

## IN BRIEF

**Lookout circular issued by ED against Anil Ambani over alleged Rs 17,000 crore loan fraud**

Mumbai/ New Delhi, Aug 1 (UNI) :The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued a 'Lookout Circular' against the chairman of Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG) today, barring the businessman from leaving the country.The ED had summoned him on August five for questioning in connection with a case of loan fraud and money laundering worth Rs 17,000 crore.The action comes amid raids conducted by the ED at more than 35 locations linked to ADAG companies in Mumbai and other cities.

A probe has been launched under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). It focuses on a complex network of financial irregularities and misuse of loans.The ED suspects that Anil Ambani was allegedly involved in loan irregularities and misused borrowed funds.The agency has conducted searches at several locations and also summoned Ambani for questioning since case is connected to a Rs 17,000 crore loan fraud.

**Operation Muskaan-XI rescues 7,678 children**

Hyderabad, Aug 1 (UNI) : Police rescued 7,678 children during Operation Muskaan-XI, conducted across the state from July 1 to 31, 2025, under the supervision of the Women Safety Wing.

The month-long drive, part of a nationwide initiative by the Ministry of Home Affairs, targeted child labour, trafficking, and bonded labour through joint efforts with the Women Development and Child Welfare Department, Labour Department, Health officials, CWCs, DCPUs, and NGOs.

Of the children rescued, 7,149 were boys and 529 girls, including 3,787 from 12 other states and four from Nepal. The operation led to the registration of 1,713 FIRs, arrest of 1,718 accused, and the reunification of 6,593 children with their families, while 1,049 were admitted to rescue homes.

# Journalism with ulterior motives poses big threat to country's security: CM



**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Hyderabad, Aug 1 : Expressing serious concern over journalism losing its credibility,Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy today cautioned that Journalism with ulterior motives poses a big threat to the country's security.The Chief Minister warned that the social media is being exploited in the guise of journalism and the political parties are opening their own media outlets for political gains.

Participating in the anniversary celebrations of 'Nava Telangana- Telugu Daily' here, Revanth Reddy said that only a handful of

media and press organisations are maintaining ethics in journalism and standing by people.

These days, some media organisations established by political parties put the journalism at risk, he cautioned that such organisations are exploiting journalism to protect the management's political interests and their income generating sources through illegal means.

Today, a situation arose where the seminars are conducted to define the true meaning of journalism, the CM said that earlier, political

leaders acquired knowledge and got important information from the scribes in the press conferences. Now the situation is reverse and worrisome. Some political parties are ruining the noble profession of journalism with ulterior motives, he pointed out.

The Chief Minister recalled how the Press played a crucial role in uniting people during the freedom struggle.

The newspapers run by the Communist parties also played an important role in creating awareness among people on social menaces and during Farmers Armed

Struggle in Telangana, the CM praised the Nava Telangana newspaper for continuing the legacy.

He was serious about some media organisations,owned by some political parties, for crossing their limits.

" In the past, some political parties ran newspapers to explain their ideology to the people, however, these days, political party owned newspapers are behaving in a strange way to protect their financial interests and cover up mistakes," he said.

Appealing to people to closely monitor the agenda

of some political parties owned newspapers under the guise of journalism, the CM said that another big worrying factor is social media is being exploited by some people who are unaware of the basics in journalism.

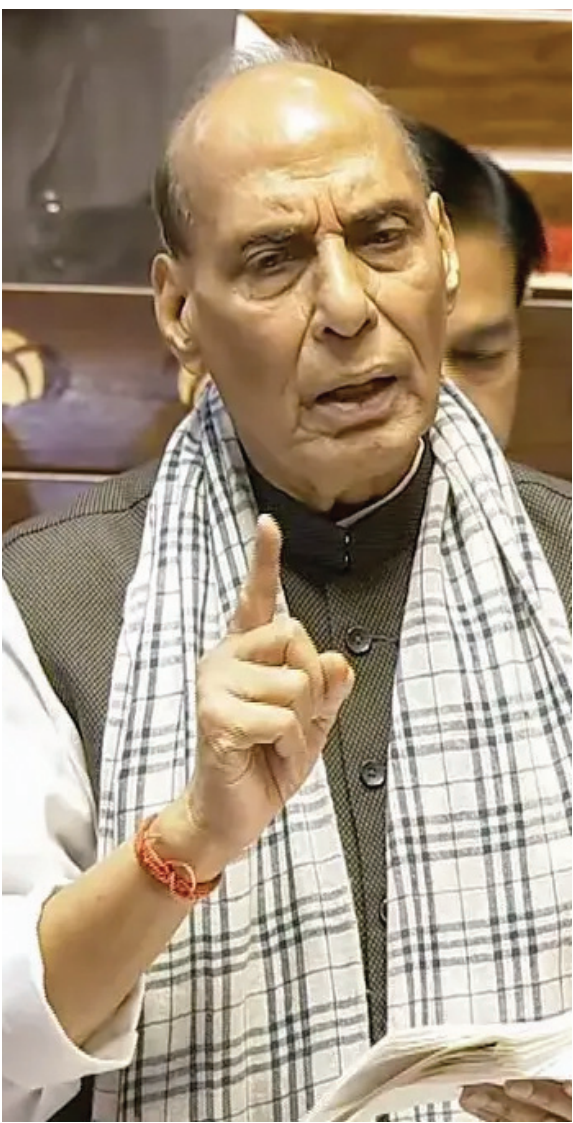
These unscrupulous elements are conspiring to destabilize the system also.

Like political parties, journalists are also losing their integrity, the CM emphasizing to draw a 'Lakshman Rekha' in the practice of journalism with trustworthiness.

The Chief Minister warned that the country's security will be in danger if the media's credibility is not restored in the future.

Revanth Reddy highlighted the Communist parties support to Congress to come to power in the previous times and also in the 2023 assembly elections.

The CM said that friendly relations between Congress and left parties will continue.The two parties will strive together for the development of the State and people's welfare, the CM added.



## Back-end support by MoD depts to forces was key to Op Sindoor's success: Rajnath Singh

To strengthen the nation's security framework amid current uncertainties, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasised the need for greater coordination between civil and military personnel.He highlighted the crucial role played by various departments within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in providing outstanding back-end support to the armed forces, which was a major factor in the success of Operation Sindoor, a Defence Ministry statement said.

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## Sule slams portfolio shift for "Rummy-playing minister"



Opposition NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule today launched a scathing critique of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's decision to reassign a portfolio to minister Manikrao Kokate, calling the move a betrayal of farmers and state dignity.

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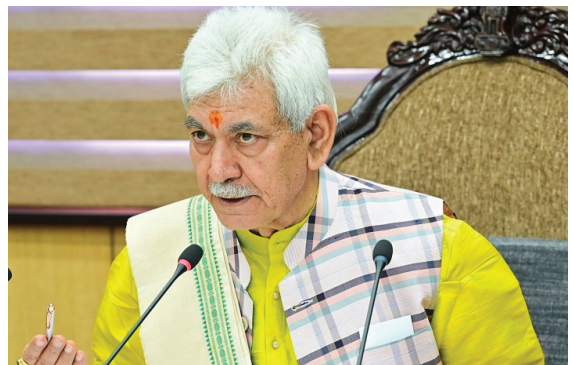
## U-turn of UP govt, a moral defeat of BJP: Akhilesh Yadav



Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav has claimed that U-turn of BJP government in Uttar Pradesh on merger of schools is a moral defeat of its anti-education policy and a big victory for PDA Pathshala movement. " The BJP government has ruined the education system of the state in eight years.

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## We must vow to eliminate every terrorist : LG Manoj Singh



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today called for a united resolve to eliminate every terrorist and terror outfit that threatens India's safety, security, and prosperity. He was addressing officers attending the Higher Command Course-54 of the Army War College, Mhow, during an interaction at Raj Bhawan,

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## Dy CM dedicates 800 MW Yadadri Thermal Power Station to Nation

Nalgonda, Aug 1 (UNI) Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu today dedicated the first 800 MW unit of the Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS) to the nation.

The power plant is located at Veerlapalem in Damaracherla Mandal of Nalgonda district.

Marking the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for an integrated township at the plant site, which will be developed at a cost of Rs 970 crore.

The event was attended by State Ministers N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, and Adluri Laxman Kumar, along with Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy. Energy Department Principal Secretary Naveen Mittal and TSGENCO CMD Dr. Harish were also present.The commissioning of the 800MW unit is expected to significantly boost Telangana's power generation capacity and meet the state's growing energy demands.

## Rahul alleges Election Commission involved in vote theft, claims evidence

New Delhi, Aug 1(UNI) Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi today accused the Election Commission of being complicit in "electoral theft", claiming that the Congress party has "evidence" to back the allegation.

"We have evidence that the Election Commission is facilitating vote theft. I am saying this with 100% proof," Rahul Gandhi said while talking to reporters in the Parliament House complex.He asserted that

once this evidence is made public, "the entire country will know" about the scale and seriousness of the alleged manipulation.

Gandhi accused the ECI of acting in favour of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), citing suspicions during several recent polls.

"We had doubts during the Madhya Pradesh elections, the Lok Sabha elections, and the Maharashtra Assembly elections," the former Congress president claimed.

He said, "The Election Commission was not helping us, so we conducted our own investigation. What we have found is nothing short of an atom bomb".

Issuing a stern warning, Gandhi said those involved in the alleged "vote manipulation" would be held accountable. "Those within the Election Commission who are stealing votes and we will not spare them. You are working against the nation, and that is treason. Even if you retire, we will find you."

## PM seeks public suggestions for his I-Day address

New Delhi, August 1 (UNI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited suggestions from the public for topics to be included in his Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort.

In a social media post on Friday, the Prime Minister said he is keen to hear directly from the people of India. "As our Independence Day approaches this year, I look forward to hearing from my fellow Indians," he wrote.Modi asked citizens to share their thoughts and ideas on what themes or issues should be reflected in his upcoming speech. "What themes or ideas would you

like to see reflected in this year's Independence Day speech? Share your thoughts on the Open Forums on MyGov and the NaMo App," he urged.

Preparations are underway across the country to mark the 78th anniversary of Independence. The main event will take place at the Red Fort in New Delhi, where the Prime Minister will receive the ceremonial salute from the armed forces before hoisting the national flag and addressing the nation.

Later in the evening, the President of India will host the traditional Independence Day reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

## Mahesh Kumar Goud highlights Congress achievements during Janahita Padayatra in Ranga Reddy

Hyderabad, Aug 1 (UNI) : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Congress party came to power in the state due to the relentless efforts of party workers over the last decade.

Addressing a meeting of Congress leaders from the erstwhile Ranga Reddy district as part of the ongoing Janahita Padayatra on Friday, he said the people believed that the Congress would "end the rule of oppression and bring people's governance."

Mahesh Kumar Goud said the party was fulfilling the promises made during the Tukku Guda Assembly

meeting, despite financial challenges left behind by the previous BRS government. " Former Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar (KCR) pushed the state into a debt trap in ten years. Even so, we are implementing welfare schemes in a way that will surprise the country," he stated.

He explained that the Janahita Padayatra was aimed at reaching out to the people, identifying gaps in welfare delivery, and resolving local issues quickly. He also assured that party tickets in future elections would be given only to leaders with strong public support.

AICC in-charge

Meenakshi Natarajan, who participated in the meeting, said the Congress followed a politics of selflessness and love, unlike the "selfish approach of the RSS and the BJP's corrupt ideology." She said the Telangana Congress model, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, had emerged as an example for the country, particularly with its commitment to a caste census.

"Only when we know the disease can we find the cure, and Rahul Gandhi has done that by raising the real issues of the people," she said, adding that true Congress workers are those who work selflessly for public welfare.



## Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan takes charge as Vice Chief of Naval Staff

New Delhi, Aug 1 (UNI) : Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, today assumed charge as the 47th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS).An alumnus of the 71st course National Defence Academy, Pune, Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan was commissioned into the Indian Navy on January 1, 1988, a Defence Ministry statement said.A specialist in Gunnery and Missile Systems, he has held a wide range of command, operational and staff assignments over his distinguished naval career spanning more than three decades.At sea, Vice Admiral Vatsayan has served onboard various frontline warships, including as the commissioning crew of the guided missile destroyer INS Mysore, INS Nishank and pre-commissioning crew of Coast Guard OPV ICGS Sangram. He also served as the Executive Officer of INS Mysore.

He has commanded Coast Guard ship C-05, Missile Vessels INS Vibhuti and INS Nashak, Missile Corvette INS Kuthar and Guided Missile Frigate INS Sahyadri (Commissioning Commanding Officer).

In February 2020, he took over as the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet,

and led numerous operational deployments and exercises during a time of heightened maritime activity, post events at Galwan.

On promotion to Flag Rank in February 2018, he served as the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Policy and Plans) prior to commanding the Eastern Fleet. For his exceptional leadership and meritorious service of very high order, he was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2021.Thereafter, he served as the Deputy Commandant of the National Defence Academy and in December 2021, he was appointed as Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command (ENC). In this capacity, he steered ENC's operational readiness, personnel development and infrastructure augmentation. Prior to taking over as the VCNS, he served as Deputy Chief of the Integrated Defence Staff (DCIDS) - Operations and as DCIDS (Policy, Plans and Force Development) at HQ IDS, where he played a key role in coordination of operations, enhancing integration, jointness, force development and framing policies promoting indigenisation in the three services.

## Back-end support by MoD depts to forces was key to Op Sindoor's success: Rajnath Singh

New Delhi, Aug 1 (UNI) : To strengthen the nation's security framework amid current uncertainties, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasised the need for greater coordination between civil and military personnel.He highlighted the crucial role played by various departments within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in providing outstanding back-end support to the armed forces, which was a major factor in the success of Operation Sindoor, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Addressing the 84th Armed Forces Headquarters (AFHQ) Civilian Services Day event at DRDO Bhawan, here, Rajnath asserted that a war is fought not just by the military, but the entire country, and in today's

rapidly changing security scenario, there is a need to move ahead with dynamism and innovative spirit while making constant improvements according to the evolving needs.

“We cannot leave scope for even the slightest negligence or mistake,” he added.Emphasising that a robust administrative system is integral for a strong military power, he commended the AFHQ Civilian Services for playing an important role in strengthening the country's security system during war as well as peace time.“AFHQ Services acts as an institutional memory for the Defence Ministry. It provides consistency, domain expertise and uniformity in the administration, while playing a key role in policy

continuity and establishing civil-military synergy. It is a strong pillar of a modern and integrated national defence system,” he added.

The Defence Minister laid stress on capacity development, urging the AFHQ officials to assess and embrace the best practices being adopted by their counterparts in other ministries and countries in the fields of training and capability enhancement.

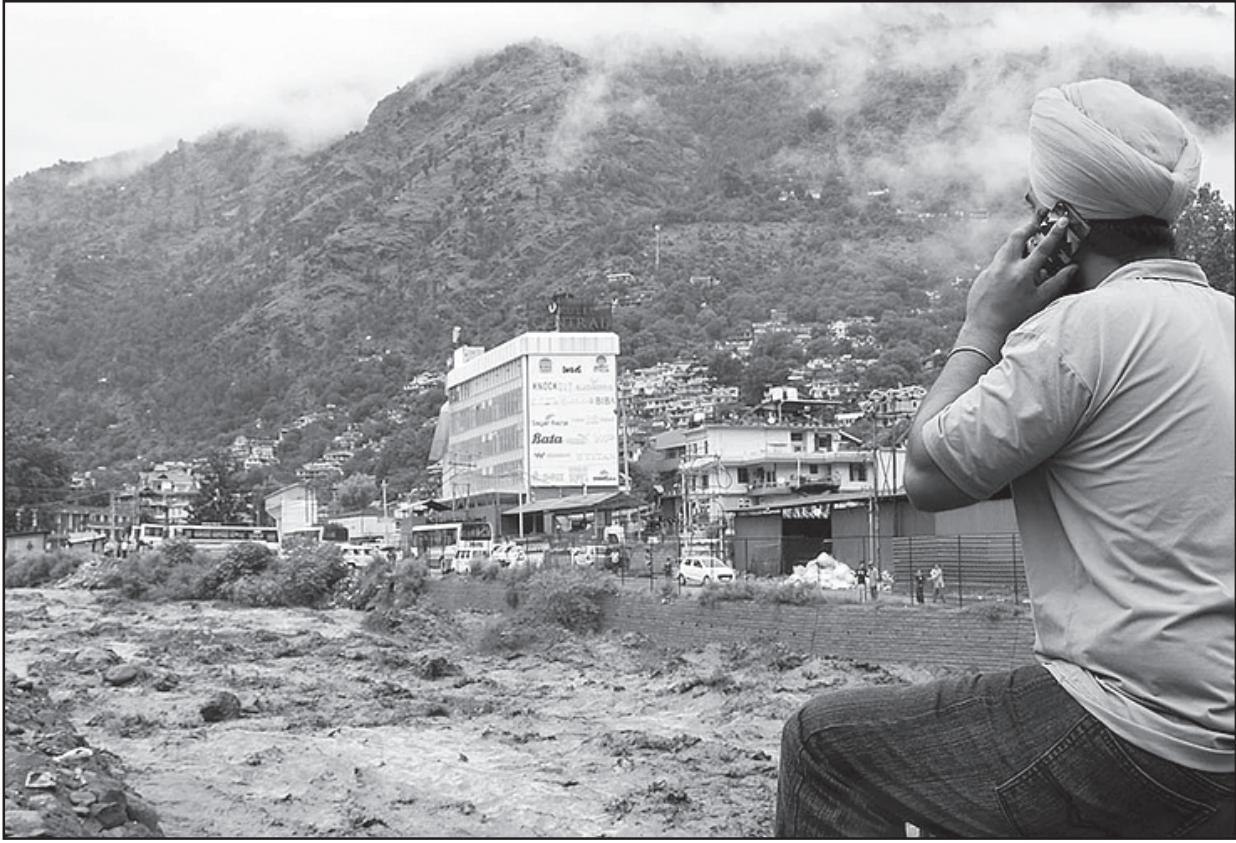
“ E m e r g i n g technologies, new challenges and changing global scenario indicate that training should not be just a formal process, but a continuous cycle of development. Skill upgradation, ethical orientation and behavioural excellence need to be added as integral parts of training,” he said.He further

added that training components must not be limited to technical proficiency, but also include value orientation, which can connect actions with national interests. This would make AFHQ a value-based institution along with an administrative structure, he said.

As part of the event, the Minister launched a redeveloped website of Office of Joint Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer (www.caomod.gov.in), which will provide all relevant information about the office to the employees and general public.

The employees would be able to get the latest orders and updates such as promotion, transfer, status of medical allowance, salary slips and Form-16 etc. Through the website, the

employees can also apply for various training courses and workshops of Defence Headquarters Training Institute.He also released a book ‘Viksit Bharat@2047: Karmikon Ke Vichar’ and a magazine ‘Samvad’ and presented awards to AFHQ personnel for their achievements in various fields.Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary (Ex-servicemen Welfare) Niten Chandra, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Samir V Kamat and Financial Advisor (Defence Services) Mayank Sharma and other senior officials of MoD were present on the occasion.



A man looks at the muddy water flowing through the Sarvari River following rainfall, in Kullu on Friday.

## Cricketer Rinku Singh will not get BSA job in UP, ECI removes him from list of brand ambassador

Lucknow, Aug 1 (UNI) : Indian cricketer Rinku Singh's educational qualification is coming in the way of his appointment on BSA post under Basic Education Department in Uttar Pradesh.

But on the other hand Election Commission of India (ECI) too has removed Rinku Singh from the list of its brand ambassador for his engagement with SP MP.According to sources in the government a month ago, former Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh had offered jobs to 11 players in various departments in which Rinku Singh was given the opportunity to join the post of Basic Education Officer.

But the biggest

obstacle in Rinku Singh's job is his educational qualification. In this regard, departmental officials say that Rinku Singh's file was placed before the Chief Minister, but it has been stopped due to lack of educational qualification.

Basic Education Director Pratap Singh Baghel says that a letter was sent to Rinku Singh to submit documents of his educational qualification. After which the entire file was sent to the Chief Minister for recommendation. But the file has been stopped due to lack of educational qualification.He says that the process of his job has been postponed for the time being. Whatever further

instructions will be there, they will be informed.

It is worth noting that according to the rules of Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Department, it is mandatory for the candidate to be a post graduate for appointment to the post of BSA. Rinku Singh was offered a job on this post under sports quota. But at present Rinku Singh has only passed class VIII. Even if he get appointed on this post, he would have to obtain a post graduate degree within 7 years. But his current educational qualification cannot be completed within the time limit set by the government. This is the reason why his appointment has been

stopped for the time being.

Meanwhile, ECI has removed cricketer Rinku Singh from his brand ambassador position for voter awareness campaigns.This decision was made because Rinku Singh got engaged to Priya Saroj, an Samajwadi Party MP from Machhlishahr, Jaunpur.The Election Commission stated that this engagement could be perceived as political bias, and his association is now considered linked to a political party. Consequently, the Election Commission has ordered the removal of Rinku Singh's photos and name from all promotional materials like posters, banners, videos, and digital advertisements.

## MLA distributes Rs.60 Lakh aid to the disaster affected people on his b'day

Dharamshala, Aug 1 (UNI) : In a heartfelt gesture that stands out amid the ongoing natural disasters in Himachal Pradesh, senior BJP leader and Dharamshala MLA Sudhir Sharma marked his 53rd birthday by extending over Rs. 60 lakhs in financial assistance to nearly 100 disaster affected underprivileged families in his constituency. The aid comes at a time when the state is struggling with the aftermath of severe calamities and many

affected citizens are awaiting government relief.

Sharma celebrated his birthday in a modest manner, surrounded by the people of his constituency, he surprised everyone by distributing aid that included Rs. 45 lakh to 30 families for constructing new homes, Rs. 12.70 lakh to over 66 families for repairing damaged houses, and an additional Rs 2 lakh to 11 families as immediate relief.

"People are tired of running around

government offices for help," Sharma said, taking a veiled swipe at the ruling Congress government. "The public welfare department has failed them, so I decided to help them directly.

You don't need to be in government to serve people—you need genuine intent, which is missing from those in power."

Sharma emphasized that the dream of seeing every disaster-hit family in Dharamshala with a proper roof over their head remains

his top priority. He said the state government's failure to respond adequately to the damages caused during the last two monsoon seasons prompted him to act on his own.

Sudhir Sharma said, "Our Himachal is facing a massive disaster, and the Congress government is indifferent to people's suffering. It is the duty of every Himachali to support the state in times of crisis. I have tried to serve the public on my birthday, and this effort will continue.

### Cong alleges fertiliser crisis

Bhopal, Aug 1 (UNI) : Members of the Congress Legislature Party today staged a demonstration on the Madhya Pradesh Assembly premises carrying empty sacks of fertiliser and symbolic nano fertiliser bottles while alleging a fertiliser crisis in the state.Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar and other MLAs raised questions regarding the government's agriculture-related policies."Lakhs of peasants are queuing up for fertiliser but the dispensation is sitting with eyes closed. The monsoon is also underway. The ryot is vexed over spurious fertiliser. Instead of providing relief to cultivators, the government is playing with them through the medium of experiments such as nano fertiliser," Singhar alleged.

### HPPSC

### Chairman presents 54th Annual Report to Governor

Shimla, Aug 1 (UNI) : Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, Chairman Capt. Rameshwar Singh Thakur presented the 54th Annual Report of the Commission for the year 2024-25 to Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan on Friday.

Other members of the Commission, including Col. Rajesh Kumar Sharma and Dr. Anju Sharma, Secretary of the Commission Nivedita Negi and Chhavi Nanta, Joint Secretary were also present on the occasion.

The Governor congratulated all the members, officers and employees of the Commission for efforts put in by them in achieving the objectives of the Commission during this period.Capt. Rameshwar Singh Thakur apprised the Governor that in recent years, the Commission has undertaken several Institutional reforms aimed at enhancing efficiency, strengthening transparency and adopting technological solutions in line with the digital era.

He added that these measures have helped reinforce public confidence in our functioning and reaffirmed the Commission's role as a beacon of trust.

## Swami Prasad Maurya slams Yogi govt, vows to oppose Anti-People Policies

Lucknow, Aug 1 (UNI) : Former Uttar Pradesh minister and Apni Janata Party (AJP) president Swami Prasad Maurya, on Friday, criticized the Yogi Adityanath-led government, urging it to operate within democratic norms rather than through authoritarian means.

Speaking to the media at his residence here on Friday, he said, “The government should abandon dictatorship and work within the framework of democracy.”

He asserted that his party has the strength to confront anti-people policies: “Whenever the BJP government takes any anti-people decision, the Apni Janata Party has the full strength to push it onto the back foot through protests on the streets.”Highlighting the need for governance centered on public welfare, he remarked, “The government is formed for the welfare of the people and should formulate schemes for public welfare.” He further alleged, “Whether it's a double-engine government or not, it follows undemocratic and unconstitutional methods everywhere and attempts to suppress democracy.”

Mr Maurya also raised concerns over the treatment of students, particularly in Delhi. “Students are being oppressed, and irregularities are being seen in examinations. Students have tried to make their voices heard by the central government through public movements,” he said. He condemned the government's response: “Instead of addressing the issue with sensitivity, the government resorted to baton charges and detained students at the police station overnight.”

On the school merger issue, he questioned the logic behind the criteria being used, stating, “Not all schools are within one kilometer because the standard criteria actually apply to areas beyond one kilometer.”In response to a question on terrorism, he remarked, “If saffron terror is not terrorism, then what is? Whether a terrorist wears saffron or anything else, a terrorist is a terrorist.”

Commenting on actor-turned-politician Ravi Kishan, he said, “Had he struggled and gained experience in politics from the ground up, he might have spoken on real issues. But he entered politics in a superficial, showy manner.”

Mr Maurya with a broad critique of the ruling party said, “The entire BJP government is on the path of anarchy and does not work in public interest. The Yogi government is ignoring issues of public welfare.” He warned that “Apni Janata Party has not ended its movement regarding the school merger issue. If the government does anything wrong under the guise of strategy, our party will oppose it.”

## Gunbattle underway in J&K's Kulgam forest

Srinagar, Aug 1 (UNI) : A gunbattle erupted between militants and security forces in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir today, officials said

Significantly, the encounter erupted on a day when J&K's Director General of Police, Nalin Prabhat, visited Kulgam and directed security officers to analyse and reassess the existing strategies and recalibrate the offensive operation to neutralise Pakistani terrorists.

The encounter erupted in the Akhal Khulsan forest area when joint teams of forces were conducting a search operation following an input about militant presence.

“During the searches, terrorists believed to be foreigners opened fire, triggering a gunfight,” a senior security official said.Fresh reinforcements have been rushed to the area to ensure a tight cordon.This is the second encounter in Kashmir in the last four days.On July 28, security forces eliminated three Pakistani Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists, who were allegedly behind the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, in an encounter in the Harwan-Dachigam forest area on the outskirts of Srinagar.

## President appoints 10 new Judges to Punjab and Haryana HC

Chandigarh, Aug 1 (UNI) : In a landmark judicial appointment announced late today, the President of India, exercising powers under the Constitution and following consultation with the Chief Justice of India, has appointed 10 new Additional Judges to the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

This significant move aims to strengthen the judicial infrastructure in Punjab and address the mounting caseload in the region, reflecting the government's commitment to ensuring timely justice delivery.

The newly appointed judicial officers include Virinder Aggarwal, Ms. Mandeep Pannu, Amarinder Singh Grewal, Parmod Goyal, Ms. Rupinderjit Chahal, Ms. Shalini Singh Nagpal, Subhash Mehla, Surya Partap Singh, Ms. Aradhna Sawhney, and Yashvir Singh Rathor.

These experienced judicial officers have been elevated as Additional Judges to bolster the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which serves as a critical judicial body for Punjab and the neighboring state of Haryana.

The appointments come at a crucial time for Punjab, where the judiciary has been grappling with a significant backlog of cases, including high-profile matters related to human rights violations and historical encounters from the 1980s and 1990s.

Legal experts have hailed the decision, emphasizing that the addition of these judges will enhance the court's capacity to deliver justice efficiently, particularly in cases involving the state's turbulent past, such as the recent landmark ruling in the 1993 Tarn Taran fake encounter case.

Further details regarding the swearing-in ceremonies and the official gazette notification are awaited.The new appointees are expected to assume their roles in the coming days, marking a pivotal step toward reinforcing Punjab's judicial system and addressing the region's legal challenges.



## CM hails role of people-centric journalism

Hyderabad, Aug 1 (UNI) : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy hailed the role of people-centric journalism, emphasising its importance in safeguarding democracy.

Speaking as the chief guest at the 10th anniversary celebrations of the Nava Telangana daily, held on Friday at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram in Bagh Lingampally, the Chief Minister lauded the newspaper for consistently standing by the people.

“There are only a few press organizations that consistently stand by the people, and \*Nava Telangana\* is one of them,” he said. Highlighting the declining credibility of sections of the media, he recalled that newspapers once played a key role during the freedom movement and the historic armed peasant struggle by spreading social awareness. He cautioned that some political party-backed newspapers today focus on protecting their own interests rather than informing the public.

Revanth Reddy stressed the need for genuine journalists to draw a clear distinction between

true journalism and those “wearing the mask of journalists” in the age of social media. He warned that the erosion of credibility in journalism, similar to that in politics, could lead to a dangerous situation if left unchecked.

Drawing an analogy, the CM said, “Communists are like salt—without them, the fight for public issues loses its essence.” He noted that the Congress has long benefited from the support of the Left parties and called for continued cooperation to strengthen pro-people initiatives.

The Chief Minister also assured that Nava Telangana would receive equal priority in government announcements and reiterated his government’s commitment to maintaining strong ties with the Left for the welfare of the people.

The event was attended by Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, CM’s Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, CPM Polit Bureau Member B V Raghavulu, State Secretary John Wesley, former State Secretary Tammineni Veerabhadram, and former MLA Julakanti Rangareddy, among others.

## Mahesh Goud leads Shramadanam, sapling plantation during Janahita Padayatra in Parigi

Vikarabad, Aug 1 (UNI) As part of the Janahita Padayatra, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud, along with AICC Incharge Meenakshi Natarajan, participated in a Shramadanam programme at the Government Girls Residential School in Parigi on Friday morning.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, Campaign Committee Chairman Madhu Yashki, local MLA Rammohan Reddy, Arya Vysya Corporation Chairperson Kalva Sujatha, and other leaders also joined the initiative. On the first day of the padayatra, the Congress leaders planted saplings on the school premises, emphasising the importance of community participation and environmental responsibility.

## PCC leader Kota Srinivas Goud demands disqualification of two MLAs over false affidavits

Hyderabad, Aug 1 (UNI) : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Campaign Committee Member Kota Srinivas Goud has demanded the cancellation of membership of two MLAs for allegedly filing false election affidavits in the 2023 Assembly polls.

Speaking to the media on Friday, Goud alleged that MLAs Chamakura Mallareddy and Marri Rajasekhara Reddy misled the Election Commission and the public by concealing assets worth hundreds of crores.

“Mallareddy failed to disclose 21 acres of land in Pochampally, Kandla Koya, and Dhulapally villages, valued at around

Rs 200 crore, while Rajasekhara Reddy did not declare 2 acres of land in Dhulapally worth over Rs 100 crore,” he said.

Goud said the Congress has collected complete evidence through the Right to Information Act and would soon approach the High Court seeking their disqualification.

He also stated that a formal complaint, along with supporting documents, will be submitted to the Telangana State Election Officer and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

He further alleged that several irregularities involving Mallareddy would be exposed shortly.



Students pose on the Orientation Day, the first day of college, at the Miranda House College, University of Delhi (DU), in New Delhi on Friday.

## Lt Gen V Sreehari takes charge as GOC Dakshin Bharat Area

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Aug 1 :Lieutenant General V Sreehari, AVSM, SC, SM, assumed charge as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Dakshin Bharat Area with effect from Friday.

The formation covers peninsular India, including Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, as well as the Union Territories of Puducherry and Lakshadweep.

Hailing from Naduvath village in Wandoor, Malappuram, Kerala, Lt Gen Sreehari is the son of Late Petty Officer M Velayudhan Nair and Ms Sulochana Nair. An alumnus of Sainik School Amaravati Nagar, the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla,

and the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, he was commissioned into the newly raised 16 Sikh Light Infantry on June 13, 1987, before transferring to the PARA Regiment in 1992. During his distinguished military career, the General Officer has served across Northern, Eastern, and Southern India, as well as on a United Nations mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

He has commanded a Para Special Forces Battalion during Operation RAKSHAK, the Siachen Base Camp, an Infantry Brigade in a Strike Corps, and a Mountain Division in the North East. His instructional assignments include tenures at the Junior Leaders Wing,

Belgaum, and as Senior Instructor and Directing Staff at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

He has also held several key staff roles, including Deputy Inspector General (Personnel) at Assam Rifles HQ, Brigadier General Staff at DSSC Wellington, and Major General (General Staff) at Eastern Command. At Army Headquarters, he served as Director General Recruiting and Director General Manpower Planning & Personnel Services.

An accomplished officer, Lt Gen Sreehari has attended the Counter Insurgency & Jungle Warfare Course, the Defence Services Staff Course, Higher Defence

Management Course, and the National Defence College. His academic credentials include an MSc in Defence Studies from Madras University, a Master’s in Management Studies from Osmania University, and an MPhil from Madras University.

The General Officer has been decorated with the Shaurya Chakra (1998), Sena Medal (Distinguished) in 2021, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2023. He also holds commendation cards from the Chief of Integrated Staff Committee (2009) and the Chief of Army Staff (2013).

His wife, Ms Uma Sreehari, is a homemaker, and the couple has a daughter working in Puducherry, a defence statement said.

## Cong govt to provide jobs to families displaced by Yadadri, Pulichintala Projects

Nalgonda, Aug 1 (UNI) :Irrigation, Food & Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday announced that the Congress government would provide employment to all families who lost their lands for the Yadadri and Pulichintala power projects.

He said that job appointment orders would be issued by August 15, reaffirming the

government’s commitment to fulfil its promises on humanitarian grounds.

Speaking to the media during dedication the 800 MW unit of the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant to the nation at Veerlapalem village in Damaracherla mandal of Nalgonda district, Uttam said the Congress government believes in working with compassion and sensitivity,

particularly toward families displaced by large-scale development projects.

He assured that the displaced families of both Yadadri Thermal Power Plant (YTPP) and Pulichintala Power Project would be provided employment in the same plants, honouring the assurances given to them.

The event was attended by Deputy Chief

Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Adluri Laxman Kumar, and local legislators. Along with dedicating the 800 MW unit, the leaders also laid the foundation stone for an integrated residential township for power plant employees, to be built at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore. Uttam called it a significant step towards providing

long-term housing and amenities to the workers.

He credited Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, who also handles Finance and Energy portfolios, for reviving the long-stalled thermal project. Uttam said Bhatti ensured public hearings were completed and long-pending environmental clearances were secured, paving the way for the project’s restart. “It was Bhatti’s leadership, initiative, and dynamism that brought this project back to life and helped us begin 1,600 MW of power generation,” he said.

Uttam outlined that another 800 MW unit would be commissioned by October, followed by another 800 MW in December, with the project expected to achieve its full 4,000 MW capacity by February 2026. He congratulated the Energy Department and Telangana GENCO for effective execution under Bhatti’s supervision and thanked

the Deputy Chief Minister for his repeated visits and close monitoring of the project’s progress. Acknowledging the efforts of local leaders, Uttam said MLAs and MLCs had consistently stood by the displaced families. He assured that issues related to compensation, especially in tribal hamlets, would be reviewed and addressed on humanitarian grounds. He reiterated that the Congress government is committed to inclusive development, ensuring that those who sacrificed their land for the state’s progress receive dignity, support, and a share in the benefits of growth.

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## Sule slams portfolio shift for "Rummy-playing minister"

Mumbai, Aug 1 (UNI) : Opposition NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule today launched a scathing critique of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's decision to reassign a portfolio to minister Manikrao Kokate, calling the move a betrayal of farmers and state dignity.

The reaction follows Kokate's removal as Agriculture Minister after a viral video showed him playing the mobile game 'Rummy' during legislative

proceedings. Kokate, embroiled in controversy for days, has been shifted to head the Ministry of Sports and Youth Welfare, while Dattatray Bharane takes charge of the Agriculture portfolio.

Sule condemned the reshuffle as "protective manoeuvring", rather than accountability. "When the state's agricultural sector faces collapse, how can a sensitive agriculture minister get distracted by rummy in the legislature?" Sule questioned. "The ruling party's

decision to merely change his portfolio raises serious doubts about its commitment.

The Chief Minister should feel regret that someone so unaware of his responsibility remains in the cabinet," she said. Sule intensified her criticism, demanding Kokate's outright dismissal for previously labelling the Maharashtra government a "beggar" and for the recent scandal. "Rewarding a minister who tarnished the state's reputation and played rummy in the assembly with

the Sports, Youth Welfare, Minority Development, and Waqf portfolios is incomprehensible," she stated. "This exposes the government's warped priorities." added Sule. The NCP(SP) leader highlighted a cruel irony in Kokate's new role overseeing youth affairs. "While Maharashtra's youth suffer due to their addition to online rummy – prompting demands for its ban – the same minister caught playing rummy is 'rewarded' with the sports and youth welfare ministry.

## Agilent, TIFR Hyderabad join hands to boost health and metabolism research

Hyderabad, Aug 1 (UNI) : Agilent Technologies and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Hyderabad, have announced a strategic collaboration to advance research in health, nutrition, and metabolism under the ARUMDA (Advanced Research Unit on

Metabolism, Development, and Aging) initiative. The partnership includes the launch of the Agilent-TIFR Center of Translational Research in Hyderabad, aimed at bridging fundamental biology with clinical insights to address non-communicable diseases and malnutrition. Agilent will provide

advanced analytical solutions in areas such as metabolomics, molecular profiling, and cellular bioenergetics to support large-scale, data-driven studies. Agilent India Country GM Nandakumar Kalathil said the collaboration aligns with national health priorities and has the potential to deliver real-world impact.

## PC Ghosh Commission report on Kaleshwaram submitted to CM

Hyderabad, Aug 1 (UNI) : Officials submitted the PC Ghosh Commission report on the Kaleshwaram project to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday, in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

The state government has constituted a three-member committee comprising the Secretaries of the Irrigation, Law, and General Administration Departments to study the report. The committee will prepare a detailed summary and submit it to the state cabinet on August 4 for further action, an official statement. It may be noted here that Justice Pinakini Ghosh Commission on Thursday submitted its inquiry report on the Kaleswaram Multi-Level Lift Irrigation Project to Rahul Bojja, Principal Secretary of the Irrigation Department.

The Commission, constituted by the Telangana government on

March 14, 2024, probed the structural and operational issues in the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages over 15 months. During its inquiry, the panel questioned several people and recorded their statements. The inquiry follows the sinking of piers at the Medigadda barrage in late 2023, along with seepage problems at the Annaram and Sundilla barrages. After the Congress government assumed office in December 2023, it ordered a vigilance probe and a study by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA). The preliminary vigilance report highlighted serious flaws in the project’s execution. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, during an Assembly debate, had assured that a judicial inquiry would be conducted. Subsequently, the government formed the Commission under Justice PC Ghosh, former Chief Justice of the undivided Andhra Pradesh High Court, retired Supreme Court judge.

## Light to moderate rain likely in Telangana in next seven days: Met

Hyderabad, Aug 1 (UNI) : Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely to occur at isolated places over Telangana during the next seven days, the Meteorological Centre said on Friday. In a daily weather report here, it said that sustained surface winds with speeds ranging from 30 to 40 kmph are likely to prevail at isolated places in all districts of Telangana during the next five days.

The southwest monsoon has been weak over Telangana. Rain occurred at one or two places over the state during the last 24 hours, the report added.

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STANDARD POST

Indian scientists develop new approach for treatment of liver cirrhosis

A team of Indian scientists has found a new way to treat liver cirrhosis, by targeting the lymphatic vessels in the liver and intestine that fail in case of cirrhosis.

Chronic liver disease can progress from mild disease to fibrosis to cirrhosis (also known as scarring).

Cirrhosis is accompanied by the distortion of both blood and lymphatic vessels in the liver and the intestine. Patients with advanced cirrhosis often develop complications like fluid accumulation in the abdomen.

A team of scientists from the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), New Delhi, and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati, focussed on improving the drainage capacity of lymphatic vessels in the liver and intestine by using nanocarriers filled with a powerful protein called VEGF-C.

“Vascular endothelial growth factor-C (VEGF-C) is a key pro-lymphangiogenic factor that activates lymphangiogenesis or new lymphatic vessel growth. It does this through binding to a cell membrane tyrosine kinase receptor, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-3 (VEGFR-3), the activation of which is essential for the growth and development of new lymphatic vessels,” said the researchers. The team probed the therapeutic efficacy of VEGF-C in ameliorating gut lymphatic dysfunction and improving lymph drainage. Owing to the hydrophilicity, short half-life, and systemic side effects of VEGF-C, the team led by Dr Subham Banerjee from NIPER Guwahati first focused on the development of VEGF-C encapsulated reverse micelle-based nanocarriers, which specifically bind to VEGFR-3 homodimers. Next, the ILBS team, led by Dr Savneet Kaur, tested the developed VEGF-C nanocarriers extensively in animal models of advanced cirrhosis and portal hypertension.

The developed molecule was delivered via the oral route to ensure its gut lymphatic vessel uptake in the animal models. The team showed that VEGF-C nanocarriers significantly increased mesenteric lymph drainage, which reduced ascites. Importantly, the treatment also led to an attenuation of the portal pressures, improved cytotoxic T-cell immunity in mesenteric lymph nodes, and reduced local and systemic bacterial load. The research, published in the JHEP Reports journal, is the first to highlight that therapeutic lymphangiogenesis with VEGF-C is a promising treatment for reconstructing the fragmented lymphatic network and restoring lymphatic function and drainage in advanced cirrhosis.

'People will decide': Tej Pratap evasive on Mahagathbandhan vs NDA in Bihar

(By IANS) Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav's elder son and former Bihar minister, Tej Pratap Yadav, on Friday gave an evasive reply when asked who would emerge victorious in the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections — the Mahagathbandhan or the NDA, saying that they don't predict winners and losers and it is the people who decide that.

In an exclusive interview with IANS, Tej Pratap addressed a range of issues — from the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Bihar to rising crime in the state and internal dynamics within the RJD.

Excerpts from the interview:

IANS: You're contesting again from Mahua. What do you want to say about that?

Tej Pratap Yadav: I've won from Mahua before and served as Bihar Health Minister. I even brought a medical college to the region. We've done



development work there. So yes, I'll contest again. Many young people in Bihar are entering politics as Independents, and I'll campaign for them too.

IANS: Do you see the ECI's SIR as a threat?

Tej Pratap Yadav: All this surfaces conveniently around election time. Where were these issues before? This exercise seems aimed at branding people of socialist ideology as outsiders. But let me say this — the

people of Bihar are not afraid. They understand what's happening.

IANS: Tejashwi Yadav is reportedly considering boycotting elections over SIR and your removal from the party. Your response?

Tej Pratap Yadav: You'll have to ask him. I am neither part of the party nor its organisation anymore. So I can't comment on that.

IANS: What's your take on your six-year

suspension from the party?

Tej Pratap Yadav: Whoever was behind the conspiracy, God is watching them. I've moved on from that issue. My focus is now on the youth and their concerns.

IANS: Who do you think will form the next government in Bihar — the Mahagathbandhan or the NDA?

Tej Pratap Yadav: Like I said, I don't make such assessments. The people

will decide who wins or loses.

IANS: What do you think about Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a leader?

Tej Pratap Yadav: Everyone has their own style. The public decides who is good. Personally, I don't see him as a good leader — nor do I see Prashant Kishor as one. My leader is Lalu Prasad Yadav, and I believe in carrying forward his ideology.

IANS: You recently visited the Samajwadi Party office. Are you planning to join them?

Tej Pratap Yadav: No, we have a long-standing family relationship with Akhilesh Yadav. I just went to meet SP leaders. The media exaggerated it, claiming I was joining the party.

IANS: Will Tejashwi Yadav become the next Chief Minister?

Tej Pratap Yadav: That's up to the public to decide. As his elder brother, I give him my blessings and hope he continues progressing.

IANS: What do you want to say about Bihar CM Nitish Kumar?

Tej Pratap Yadav: What will I say about Nitish Kumar... the whole of Bihar knows about him.

IANS: Tejashwi says the NDA government is copying his proposed schemes. Your thoughts?

Tej Pratap Yadav: What they are doing, I don't know.

Just look around, the state of Bihar is in shambles.

It's not just jungle raj, it's "Maha-Maha jungle raj." Things aren't looking good for Nitish Kumar. His days in power may be numbered.

IANS: In Bihar, crimes like hospital killings and people being set on fire have occurred. What do you say?

Tej Pratap Yadav: Law and order has completely broken down.

Honestly, I laugh when someone mentions it now. No one knows when or where a criminal might strike. If this continues, I don't see the JD-U returning to power.

First Consignment of Organic Pineapple to Dubai from Assam dispatched



In a significant milestone for Manipur Middle East Foodstuff Trading SPS-LLC a consignment of organic and naturally grown pineapples by Meghalaya farmers was dispatched to Dubai on July 31, 2025. This was flagged off by Mostakim Hussain

Asstt Nodal Officer under the joint initiative of Atul Bora, President of Assam Gana Parisad (AGP) and Minister of Agriculture and Horticulture, Government of Assam and S. Brojen Singh, President of Manipur People's Party (MPP).“

The consignment of 2 metric tonnes was made possible through collaboration between the Agriculture and

Horticulture department of Assam and Manipur Middle East Foodstuff Trading SPS-LLC, Ajman, UAE. The produces was collected from Meghalaya and plans are afoot to send produces from Manipur and Assam by next week. Representatives from certification authorities, APEDA, Phytosanitary and concerned officials were present during the dispatch. According to Jotin Thokchom, Business Development Manager (Overseas) at Manipur Middle East Foodstuff Trading SPS-LLC cum Central Committee member of Manipur People's Party, an organic produce hub is set to be established in Assam under the Mission

Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) mission of the Government of India. This hub aims to facilitate organic growers from across Northeast India.“

The consignment, dispatched from Assam airport, is expected to reach Dubai on August 1, 2025. Furthermore, plans are underway to establish a organic vegetable mandi in every northeastern states, as announced by Jotin Thokchom during the dispatch ceremony. This development is poised to boost organic farming industry and provide better market access for local farmers in the north eastern states of India.

Indian Army signs Rs 223.95 cr deal

New Delhi, Aug 1 (UNI) In a significant step towards enhancing its operational mobility and supporting the ‘Aatmnirbhar Bharat’ initiative, the Indian Army today signed a contract worth Rs 223.95 crores with M/s Technodes Aerospace and Axiscologies Private Limited, for procurement of 212 state-of-the-art 50 Ton Tank Transporter Trailers.

The contract was signed under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) category, reinforcing the commitment to indigenisation in defence manufacturing, the Indian Army said. These next-generation trailers come equipped with hydraulic/pneumatic loading ramps and steerable and liftable axles, enabling swift and efficient transportation of tanks and other Armoured

(A) vehicles across diverse and challenging terrain. The advanced mobility solutions offered by these platforms will act as a force multiplier for the field army, significantly enhancing its logistical and operational capabilities. This indigenous procurement not only marks a boost to the Indian defence manufacturing ecosystem but also promises sustained employment generation.

U-turn of UP govt, a moral defeat of BJP: Akhilesh Yadav

Lucknow, Aug 1 (UNI) Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav has claimed that U-turn of BJP government in Uttar Pradesh on merger of schools is a moral defeat of its anti-education policy and a big victory for PDA Pathshala movement.

" The BJP government has ruined the education system of the state in eight years and now they want to keep the PDA and the poor away from education under a conspiracy. Samajwadi people will not let the BJP's anti-education conspiracy policy succeed. BJP people should listen carefully and see with open eyes that we will not let anyone snatch the right to education of children," he said here in a statement on Friday. SP president said that the BJP government is scared of the huge public support that the PDA Pathshala started by the Samajwadis to educate the students in the entire state is getting from the students and parents. Due to this, the government is on the back foot, he claimed.

Akhilesh Yadav said that the anti-education face of the BJP Government is being exposed by the fact that on one hand it is depriving people of education and on the other hand it is harassing the PDA schools run by SP leaders in various ways. They are getting fake FIRs registered against people doing the sacred work of imparting education, he alleged.

Mr Yadav said that education and teaching is the greatest service and it is the work that leads to development of the country and society. But the BJP Government wants to take the society backwards. It is taking the children away from education by creating various kinds of hurdles. The Samajwadi Party will not tolerate this at any cost, he warned.

Kia India Registers Y-O-Y 8% Growth in July 2025,

New Delhi, August 1, 2025: Kia India, a leading mass premium carmaker, has recorded sales of 22,135 units in July 2025, representing an 8% increase over the 20,507 units sold in July 2024.

The company has recorded a strong growth in Year-To-Date sales with 163,439 units sold in 2025 so far compared to 146,644 units during the same period last year, reporting an increase of 11.45%.

The recently launched Carens Clavis along with Kia's first made-in-India mass-market EV, the Carens Clavis EV have contributed to the overall growth momentum. Both models have resonated strongly with customers seeking comfort, innovation, and segment-best features. The Carens Clavis EV, in particular, has emerged as a promising product in the mass-market EV space and has been receiving tremendous response from the customers.

In addition to its domestic success, Kia India also exported 2,590 units in July 2025, reinforcing its commitment to expanding its global footprint and diversifying market outreach beyond India.

Mr. Joonso Cho, Chief Sales Officer of Kia India, commented, “Our steady sales performance reflects the trust Indian customers continue to place in Kia. This consistency is driven by our commitment to delivering high-quality and feature-rich vehicles that meet evolving customer needs. The Carens Clavis EV, our latest offering, has already received an encouraging response for its performance, range, and practicality. At Kia, we remain focused on creating accessible and innovative mobility solutions that will continue to build stronger connections with customers across the country.” Kia is committed to bringing in vehicles that meet the needs of Indian customers, delivering a strong value proposition. It remains steadfast in promoting sustainable mobility in India by integrating advanced technology, comfort, and eco-friendly performance with its latest vehicle introductions.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Sells 32,575 units in July 2025

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced its sales "We are pleased to report a growth of 3% in July 2025 by selling 32,575 units. Overall, market acceptance has been consistent for us, which goes to underpin our unwavering commitment to a customer-centric approach. Our focus will remain on continuing to serve the market with high quality products and enhanced value-added services through enhanced reach which we believe will serve as the key growth drivers in the months ahead."

Varinder Wadhwa, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business Key Product Milestones for the Month: The exclusive Limited Edition Prestige Packages for Toyota Glanza and Urban Cruiser Hyryder have received an encouraging market response. The Innova HyCross achieved a prestigious 5-star safety rating by Bharat NCAP for both adult and child occupant protection represents a significant milestone in Toyota's safety leadership. Introduction of six-airbag in Toyota Glanza as standard across all variants offering comprehensive protection for both the driver and passengers.



Travel

# 48 hours in Milan

*Known for fashion and design, Milan is located in northern Italy and is the country's second largest and most cosmopolitan city. Offering top-notch art, culture, history and food, Milan is the perfect spot for a weekend of urban exploration.*

collection, Pinacoteca di Brera, which houses Giovanni Bellini's 'Madonna and Child' and Francesco Hayez's 'The Kiss'. The gallery closes at 7:15 pm, so you'll have plenty of time to browse.

## Parco Sempione

For an afternoon stroll, head over to Parco Sempione, a beautiful city park ornamented by the Porta Sempione (Arch of Peace) and the 14th-century Castello Sforzesco (Sforza Castle). The castle's fountain, nicknamed the 'Torta degli Sposi' (wedding cake) for its design, is a magnet for children in need of a quick splash in the summertime.

## Galleria Vittorio Emanuele

Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II is home to a number of luxury shops, including Prada, Gucci and Louis Vuitton—and some of Milan's oldest bars and restaurants. Scope out a lunch spot in the Galleria and stop by Zucca in Galleria afterwards for a cup of coffee or an aperitif.

Opened in 1867 along with the inauguration of the Galleria, Zucca was the first to offer Campari, a popular brand of Italian bitters.

## Piazza del Duomo

No trip to Milan is complete without a visit to Piazza del Duomo (Cathedral Square), the city's main square. There you'll find the city's Gothic cathedral, the Duomo—it is the largest cathedral in Italy and the fourth largest in the world. The architecture inside and out is worth a close look. Ladies, make sure you cover your shoulders and legs (above your knees), or you won't be permitted to enter the cathedral. If you happen to be wearing a sleeveless shirt, there are a number of vendors in the piazza taking advantage of the opportunity by selling scarves and shawls.

## Ristorante Pizzeria

If you're staying in Navigli, end your day with dinner at Ristorante Pizzeria Sant'Eustorgio, a restaurant and pizzeria that features simple dishes, a wide wine selection and terrace seating overlooking Piazza Sant'Eustorgio.

## Pasticceria Marchesi

While in the Magenta neighbourhood, stop by Pasticceria Marchesi for the best sugar-coated croissants (called brioche) in the city. Circa 1824, Pasticceria



Marchesi is one of the oldest pastry shops in Milan. Don't forget to spend a few hours exploring on your own—after all, that's when the most exciting discoveries can take place.

## Santa Maria delle Grazie

Make time to visit Santa Maria delle Grazie, a church and former monastery with a beautiful facade and interior. The church is home to Leonardo da Vinci's 15th-century masterpiece—The Last Supper. In order to see the painting, you will need to book a tour at least a few days in advance, as it is only shown to small guided tours for its protection.

## Rinomata Gelateria

Stop by retro-styled Rinomata Gelateria (Ripa di Porta Ticinese, 1) for crepes or ice cream and continue your stroll along Naviglio Grande, as Gelateria doesn't offer seating. Navigli is worth a second look, as its beauty isn't limited to the night hours and it offers a completely different vibe during the daytime. Strolling along the canals in the afternoon, you'll encounter specialty boutiques and shops, rather than neon-lit bars.

## Colonne di San Lorenzo

In front of the church stands the Colonne di San Lorenzo, Milan's best-known Roman ruin. Dating from the 2nd century, the columns were moved to their current location during the 4th century.

## Navigli

After visiting the art gallery, make your way towards Milan's trendy Navigli neighborhood, noted for its charming canals and vibrant nightlife. The oldest canal, Naviglio Grande, is lined with restaurants and pubs, as well as old barges fitted out as bars. You'll be able to find dinner and drinks in the area, a great way to wrap up your first night in Milan.

## Pinacoteca di Brera

Just a few blocks from the castle is Milan's largest art



summer by the British, Ooty is a visual delight filled with pretty cottages, fenced flower gardens, thatched-roof churches and terraced botanical gardens. Venture a few kilometres out and find yourself surrounded by greener, quieter areas dotted with an abundance of pine trees.

## Darjeeling, West Bengal

Surrounded by emerald-green tea plantations and set against a backdrop of jagged white Himalayan peaks, Darjeeling is nestled away in the northern regions of West Bengal. A journey on the 'Toy train,' which meanders up the hills to Darjeeling

from New Jalpaiguri in the plains is a great way to explore and soak in the magnificent surroundings of this hill station.

## Munnar, Kerala

Sprawling tea plantations, picture-perfect towns and winding lanes make Munnar a perfect destination for those looking for respite from the summer heat. Although the town itself is forever buzzing with activity, wander a few kilometres out and you'll be engulfed in a thousand shades of green.



## Pahalgam, Kashmir

Known as the 'Valley of Shepherds,' Pahalgam is a low-rise town that stands at the confluence of Lidder River and Sheshnag Lake. The surrounding mountains contain many picturesque spots and over 20

lakes to which countless guides and horsemen and more than eager to take you to.

## Manali, Himachal Pradesh

With mountain adventures beckoning from all directions, Manali is the perfect destination for those looking to unwind during the summer months.

Backpackers come to hang around in the villages near the main town and adventure tourists come for trekking, paragliding, rafting and skiing. About 53 km away from Manali is the famous Rohtang Pass offering up breathtaking sights of glaciers, peaks and valleys.

## Nainital, Uttarakhand

A welcome relief from the heat of Delhi, Nainital is a small town in Kumaon which encircles the picturesque Naini Lake. There's a busy town bazaar and a web of walking tracks around the forested hillsides, which have enticed travellers since pre-independence days to retreat to Nainital during the summer months.

## Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The perfect summer getaway, Andaman and Nicobar Islands offer tourists a relaxed tropical ambience and an array of thrilling adventure activities. Tourists from all over the world visit this tropical paradise for its rich and diverse marine life which is best seen while snorkelling and scuba diving around its many pristine beaches.

## Perfect summer destinations in India

Planning a vacation in India is a challenging task with the country's incredible diversity throwing up a long list of names. From tropical islands and tea plantations to lush valleys overlooking the mighty Himalayas, there is no dearth of options when it comes to travelling the perfect summer getaway in India.

## Coorg (Kodagu), Karnataka

Spread out across the Western Ghats, the misty valley of Coorg offers the perfect getaway from the scorching summer heat. Fondly referred to as the 'Scotland of India' due to its verdant beauty and pleasant weather conditions, Coorg has a special place among all hill stations in India. A place where you can just sit around and watch the fog roll by.

## Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

Styling itself as the 'Yoga Capital of the World', Rishikesh is a magnet for spiritual seekers. Surrounded by the fast-flowing Ganga and forested hills, the setting is definitely conducive for relaxing and meditation. Rishikesh is also a popular white-water rafting centre and backpacking hang-out.

## Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh

A heady mix of religion, history and nature, Tawang is one of the least discovered towns in Arunachal Pradesh. Dotted with Buddhist monasteries and mystical gompas on one end and a war memorial on another, the valley begins to work its magic on travellers the moment they start descending the hills.

## Ooty, Tamil Nadu

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Indian pugilists see mixed fortunes on opening day

Bangkok, Aug 1 (UNI) : Indian boxing contingent had a mixed day at the U19 Asian Boxing Championships 2025 which kicked-off here today. Suman Kumari gave India a winning star but three other boxers could not get the desired results despite putting up a strong fight against much stronger opponents.

The U19 Asian Boxing Championships provides India's rising stars a platform to showcase their skills and determination against some of Asia's toughest opponents. The event will be followed by the U22 continents championships and India has fielded a strong contingent of 40 boxers- 20 in each age group with a perfect mix of proven champions and potential talents who have impressed in the domestic circuit.

In the morning session, Suman Kumari underlined Indian Boxing's growing stature as she dominated Chinese Taipei's Meng-Sin Cheng to earn a unanimous verdict.

It was, however, not to be for Aakash Badhwar in men's 50 kg and Sarthi Saini (men's 70 kg) as their efforts fell short.

Badhwar lost 1:4 against Odilshoh Khalimov of Uzbekistan while Saini went down against China's Haosheng Zhang.

In the last bout of the day for the Indian contingent, Lokesb went down against Norbek Abdullaev of Uzbekistan in the 80 kg category.

Rahil Pillarisetty grabs pole position with a stunning lap

Coimbatore, Aug 1 (UNI) : Hyderabad's Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power1) delivered a stunning lap late in the qualifying session to take pole position in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category to kick start his campaign in the Rolon Round of the MRF FMSC-FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2025 at the Kari Motor Speedway, here today. Others who qualified for pole positions in their respective National championship categories were Raj Kumar (Coimbatore, Motul Sparks Racing) in Super Stock 165cc Intermediate; Mohamed Mikail (Thiruvallur, Mad Rabbit Racing) in Stock 301-400cc (Novice) and Charu Sreekara Kedarnadh (Tirupati, Motul KTM Gusto Racing India) in Stock 165cc (Novice).

The 27-year-old Pillarisetty's best lap of one minute, 10.972 secs which he clocked at the fag end of the session saw him pip Petronas TVS Racing's teenaged riders, Chiranth Vishwanath from Bengaluru and defending champion Sarthak Chavan (Pune) with less than a second separating the front-row trio.

"I am happy to be back on the Yamaha R3 after a few seasons on KTM. I had a good lap today, but it is

Cricketer Rinku Singh will not get BSA job in UP, ECI removes him from list of brand ambassador

Lucknow, Aug 1 (UNI) : Indian cricketer Rinku Singh's educational qualification is coming in the way of his appointment on BSA post under Basic Education Department in Uttar Pradesh.

But on the other hand Election Commission of India (ECI) too has removed Rinku Singh from the list of its brand ambassador for his engagement with SP MP. According to sources in the government a month ago, former Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh had offered jobs to 11 players in various departments in which Rinku Singh was given the opportunity to join the post of Basic Education Officer.

But the biggest obstacle in Rinku Singh's job is his educational qualification. In this regard, departmental officials say that Rinku Singh's file was placed before the Chief Minister, but it

has been stopped due to lack of educational qualification. Basic Education Director Pratap Singh Baghel says that a letter was sent to Rinku Singh to submit documents of his educational qualification. After which the entire file was sent to the Chief Minister for recommendation. But the file has been stopped due to lack of educational qualification. He says that the process of his job has been postponed for the time being. Whatever further

instructions will be there, they will be informed.

It is worth noting that according to the rules of Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Department, it is mandatory for the candidate to be a post graduate for appointment to the post of BSA. Rinku Singh was offered a job on this post under sports quota. But at present Rinku Singh has only passed class VIII. Even if he get appointed on this post, he would have to obtain a post graduate degree within 7 years. But his current educational qualification cannot be completed within the time limit set by the government. This is the reason why his appointment has been stopped for the time being.

Meanwhile, ECI has removed cricketer Rinku Singh from his brand ambassador position for voter awareness campaigns. This decision was made because Rinku Singh got engaged to Priya Saroj, an Samajwadi Party MP from Machhlishahr, Jaunpur. The Election Commission stated that this engagement could be perceived as political bias, and his association is now considered linked to a political party. Consequently, the Election Commission has ordered the removal of Rinku Singh's photos and name from all promotional materials like posters, banners, videos, and digital advertisements.

Kenya pledges heightened security for CAF African Nations Championship

Nairobi, Aug 1 (UNI) : Kenya said today that it has heightened security with the Group A matches of the CAF African Nations Championship (CHAN) 2024 set to start on Sunday in the co-hosting country.

Kipchumba Murkomen, cabinet secretary for the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, assured Kenyans and visitors of adequate security during the championship.

Murkomen said the government has implemented immigration arrangements to ensure seamless travel into the country and transit to neighboring countries, Uganda and Tanzania. "We are this weekend going to host CHAN, which will help us in preparation for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2027. This is a historic moment for Kenya," he said in a statement issued in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

The government has also put in place safety protocols to ensure the safety, security, and ease of movement for all, Murkomen added.

Unlike AFCON, only players actively competing in their domestic leagues are eligible to participate in CHAN, which provides a platform for locally based players to attract the attention of international scouts.

Indian Navy secures viral victory in Durand Cup clash

Imphal, Aug 1 (UNI) : The Indian Navy Football Team (INFT) secured a vital 2-1 victory over I-League side Real Kashmir FC (RKFC) in a fiercely contested Group F clash of the 134th Durand Cup at the Khuman Lampak Main Stadium today.

This marks the Navy's first win in the competition since 2021, powered by goals from Vijay Marandi (6') and Sreyas V G (70').

Franck William Sessegnon's 64th-minute strike offered a brief reprieve for the Snow Leopards but ultimately wasn't enough. INFT head coach Raman Rai deployed a conventional 4-3-3 formation, with captain Bhaskar Roy guarding the net and an attacking trident comprising Sreyas V G, Roshan Panna, and Vijay Marandi. Real Kashmir's Ishfaq Ahmed opted for a tactically fluid 4-3-2-1 setup, featuring Russian forward Marat Tareck and midfielders Modou Mbengue and Franck Sessegnon. The Navy struck early, opening their account in the 6th minute. A surging run by Roshan Panna down the right flank resulted in a precise low cross, which Marandi met at the near post, nudging the ball in with his knee to ignite the crowd. Real Kashmir responded with intensity, with Sessegnon and Tareck orchestrating

Women's team bags six medals, claims overall championship



New Delhi, Aug 1 (IANS) : The Indian women wrestlers have showcased their dominance on the world stage, securing a total of six medals, including two gold, three silver, and one bronze, to bring glory to the nation in the 2025 Under-17 World Wrestling Championship, which got underway in Athens, Greece, on Friday.

The gold medals were won by Rachna (43kg) and Ashvini Vishnoi (65 kg), who won the gold medals, and Moni (57 kg), Kajal (73 kg), and Yashita (61 kg) bagged silver medals, while Komal Verma (49 kg) claimed the bronze medal. The Indian Women's Wrestling Team clinched the Champion Trophy with 151 points, while the USA finished as runners-up with 142 points, and Japan secured the third position with 113 points. Meanwhile, male wrestler Hardeep (110 kg) made history by

winning a gold medal in the Greco-Roman style, becoming the first Indian to win gold in the heavyweight category in this style. Rachna clinched India's first gold medal in the 43 kg weight category. She began her campaign with a win by fall (8-0) against Canadian wrestler Mariza Toshie Anjos Nasu. In the quarterfinal, she beat Egyptian wrestler Mareim Ahmed by technical superiority (13-3). Facing a strong American opponent, Madison M. Healey in the semifinal, who had earlier defeated a Japanese wrestler by fall, Rachna showed great composure and advanced with a narrow 1-1 win on criteria. In the final, she faced a tough Chinese wrestler, Xin Huang, and emerged victorious with a confident 3-0 score. Rachna is also the reigning Asian Champion in this category, having won a gold medal at the Under-17 Asian Championship held

in Vietnam in June 2025. Ashvini Vishnoi, the only wrestler from Rajasthan to win a gold at the World Championship, continued her remarkable form. After winning gold at both the Under-17 Asian Championship and the Asian Beach Wrestling Championship in Vietnam, she carried the momentum to the world stage. She began by defeating Algerian wrestler Selsabil Rouabah by fall. In the next round, she beat Hungarian wrestler Emese Czegledi by technical superiority (11-0), followed by a dominant win (13-0 fall) over Mongolian wrestler Anujin Erkhembataar in the quarterfinal. In the semifinal, she outclassed UWW wrestler Lilia Ermokhina 7-0. Ashvini won the final against Uzbekistan's Mukhayyo Rakhimjonova by 3-0. Impressively, she did not concede a single point

throughout the tournament.

Moni won the silver medal as she reached the final in the 57 kg category after an impressive run, narrowly losing the gold medal bout to Kazakh wrestler Madkhiya Usmanova (5-6). Interestingly, Moni had defeated Usmanova in the final of the Under-17 Asian Championship in June 2025.

She began with a win by fall over Taipei's Ling E. Li (10-0), then beat Uzbekistan's Feruza Kairatdinova 6-0 in the quarterfinal and UWW wrestler Alina Baroeva 7-0 in the semifinal. In the final, overconfidence may have cost her the gold, and she had to settle for silver.

Kajal repeated her performance of the Under-17 Asian Championship final face-off with Chinese wrestler Wenjin Qiu, and unfortunately, the result was the same, and she had to be satisfied with a silver medal.

After bowlers script Eng collapse, Jaiswal keeps India afloat

London, Aug 1 (UNI) : Fortunes swing wildly as India rode on Yashasvi Jaiswal's audacious fifty to roar back on a volatile day two of the fifth Test at The Oval by bowling England out for 247 in their first innings and responding with an assertive 75/2 at stumps. England, resuming post-lunch at a commanding 109/1, imploded spectacularly to 215/7 by Tea, undone by a relentless Indian bowling unit. Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna spearheaded the counterattack with sustained hostility and timely strikes.

Zak Crawley's fluent 64 off 57 balls (14x4) ended with a mistimed heave off Prasidh, caught by Jadeja at mid-wicket — the moment that cracked England's momentum. Siraj, then claimed Ollie Pope leg before after a successful DRS challenge, and removed Joe Root soon after in a mirror dismissal — a sharp inswinger pinned him in front and India had their man. Jacob Bethell was then undone by a searing yorker, falling LBW to Siraj. Prasidh Krishna removed Jamie Smith with a rising delivery to second slip, and followed it up by trapping Jamie Overton LBW with a sharp in-dipper, a review confirming the wicket after England burned one earlier in the same over.

Harry Brook alone resisted with flair and fight. He struck Siraj for a

stunning sweep-scoop six — reminiscent of Rishabh Pant — then raised his 50 in style with a pair through long-off. He reached 53 off 64 balls (5x4, 1x6), but fell in Siraj's final over — an inside edge crashing into the stumps. Chris Woakes, nursing an injury, did not come out to bat, and England were bowled out for 247 in 51.2 overs.

Siraj (4/86) and Prasidh (4/62) led India's charge, ably supported by Akash Deep and Jadeja's pressure.

India's response was full of intent. Despite the early loss of KL Rahul for 7 — caught by Root off Tongue after multiple teasing away-seamers — Jaiswal launched into England's bowlers with authority. He tore into Atkinson and Tongue with crisp drives, ramps, and cuts. His 50 came off 44 balls, capped with a ramp six over the keeper off Overton. England dropped him twice — Liam Dawson at long leg and Brook in slips — adding to their

frustration.

Sai Sudharsan was edgy, surviving a dropped chance before falling LBW to Atkinson for 11. His review was in vain, and the dismissal sparked an exchange with Duckett, requiring intervention from Brook and Pope.

Akash Deep, sent in as nightwatchman, got off the mark with a boundary and remained unbeaten on 4 at stumps alongside Jaiswal (51\*), who had taken India into the lead with a flurry of boundaries, including three in one over from Atkinson.

India closed the day at 75/2 in 18 overs, leading England by 52 runs, and Jaiswal looking ominous.

With Jaiswal in fine touch and the pitch easing out, Day 3 promises high-stakes drama in this finely poised series decider. Score Summary: England 1st Innings: 247 all out in 51.2 overs (Brook 53, Siraj 4/86, Prasidh 4/62); India 1st Innings: 75/2 in 18 overs (Jaiswal 51\*, Atkinson 1/26, Tongue 1/25).

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## Ms. Sonali Mishra, IPS, Assumes Charge as Director General, Railway Protection Force

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 1 : The Railway Protection Force (RPF) welcomes Ms. Sonali Mishra, IPS (1993 batch, Madhya Pradesh cadre) as the new Director General of RPF, marking a historic first in the 143-year journey of the Force.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved her appointment as DG/RPF until her superannuation on October 31, 2026.

An officer known for her professionalism,



dedication and leadership across key policing roles, Ms. Mishra brings over three decades of distinguished service to the post. Prior to this assignment, she served as Additional Director General of Police (Selection/Recruitment) with the additional charges of ADG, Police Training & Research Institute, Bhopal and Director of the Madhya Pradesh Police Academy, Bhopal. She has also served in the CBI, BSF and has international exposure of having served with the

United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Kosovo.

She has been honoured with prestigious awards including the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service in recognition of her commitment to excellence and professionalism.

The Railway Protection Force, mandated with the security of railway property, passenger safety and crime prevention across one of the world's

largest rail networks, stands to benefit from her visionary and inclusive leadership. Her extensive experience across state and central police organizations is expected to bring renewed momentum to modernization, capacity building and community engagement within the Force. In particular, her focus will be on strengthening RPF's initiatives in leveraging cutting-edge technology and enhancing its role in preventing organised crime such as human trafficking and crimes against vulnerable passengers.

On assuming charge, Ms. Mishra expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and reaffirmed her commitment to upholding the values of vigilance, courage and service that define the RPF's motto "Yasho Labhasva".

The Force proudly welcomes its new leader and looks forward to achieving new milestones under her stewardship.

## Western Railway's Jumbo Block on Sunday

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 1 :

To carry out maintenance work of tracks, signaling & overhead equipment, a Jumbo Block of five hours will be taken on UP & DOWN fast lines between Churchgate and Mumbai Central (local) station from 10:35 hrs to 15:35 hrs on Sunday, 03rd August, 2025.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, during the block period, all fast line trains will be operated on slow lines between Churchgate and Mumbai Central (local). "Due to this, some suburban trains will remain cancelled during the block and some Churchgate trains will be short terminated/reversed ex Bandra/Dadar station. Detailed information to this effect is available with concerned Station Masters. Passengers are requested to take note of the above arrangements.

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## Admissions open for part time M.Tech CSE (AI&ML)

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Aug 1 :

The Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, MANUU is inviting applications for admission in M.Tech Computer Science Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) part time program in sponsored/self finance mode at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU).

According to the notification issued by the University Registrar, the last date for submission of online application form is August 08, 2025. The admissions will be made on the basis of interviews at MANUU Hyderabad. The list of eligible candidates for the interview will be displayed on August 14 and the interview will be held on August 18. Online admission fee payment date is August 21 & 22.

Admissions are available with an intake of 30 seats and the duration of the course is 3 years.

For more details interested candidates can email to admissions regular@manuu.edu.in or visit university website manuu.edu.in.

## Central Railway Mega Block on Sunday

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 1 :

Central Railway, Mumbai Division will operate Mega Block on its suburban sections carrying out various engineering and maintenance works on Sunday, 03.08.2025 as under:

**Matunga-Mulund UP and DOWN fast lines from 11.05 hrs to 15.45 hrs**

DOWN fast line services leaving CSMT Mumbai from 10.36 hrs to 15.10 hrs will be diverted

on DOWN slow line at Matunga station as per their respective Schedule halts between Matunga and Mulund stations and will arrive destination 15 minutes behind schedule. Fast trains beyond Thane will be re-diverted on DOWN fast line at Mulund station.

UP fast line services leaving Thane from 11.03 hrs to 15.38 hrs will be diverted on UP slow line at Mulund station as per their respective schedule halts between Mulund and Matunga stations and

will be re-diverted on UP fast line at Matunga station and will arrive destination 15 minutes behind schedule"

UP and DOWN Harbour Lines between Kurla and Vashi stations from 11.10 hrs to 16.10 hrs

\*"DOWN Harbour

line services to Vashi/

Belapur/Panvel leaving

CSMT Mumbai from 10.34

hrs to 15.36 hrs and UP

HARBOUR line services

towards CSMT Mumbai

leaving Panvel/Belapur/

Vashi from 10.16 hrs to

15.47 hrs will remain

cancelled." "Special suburban trains will run on CSMT Mumbai – Kurla & Panvel – Vashi sections during the block period."

"Harbour line passengers are permitted to travel between Thane-Vashi/Nerul stations from 10.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs during the block period."

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

## Dr. Kartik Hegadekatti Assumes Charge as Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Hubballi Division : South Western Railway

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 1 :

Dr. Kartik V. Hegadekatti, a 2011-batch Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer, has taken charge as the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (Sr. DCM) of Hubballi Division, South Western Railway.

Dr. Hegadekatti brings with him a wealth of experience from key roles in the Indian Railways and the Government of India, including his tenure as Deputy Secretary at the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT). A thought leader in administrative reforms, he



was instrumental in national digital initiatives like Karmayogi Bharat and

e-HRMS 2.0.

He is also recognized for his research on

futuristic railway infrastructure, especially the visionary Project Super Gauge, and has represented India at global forums including the World Economic Forum.

In his new role, Dr. Hegadekatti will spearhead the division's commercial operations, with a focus on enhancing freight performance, passenger amenities, revenue generation, and digital transformation.

The Hubballi Railway Division welcomes his dynamic leadership and forward-thinking approach.

## Ayodhya–Prayagraj with Kashi Vishvanath Jyotirlinga Yatra by Chartered 2nd AC Coach in 01027 of August 14, 2025 from Dadar Station

**Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Ram Janmabhumi, Hanuman Garhi, Triveni Sangam, and more tourist places will be covered by this Tour**

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 1 :

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), a 'Navratna' PSU under the Ministry of Railways, Government of India, continues its commitment to promoting spiritual tourism with the launch of the Ayodhya–Prayagraj with Kashi Vishvanath Jyotirlinga Yatra by Chartered Coach . This exclusive pilgrimage tour offers a spiritually enriching journey through three of India's most revered cities—Varanasi, Ayodhya, and Prayagraj departing from Dadar on 14th August 2025.

The tour is designed to provide a seamless and comfortable experience for pilgrims, with 2AC chartered coach travel, hotel accommodations, morning Breakfast, meals in Hotel, sightseeing by AC buses, professional tour escorts, and travel insurance—all bundled into an all-inclusive package starting at ₹34,700/- per person (Triple Occupancy).

Shri. Gaurav Jha,

Group General Manager,

West Zone, Mumbai

stated, This is 8 night / 9

days yatra is a tribute to

India's rich spiritual

heritage. It offers

devotees a chance to visit

sacred sites like Kashi

Vishwanath Temple, Ram

Janmabhumi, Hanuman

Garhi, Triveni Sangam,

and more, in a well-

curated and affordable



format.""

**Varanasi:** Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Sankat Mochan Mandir, Bharat Mata Temple, Tulsi Manas Mandir, Kaal Bhairav Temple, and Sarnath.

**Ayodhya:** Ram Janmabhumi, Lakshman Ghat, Hanuman Garhi, Kanak Bhavan Temple, and Sharayu River.

**Prayagraj:** Triveni Sangam and local sightseeing.

The tour departs from

Dadar on 14.8.2025 by

Train No. 01027 (Dadar –

Varanasi Special) and

returns via Train No.

01026 (Prayagraj –Dadar

Special), ensuring a

comfortable and scenic

rail journey.

44 seats are available

in 2nd AC earmarked for tour, interested travelers are encouraged to book early.

For bookings and detailed information, please visit the IRCTC official website

www.irctctourism.com or contact the West Zone Mumbai Office at 8287931886 (WhatsApp/ SMS).

## Sometimes government officials understand this language...



(By Rajesh Undi)

Thane, Aug 1 : Yesterday, I called MSEB and KDMC officials and pointed out that the branches of trees that had fallen on the electric wires in the MIDC residential section had been cut and left like that for the past four or five days and when I was given a stern warning that if they were not removed

immediately, I would come to their office and throw the cut branches, the concerned officials immediately implemented a mechanism and immediately removed the cut branches of those trees...

This is a small example of the lack of coordination between various government agencies working in the same section

and it causes unnecessary trouble to the public and public representatives.

When the municipal corporation needs to immediately remove the dirt done by MSEB, the concerned contractor should do so, but it does not always happen, so at such times, we have to do such an experiment to make them remember their work...

## We must vow to eliminate every terrorist : LG

Srinagar, Aug 1 (UNI) Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today called for a united resolve to eliminate every terrorist and terror outfit that threatens India's safety, security, and prosperity.

He was addressing

officers attending the Higher Command Course-54 of the Army War College, Mhow, during an interaction at Raj Bhawan, where contemporary geo-political, geo-strategic issues, besides counter-terrorism strategy and

whole-of-government approach to dismantle terror ecosystem were discussed.

"I congratulate and thank the outstanding officers of the three services for keeping all citizens safe and

safeguarding the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the Country. We must vow to eliminate every terrorist and terrorist organization that threatens our safety, security and prosperity," the Lieutenant Governor said.