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IN BRIEF

Heavy rain likely in North Coastal AP, **Yanam on Sept** 2-3: Met

Amaravati, Aug 30 (UNI): Heavy rain is likely to occur at Isolated places in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam on September 2 and 3, Meteorological Centre said on Saturday.

In a daily weather report here, it said that thunderstorm accompanied lightning and strong winds with speed of 30-40 kmph is likely to occur at isolated places in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam during the next five days and in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh Rayalaseema September 2 and 3.

Strong winds with speeds of 30-40 kmph are likely to occur at isolated places in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema during the next three days.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely to occur at a few places or at many places or at one or two places in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Rayalaseema during the next seven days.

South Monsoon is normal over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and weak over Rayalaseema.Rainfall occurred at a few places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and at one or two places over Rayalaseema during the last 24 hours, the report added.

Ganesh idol adorned with Rs 2.35 Crore worth currency notes

Vijayawada, Aug 30 (UNI): Ganesh navaratri is being celebrated across the country with devotion. Pandals and mandapams were erected in many places in all cities and towns, even in villages to perform Ganesh pooja. However, the organizers of Ganesh chaturthi in Mangalagiri town, near here, have chosen a peculiar way to be different to others by adorning the Ganesh idol and the mandapam with currency notes. The organizers decorated the Ganesh idol and the mandapam with currency notes worth Rs 2.35 crore. The organizers told the media that they started decorating the idol and the mandapam with currency notes 20 years ago. Initially, they decorated using Rs one lakh worth currency notes 20 years ago, and this year, they have used Rs 2.35 crore worth currency notes.

Govt designates group of ministers to decide on Rushikonda Resort's Future

of the idle Rushikonda resort Swamy. in Visakhapatnam.

According Government Order (GO RT Advancement, Tourism and property. No. 1586) issued on August Culture Department, will Minister Kandula Durgesh, Director of the A.P. Tourism Rushikonda

to Secretary,

Vijayawada, Aug 30 Minister Payyavula Keshav, been authorized to invite (UNI): The Andhra Pradesh and Social Welfare, Disabled special representatives from government has constituted and Senior Citizen Welfare, other departments, if a Group of Ministers (GoM) and Sachivalayam & Village required. The committee will to examine and recommend Volunteer Minister Dr. Dola submit its recommendations the best possible utilization Sree Bala Veeranjaneya to the government, which will then take a final call on The Special Chief the future course of action Youth for the Rushikonda

development This 29, 2025, the GoM will be serve as the convener of the comes just a day after headed by Tourism, Culture, committee, while the Vice- Deputy Chief Minister and Cinematography Chairman and Managing Pawan Kalyan visited the along with Finance, Development Corporation inspected its infrastructure,



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Japanese counterpart Shigeru Ishiba and other dignitaries during a lunch hosted by the latter, in Sendai, Japan.

CM to inaugurate newly constructed PAC-5 complex during upcoming Srivari Brahmotsavams

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tirumala, Aug 30: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate the newly constructed PAC-5 complex and dedicate it to the pilgrims during the upcoming Brahmotsavams, Devasthanam (TTD) Chairman B.R.Naidu here today. Naidu, along with Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, who personally inspected the Pilgrim Amenities Complex–5 (PAC–5) here, issued several instructions to the officials concerned.

The newly constructed PAC-5 complex would help ease the accommodation problem to some extent in Tirumala; he directed that all facilities be arranged without causing any inconvenience to the pilgrims.

Speaking to the media later, the Chairman appreciated the engineering officials for constructing

He recalled that the

the previous Government.At present, accommodation is available for only around 45,000 pilgrims in Tirumala, and with the addition of this newly constructed PAC-5, 2,500 pilgrims can be said Tirumala Tirupati accommodated comfortably, he said.

The Chairman urged pilgrims to make the best use of this new facility.

Venkaiah Chowdary said that several modern facilities have been introduced in the PAC-5 complex, keeping in view the safety and convenience of pilgrims.

Though accommodation has been arranged for 2,500 pilgrims, arrangements have been made to adjust for another 1,000 if needed. A special milk-feeding room for mothers with infants has also been set up. The dining hall is designed to enable 1,400 pilgrims to have Annaprasadam at a time.

Facilities like a First Aid this complex in an excellent Centre, Kalyana Katta, Annaprasadam distribution centre, and other amenities project was approved by the have also been provided in TTD Board in 2018 during the new building, he added.

All parties of the NDA alliance are completely united: Anupriya

Union Minister and Apna Dal (Sonelal) president Anupriya Patel today said that all the allies of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) are strongly together under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Anupriya said that Apna Dal (S) will contest the 2027 assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh with the NDA. "It is too early to say how many seats Dal will contest. But efforts will be made to strengthen the organisation. If the organisation is strong, then the election results will also be better," she said.

(See on page 4)

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas barred from attending



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has been barred from attending the UN General Assembly session in New York next month, following the US revoking his visa and that of 80 other Palestinian (See on page 5)

Ahead of bilateral with Putin, Zelenskyy dials PM Modi, asks him to intercede with Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Tianjin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today received a phone call from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy who called on India to intercede with Russia over the Ukraine conflict.PM Modi, while reaffirming India's consistent position for peaceful settlement of the conflict, reiterated India's commitment to extend all possible support in this regard.PM Modi said in a post on X that the two sides exchanged views on the dragging conflict, and that India backs all efforts to Russia is participating, a meeting with the head of peace while our cities and related to Ukraine.

Tianjin/New Delhi, Aug restore peace and stability. though not Ukraine.

expected bilateral with Zelenskyy for his phone call today. We exchanged views immediate ceasefire. on the ongoing conflict, its humanitarian aspect, and efforts to restore peace and stability. India extends full support to all efforts in this direction," the PM posted.

President Zelenskyy in a long post on X, said that he informed PM Modi about the meeting with US President Trump Washington and that Ukraine is ready for a meeting with President Putin.He also said that he and PM Modi had coordinated their positions ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization real

Zelenskyy added that

"India is ready to make the necessary efforts and to deliver the appropriate signal to Russia and other leaders during the meetings on the sidelines of the summit."He wrote on X: "I spoke with Prime Minister of India @NarendraModi. "I informed about the talks with President Trump in Washington with the participation of European and important conversation, a shared vision among partners on how to achieve understood and supported summit in Tianjin, where reaffirmed its readiness for to speak meaningfully about the recent developments

30 (UNI): Ahead of his "Thank President He said the end of this have passed, and during constant fire." India is ready war must begin with an this time, when Russia to make the necessary should have been preparing efforts and to deliver the for diplomacy, Moscow has appropriate signal to Russia given no positive signal – only carried out cynical strikes on civilian targets the summit. Thank you. and killed dozens of our people. I thank the Prime bilateral Minister for his words of condolences to the families and loved ones of the meeting of the Joint victims. "We coordinated Intergovernmental our positions ahead of the Commission. Shanghai Cooperation

Organization summit. leaders. It was a productive begin with an immediate near future." A readout said ceasefire, with the necessary silence. This position is peace. Ukraine by everyone. It is impossible shared his perspective on

Russia."Almost two weeks communities are under and other leaders during the meetings on the sidelines of

"We also discussed our relations, preparations for exchange of visits, and the holding of a

There is potential we can realize. I will be glad to meet The end of this war must the Prime Minister in the that during the phone conversation, "President Zelenskyy

Sports minister wants to raise India's share in global sports ...



Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today stressed on the importance of promoting Swadeshi and vowed to take India's share in global sports manufacturing to 25 per cent (See on page 7)

CM Omar Abdullah directs speedy restoration of Sgr-Jmu



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a highlevel meeting to review restoration works on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) and other major roads damaged by recent incessant rains, directing authorities to ensure speedy road connectivity, (See on page 8)

Voter Adhikar Yatra' to ignite nationwide revolution: Rahul Gandhi

Arrah, Aug 30 (UNI): Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, stated that the impact of the revolutionary 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' launched in Bihar will resonate across the nation.

Addressing a massive public gathering here in Bihar, today, he emphasised that movements that start in Bihar tend to evolve into nationwide struggles.

He added that the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' movement will continue to grow and spread across the country.

Rahul, encouraged by the overwhelming public support, said that 'vote

theft' is nothing less than a country, and in Bihar, not a theft of citizens' rights and their future.

He praised the people of Bihar for showing that they would not remain silent if their rights were stolen.He criticised the central government for depriving the youth of opportunities by privatising the public sector and introducing schemes like Agniveer.

"Narendra Modi's government is an Adani-Ambani government, and as a result, they don't want the voice of the poor to be heard. But the INDIA Alliance will not allow that. The voice of the poor will resonate across the

single vote will be stolen," he added. Earlier, as the Yatra reached Arrah, workers from the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) waved black flags to protest the alleged derogatory remarks made about Prime Minister Modi's mother in Darbhanga.

On the 14th day of the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra', Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav also joined INDIA bloc leaders.

Addressing the gathering, he said, "Everyone expected that the Election Commission would act impartially, protect our voting rights, and safeguard the Constitution. But the way the Election Commission is working in collusion with the BJP, it seems this is not the Election Commission, the BJP has turned it into a 'Jugaad Commission'."

He congratulated the people of Bihar for their overwhelming support of the Yatra and expressed confidence that the BJP would be driven out of Bihar."We removed the BJP from Awadh, now it will also be removed from

Magadh," he declared. Akhilesh further praised Tejashwi Yadav, stating that during his brief tenure as Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister, he had

successfully provided jobs and employment to the youth. "This time, when

Tejashwi Yadav will be in power, the migration of unemployed youth will stop, and instead, the BJP will migrate from Bihar," he added.RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav described the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' as a historic journey that had received the support of millions of

people. He emphasized that the people of Bihar are now aware and know how to protect their votes.

He also stated that the presence of Akhilesh Yadav at the Yatra had strengthened their resolve.

Ganesh Festival celebrations



Mumbai GSB Seva mandal is the richest ganpati mandal this year ganpati idol with 66kg if gold and 336kg of silver ornaments plus insurance cover of 474 crore.



Ganpati Festival Celebration at Sagar Dhole's Residence Mumbai



Deepak Kumbhar Sai Sankul Jogeshwari.



Tanish Tushar Surve Sai Sankul Joggeshwari

Naveen urges Nadda to ensure urea supply for farmers

Bhubaneswar, Aug 30 (UNI) Expressing concern over the shortage of fertilisers in Odisha, Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik today urged the Centre to immediately supply urea in the larger interest of the state's

Patnaik, in a letter to union Fertilisers and Chemicals Minister J.P. Nadda, alleged widespread irregularities in fertiliser distribution across Odisha.

He said farmers are in distress due to shortages, adulteration, and the unavailability of urea in the open market.

"Farmers have even taken to the streets as the fertiliser crisis has become acute, particularly in tribaldominated districts," Patnaik wrote. Highlighting the importance of

agriculture to Odisha's economy, the former Chief Minister said over 70 per cent of the state's population depends on farming for livelihood.

Patnaik noted that Odisha, which once depended on other states for rice, has now become a major contributor to the country's public distribution system.

He attributed this

success to the application of technology, timely availability of quality seeds, and efficient fertiliser distribution in the past two decades.

However, Patnaik alleged that despite government claims of having 7.94 lakh tonnes of fertilisers in stock, farmers are not getting adequate supplies.Urea, he said, is being sold at prices higher than the government's fixed rate, and he alleged that Odisha's state-run agency Markfed is diverting fertilisers to private dealers at discounted rates instead of supplying them directly to farmers. "It is a matter of serious concern that during the peak Kharif season, farmers are forced to leave their fields and protest on highways for fertilisers,"

Patnaik said.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kalyan, Aug 30: Mahavitaran undertaken a campaign to remove old meters and install new TOD meters (Time of Day) in the state. consumers who use Two incidents of tampering with these meters have been revealed in Badlapur and Vasai in Kalyan zone.

large number of electricity consumers have replaced their old meters with new smart meters. Electricity bills. Some consumers are tampering with the meters to reduce them.

But in reality, electricity between 9 am and 5 pm are getting a discount of 80 paise per unit.

t has become difficult to In Kalyan zone too, a tamper with the TOD meters installed by Mahavitaran. Since the new TOD meters

have a communication port, the Mahavitaran system gets information about the momentary electricity consumption of the

If the customer tampers with it, the meter is checked at that place and confirmed. If this TOD meter is tampered with, instead of reducing the electricity bill, it has increased.

The Quality Control

Department of Badlapur and Vasai subdivisions of Mahavitaran had been monitoring the electricity consumption of such suspected customers. When the customer's meter was actually installed, it was found to have been tampered Mahavitaran has started the process of filing a police complaint against such customers.

Tampering electricity meters is a punishable offense. The Electricity Act provides for strict imprisonment or financial penalty for those who steal electricity."Chief Engineer Chandramani Mishra has appealed that if it is found that the TOD meter of Mahavitaran is being tampered with, the nearest Mahavitaran office should be contacted.

An artificial lake and immersion system constructed for Lord Ganesh immersion Radhabinod A. Sharma inspected

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mira Bhayander, Aug 30 Mira Bhayander Municipal Corporation Commissioner Administrator Radhabinod A. Sharma (B.P.S.) in the city on the background of one and a half days of Lord Ganesh immersion. A detailed review of the preparations was carried out after direct inspection of the artificial lakes. Mandli Lake, Subhashchandra at this time, Artificial ponds constructed at Bose Maidan, Murdha Gaon, Rai Gaon, Shivar Garden and Jessal Park, Inspection was

done. By physically

inspecting the constructed

artificial ponds, size of the

ponds, water storage

capacity, arrangement of

lighting, street lights,

availability of toilets, of

barricades,

security



department head and officers, citizens Necessary precautions were ordered to avoid any inconvenience during the immersion. In particular Maintaining cleanliness in the artificial lake area, strict waste management planning, security guards and police personnel He also ordered to provide separate facilities for women and senior citizens.

Citizens are encouraged the Municipal Corporation to immerse Ganesh idols in an environment-friendly manner is For this, artificial lakes have been



drinking water, A detailed review of facilities, transport planning and emergency healthcare preparedness was taken. Environmentally friendly Various on behalf of Mira

Bhayander Municipal

Corporation Administration to celebrate Shri Ganesh Visarjan ceremony 35 artificial lakes have been constructed at the place.

During the inspection. Commissioner giving clear instructions to concerned

constructed in various parts of the city.

Plaster of Paris Commissioner said that this is an important step to prevent water pollution due to idol immersion. At this Additional

Commissioner Dr. Sambhaji Deputy Panpatte, Commissioner Dr. Sachin Assistant Bangar, Commissioner, Sanitary Inspector as well Municipal employees were present. Shri Ganesh immersion due to this planned activity of the Municipal Corporation, it is hoped that the process will be carried out in a safe, orderly and clean manner.

A Murti Swikriti Kendra has been established along with 35 artificial ponds. Also Shree Ganesh under 6 feet, It is mandatory to immerse the idol in an artificial lake. By depositing the puja materials separately without putting them in water, to cooperate with the Municipal Corporation. Plastic should not be thrown into seas, bays and lakes. Also administration at discharge

Discipline should be followed by following the guidance of the police and Shree Ganeshotsav of social unity and environmental friendliness,

It is a message giving festival. Therefore, citizens prioritize cleanliness, safety and environmental protection in this festival,

An appeal is being made on behalf of the administration of Mira Bhayander Municipal Corporation that it should be celebrated in an environment-friendly manner.

Immersion of 19567 Ganesh idols for one and a half days in TMC

More than 15 tons of Nirmalya collected



(Standard Post Bureau)

Thane, Aug 30: The immersion of Ganesh idols for one and a half days in Thane Municipal Corporation area was completed in a devotional atmosphere on Thursday. This year, 19567 Ganesh idols were immersed for one and a half days in the municipal area. Out of which, 11695 idols were of POP. While 7781 idols were of Shadu clay. The devotees responded well this year to the immersion of Ganesh idols in the artificial lakes created under the alternative Ganesh immersion system of Thane Municipal Corporation, which has implemented the concept of an ecofriendly Ganeshotsav and set an example of an eco-friendly Ganeshotsav in the state.

Last year, 8700 idols were immersed in the artificial lake. This year, this number has increased to 12970. Whereas, 6520 idols were immersed in the creek immersion ghat last year. This number is 3382 this year. Also, devotees immersed 1621 idols in the special tank system last year. This number is 2613 this year. Similarly, a total of 495 Ganesh idols received at the Municipal Corporation's Ganesh idol acceptance center as well as 107 Ganesh idols in the mobile immersion system were duly immersed.

As per the order of the Hon'ble High Court, idols up to six feet in height are being immersed in the artificial lake and idols larger than that are being immersed at the creek ghats. Some devotees insisted on immersing even small idols in the creek. They were repeatedly requested by the Municipal Corporation and the police administration to immerse them in the artificial lake. Against this backdrop, the Municipal Corporation has appealed to citizens to immerse idols up to six feet in artificial lakes on the fifth, seventh and eleventh days as well.

Chief Environment Officer Manisha Pradhan informed that after the proper immersion of all idols at the artificial lake, mobile immersion team, pond, acceptance center, the soil sediment that accumulates at the bottom of the water is being processed as per the action plan set by the Pollution Control Board.

More than 15 tons of Nirmalya donated

by devotees This year, Nirmalya was deposited in the compost project of the Thane Municipal Corporation's Solid Waste Department to be composted using biocomposting method. These projects are operational at Kolshet, Kausa, Ritu Park.

During the one and a half day Ganesh idol immersion, more than 15 tons of Nirmalya have been collected. This Nirmalya will be processed and its organic fertilizer will be prepared. Also, the non-biodegradable components in the Nirmalya will be classified and sent for reprocessing. The production of plastics and thermocol has decreased compared to last year.

Statistics of immersion

(Immersion place (number) - Number of Ganesh idols -(Last year's number) Artificial pond (24) - 12970 - (8700)

Khadi immersion ghat (09) - 3382 - (6520) Special tank (tank) system (77) - 2613 -

Mobile immersion system (15) - 107(27)Idol acceptance center (10) - 495 - (245) Total - 19567 -(17113)

For information

15 Mobile immersion system

This year, the mobile immersion system is available in all nine ward committee areas. This mobile vehicle with immersion system will be available at various places in the ward committee for a fixed period from 12 noon to 10 pm. Ganesh idols can be immersed in the tank on it. This immersion The schedule of the arrangement is available on the Thane Municipal Corporation website under the title 'Environmentally Friendly Ganpati Immersion Arrangement 2025'. Also, the schedule is available on the Harit Visarjan app.

Haud (Tank) Arrangement at 49 Places For two years, the Municipal Corporation has been arranging small tanks (tanks) for immersion along with artificial lakes. Accordingly, last year, tank facilities were available at 49 places. This number

has been increased to 77 this year. 10 Idol Acceptance Centers

Also, there are idol acceptance centers at 10 places namely Jail Lake, Madhavi House-Ramamaruti Road, Mahagiri Koliwada, Tembhi Naka, Regency Heights-Azad Nagar, Lodha Luxury, Kamgar Hospital, Kisan Nagar Bus Stop, Modella Check Naka, Devdaya Nagar-Shivai Nagar.

Arrangement of artificial lakes at 24 places

Ambeghosale, Masunda Dutt Ghat, Kharigaon, Gholai Nagar, Dativli Artificial lakes have been arranged at 24 places including Lake, Khidkali Lake, New Shivaji Nagar Kalwa Lake, Nilkanth Woods-Tikujini Wadi, Rewale, Borivade, Bramhand Ritu Park, Hiranandani Rayaladevi-1, Rayaladevi-2, Upvan Lake area-Vartaknagar, Devdayanagar, Atmaram Patil Chowk etc.

Women's security issues should be included in curriculums

Rajahmundry, Aug 30 (UNI): State Women's Commission Chairperson Dr.Rayapati Sailaja opined that the security aspects of women, women's rights and laws which protects women, should be included in the curriculums.

Addressing programme on the women



The undersigned invites e-tenders for the works mentioned below up 15:30hrs of 23.09.25

1. Tender Id: 2806 Sr DEN/ DEN Section: North & West Descriptio of work :SW1: Proposed Interlocking of mid section LC No.228 at km 2/36 38 between SJL-TEL Section i Guntur Division SW2:Proposed Interlocking of mid section LC No.13 at km 27/3-4 between NRDP-VLG Section in Guntur Division SW3:Proposed Interlocking of mi section LC No. 180 at km 260/12-13 etween NDL-PNM Section in Gunto Division **Approx value in: (**₹ 9495720.00 **EMD: (₹)** 189900.00

2. Tender Id: 2807 Sr DEN/ DEN Section: North Description of work Standardisation of MEA and Divyangjan facilities at 42 stations over Guntur Division Approx value in: (₹ 97730165.00 **EMD: (₹)** 638700.00 1 Last date for online submission of

E-bids is upto 15.30 hrs of 23.09.2025 For detailed information logon t website www.ireps.gov.in 2.Any further Communication

Corrigendum shall be intimate through E-portal www.ireps.gov.in. Divisional Railway Manager (Works)

Dt: 28 /08/2025

Coordination/Guntakal acting for an on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following vorks Closing date & time: 24.09.202 at 15:00 hrs

1. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-West-1916 Description of work : Guntaka Division: DMM-GY & KPD-TPT Sections: Proposed yard drains for ength of 4700m in SSE/P/ATP, CTO 8 TPTY sections under DEN/Wes Jurisdiction. Advertised Value in (₹ 4,73,23,832.48 Earnest Money

Deposit in (₹) 3,86,600.00 2. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-West-191 Description of work : Guntaka Division: SW-I: SSE/Pway/ATF Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement &upgradatio works at various yards SW-II SSE/Pway/KLU Jurisdiction Proposed safety related yar improvement &upgradation works a various yards Advertised Value in (₹ 2,91,17,988.88 **Earnest Money**

Deposit in (₹) 2,95,600.00 3. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-West-1918 Description of work : Guntaka Division: SW-I: SSE/Pway/PAK Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement &upgradation works at various yards SW-II SSE/Pway/CTO Jurisdictior Proposed safety related var improvement &upgradation works at arious vards. Advertised Value in (₹) 3,69,84,599.28 Earnest Money

Deposit in (₹) 3,34,900.00

4. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-West-1919 Description of work : Guntaka Division: SW-I: SSE/Pway/KRY Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement &upgradatio works at various yards SW-II SSE/Pway/MPL Jurisdictior Proposed safety related yar improvement &upgradation works at various vards SW-III: SSE/Pwav/KC Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement &upgradation vorks at various yards. Advertised Value in (₹) 1.78.86.320.78 Earnes Money Deposit in (₹) 2.39.400.00 Any corrigenda will be issued online

Divisional Railway Manager/Works

Guntaka

(through http://ireps.gov.in) Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Traction Distribution, Secunderabac President of India for the following vorks in Single packet system of

1. NIT No. : C/E.29/TRD/SC/45/2025-26 Name of the work: Tender No. C/E.29/TRD/ SC/45/2025-26
Dt.28.08.2025 SC Division: 1. Replacement of Over-aged insulators and rusted cantilevers over SC division. 2. Replacement of composi nsulators with porcelain insulators in connection with safety over SC ivision **Estimate Cost**: (₹ 3,48,25,268.40 Completion period 180 days **Date of closing:** 22.09.2025

2. NIT No.: C/E.29/TRD/SC/46/2025-26 Name of the work: Tender No. C/E.29/TRD/ SC/46/2025-26 Dt.28.08.2025 SC Division: Provision of 25 KV OHE for the existing stabling ines at Secunderabad Yard. Estimate Cost: (₹) 3,02,74,317.17/- Completion period: 90 days Date of closing 22.09.2025 at 15:00 hrs

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website

2) Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only. 4) All the prospective tenderers are vised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit alongwith their offers. 5) Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto

ender submission period. Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer. /TRD/ Secunderaba

security, welfare and rights, organized by the district women and child welfare department here on Saturday, she said that the issues of women's security and laws, pertaining to their protections should be

incorporated in the curriculum. Dr. Rayapati Sailaja said that programmes are being organized across the State on women's safety and welfare, adding that the awareness programme is being organized in East Godavari district after Rayalaseema and Kakinada districts. Dr.Sailaja regretted that students and women

are facing harassment in

many forms and she

advised them to come

forward and complain

about them. She informed

that there are 112 and 181 call centers for the safety of women, along with the Shakti app. Dr.Sailaja asked the victims to call 181 to report any problem and that "onestop centers" will provide shelter and counseling to women. She lamented that misusing of mobile phones is causing phones and advised women to be vigilant about use of mobile

"Social media and online friendships have increased the number of love affairs and marriages and women and they make women victims. The women are being harassed by sending morphed photos," she highlighted and told the women to face such incident bereavely and complain to the police. .

The **APWC** Chairperson advised the victims not to take extreme steps and counter such issues bravely. She asked the women to be aware of the POCSO Act, which aims prevent sexual harassment of children, and the laws against sexual harassment at workplaces. According to the laws, every organization with ten female employees, should form Internal Complaints

Committees (ICCs). Additional SP N.B.M. Muralikrishna said that seven Shakti teams are working in the district and they are working in the Mufti during college hours to stop the harassment of hooligans. He suggested that the 1930 call center be contacted for prevention of cyber crimes and the 1972 number be contacted for solving problems related to marijuana and drugs. He said that missing cases are being solved within four to eight hours.South Zone DSP Bhavya Kishore said that there is no need to give the details to the police when the girls call and that the police will resolve the problem if the problem is explained. Cybercrime SI Ayyappa Reddy advised the people not to open and install APK files in the mobile phones as hackers use to steal information. District Women and Child Welfare Officer T Sridevi was also present.

cleanliness,

maintenance of cooking

utensils, rice and goods

storage, and the upkeep of

daily records. It also

inspected the process of

handling leftover and waste

food, frequency of pest

control, hygiene in food

transportation, and the

quality of containers used.

checked employee details,

the hygiene practices

followed while loading food

into vehicles, and the

cleanliness of warehouses

where provisions are

used for cooking, the use

of fresh vegetables, and

whether machine-cut

vegetables were adopted

observed that the food

preparation environment

was not completely clean,

proper records were not

maintained, and minor

children were found

working at the premises.

Commission members

were also reviewed.

The quality of water

stored.

The team further

Child rights panel flags irregularities in Mana Trust mid-day meal

Hyderabad, Aug 30 the commission examined (UNI) The Child Rights food preparation and Commission (CRS) today conducted a surprise inspection of Mana Trust, which supplies mid-day meals to more than 970 government schools in the Greater Hyderabad area, found several irregularities in its operations. During the visit,

Tender No. GTL-EM-28-2025-26 Date:28.08.2025 Senior Divisional Electrica

Engineer/Maintenance/Guntaka acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for he following works

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Longest canal in Asia dig up in AP to provide water to R'seema: Minister, Ramanaidu

Tirupati, Aug 30 (UNI) : Minister for Water **Resources Development** Nimmala Ramanaidu has claimed that the longest canal in Asia was dug up in Andhra Pradesh to provide water to the drought-hit Rayalaseema region.

Addressing a programme organized as part of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu performing Harathi to the Krishna water flowing in the canal at Kuppam on Saturday, the WRD Minister revealed that 738 kilometers of canal was dug up under the 'Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi' (HNSS) project to provide the Krishna river water to various places in Rayalaseema region, including Kuppam.

"The 738 kilometer canal is the longest canal in the Asian continent, dug up to provide irrigation and drinking water to the drought-hit areas. The canal will help to make the barren lands in the Rayalaseema region as fertile land. The Chief Minister is keen to develop the Rayalaseema region," he noted.

He credited the great feat of digging up the longest canal to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. When N Chandrababu Naidu was

the Chief Minister in the united Andhra Pradesh State, he laid the foundation stone for the HNSS project on July 9, 1999, he reminisced...

Now as part of the HNSS project, the 738 KMs long canal was dug to take the river Krishna water to various districts in Rayalaseema region, Nimmala Ramanaidu mentioned. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu decided to fill up every irrigation tank in the 19 Assembly constituencies in Rayalaseema region through the canal, the Minister stated.

Launching a scathing attack on the erstwhile YSRCP government, **WRD Minister** Ramanaidu alleged that all the irrigation projects' works were neglected during the five years YSRCP regime.

"The diaphragm wall of Polavaram project was washed away during floods forcing to halt the project works and the crest gates of Gundlakamma project were collapsed due to poor maintenance," he flayed. The Minister found fault with the former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy for dedicating to the people the Veligonda project without completing the works.

ANU Extends Deadline for Integrated M.A. Public Policy Admissions

(Standard Post Bureau)

Gunur, Aug 30: Dr. P. Brahmaji Rao, Director of Admissions, Acharya Nagarjuna University (NAAC 'A'), has announced that the last date for admissions into the five-year Integrated M.A. Public Policy Programme (B.A. + M.A.) with exit options has been extended for the academic year 2025– 26. This innovative programme, coordinated by Takshasila IAS Academy, is specially designed for aspiring students who wish to prepare for UPSC Civil

Services and other competitive examinations right from the degree level after Intermediate (+2). Students admitted to this course will receive a strong academic grounding in public policy, governance, and allied subjects, while simultaneously preparing for competitive exams.

As per the revised schedule, the last date for submission of applications without late fee is September 6, 2025, while applications with a late fee of ?1,000 will be accepted until September 9, 2025. The

entrance examination is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2025. For admission-related information, candidates may contact 9030088685. Additional details are available with Directorate of Admissions, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur – 522510. For clarifications, aspirants can also reach the university on 0863-2346171 / 0863-2346138, www.nagarjunauniversity.ac.in, diranuadmissions@gmail.com.

CM welcomes Krishna waters amid chanting of mantras

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tirupati, Aug 30: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu welcomed the Krishna waters amidst chanting of vedic mantras by pundits at Kuppam branch canal at Kuppam on Saturday by offering Jala Harati.

Addressing a public meeting on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the coalition government prepared a blueprint for development Rayalaseema region and made efforts to supply water to tail end lands of Rayalaseema.

Stating that he fulfilled the dream of former Chief Minister NT Rama Rao to supply water Rayalaseema, the Chief Minister said that he inaugurated Handri-Neeva canals in 1999 and brought water to Paramasumdram by 2025. He assured people

of supplying water to six lakh acres of land and drinking water to 33 lakh people in Rayalaseema region.He said by linking Polavaram-Banakacharla and Vamsadhara-Penna rivers, both the Telugu states will benefit.

Naidu highlighted that Kuppam constituency has been witnessing rapid progress by attracting Rs 3,908 cr investments through 12 industries providing employment to 15,600 people and indirect employment to 26,581 people and announced that the Hindalco company is going to set up a unit to produce the I-Phone chassis.

At the same time, several organisations signed an MoUs with the AP government in the presence of the Chief Minister to set up their units in Kuppam. The important MoUs include one with She leads organisation to develop women as entrepreneurs and to market the produce of Dwcra groups.

The MoU with Kings Wood Decor Pvt Ltd to produce fiber boards at a cost of Rs 1,100 crore will resiult in providing employment to 2,012 people. The MoU signed with Pioneer CLean Amps Ltd will facilitate setting up a 2-seater training aircraft manufacturing unit in Kuppam. The MoU signed with Reddy Berry Food Logistics will lead to setting up pulping units of mango, tomato and guava fruits. for Water Minister Nimmala resources Ramanaidu and senior officials were present. The CM highlighted that his government has spent Rs 12,441

Amaravati Property Festival 2025 Brochure Launched

Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu Unveils Brochure at 17th NAREDCO National Conference



(Standard Post Bureau) New Delhi, Aug 30: At

the prestigious 17th National Conference of NAREDCO held in New Delhi, the brochure for the upcoming Amaravati Property Festival 2025 was formally launched on Saturday. Union Civil Minister Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu unveiled the brochure, marking a major

projecting Amaravati as a hub of future real estate and infrastructure opportunities.In his remarks, Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu underscored the importance of Amaravati in India's development story, noting that the property festival would act as a bridge between Andhra Pradesh and global investors. He highlighted Amaravati's

potential to emerge as a model capital with worldclass urban planning, smart infrastructure, sustainable growth.

The launch ceremony was attended by MLA Gothu Sirisha, APCRDA Additional Commissioner G Surya Praveen, HMDA Metropolitan Commissioner Sarfaraz NAREDCO Ahmed, National President G

Haribabu, Andhra Pradesh State President Chakradhar, Central Zone President Sandeep Mandava, and State **Executive Vice President** Kiran Paruchuri.

Industry leaders emphasized that the Amaravati Property Festival 2025 will not only showcase residential and commercial projects but highlight

government's vision for integrated townships, investment-friendly policies, and sustainable development models.

The festival is expected to attract developers, investors, NRIs, and policy makers from across India and abroad, placing Amaravati prominently on the national and international investment map.

PPP Airports fuel 87 pc of non-Aero revenue: Knight Frank India report

Hyderabad, Aug 30 (UNI) Airports managed under the public-private partnership (PPP) model generate 87 per cent of the country's total non-aero revenue while handling 64 per cent of total traffic, according to the latest

Beyond the Runway -Scope of Non-Aero Revenue and Aero Cities in India, by Knight Frank India, a leading real estate the PPP model and its consultancy in the country, was released in association with the National Real Development Estate Council (NAREDCO).

The report highlighted the growing importance of non-aero revenues in shaping the future of India's airports and urban

This reflects the operational efficiency of

critical role in diversifying airport income streams beyond traditional aeronautical revenues.

The ability of PPP airports to outperform their government-operated counterparts underscores the need for robust commercial strategies.

Non-aero revenue streams, including retail, food and beverage, duty-

free, parking, advertising, and real estate leasing, are increasingly central to financial sustainability, the report revealed.

With traffic set to multiply in the coming years, this diversification will become indispensable for airport operators.

Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India, said, "India's airports are at an inflection point. The strong performance of PPP airports in driving non-aero revenues highlights how critical these streams are for long-term sustainability. With traffic set to rise to nearly ~600 mn by 2030, airports must think beyond runways and embrace integrated commercial ecosystems such as aerocities. This will not only strengthen airport

profitability but also create new engines of urban growth."

The report noted that India's largest hubs, Mumbai and Delhi airports, generate per capita nonaero revenues of USD 20.1 and USD 18.1 respectively, nearly matching leading global benchmarks such as London Heathrow at USD 21.6 and Tokyo Haneda at USD 19.9.

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US tariffs impact Banarasi saree exports, industry faces challenges

The world-famous Banarasi saree and silk industry is facing a severe impact due to tariffs imposed by the US. Following the imposition of tariffs, large orders from the US are being cancelled, and foreign traders have started returning shipments, say traders.

According to the Varanasi Textile Industry Association, if this situation persists, the city could suffer losses of up to Rs 300 crore annually. This crisis has put the livelihoods of thousands of artisans at risk, and the industry is now staring at large-scale unemployment.

Rajan Bahl, vice president of Banarasi Textile Industry Association, stated: "Exports of Banarasi sarees will decline by 15 to 20 per cent due to these tariffs. Handloom products will be the most affected. Though the current losses may appear small, the future impact will be severe. Every year, exports worth Rs 200 to Rs 300 crore were sent to the US, which is now under threat. Orders are being cancelled, and no new orders are coming in. I firmly believe this is not a minor loss; it is a major blow to Banaras and its industry. Orders are being cancelled, and we cannot expect fresh orders going forward."

He further added that the number of handlooms is already decreasing, and these tariffs will only accelerate the decline. He appealed to the government for immediate intervention to save the industry.

Local saree trader Sarvesh Kumar Srivastava said: "The tariffs have seriously impacted our business. Recently, goods worth Rs 10 lakh were returned. The weavers' livelihoods are in jeopardy. Finished products have been put on hold, and payments are stuck. I employ 20 workers, and holding Rs 20 lakh worth of goods has caused significant losses."

He explained that traders, already facing economic challenges, are now under increased pressure due to the tariffs.Srivastava demanded that the government exempt handloom and handicraft sectors from GST.

"Removing the 5 per cent GST on handloom and handicrafts would provide relief to the industry. It would boost demand in the domestic market and attract the middle class back to Banarasi sarees," he said.

He added: "I believe GST exemption could bring a revival in the industry, providing support to weavers and traders alike. The tariff-related crisis has not only caused economic losses but also endangered the livelihoods of thousands of artisans and their families. The government must intervene immediately. Without prompt action, this industry could slip into deeper crisis."

From Isolation to Integration: The **Bairabi-Sairang Rail Revolution**

(Standard Post Bureau)

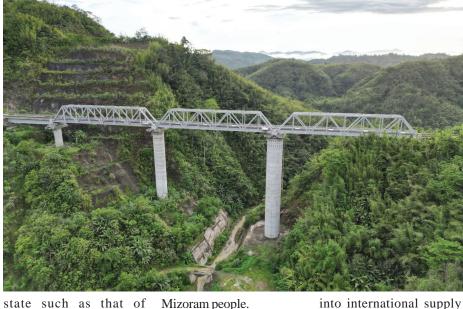
Throughout decades, Mizoram is considered one of the most beautiful yet remote states in Indiagreen hills sweeping into the misty air, miles of bamboo forests, and cultural communities that have been geographically isolated. Hitherto, the state of Mizoram, the capital of which is called Aizawl, took five hours to be reached via a road network of narrow highways that destroyed every time there was a monsoon. A 51.38-km-long engineering wonder, the BairabiSairang railway line has cost a little over 8000 crores to transform this fact.

The 45-tunnel 153bridge line, which features the second tallest pier bridge in the country, 114 meters (taller than the Qutub Minar) now links Mizoram to the national railway grid. This project, which is more of a construction success, is already transforming the economy of Mizoram, its society, and strategic value.

Lifeline Α Connectivity

The railway cuts reduce the road distance of seven hours between Aizawl and Silchar into mere 3 hours of the train thus making movement much faster, safe, and economical. Passenger trains can now serve at speeds of up to 100 kmph and so residents are now able to access healthcare centers. universities commercial centers with a great deal of reliability.

That is not just convenience. It is estimated that the regional GDP growth could be enhanced by 2-3 percent each year commodities like fuel, due to better connectivity cement and daily grocers a



Mizoram, where the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is about ¹ 25,000 crore, a 2 percent increase would translate into an extra 500 crore revenue into the economy every year.

Economic Growth and **Prosperity**

The most observable change is economic. The railway has made it easier to access the Indian wider markets by transporting the agricultural produce of Mizoram (bamboo, chillies, oranges, ginger, and pineapple) at a drastically reduced cost. Currently, post-harvest losses due to poor transport in the Northeast average around 25-30%. Through rail connectivity, it is projected that the level of spoilage will reduce to half and this will increase the incomes of farmers directly.

There is also local entrepreneurs to benefit. The costs of logistics that used to cost 15-20 per kg by road should come down by 30-40 percent through rail. The savings are spread to other areas: vital Another multiplier is job

creation. The project created thousands of construction engineering employment during the course of construction. In the future, economists estimate 3,000-5,000 of the indirect jobs each year in the logistics, hospitality, retail and tourism associated with the railway. This would bring the unemployment level in Mizoram, which is already high than that of the country, closer to equilibrium.

Tourism and Trade as **Growth Engines**

Mizoram has been a long unrecognized tourism gem. Its untouched hills, traditional festivals and eco-tourism potential was limited by inaccessible location. Rail accessibility means that the government estimates that tourist arrivals would increase by 40-50 percent within the next five years, an influx that would drive up sales in hotels, homestays, handicraft markets and transport services.

Trade, too, is poised for leap. The railway as more people can travel are estimated to fall by 10- connects Mizoram to the risk of lives being saved in more people have access to the state more affordable to near Myanmar's Sittwe landslides which are the economy. To a small more than 1.2 million of Port, thus placing the state common in the area.

networks as part of the Act East Policy of India. Planned extensions Mizoram may become a transit hub with a value of between 10-12 billion dollars in trade between India and Southeast Asia in the next ten years.

Social Integration and Inclusion

The railway has strong social overtones to do with more than economics. In the past, the isolation of Mizoram gave rise to a feeling of physical and psychological detachment to the mainstream of India. That gap is now bridged symbolically practically by connectivity, which makes national cohesion stronger.

Improved transport also implies improved governance delivery. There is easy access of teachers to schools located far, faster transportation of doctors and medicines and more access of government officials to the communities previously considered

Relief supplies can now also be transported by train in case of a disaster with the

Resilience

There tremendous technical and human cost to building the line through the steep hills of Mizoram. Landslides, challenging geology, and a tragic bridge collapse that killed 26 workers in 2023, which occurred with the project, were common. Nevertheless, construction of the line was done with an eco-sensitive approach in mind-long

deforestation destruction of habitats. The railway establishes

tunnels and elevated

viaducts minimize on-site

a new people-centered infrastructure by engaging the locals and reducing displacement. It shows how development can be done at levels of ecological sustainability despite fragile landscapes.

The Numbers That Tell

The BairabiSairang line of rail might not be much more than 51.38 kilometers, but in those 51.38 kilometers there is a tale of change. Five of these stations, four of them brand new at Hortoki, Kawnpui, Mualkhang, and Sairang, now make Mizoram squarely on the Indian railroad map. Engineers constructed an impressive 153 bridges, including India's second tallest pier bridge at 114 meters above the valley, higher than the Qutub Minar, and excavated 45 tunnels along with a 12.8 kilometers-long path through some of the most stubborn rock to cut this route.

Even the budget of this grandiose project increased to almost 8,000 crore as compared to its original without travel barriers and 20 percent, making life in rest of India and places it the event of floods and the fruits of this project would be even bigger.

an annual rate of 500-700 crores which is impressive considering that the state is only 1.2 million. Poor access has long been a limiting factor in tourism and this is projected to increase by 40-50 percent in the coming five years making the hills and festivals of Mizoram accessible to the rest of the world. This will also bring a difference to everyday life, with freight, and necessities (fuels, food, etc) becoming cheaper, the living cost will

State Domestic Product at

future and a new identity of Mizoram. From Isolation to

go down by 10-20 percent.

Behind all the bridges, all

the tunnels, all the meters

of railroad track are not only

steel and stone, but also

the assurance of a better

Integration The BairabiSairang railway is not an ordinary series of steel tracks over the hills of Mizoram; it is a metaphor of change. It is rewriting the socioeconomic fate of the state by cutting down time of travelling, cutting down improving agriculture, promoting tourism and linking Mizoram to international

markets. To the 1.2 million people of Mizoram, these trains carry with them a lot more than passengers and freight they carry prosperity, inclusion, and opportunity. To India, the line is a major victory that made a formerly distant frontier into a bridge to Southeast Asia.

There is more in the rhythm of the trains now resounding in the valleys of Mizoram, that development may be inclusive and sustainable and even extensive, and may convert margins developmental centers.

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RERA reshapes India's housing market, instils higher investor confidence: Knight Frank India

(Standard Post Bureau)

Knight Frank India, a leading real estate consultancy, together with NAREDCO, has launched its new report RERA's Reign - Charting Real Estate Growth Post-2016, which examines the Act's transformative role in India's housing market. The report highlights how the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, (RERA) has 2016 transformed India's housing market by instilling transparency, discipline, and long-term confidence. It showcases that RERA has successfully moderated runaway housing prices while restoring consumer trust and attracting institutional capital to the sector.

According to the with report, the implementation of RERA, speculative pricing in the housing market was brought under effective checks and balances. This policy intervention played a central role in aligning price growth with market fundamentals. Over time, with due processes in place and business restructuring on the supply side, the

residential property market in India registered the much awaited growth post the last down cycle.

Source: Knight Frank

Research Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India, said, "RERA has been one of the most impactful reforms for India's housing market in recent times, making the sector more transparent instilling accountability. Transparency and delivery discipline have given consumers the confidence to return to the market, while institutional investors are once again viewing residential real estate as a credible longterm investment story. This renewed balance in India's housing market will go a long way in achieving sustainable growth."

The implementation of RERA has helped shift the housing sector away from speculative cycles, forcing developers to adopt compliance, transparency, and delivery-focused practices. For consumers, the result has been fairer pricing and renewed confidence in housing as a Investor Confidence

Peaks

Alongside improved affordability, investor confidence in Indian real estate has climbed steadily in the post-RERA era. The report highlights that cumulative private equity inflows surged to USD 26 bn between 2017-2020, compared to just USD 17.5 bn during 2011–2016. This influx of institutional capital reflects greater trust in the sector's regulatory environment, signalling the success of RERA in building a more credible investment landscape.

NIFTY Realty Index further demonstrates this trend, showing stability and resilience in the post-RERA compliance standards. years. Large investors, once wary of opacity and delayed delivery, now view Indian real estate as a more predictable and disciplined market. According to the report, this structural shift has positioned India's housing market as a long-term investment destination for both

The performance of the

players. RERA's National Footprint

domestic and global

Beyond prices and investments, RERA's scale implementation underlines its importance as the backbone of India's housing market. By mid-2025, nearly 1.5 lakh projects and 1 lakh agents had been registered under the Act, while 1.5 lakh consumer complaints were successfully resolved

This regulatory reach demonstrates not only the seriousness of RERA's enforcement but also its growing acceptance among homebuyers and developers alike. For the first time, Indian homebuyers have had recourse to a structured grievance redressal mechanism, and developers have had to align their practices with

The result has been a more transparent housing market, where accountability, timely delivery, and financial discipline are no longer exceptions but expectations.

Saurabh Mehrotra, Executive Director-Valuation and Advisory, Knight Frank India, said, "For investors, this regulatory environment has helped create transparency and credibility in the

reflected in the USD 26 bn private equity inflows since 2017. Since its inception, RERA has resolved 1.5 lakh consumer complaints while regulating projects and agents at scale. It has firmly established itself as the backbone of India's residential real estate sector."G Hari Babu, President, NAREDCO, said, "Over the past eight years, RERA has been nothing short of a game-changer for Indian real estate. As highlighted in the Knight Frank report at the 17th NAREDCO National Convention, housing sales in India touched an all-time high of ?3.1 lakh crore in 2024, and nearly 1.5 lakh projects and 1.5 lakh consumer complaints have already been addressed under the RERA framework. This journey from opacity to transparency has rebuilt the trust of homebuyers, lenders, and global investors alike. The next step must be to evolve RERA into a more uniform, technology-driven framework across states so

that the sector continues to

be a backbone of India's

economic rise."

NDA alliance are completely united: residential sector, as **Anupriya Patel**

Prayagraj, Aug 30 (UNI) : Union Minister and Apna Dal (Sonelal) president Anupriya Patel today said that all the allies of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) are strongly together under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Anupriya said that Apna Dal (S) will contest the 2027 assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh with the NDA. "It is too early to say how many seats Dal will contest. But efforts will be made to strengthen the organisation. If the organisation is strong, then the election results will also be better," she said.

She said that her party's performance in the NDA alliance has been good. "The party wants to build a a strong organisation by 2027 so that the NDA performance is better than in 2022," she said. The union Minister also targeted Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav's PDA (a combination of backwards and minorities) and said such an alliance was a misnomer.

ADB announces 3 mln USD aid to support Pakistan's flood relief

Islamabad, Aug. 30 (UNI): The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced three million U.S. dollars in emergency assistance to support Pakistan's relief operations following devastating floods across the country."Pakistan is experiencing devastating flooding that has displaced families and communities, and ADB stands firmly with Pakistan during this crisis," ADB President Masato Kanda said in a statement Friday.

The grant, to be provided from the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund, reflects ADB's commitment to both immediate humanitarian needs and long-term recovery, he noted.

At least 22 people were killed in floods over the past 24 hours, while more than 1.5 million people have been affected by the disaster, according to the National Disaster Management Authority.

Officials have warned that another spell of heavy rains could further aggravate the situation.

Thailand's cabinet appoints acting PM

Bangkok, Aug. 30 (UNI): Thailand's cabinet on Saturday appointed Deputy Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai to serve as acting prime minister, following a constitutional court ruling that terminated Paetongtarn Shinawatra's premiership. Minister to the Prime Minister's Office Chusak Sirinil announced the appointment following a special cabinet meeting, which also appointed Prommin Lertsuridej as PM's Secretary General. Chusak said that the cabinet approved a strict framework for its operations during this transitional period to ensure stability without exceeding its mandate. The move was a constitutional requirement following the court's ruling, that the existing cabinet continue to govern in a caretaker capacity until a new administration takes office. The Secretariat of the House of Representatives has issued a notice to members of the parliament to convene from Sept. 3 to 5.

The lower house of the parliament is set to vote for the new prime minister based on the list of candidates submitted before the May 2023 general election.

Rainstorm, flash floods kill 5, injure 8 in eastern Afghanistan's

Kabul, Aug 30 (UNI): Heavy rains and flash floods have claimed five lives and injured eight others in the eastern Afghanistan Nangarhar province, reported the state-run Bakhtar news agency on Saturday.

Citing Mawalwi Sediqullah Qureshi, the provincial director for Information and Culture, the state-owned news agency added that the rainstorms, which triggered flooding in Rodat, Haska Mina and Chaparhar districts on Friday, have killed five people and injured eight others. Thousands of acres of farmland, as well as parts of roads and several water canals, have also been destroyed due to flooding, the official news agency added, quoting the official.

Previously, flash floods had also inflicted casualties and property damage in the eastern Logar and Parwan provinces a couple of weeks ago.

3 killed, 94 injured in train accident in NW Egypt

Cairo, Aug 30 (UNI): Three people were killed and 94 others injured after a train derailed in Egypt's northwestern Matrouh governorate, the Health Ministry said today. The injured were taken to nearby hospitals for treatment, the ministry stated. According to the National Railways Authority, seven carriages of the train, which was traveling from Marsa Matrouh to Cairo, derailed, with two overturning.

Technical teams and equipment were dispatched to clear the wreckage and restore service.

A technical committee will investigate the cause of the accident, the authority added.

Egypt's railway network has long faced issues with outdated equipment and poor management, resulting in frequent accidents. The country's deadliest rail disaster occurred in 2002, when a fire on a Cairo-Luxor train in Giza's Ayyat district killed over 380 people.

British PM vows to detain, send back illegal migrants amid mounting pressure

London, Aug 30 (UNI): British Prime Minister Keir Starmer today pledged to detain and send back illegal migrants as the government faces mounting pressure to tackle Channel crossings and the issue of asylum hotels

"I am clear: we will not reward illegal entry. If you cross the Channel unlawfully, you will be detained and sent back," Starmer said on social media platform X.His remarks came as several demonstrations were held across England on Saturday, including in London, Skegness and Gloucester, where asylum seekers are being housed in hotels. Five people were arrested in west London.

Thousands had attended protests over the summer, which began after an asylum seeker housed at a hotel was arrested and subsequently charged with several offenses, including the alleged sexual assault of a 14year-old girl. The number of asylum seekers being housed in hotels rose to more than 32,000 in the year to June, according to Home Office data.

The government had promised to close asylum hotels by the time of the next general election. Britain and France are trialing a scheme to send migrants arriving on small boats across the English Channel back to France in exchange for the same number of asylum seekers being brought to Britain on a legal route. But the numbers involved in this scheme are likely to represent only a small fraction of those who arrive.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being greeted by officials as he emplanes for China after concluding his visit to Japan.

UN mission voices concern over troop buildup around Libya's capital

:The UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) expressed deep concern today over continued troop and heavy weapons buildup around the capital Tripoli, warning that the "dangerous development" poses "potential harm" to civilians.

Noting that ongoing on security arrangements in Tripoli since June have made progress, UNSMIL in a statement, urged "all parties to continue dialogue to resolve this matter as soon as possible, and exercise maximum restraint to avoid escalating tensions or endangering

Tripoli, Aug 30 (UNI) civilians."The most recent buildup is "causing widespread fear among Tripoli's population," it said, warning that any use of force could lead to violent clashes in the densely-populated city.

It pledged continued support for mediation efforts to sustain a truce in Libya announced in May.

The statement came amid rising security tensions around Tripoli since the evening on August 27, when limited clashes reportedly erupted in some areas of the capital.

Following the clashes, forces loyal to the UNrecognised Government of National Unity (GNU) were reportedly advancing from Misurata, 200 km east of Tripoli, and from Gharyan, 100 km south, towards the

However, according to a report by news website 'The Libya Update', Libyan authorities said most of the ongoing buildup is "part of normal military activity."

Libya has remained divided since the 2011 NATO-backed uprising that toppled longtime leader Muammar Gaddafi. The country is split between rival administrations: the GNU in Tripoli and an eastern-based government backed by the Libyan National Army (LNA) under commander Khalifa Haftar.

The Libyan Army, part of the country's broader military forces, is referred to in contrast to the LNA, which retains its separate identity. Tripoli has seen recurrent outbreaks of violence recently, including major clashes in mid-May between forces loyal to the GNU and the Stability Support Apparatus, a heavily armed faction with influence in the capital. says after the deadly clashes, UNSMIL announced establishment of a truce committee jointly with the

country's Presidency Council, which serves as the supreme commander of the Libyan Army

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas barred from attending UNGA session as US revokes visa

New York, Aug 30 (UNI): Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has been barred from attending the UN General Assembly session in New York next month, following the US revoking his visa and that of 80 other Palestinian officials.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio has accused the Palestinians of undermining global efforts for peace, due to their insistence on seeking "the unilateral recognition of a conjectural Palestinian state", reports Financial Times.

The cancellation of their visas was welcomed by Israel, with the country's Foreign Minister Gideon Saar expressing his gratitude to Rubio. In a post on X, Saar wrote "Thank you @SecRubio for holding the "PLO" and PA accountable for rewarding terrorism, incitement and efforts to use legal warfare against Israel.

"We thank @POTUS and the Administration for this bold step and for standing by Israel once again."

Washington's ban comes in the wake of a planned initiative where several countries such as France and Canada have opted to recognise a Palestinian state during the annual global gathering. Explaining the move, the State Department announcement said, "It is in our national security interests to hold the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the Palestinian Authority accountable for not complying with their commitments, and for undermining the prospects for peace."

Abbass expressed disappointment over the US move, and said that the State Department's decision was in contradiction of international law."The American State Department's decision contradicts international law. The American administration must reverse its decision and allow the Palestinian delegation's entry."

Rubio said the department would allow exemptions for the Palestinian delegation to the UNGA, as required by the UN headquarters agreements of 1947.

But a department spokesperson said this would not apply to Abbas, who as president of the Palestinian Authority typically attends the annual meeting. The Trump administration has rejected any possibility of granting statehood to Palestine, with Rubio accusing PLO and the Palestinian Authority of indulging in terrorism and engaging in war crimes. He also blamed the absence of a ceasefire in Gaza on Palestinian appeals to the International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice.

Ukraine rejects EU proposal for creating buffer zone between Ukraine-Russia troops, calls it unrealistic

(UNI): In the hopes of a reporters on Friday, European leaders have already create a "dead estimates of the peace the territory it controls in whom he accused of "deliberate escalation" and been floating around the zone" of some 10km where forces would range from Ukraine, it did signal its showing no interest in urged stronger security proposal to establish a 40 km buffer zone between Russian and Ukrainian forces as part of a potential peace deal, though Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has rejected the idea, deeming it unrealistic, not in synch with realities of modern warfare, and tantamount to ceding territory which Kyiv has time and again refused to agree to.

"Only those who do not understand technological state of today's war propose a

Russia makes

massive raids

on Ukraine's

military sites

(UNI): Russia said

conducted a massive

"The targets of the

defense ministry said

in a statement, adding

involved high-precision

weapons fired from

land, air and sea.On

the same day, Kiev said

drones and 45 missiles

drones and 38 missiles

targeting seven locations

Russia launched 537

overnight, with 510

intercepted.

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were hit," Russia's

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Ukraine's military

Saturday that it

Moscow, Aug. 30

Brussels/Kyiv, Aug 30 buffer zone," he told international peacekeeping resolution, stressing that drones land. As per the proposal, Russian soil, including in President Vladimir Putin, denounced the attack as a heavy artillery cannot operate.

> He warned that any arrangement forcing Ukraine to withdraw would amount to territorial concessions "If Russia wants greater distance, they can retreat deeper into the temporarily occupied territories," reports BBC.

> European diplomats told reporters that the plan — one of several under discussion for either a ceasefire or postwar settlement would require a significant

force to patrol the strip of any NATO troops on 4,000 to 60,000 troops, with French and British units to form the backbone of any deployment, though it was also questioned whether Moscow would agree to the deployment of NATO troops near Russia.

The United States has also maintained that it won't deploy any boots on the ground, and will play a very minimal role in case of a ceasefire, limiting its support only to satellite intelligence and air surveillance.

While Moscow has

staunchly refused to allow support for the buffer arrangements.

The buffer zone proposal comes amid mounting pressure on Western leaders to find a path to end the war, now entering its fourth year.

Hopes for reaching a peace a settlement have been deemed increasingly slim, post the failure of the August 15 Anchorage summit in achieving a resolution.German Chancellor Friedrich Merz also made no efforts to hide his strong hostility to the

Kremlin, stating he would Brussels.EU foreign policy

French President Emmanuel Macron likewise echoed the sentiment, warning that Moscow was "playing for time" and to increase vowing pressure.

On Thursday, Russia launched one of its heaviest aerial assaults on Kyiv, firing 629 drones and missiles that killed at least people, further antagonising Europe, with two missiles striking near the EU offices which drew sharp condemnation from

"obviously not" meet with chief Kaja Kallas guarantees for Ukraine.

While Estonia has pledged troops for any buffer arrangement, Poland and Germany have ruled out direct deployments, citing risks to their own security. Warsaw in particular fears that shifting NATO forces into Ukraine could weaken the alliance's eastern flank.

Zelensky's chief of staff Andriy Yermak held talks in New York with U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, and Vice President JD Vance.

SL pledges incentives to boost exports

: Sri Lankan President Kumara Dissanayake has stated that incentives will be introduced to encourage export diversification and the development of valueadded products, the President's Media Division said Saturday. The president enterprises and airbases. said the government should support industries rather strike were achieved, and than hinder them, and all designated objectives

during the sectors regulation drafting process while allowing sufficient time for implementation.

Dissanayake made these remarks on Friday at the Presidential Secretariat during the 2026 pre-budget discussion with private sector representatives from the agriculture, food and beverage sectors, according to the department. The meeting

Colombo, Aug. 30 (UNI) consulting with relevant focused on providing facilities for farmers, exports, tax concessions, recycling, and the legal framework affecting the sector. Extensive discussion was also held on ensuring a continuous supply of quality agricultural and food products to consumers, as well as the challenges faced by businesses, with participants sharing their views and proposals.

China issues alert on overseas study

Beijing, Aug. 30 (UNI): about China's Ministry of Education released an overseas study alert on Saturday, once again urging Chinese students who intend to study in the Philippines in the near future to strengthen their risk assessment, learn

stressed the importance of

necessary precautions and plan their study arrangements with

The ministry cited a recent rise in crimes against Chinese citizens in the Philippines, the Philippines' deteriorating public security situation and its

unfavorable study environment as the reasons for the alert.

This is the second alert concerning study in the Philippines issued this year. In April, the ministry also released an alert to warn students of the risks of studying in certain U.S. states.

Ex-Ukrainian National Security Council head Parubiy wanted in Russia

Moscow, Aug 30 (UNI): Former Secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, Andriy Parubiy, who was shot dead in Lvov (also known as Lviv) on Saturday, had been listed as a wanted criminal by the Russian Interior Ministry since 2023, police records show.

Earlier in the day, Ukrainian police reported the killing of "a well-known public and political figure born in 1971" in Lvov. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed Parubiy's death. A Ukrainian newspaper, Strana.ua, reported that he was shot dead in the street by a man posing as a courier.

According to Russian police data, Parubiy has been wanted by the Interior Ministry since November 2023. The Russian Investigative Committee charged Parubiy in absentia for atrocities committed in Donbas in 2014, which left 1,200 people dead or injured.

In April, a member of the Ukrainian Stop Grave resistance group told Sputnik that an investigation into a deadly fire at the Trade Unions House in Odesa, which killed 48 people and injured more than 250 others on May 2, 2014, was obstructed by a group of journalists established by then-National Security and Defense Council chief Parubiy.

Beauty

Get rid of whiteheads to prevent

Whiteheads are caused due to build-up of oil, serum and dead skin that plugs up your pores. They clog your skin's pores and result in pimples.



A repeated occurrence of whiteheads can cause a serious problem of acne. But the good news is that whiteheads can be treated effectively at home. With a little effort and a regular skincare routine, you can keep whiteheads at bay. Follow these steps to get flawless

Wash your face regularly. It makes skin oil-free, which would otherwise result in whiteheads. For best results, use a non-oily face wash and not the one that has glycerine as one of its contents.

Make sure that your hair is washed. Often greasy hair contributes to more oil on the surface of your skin. Dandruff is also one of the major causes of whiteheads and acne. Use an anti-dandruff shampoo once a week to keep your scalp clean.

Avoid oily makeup and lotions as they clog the pores the most. They make matters worse and lead to breakouts. Before buying a cosmetic, check out its oil content. Clean your face with a cleanser every day before going to bed.

Dab on a little tree tea oil before going to bed. Tea tree oil prevents whiteheads, blackheads and acne. This oil, surprisingly, does not clog pores. It also prevents breakouts. Scrub your face once a week. Because using a face wash alone won't be enough. To get rid of the sebum that accumulates in pores, gently scrub your face and wash it off with cold water.

Here's how to protect your skin this

Summer is a time to wear all those dresses, shorts and skirts that you had put away during winter. The sun is out and is shining bright, inviting

you to soak it up over Sunday brunches and early evening walks. But the increased exposure to sun brings with it skin problems. Here's how to keep your skin healthy and radiant during this season...



Exfoliate: You may think that exfoliating your skin is something that is done only during winter, but it is equally important in summer. Your body sheds skin cells regardless of the weather, so it is vital to scrub them off to avoid making your skin look dull

Hydrate: Moisturize, even if you have oily skin. As the temperature rises, swap your heavy body lotions for lighter ones. You could also use gels and purees as they absorb better into your skin.

Sunscreen: This is perhaps the most important tool to help fight sun issues during summer. Pick a sunscreen that is SPF 50 and above to protect yourself against the harmful effects of the sun.

De-tan: Even with sunscreen, your skin is likely to get tanned.But don't fret. If you are the type that doesn't fancy a tan, then just mix gram flour with yogurt and a few drops of lemon, and use this as a facemask to get rid of an uneven tan.

Water: Increase your water intake at this time of the year as you tend to get dehydrated quicker during summer. If it is not given enough water, your body tends to sap moisture from your hair and skin, leaving both dry and listless. So, drink up.

Toner: Use a toner to keep your pores closed and your skin cool. If you don't want to use chemicals, you could opt for rose water instead. Rose water's natural cooling properties make it ideal to soothe irritated and over-exposed skin.

Go bananas for Beauty!



Of course wallet is a must-carry in your handbag, but apart from the regular stuff, one must have a mini summer kit in their handbag this summer. Check if you have these following things in your handbag before you step out in this scorching heat.

Summer kit for your Handbag



Small umbrella

Try to carry a mini-umbrella in your kit. This will help you to protect your skin from sun tan and dehydration.

Compact

One cannot maintain the freshness of

the face all day this summer. But, a compact will help to an extent. Compact powder not only removes excess oil on your face, but also hydrates the skin and makes you look clean and fresh.

Wet wipes

If you feel tired or look a bit dull, just wipe your face with wet wipes and refresh

Hairpins and hair bands

In this hot sun, leaving the hair loose is not a comfortable option. Even if you do so, you may need a hairpin or a hair band to tie it up some time during your travel. So, always put a few hair pins and hair bands in your bags for an instant hair-do. Also, hair tends to be frizzy this season, so hairstyles do not hold for long and hence you will definitely need these.

Sanitizer

It is better to be safe and avoid picking up infections.So, pin up a small sanitizer in your handbag and clean your hands as often as you need to.

Water bottle

Always carry a small water bottle in your bag. You will not know when you may need one during the day .Since parched throat might cause dehydration, this is a must-carry.

Summer means frequent sweating and deos are a must-carry to keep you fresh. Sweat also can make you stink and staying odourfree is important. Always carry a fragrant deo to smell good this summer.

Small towel

Keep a small towel in your handbag. You may wash your face and hands quite often at your work place this season, and having a small towel could come in handy in drying yourself.

Sunglasses

Don't forget to take your sunglasses. They might be worn as a style statement during other seasons, but during summer, they help you escape the heat. Also choose glasses, preferably wraparound ones, that offer complete UV protection.

Stole

Just keep a stole, preferably made of cotton, in your handbag as this might help you cover your head when you have to walk in the sun. It also helps to protect

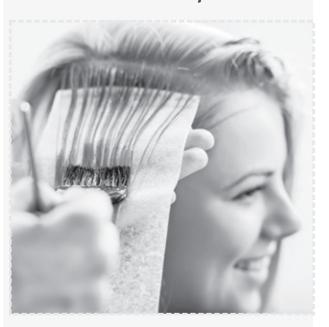
While it is known that this humble fruit may have a host of health benefits, bananas also offer several beauty benefits. Available throughout the year, bananas are a powerhouse of nutrients and are great for your skin and hair as well. Here are some benefits...

- The fruit contains generous amounts of vitamin C and B6, which ensure that your skin remains supple and elastic. Apart from that, bananas also have antioxidants that protect your skin from premature ageing.

- The water content present in bananas keeps your skin well hydrated so that it doesn't get flaky and dry. It works as a great moisturiser as well. This is because it comprises vitamin A, which helps your skin recover the moisture it has lost.
 - One of the best ways to moisturise your skin is to use a mashed banana and liberally rub it all over your face and neck. After leaving the pulp on your face for about half an hour, wash it
 - You also treat pigmented skin with bananas. Simply add a tablespoon of honey to banana pulp and apply it on your skin.
 - Have to go to an important function and don't have time to visit the parlour? Simply take a banana and add yogurt, honey and almonds to it. Make a paste and apply it all over your face. Not only will this moisturise your face but also remove excess oil and add a glow to your skin.
 - For those who want to get rid of marks and scars left on the skin due to acne and pimples, bananas are a helpful aid. The vitamin C they contain lightens blemishes caused by skin aggravation.
 - Bananas also work as great exfoliators. Simply mix jaggery and mashed bananas together and use the paste as a scrub on your face and neck.
 - Is the skin on your hands and heels dry, flaky or cracked? Let a banana come to your rescue. Simply mix mashed banana with some rose water and apply on the affected areas.

Safe ways to colour your hair during **Pregnancy**

Don't stop yourself from colouring your hair during pregnancy. Here's what to keep in mind.



Pregnancy makes a woman glow with health and beauty and it shouldn't stop her from enhancing her hair with additional colour. Most bleaches and hair dyes contain harmful chemicals, which when absorbed through the scalp, can enter the bloodstream. So the general tendency is to take a break from hair colour when you are expecting if you want to play it completely safe.

Since you are going through crazy hormonal changes, your mane also gets affected and may not take to hair colour. However, don't stop yourself from a colour job or from dyeing your roots. Covering greys is a must, whether you are pregnant or not, and infusing colour will give a fresh change to your usual look.

Keep these tips in mind:

- Pick ammonia-free hair colour. If you are colouring at home, buy hair colour that doesn't contain any ammonia. For salon-based colouring, ask your stylist to do the same. It might not give you the intense colour that others would, but it's safe.
- Go ombre instead of global colouring. The ombre (or dip-dye) technique refers to colouring only the hair tip so the product doesn't touch your scalp.
- Dilute the colour to make it more tolerable to your scalp. Effective and non-toxic options to dilute the hair dye are water or almond, sunflower or jojoba oil.
- Always do a patch test before colouring.
- If you feel an irritation, develop a rash or get nauseous from the fumes, wash off the dye immediately.

Gauff storms into US Open **Round 16**

New York, Aug 30 (UNI): American star Coco Gauff delivered a statement performance today as she eased into the round of 16 at the US Open 2025, Poland's beating Magdalena Frech 6-3, 6-1 in just over an hour at the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Seeded third, Gauff showed the form and composure that has made her one of the top contenders for the title. The 20-year-old dropped just four games in a match that showcased her consistency, variety, and tactical intelligence.

Her serve, which had wavered earlier in the week, clicked smoothly as she landed 76 percent of first serves and won 25 of 35 points behind them.Gauff also demonstrated her ability to reset under pressure. At 4-1 in the opening set, she faced a shaky service game with two double faults but managed to hold, forcing Frech into errors at crucial moments. She sealed the first set 6-3 before racing through the second with relentless shot-making and clever use of her forehand slice to disrupt her opponent's rhythm.

"I played well. It was tough playing two night matches and then coming back with shade on the court today, it was hard to see the ball," Gauff said in her post-match interview. "It's been an emotional week. I was putting too much pressure on myself, but I'm learning to enjoy it and focus on the process instead of just the result."

This victory marks the fourth consecutive year that Gauff has reached the round of 16 in New York, further underlining her consistency at Grand

The home favorite has quickly become a fan magnet at Flushing Meadows, drawing strong support inside Arthur Ashe Stadium as she looks to emulate her US Open triumph in 2023.

The world No. 3 will next face either Daria Kasatkina or two-time US Open champion Naomi Osaka in what promises to be one of the most anticipated clashes of the second week.

Meanwhile, the women's draw remains loaded with star power, with defending champion Iga Swiatek scheduled for action later in the evening. But for the moment, it was Gauff's dominant showing that set the tone for Day 7.



Bangladesh's players celebrate after scoring a goal during the Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2025 match between Chinese Taipei and Bangladesh, in Rajgir, Bihar on Saturday.

Arshdeep toiling hard to stay fit for Asia Cup

Bengaluru, Aug 30 against East Zone in (UNI): India's fast bowler Arshdeep Singh is entering the 2025 Asia Cup in peak form after an intensive preparation phase in the Duleep Trophy, ensuring he is fully ready to contribute to India's pace attack in Abu Dhabi.

With India's first match against the UAE on September 10, followed by games against Pakistan and Oman, Arshdeep's fitness, adaptability, and mental toughness are expected to be vital assets for the team.

After a nearly threebreak month from competitive cricket following IPL 2025, where he finished as Punjab Kings' highest wicket-taker with 21 wickets, Arshdeep used his Duleep Trophy stint with North Zone

Bengaluru to fine-tune both his physical and mental game.

Bowling 17 overs on the second day — the most by any North Zone bowler highlighted the importance of long spells in preparing for high-pressure international tournaments. "I felt really good with the number of overs I got. My body feels well after 15-17 overs, and the ball is coming out nicely. Not many wickets today, but they will come in the future," he

Arshdeep emphasized that his current focus is on mindset, particularly learning to enjoy the "boring times" in red-ball cricket.

"In the session after

doesn't do anything. How you enjoy that phase tells you how successful you can be in red-ball cricket," he said, crediting advice from fellow fast bowler

consistency, qualities crucial in both red-ball and white-ball formats. During the hiatus from matches, Arshdeep worked extensively on strength, conditioning, and fitness to

handle the workload of long

Mohammed Siraj. This

mental approach will help

him maintain patience and

lunch, mostly the ball

"When you are not playing, you push your limits in training — more overs, more strength, more practice. The aim is to stay ready whenever you get a chance," he said, underscoring

disciplined preparation for the upcoming Asia Cup.

Switching formats will be key, and Arshdeep has already been practising with the white ball to ensure a smooth transition. "Red ball, white ball, or pink ball you have to play cricket and enjoy it. The mindset is about how quickly you can adapt according to the situation, wicket, and weather. Knowing when to put in effort and when to conserve energy is key," he added.

With India arriving in Dubai for Asia Cup preparations on September 4, Arshdeep Singh's blend of fitness, adaptability, and mental resilience positions him as a key component in India's plans to strengthen their bowling resources across formats.

Newcastle sign Woltemade in club record

The 6ft 6in (1.98m) Germany international, 23, has joined Newcastle in a deal worth up to £69m. This eclipses the £63m Newcastle paid to make Alexander Isak the most expensive player in the club's history three years

Woltemade, who will wear the number 27, has not been registered in time to make his debut against Leeds United on Saturday. But Woltemade will have a huge role to play moving forward, given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the future of Isak - who remains determined to join Liverpool, according to a

"I'm really happy to be at this amazing club," he said. "From the first contact, I felt like the club really wanted me and had big plans for me.

that the city, as well as the "It's a big step in my life nation's future rests in the hands of these youth who will bring honour to the country in the years to feels like family. come.

I have a really good feeling from speaking to the head coach that this is the right place for me to find my best level.

atmosphere is crazy. I'm really excited to play and start scoring goals here."

Sports minister wants Royals part

Jaipur, Aug 30 (UNI): Rajasthan Royals announced today that head coach Rahul Dravid will not continue with the franchise in any capacity ahead of IPL 2026, ending his second stint with the team. A franchise statement

highlighted Dravid's

Rajasthan

ways with

Dravid

pivotal role over the years, saying, "his leadership has influenced a generation of players, built strong values within the squad, and left an indelible mark on the culture of the franchise." Following a structural review. Dravid was offered a broader position within the RR, but he chose not to take it. The 52-year-old legend, who returned to Rajasthan Royals in September 2024 after guiding India to a T20 World Cup title, saw his second tenure cut short after a disappointing 2025 season. The Rajasthan Royals finished ninth, winning only four of 14 games, with several close matches slipping away. Dravid also spent much of the season confined to a wheelchair after a foot injury sustained while playing club cricket in Bengaluru.

The franchise is now considering options for a new head coach, with former coach Kumar Sangakkara, currently Director of Cricket, being a potential candidate to return. The Rajasthan Royals, its players, and fans worldwide extended heartfelt thanks to Dravid for his "remarkable service" to the team.

New Delhi, Aug 30

Minister Rekha Gupta on

saying that players from

the national capital must

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Indian tri-color to new

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who win medals, and is

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Stadium with emerging

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sports icons, the CM

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shared her government's

sports vision and outlined

Welcoming Delhi's

young talent, Gupta said

Gupta made special

"The triumph of an

athlete on the global stage

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(UNI): Delhi Chief

Saturday shared her

to raise India's share in global sports manufacturing to 25 pc by 2036 New Delhi, Aug 30 of Business Rules. Hence,

(UNI): Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today stressed on the importance of promoting Swadeshi and vowed to take India's share in global sports manufacturing to 25 per cent

Speaking at the firstsports goods manufacturing conclave held in the national capital he said "Everyone has to make sure that we implement everything keeping in mind 'Nation first'. Aatmanirbharta and the use of Swadeshi goods is the need of the hour. We must move forward with the spirit of Garv se Swadeshi. From 1 pc global share now, we have to take it to 25 pc by 2036. Economic growth happens when there is demand, and it increases with manufacturing, which also results in employment generation."He categorised Sports goods manufacturing as a priority sector "In India, the sports ecosystem is growing with speed. We have the potential to go big and we are not dependent on anyone. Sports goods manufacturing is a priority sector for us, and we have to implement this steadily. I am very pleased on it being included in the Allocation

we did this important conclave,"

The conclave saw

extensive deliberations and

presentations industry leaders on the sports goods manufacturing industry, India's strengths, and strategy for making it a global hub as well as challenges and solutions in the sector. Dr. Mandaviya also noted that the conclave was not just about manufacturing sports goods, but about creating a complete ecosystem that combines industry, innovation, employment. The overall aim was strengthening India's march towards becoming a global sporting and economic powerhouse.

The Indian sports goods sector is valued at USD 4.88 billion (?42,877 crore) in 2024 and is projected to grow to USD 6.6 billion (?57,800 crore) by 2027 and ?87,300 crore by 2034. The sector provides employment to over five lakh people, primarily in MSME clusters at Meerut, Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Delhi-NCR. India is the third largest sports goods manufacturer in Asia and the 21st largest exporter globally, with exports worth USD 523 million in 2023–24 to more than 90 countries.

'Kabaddi gave me everything': Pardeep Narwal at his felicitation ceremony

Vizag, Aug 30 (UNI): On a day filled with nostalgia, the Kabaddi industry celebrated a man who changed the way the sport is played- Pardeep Narwal, the Dubki King.

For over a decade, his raids left defenders in his wake and fans at the stadiums roaring. More than 1,800 raid points, three Pro Kabaddi League titles, and a move- the dubki - that became synonymous with his name.

Yet, when Pardeep spoke at his felicitation, it wasn't the numbers that defined his voice, it was the emotion. "I came here today only for the fans," he said. "Even now, when they call or message me, I feel like I must return for them."

He remembered friendships, naming fellow warrior Maninder Singh, now at Patna Pirates - the team that gave him his fame – as one who stood by him beyond the mat. He recalled the joy of victories, the sting of near-misses, but above all, the unbreakable bond with the game. "The Pro Kabaddi League gave me everything-fame, family, and the love of countless people. I want to take it as far as I can."

The journey does not end here. With his Pardeep Narwal Kabaddi Academy, where 65 children will be chasing their dreams, Pardeep has chosen to gift the future what he once received. "I want to grow my kids like my coach once grew me," he said. This academy will open on September 1, and will usher in the new generation of kabaddi stars.

As legends across Indian sport like Dhanraj Pillai and Pullela Gopichand rose to applaud him, they were joined by current stars such as Jyothi Yarraji, Yogesh Kathuniya, and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. In that moment, one truth echoed — Pardeep Narwal may step away from the mat, but his spirit will forever live on in the game he gave his life to.

£69m deal

London, Aug 30 (UNI): Newcastle United have completed the club record signing of striker Nick Woltemade from Stuttgart on a six-year contract.

BBC news.

to leave Germany but everybody has welcomed me so well and it already

mention of international champions such as Ravi Dahiya, Sharad Kumar, Tejaswin Shankar, "I know the stadium Narayan Thakur, Narendra

from watching games on Grewal and Pritam Rani, as television - it looks she commended their amazing and I know the is not just an individual

will make the city sports capital honour. It belongs to 1.4 billion Indians," she

CM interacts with Delhi's athletes, says

remarked. The event was also vision for Delhi's athletes, attended by Cabinet Minister Mr Ashish Sood, MLA Mr Rajkumar Bhatia, participate in national and and other dignitaries. Acknowledging the leadership of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, Gupta said that sports had, for the first time, received the recognition and constitutional backing long required. She highlighted the

recently enacted National Sports Governance Act 2025, which she described as the "Constitution of Sports", noting that it would ensure improved facilities, professional coaching, balanced nutrition and essential resources for the athletes.

The CM also contrasted her government's approach with that of the previous administration, which, she said, had neglected sports and failed to enhance rewards or infrastructure.

"Our government has not only raised prize

money and expanded facilities but has also ensured that athletes receive the respect and opportunities they deserve. Delhi's athletes are now excelling on both national and international platforms," Gupta said.

She added that outstanding performers at the Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and National Games will receive multicrore prizes along with honourable government appointments.

Delhi's Minister for Education Ashish Sood, who was also present on the occasion, assured athletes that their concerns would always be addressed with priority.

"The government will provide every facility and support needed.

Athletes have one responsibility to win medals and make Delhi proud. Both the Chief Minister's Office and my office stand fully committed to resolving your issues without delay," he said.

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New Delhi, Aug 30 (UNI): From struggling to find a club during the **COVID-19** pandemic to making a memorable debut for India, Kerala defender Muhammed Uvais Moyikkal's journey has been one of perseverance and

determination. The 27-year-old from Malappuram, who was once without a team during the pandemic, found himself in the Indian senior men's national squad earlier this month and made his first appearance in the **CAFA Nations Cup 2025** against Tajikistan.

Just five minutes into

his debut, Uvais's long throw-in set up India's opening goal, giving the team an early lead. India went on to register a 2-1 victory, their first competitive win since November 2023, marking a positive start to the Khalid Jamil era.

"Of course, I had always dreamed of playing for India, but when coach Khalid Jamil took charge, I thought maybe my chance would come," Uvais said.

"Even then, my inclusion in the probables surprised me. The last two weeks have been a blur, filled with phone calls and

From pandemic struggles to India call-up: Uvais' rise

congratulations." Uvais admitted he was overwhelmed when told he would be starting against Tajikistan. "When the national anthem played, it hit me.

I'm not usually emotional, but I felt it deeply," he said. Coming from a

football-loving family, with his father working as a local coach and his brother playing for Roots FC in Bengaluru, Uvais had to overcome significant hurdles. During the pandemic, he found it difficult to secure opportunities as

tournaments were scarce. His fortunes turned

when Gokulam Kerala signed him, and he went on to win the I-League in 2021-22. That success opened doors to the Indian **Super League with** Jamshedpur FC, where he played under Khalid Jamil.

"Coach Jamil has been instrumental in my growth. He simplifies the game and asks us to keep things simple. His trust in me has been crucial," Uvais said.

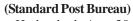
India will next face IR Iran in their second Group B fixture of the **CAFA Nations Cup** tomorrow. The match will be streamed live on FanCode.

Director General, Indian Railway Health Services Emphasizing teamwork and technology Inspects Central Hospital, Lallaguda, SCR

DG (IRHS) inaugurated 2D Echo and Oxygen Manifold Room facility







Hyderabad, Aug 30: Dr.Jagdish Chandra, Director General, Indian Railway Health Services (IRHS), Railway Board, New Delhi inspected and inaugurated new facilities at Central Railway Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad today i.e., on 30th August, 2025. Dr. Nirmala Rajaram, Principal Chief Medical Director, SCR: Dr. I. Siva Naga Prasad, Medical Director, Central Hospital, Lallaguda and senior Doctors were also present on the occasion.

Dr.Jagdish Chandra inaugurated the 2D Echo Machinery with advanced machine facility, Oxygen Manifold Room, renovated physiotherapy room and a dedicated corporate billing experiencing modern and

section office, that will immensely benefit the serving and retired employees and their family members. The inauguration of the renovated physiotherapy center in the ground floor of the new OPD block will cater to railway beneficiaries in better physiotherapy sessions related different ailments.

Addressing Doctors, Dr.Jagdish Chandra appreciated the medical department for upgrading the facilities which will immensely benefit the serving / retired employees and their

dependents. He stated that these advanced diagnostic facilities and services will be highly useful and convenient. He also complimented the medical team for the noble initiative of developing an oxygen plant at the hospital premises which caters as a lifesaving medical need.

for operational excellence: GM, ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Aug 30 : General Manager of East Coast Railway, Mr Parmeshwar Funkwal, conducted a thorough inspection of the Vizianagaram station yard, accompanied by Divisional Railway Manager Waltair, Shri Lalit Bohra, and senior officials from Headquarters and Waltair Division. During the visit, he carefully reviewed critical safety elements including track conditions, signaling, and operational procedures. After the inspection,

Shri Funkwal held an interactive meeting with senior supervisors from various departments at Vizianagaram station. He highlighted significance of teamwork in meeting the Railway's operational demands and upholding infrastructure standards. Emphasizing that safety is the highest priority and customer satisfaction the key goal, he urged supervisors to rigorously check all safety and service parameters, aiming for excellence and the elimination of any shortcomings.Furthermore, the General Manager





technologies and digital

supervisors to regularly advancements within the update their teams to avoid

staying current with new Railways. He advised negligence and operational lapses, thereby enhancing

Central Railway to run Special Mid Night **Suburban Trains for Ganpati Festival**

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 30: Central Railway will run halt at all stations between special mid night suburban trains from CSMT to Kalyan/Thane and back for devotees travelling during the GANPATI FESTIVAL on 04/ 05.09.2025 (Thursday/Friday Night), 05/06.09.2025 (Friday/ Saturday Night) & 06/ 07.09.2025 (Saturday/ Sunday Night) on MAIN LINE between CSMT Mumbai and Kalyan.

Special Suburban trains will run from CSMT to Panvel and back on the day of GANPATI IMMERSION

(Saturday/Sunday Night). The special trains will

CSMT Mumbai and Kalyan/ Thane/Panvel as per the timings given below.

On DOWN MAINLINE (On 04/05.09.2025; 05/ 06.09.2025 & 06/ 07.09.2025)

CSMT-Kalyan Special will depart CSMT Mumbai at 01.40 hrs and arrive Kalyan at 03.10 hrs.

On HARBOUR LINE will depart CSMT Mumbai at 02.30 hrs and arrive Thane at 03.30 hrs.

will depart CSMT Mumbai only on 06/07.09.2025 at 03.25 hrs and arrive will depart CSMT Mumbai

Kalyan at 04.55 hrs.

On UPMAIN LINE (On 04/05.09.2025; 06.09.2025 07.09.2025)

Kalyan-CSMT Special will depart Kalyan at 00:05 hrs and arrive CSMT Mumbai at 01.30 hrs.

Thane-CSMT Special will depart Thane at 01.00 hrs and arrive CSMT Mumbai at 02.00 hrs.

Thane-CSMT Special CSMT-Thane Special will depart Thane at 02.00 hrs and arrive CSMT Mumbai at 03.00 hrs.

On DOWN HARBOUR

CSMT-Kalyan Special LINE (On06/07.09.2025 only) **CSMT-Panvel Special**

at 01.30 hrs and arrive Panvel at 02.50 hrs.

CSMT-Panvel Special will depart CSMT Mumbai at 02.45 hrs and arrive Panvel at 04.05 hrs.

On UP HARBOUR LINE (On 06/07.09.2025

Panvel-CSMT Special will depart Panvel at 01.00 hrs and arrive CSMT Mumbai at 02.20 hrs.

Panvel-CSMT Special will depart Panvel at 01.45 hrs and arrive CSMT

Passengers requested to please note and avail these GanpatiFestival Special Suburban Train services.

CM Omar **Abdullah directs** speedy restoration of Sgr-Jmu **National** Highway and

stressed the importance of

other roads Srinagar, Aug 30 (UNI) Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a high-level meeting to review restoration works on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) and other major roads damaged by recent incessant rains, directing authorities to ensure speedy road connectivity, smooth traffic flow, and uninterrupted supply of essentials to the Valley and remote areas of Jammu division.

He emphasized the need close interdepartmental coordination and timely updates to respond promptly to public needs.

The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (remained closed for the fifth straight day due to heavy rains and mudslides at several locations. While stranded vehicles were partially cleared today, a stretch along the began sinking, forcing authorities to halt traffic from both sides.

During the meeting, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo briefed about the condition of NH-44, describing its restoration as the top priority since it is the lifeline connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country.

An official spokesman said that CS stressed the importance of facilitating movement of perishable commodities like fruit from the Valley and highlighted the grim situation in areas such as Kishtwar and Udhampur, which are facing outages of power, drinking water, road connectivity and mobile networks.

V.Somanna laid Foundation Stone for Light Road Over Bridge at **Gubbi Railway Station, SWR**





(Standard Post Bureau)

Bengaluru, Aug 30: Mr V. Somanna, Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti, laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Light Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Gubbi Railway Station, Tumakuru district today. The project has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs 20crore.

Addressing gathering, Mr V. Somanna said that both the Central and State Governments should work together for development works. He informed that the Government of India has allocated Rs 2.65 lakh crore for Indian Railways in the current year, of which Rs 49,000 crore has been earmarked for projects in the State of Karnataka. He further stated that

Gubbi Railway Station is being developed under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, which will enhance passenger amenities and infrastructure. He said that earlier, ROBs and RUBs were executed under a costsharing arrangement between the Centre and the State, which often caused delays. Now, with the Central Government funding such projects fully, works are progressing at a much faster pace. New line laying, doubling of single lines, quadrupling of lines, and station development works are also being taken up, he said.

Mr S.R. Srinivas, Hon'ble MLA of Gubbi and

Chairman of KSRTC, said that the construction of this ROB fulfils the longstanding demand of the people of Gubbi. He thanked Shri V. Somanna for sanctioning major developmental works in Tumakuru District.

The event attended by Shri G.S. Basavaraj, Hon'ble Former MP; Shri Ajay Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer (Construction); Shri Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru; Shri Parikshit Mohanpuria, Additional Divisional Railway Manager; Shri Pradeep Puri, Chief Engineer; officials from NHAI; and other dignitaries.

Western Railway extends the trips of special trains between Mumbai Central - Indore

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 30: For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the festive season, Western Railway has extended the trips of Special Train on Special Fare between Mumbai Central & Indore on existing timings, halts & composition. According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of the train is as under:

Train No. 09085/09086 Mumbai Central - Indore (Tri – Weekly) Special [12 Trips]

Train No. 09085 Mumbai Central - Indore Special departs from Mumbai Central every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 23.20 hrs and will reach Indore at 13.00 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended further from 1st to 12th September, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09086 Indore – Mumbai Central Special will depart from Indore every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 17.00 hrs and will arrive Mumbai Central at 07.10 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended further from 2nd to 13th September, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Dahod, Ratlam and Ujjain station in both

This train comprises of First AC, AC 2-Tier and AC 3-Tier Coaches. The booking for the extended trips of Train No. 09085 & 09086 opens from 31.08.2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Cancellation, Regulation and Rescheduling of Train Services: South Western Railway

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mysuru, Aug 30 : Due to line and power blocks between Birur-Sivapur station, Birur-Talguppa and Birur - Nagavangala station for the launching of the Bowstring girder for the NHAI Road Over Bridge on NH-206, replacing LC No. 128 & 2, the following trains will be cancelled, regulated, and rescheduled as detailed below:

I. Cancellation of Trains 1. Train No. 16567 Tumakuru – Shivamogga Town Express will be

cancelled on 31st August, 1st, 8th, 14th & 15th September 2025.

2. Train No. 16568 Shivamogga Town -Tumakuru Express will be cancelled on 1st, 2nd, 9th, 15th & 16th September 2025.

3. Train No. 16214 SSS Hubballi – Arsikere Express will be cancelled on 8th September 2025.

4. Train No. 16213 Arsikere – SSS Hubballi Express will be cancelled on

9th September 2025. 5. Train No. 12089 KSR Bengaluru – Shivamogga Town Express will be cancelled on 8th September 2025.

6. Train No. 12090 Shivamogga Town – KSR Bengaluru Express will be cancelled on 9th September 2025.

II. Rescheduling of

1. Train No. 12090 Shivamogga Town – KSR Bengaluru Express will be rescheduled by 75 minutes from Shivamogga Town on 1st, 2nd, 15th & 16th September 2025.

2. Train No. 16213

Arsikere - SSS Hubballi Express will be rescheduled by 45 minutes from Arsikere on 1st, 2nd, 15th & 16th September 2025.

III. Regulation of Trains 1. Train No. 20652 Talguppa – KSR Bengaluru Express will be regulated en route by 75 minutes on 9th September 2025.

2. Train No. 56272 Chikkamagaluru Shivamogga Town Passenger will be regulated en route by 30 minutes on 9th September 2025.