

IN BRIEF

Mumbai lake level rises

Mumbai, July 26 (UNI) : The water stock of Mumbai's seven lakes continues to rise steadily as consistent rainfall boosts the levels.

The seven lakes that supply drinking water to Mumbai have collectively reached 88.81 per cent of their full capacity as of Saturday, July 26, 2025, easing water security concerns for the city.

The Hydraulic Engineer's Department of the BMC's Master Control Centre, Bhandup Complex, reported that the total useful water content now stands at 12.85 lakh million litres (ML) out of the total capacity of 14.47 lakh ML.

This year's figures mark a sharp rise compared to 2024 and 2023, where the levels stood at 71.02 per cent and 58.93 percent, respectively, on the same date.

India sends essential medical supplies to Somalia

New Delhi, July 26 (UNI) : Continuing its humanitarian assistance, India today sent 10 tonnes of essential medicines and surgical items to Somalia, while also sending 5 MT of Black-eyed Cowpea Seeds to Pacific partner Fiji to support agricultural production.

In posts on X, the MEA spokesperson said: "India's humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia continues.

"A consignment comprising of 10 tonnes of humanitarian assistance, which includes essential medicines, surgical items, hospital essentials and biomedical equipment has departed for Somalia."

"Standing in solidarity with our partners in the Indo-Pacific.



The Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh and Vice Chief of the Army Staff Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani laying a wreath at the National War Memorial, on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, in New Delhi on Saturday.

2 Union Ministers, Army Chief lead wreath-laying ceremony at Drass on Kargil Vijay Diwas

Srinagar, July 26 (UNI) : At ground zero in Drass, Ladakh, the main function of the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas witnessed the two Union Ministers Sanjay Seth and Mansukh Mandaviya and Chief of Army Staff Gen Upendra Dwivedi leading the wreath-laying ceremony at the Kargil War Memorial, commemorating India's victory in the 1999 conflict.

Drass, often referred to as the coldest inhabited place, was at the heart of the 1999 Kargil War.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta; Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu; and senior civil and security officials paid tribute to the fallen soldiers on the 26th anniversary of the Kargil War. Retired senior officers who were part of the Kargil War also paid floral tributes at the memorial.

The two Union Ministers Mandaviya and Seth also led a Padyatra, which saw participation from over 1,000 youth volunteers, war veterans, and armed forces personnel, marking the occasion with a show of unity and remembrance.

Addressing the gathering after the wreath-laying ceremony, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said, "Whether it's the Kargil War, the Surgical Strike, or Operation Sindoor, we have made it clear that anyone who dares to raise their eyes toward us will meet this fate."

Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu, who laid a wreath at the memorial, took to X to share his tribute, "In the shadow of the mighty mountains of Drass, I laid a wreath at the Kargil War Memorial. A silent salute to the extraordinary sons of Bharat who gave everything they had, so that we might live in peace," Khandu said.

"In May 1999, our heights were seized in a betrayal that cut deep. But what followed was not just a military operation. It was a testament to the spirit of India. Operation Vijay was a story of young men climbing into the jaws of death with grit in their hearts and the tricolour in their hands. On Kargil Vijay Diwas today, we don't just remember their victory. We remember their courage. Their sacrifice. Their unwavering faith in this nation," he added .

Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on July 26 to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War. In 1999, Pakistani soldiers and militants had infiltrated and occupied several key peaks along the Line of Control (LoC) from Drass to the Batalik sector, overlooking the strategic Srinagar-Leh highway. The Indian Army along with the Indian Air Force later launched a massive operation, and in the 74 days of battles, the Indian Army managed to win back its territory. As per official figures, 527 were the Indian casualties at the end of the Kargil War.

And since this victory, the Army has been observing July 26 as Vijay Diwas, and the commemorative event is held annually at Drass to honour the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Leaders unite to pay homage to Kargil martyrs

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, July 26 (UNI) : Maharashtra's political leadership bridged partisan divides today, uniting to honor the 545 soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the 1999 Kargil War on the 26th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Solemn tributes resonated across the state, commemorating the defense of India's sovereignty in the treacherous Himalayan heights.

Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan set the commemorative tone, offering "heartfelt tributes and salutes to our bravehearts who displayed extraordinary courage [and] gritty determination in defending the nation." His official tribute concluded with the patriotic salutation "Jai Hind."

Boat with 8 people sinks near Khanderi Fort; 5 rescued

Raigad, July 26 (UNI) : A major sea accident was reported from Raigad district, with a boat tragically sinking near Khanderi Fort today, with eight people on board. Five of the boat's crew have been rescued.

The boat was taken out for fishing today. The accident occurred when the boat capsized due to strong waves during low tide. Out of the eight passengers, five have been rescued and are receiving treatment at a hospital. However, three people are still missing and a search operation is ongoing on by the administration.

It is reported that heavy rainfall is hindering the rescue operation. Heavy rains are lashing across Maharashtra, and hitting districts such as Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, and Raigad districts particularly hard. The boat named Tuljai, is owned by one Manohar Ganpat Koli from Uran Karanja. Drones are being used to search for the remaining missing persons near the shore.

Corruption and hooliganism of BJP, Shinde, Fadnavis govt responsible for exodus of industries from Maharashtra: Sapkal

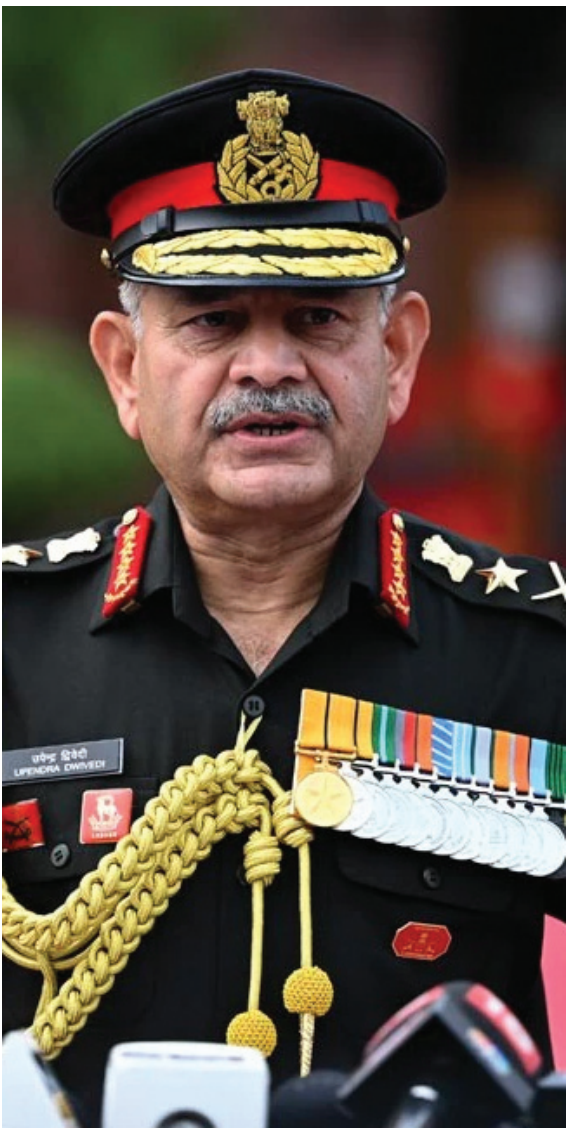
Mumbai, July 26 (UNI) : Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee President Harshavardhan Sapkal said here today that the IT industry developed in Hinjawadi during the Congress regime is now shifting towards Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

Even Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has admitted this, raising the serious question, were the state government and Pune's guardian minister Ajit Pawar asleep while this happened?, Sapkal criticized.

He also demanded that Ajit Pawar take moral responsibility for this failure and resign immediately.

Launching a scathing attack on the BJP alliance government and Pune's guardian minister Ajit Pawar, Sapkal said that Pune has always been an important center for Maharashtra industrially, culturally, and politically. But Pune's glorious status is now a thing of the past. The city is plagued by 'Koyta gangs', rampant drug trade, and severe traffic congestion that chokes industries, he said.

Law and order in the state has collapsed. Entrepreneurs are harassed due to the ruling party's corruption and the goon-like behavior of its officials. Basic infrastructure is in shambles, leading to the IT industry fleeing from Maharashtra.



Operation Sindoor is our resolve, a clear message, response

On the Kargil Vijay Diwas anniversary, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi said that Operation Sindoor was not just a military action, but a reflection of India's firm resolve, a clear message and a decisive response to Pakistan. He warned that any attempt to destabilize India would be met with a forceful response.

Addressing the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations at Drass, Ladakh, the Army Chief said that Operation Sindoor was a continuation of the tradition of Operation Vijay in 1999, which was fought in Kargil.

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'Will Not allow any country take lead in Maldivian affairs'



Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu today asserted that it is not his Government's policy to allow any foreign country take the lead in his affairs and said that every square inch of the Indian Ocean island nation's territory will be safeguarded by Maldivians.

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Iranian exiled crown prince Reza Pahlavi says over 50,000 ...



At least 50,000 officials from within Iran's government and military have registered with a secure opposition platform aimed at toppling the Islamic Republic, according to Reza Pahlavi, the exiled son of Iran's last monarch.

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Joe Root's masterclass put England in command



Joe Root led England's charge with a majestic 150 as the hosts closed Day 3 at a dominant 544 for 7 in 135 overs, taking a commanding 186-run lead over India's first-innings 358 in the ongoing Test at Old Trafford today. Resuming the day at 225 for 2, Root and Ollie Pope (71) steadily built England's innings,

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Jarange Patil blasts state leadership over Munde comeback talk

Jalna, July 26 (UNI) : Maratha quota spearhead Manoj Jarange Patil launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar today, condemning mounting speculation regarding NCP legislator Dhananjay Munde's potential reinstatement to the state cabinet.

Jarange's criticism follows Deputy CMPawar's remarks to Pune journalists on Friday suggesting Munde would receive an "opportunity" if cleared in an unspecified "inquiry."

While Pawar offered no details, the statement is widely interpreted as referring to the investigation into the brutal abduction, torture, and murder of Santosh Deshmukh, Sarpanch of Massajog in Beed. Deshmukh was killed on December 9 last year after opposing extortion attempts targeting a local windmill project contractor, a case that provoked national outrage.

The subsequent arrest of Walmik Karad, a close associate of Dhananjay

Munde, intensified pressure from opposition parties and factions within the ruling Mahayuti coalition, ultimately leading Munde to resign from the cabinet on March 4.

Addressing media in Antarwali Sarthi village, Jarange accused the state leadership of "glorifying violence" and rewarding individuals linked to such acts with ministerial posts. He further invoked the separate killing of Mahadev Munde, a Parli resident abducted on October 19, 2023, whose body was discovered three days later.

Jarange highlighted the recent protest by Mahadev Munde's wife, who consumed poison at the Beed Superintendent of Police's office to decry the delayed apprehension of suspects in her husband's case."Rather than offering solace to Mahadev Munde's grieving family, the government is poised to reward Dhananjay Munde," Jarange asserted. "This manner of governance will erode all semblance of law and order in Maharashtra."

Head clerk arrested for accepting Rs 30,000 bribe

Kolhapur, July 26 (UNI) District police arrested a head clerk working in the superintendent's police headquarters and booked a woman constable for accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 from a police constable for an inter-district transfer.

According to Shahupuri police, a head clerk, Santosh Maruti Pankar of Kasba Bavda, working in the superintendent of police headquarters office in Kasba Bavda, a suburb of the city, accepted Rs 30,000 bribe amount, which was transferred online on 23 July, from a constable, who was identified as Ritesh Manohar Dhahale, for an inter-district transfer. After registering a complaint by Dhahale, Shahupuri police arrested head clerk Pankar while booking lady constable Dhanashri Uday Jagtap, a mastermind behind this.Police investigating further.

Mumbai police opposes bail plea of accused in Saif Ali Khan stabbing case

Mumbai July 26 (UNI) : Mumbai Police have strongly opposed the bail plea of a Bangladeshi national accused of breaking into actor Saif Ali Khan's home and stabbing him, an official said here on Saturday.

Accused Mohammad Shariful Islam Shehzad, 30 has recently filed a bail application in the session court from jail, claiming that he is falsely implicated in the case while already being charge-sheeted and languishing in jail from a prolonged period.

In response to the plea, Police submitted a reply stating that there was strong evidence against accused Shariful Islam as he is a Bangladeshi national illegally residing in India therefore, if he is released on bail, there is a strong possibility that he will flee to Bangladesh.

In the reply submitted on July 24, the police cited forensic laboratory findings, reaffirming their assertion that the knife

fragments discovered near the actor's spine during the attack—and a segment of the knife recovered from the crime scene—matched the weapon seized from the suspect.The court acknowledged the reply submitted by Khar police and adjourned the further hearing till August 1.

It may be recalled that the accused had moved for bail on both technical and merit-based grounds, claiming his arrest was illegal and in violation of Section 47 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). The section mandates that a police officer arresting any individual without a warrant must communicate the full particulars of the offence and the grounds for arrest.

In his plea he has cited various Supreme Court and High Court judgments that emphasize the requirement to inform the accused of the reasons and grounds for the arrest. He argued that non-compliance renders the arrest unlawful.

Woman drives car into Mumbai creek while following google maps, rescued by marine force

Mumbai, July 25 (UNI) : A woman in Navi Mumbai city drove her car straight into a creek on Friday night, reportedly after following incorrect directions on Google Maps. She was, however, rescued by Marine Security Force personnel, officials said here today.Police sources said the woman was travelling from Belapur to Ulwe in New Mumbai when the navigation app guided her along a path beneath a bridge, instead of taking her onto the bridge itself.

Trusting the directions, the woman continued driving until her car plunged into the creek. Fortunately, the incident was noticed by personnel from the Marine Security Force, who were nearby. They rushed to the scene and found the woman floating.She was rescued unharmed and later escorted home safely. Her car was retrieved from the creek using a crane. A video of the incident has surfaced on the internet showing the damaged vehicle being pulled out of the creek using a crane.

Supriya Sule slams Ajit Pawar for supporting Munde

Mumbai, July 26 (UNI) : Sharad Pawar-led NCP Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule has criticised a statement made by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar that Dhananjay Munde who had to resign as the agriculture minister could be made a cabinet minister again if he gets a clean chit in all cases filed against him.

Speaking to media persons about Dhananjay Munde's probable re-entry to the Maharashtra cabinet, Sharad Pawar-led NCP Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule said, "Valmik Karad was behind the murder of Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh of Massjog village. Who exactly was the mastermind? Suresh Dhas has answered that question many times. How can you give a clean chit to him when many families have been destroyed? People's homes are being destroyed and you are

CM Fadnavis directs formation of committee to explore use of solar power in textiles sector



Mumbai, July 26 (IANS) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday directed the establishment of a committee comprising the textiles and energy departments to explore the use of solar power in the textiles sector to solve the power supply-related problems.

Further, he instructed that a uniform criterion should be set for providing financial assistance to new cooperative spinning mills under the Social Justice, Tribal Development and Other Backward Classes Welfare Departments, saying that each department should make additional provision for the spinning mills under their jurisdiction.He chaired the

review meeting of the textiles department, which was attended by Textiles Minister Sanjay Savkare, Legislative Council member Amrish Patel and senior officers from various departments.

CM Fadnavis said that while extending the interest subsidy scheme on loans to cooperative spinning mills, they should be modernised and graded. A report should be prepared on the reopening of closed mills under the National Textile Corporation in the state. On that basis, action should be taken to submit a proposal to the Central Government for the reopening of closed mills.

“Necessary amendments should be

made in the Integrated and Sustainable Textile Policy 2023-28. Along with this, a policy should be prepared regarding the recovery of government dues from cooperative spinning mills and cooperative power loom institutions. Further, the process of registering all power looms in the state should be completed.

The process of obtaining a no-objection certificate from the Maharashtra State Khadi Village Industries Board for the repair of the building used by the Silk Directorate in Pune and the creation of other facilities should be completed immediately,” instructed CM Fadnavis.

He also reviewed various issues relating to

the creation of a new Maharashtra State Textiles Development Corporation, merger of Textiles Commissionerate and Silk Directorate to form Textiles and Silk Commissionerate, plan to allow sale of additional land from cooperative spinning mills, preparation of a new scheme for providing rehabilitation loans to spinning mills and a scheme for leasing spinning mills, action to revise the project report value of cooperative spinning mills from Rs 80.90 crore to Rs 118 crore and permanent acquisition of leased land from the Red Cross Society at Wai in Satara district for the District Silk Office.

giving him a clean chit. We will not allow such people to enter the Maharashtra cabinet".Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar hinted about Dhananjay Munde's likely reinstatement in the cabinet while talking to media persons.

"You must have read the news about Dhananjay Munde. The high court gave Dhananjay Munde a clean chit regarding the allegations made against him related to the agriculture department. He is not at fault. However, he was defamed. The news of the incident came out in the electronic media and the news was also shown. The pain that he and his family suffered in these cases cannot be compensated. There is one more case against him (Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh murder case). The police system is also taking appropriate action in this regard. If he

gets a clean chit in this matter, we will give Dhananjay Munde another chance to become a minister," Ajit Pawar has said. However, reacting to the development Dhananjay Munde's estranged wife Karuna Sharma said, "Ajitdada, you are talking about giving Dhananjay Munde a ministerial post again. Along with the murder of Dnyaneshwari Munde's husband Mahadev Munde, there are some other cases like the Santosh Deshmukh murder case which have come to light in the last six to seven months. They have misused the government administration and created a black economic empire. You have seen this. You have been watching for the last six or seven months. Yet you are talking about giving such a dirty person a ministerial post. You do not see the

suffering of the people here"."When he (Dhananjay Munde) was a public representative, you should see what he did to my children. If you want evidence against that man, I will give it. Give me time, I will bring everything out. If you keep giving ministerial posts to such a dirty person, then you should give poison to the family of Dnyaneshwari Munde, the family of Santosh Deshmukh and my family. After that you can give ministerial post to Dhananjay Munde," Dhananjay Munde's estranged wife Karuna Sharma said.

On Friday, social activist Anjali Damania said that she will fight Dhananjay Munde in the Supreme Court after Munde got relief from the Bombay High Court. Damania also demanded that Chief Minister Devendra

Fadnavis must not take Munde back into the cabinet.

Damania made the statement after the Bombay High Court gave relief to former Ajit Pawar-led NCP minister Dhananjay Munde on Thursday evening and ruled that procurements made by the Agriculture Department during Dhananjay Munde's tenure are in accordance with rules.

The High Court quashed allegations of an alleged scam in the procurement of agricultural materials against Dhananjay Munde. During his tenure as the Agriculture Minister, some petitions were filed claiming irregularities and changes in the agricultural materials procurement policy.

ED, CBI intensify probe into Anil Ambani companies; hard drive, documents seized

Mumbai, July 26 (IANS) : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids on the premises and people linked with Anil Ambani's Reliance Group (RAAGA Companies) intensified on Saturday, as investigators likely seized voluminous documents, hard drives, and other digital records from several locations across Mumbai and Delhi.

The raids first began on Thursday in connection with a money laundering probe related to the Yes Bank loan fraud case.The enforcement watchdog and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted a large-scale money laundering probe into the matter involving

over Rs 24,000 crore, according to reports.The operation is part of a broader investigation into alleged financial irregularities, including possible diversion of funds, loan fraud, and money laundering.

The ED's probe is focused on whether funds from banks were routed through shell entities and misused by group firms. Meanwhile, the CBI has reportedly begun its own inquiry into other companies within Anil Ambani's Reliance Group.

Subsequent to FIRs registered by the CBI, the ED started probing the offence of money laundering by RAAGA Companies under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Other agencies and institutions also shared information with ED, such as the National Housing Bank, SEBI, National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), and Bank of Baroda, according to reliable sources.Preliminary investigation by ED has revealed a well-planned and thought-out scheme to divert/siphon off public money by cheating banks, shareholders, investors and other public institutions. The offence of bribing bank officials, including the Promoter of Yes Bank Limited, is also under the scanner.

Man arrested carrying pistol in his bag at Nagpur Airport

Nagpur, July 26 (UNI) : A man was reportedly arrested while carrying a country-made pistol and bullets in his luggage bag at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport here, a senior police official told UNI on Saturday.

The official said the man, identified as Anil Shrikrishna Porad, a resident of Yavatmal district in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

The official further informed that Porad is the president of the Tribal Cell of a political party.

Porad reached the Airport to board a flight to Delhi around 9 pm on Friday.

However, during a routine security check, CISF personnel discovered a suspicious object in his bag . When they opened the bag, they found country-made firearm and two live cartridges inside, the official said.

Airport authorities immediately alerted the Sonegaon police station.

When police asked about arms, Porad failed to explain the reason he was carrying a firearm.




Initially, he claimed ignorance as to how the arms ended up in his bag.

However, later he admitted that the weapon belonged to him.

The weapon was seized and handed over to the police.

Porad was arrested under provisions of the Arms Act and was taken to police station.

Further investigation is underway, the official added.

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STANDARD POST

PM Modi’s visit to Maldives, attending the 60th Independence Day celebrations signals reset in bilateral ties

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today attended the 60th Independence Day celebrations of the Maldives as Guest of Honour at the Republic Square. The event included a 21-gun salute, a military drill by the Maldives National Defence Force, parades by the National Cadet Corps, and cultural performances by school children.

PM Modi’s participation, the first by an Indian prime minister at the event, underscored the reset in the bilateral ties. The visit builds on Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu’s October 2024 India trip, where the Joint Vision for a Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership was adopted, indicating a willingness to prioritize cooperation.

PM Modi’s Maldives visit also marks the first by a foreign head of state since President Mohamed Muizzu took office in November 2023.

The two-day state visit of PM Modi is seen as a pivotal moment in resetting the India-Maldives relations strained by earlier tensions. The visit also coincides with the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties, established in 1965 when India was among the first to recognize Maldives’ independence.

On Friday, on his arrival, PM Modi was received warmly at Velana International Airport by President Muizzu, Foreign Minister Abdulla Khaleel, Defence Minister Ghassan Maumoon, Finance Minister Mohamed Shafeeq, and Minister of Homeland Security Ali Ihusan.

The streets of Malé were adorned with Indian flags and banners along major roads and the Republic Square. The Indian diaspora also made a beeline to have a glimpse of Prime Minister Modi near the airport, waving the Indian Tricolour and chanting “Vande Mataram”. PM Modi posted on X, “A warm welcome in Maldives. Our strong ties will benefit both our peoples.”

The visit has helped address a diplomatic rift from January 2024, when three Maldivian deputy ministers made derogatory remarks about PM Modi’s Lakshadweep visit, triggering a “Boycott Maldives” campaign in India. Indian tourist arrivals dropped 33% in 2024, pushing India from the top tourist market to sixth. Meanwhile, the arrival of Chinese tourists almost tripled, riding on the cozy relation that Muizzu exhibited with the Chinese leadership.

Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu visited India in October 2024, marking a thaw in the ties. His presidential campaign was based on the “India Out” slogan, demanding zero presence of Indian defence personnel on the island nation. India has since replaced the defence personnel manning the Dornier aircraft, gifted by India, with technical staff.

PM Modi’s presence in the Maldivian capital signals a reset, and renewed cooperation.

The Indian Prime Minister held a series of meetings with senior political leaders across party lines reflecting a close and non-bias intent for improving the relationship. On the first day, PM Modi met Vice-President Hussain Mohamed Latheef to discuss trade, infrastructure, and maritime security. He posted on X, “Met Vice President Uz. Hussain Mohamed Latheef. Our talks covered key aspects of India-Maldives friendship.”

At the President’s Office, he signed the visitors’ book and held a restricted bilateral meeting with President Muizzu. During the meeting, the two leaders reviewed the entire gamut of ties including defence, health, and capacity-building initiatives. This was followed by delegation-level talks which also included External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.

The two sides signed four MoUs and three agreements, including a Rs 4,850 crore (\$565 million) Line of Credit for housing, water, and sanitation projects. PM Modi stated, “India and Maldives share a deep bond as geographical and historical neighbors. Our cooperation in development, defence, and maritime security will grow.”

The two leaders also issued a commemorative stamp marking 60 years of diplomatic ties. PM Modi and President Muizzu also inaugurated a new India-funded Ministry of Defence building in Malé. They virtually handed over 3,300 social housing units in Hulhumale, built under India’s Buyers’ Credit.

The two leaders were together for a tree plantation event, as part of PM Modi’s “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam”, Plant for Mother initiative. In the same venue, the Prime Minister handed over two BHISHM Health Cubes that will be of great relevance in medical emergencies, especially in remote parts of the country.

PM Modi met former presidents and opposition leaders in Male, cutting across party lines, to discuss mutual interests and regional stability. He met former President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker Abdul Raheem Abdulla, and leaders across political parties. These meetings helped address the lingering effects of the 2024 controversy and the “India Out” campaign, which Muizzu had initially supported.

Centre for Sight Welcomes Renowned Vitreoretinal Surgeon Dr. Sunil Kumar Singh and Launches Retina Surgical Services

(Standard Post Bureau)

Centre for Sight, India’s leading chain of super-specialty eye hospitals, proudly announces the launch of its advanced Retina Surgical Services in Siliguri—bringing globally benchmarked retina care to the heart of North Bengal. This significant milestone is further marked by the joining of one of the region’s most respected retina specialists, Dr. Sunil Kumar Singh, as Senior Vitreoretinal Consultant. Now joining this legacy of excellence is Dr. Sunil Kumar Singh, a distinguished retina surgeon with over 20 years of experience. An alumnus of AIIMS, New Delhi, Dr. Singh completed his MD in Ophthalmology and pursued a fellowship in Vitreoretinal Diseases from Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati.

He is also a Fellow of the International Council of Ophthalmology (FICO, UK) and FAICO in Vitreoretinal Diseases. During the launch, Dr.

Sunil Kumar Singh said, “Retinal diseases are often silent and irreversible if not caught on time. With this facility, we aim to offer the people of Siliguri and North Bengal, access to timely, expert-led retina care using the best of modern technology. I’m proud to be a part of Centre for Sight and contribute to its legacy of transforming lives through vision care.”

The newly inaugurated retina unit at Centre for Sight Siliguri is equipped with world-class infrastructure and next-generation technologies such as VR-assisted retinal surgery, silicone oil removal (SOR), scleral fixated IOL implantation (SFIOI), along with advanced diagnostics like Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), B-scan, and fundus imaging.

The centre is equipped to diagnose and treat a broad range of retinal disorders including retinal detachment, diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration (ARMD), and retinopathy



of prematurity (ROP). Founded in 1996 by Padma Shri Awardee Prof. Dr. Mahipal S. Sachdev, a pioneer in modern eye surgery and one of the most respected names in Indian ophthalmology, Centre for Sight has grown into the most trusted eye care network in the country.

With over 85 hospitals across 30+ cities, a team of 350+ expert doctors, and nearly three decades of excellence, Centre for Sight stands at the

forefront of vision care. Its reputation is built on clinical expertise, cutting-edge technology, and a deeply patient-centric approach. The group is widely recognized for its leadership in cataract, refractive surgery (including pioneering technologies like SILK and SMILE), cornea, glaucoma, retina, pediatric ophthalmology, oculoplasty, and oncology. Centre for Sight hospitals are NABH-accredited, empanelled

with all major TPAs and insurance providers, and associated with various government healthcare schemes—making quality care both accessible and affordable. Its mission remains rooted in the belief that “every eye deserves the best.”

Known for his precision and commitment to patient outcomes, Dr. Singh brings with him vast experience in managing complex retinal and uveal conditions, as well as neuro-ophthalmology.

He has successfully performed thousands of sutureless retinal surgeries, scleral fixated IOLs, laser procedures (ROP, PRP, Nd:YAG), intravitreal injections, and ocular trauma management. He is also proficient in diagnostic imaging including ocular and orbital ultrasonography. In addition to his clinical acumen, Dr. Singh has contributed extensively to academic research and education as an editorial board member of the

Indian Journal of Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology, and has authored numerous national and international publications. His professional affiliations include AIOS, VRSI, DOS, ACOIN, IMA, and others.

Previously associated with leading eye institutions like Vasan Eye Care and North Bengal Eye Institute—where he served as Director—Dr. Singh now joins Centre for Sight to lead and elevate retina care in Siliguri and surrounding areas.

This development eliminates the need for patients to travel to metro cities for advanced retina treatment, offering them trusted care closer to home. With every new centre and service line, Centre for Sight continues its mission to transform the landscape of eye care in India—blending expertise, empathy, and innovation.

Because when it comes to your eyes—Don’t compromise on your vision. Trust the experts.

SEIL energy empowers Rural education with 1,000 bicycles for school children

Energy Minister Mr Gottipati Ravi Kumar Garu officially hands over Cycles to the Students



(Standard Post Bureau)

In a significant step towards promoting education and enabling better access to schools for rural students, SEIL Energy India Limited, one of the largest independent power producers (IPP) in India, has donated 1,000 bicycles to school-going children in Addanki, Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. This initiative, aligned with SEIL Energy’s CSR key focus area on Education, aims to reduce school dropout rates, particularly among children from underprivileged backgrounds and girl students who often face mobility challenges in remote areas. The Energy Minister of Andhra

Pradesh, Mr Gottipati Ravi Kumar Garu formally handed over bicycles on Friday at Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), Makkenavaripalem. The Minister also handed over 452 Cycles to the students of ZPHS, Medarametla.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Mr Gottipati Ravi Kumar Garu said: “We are immensely grateful to SEIL Energy for their generous contribution of 1,000 bicycles. This initiative is a critical enabler in the Government of Andhra Pradesh’s larger vision to distribute 10,000 bicycles to underprivileged children, ensuring that no child is denied access to education due to lack of transportation.” Mr. Janmejaya Mahapatra, CEO - SEIL Energy India

Limited, said, “At SEIL Energy, we believe that education is the most powerful tool for community transformation. Through this initiative, we are not just donating bicycles ---we are helping unlock the future potential of 1,000 children. We are proud to partner with the Government of Andhra Pradesh in advancing this noble and meaningful cause.”

All 1,000 beneficiaries are underprivileged school students from rural areas, and many of them are first-generation learners.

This project is part of SEIL Energy’s broader CSR commitment across four key pillars: Education, Health, Decarbonisation and Skill & Entrepreneurship Development.

'Will Not allow any country take lead in Maldivian affairs' : Maldives President

Male/New Delhi, July 26 (UNI) : Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu today asserted that it is not his Government’s policy to allow any foreign country take the lead in his affairs and said that every square inch of the Indian Ocean island nation’s territory will be safeguarded by Maldivians. He was addressing the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) and the Maldives Police Service (MPS) on his country’s 60th Independence Day. This is the first time in Maldives history that a Maldivian Head of State has addressed both forces at a joint ceremonial

gathering. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on a two-day State visit to the Maldives, was the Guest of Honour at the celebrations.

Highlighting the priority accorded by his Government to police and defence forces, President Muizzu said this focus has, at times, prompted questions regarding the rationale behind such emphasis. Referring to the vast maritime domain of the Maldives, he said that despite the country’s relatively small population, it is Maldivians themselves who will bear the responsibility of defending and securing

the nation’s territory.

He, however, acknowledged that the Maldives must rely on other nations for certain resources and technical expertise, and affirmed the Government’s commitment to cooperating with international partners in this regard. The President also paid tribute to the national heroes whose sacrifices secured the nation’s independence, emphasising that every Maldivian citizen should appreciate their legacy. He underscored the shared responsibility to preserve the nation’s independence and security for the benefit of future generations.

Discussion on Latest Advancements in Neurosciences conducted successfully



(Standard Post Bureau)

Artemis Hospital Gurugram in association with CREST neuro services, and Neuro club Lucknow, recently spearheaded an interactive session in Lucknow focusing on the latest advancements in neurosurgeries in management of movement disorders. The seminar aimed to shed light on cutting-edge treatments for various types of neuro related disorders, making

them more accessible, reliable, and safer than ever before. The session was orated by Dr. Aditya Gupta, Chief Neurosurgery & CNS Radiosurgery & Co-Chief – Cyberknife centre, from Artemis Hospitals, who spoke on the topic Collaborative cases in neurosciences. Dr. Aditya Gupta, Chief Neurosurgery & CNS Radiosurgery & Co-Chief – Cyberknife centre, Artemis Hospitals emphasized the significance of cyberknife radiosurgery in

tackling complex neurosurgical cases, said “M6 Cyberknife Radiosurgery is precise, painless, and non-invasive radiation treatment. It is extremely efficient for the treatment of inoperable cancerous and non-cancerous tumors, requires no anesthesia & incision and has no reported risks or side effects. This therapy has a proven clinical success rate of over 95% of the brain tumor patients and works best for tumors upto 2.5-3 cm in size.

Cambodia calls for immediate-unconditional ceasefire with Thailand at UNSC meeting

Phnom Penh, July 26 (UNI) : Cambodia has called for an unconditional immediate ceasefire during a UN Security Council meeting on its dispute with Thailand, and the UNSC members urged both parties for restraint, Cambodian Permanent Representative to the UN Keo Chhea said."Cambodia asked for immediate ceasefire, unconditionally, and we also call for the peaceful solution of the disputes," Chhea told journalists. "Security Council called for both parties to restrain, maximum restraint and resort to diplomatic solution."

Clashes between the two Southeast Asian nations have resulted in at least 32 fatalities, military and civilian, while forcing nearly 200,000 to flee—each government claims the other fired the first shots. While neither country has declared war, the conflict has severely eroded diplomatic ties, with both Bangkok and Phnom Penh refusing to commit to any sort of dialogue just yet.

Thailand, Cambodia agree to immediately meet for ceasefire talks : Donald Trump

Washington, July 26 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump said on Saturday that his telephone diplomacy led to Thailand and Cambodia agreeing to meet immediately to work out a ceasefire and ultimately a peace deal.

"I just had a very good call with the Prime Minister of Cambodia, and informed him of my discussions with Thailand, and its Acting Prime Minister. Both Parties are looking for an immediate Ceasefire and Peace... They have agreed to immediately meet and quickly work out a Ceasefire and, ultimately, PEACE!" he wrote on Truth Social.

Trump said that the prime ministers were looking to get back to the "trading table" with the United States, which he said was "inappropriate to do until such time as the fighting STOPS." "When all is done, and Peace is at hand, I look forward to concluding our Trading Agreements with both!" Trump said.

Torrential rains kill 266 in Pakistan in past one month

Islamabad, July 26 (UNI) : Torrential monsoon rain-related incidents have killed 266 people and injured 633 others across Pakistan over the past 30 days, according to data released by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) yesterday.

According to the NDMA's latest situation report, no new fatalities were recorded in the past 24 hours, while five injuries were reported. The data covers the period from June 26 to July 25.

Punjab reported the highest number of casualties, with 144 people killed and 493 injured. In the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, 63 people were reported dead and 79 others injured.

Sindh recorded over 25 fatalities and 40 injuries. Meanwhile, 16 deaths and four injuries were reported from Balochistan.

Gilgit-Baltistan and Islamabad reported eight fatalities, while two lost their lives in POK.

Children accounted for a significant proportion of the fatalities nationwide, with 126 reported dead and 209 injured, according to the breakdown provided by the NDMA. Authorities have warned of further rainfall in various regions and are coordinating with provincial governments to carry out relief operations and monitor vulnerable areas amid ongoing rainfall.

536 schools in Cambodian border areas closed due to clashes with Thailand

Phnom Penh, July 26 (UNI) : Cambodia said on Saturday that a total of 536 schools in border provinces have been shut down due to an ongoing border conflict between Cambodian and Thai soldiers.

"The closure has affected 130,000 students and teachers," the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport said in a post on its official Facebook page.Armed clashes between Cambodian and Thai soldiers over disputed border areas broke out on Thursday.

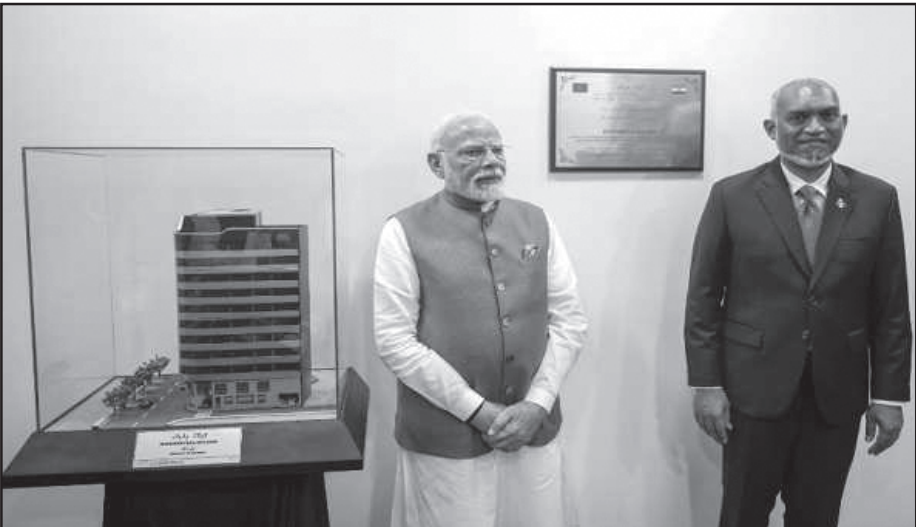
Japan’s ruling LDP collects enough signatures to discuss accountability of PM Shigeru Ishiba after recent electoral loss

Tokyo, July 26 (UNI) : Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) has collected enough signatures to call a general meeting that will hold Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba accountable for the party's recent crushing election loss, local media reported.

LDP rules stipulate that a general meeting be convened within seven days if more than one-third of its parliamentary members request it.

The required number of signatures has been met, Jiji Press reported yesterday, citing an LDP member who leads the signature campaign. Hiroyoshi Sasagawa, a member of the former LDP faction led by former LDP Secretary-General Toshimitsu Motegi, said that he would decide when to submit the signatures after looking at Ishiba's response at a less formal meeting of party lawmakers on July 27 to discuss the outcome of Sunday's House of Councillors election.In a landmark political setback, Japan's ruling coalition has lost its majority in the 248-member upper chamber in Sunday's race. The defeat follows a similar outcome in the 2024 House of Representatives election, leaving the ruling bloc a minority in both chambers of the parliament, a historic first since the LDP's founding in 1955.

PM Modi, Maldivian President inaugurate MoD building in Male; India delivers two advanced portable hospital units



Male/New Delhi, July 25 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu today jointly inaugurated the state-of-the-art Ministry of Defence (MoD) building of Maldives in Male.

Overlooking the Indian Ocean, the eleven-storey building is a symbol of the strong and long-standing defence and security cooperation between the two countries, a statement said.The MoD building has been constructed with India's financial assistance and will contribute towards enhancing the capabilities of the defence and law enforcement authorities of Maldives.Following the inauguration of the Dhoshimeynaa Building, the two leaders viewed a model of the building, and learned about its functions and services.Construction

of the building began on 19 February, 2014. The facility will primarily house the Coast Guard division of the Defence Ministry.

India has also formally delivered two advanced portable hospital units to the Maldives, marking a significant enhancement of the island nation's emergency medical response capacity and

reaffirming New Delhi's commitment to regional health cooperation.

Referred to as 'Arogya Maitri Health Cubes', the modular platforms are regarded as the world's first fully transportable hospitals. Each unit includes an intensive care unit (ICU), operation theatre, blood diagnostic equipment, X-ray machine,

and power generator, configured to provide critical care for up to 200 individuals over a 72-hour period.Engineered for maximum mobility, the systems can be deployed by helicopter to remote areas and achieve full operational readiness in just 12 minutes. Supplementary kits and medicines allow

customisation for varied scenarios, supporting a range of emergency situations.Enhancing this capability is the BHISHM app, a digital tool designed to facilitate configuration and monitor equipment inventories. The Maldives Emergency Medical Service, operating under the Ministry of Health, will oversee the integration of the new facilities into Maldives' emergency response framework.

India's assistance to the Maldivian health sector has long reflected a sustained and multifaceted approach. Support has extended to the training of medical personnel, development of urban and atoll-based health infrastructure, and provision of emergency resources, including the expedited supply of Covid-19 vaccines during the pandemic.

Iranian exiled crown prince Reza Pahlavi says over 50,000 govt officials have joined him to topple Islamic regime

Tehran, July 26 (UNI) : At least 50,000 officials from within Iran's government and military have registered with a secure opposition platform aimed at toppling the Islamic Republic, according to Reza Pahlavi, the exiled son of Iran's last monarch.

Pahlavi, the son of Iran's last monarch overthrown in the 1979 revolution, has long positioned himself as a potential transitional figure in a post-theocratic regime in Iran launched the platform last month, offering defectors from all branches of service- from politics to law and military - a channel to connect and coordinate and formulate strategies for the ouster of the theocratic regime.

Speaking to Politico, he said the figure — though still under verification — points to a growing movement from within Iran's own power structures, who are now seeking regime change.

“These are not just

numbers — they are signals,” Pahlavi said. “We are prioritising key figures in the military and intelligence community. Every week, more join. It's a rigorous process, but the response has been tremendous.”“We estimate over 50,000 so far — and that number continues to grow each week,” he said.

“It's a complex process of verification, but the signals we're receiving are clear. We're prioritising engagement with key individuals in the military and security forces.”

Pahlavi also confirmed that a separate site will soon be launched for ordinary citizens to register their support for the opposition campaign.

The interview comes ahead of a major opposition summit in Munich today, where the exiled crown prince will convene more than 500 exiled dissidents, including activists, artists, intellectuals, and former athletes.He called the event as one of the most diverse

gatherings of Iranian opposition groups outside the country since the revolution.“This conference is about unity,” he said. “It shows the emergence of a broad, committed coalition working toward a democratic, secular Iran.”

Participants in the event titled ‘Convention of National Cooperation’ have endorsed three core principles: preserving Iran's territorial integrity, ensuring equal rights and freedoms for all citizens, and establishing a clear separation between religion and state.Despite his attempts at projecting himself as a transitional figure should the Islamic Republic collapse, Pahlavi has received a lot of criticism over the years, owing to his perceived failure to unite the fractured opposition during his decades abroad, while some also view his royal heritage as a liability in the establishment of a democratic Iran.

Hungarian PM Viktor Orban says likelihood of WWII increasing

Budapest, July 26 (UNI) : Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, referring to the wide array of conflicts plaguing the world today — most prominently the Russia-Ukraine war and the EU's increasing desire to be an active participant in it, has said that the likelihood of a World War III is ever increasing, and urged the international community to do all it can to prevent it, reports Russian state media TASS."Perhaps the most important question now is whether there will be a third world war, and the answer is that the likelihood of a world war is constantly increasing," he said in an address broadcast by the M1 TV channel.As evidence, Orban cited the results of polls in six major countries, whose citizens consider the threat of a new world war to be quite real.

Chinese Academy of Sciences unveils new ScieneOne AI model for advanced research

Beijing, July 26 (UNI) : The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) unveiled the ScienceOne model today at the 2025 World Artificial Intelligence Conference, marking a significant advance in AI-driven research innovation.

Designed to comprehend complex scientific data, including waveforms, spectra, and fields, ScienceOne integrates capabilities for literature extraction, knowledge reasoning, and tool orchestration, aiming to serve as an intelligent foundation for technological innovation across various fields.

AI is transforming fundamental research methodologies and accelerating scientific discovery, providing unprecedented opportunities to address

humanity's most pressing scientific challenges.

Yet current approaches predominantly rely on fine-tuning general-purpose models with domain-specific data while developing isolated, single-field tools.This paradigm faces three critical constraints: fragmented scientific data systems, insufficient specialised reasoning capabilities, and closed research ecosystems.To overcome these challenges, twelve CAS institutes, including the Institute of Automation, the Computer Network Information Center, the National Science Library, the Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, and the Institute of High Energy Physics, among others, jointly designed and developed ScienceOne.The model has

achieved a comprehensive understanding of complex scientific data modalities, including waveforms, spectra, and fields, while integrating core capabilities for literature extraction, knowledge reasoning, and orchestrating computational tools.

Researchers can easily access the model capabilities at various stages of their scientific work, enabling seamless integration of AI into scientific research.

Built upon China's open-source foundation models with deep scientific customisation, ScienceOne integrates a suite of proprietary models developed for common scientific data types, while incorporating domain-specialised tools such as AlphaFold and MatterGen.

It demonstrates systematic mastery of core principles, laws, and specialised knowledge across fundamental disciplines including mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, earth science and biology.Evaluations have confirmed its state-of-the-art performance in mathematics, physics, chemistry, materials science and biology, with leading capabilities in scientific tool invocation and reasoning.

ScienceOne further attained excellent results in Humanity's Last Exam (HLE).Based on ScienceOne, the research team also developed two scientific intelligent agents. One is designed to assist researchers in thoroughly reading articles, writing reviews, and evaluating research topics and technical pathways.

At least 8 killed, 13 wounded in "terror" attack in SE Iran

Tehran, July 26 (UNI) : At least eight people, namely five civilians and three assailants, were killed and 13 others were injured in a "terrorist" attack Saturday morning on the building of the justice department in Iran's southeastern city of Zahedan, the capital of Sistan and Baluchestan province, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported.Responsibility for the attack has been claimed by Jaish al-Zulm, designated by Iran as a terrorist group, the report said.It added that upon entering the justice department's premises, the "terrorists" opened fire on the people there, stressing that the casualties could further increase.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said in a statement published on its official news outlet Sepah News that its ground forces managed to kill three of the "terrorists."The IRGC added that some of those injured in the attack were in critical condition, giving the assurance that security forces had the situation under control.In remarks to Tasnim, Mohammad-Hassan Mohammadi, head of Zahedan University of Medical Sciences, said all the wounded were transferred to nearby hospitals.Provincial authorities have called on people to stay away from the justice department and the surrounding areas.

Jaish al-Zulm has been involved in many deadly attacks against Iranian security forces and civilians in recent years.

Russian official says Moscow ready to meet any NATO military encroachment on Kaliningrad with immediate response

Moscow, July 26 (UNI) :Any military encroachment on Russia's Kaliningrad Region will be met with an immediate response using all available forces and means, as provided for by the military doctrine and the principles of Russia's state policy on nuclear deterrence, Russian presidential aide Nikolai Patrushev told Sputnik.

Earlier this month, Gen. Christopher T. Donahue, commanding general of US Army Europe and Africa, said that NATO had sufficient capabilities to neutralise Russia's Kaliningrad region in case of a conflict and had already developed a corresponding plan."We have long been aware of western plans concerning Kaliningrad. I can comment on them in the only possible way. The Kaliningrad region is an integral part of Russia and any military encroachment on it will be met with an immediate and crushing response using all the forces and means at our disposal, as provided for by the military doctrine and the principles of state policy in the area of nuclear deterrence.



Food&Kids

Recipe: Tandoori pomfret

Tandoori Pomfret is a delicious fish delight. Here the exotic flavors of spices all wrapped in the fish and then grill in the oven. Resulting really juicy and scrumptious grilled fish.



Ingredients:

8 Pomfret fish
1/4 tsp Turmeric powder
2 tbsp Red chilli powder
1 tsp Garam masala powder
1/2 tsp Carom seeds/ ajwain
1 tbsp Roasted gram flour/ Besan
1/2 cup Hung Curd
Salt to taste
4 tbsp Mustard oil
Juice of 1 lemon
2 tbsp Coriander paste
1 tsp Ginger-garlic paste

Directions:

1. Trim tails, fins and other unnecessary things. Then wash it thoroughly.
2. Make incisions on a clean fish. Keep it aside.
3. In a bowl, add all the ingredients mentioned in the ingredient list. Adjust the amount of besan and yogurt to get a nice thick paste.
4. Apply this marinade to the fish on both sides very well.
5. Keep it for at least 30 minutes in the fridge.
6. Preheat the oven to 180 Degree Celsius (356 Degree Fahrenheit).
7. Grease the pan or rack. Place the fish on grill rack and cook it for 15-20 minutes until golden brown.
8. Serve with Onion rings and lemon.

Recipe: Stuffed tomatoes

A low-cal vegan option that pleases the palate as well
Preparation time: 15mins
Cooking time: 15 mins
Serves: 4

Ingredients:

4 medium sized tomatoes
200g boiled potatoes
100g paneer (cottage cheese)
1 tbsp desi ghee (clarified butter)
1 tsp finely chopped green chilies
1 tsp finely chopped coriander leaves
½ tsp amchur powder (dry mango powder)
½ tsp black pepper powder
1 tsp sendha namak (rock salt)

Recipe Method:

Cut off the top of the tomatoes and scoop out the seeds and pulp to get a cavity. Set aside.

Grate the paneer and the boiled potatoes. Mix in all the other ingredients. Heat the ghee in a pan and add the mixture. Saute for 3-4 minutes stirring continuously. Cool the mixture and stuff in the tomatoes. Grill or bake in a preheated oven at 200 degree centigrade for 10mins. Alternatively you can shallow fry in 1 tbsp till the tomatoes are cooked but firm.



Cook broccoli the right way

Though broccoli has been bumbling with a not so good reputation still there are people out there who love eating broccoli. Just follow few simple steps and you can make this green a popular veggie of your diet.

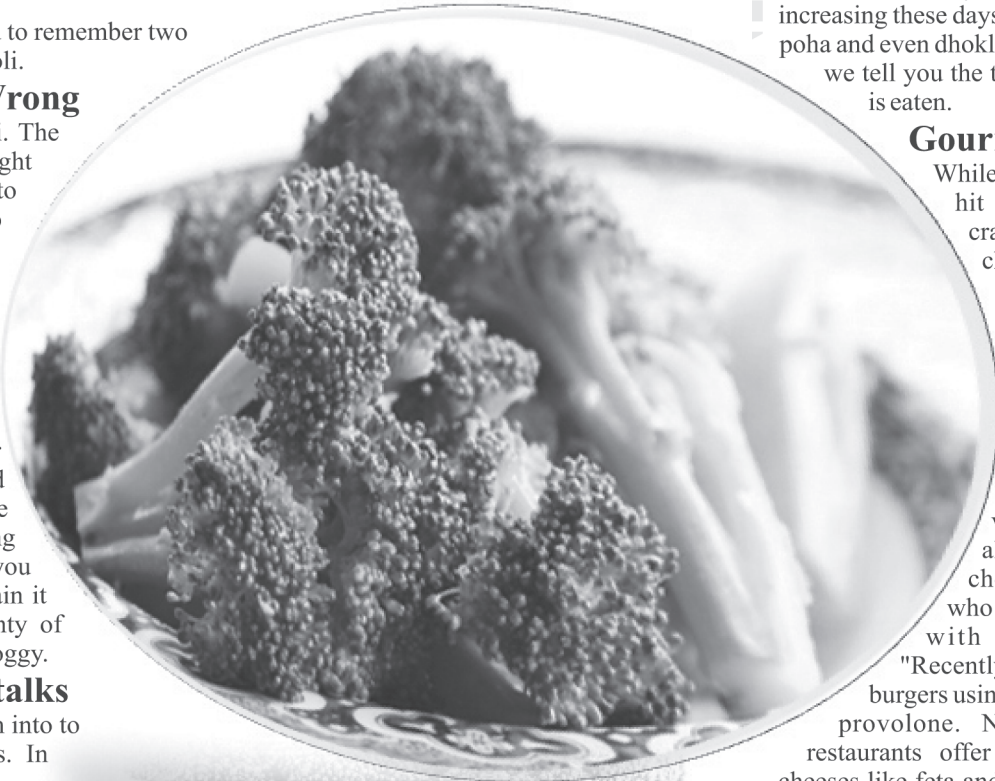
As a beginner you just need to remember two things while tackling broccoli.

Undercooking is Wrong

Do not undercook broccoli. The modern art of cooking might believe at al dente of food to the point of crunchy but do not do this to broccoli. A little softer the better it is. Broccoli has a marvelous texture because of its extravagant head of hair. While cooking beyond al dente, they soften and start to break up a little after which you are free to add any dressing. It sucks up the dressing giving it a juicy tang with sublime results. All you need to remember is to drain it well and allow it get plenty of steam so that it doesn't get soggy.

Don't Cut off the Stalks

Peel the stalks and cut them into to boil them with the florets. In case you have not tried this



before you will love the stalk's sweet meat.

Here are a few things to do with broccoli. Have you any tips with broccoli? We'd love to hear them in the comments under this piece.

1. Dress them with some fresh lemon juice, salt and olive oil. Make sure that it is cooked soft.
2. You can serve it with pasta. Boil the broccoli in salt water till it gets soft. Drain and let them steam for a few minutes. Fry some garlic in olive oil and add pine nuts and broccoli. Squeeze some lime juice,

season and serve with pasta with some parmesan sprinkled on it.

3. In half a cup of water at room temperature, sprinkle 1 tbsp of gelatin and let soak for 1/2 an hour. Pour 1 1/2 cups of boiling water over and mix well to dissolve. Leave to cool. When cool and beginning to set, mix in the broccoli, walnuts, salt, pepper and corn. Transfer into the mould and leave to chill and set in the refrigerator. When ready to serve, pass a knife around to loosen edges, place an inverted plate over the mould and turn upside down. Your Broccoli and Walnut Mould Salad is ready.

A guide to cheese varieties and pairing

Other than being used as a topping, we tell you how cheese can be eaten the traditional way While the variety of cheesy snacks are increasing these days - from cheese-topped poha and even dhoklas with melted cheese, we tell you the traditional way cheese is eaten.

Gourmet all the way

While mozzarella became a hit when people went crazy about the stringy, chewy pizza topping, desserts like cheesecakes and tiramisu made us take notice of mascarpone and cream cheese. Delicious salads made of fruits, veggies and herbs, are also topped up with cheese. Mira Maniar, who loves to experiment with her dishes says, "Recently, I made gourmet burgers using smoked cheddar and provolone. Not just that, even restaurants offer pizzas topped with cheeses like feta and gouda, which until a few years ago, were completely unheard of."

Plating and pairing

One of the most important things that needs focus when it comes to cheese is how it should be plated and what it should be paired with. Chef Ravi Dua says, "I was surprised to find how well-aware people are when it comes to cheese and their pairings. There are a variety of TV shows that educate people these days on what cheese can be eaten with what and how you can plate it. We get a lot of requests to serve

cheese platters with specific pairings at events and small parties. Not just that, markets are also well-stocked with foods that work as great cheese pairings, including artisan crackers and breads like nutty walnut loafs, sourdough breads, baguettes and even brioche that can be made on order."

Cheese pairings to avoid -

Citrus fruits: Acidic and watery fruits can kill the flavour of your cheese and the water from them can also ruin the plate. -Strongly flavoured bread and crackers: Heavy flavours like garlic and onion are a complete no-no on your platter as they can interfere with the

actual taste of your cheese. Some cheese already have underlying onion and garlic flavours, it is not advisable to go overboard with the tastes. -Spicy food: Again, a strong spicy taste

will kill the taste of cheese. Instead, the cheese will end up soothing your **tastebuds from the spice** - defeating the whole purpose of a platter. -Not all nuts go with cheese: While nuts and dried fruit go well with cheese, not all of them make great pairings. Cashews are avoidable. Good cheese pairings -Pecans, almonds, hazelnuts and walnuts go well with hard cheeses, while pistachios go with soft ones. -Grapes, figs and dates are all great to serve your cheeses with. -Olives and cheese are a great match. You can put onion relishes and greek yogurt dips on the side.

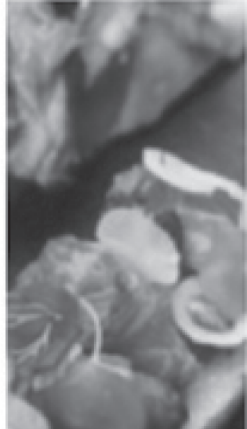


'Malay cuisine perfect for Indian market'

The common usage of ingredients like coriander powder, turmeric, green chilli, red chilli powder and ginger between Indian and Malaysian cuisines makes it suit Indian tastes well, says Malaysian chef Muhammad Lisarni, who feels food from his country can be an instant success here.

"Malaysia's population is divided amongst three major ethnic groups -- Malays, Chinese and Indians. The taste of Malaysian food is subtle and unique as it is the fusion of Chinese vegetables blended with Indian spice, which makes our food rich and fresh.

"But since we use the same spices like coriander powder, turmeric, green chilli, red chilli powder, palm sugar (jaggery) and ginger, it suits the Indian palate to perfection and should be an instant success in the Indian market," Lisarni told IANS in an interview here. The Kuala Lumpur-based chef is on his debut visit to the country to



conduct an exclusive masterclass as part of a Malaysian food festival being held at the Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel here. The festival, in association with Tourism Malaysia and the Malaysian High Commission, started on May 23 and will conclude on May 31. He hopes to entice Indian food aficionados with the

distinct "hotness" of his native cuisine.

"In Malay cuisine, fresh aromatic herbs and roots are used, some familiar, such as lemongrass, ginger, coconut, pandan leafs garlic, shallots, kaffir limes and fresh chillies. Both fresh and dried chillies are used to add hotness which will definitely satiate the Indian tastebuds," Lisarni said.

As a specialist in Malay cuisine, Lisarni has played an integral role in the production of the Malay kitchen at Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel in Kuala Lumpur - a popular business hub and tourist destination of Malaysia, where over 10 percent of the nearly 30 million population is ethnic Indian.

Lisarni's cooking style is based on traditional methods, showcasing simplicity, freshness and natural textures, and it is imbued with cultural influences.

He felt that in today's time, people are opting for organic and healthy way of living - and it is something that Malay cuisine can stand out for in the culinary world.

"Today, our lifestyle has evolved into a more organic and healthy way of living. Malay cuisine in particular is a perfect fit in the Indian market as it provides a touch of freshness to the various meats and vegetables, but keeping the flavours similar to those accustomed to the Indian palate," he said.

Lisarni, whose passion for cooking is visible in his meticulously prepared and

skilfully presented dishes, also pointed out that while "trends in the culinary industry are ever-changing, the flavours and textures are

everlasting".

"The challenge we face is to present the same ingredients in different ways," he said.

Veda Krishnamurthy announces international retirement

Mumbai, July 25 (UNI) : Veda Krishnamurthy has bid adieu to international cricket after representing India in 48 ODIs and 76 T20Is, scoring 829 runs and 875 runs respectively.

The former India international had last played a T20I match in the ICC Women's T20 World CupFinal in 2020 while she donned the ODI colours last in 2018. While announcing her retirement in a social media post, Krishnamurthy also added that she was ready to give back to the game."From a small-town girl with big dreams to wearing the India jersey with pride. Grateful for everything cricket gave me the lessons, the people, the memories. It's time to say goodbye to playing, but not to the game. Always for India. Always for the team," Krishnamurthy said in her post.In her retirement post she also wrote about how she felt proud to be a part of the team in 2017 - a remarkable year for women's cricket in India, when the team reached the ICC Women's World Cup final at Lord's."Nothing comes close to the feeling of wearing that jersey. The anthem, the adrenaline, the pride - it lives in your bones forever. 2017...what a year. To be a part of a World Cup that changed how people saw Women's Cricket in India I will always be proud of that."

Uganda coach Byekwaso optimistic ahead of African Nations Championship

Kampala, July 25 (UNI) : Uganda coach Morley Byekwaso has said his team is well-prepared ahead of the CAF African Nations Championship (CHAN).

Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania will co-host the tournament for players featuring in their respective domestic leagues from August 2 to 30.

Byekwaso said that the two recent friendlies against Tanzania and Senegal in the CECAFA pre-CHAN Tournament had given them a better assessment of the team's strengths and weaknesses.

Uganda lost 1-0 to Tanzania before defeating defending CHAN champions Senegal 2-1 in Karatu on Thursday.

"We have been training for some time now and the two internationals put us in a good situation. I am confident that the team is in good shape to perform well in the CHAN competition," Byekwaso said.

Uganda opens its Group C campaign in the CHAN competition against 2023 finalists Algeria at the Mandela National Stadium in Kampala. Byekwaso made it clear that playing in the same group alongside Algeria, South Africa, Guinea and Niger would represent a tricky task.

"We know what to expect but we must treat every match like a final because the first task is to ensure we make it out of the group and qualify for the knockout stage," Byekwaso explained.

The coach also called upon Ugandan fans to come in large numbers to cheer the team on."Support from the fans will mean a lot for the team," he said.

Barcelona squad departs late for Japan, South Korea

Madrid, July 25 (UNI) : Barcelona's squad has traveled to Asia for a three-match tour of Japan and South Korea with a 24-hour delay after resolving contract problems with the tour promoters.

A conflict over the contract for Barca's first game against Japanese side Vissel Kobe saw the squad postpone its planned departure on Thursday, and the trip looked to be in danger of being canceled.

Shillong Lajong thrash Malaysian Armed Forces 6-0



Shillong, July 26 (IANS) : Shillong Lajong FC kicked off their Durand Cup 2025 campaign in emphatic style, cruising to a 6-0 victory over Malaysia's Armed Forces Football Team in the opening Group E clash on Saturday. Led by braces from Everbrightson Sana and Phrangki Buam, the young Shillong side delivered a commanding performance, with substitutes Treimiki Lamurong and Deibormame Tongper also getting on the scoresheet.

Right from the start, Shillong took control of proceedings with quick passing and relentless pressing. Their dominance paid off in the 12th minute when Sana rose above the Malaysian defense to head home a pinpoint cross from Rudra Ved. The move

originated from a well-worked free-kick routine initiated by Sheen Stevenson, setting the tone for what would be a one-sided contest.

Malaysia had a rare chance to level the score in the first half through Mohamad Syamim Yusoff, who attempted a volley after a clearance from Shillong keeper Siwel Rymbai, but the effort flew just wide. That was as close as the visitors would get, as Shillong maintained their grip on the game.

The second half began with a flurry of goals. Phrangki Buam doubled the lead in the 47th minute, guiding in another precise free-kick delivery from Stevenson. Barely two minutes later, Buam struck again, this time calmly

slotting in a through ball after a slick attacking move to make it 3-0. Sana completed his brace in the 66th minute, turning sharply in the box before finishing clinically past the Malaysian goalkeeper. The fifth goal came courtesy of substitute Treimiki Lamurong, who curled in a stunning strike from the edge of the area in the 73rd minute. In the dying moments of the match, Shillong added a final flourish. Deibormame Tongper, another substitute, finished off a neat attacking play to round off the scoring at 6-0.

This comprehensive victory not only gives Shillong Lajong the perfect start to their Durand Cup campaign but also sends a strong message to the rest of the teams in Group E.

Meghalaya convenes NE inter-state coordination meeting in Shillong

Shillong, July 25 (UNI) : In a significant step toward hosting the 39th National Games in 2027, the Meghalaya government convened a preparatory meeting today in Shillong, bringing together Sports Ministers, senior bureaucrats, and representatives from respective States Olympic Associations from all the North Eastern States.

Meghalaya Sports & Youth Affairs Minister Shakliar Warjri, emphasised on the shared vision of making the Games a symbol of regional unity and national sporting excellence. He added, "I believe that we are fully equipped to host the National Games and we are seeking to foster participation from all the North Eastern states."

Arunachal Pradesh Sports & Youth Affairs Minister, Kento Jini thanked the Meghalaya government for making the other state governments in the region for making us a part of the discussion regarding preparation for hosting the 39th National Games in 2027. "All the northeastern states should cooperate and support in hosting the Games. This is the right time to demonstrate that we are not lagging behind in anything- be it infrastructure, or sporting talent," Jini said.

M e g h a l a y a Commissioner & Secretary, Sports & Youth Affairs, Dr. Vijay Kumar D presented an overview of the state's preparedness, including investments in sports

infrastructure, training centres, hostels, equipment and other athlete support systems.

A major agenda point of the meeting was the proposed distribution of specific sports disciplines across North Eastern States, fostering a shared sense of ownership and integrated development of sports. "The move aims to leverage existing capacities while building new ones, ensuring legacy infrastructure in multiple states even beyond the Games," a Sports official said. Representatives from every state appreciated Meghalaya's overall development and promotion of Sports and showed complete support to the state's roadmap for hosting the 39th National Games, 2027. Meghalaya's preparation for the National Games includes the development of sports infrastructure, healthcare facilities, accommodation and overall nurturing of sports talent.

Over Rs 1500 crore has been invested to develop sports infrastructure across all districts of the state.

With over 10,000 athletes expected to compete across more than thirty disciplines, the 39th National Games will be the largest sporting event ever hosted in Meghalaya.

In his concluding remarks, Warjri emphasised that with collective cooperation, "we can showcase a spirit of unity by successfully hosting this major event."

China sweeps team golds in artistic swimming at World Aquatics Championships

Singapore, July 25 (UNI) : China won the World Aquatics Championships team acrobatic title in artistic swimming today, concluding its campaign with gold medals in all three team events. Performing a routine titled "Soul of the Terracotta Army", the Chinese squad topped the preliminary round with 225.7993 points and carried that momentum into the final, where they scored 229.0186 points to secure the gold. The team finished ahead of Neutral Athletes B (NAB) and Spain. It marked China's fourth gold medal in artistic swimming, with the country sweeping all three team gold medals in this tournament.

"Although we won three gold medals in the team events, I don't think that means we're absolutely dominant," said China's head coach Zhang Xiaohuan. "We're still in the process of exploration. We're also learning from our competitors. There is, in fact, a lot of confusion and anxiety throughout this journey." "Deep down, I have greater expectations in the new Olympic cycle and with the new lineup. I believe this Championships still marked a significant breakthrough for us - the gold medal in the women's solo event was the first in our history, something we had never achieved before," Zhang added.

Earlier on Friday, Spain's Iris Tio Casas and Dennis Gonzalez Boneu scored 323.8563 to win the mixed duet free event gold medal, followed by neutral athletes Aleksandr Maltsev and Olesia Platonova, with only 0.4125 points behind.

Britain's Isabelle Thorpe and Ranjuo Tomblin took the bronze.

"It's the best world championships ever," Tio Casas said. "We are happy that we can finish the season with a happy ending. Probably a lot of people in Spain will see this and we can be an example for little kids." The 22-year-old Spaniard completed golden hat-trick in this tournament. The high diving preliminaries also concluded, with Rhiannan Iffland and Constantin Popovici topping the women's and men's fields respectively.

Shi, An reach badminton China Open semifinals

Changzhou (China), July 25 (UNI) : Home favorite Shi Yuqi and South Korea's world No. 1 An Se-young continued their strong form at badminton's China Open today, advancing to the men's and women's singles semifinals respectively.

Third seed Shi overcame compatriot Li Shifeng in a dramatic three-game battle, winning 15-21, 21-15, 21-11.

Shi revealed he had briefly considered withdrawing due to an injury sustained early in the decider.

"But I didn't want to let the spectators down, and the injury wasn't that serious, so I decided to keep playing," he added.

Li described Shi as "stronger, faster, and more skilful at the net than I am",

India fight back after early collapse, trail Eng by 137

Manchester, July 26 (UNI) : Shubman Gill and KL Rahul led a determined Indian fightback with an unbroken 173-run partnership after England posted a formidable 669 on Day 4 of the fourth Test at Old Trafford.

At stumps, India had reached 174 for 2, still trailing by 137 runs, but with a renewed sense of control after a disastrous start to their second innings. Earlier in the day, England captain Ben Stokes stole the spotlight with a majestic 141, resuming from his overnight score and pushing England's total beyond India's reach. His innings, laced with 11 boundaries and three sixes, was a mix of elegance and aggression.

After reaching his 14th Test century, Stokes removed his helmet and pointed skyward in an emotional tribute to his late father. He found brief support from Brydon Carse, who struck a breezy 47 off 54 balls. The pair added crucial lower-order runs before Ravindra Jadeja cleaned up the tail, while Jasprit Bumrah struck with a low delivery to dismiss Liam Dawson.

India's reply began in shambles. Both openers, Yashasvi Jaiswal and debutant Sai Sudharsan, were dismissed for ducks

within the first three overs. With the score at 1 for 2, England sensed a rapid collapse, but what followed was a display of grit and composure from KL Rahul and Shubman Gill. The duo saw through a hostile period before lunch and then slowly wrested momentum away from England.

Gill was the first to counterattack, playing with flair and confidence. He lofted a superb drive over mid-off against Jofra Archer and pierced the gaps with ease on either side of the wicket. His innings was not without fortune, on 25, he edged Brydon Carse to backward point, only to be dropped by Liam Dawson.

Making the most of the reprieve, Gill reached his eighth Test fifty in the 29th over with a flick for three off Joe Root, bringing up the landmark in just 77 balls.

England unsuccessfully reviewed twice for LBWs against Gill, with both reviews going against them.

Rahul, at the other end, played the role of anchor with measured strokeplay. He brought up his half-century in 141 balls, guiding a delivery from Dawson past slip in the 42nd over. He was particularly effective off the back foot, cutting and punching the ball between point and third man with precision. He also

pulled Archer in front of square and threaded boundaries through gaps against Chris Woakes with finesse. Rahul grew in confidence as the innings progressed, finishing the day unbeaten on 87.

The third-wicket stand steadily gained substance, reaching 100 in 230 balls and later touching 150 in 327 deliveries.

At tea, India had progressed to 86 for 2, and they continued to defy England's attack with a mixture of caution and counterpunching flair. Both batsmen exploited the gaps and capitalised on any lapse in line or length from the bowlers.

Rahul opened the face and guided Woakes between slip and gully for four, then cut him through point in the same over. Gill glanced Dawson fine past short fine leg for another boundary and punished an overpitched ball from Archer through covers.

Late in the day, Rahul dispatched a full toss from Root through mid-off for a boundary, a fitting end to a day of quiet Indian dominance after a nightmarish start. India had scored 150 in 54.4 overs with 9 extras, and the partnership between Gill and Rahul had not only steadied the innings but had also kept the contest alive heading into Day 5.

Joe Root's masterclass put England in command

Manchester, July 25 (UNI) : Joe Root led England's charge with a majestic 150 as the hosts closed Day 3 at a dominant 544 for 7 in 135 overs, taking a commanding 186-run lead over India's first-innings 358 in the ongoing Test at Old Trafford today.

Resuming the day at 225 for 2, Root and Ollie Pope (71) steadily built England's innings, frustrating the Indian bowlers with measured resistance. The duo's 113-run partnership set the tone, as Root calmly moved to his 38th Test century with a gentle glance to the fine leg boundary off debutant Anshul Kamboj. It was a knock that combined patience and panache, highlighted by reverse sweeps, late cuts, and elegant drives. Root brought up his 150 in 248 deliveries (14x4), drawing a loud cheer from the spectators. But his splendid innings ended at 150 when Ravindra Jadeja produced a sharply turning delivery that beat the bat and saw him stumped by substitute keeper Dhruv Jurel.

Captain Ben Stokes was equally impactful. After his five-wicket haul earlier in the match, he brought up his 36th Test 50, showcasing his all-round dominance. Stokes muscled boundaries through pulls

and reverse sweeps and took charge against both pace and spin. He eventually retired hurt on 66 at 491/4 but returned later in the day and remained unbeaten on 77 by stumps. Jamie Smith's brief cameo of 9 ended when Jasprit Bumrah finally found reward for his effort, getting Smith caught behind off a delivery that straightened and induced an edge. Jurel, again impressive behind the stumps, took a sharp low catch diving forward.

Liam Dawson added late momentum with aggressive stroke play, including a pair of well-timed boundaries, one via a pull off Bumrah and another thumped straight down the ground off Washington Sundar. However, wickets began to fall as India finally saw some return for their toil. Chris Woakes became Siraj's first scalp of the innings when a low ball sneaked under the bat to hit the stumps, a just reward for the pacer who had bowled without luck all day.

Earlier, India had lost a review against Root in the morning and missed a runout opportunity, which proved costly as Root built his imposing innings. England's innings was peppered with quality strokes and decisive running between the wickets.

teammates Baek Ha-na and Lee So-hee 6-21, 22-20, 21-12. In the men's doubles, China's fifth seeds Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang eliminated South Korea's Kang Min-hyuk and Kim Dong-ju 21-16, 22-20. They will compete with Indonesian duo Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Shohibul Fikri in the semifinals.

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Mega Block over Mumbai Division of Central Railway on Sunday



(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 26 : Central Railway, Mumbai Division will operate Mega Block on its suburban sections carrying out various engineering and maintenance works on 27.7.2025 as under:
UP and DOWN slow Lines between Thane and Kalyan stations from 11.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs

DOWN Slow/Semi fast services leaving Mulund from 10.43 hrs to 15.53 hrs will be diverted on DOWN FAST line between Mulund and Kalyan stations halting at Thane, Kalva, Mumbra, Diva & Dombivali stations and will arrive destination 10 minutes behind schedule.

UP Slow/Semi fast services leaving Kalyan from 10.36 hrs to 15.51 hrs will be diverted on UP FAST line between Kalyan and Mulund stations,

halting at Dombivali, Diva, Mumbra, Kalva & Thane stations and will be further re-diverted on UP SLOW line at Mulund station and will arrive destination 10 minutes behind schedule.

Thane Locals will run on proper DOWN slow line. All UP and DOWN slow services departing/arriving CSMT Mumbai between 11.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs will arrive/depart 10 minutes behind schedule.

Panvel- Vashi UP and DOWN Harbour lines from 11.05 hrs to 16.05 hrs (Excluding Port line) & At Panvel from 11.05 hrs to 17.05 hrs for MRVC block

UP Harbour line services for CSMT Mumbai leaving Panvel from 10.33 hrs to 17.07 hrs and DOWN Harbour line services to Panvel/Belapur leaving CSMT Mumbai from 09.45

hrs to 15.44 hrs will remain cancelled.

UP Trans-Harbour line services towards Thane leaving Panvel from 11.02 hrs to 16.26 hrs and DOWN Transharbour line services towards Panvel leaving Thane from 10.01 hrs to 16.24 hrs will remain cancelled.

Special local trains will run on CSMT – Vashi section during the block period. “Trans-harbour line services will be available between Thane-Vashi/ Nerul stations during the block period.

Port line services will be available during the block period.

These maintenance mega blocks are essential for infrastructure upkeep and safety. Passengers are requested to bear with the Railway Administration for the inconvenience caused.

Railways to operate special trains to cater to the needs of passengers during Ganesh Utsav-2025

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 26 : Indian Railways have decided to operate Special trains to cater to the needs of passengers during Ganesh Utsav-2025. The halts of Ganpati Special trains serving over Konkan Railway have been planned at Kolad, Indapur, Mangaon, Goregaon Road, Veer, Sape Warmne, Karanjadi, Vinhere, Diwankhavati, Kalambani Budruk, Khed, Anjani, Chiplun, Kamathe, Sawarda, Aravali Road, Sangameshwar Road, Ratnagiri, Adavali, Vilavade, Rajapur Road, Vaibhavwadi Road, Nandgaon Road,

Kankavali, Sindhudurg, Kudal, Zarap, Sawantwadi Road, Madure, Thivim, Karmali, Madgaon Jn, Karwar, Gokama Road, Kumta, Murdeshwar, Mookambika Road, Kundapura, Udupi, Mulki and Surathkal.

Railways operates special trains to supplement the availability of accommodation in regular train services and to cater to the extra rush of passengers during peak seasons, festivals, special events etc., subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc. The loads of existing services are also

augmented this way.

This apart, tatkal ticket booking system has been modified for bringing about ease of access and transparency and to curb the potential malpractices by unscrupulous elements. With effect from 01-07-2025, authorized ticketing agents of Railways are not allowed to book opening day Tatkal tickets during the first thirty minutes for air-conditioned (AC) as well as non-AC Classes, that is, they shall not be allowed to book opening day Tatkal tickets from 10:00 hours to 10:30 hours for AC Classes and from 11:00 hours to 11:30 hours for non-AC Classes. Railway Protection Force

(RPF) has also taken certain steps to curb black marketing of Tatkal reservations. Firstly, regular drives are conducted by RPF against persons/ agencies found involved in unauthorized carrying on of business of procuring and supplying of railway tickets. The offenders are booked under section 143 of the Railways Act. Cases having wider ramifications and involving ingredients of other offences are dealt in coordination with other law enforcement agencies like Police & CBI. RPF conducts regular checks in mass contact areas such as Passenger Reservation System (PRS) centers,

Booking Offices, Platforms, Trains etc. to prevent unauthorized ticketing activities including the use of scripting software. Such checks are also intensified during peak period like festivals, holidays etc.

General public are also educated through Public Address System and media, not to buy tickets from unscrupulous elements and consequences of buying tickets from these sources.

This was stated by the Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw in reply to an unstarred question in the Rajya Sabha today.

Kharge forms screening panel for Bihar assembly polls

New Delhi, July 26 (UNI) : Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge today constituted a screening committee for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections.

Senior Congress leader Ajay Maken has been appointed chairman of the screening committee while Praniti Shinde, Imran Pratapgarhi and Kunal Choudhary have been made members of the panel.

According to a statement released by party general secretary KC Venugopal these appointments are with immediate effect.

Moreover, Kharge also appointed seven Ex-Officio members.

They are AICC in-charge, Bihar Krishna Allavaru, PCC president Rajesh Kumar, Shakeel Ahmed Khan, Madan Mohan Jha, Devendra Yadav, Shahnawaz Alam and Sushil Kumar Pasi.

Blood Donation Camp Organized at Railway Central Hospital : SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 26 : On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas and Hospital Day Celebration, a blood donation camp was organized today at the South Western Railway Central Hospital in collaboration with SDJCM Rashtrrothana Blood Bank, Hubballi.

Shri Mukul Saran Mathur General Manager, donated blood and addressed the gathering. He stated that blood donation is a vital service, as there is a significant need for blood during emergencies and accidents. He emphasized that donating blood helps save lives, and every drop of blood acts as a lifesaving elixir (Sanjeevini) for those in need.

The camp witnessed active participation from railway employees as well as members of the public, who came forward to donate blood. “Participating in the event were Mr K.S. Jain Additional General Manager, Mr T.V. Bhushan and Mr Prem Chand Harijan Additional



Divisional Railway Managers of Hubballi Division, Dr. Ramakrishna Mane Chief Medical Superintendent, Dr. Suresh Babu Additional Medical Superintendent, and Dr.

Malathi along with several senior officers, medical staff, and hospital employees, all of whom actively contributed to the success of the camp.

As part of the event

Rangoli, craft, and painting exhibitions were also organized, at the end of the event certificates of appreciation were distributed to the blood donors.

NHRC seeks report on labourer’s death in Ajmer sewer pit collapse

New Delhi, July 26 (UNI) : The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognizance of media reports regarding the death of a 50-year-old labourer who was buried alive while digging a sewer pit in the premises of a power house in Ajmer district of Rajasthan, on July 14. The NHRC has

issued notices to the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan and the Commissioner of Police, Ajmer, seeking a detailed report within two weeks, the Commission said in a statement today.

The Commission has observed that the contents, if true, raise a serious violation of human rights of the victim, the statement

said. The media report, published on July 15 had said that the victim was about 18 feet down when the soil suddenly caved in, completely burying him under it. Other labourers managed to escape. The police, along with Civil Defence personnel, reached the spot and took the victim out after an effort of about six to seven hours.

Poetic tribute to Kargil martyrs in new short film of "The Yash Mangalam Show

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, July 26 : After the continuous success of various poetic videos released recently on the popular internet medium YouTube, the short film "Kargil Vijay Diwas - A Poetic Saga was launched as the latest episode of the popular "The Yash Mangalam Show" on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26th July, 2025 in the country's financial capital Mumbai. In this short film, a poetic tribute has been paid to the brave martyrs who brought victory to India by displaying their amazing bravery in the Kargil war.

In a unique creative initiative, this amazing short film "Kargil Vijay Diwas - A Poetic Saga newly created by "Once More Studio, Mumbai" under the banner of "A Mahatpurkar & Mangalam Venture" has been uploaded on YouTube, the most powerful social media platform in the world, under an elegant channel "The Yash Mangalam Show-2025" which is very popular and

Launched in Mumbai on "Kargil Vijay Diwas"



widely appreciated for its unique content and unique style of presentation. Earlier, this

popular show has received a very good response on YouTube with its impressive

episodes like "Dharahar: A Poetic Saga", "Shilpkar", "Yoga Retreat" and "Sehat Ke Rakhwale". The show is hosted by the energetic Yash Mangalam, who at the age of just 15 is gaining a good position in the world of show-biz due to his powerful style of presentation. This special short film has been written impressively by Mumbai's well-known lyricist, stage anchor and media & public relations consultant Gajanan Mahatpurkar, in which the indomitable courage of India's brave sons and

various aspects of the historic Kargil war have been beautifully woven. It is worth mentioning that 7 poetic videos written by Gajanan Mahatpurkar have already created a stir on YouTube. In this sequence, now through the latest video "Kargil Vijay Diwas - A Poetic Saga, the powerful writing of Gajanan Mahatpurkar and the skilful direction of the famous film director and editor Anupam Mangalam is becoming popular on YouTube. The producer of this short film is the well-known

Bollywood line producer Deepak Bhanushali, who has played his role very well in popular films like Ek Tha Tiger, Jai Ho, Kick and Rangrezz. To encourage the young generation of India, he has produced this short film for YouTube for the first time under social media. This short film has been presented by a sports organization named "Divya Kanya Rising Cricket" i.e. DKRC, whose mission has been to promote the young talents of India, especially the skilled players of women

cricket at the national level. This powerful, impressive and sensitive short film has been brought to the screen through precise editing and skilful direction by Anupam Mangalam, a trusted director of the advertising and film industry of Mumbai, who has rich experience of making more than 300 ad films in last 25 years. The soulful music of this newly created short film has been given by Sameer Pakhale. Videography has been ensured by Sanjay Vaishnav, VFX

coordination by Ginilal Salunke and costume designing by Kalaa Mangalam. Post production has been done by "Once More Studio, Mumbai". It is worth mentioning that Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on 26th July. This special short film released on this important occasion is getting a very good response on social media and its exceptional quality is being appreciated on a large scale. The opening lines of this short film are written like this:-

"bhaarat ke veer sapooton ne, adamy saahas dikhalaaya tha, jaanbaazon ke buland hausalon se dushman tharraaya tha, jo ghaat lagaaye baithe the, barpheelee chotiyon par, bhaarat maan ke beton ne un dushmanon ko dahalaaya tha, hindustaan kee jeet huee, naapaak buraiyon par, taigar hil ke shikhar par phir se tiranga laharaya tha..! sadiyon tak yaad rahengee, un shaheedon ke kurbaaniyaan..! yaad rahengee sabako haradam, kaaragil kee kahaaniyaan..! vande maataram, vande maataram ..!"