1% reduction in cases between 2015 and 2024, while malaria-related deaths declined by 77.6%. The Annual Parasite Incidence (API)—a key epidemiological indicator—fell from 0.92 to 0.18, signalling considerable headway in efforts towards elimination. India has also

surpassed the Kala-azar elimination target, defined as less than one case per 10,000 population, in 633 blocks across 54 districts. This milestone, initially set under the 2030 SDG framework, has been achieved ahead of schedule and the gains have been consistently maintained, the Minister noted. On dengue, she highlighted that the Case Fatality Rate (CFR) has remained below 1% since 2008. In 2024, it stood at 0.13%, indicating improvements in early detection, diagnosis, and clinical management. Coverage under Mass Drug Administration (MDA) for Lymphatic Filariasis has also improved

significantly, rising from 75% in 2014 to an estimated 85% in 2025, a development expected to accelerate elimination efforts in endemic districts. In the area of HIV prevention, particularly mother-to-child transmission, Patel said, India has made notable strides. Between 2010 and 2024, such transmissions fell by 84%, with the overall transmission rate dropping by 74.5%—well above the global average reduction of 56.5%, she informed the House. Patel hailed these outcomes as evidence of India's robust disease control programmes, expanding healthcare infrastructure, and effective community-level interventions.



(By Rajesh Undi)
Khopoli, July 22 : On the occasion of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's birthday, a record-setting blood donation camp was successfully organized in Khopoli with great enthusiasm and participation. Held at Maharaja Mangal Karyalaya, the camp received an

overwhelming response from local citizens. Inspired by the theme "Patriotism through Blood Donation," numerous donors came forward, showcasing their sense of duty towards society. The initiative was jointly organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party Khopoli City Unit and Sai

Blood Center, Panvel. The event was spearheaded by entrepreneur Yashwant Sable, young entrepreneur Vikram Sable, and Municipal Corporator Avinash Tawde, along with active support from BJP workers. The event witnessed the presence of several dignitaries,

including former city president Indermal Khandelwal, current president Rahul Jadhav, Hemant Nande, Vikas Naik, and Jaykrishna Gore, among others. The program concluded with patriotic slogans, and attendees left inspired with renewed commitments toward future social initiatives.