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## IN BRIEF

## **Govt observes** sixth death anniversary of Jaipal Reddy

Hyderabad, July 28 (UNI): The Telangana Government today observed the sixth death anniversary of former Union Minister and Outstanding Parliamentarian Awardee S Jaipal Reddy at Spoorthi Sthal, his memorial located on PV Narasimha Rao Marg, Necklace Road in Hyderabad.

Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy, Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, and Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar paid floral tributes to the late leader, honouring his enduring legacy. To mark the occasion, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and former Union Minister M M Pallam Raju jointly released a book chronicling the life, political journey, and contributions of Jaipal Reddy.

## Cyberabad Police unveils its newly designed website to enhance transparency

Hyderabad, July 28 (UNI): Cyberabad Police oday launched its newly designed official website to enhance transparency and strengthen citizencentric service delivery.

The website is designed to be accessible and easy to navigate for citizens of all age groups and important alerts and information are updated promptly to ensure the public is always informed.The website serves as a critical information portal designed to provide essential services and updates to the citizens of Cyberabad. The website will enhance user experience through realtime content updates, modern UI/UX, and mobile-friendly design. It is a user-friendly interface optimized for access on desktops and tablets devices. It facilitates dissemination important information such as announcements, alerts, safety guidelines.

The key features which stand out include New citizen feedback QR scanner launched by Telangana Police, which enables the citizens to give feedback on the working, efficiency of the police officials Jurisdiction connected to google maps which helps the citizen to find out the which police station he should approach as well as get direction to that police station.



Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi during a terrorist Suleiman Shah, in the area. "The terrorists protest by INDIA bloc parliamentarians against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of belonging to Lashkar-e- were hiding in a dense forest electoral rolls in Bihar, at the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Monday. Taiba, the alleged

# Pakistani mastermind of Pahalgam terror attack and his two associates killed

Srinagar, July 28 (UNI): mastermind behind the of Srinagar today.

Security forces achieved a Pahalgam attack that left 25 success by tourists and a local dead, eliminating the Pakistani was killed in a joint operation mastermind behind the April led by Army's elite para 22 Pahalgam terror attack commandos. The anti-terror along with his two operation, codenamed associates in an encounter Operation Mahadev, was in the Harwan-Dachigam launched in the general area forest area on the outskirts of Lidwas Dachigam following a specific input Officials said Pakistani about the militant movement

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# India will respond firmly to any act of terror: Rajnath Singh warns Pakistan from Lok Sabha

"Lakshman Rekha" on not go unanswered." terrorism and would respond

Sabha, the Defence Minister influence or hesitation. said "India has not only resolve, morality, and backbone," he warned. political acumen".

to approve 42 pc

**BC** Reservation Bill

firmly and unambiguously to said that when it comes to a deliberate process that any such act to destabilize national security, India's political leadership and This is not merely terrorism; Opening a discussion on system will act decisively, it is a toolkit — a toolkit Operation Sindoor in Lok free from any external actively employed by

showcased its military physical borders, and our capability but also courageous soldiers will stark opposition to the honour, Rajnath said, near us in terms of size, demonstrated its national crush the enemy's

"Pakistan is a country Government is committed to built on double standards eliminating terrorism in all its that leaves no room for officers in attendance. This country that relies on others and falsehoods, and it is forms and manifestations, tolerance". now being seen as a failed Rajnath Singh said, "In this State. Through Operation context, there is an important terrorism has been confront Indian soldiers at Our policy is to take Sindoor, India has shown the point we must understand. institutionalised as a tool of the border and instead effective action against entire world that we are Pakistan-sponsored its foreign policy. The world targets innocent civilians, terrorism. Our opposition to determined to eradicate the terrorism is not random must no longer harbour any children, and pilgrims." Pakistan stems from their evil game of terrorism from madness — there is a illusions about Pakistan's

Singh today issued a stern symbolised India's strength, is driven by a "fundamental terrorism." warning to Pakistan saying sending a clear message that rage." Pakistan-sponsored India had drawn a new "any harm to our citizens will terrorism is not an act of Pakistan is well-known. A from the temple of madness — it is part of a nation that chooses to make Reiterating his point, he calculated conspiracy. It is uses terror as a political tool. Pakistan's military and its supported terror networks any extent to fight terrorism." "Our missiles will cross agencies as a matter of and elevated them to policy. This toolkit stands in civilised code of conduct "During Operation Sindoor, that the rest of the world the world saw how Pakistan Reiterating that the chooses to uphold. It is the held state funerals for be a competition with such product of a radical ideology terrorists, with even military a nation? Competing with a

New Delhi, July 28 (UNI) its roots," he said. He stated method to this madness. It character, calling it a military and intelligence : Defence Minister Rajnath that Operation Sindoor is a well-planned strategy. It "nursery of global agency, the ISI, were using

> its foreign policy eventually becomes entangled in its own web," Singh stated.

Emphasising Pakistan has consistently He asserted that lacks the courage to lowering our own standards.

He said that Pakistan's policy of terrorism".

terrorism as a proxy war to "The current situation in destabilise India." I say this democracy that those who terrorism a cornerstone of dream of inflicting a 'thousand cuts' on India must wake up. This is the new India under Prime that Minister Modi's leadership — an India that will go to

He said, "A country like positions of national Pakistan, which is nowhere capability, strength, and prosperity—how can there is the same country that for its very existence means

Cabinet to urge President Home Minister should take

# responsibility for Pahalgam attack: Cong' Gaurav Gogoi

(Standard Post Bureau) Hyderabad, July 28: In a major push for social justice, Congress Deputy Leader

the Telangana State Cabinet, led by Chief Minister A Gaurav Gogoi today of "evading responsibility", Revanth Reddy has decided to formally request the asserted that Home Minister asking how such an that the central government President of India to approve the 42 per cent Backward Classes (BC) Reservation Bills currently pending with the Centre.Briefing the media at the Secretariat after the Cabinet meeting, BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said the Jammu and Kashmir, and government is firmly committed to ensuring 42 per cent cannot reservation for BCs in local body elections, education, responsibility onto J&K involved have not been Prime Minister Narendra employment, and other opportunities.

The two bills- Bill Nos. 3 and 4- were unanimously passed by the Telangana Legislative Assembly on March 17, 2025, and were forwarded to the Governor on March 22. After legal scrutiny, they were sent to the President for assent on March 30.To press for early approval of the bills, a massive Gogoi said: delegation comprising the Chief Minister, Telangana MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and Rajya Sabha members will visit Delhi on comes and says that who gave shelter to the If anyone went to Pahalgam, August 5, 6, and 7. The state has sought an appointment with the President during these dates.

Leaders from all political parties in Telangana, along has been broken. Yet, Uri with Congress alliance MPs from across the country, will participate in this campaign. Minister Prabhakar appealed to BC intellectuals, caste organisations, students, and public happens. In the end, who after the attack have also Leader said, "The phrase representatives to join the Delhi protest in large numbers, evoking the spirit of the Telangana movement. The decision Lieutenant Governor of to enhance BC reservation was based on a state-wide, J&K? No. If responsibility house-to-house socio-economic survey conducted after the has to be taken, then Congress government came to power. The data was reviewed by Hon'ble Home Minister, it is why, Home Minister, have after the Pahalgam attack. a Cabinet sub-committee and the proposal was cleared within a you who must take the the terrorists and their Now, he said, it is being year. To overcome the 50 per cent reservation ceiling in the responsibility." Panchayat Raj Act, the government issued an ordinance on July 7 and sent it to the Governor on July 14.

Minister Prabhakar highlighted that the state has attack was placed on the tour terrorists fired at unarmed will carry out another followed every legal step and provided empirical data to operator, with the claim that tourists for an hour, and no terrorist attack, and then support the reservation enhancement. Referring to the Indra the operator took tourists to one came to their aid. Even there will be another Sawhney judgment, he pointed out that states have the Pahalgam authority to enact reservation laws based on concrete data.

Amit Shah should be held accountable for the April 22

"The Home Minister everything is well arranged. happens, Pulwama

blame for the Pahalgam

New Delhi, July 28 (UNI) informing the government. will He questioned this logic questions?" he asked.

terrorist attack in Pahalgam, that 100 days have passed no one is allowed to since the Pahalgam attack, question it. He said, "At the yet the four terrorists time of the Pahalgam attack, Lieutenant Governor Manoj apprehended. The terrorists Modi was in Saudi Arabia came, were given shelter, and completed all his Speaking during the carried out an attack in scheduled programs there. discussion on Operation Pahalgam for an hour, and After returning to India, he Sindoor in the Lok Sabha, escaped—yet not a single did not visit Pahalgam but one has been caught.

terrorists have not been it was our leader Rahul The backbone of terrorism caught, those who supplied Gandhi. It would have been them with weapons have not much better if he had gone been caught, and those who to Pahalgam. happens, and Pahalgam helped them escape safely takes responsibility? The not been apprehended. The "we will strike inside their government has drones, territory" has been heard Pegasus, and the Central often—first after the 2016 Reserve Police Force—so terrorist attack, and again He also said that all the captured?"

permission and without to reach the scene. "Who Sindoor".

Gogoi further alleged argument could be justified. is so arrogant that no matter He further pointed out how serious its mistakes are, instead went to Bihar to Mr. Gogoi said, "Those deliver an election speech.

"The Congress Deputy accomplices still not been claimed that Operation Sindoor is still ongoing, He said that in Pahalgam, which implies that Pakistan without the ambulance took an hour response under Operation



## EAM Jaishankar speaks with new South Korean FM Cho ....ties

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today spoke with newly-appointed South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun, and discussed ways to strengthen India-South Korean relations. Cho Hyun was appointed as the new Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea on July 18.EAM Jaishankar said in a post on X: "Good to speak with @FMChoHyun of RoK this morning. "Conveyed my best wishes for a successful tenure. Discussed deepening of our bilateral cooperation. "The South Korean FM said in a post on X that he had his first call with the Indian foreign minister.

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## **SC launches Veer Parivaar** Sahayata Yojana 2025 in ...



The Supreme Court of India today marked a historic step in expanding legal aid to the nation's armed forces and tribal communities with the formal launch of Veer Parivaar Sahayata Yojana 2025 at the North Zone Regional Conference on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel and Tribals"

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## **President Putin depicts Russian** navy as pivotal in safeguarding national security, sovereignty



Russian President Vladimir Putin underscored the navy's pivotal role in protecting Russia's sovereignty and national security, as he oversaw its maneuvers, codenamed "July Storm," during Russia's Navy Day celebrations on Sunday. (See on page 5)

## Mamata alleges BJP-EC coordinated effort to ......



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today lashed out at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Union government, accusing them of orchestrating a 'conspiracy" to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in West Bengal with the Election Commission of India (ECI) as a "partner."

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Fluoride-

habitations

New Delhi, July 28(UNI)

The number of rural

fluoride contamination in

drinking water has seen a

of July 2025, according to

data released by the

attributed to ongoing

efforts under the 'Jal Jeevan

Government said today.

implemented in partnership

with States and Union

Territories, adopts BIS

10500 standards as the

benchmark for water

quality. While water supply

remains a State subject, the

implementation through

financial and technical

assistance," said Minister

of State for Jal Shakti V

Somanna in a written reply

to a question in Rajya

Focus on Chemical

Fluoride contamination

has been identified as a key

chemical challenge in

several rural regions.

"States have been directed

to prioritise such areas

while planning piped water

supply schemes. Until

these schemes are fully

operational, community

water purification plants

(CWPPs) and individual

household purifiers (IHPs)

Sabha today.

Contaminants

Mission,

supports

"The

This reduction is

Ministry of Jal Shakti.

affected

# Student appreciation and honor ceremony held on behalf of Kunbi Social Development Board, Murbad



(By Rajesh undi)

Murbad, July 28 Student appreciation and honor ceremony was held with great enthusiasm on behalf of Kunbi Social Development Board, Murbad Taluka on Sunday, July 27 at Kunbi Bhavan, Murbad. The present MLA of Murbad Legislative Assembly, Kisan Kathore former MLA Gotirambhau Pawar were present at this honor ceremony and the students were honored by their hands and wished the students for their future journey. A total of 300 meritorious students who have excelled in various fields of the Kunbi community in the academic year 2024-25 were honored by the dignitaries present on this occasion.

In this, M.P.S.C. 6 students who passed the competitive examination, including 2 PSIs, 1 Tax Inspector, 2 Tax Assistants, 1 Revenue Assistants, while 16 students from the Medical Department, 16

Accountants, Legal Management, Higher Degree, 9 from the Vidya Lachaspati (P.H.D.), 10 from the Special Service Award, 32 from the Engineering and Architecture Department, 8 from the Pharmaceutical Industry Department, those who obtained special marks in the Degree and Post-Graduate, 12th Arts, Commerce and Science Department, as well as those who obtained special marks in Class 10th, were duly felicitated on this pandemic, such a grand program was not organized by the Social Promotion Board, but the Board's new President Ganpat Vish, Secretary Arvind Vish, Vice President Jyoti Tai Godambe and the entire Board of Directors celebrated this year's felicitation ceremony with great enthusiasm.

For this ceremony, Hon. President Shantaram Bangar, Ulhas Bangar, Jairam Padwal, Subhash Gharat, Atmaram Sase, Rambhau Dalvi, Balu Karlag, Madhukar

experts, policymakers, and

Mohape, Prakash Pawar, Deepak Pawar, Bhaskar Harad, Pandurang Kor, Mohan Sase, Santosh Vishesh, Pandhari Alam, Suvarnatai Thackeray, Prajakta Bhavarthe, Dhanaji Dalvi, Manohar Isame, Milind Madke, Ramesh Tungar, along with a large number of Kunbi community members, students and parents were present. This evergreen program was conducted by Sharad Chaudhary and Deepshree Isame as well as Vinod

Kor and Rajkumar Kadav.

### Only 3 pc Hepatitis B Patients in India aware of their ailment

New Delhi, July 28(UNI) : Just about three per cent of Hepatitis B Patients in India are aware about their ailment, and less than one per cent of them receive treatment, said Rajesh Bhushan, Former Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India today."Only 3 pc of hepatitis B patients in India

are aware of their condition, and less than 1% of eligible individuals are receiving antiviral treatment. These are not just statistics, they reflect a silent public health crisis that demands immediate, coordinated action," said Bhushan while addressing the 'Illness to Awareness Wellness' Conference held in New

EAM Jaishankar speaks with new

South Korean FM Cho Hyun, discusses

Delhi on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day.

occasion. After the Corona

The Illness to Wellness Foundation organised the conference in New Delhi today, to mark World Hepatitis Day, centred around the theme "Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment for Hepatitis." The event brought together medical

public health advocates to highlight the urgency of tackling India's growing hepatitis burden through policy reform, improved real-time data for action. He also stressed the

for robust partnerships and said, "Strategic interventions must be driven not only by the government but also

#### deepening of bilateral ties New Delhi, July 28 (UNI) with the Indian foreign Modi and also met with the minister."I reaffirmed our EAM in Delhi, during which commitment expressed at the two sides had discussed cooperation in economic, technology, defence and maritime spheres.

South Korean relations. Cho Hyun was appointed as the new Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea on July 18.EAM Jaishankar said in a post on X:"Good to speak with @FMChoHyun of RoK this morning."Conveyed my best wishes for a successful tenure. Discussed deepening of our bilateral cooperation."The South Korean FM said in a post

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Cho Hyun, and discussed

ways to strengthen India-

the G7 Summit and during the special envoy's visit. We agreed to enhance highlevel exchanges and practical cooperation," he posted. Cho Hyun previously served as the first Vice Foreign Minister under former President Moon Jaein and represented South Korea at the UN from 2019-2022. The phone conversation comes days after the visit by South Korean President Lee Jae-Myung's delegation of special envoys to India, led by former prime minister Kim Boo-kyum. The special on X that he had his first call envoys had called on PM

The engagement came in the wake of the meeting between Prime Minister Modi and South Korean President Lee Jae-Myung on the sidelines of the G-7 Summit in Canada, on June 17.Following impeachment and removal from office of President Yoon Suk-yeol, Lee Jae-Myung of the Democratic Party was elected president in a snap election on June 3, 2025. He was sworn in the next day, June 4.

# **Central team reviews PMKSY projects in Manipur**

Imphal, July 28 (UNI) A Commissioner of Bishnupur, central team led by Dr Pooja Elangbam, along with Krishan Kumar, Managing Director, NHIDCL, Government of India, visited Bishnupur district today to review the progress of projects under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), with a special focus on the Extension, Renovation, and Modernisation (ERM) of the Loktak Lift Irrigation (LLI) Project.

During the visit, Krishan Kumar held a review meeting the Deputy

officials including the State and District Nodal Officers of PMKSY (ERM – Loktak Project).

K. Kiran Singh, Additional Chief Engineer-I, WRD, provided a detailed briefing on the ongoing works, especially the Loktak Lift Irrigation Project, which was approved in 2022 under PMKSY-AIBP by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of

The central team assessed key components of the project, including headworks, pumping infrastructure, and canal systems, and reviewed the overall progress made over the past five years. Discussions also covered project timelines, bottlenecks, and the measures required for timely completion.

The central team, which also included Dr. S.S. Singh, Scientist-D (HG), Central Ground Water

access, and greater public awareness.Bhushan underscored the need for bold, systemic efforts. He identified five urgent priorities to address the increasing hepatitis cases expanded screening and surveillance, ensuring timely birth-dose vaccination, decentralisation of treatment access, driving communitylevel awareness, and using

## **BSP** chief Mayawati urges unity in Parliament on **'Operation** Sindoor' debate

Lucknow July 28 (UNI) : Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati today called for a united approach by all political parties during the Parliamentary discussion on 'Operation Sindoor', underscoring the importance of rising above party lines when it comes to matters of national security.

As the discussion on 'Operation Sindoor' is set to begin in Parliament today, Mayawati appealed ruling party and the opposition to join forces in formulating a robust and effective strategy.

"The government and the opposition must work together so that no woman loses her sindoor and no mother is left to mourn the loss of her son. This is the urgent need of the hour," she said in a statement issued on Monday morning.

through collaboration with civil society, the private sector, public health professionals, and the

During the session, health experts highlighted alarming global data that only 45 per cent of newborns receive the hepatitis B vaccine within 24 hours of birth, which is a critical gap in prevention. They also emphasised that WHO's 2030 target to eliminate hepatitis, Mission's Integrated which calls for a 90% infections and 80% treatment coverage, hinges on several key strategies: universal vaccination, timely diagnosis, people-centred care, and widespread public awareness to combat stigma.

medical community".

have been installed to provide interim relief," said the Minister. As per the Jal Jeevan Management Information System (JJM-IMIS), all 248 fluoride-affected habitations currently have access to safe drinking and cooking water to the extent of 8–10 litres per person per day through CWPPs or IHPs.

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# **Assam CM calls on** PM Modi, briefs him on development works in his state

New Delhi, July 28 (UNI) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi here today and briefed him on the strides his state has taken across socio-economic indicators and the near saturation of major welfare schemes. The Prime Minister's Office said in post on X "CM of Assam, Shri @himantabiswa met Prime Minister @narendramodi."

The Assam Chief Minister said on X "had the privilege of calling upon Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji in New Delhi today. Briefed him on Assam's notable strides across socio-economic indicators and the near saturation of major welfare schemes."

The Chief Minister said that on behalf of the people of Assam, he conveyed anticipation to welcome the Prime Minister on September 8, "a moment that will mark another milestone in our state's development journey."

The Prime Minister will visit Assam on September 8 to attend some official programmes. The Chief Minister also met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and invited her to visit Assam to lay the foundation stone of the upcoming Kanaklata Barua University in Gohpur.

# Focus on Op Sindoor's success, rather than raising questions: Rajnath

New Delhi, July 28 (UNI) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today strongly defended Operation Sindoor, urging Opposition members to focus on the mission's success rather than raising questions that undermine national

Opening a discussion on Operation Sindoor in Lok Sabha, the Defence Minister said, "The reason behind why Operation Sindoor was launched has been provided earlier and I have also informed the House today."

Without naming Rahul Gandhi Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, the Defence Minister took aim at repeated queries from Opposition members about the number of Indian aircraft allegedly downed during the operation.

Singh said, "Some Opposition members have been asking how many of our aircraft were shot down? I feel that their question does not adequately represent our national sentiments. Not once have they asked how many enemy aircraft our forces shot down. If questions must be asked, it should be whether India destroyed terrorist bases - and the answer to that is, yes".

"I want to tell the Opposition that if you have to ask a question, then ask this question: Was Operation Sindoor successful? The answer is, yes." he asserted.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the PUBLIC that my client,

Mr. Prabhakar Mestry's father, the Late Shantaram Dhondu Mestry, is the owner of Flat No. 1105, Eleventh Floor, in the Society known as "Omkar Sai (S.R.A.) Co - operative Housing Society Limited," constructed on land bearing C.T.S. No. 375, 375/1 to 4, 376, 376/ 1 to 17, 377, 377/1 to 15, 379, 379/1 to 80, lying and situated at Village: Vile Parle, Shivaji Nagar, Sai Mandir Road, Vile Parle (East), Mumbai – 400 057. The flat was allotted by my client's father, Late Shantaram Dhondu Mestry from M/s. M. R. Realtors, to Allotment of Tenement dated 27/07/2016. but my client's father, the Late Shantaram Dhondu Mestry, died on June 11, 2010, in Mumbai. And also, my client's mother, Shewanti Shantaram Mestry died on July 06, 2011, at 1, Bhujbal Chawl, Ch. Shivaji Nagar, Sai Mandir Rd., Koldongri, Vile Parle (East), Mumbai - 400057. Late. Shantaram Dhondu Mestry and Late. Shewanti **Shantaram Mestry** leaves behind their legal heirs: 1. Smt. Shashikala Anant Panchal (daughter), 2. Mr. Prabhakar Shantaram Mestry (son), 3. Mr. Eknath Shantaram Mestry (son), 4. Smt. Suvarna Ramesh Dabholkar (daughter), 5. Smt. Sunita Shivaji Mane (daughter), 6. Smt. Shubhangi Arvind Panchal (daughter), 7. Smt. Geetanjali Gangadhar Mervekar (daughter). Following the death of my client's father, the late Shantaram Dhondu Mestry, his 100% share of the aforementioned property passed to his legal heir: Mr. Prabhakar Shantaram Mestry (son). However, these legal heirs have provided a no-objection letter regarding the said flat's full share, which is now in the name of their brother. The said flat has been registered in the name of Mr. Prabhakar Shantaram Mestry. If any person has any kind of claim, right, interest, or authority, they must submit their written objection within 14 days of the date of publication of this notice and report it to the address below. Otherwise, it would be assumed that no rights or interests exist, and any existing rights will be deemed waived and certified as

> Sd/-Adv. Miss. Amruta Pravin Patel **B.A., LL.B.,** Advocate, Bombay High Court Off. Add: 003, A 2 Wing, Ground Floor, Sundaram Lokprabhat CHSL, Nr. Canara Bank, Bolinj, Virar (West), Tal: Vasai, Dist: Palghar - 401 303.

address such.

# **Minister Seethakka accuses TRS of** diverting funds meant for tribals

(UNI) :Panchayat Raj, Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr Danasari Seethakka Anasuya accused the previous government of diverting ST Sub-Plan funds that were meant for the welfare of tribal communities and warned the officials not to repeat past mistakes.

current government is mulling a plan to increase budget allocations for housing schemes for ST

The 7th Tribal Welfare Advisory Council meeting convened at Damodar Welfare Sanjeevaiah Bhavan in Masab Tank today under the leadership of Tribal Welfare Minister Adluru Laxman Kumar and Minister Seethakka.

While addressing the Minister

**Govt observes sixth** 

death anniversary

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the sixth death anniversary of former Union Minister and

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Spoorthi Sthal, his memorial located on PV Narasimha Rao

Sukender Reddy, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad

Kumar, Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat

Reddy, Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Tribal

Welfare Minister Adluru Laxman Kumar, Minister Gaddam Vivek

Venkataswamy, former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, former

Supreme Court judge Justice Sudarshan Reddy, and BC Commission

Chairman Niranjan paid floral tributes at the memorial. Speaking

on the occasion, Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

described Jaipal Reddy as the beloved son of Telangana

and said his legacy remains everlasting. He noted that

Jaipal Reddy had served the nation with distinction as a

Union Minister, MP, and Rajya Sabha member. He

highlighted Reddy's instrumental role in the Hyderabad

Metro Rail project, improvement of underground drainage

systems, and securing thousands of crores in Central

funds for development and welfare schemes in Telangana.

rich tributes to the late leader, recalling Jaipal Reddy's

immense contributions to both state and national politics.

democratic values and exceptional political acumen, the

Chief Minister said Jaipal Reddy was admired for his

eloquence, sharp wit, and unwavering commitment to

public service. "From his early days as a student leader to

his tenure as MLA, MP, and Union Minister, Jaipal Reddy

dedicated his life to serving the people," Revanth Reddy

said. He also credited Jaipal Reddy for playing a pivotal

role in the formation of Telangana and noted that he stood

as a symbol of political integrity, never compromising on

his principles. The Chief Minister further recalled that Jaipal

Reddy was the first leader from south India to be honored with

the Best Parliamentarian Award — an acknowledgment of his

Pakistani mastermind of

Pahalgam terror attack

and his two associates ...

Suleiman Shah was a former

commando of the Pakistan

Army's Special Service

Group (SSG) and was active

for the past several years.

He was allegedly behind

the series of deadly attacks

over the last few years

including the one in

Gagangir Ganderbal and

Gulmarg Baramulla that left

several soldiers and

attack, the Jammu and

Kashmir Police had

announced Rs 20 lakh

reward on anyone

providing information

After the Pahalgam

civilians dead.

statesmanship and distinguished public life.

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where they were zeroed in

and in the encounter that

followed all the three were

killed," officials said. "An

M4 rifle and other arms and

ammunition were recovered

other two slain as Jibran

Governor Manoj Sinha and

Director General of Police

Nilin Prabhat commended

the security forces for the

operation and said all the

IGP Kashmir V K Birdi

three were Pakistanis.

identification.

and Hamza Afghani.

Officials identified the

Jammu and Kashmir Lt

from the encounter site."

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in his message, paid

Describing him as an eminent figure with deep

Telangana Legislative Council chairperson Gutha

of Jaipal Reddy

Marg, Necklace Road in Hyderabad.

Seethakka came down heavily on the previous government, accusing it of diverting ST Sub-Plan funds that were meant for the welfare of tribal communities.

"Because of such

diversions, essential infrastructure like roads and bridges in tribal areas was neglected, leading to She asserted that the tragic instances such as pregnant women being forced to deliver without access to hospitals," she said."No government has the right to divert ST funds. Every rupee allocated must be spent within the same constituency and district it was sanctioned for. Transferring these funds to plain areas is unacceptable and leads to further marginalization of tribal populations," she asserted, adding that the current

government is considering

an increase in budget allocations for housing schemes for ST families, many of whom still lack proper homes.

Minister Adluru Laxman Kumar pointed out that this was the first Tribal Welfare Advisory Council meeting held in five years. "The previous regime ignored this crucial platform meant for discussing tribal issues. We have called this meeting to directly hear your challenges

recommendations," he said. Laxman Kumar assured the gathering that all suggestions would be conveyed to the Chief Minister for necessary action. He also stressed the importance of paying bills for development works in a timely manner, adding that the delays and irregularities seen in the past will not be repeated under the current

Deputy

Officials were directed to focus on road and bridge construction in agency areas and ensure that ST sub-plan funds are not left unused or reallocated due to lack of contracts. "Our priority is to make sure that tribal welfare is not compromised under any circumstances," he added.

Speaker

Ramachandra Nayak, Adilabad MP Godem Nagesh, tribal MLAs, MLCs, TRICOR Chairman Bellaiah Nayak, Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Tribal Welfare Secretary Sarath, and other senior officials from the department attended the crucial meeting aimed at addressing longstanding issues faced by the Scheduled Tribes (STs) across Telangana, an

# Hanumantha likens Rahul Gandhi to Jyotiba Phule

Hyderabad, July 28 (UNI) : Senior Congress leader and former MP V Hanumantha Rao today performed Palabhishekam (milk offering) to the statue of social reformer Jyotirao Phule at Amberpet, as a celebration of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's commitment to ensuring 42 per cent reservations for Backward Classes (BCs).

The ritual, conducted with 21 pots of milk symbolizing the 21st century, was a tribute to Rahul Gandhi's promise to implement populationbased reservations in line with Phule's ideology of social justice.

Describing Rahul Gandhi as the "Abhinava Phule," Rao praised him for carrying forward the legacy Jyotirao Phule by

commended Telangana

communities to unite and ensure that their rightful share is secured, aligning with Rahul Gandhi's slogan "Jitni abadi, utna haq."

Minister Bandi Sanjay's remarks labeling the BC Bill as a "Muslim Bill" and pointed out that BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh already implements a 5 per cent

ensuring fighting for the upliftment reservations as per their of weaker sections. He also population," he declared.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for conducting the caste census and passing the BC reservation bill in the state assembly, which now awaits the Governor's

Rao urged

He criticized Union reservation for Muslims.

"Despite conspiracies and opposition, the Congress government in Telangana is committed BC

## **TGHRC** takes suo motu cognisance of illegal surrogacy racket and food poisoning incident

Hyderabad, July 28 (UNI): The Telangana State **Human Rights Commission** (TGHRC), chaired by Dr Justice Shameem Akther, has taken suo motu cognisance of two grave issues brought to light through media reports.

In the first case, the Commission acted on reports published on July 27 and 28, 2025, highlighting alleged illegal surrogacy and baby-selling practices at the Universal Srushti Fertility Centre in Secunderabad, along with affiliated clinics operating in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Visakhapatnam.

Taking serious note of issue, Commission has sought a detailed report from the Principal Secretary of the Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department, Government of Telangana, by August 28, 2025.

In the second case, the Commission has taken cognisance of a food poisoning incident reported at the Mahatma Jyothiba Pule BC Welfare Gurukul School near Uyyalawada Nagarkurnool district.

The reports, dated July 28, 2025, pointed to several students falling ill after consuming mid-day meals. The TGHRC has directed the Chief Secretary of Telangana to submit a comprehensive report on the matter by August 28,

The Commission's swift action underlines the seriousness of both human rights and public health violations, and its commitment to ensuring accountability and justice, an official statement said on Monday.

# Minister takes note of Juvenile Home lapse

Hyderabad, July 28 (UNI): Panchayat Raj, Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr Danasari Anasuya Seethakka has taken serious note of the escape of five children from the Saidabad Juvenile Home and directed strict action against those found negligent.

Acting swiftly on the incident, Minister Seethakka ordered the removal of two supervisors from duty and issued a memo to the superintendent of the facility. She also instructed officials to appoint additional staff to strengthen monitoring and ensure no further lapses in the system.

The incident occurred on Tuesday night when five juveniles reportedly fled the facility. Following the escape, officials from the Juvenile Welfare Department submitted a detailed report to the Minister at the Secretariat. Deputy Director Charwak and Assistant Chief Probation Supervisor Naveen briefed her on the sequence of events.

Officials informed the Minister that three of the five absconding children have already been traced, while efforts are underway with police assistance to locate the remaining two.

Minister Seethakka emphasised that the safety and rehabilitation of children in government care must be treated with utmost seriousness and stressed the need for foolproof systems to prevent such incidents in the future, an official statement said on Monday.

# Bandi Sanjay urges Gadkari to release CRIF funds for Telangana road projects

New Delhi/Hyderabad, July 28 (UNI): Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar met Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi today and urged him to release pending Central Road Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) allocations for various road development projects in Telangana, particularly in his Karimnagar parliamentary

proposals amounting to Rs

which include key infrastructure works aimed at improving connectivity addressing long-standing transportation issues.

Among the proposals submitted are the construction of a high-level bridge over the Maneru River on the Bavupeta-Khazipur road in Kothapalli mandal, and the widening of the Gundlapalli-Pothur road in Ganneruvaram

bridges between

Motkuraopet, a bridge up to Kistampalli, and a highlevel bridge over the flood canal between Arkandla and Kannapur villages in Shankarapatnam mandal. The Minister also handed over other pending road proposals related to his constituency for immediate consideration.

Responding positively, Gadkari assured Bandi Sanjay that an appropriate decision would be taken said the proposals would be reviewed at the earliest.



# **BJP will ensure Backward Class** welfare: Telangana party chief

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 28: BJP's Telangana state unit chief N Ramchander Rao today strongly asserted that the saffron outfit is the only political party genuinely committed to the welfare and upliftment of Backward Classes (BCs).

Addressing the OBC Morcha meeting at the party's state headquarters here, Rao highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives for BC empowerment, pointing out that 27% of ministers in the Union Cabinet are from BC communities, and credited Modi with forming the BC Commission and giving the community national prominence."Modi himself is from the Backward Classes. No other Prime Minister has done so much for the BCs," he said.He slammed Congress leaders for what he called "insincere politics" over the caste census and accused them of misleading BCs for electoral gain. He stated that the BJP supports a caste census, but insisted it should be carried out constitutionally scientifically through institutions like the Registrar General of India.

Rao accused the previous BRS government of neglecting the BC Commission and criticised the current Congress regime for failing to disclose data from its state caste census."It is not a real census—it's just a collection of statistics without constitutional backing," he remarked.

Targeting CM Revanth Reddy, Rao alleged that promises made to BCs remain unfulfilled and labelled the Congress's gestures towards BC welfare as "mere drama."

He further claimed that BCs were denied justice even in past GHMC elections, where seats reserved for them were handed over to others in the name of vote-bank politics.

Reaffirming BJP's stance, Rao declared that the party opposes religionbased reservations and stands firmly to protect and promote SC, ST, and BC

He urged BC leaders and communities to unite behind the BJP in the upcoming local body elections, asserting, "Only BJP gives recognition, representation to BCs.

# Power demand hits record high in July

demand in Telangana hitting record levels this monsoon season, Principal Secretary for Energy Naveen Mittal, IAS, has directed electricity officials to stay alert and ensure uninterrupted supply, especially as agricultural operations intensify across the

officials of the Southern Telangana Electricity Distribution Company CMD level down to field staff to be vigilant (TGSPDCL) on Monday, Naveen Mittal and present at their respective offices noted that power consumption this July has seen a significant spike, particularly in Greater Hyderabad and rural agricultural belts. The maximum power demand recorded on July 16 this year was 15,450 MW, marking a 14.05 percent increase over the peak demand of 13,541 MW recorded on the same day last year.

He said that the rise in power usage is being driven by increased agricultural activity due to good rainfall, along with steady consumption in domestic, industrial, and commercial sectors.

"Lakhs of motors are running round-the- present, an official statement said.

**Clear Gadwal cotton** 

farmers' dues within

Hyderabad, July 28 (UNI): Agriculture Minister

Tummala Nageswara Rao today directed seed companies

to settle all pending dues—amounting to around Rs 700

crore—owed to cotton farmers of Jogulamba Gadwal

The directive came during a high-level review meeting

The minister expressed serious concern that despite

cultivating cotton seeds across nearly 50,000 acres, farmers

have not received payments from seed companies months

after supply. The issue was flagged by MLA Krishna

Mohan Reddy."Gadwal farmers are number one in the

country in cotton seed production and are a matter of

pride for the state," Minister Tummala said, warning

"The government's top priority is farmers' welfare, and

companies that non-payment would not be tolerated.

any delay in payment is a serious injustice," he added.

a month: Minister

orders seed cos

held at the Dr B R Ambedkar State Secretariat.

district within a month.

Hyderabad, July 28 (UNI): With power clock in the fields, contributing to the surge in demand even during the rainy season," he added.

Emphasising the state government's commitment to ensuring quality power supply, Mr Mittal said that both the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister are closely monitoring the situation and giving During a video conference held with top priority to the Energy Department.

He instructed power officials from the during rains to monitor supply and attend to any disruptions immediately.

He also highlighted that the continued rains have improved water availability, leading to the expansion of paddy cultivation, which will further push up power demand in the coming days.

TGSPDCL Directors Dr Narasimhulu, Chakrapani, Krishna Reddy, along with Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, and Divisional Engineers, took part in the video conference. Musharraf Farooqui, IAS, was also

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Last Date for Submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 13.08.2025

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The minister urged the companies to act responsibly and support the farming community immediately.

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#### had told reporters earlier in about Suleman and two He stressed that the financial strain on farmers and the day that it will take them others. Several antidependent labourers is unacceptable and assured that constituency. soon on the release of CRIF "some time" for their militancy operations were the state government, through schemes like Rythu During the meeting, funds for Telangana. He Additional proposals launched in a vast forest Bharosa, will continue to stand by farmers. Bandi Sanjay submitted appreciated the urgency and include the construction of

Security officials said area of south and central the top LeT commander Kashmir to trace the attackers. 113 crore under the CRIF,

## **STANDARD POST**

# **Indian Space Start-Ups** team up to reach new heights

In India's rapidly evolving space sector, a growing number of start-ups are discovering that collaboration—even with competitors—is a powerful strategy for success.

Particularly in the satellite segment, these partnerships are becoming more common, inspired perhaps by automotive alliances like Renault-Nissan and Toyota-Suzuki.

Notable collaborations include: Kepler Aerospace Pvt Ltd with Astrome

Technologies Pvt Ltd

GalaxEye Space with Ananth Technologies SatSure with Dhruva Space Pvt Ltd Pixxel with Dhruva Space

Industry experts anticipate that more such alliances will emerge, accelerating innovation and boosting revenue potential.

A.K. Bhatt, Director General of the Indian Space Association (ISpA), emphasised the importance of both domestic and international partnerships for co-development and knowledge exchange.

Suyash Singh, CEO and Co-Founder of GalaxEye Space, underscored the strategic value of such tie-ups. GalaxEye has partnered with Ananth Technologies for its first satellite, which is currently in the assembly, integration, and testing phase.

The satellite is slated for launch by the end of

One of the most recent partnerships involves Kepler Aerospace, a small satellite manufacturer, and Astrome Technologies, which specializes in advanced satellite communication systems across a wide frequency range—from S-band to E-

Their collaboration aims to meet the growing demand for high-bandwidth satellite communication through satellite swarm solutions.

Navneet Singh, CEO of Kepler Aerospace, described the two-year MoU as a strategic leap.

"By combining our satellite platform expertise with Astrome's cutting-edge communication technologies, we're positioned to deliver superior satellite swarm solutions to the global market," Singh said.

Astrome CEO Dr. Neha Satak added: "This partnership will accelerate the development of next-gen satellite communication systems for defense, governments, and satellite operators worldwide."

Under the agreement, Kepler Aerospace will lead satellite bus design and integration, mission planning, deployment strategies, and project management.

Astrome Technologies will focus on communication subsystems, advanced phasedarray antennas, satellite-to-ground and intersatellite data links, secure TT&C systems, and user modem technologies.

This alliance follows Kepler Aerospace's contract win under the Indian government's Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) program.

The deal, which includes \$4 million in grants and launch support, will help develop the world's first autonomous swarming satellite constellation for the Defence Space Agency and HQ-IDS. The launch is scheduled for 2027.

In July this year, Dhruva Space, a full-stack space-tech company, entered into a partnership with Pixxel, a satellite manufacturer and constellation operator. Under the deal, Pixxel will procure solar panels from Dhruva Space for its missions.

Pixxel CTO and Co-Founder Kshitij Khandelwal said: "This collaboration reflects our shared drive for engineering excellence and our commitment to delivering accessible satellite data for global challenges. It's a key step in strengthening India's space hardware ecosystem."

Abhay Egoor, CTO and Co-Founder of Dhruva Space, added: "This isn't just a hardware deal—it signals to the global market that Indian space-tech firms are ready with flight heritage, scalability, and export capabilities. We're proud to support another NewSpace leader with reliable, mission-critical power systems." Previously, Dhruva Space also teamed up with SatSure, an Earth observation and decision intelligence company, to provide a full Earth Observation Satellite-as-a-Service (EOSaaS) offering.

# Jammu and Kashmir Witnesses Rapid **Upgradation of Rail Tracks and Coaches**









working in tandem and have respectively. The track the last decade. Total deep-screened around 11.5 km track. Cleaner ballast leads to safer operation.

Two additional BCMs were sent to the valley in July, 2025. These machines have undertaken deep screening and have executed approximately 2.5 km of track.

To supplement the tamping and deep screening work by recoupment of ballast, 17 ballast rakes were sent and unloaded in Kashmir valley tracks from ballast depots at Kathua, Qazigund, Madhopur & Jind. Consequently, 19,000 cu m of ballasting was done.

Track Recording Car (TRC) and Oscillation Monitoring System (OMS) runs were also conducted in June, 2025 and July, 2025

quality has been assessed length of tracks has and track stretches requiring attention have been identified.

All these works have significantly improved track quality in the Kashmir valley.

(Tamping machine working in valley section) (Ballast Cleaning Machine working in valley

Track upgradation throughout the country: Tracks are being upgraded across the country. Better tracks improve safety and ride quality. By early 2025, 78% of India's tracks have been upgraded to 110 kmph or more. This number was just 39% in 2014. This higher proportion should be seen in light of the rise in the total length of tracks in increased to over 1 lakh km in 2025 from 79,342 km in 2014.Improving working conditions for track maintenance staff: The Union Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "We will improve the track quality by significantly upgrading the track technology and maintenance practices. Modern track fittings, usage of track machines, ultra sound fracture detection machines, road cum rail vehicles, and integrated measurement machines will make our track maintenance scientific. AI will be extensively used in detecting defects. These technological changes will

working conditions for track maintenance staff."

New era of passenger coach upgradation in Jammu and Kashmir

Along with track upgradation, a paradigm shift has happened in the maintenance upgradation of passenger coaches in Jammu and Kashmir.

Till the opening of Jammu-Srinagar rail link, there was no rail connectivity of Kashmir valley with the rest of the Indian Railway network. The DEMU/MEMU rakes in Kashmir valley could not be brought to the workshop for periodic maintenance and upgradation.

Periodic Overhauling (POH) was being done by transporting bogies from Budgam to Lucknow on road trailers. This was suboptimal. For the first time, rakes from the valley have been brought to Lucknow through rail for POH.

The condition of all the rakes in Budgam is being improved in a timebound maintenance upgradation:

POH of one MEMU rake has been completed. The upgraded MEMU rake is now operational in the valley. POH of another MEMU rake is likely to be completed by the end of July, 2025.

OH of one DEMU rake has been completed at Charbagh workshop. Another DEMU rake is undergoing POH at Charbagh workshop. It is likely to be completed by the mid of August, 2025.

One more DEMU rake is undergoing renovation at Jalandhar shed. It is expected to be made operational by the end of July, 2025.

Four more DEMU rakes

Quoting Article 39A of

upgradation at Charbagh workshop and Jalandhar shed.

The details of the upgradation works being

carried out are as follows: Exterior PU Painting with anti-graffiti of the entire rake, with a new

Fitting of bio tanks in toilets

vibrant colour

Fitting of new water raising pumps for proper functioning of toilets

Repairing of seats and replacement polycarbonate seats

Provision of new standing handles Renewal of PVC flooring

Buffing of all stainless steel items Repairing of all

windows and ensuring hopper type windows Ensuring proper

functioning of Public Address & Passenger Information System Provision of adequate

power and automatic change over switch panel for supply to water raising apparatus. This will ensure manner. The following uninterrupted operation of rakes are undergoing water raising apparatus even in the absence of generator supply in summer season.

> Provision of A & C type of mobile charging sockets (with inbuilt short circuit and overload protection) and modular switches for fansOverhauling and renewal of all fans and lights

The upgradation works of passenger coaches in the Kashmir valley will be completed by 31st August, 2025. All rakes in service will be renovated and upgraded within this timeframe.Indian Railways is often called the 'lifeline of the nation'. With the opening of Jammu-Srinagar rail line and the ongoing upgradation works, it will provide a new lifeline to have been planned for Jammu and Kashmir.

# SC launches Veer Parivaar Sahayata Yojana 2025 in Srinagar

Srinagar, Jul 26 (UNI) The Supreme Court of India today marked a historic step in expanding legal aid to the nation's armed forces and tribal communities with the formal launch of Veer Parivaar Sahayata Yojana 2025 at the North Zone Regional Conference on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel and Tribals".

Track maintenance:

Over and above the new

train services, opening of

this line has made a

fundamental change in the

ability to maintain rail tracks

in Kashmir valley. The

railway link has enabled

movement of track

maintenance machines to

the Kashmir valley.

Maintenance is now being

done with modern

machines, unlike manual

maintenance earlier. This is

leading to significant

improvement in track

Increased deployment

track

of track machines: To

maintenance activities in

the Kashmir valley, the

deployment of machines

has been augmented as

has been deployed since

early June, 2025. This

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chips under the tracks to

ensure proper alignment

and stability of the tracks.

It has so far tamped

approximately 88 km of

track in the valley. This has

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Machines (BCMs) have

also been deployed. Ballast

is the stone chip collection

on tracks. It provides

support to railway tracks.

These machines are

Two Ballast Cleaning

ride smooth.

A Tamping Machine

The event was organised by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in collaboration with the High Court of

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and the J&K Legal Services Authority at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar.

Presiding over the landmark event, Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA, set an inspirational tone with a quote from Kashmiri Sufi poet Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Mahjoor, calling upon the nation to cultivate a "spring of unity, compassion, and justice." He said,

"This gathering in

Kashmir is not just about technical discussions; it is about national integration and honouring the selfless service of our armed forces."

Justice Surya Kant described Veer Parivaar Sahayata Yojana 2025 as a "historic milestone" in NALSA's three-decadelong mission to extend justice to marginalized citizens.

"Our jawans face land disputes, service entitlements, and matrimonial issues, just like any other citizen. But their service conditions make legal

access harder. This scheme is our solemn pledge to stand by them," he said.

substantially improve the

He detailed the three key pillars of the scheme: Dedicated Legal Services Clinics at Zilla, Rajya, and Kendriya Sainik Boards. **Trained Nodal Officers** and Legal Counsels, including exservicemen, to offer timely and empathetic assistance.

Digital mechanisms like online mediation, e-Lok Adalats, and legal portals to ensure quick redressal.

the Constitution, Justice Kant reminded the gathering, "If we fail to extend this support to our jawans and their families, we fail in our constitutional duty. Just as they safeguard our freedom, we must safeguard their dignity and rights."

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, the Guest of Honour, praised the initiative, saying it echoes the government's focus on inclusive justice and digital empowerment. "This is a true representation of 'Sabka

Nyay'," he said. Chief Justice of the

High Court of J&K and

Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli,

welcomed the judiciary's efforts to leverage technology to prioritise and fast-track cases involving defence personnel. The conference was

graced by a strong contingent of Supreme Court judges including, Justice B.R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India, who arrived in Srinagar earlier today; Justice P.S. Narasimha, Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh.

**Yemen's Houthis** 

linked to Israel

Sanaa, July 28 (UNI):

Yemen's Houthi armed

group said in a statement

late Sunday night that it will

begin targeting "all foreign

ships linked to Israel...

regardless of their

retaliation for what it called

Israel's "blockade and

escalation includes targeting

all ships belonging to any

company that deals with Israeli

ports, regardless of their

nationality and wherever

they may be, within our

forces' reach," Houthi

military spokesperson

Yahya Sarea said in the

statement aired by Houthi-

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Gaza."This

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## 3 dead, several injured in train derailment in Germany

Berlin, July 28 (UNI).: A regional express train derailed Sunday evening in the southern German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, leaving three people dead and several others seriously injured, local police said.

The accident occurred near the town of Riedlingen when two carriages of the train left the tracks. Local police have established a command center at the scene and deployed a large number of rescue personnel, according to a police statement.

The affected railway line, along with a nearby road, has been closed. The cause of the derailment remains under investigation, the statement added.

The area had been hit by a storm earlier, according to a report by the German Press Agency.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz expressed his condolences following the incident. "We mourn the victims. I express my sympathy to their families," he wrote on the social media platform X.

## Egyptian, Qatari FMs discuss humanitarian developments in Gaza

Cairo, July 28 (UNI): Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty and Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani discussed the escalating situation in the Gaza Strip and efforts to secure a ceasefire during a phone call on Sunday. The discussion focused on measures to alleviate the severe humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, according to a statement from the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

Both ministers reiterated their commitment to the ongoing negotiations, pledging to expedite a comprehensive ceasefire agreement, which is key to the urgent delivery of humanitarian and relief aid into Gaza, and to halt further Israeli actions.

The officials also touched upon developments related to Egypt's hosting of an international conference for Gaza's post-war recovery and reconstruction, part of Arab-Islamic plan for rebuilding the war-torn Strip.

Furthermore, the ministers underscored the importance of sustained coordination between Egypt and Qatar, and agreed to continue mobilizing international support for the establishment of a Palestinian state based on the June 4, 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The Israeli military on Sunday announced a daily 10-hour humanitarian pause in its operations in parts of the Gaza Strip, along with the opening of secure routes for aid delivery.

Also on Sunday, trucks loaded with humanitarian aid began entering the Gaza Strip through the Kerem Shalom border crossing, according to local Palestinian sources. The flow of humanitarian assistance comes amid growing international appeals to facilitate urgent aid delivery to Gaza, where residents continue to face severe shortages of food, medicine, and other essential supplies.

## 16 killed, 51 injured in truck-bus collision in Ivory Coast

Côte d'Ivoire, July 28 (UNI) :At least 16 people were killed and 51 were injured in a collision between a dump truck and a bus in Ivory Coast, the country's transport ministry said.

"The accident involved a public transport bus and a dump truck with a crane on board. According to preliminary estimates, 16 people were killed and 51 were injured," the ministry said on social media.

According to the transport ministry, the bus was traveling between the city of San Pedro in Ivory Coast and the capital of Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou.

The accident occurred on the highway between the cities of Katiola and Niakara in northern Ivory Coast, the ministry clarified.

The victims were evacuated to the regional medical center in Katiola, the authorities have ordered an investigation into the incident, the ministry added.

## US scientists planned test to dim sunlight with seawater clouds

Moscow, July 28 (UNI): A California-based team of researchers, known for an aborted cloud-creation experiment on a retired aircraft carrier last year, is now under scrutiny for their plans to conduct an even larger solar geoengineering project.

The multimillion-dollar initiative, aimed at using saltwater spraying to dim the sun's rays, could have involved cloud formation over an area of ocean larger than Puerto Rico.

But initial testing of the technology was halted due to disagreement from local authorities, Politico reported, citing internal documents.

A group of researchers in California received backlash last year after a canceled experiment on a decommissioned aircraft carrier to test a cloud-making machine, but they were planning a much larger and riskier study of seawater spray equipment that could eventually be used to dim the sun's rays, the publication said.

Although the researchers were initially able to secure government funding for their work and planned to gain access to government ships and aircraft, after the initial test failed, they were forced to admit that they would not be able to secure significant support from local governments, it said.

The publication noted that the researchers had discussed with sponsors and consultants conducting a cloud-making test over an area of about 10,000 square kilometers off the western coast of North America, Chile, or the coast of south-central Africa.

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## Thai acting PM says to discuss measures for ceasefire with Cambodian counterpart

Bangkok, July 28 (UNI) : Thailand's acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai told the media today that concrete measures for implementing the ceasefire will be discussed in his talks with the Cambodian side.

The Thai official made the remarks ahead of his flight to Malaysia for discussions on the Thai-Cambodian border issue.

Phumtham said he is expected to meet with Cambodian Prime Minister Manet today afternoon, and the key objective is to reach an immediate ceasefire between the two sides and prevent further harm to civilians.

Manet said Hun yesterday that he will attend the Malaysia meeting.

# **Japanese minister meets FS Misri,** discusses PM Modi's visit to Tokyo

Tokyo/New Delhi, July 28 (IANS): Japan's Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Takehiro Funakoshi on Monday held discussions with Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and Pramod Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, on the entire spectrum of the multi-India-Japan faceted bilateral relationship, including PM Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to the country later this year.

During the bilateral Foreign Secretary-Vice Minister Dialogue in New Delhi, Misri and Funakoshi reaffirmed the growing importance of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership for peace, prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

"At the Japan-India Vice-Ministerial Dialogue, the two Secretaries confirmed that, in anticipation of Prime Minister Modi's visit to Japan scheduled for this year, they would work to bilateral strengthen relations in a wide range of



areas, including security, economy, and people-topeople exchanges, and would further cooperate, including within the Japan-US-Australia-India framework, towards the realization of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific," read a statement issued by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Monday evening.

"In addition to bilateral relations, the two Secretaries also exchanged views on regional situations, and agreed to continue to cooperate closely between the two Secretaries. During the exchange of views with Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office, the two sides exchanged views on bilateral relations," it added.

Misri and Funakoshi exchanged views on political ties, defence and security, economic security, trade and investment, infrastructure cooperation, technology

people-to-people and exchanges. They also exchanged views on global and regional issues of importance.

"The dialogue was instrumental in reviewing progress in various dimensions of our ties, exploring new areas of collaboration contributing to further deepening the bonds of friendship and cooperation between India and Japan," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated.

run al-Masirah TV. "We warn all companies to cease their dealings with Israeli ports, starting the hour this statement is issued," he said, calling on all countries to pressure Israel to halt its aggression

and lift the blockade on the

Gaza Strip "if they wish to

avoid this escalation."

Earlier this month, the Houthis claimed responsibility for sinking two commercial vessels --Magic Seas and Eternity C -- in the Red Sea. In 2024 alone, the group has attacked and sunk four ships. In 2023, it seized the Galaxy Leader and detained its crew, who were later released through Omani mediation, though the ship remains in Houthi custody.

The Houthi group, which controls much of northern Yemen, has been targeting Israel and Israelilinked vessels in the Red Sea since November 2023 to show solidarity with Palestinians, as acts of solidarity with Palestinians and an effort to pressure Israel to end its military operations in Gaza. Enditem

# Thai, Cambodian leaders meet at Malaysian PM residence to discuss border truce

Kuala Lumpur, July 28 (UNI) Leaders of Thailand and Cambodia met at the Malaysian Prime Minister's residence today to discuss a ceasefire between the two

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet and Thai acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai, along with their respective delegations, arrived at the official residence of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who is hosting and facilitating the talks to discuss a ceasefire on a conflict that broke out along the border of Cambodia and Thailand last week.Before the meeting, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) foreign ministers released a joint statement early this morning, calling on both sides to exercise maximum restraint and refrain from taking any actions that may undermine ceasefire efforts."We are deeply concerned over the ongoing situation at the border areas between the Kingdom of Cambodia and

the Kingdom of Thailand which have resulted in an increasing number of casualties on both sides and destruction of public properties, as well as displacement of a large number of people along the border areas," statement said.

"We further urge both sides to cease all hostilities, return to the negotiating table to restore peace and stability, and settle disputes and differences by peaceful means, based on the principles of the Charter of

ASEAN Charter, as well as the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) and in the spirit of ASEAN family, unity and good neighbourliness," it added. Armed clashes between

the United Nations, the

Cambodian and Thai soldiers over disputed border areas have entered the fifth day as more than 100 people have been killed or injured with thousands evacuated on both sides, according to figures provided by the two countries.

# President Putin depicts Russian navy as pivotal in safeguarding national security, sovereignty

Moscow, July 28 (UNI) Russian President Vladimir Putin underscored the navy's pivotal role in protecting Russia's sovereignty and national security, as he oversaw its maneuvers, codenamed "July Storm," during Russia's Navy Day celebrations on Sunday.

"Our primary task is to ensure Russia's security and defend its sovereignty and national interests. The navy plays a crucial role in this mission," Putin said.

large-scale operational maneuvers,

which commenced on July 23, are being conducted simultaneously across multiple regions, notably the Pacific and Arctic Oceans, as well as the Caspian and Baltic Seas, according to the Russian Ministry of Defense.

The "July Storm" exercise involves over 150 warships and support vessels, 120 aircraft, 10 coastal missile systems, 950 units of military equipment, and more than 15,000 personnel, the ministry

Putin said that the

exercise draws on lessons learned from the ongoing special military operation in Ukraine. "We will continue to enhance the combat readiness of our surface ships, submarines, coastal units and aviation, equipping them with the latest technologies and weaponry."

He also revealed plans to strengthen the navy's capabilities, noting that five Marine Corps brigades will be upgraded to divisions, with two already scheduled for this year.

"This transformation

will significantly improve the navy's strike power and operational effectiveness," Putin added.

Due to security concerns, this year's main naval parade, traditionally held in St. Petersburg, has been canceled.

"While Navy Day is a festive occasion, given the current circumstances, it is more appropriate to observe it in a combatready environment, with the navy demonstrating its operational prowess," Putin explained.

Following

his congratulations to the navy personnel at the Admiralty in Petersburg, praising their dedication and skill in showcasing the navy's

combat readiness. Russia's Navy Day, first celebrated in 1939, has featured the Main Naval Parade in St. Petersburg since 2017, in accordance with a presidential decree. Last year, on parade were 20 surface ships, one submarine, four sailing vessels, and more than 2,500 servicemen.

# US-EU deal does not include lifting US 50 per cent tariffs on Steel, Aluminium team to visit Iran

Moscow, July 28 (UNI) : The US-EU deal does not provide for the abolition of US tariffs of 50 per cent on steel and aluminum, but they could be reduced as a result of further negotiations, the New York Times reported, citing a senior US official.European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and US President Donald Trump reached a trade deal on July 27, according to which almost all EU exports to the US would now be

subject to tariffs of 15 per

cent. In addition, the European Union has committed to purchasing LNG, nuclear fuel and weapons from the United States. The 50 per cent tariff the Trump administration has imposed on steel and aluminum globally is not part of the deal, although von der Leyen indicated that they could be reduced as a result of further talks, the publication's source claims.

On April 2, the US leader signed an executive order introducing "reciprocal" tariffs on imports from other countries. Their basic rate was 10 per cent, and for 57 countries, increased rates were applied from April 9, which were calculated based on the United States' trade deficit with a specific country: so that there would be a balance instead of a deficit. However, on April 9, Trump announced that more than 75 countries had not taken retaliatory measures and had requested negotiations, so for 90 days, that is, until July 9, basic import tariffs of 10% came into effect for them.

# **UN N-watchdog**

Vienna/Tehran, July 28 (UNI): A team of the United Nation's nuclear watchdog group -- the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) -- will visit Iran within the next two weeks, said Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei today. A manual regarding the future of Iran's cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog will be presented, based on a recent parliamentary bill restricting such cooperation, Baghaei said, reports Times of Israel. The bill was passed following Iran's 12-day war with Israel last month, in which Israel targeted Iran's nuclear program. On June 25, the Iranian parliament passed a national resolution ending its cooperation with the IAEA, charging it of political bias, and supplying Israel of critical information regarding its nuclear program. Nonetheless, some scope for talks has opened up recently, with an official from Tehran stating that Iran was willing to allow an IAEA team for technical talks, but not inspections. This was also confirmed by the watchdog chief Rafael Grossi.



A well-designed cooking area has minimal clutter and maximum efficiency. Whether you're redecorating or totally remodelling, we list some of the best ideas for small spaces as we know every inch counts

#### **Choose Pretty Tools**

If your cabinets are too cramped to fit all of your kitchen gear, stealthily use the cuter items as decor. For instance, chunky vintage cutting boards or bright colanders can double as artwork. And a row of matching mixing bowls stuck above cabinets looks intentional, not

**Try a Drop-Leaf Table**If you yearn for an eat-in kitchen, but a large table just won't fit, consider a foldable option. The leaves flip up so everyone has a spot come dinner time, but tuck out of the way when not in use.

Add a Breakfast Bar Open space, like the edge of a

ndia has always had a rich literary heritage and

over the years, the num-

ber of Indian and Indian ori-

gin authors making their

mark in the international

field of English writing has

increased exponentially. If

you enjoy reading and want

to expand your repertoire,

here are seven Indian

authors you must absolutely

counter, windowsill, or kitchen pass-through, magically morphs into extra eating space with a board and a few benches.

#### **Lighten Up**

Barbara Westbrook, interior designer and author of Gracious Homes, knows the power of pale hues. She chose Pratt and Lambert's Chalk Grey paint for this kitchen's walls and range hood to brighten the room and impart a sense of openness.

### Go with big shelves

Open shelving can offer a ton of flexible storage, but requires a full commitment for it to look stylish. A wall dedicated to shelves looks like a purposeful design statement, but a lowly cart just looks like clutter.



## **Get Rolling**

While you're cooking, a wheeled cart is as helpful as a big island, but can roll out of the way when you're

## Squeeze in Seating Even an awkward, narrow

nook can comfortably seat six, if you choose efficient built-in benches instead of chairs. Bonus: Extra storage hides under the lovely seats.

#### **Look Up**

Hanging pots and pans from the ceiling frees cabinets of bulky equipment and creates visual



interest, too. Designer Jason Grant used a natural timber to



create a rustic look - try a vintage

ladder for a similar effect.

(With inputs from goodhousekeeping)

# In the world Although English has been passed over in India as a colonial tradition, the novels written in English have been deeply expressive, rich and culturally embedded. Check out some of the top selling Indian novels you'll love reading

# Jhumpa Lahiri

read this year.



An Indian American author, Lahiri won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2000 for her debut collection of short stories, The Interpreter of Maladies. Her 2013 The Lowland was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Award For Fiction. Drawing from her own life, Lahiri's writing often explores the conflict Indian immigrants feel when adapting to a new life in America.

## **Amitav Ghosh**



Amitav Ghosh is a Bengali writer from India living and teaching in New York. He's the author of some absolutely wonderful literary gems like The Circle of Reason, The Calcutta Chromosome, The Hungry Tide, Sea of Poppies and River of Smoke

love the attention to detail in his books something that literally transports you into a different time and place.

(the first two installments of

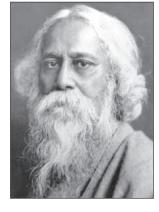
the Ibis Trilogy) etc. I simply

## **Vikram Seth**



An Indian writer and poet, Vikram Seth is an established author in the international literary field. His book A Suitable Boy is the longest single volume novel in the English language and his collection of poems such as Beastly Tales is an important contribution to the English language poetry Canon.

#### <u>Rabindranath</u> **Tagore**



Tagore was the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature (1913). Gitanjali (translates to 'offerings of song') is considered to be one of the most beautiful examples of verse. He is also the author of the Indian, Bangladesh and Sri Lankan national anthems. Tagore famously returned his knighthood to the British in 1919 in response to the

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.

#### **Devdutt Pattanaik**



A physician turned writer, Pattanaik is a mythologist, author and illustrator. Author of the hugely popular Jaya, Sita, The Pregnant King etc, Devdutt Pattanaik has a huge fanbase in India. His simple yet gripping retelling of Hindu epics, coupled with some absolutely charming illustrations make his books very popular. If you're interested in Hindu mythology, he has to be on your reading list.

## **Ruskin Bond**

groups!



Lawyer, politician, jour-Born to English parents in pre-independent India, nalist and Ruskin Bond continues to live in the country of his birth. He is the author of children's classics such as The Room On The Roof, The Blue Umbrella, Ghost Stories From The Raj, Funny Side Up etc. His writing draws heavily from his own life living in the hills in north India and his rich any reading list. experiences there. A must read author for all age



## Khushwant Singh

novelist, Khushwant Singh did it all. Best known for his biting wit, sarcasm and acid laced opinions, he is the author of internationally acclaimed books like Train To Pakistan, The Company Of Women, Truth, Love and a Little Malice etc Khushwant Singh is definitely an interesting addition to

# **FINGER** LICKING GOOD

Whether you love cozying up with a well-written memoir or just want a little juicy entertainment this weekend, these are the ones that you need to get on your shelf

## **EHRLICH**

he discovery of a new recipe usually involves an interesting background story. In many cultures the art of cooking and eating is central to national identity and heritage. Take one classic Julia Child recipe, add a tablespoon of food blogger Molly Wizenberg and stir in some of Marco Pierre White's reminiscences, now simmer: before you can utter the word diet, you'll have cooked up a sexy literary

#### **MY LIFE IN FRANCE BY JULIA CHILD**

feast well worth a nibble.

Julia Child may be better known as the person w h ointroduced



average Joe America to the art of French cooking, but here she recounts her trials and tribulations of becoming a successful chef, moving to France, enrolling in cookery classes at Cordon Bleu and immersing herself in French culture. She doesn't boast or brag, simply retells in pages of pure enjoyment how she got to her revered position in the nation's hearts.

#### **DELANCEY BY MOLLY WIZENBERG**

Closing each chapter A TIGER IN THE with a mouth-watering recipe, Molly Wizenberg discloses in this book what

hap pened Delancei when h e r husband left school with. o u t

graduating to become a pizza chef. Years of pizza research later, they are still married and their love for pizza's still going strong. Beware: you'll develop cravings for melted mozzarella on crispy pizza dough while devouring this book!

#### THE DEVIL IN THE KITCHEN BY **MARCO PIERRE** WHITE

book simply oozes s e x appeal, which cannot c o m e as

total surprise, given that the world's first celebrity chef and bad boy of the kitchen, Marco Pierre White, is the perpetrator. Recounting his UK upbringing in a working class environment to the moment when he transformed himself into one of the most revered and feared chefs in the industry, White gives us valuable insight into why he's

#### **MIRIAM'S** KITCHEN BY **ELIZABETH**

so temperamental.

Published in the late 1990s, Elizabeth Ehrlich's memoir recounts how she spent her

formayears being quite undecided about Jewish



heritage. Cooking family favorites with her mother, a Holocaust survivor, provides Elizabeth with the chance to hear stories and anecdotes that are not just part of immediate family history but also important to Jewish history as a whole.

#### **TOAST BY NIGEL SLATER**

Remembering the reason for his life-long passion for food and cooking, chef Nigel Slater recounts the early 1960s, when British cuisine was the laughing stock of the Following his world. mother's untimely death,

Slater's father hired a housekeeper. T h e housekeeper teaches young



the basics of cooking and the rest, as they say, is British food legend.

## **KITCHEN BY CHERYL LU-LIEN**

This is a delicious tale of growing up

Singapore and emigrating at 18 years of age to York, personal

journey as aromatic as Singapore Noodles that explores not just Tan's love for food and cooking, but also her culture and family heritage.

#### **MASTERING THE ART OF SOVIET COOKING BY ANYA VON BREMZEN**



Anya grew up in Russia, where food was scarce, before moving to Philadelphia and Queens, New York, where the von Bremzen family were overwhelmed by the sheer variety of ingredients available. Her mother begins to cook enormous Russian family dinners and, while preparing and eating such culinary luxuries, Anya, her grand-mother and mother exchange stories about their family's history.

# In all Indian final, Divya Deshmukh scripts history, lifts Women World Cup title title

Chennai, July 28 (UNI) :In the game of 64 squares and 32 pieces, Indian women GMs created history by winning the gold and silver, with Divya DeshMukh annexing the World Cup title defeating her compatriot Koneru Humpy in a tense tiebreaker today at Batumi, Georgia.

At the age of 19, Divya is the youngest and the firat Indian to win this title and was not content with this and expressed her more hunger for success in future.

With the 1-2 finish the two Indian stars--Divya and Humpy--qualified for the 2026 Candidates Tournament, alongside the second and third-place finishers — GM Humpy Koneru and former Women's World Champion Tan Zhongyi. With this title footsteps of GM Alexandra

triumph, Divya, who turned emotional after edging out Humpy in the third tie-break contest, became third Women's World Cup Winner and in the process became the women Grand Master. President Droupady Murmu, Chess icon Vishy Anand congratuled her title triumph and said it augurs well for more emergence of kroe Women GMs in the future.Her resilience paid off, Anand, five time world title winner, said.

Divya Deshmukh, the 19-year-old International Master from Nagpur, Maharashtra, etched her name into chess history by defeating Grandmaster Humpy Koneru 1.5–0.5 in the tiebreaks to annexe the Women's World Cup crown in a tense finish.

She now follows in the

Kosteniuk (2021) and GM Aleksandra Goryachkina (2023) as the third-ever winner of this prestigious title. In the two 15+10 rapid tiebreak games, Divva showed both resilience and composure.

After missing a golden opportunity in the first game, which ended in a draw, she brought elitelevel precision to the second. There, she equalised comfortably as Black, then seized control as Humpy slipped under time pressure—clinching the crown in emphatic fashion.With this remarkable win, Divya Deshmukh is now not only the 2025 Women's World Cup Winner, but also one of the most exciting young stars in the world of chess.

After the final game, an emotional Divya embraced her mother before giving a

Rangdajied set to clash in **Shillong derby** short interview:

also automatically earns the

Grandmaster (GM) title—

the highest title in chess.

becomes one of the very

few players in history to

achieve it by winning a

major FIDE event rather

than collecting the usual

three GM norms and 2500

Divya shared: "I still need

time to process it. I think it

was fate, me getting the

Grandmaster title this way,

because before this I didn't

even have one norm, and

now I'm a Grandmaster."

**Sierra Leone** 

stay on track

for Women's

**T20 World Cup** 

: Rwanda and Sierra Leone

have kept their ICC

Women's T20 World Cup

2026 hopes alive, surviving

the eight-team Africa

Division 2 Qualifier in

in top spot in their

respective four team

groups, before going on to

win their semi-final

matches to seal their spots

the semi-finals after perfect

records in the group stage,

with Rwanda then

defeating the hosts by 35

runs and defending 99 to

qualify, and Sierra Leone

defeating Malawi, chasing

101 with 28 balls to spare.

claim tournament bragging

rights, beating Sierra Leone

44 (28) and Belise

teams join Kenya, Namibia,

Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda

and Zimbabwe in the

Division One tournament,

held in Namibia in

that tournament will then

move forward to next year's

on to finish third after

defeating Malawi in a

Cameroon took fifth

respectively, and Lesotho

claiming seventh after

The top two teams of

Hosts Botswana went

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Global Qualifier.

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Rwanda went on to

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The two progressing

Both sides qualified for

for the next round.

The two teams finished

Botswana.

Botswana, July 28 (UNI)

Rwanda,

Reflecting on this,

In doing so, she

"It's hard for me to speak Shillong, July 28 (UNI): now. Of course, this Arch-rivals Shillong Lajong definitely means a lot, but FC and Rangdajied FC will there is a lot more to lock horns tomorrow in the achieve, so I am hoping Durand Cup 2025 group that this is just the start," stage match, at Jawaharlal she said. With this triumph, Nehru Stadium here in Divya not only secured the Meghalaya. USD 50,000 first prize, but

Lajong,

It is expected to be an intense affair as both sides will be battling in the Shillong Derby. Shillong Lajong began their Durand Cup 2025 campaign with a 6-0 victory over the Malaysian Armed Forces on Saturday.

Shillong Lajong FC Head Coach Birendra Thapa hopes the team can maintain its "incredible" form against their city rivals Rangdajied FC.

"Every match is important and a must-win game for us. Rangdajied is a strong side with many young and talented players, much like our own team. I believe it will be a good contest. A win will take us one step closer to the knockout stage," Thapa said.

Shillong Lajong, last year's semi-finalists got the better of Rangdajied FC with a 2-0 victory enroute with the help of goals from current captain Kenstar Kharshong and Ronney Wilson, who has made the move to FC Goa.

This win was important as Shillong Lajong made a run into the semi-finals where they went down to eventual champions NorthEast United FC.

ruthless in the first group E match thrashing Malaysian Armed Forces 6-0 with Phrangki Buam and Everbrightson scoring twice and Treimiki Lamurong Deibormamae Tongper added a goal apiece to the

scoreline to earn the young

Manchester, July 27

(UNI): India head coach

side an emphatic victory.

The Red Dragons were

Challengers Bangalore (RCB) won its first IPL title this year, called on Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav at his official residence in Bhopal on Monday. Chief Minister Yadav welcomed Indore-based

Bhopal, July 28 (IANS)

Royal

: Indian cricketer Rajat

Patidar, under whose

leadership

cricketer Patidar, who became the first cricketer from Madhya Pradesh to lead an Indian Premier League (IPL) team. The duo held a brief discussion.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister also honoured him with an incentive of Rs 5 lakh for his remarkable achievement in cricket and contribution to Madhya Pradesh cricket. It was a courtesy meeting, the Chief Minister's office said in a statement.

"Today, I met the RCB

stance by the Indian camp

was awarded an incentive amount of Rs 5 lakh," the Chief Minister wrote in a post on X, adding, "Your outstanding performance has brought pride to Madhya Pradesh. Wishing you a bright future".

entered his name in the history books on June 3 by becoming the first Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) captain to win the Indian Premier League (IPL) title. Under Patidar's leadership, RCB defeated Punjab Kings by six runs in the IPL 2025 final played at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.Patidar is also the first cricketer from Madhya Pradesh to captain a team in an IPL final. His leadership, especially his calmness during IPL, was appreciated by the senior

the title. Due to his phenomenal domestic season and performances in the 2022 IPL season, Patidar was named in the One-Day International (ODI) squad for the series against South Africa in 2023. He was also included in the team for a series against New Zealand; however, he didn't get the opportunity to play.

Patidar finally made his ODI debut on December 21, 2023, against South Africa, where he scored 22 runs in 16 balls. Later, he made his Test debut on February 2, 2024, in the second match of the series against England, scoring 32 and 9 runs in the first and second innings, respectively. Before it, Patidar led Madhya Pradesh in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2024-25 and was the second highest run scorer of the tournament

# **RCB** captain Rajat Patidar meets **Chief Minister Mohan Yadav,** honoured for cricket achievement



captain and our Indore cricketer Rajat Patidar. He Rajat Patidar (32)

cricketers after RCB won with a total of 428 runs. game. He's 23, on his first

## **Gambhir snaps at England draw drama** they got them."This firm

Gautam Gambhir weighed in underlines the grit and individual milestones that on England's visible defined India's late frustration after Indian batsmen chose to continue resistance. batting despite When asked about handshake being offered changes in the XI, including Karun Nair missing out and by Ben Stokes late on Day Anshul Kamboj debuting, 5 of the drawn Old Trafford Gambhir clarified, "We Test.Responding to the controversy, Gambhir said, don't drop anyone. We pick "If someone is batting on the XI we feel can do the 90 and the other on 85, job. We felt a left-hander at don't they deserve a No. 3 would help against hundred? Would England this attack, and Sai Sudarshan did his job. have walked off if one of their own was on 90? If Anshul was picked because has his bowling suits overcast someone the conditions, and he can opportunity to get their first Test century, you must bowl long spells." allow him to take it. It's unfortunate they felt that

In a broader comment on the game, Gambhir supported the idea of allowing substitutes in cases of clear, visible "Absolutely. If the umpires and match referee agree it's serious, there should be a rule for it. Especially in a tightly fought series like this — imagine playing with just 10. That would be unfair," he said.

On the decision to promote Washington Sundar to No. 5, Gambhir said, "He was in good form. With Rishabh unavailable, it was an opportunity to slot him in at five. We always knew what form he was in. There's not even an inch of surprise about what he did today — and I believe this is just the start for him."When asked about the No. 3 conundrum after Karun and Sai's rotation, Gambhir stressed that it's about individual scores. "We look at partnerships. If No. 3 contributes to a stand, he's done his job. Sai is a phenomenal talent. You can't judge players game by

managed a brilliant 50 and 60. We have to be patient — these boys are the future of Indian cricket," he said. Gambhir reaffirmed his belief in results over

tour of England, and still

narratives. "You're asking someone who only believes in results. We're still 2-1 down in the series, but I believe we can level it 2-2. That would be a great achievement," he stated.

Speaking about captain Shubman Gill's rise, Gambhir said the dressing room never doubted his talent. "Those who doubted him only talk about cricket, they don't understand it. Even if he hadn't performed, we knew the kind of quality he has," he said."He's living up to his talent and expectation. And this narrative around captaincy pressure? You can't see any of that when he bats. He walks in as a batter, not a captain."

# Sangita Basfore to assist AFC **Women's Asian Cup Australia** 2026 Final Draw in Sydney

New Delhi, July 28 (UNI) : The draw for the AFC Women's Asian Cup Australia 2026 will be conducted at the Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday at

India will be represented by coach Crispin Chettri and midfielder Sangita Basfore in the draw ceremony. Sangita, who scored a sensational brace against Thailand in the final Qualifier, will

have the privilege of being one of the three draw assistants alongside Australia's Tameka

Yallop and Korea Republic's Jeon Yu-gyeong.

For the 21st edition of Asia's biggest women's national team event, twelve teams will be divided into three groups of four each. India were one of the eight teams that secured their place in the tournament via the qualifiers, joining hosts Australia, and the top three finishers from the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 — China PR, Korea Republic, and Japan.

Scheduled to take place from March 1 to 21, 2026, the AFC Women's Asian each group, along with the Cup Australia 2026 will be staged across Sydney, Perth, and the Gold Coast, including in stadiums that witnessed the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, as the tournament returns Down Under for the first time since 2006.

Runners-up in 1980 and 1983, India will make their first appearance in the tournament since 2003 after a historic qualification campaign saw the Blue Tigresses emerge as toppers of Group B of the Qualifiers, defeating Thailand, Iraq, Timor-Leste, and Mongolia earlier

for the Final Draw, the in brackets): seeding is based on the latest FIFA Women's World Ranking (as of June 12). India, ranked 70th, are placed in Pot 4, and will be drawn against either Australia, Japan, or DPR Korea from Pot 1, China, Korea Republic, or Vietnam from Pot 2, and Philippines, Chinese Taipei, Uzbekistan from Pot 3.

The top two sides from

two best third-placed teams, will progress to the quarter-finals. The four quarter-final winners will qualify for the FIFA Women's World Cup Brazil 2027. The losing quarterfinalists will contest the play-offs for the two remaining direct spots allocated to the AFC for the World Cup. The two playoff losers will have another chance of qualifying for Brazil via the interconfederation play-offs.

As hosts, Australia will be designated as the top seed and occupy position

Japan (2), DPR Korea (9) Pot 2: China PR (17),

Pot 3: Philippines (41), Chinese Taipei (42),

(70), Bangladesh (128)

The draw will be streamed live on the AFC Asian Cup YouTube Channel.

## Pot allocations for the For the pot allocations Final Draw (FIFA Rankings Pot 1: Australia (15)

Korea Republic (21), Vietnam (37)

Uzbekistan (51) Pot 4: IR Iran (68), India

# Mohun Bagan Super Giant are the best team in Indian football: Deepak Tangri

Kolkata, July 28 (UNI): Mohun Bagan Super Giant midfielder Deepak Tangri highlighted the Kolkata giants' rich legacy over the years and believed it was a dream come true for him to represent the Mariners.

Tangri joined MBSG in 2021, and he has been a crucial player for the club. He has featured in 66 Indian Super League (ISL) games and won two League Shields and two ISL Cups during his four-year stint with the club. The 26-year-old, born in Punjab, began his football career at Chandigarh FA and then joined the MBSG youth academy. Tangri shed light on his journey from the youth setup to the senior team."Earlier, I was at the academy in Durgapur, and then we used to come to the MBSG ground. I'd look at the dressing room, the jerseys, and see the fans at the MBSG ground; it gave me this feeling that

I wanted to play here as well," Tangri said."I was at Chennaiyin FC, and when I got an offer from MBSG, my parents and I were happy. It was also my dream to wear that jersey and to represent it, because football has a whole different passion here in Kolkata. MBSG are the best team in Indian football, the fans are the best, and the atmosphere is amazing," he told MBSG TV.From donning the green and maroon jersey to experiencing consistent success

with Mohun Bagan Super Giant, Tangri has experienced the ultimate high for a boyhood fan-turned professional, the highlight of which came last season when the Mariners did the double.

Jose Molina, took charge of the team ahead of the 2024-25 season and Tangri underscored how the Spaniard's key tweaks made so much difference. "Our coach has been a top-level player and coach, so he always tells us what's right and what's wrong. And when it comes to discipline, he always emphasises it," he shared."During the preseason under the coach, we had really good training with the ball. There was a lot of improvement, especially in midfield, with more passing, through balls, and long balls. For that, the coach made all midfielders train on how to look back before receiving the ball and improve their vision and passing. That helped a lot throughout the season," he added. Tangri highlighted MBSG's strong bench strength and individual bonding between the players as a key factor in their historic double-winning 2024-25 campaign. Speaking in context, the midfielder remarked, "Even if some people are just sitting on the bench and others are

playing, it's all the same. Like, the coach knows if one player is out, someone else will step up and do the same job. That's why we win trophies."

with dramatic win over Spain Basel (Switzerland), July 28 (UNI) : England cemented their place in history with a stunning penalty-shootout victory over Spain to retain their European title at Euro 2025. Chloe Kelly, who scored the iconic winner at Wembley in the final of

Euro 2022, was the hero

again as she converted the

decisive spot-kick to seal

victory after Spain had

missed three in a row, with

Hannah Hampton saving two of them.It is the first time an England team has won a major trophy on foreign soil and seals manager Sarina Wiegman's status as one of the world's greatest with her third successive European title - achieved with two countries. The Lionesses also became the first side to win a single-legged Euros final having been behind at halftime, proving they are the ultimate comeback queens.

way- I have nothing more

to say. Both guys deserved

their tons and thankfully,

**England retain European title** 

They looked down and out when they trailed for a fourth time at Euro 2025, having conceded first in all three knockout matches but they would not allow their story to end in such a feeble manner, according to a BBC news.

Mariona Caldentey's first-half header had put Spain in control, but it did little to dampen England's unwavering belief and they refused to be beaten.

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# **BIS Hyderabad Organizes** ManakManthan on Indian **Standards for Public Bus Transport Services and Guidelines**





#### (Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 28: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Hyderabad Branch Office, in association with Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), conducted a ManakManthan on the Indian Standard IS 19225:2025 - Public Bus Transport Services -Guidelines on 28th July 2025 at Bus Bhavan, Hyderabad.

The session was attended by Shri Muni Shekar, Executive Director of TGSRTC, along with senior officials and Heads of Departments from TGSRTC. The standard was presented and explained in detail by RakeshTanneeru, Joint Director, BIS Hyderabad, and Shri ShivamSoni, Member Secretary of the concerned Standards

Formulation Committee.

The discussion focused on various aspects of the standard including the provision of feeder services, parking infrastructure at terminals, adoption of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), multimodal integration, and promotion of sustainable urban mobility. Senior officials from TGSRTC valuable provided suggestions based on practical field experience.

The objective of the ManakManthan was to stakeholder gather feedback to enhance the practicality applicability of the standard. This initiative reflects BIS's commitment to developing inclusive and implementable standards that contribute to better public transport services and urban infrastructure.

## **Temporary** augmentation of ECoR trains

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, July 28 : In order to clear extra rush of passengers, East Coast Railway has decided to augment the following trains with additional coaches as detailed below: -

The train No. 20837 Bhubaneswar- Junagarh Express will be augmented with one Sleeper Class coach from 01.08.2025 to 10.08.2025 and in return direction the train No. 20838 Junagarh-Bhubaneswar Express will be attached with one Sleeper Class coach from 02.08.2025 to 11.08.2025.

The train No.20809 Sambalpur-Nanded Super-Fast Express will be augmented with One 3rd AC and One Sleeper Class coaches from 01.08.2025 to 31.08.2025 (on Nominated Days) and in return direction the train No.20810 Nanded-Sambalpur Super-Fast Express will be augmented with One 3rd AC and One Sleeper Class coaches from 02.08.2025 to 01.09.2025 (on Nominated Days). The train No. 58506 Visakhapatnam-Gunupur Passenger will be augmented with one (01) Sleeper Class Coach from 01.08.2025 to 31.08.2025 and in return direction the train No. 58505 Gunupur-Visakhapatnam Passenger will be augmented with one (01) Sleeper class Coach from 01.08.2025 to 31.08.2025.The train No. 58501 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul Passenger will be augmented with one (01) Sleeper class Coach from 01.08.2025 to 31.08.2025 and in return direction the train No. 58502 Kirandul-Visakhapatnam Passenger will be augmented with one (01)

# **Vigilant Approach Must Be Adopted to Ensure Safety: Sanjay Kumar Srivastava**



(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, July 28:

South Central Railway (SCR) has reiterated the need for a vigilant approach to uphold safety in train operations. comprehensive review meeting was held today, 28th July 2025, at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, chaired by Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR. The meeting focused on critical safety aspects across the zone and was attended by all Principal Heads of Departments. Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) Secunderabad, from Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur, and Nanded joined the proceedings through video conference. The General Manager directed officials to prevent water accumulation at Road Under Bridges (RUBs) during the monsoon season. He emphasized the installation of adequate pumping systems and water gauges. Safety measures at Level Crossing (LC) gates were also reviewed, with special attention to vulnerable locations. Officials were instructed to conduct regular inspections, counsel staff, and strictly enforce safety protocols.

To ensure safe and uninterrupted operations during the monsoon, intensified patrolling was mandated across vulnerable tracks, bridges, and zones with heavy rainfall. The General Manager emphasized that all officers and staff must

remain on high alert to prevent unsafe conditions.

The availability of fire safety items such as smoke detectors and extinguishers was reviewed in detail. Officials were advised to maintain adequate inventory to meet any emergency.

Safety drives initiated by the Railway Board and the Zone were also assessed, with focus areas including track safety, signalling systems, mechanical assets, and monsoon preparedness.

# **Alok Tripathi** appointed as DRM Khurda Road Division, ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, July 28: Alok Tripathi, a 1988-bath Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer, has taken over the charge as the new Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Khurda Road Division under the East Coast Railway. Tripathi has taken the charge from H. S. Bajwa, who served the Khurda Road Division with dedication and commitment. Prior to current appointment, Tripathi served as Executive Director (Freight Marketing) at the Railway Board, New Delhi. With a career spanning over two decades, he brings with him vast administrative and operational experience in various key positions across Indian Railways. Tripathi has held several notable assignments, including General Manager at the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), and served on deputation with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG). His earlier roles include Assistant Operations Manager (AOM) at Ahmedabad, Divisional Operations Manager (DOM) at Vadodara and Area Railway Manager (ARM) with Western Railway.He also served as Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (Sr. DCM) at Rajkot and Senior Divisional Operations Manager (Sr. DOM) at Rajkot, Vadodara and Ratlam Divisions. actions that ensured and safely," he stated.

# **ECoR** honours four railway employees for exemplary dedication to duty

(Standard Post Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, July 28: East Coast Railway (ECoR) General Manager Parmeshwar Funkwal honoured four frontline railway employees for their exemplary commitment and alertness in ensuring safe and smooth train operations. The railway employees, who were honoured, are Birendra Prasad Gorain, Track Maintainer-IV at Dabpal; Rohit Kumar, Track Maintainer-IV at Kumhar Sodra; Abhimanyu Dalei, Traffic Pointsman at Jakhapura and Goutam Majhi, Track Maintainer-I at Jarapada. They were felicitated for their quick thinking and proactive network running efficiently

of trains under their watch. Their timely actions and proactive approach averted possible operational

smooth and safe operation

hindrances and upheld the safety standards of the railway network.While presenting the awards, Funkwal commended their commitment and the critical role played by railway personnel working in the field."Our frontline staff including Track, signal & OHE Maintainers, Loco Pilots, Technicians, and Station Managers — are the backbone of our daily operations. Their vigilance and dedication are what keep our

# **WR Celebrates Bandra Station Mahotsav** with Great Fervour and Enthusiasm

## The Station Mahotsav celebrated the rich heritage and cultural identity of the magnificent Bandra station



(Top Row - 1st & 2nd Photos) Shri Pradeep Kumar, Additional General Manager of Western Railway, Shri Pankaj Singh, Divisional Railway Manager of Mumbai Central Division (WR), Smt. Kaiya Arora, Director of Postal Services, Mumbai Region unveiling the Special Commemorative Cover. (2nd Row) The dignitaries alongwith the winners of the "Art & Craft" and "Vlog Making" competitions.

Mumbai, July 28: Western Railway celebrated the "Bandra Station Mahotsav," a vibrant event, honouring Bandra station's rich heritage and cultural identity. The grand celebration event on 26th July, 2025, commenced with the unveiling of a Special Commemorative Cover by

Shri Pradeep Kumar,

Manager of Western

General

Additional

(Standard Post Bureau)

Railway, Shri Pankaj Singh, Divisional Railway Manager of Mumbai Central Division (WR), Smt. Kaiya Arora, Director of Postal Services, Mumbai Region alongwith other dignitaries. The unveiling of the Special Cover was a poignant moment, a fitting tribute to the iconic station's historic legacy.

The Bandra Mahotsav also showcased cultural extravaganza, including Talent Shows with

dance mesmerising performances energetic karaoke acts, etc. which added to the festive atmosphere. The highlight of the day was the eagerly awaited prize distribution ceremony for the "Art & Craft" and "Vlog Making" competitions. dignitaries felicitated the talented participants for their artistic and innovative skills as well as engaging storytelling expertise. These creative works

beautifully captured the spirit of Bandra station and its vivid enthusiasm.

Sleeper class Coach from

02.08.2025 to 01.09.2025.

BandraStation blended Mahotsav heritage celebration with community participation, creating lasting memories of the occasion, filled with nostalgia, creativity and camaraderie. Mahotsav which began in June 2025, concluded with a breathtaking finale as hundreds of helium balloons soared into the sky, perfectly capturing the joyous spirit of the celebration.

Bandra railway station is one of the finest suburban railway stations of Mumbai. Renowned for its distinctive architecture, it serves as a crucial transportation hub for lakhs of daily commuters. It has been notified as a Grade I heritage structure in the Government Maharashtra's heritage

regulations of 1995. More than a century old railway station, it is an excellent architectural blend of Victorian Gothic and the Vernacular style, which stands out as a prominent landmark on its site. Bandra Station was opened on 28th November, 1864. However, the magnificent heritage Bandra Station Building was built 24 years later in 1888.

Bengal. There will be no detention camps built on our soil — not now, not ever. If anyone dares to

tamper with the names of our people or attempts to erase their identities, they must be prepared to face the consequences," she said."Are you ready to hear the voices of our mothers, our sisters, and our cultural communities when they rise in peaceful, united resistance? Their strength is not to be underestimated," she added.During her speech, the Chief Minister alleged that Bengali-speaking workers, particularly those whose accents resemble that of Bangladeshi nationals, are being harassed in several BJPruled states. She specifically named Haryana, Assam, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Odisha as states where such discrimination is rampant."Many Bengalis migrated from East Pakistan and became Indian citizens. Their accent is no reason to question their identity," she said. "I am not against any language. But I will

travel to other states for employment in sectors like construction, textiles, and

Banerjee also urged

Bengal — many of whom

migrant workers from

speakers."

hospitality — to return home, promising livelihood assistance and job opportunities within the state. The NRC and CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) have remained political standoff between the BJP and the TMC, with West Bengal Chief

flashpoints in the ongoing Minister Mamata Banerjee emerging as a staunch critic because she has consistently denounced both initiatives as instruments of exclusion and communal polarisation.The NRC issue first gained national attention with its implementation in Assam, a BJP-ruled state, where over 1.9 million people were excluded from the final list published in 2019. Critics, including Banerjee, have long argued that NRC, coupled with the controversial Citizenship Amendment

Act (CAA) passed in 2019, discriminates against Muslims and can be misused to target linguistic and religious minorities.

West Bengal, with its large population of Bengali-speaking Muslims and Hindus — including many who migrated from East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) during Partition and afterwards — is particularly sensitive to such efforts.

Responding to Banerjee's charges, Suvendu Adhikari, the Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly and a key BJP leader, criticised the Chief Minister for what he called baseless allegations."Instead of creating panic and division, the Chief Minister should focus on creating jobs in Bengal. If there were enough opportunities here, lakhs of people wouldn't have to migrate elsewhere for work,' he said. Adhikari also dismissed the claims of targeted harassment as "political theatre" aimed at diverting attention from governance failures in the state.

### **Mamata alleges BJP-EC coordinated** effort to introduce NRC in Bengal Kolkata, July 28 (UNI): to be implemented in not tolerate attacks on the West Bengal Chief Bengali language or its

Register of Citizens (NRC) in West Bengal with the Election Commission of India (ECI) as a "partner." She made the remarks during a protest rally in Birbhum district, marking the launch of the Trinamool Congress' (TMC) weekly agitation program against what it calls a targeted harassment of Bengalispeaking people in BJPruled states. The Chief Minister's

Minister Mamata Banerjee

today lashed out at the

Bharatiya Janata Party

government, accusing

them of orchestrating a

implement the National

(BJP) and the Union

"conspiracy" to

accusations come amid the ECI's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, a routine but rigorous process to verify voter data. Banerjee, however, suggested the exercise was a veiled attempt to implement NRC in the state — a contentious and politically charged issue in West Bengal.

"As long as I am alive, I will never allow the NRC