

IN BRIEF

Defence Ministry denies issuing report on Pahalgam attackers' identities

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) The Defence Ministry today rejected reports being circulated on media regarding the identities and background of Pahalgam attackers, saying that the Indian Armed Forces have not issued or prepared any such document.

The Defence Ministry in a statement said, "A report on identities and background of the Pahalgam attackers is being circulated through media/social media handles and attributed to the Services."

"No authorised media handle of the Indian Armed Forces has prepared or issued any such document," the statement said.

It said that no remarks of this nature have been made by the Armed Forces Public Relations Offices or nominated spokesperson.

"The report appears to be a compilation of information on post-encounter findings, collated from open sources," the statement added.

Trump threatens India with substantially raising Tariff

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump today threatened India with "substantially raising" the tariff for buying Russian oil and selling it on the open market for big profits.In a post on his social media account President Trump said India doesn't "care" how many people are being killed in Ukraine by the Russian war machine.

"India is not only buying massive amounts of Russian Oil, they are then, for much of the Oil purchased, selling it on the Open Market for big profits. They don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian War Machine. Because of this, I will be substantially raising the Tariff paid by India to the USA," he said.

On August one President Trump had imposed a 25 percent tariff on India.



In this image released by @narendramodi via X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays his respects to former Jharkhand chief minister Shibu Soren, who passed away at the age of 81 on Monday, at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, in New Delhi. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren is also seen.

Veteran tribal leader and former Jharkhand CM Shibu Soren passes away

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) : Shibu Soren, former Jharkhand Chief Minister and founding patron of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), passed away today at the age of 81. He died at Delhi's Sir Ganga Ram Hospital after a prolonged illness.His son Hemant Soren, the current Jharkhand Chief Minister, wrote in his X post: "Respected Dishom Guruji has left us all. Today I am zero..."The hospital declared his death at 8:56 am, citing complications from a kidney ailment and a stroke he suffered nearly six weeks ago. Soren had been on ventilator support for over a month.A towering figure in Indian tribal politics, Soren's legacy spans decades, from grassroots mobilization to national prominence.

Often referred to as

"Guruji", he was a three-time Chief Minister of Jharkhand and a former Union Coal Minister.

Born on January 11, 1944, in Nemra village of Hazaribagh district (now in Jharkhand), Shibu Soren began his political journey in the early 1970s, championing tribal rights and identity. He lost his first election in 1977 but entered Parliament in 1980 from Dumka, a seat where he represented eight times in the Lok Sabha.

He also served a term in the Rajya Sabha in 2002, which he resigned after winning a Lok Sabha by-election the same year.

Soren held the post of Union Coal Minister in the Manmohan Singh government, but was forced to resign in 2006 after being

convicted in the Shashi Nath Jha murder case. However, he was acquitted by the Delhi High Court in 2007.Soren served as Chief Minister of Jharkhand three times, first briefly in 2005, then from 2008 to 2009, and again from 2009 to 2010. His final term began after the JMM's victory in the 2009 Assembly elections, but he was forced to resign after losing his own seat in Tamar to political newcomer Raja Peter.Despite political ups and downs, Soren remained a central figure in Jharkhand's politics, symbolizing tribal assertion and identity. He resisted national political waves — from Indira Gandhi's resurgence in 1980 to the BJP's Modi wave in 2014 and was seen as the most prominent tribal leader at

the national level.

He was married to Roopi Soren and has four children, including Hemant Soren, former Chief Minister of Jharkhand and current JMM president.

In a significant legal development just 2024, the 1998 JMM bribery case verdict, which had shielded Soren from prosecution, was overturned by a seven-judge bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud. Ironically, the case was reopened following a petition filed by his own daughter-in-law and JMM legislator, Sita Soren.

In 1993, Soren and four JMM MPs were accused of accepting bribes to vote against a no-confidence motion, helping the minority PV Narasimha Rao government survive.

CM reviews 30 projects in War Room

Mumbai, Aug 4 (UNI) : Infrastructure projects, once undertaken, must be completed within three years of commencement, and should not continue for longer periods, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis instructed the officials today.

Fadnavis reviewed the progress of various infrastructure projects in the Chief Minister's War Room.

The meeting, held in the Cabinet Hall at Mantralaya, was attended by senior officials.

In the previous two meetings, a total of 33 projects were reviewed, during which around 135 issues were discussed and decisions taken. The implementation status of those decisions was presented during this meeting.

Fadnavis stated that with the advanced technology available, projects should be completed in less time. Any obstacles to the timely completion of metro projects in Mumbai and across the state must be resolved promptly.

Housing projects should be developed near the last station of metro lines. A skilled mechanism should be created to ensure metro projects are completed on schedule. He also directed that funds required for metro and other infrastructure projects be released urgently.

While implementing infrastructure projects, everyone must ensure their timely completion. Instead of having separate dashboards for each project, the status of every project should be recorded only on the CM Dashboard.

All project-related updates should be regularly uploaded to this dashboard. Decisions taken in the War Room review meetings to resolve issues should be implemented before the next meeting, said Fadnavis.

Matters requiring higher-level approvals should be taken to the Cabinet meeting for finalisation.If any problem arises even after decisions have been made in the review meeting, it should be reported to the War Room so it can be resolved immediately. The Chief Minister stressed that both the projects in the War Room and the implementation of its decisions must be taken seriously.



PM Modi to inaugurate eco-friendly Kartavya Bhavan ...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the newly constructed, state-of-the-art, eco-friendly Kartavya Bhavan here on August 6, official sources said today..Spanning approximately 1.5 lakh square metres, the seven-storey Kartavya Bhavan – 03 will accommodate the Ministries of Home Affairs, External Affairs, Rural Development, MSME, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Petroleum & Natural Gas, and the office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) on Kartavya Path.

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Mamata Banerjee blames DVC for flooding south Bengal



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today charged the Damodar Valley Corporation with a "systematic attempt to trigger more and more flood-like situations across South Bengal," meaning the southern districts of the state. districts ( See on page 4)

Yamashita holds off Hull to win Women's Open



Miyu Yamashita produced an almost faultless final round to hold off England's Charley Hull and win the Women's Open at Royal Porthcawl. It is a first major victory for the 24-year-old from Japan, following top-10 finishes at each of the past two editions of the Women's PGA Championship. (See on page 7)

Congress, SP conspired to implicate the nationalists in ...



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has alleged that parties like the Congress and Samajwadi Party had conspired to implicate nationalists in the Malegaon case."But the innocent Hindus, who were implicated in the Malegaon blast case and termed as terrorists, were saved.

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## Lokshahi Din celebrated in BNCCM



(By Rajesh undi)  
Bhiwandi, Aug 4 : As per the instructions of the Maharashtra Government, Lokshahi Din was organized at the Municipal Corporation level on 04 August 2022 at the Auditorium of Hon. Administrator and Commissioner So., New Administrative Building, Third Floor, Bhiwandi Municipal Corporation (Headquarters). On the said Lokshahi Din, 2 complaint

applications were received and the applications were related to unauthorized construction and fire and other permissions and the said application was related to Ward Committee No. 5 and Fire Department. Hon. Additional Commissioner So. gave instructions to the concerned Department Head to take appropriate action on the said application. Also, the next Lokshahi Din will be held on Monday 01/09/2025 at

10.00 am at Commissioner So. It will be organized at the Auditorium, New Administrative Building, Third Floor, Bhiwandi Municipal Corporation (Headquarters) and applicants who wish to file a complaint on Lokshahi Din are requested to submit their application in 3 copies in the prescribed format to the Information and Public Relations Department on or before 18/08/2025.

## Uttarakhand, UP & Bihar lead Ganga plantation under Namami Gange

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) : Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar together account for the majority of the 33,024 hectares of plantation carried out along the Ganga river basin under the Ministry of Jal Shakti's Namami Gange Programme (National Mission for Clean Ganga - NMCG) aimed at rejuvenating the river, Lok Sabha was informed today.

Uttarakhand has a total plantation area of 12,306 hectares along the Ganga river basin, followed by Uttar Pradesh (9,166 ha) and Bihar (8,554 ha). West Bengal and Jharkhand, have contributed plantation areas of 2,115 hectares and 884 hectares respectively. Collectively, these states have completed plantations over a total area of 33,024 hectares between 2016-17 and 2022-23, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan Singh, said in a written reply to a Lok Sabha query. The Ganga basin comprises Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Jharkhand.

While NMCG's primary focus remains on sewage treatment, riverfront development, afforestation, wetland and biodiversity conservation, and public awareness, these plantation activities also indirectly contribute to blue carbon sequestration.

India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement do not explicitly mention blue carbon ecosystems, but they underscore the need to increase forest and tree cover to generate an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent by 2030.

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As the inaugural structure among several upcoming Common Central Secretariat buildings under the ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project, Kartavya Bhavan aims to centralise ministries under one roof, thereby streamlining administrative workflows and fostering agile governance, according to the official statement.

At present, a number of ministries function from ageing edifices such as Shastri Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, and Nirman Bhawan, several of which were constructed during the mid-20th century and are now structurally deficient. The newly commissioned Kartavya Bhavan is designed to address these challenges by reducing maintenance cost, enhancing operational efficiency, and improving employee well-being.

## “If you were a true Indian, you would not say this," SC raps Rahul Gandhi over Army remarks

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) : The Supreme Court today pulled up Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his alleged remarks against the Indian Army during the 2022 Bharat Jodo Yatra, questioning the veracity and propriety of his statements.

The Court said such comments were unbecoming of a “true Indian” and sought to know the basis for his claims regarding Chinese incursions.

A Bench comprising Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice AG Masih was hearing Gandhi's plea challenging a defamation case filed over his December 16, 2022, remarks made after a border clash between Indian and Chinese troops in Arunachal Pradesh.

“If you were a true Indian, you would not say all these things,” Justice Datta observed during the hearing.

The Bench questioned Gandhi's claim that 2,000 km of Indian territory had been occupied by China.

“Are you there? Do you have any credible material? Why would you make these statements without anything?”

Justice Datta questioned the credibility of statements and said that public figures have a responsibility when making sensitive statements.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Gandhi, argued that the remarks were political in nature and made in the public interest.

He read out the actual statements

made by Gandhi and contended that the defamation complaint was politically motivated.

“There is a technique now, become an MP and file defamation for any criticism,” Singhvi submitted, arguing that the complaint was an abuse of the legal process. However, the Court appeared unconvinced, and Justice Datta further asked why such comments were made via social media instead of being raised in Parliament. Senior Advocate Gaurav Bhatia, appearing for the complainant Uday Shankar Srivastava, opposed the plea and submitted that the High Court had already examined the issue.

He stated that relevant materials and statements were on record justifying the continuation of proceedings.

The defamation case arises from Gandhi's statement, “Chinese soldiers are beating up Indian Army personnel,” which the complainant claimed was defamatory and demoralising to the armed forces.

Earlier, on March 29, 2025, the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court had dismissed Gandhi's plea challenging the Magistrate Court's summons in the matter.

**CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**Out-sourcing of Non-Core Activities of Brake-Valve section for 576 coaches of EMU/MEMU at Matunga Workshop**  
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (EMU), 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, New Admn. Bldg., Carriage Workshop, Central Railway, Matunga, Mumbai- 400019, invites open e-tender for the work of "Out-sourcing of Non-Core Activities of Brake-Valve section for 576 coaches of EMU/MEMU at Matunga Workshop, Qty: 576 coaches". **Approx. Cost of work** Rs. 13,43,160.96/-, **EMD:** Rs. 26,900/-, **Tender Document Cost:** Rs. Nil. **Completion Period:** 18 months. **Closing date/time:** 29.08.2025 up to 15:00 hrs. Tender shall be accepted only in E-Tendering format through the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Tender document is available in website. **Tender No.** EMU/WKS/BE-Valve/Non-Core/08/01-25-R. **AK-332**  
Unauthorized crossing of railway line is a punishable offense

## ED to bring arrested BTPL MD face-to-face with Anil Ambani

Mumbai, Aug 4 (UNI) The Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a statement today said that it has arrested Partha Sarathi Biswal, the managing director of Biswal Tradelink Pvt Ltd (BTPL) based in Odisha, on Saturday, for allegedly providing fake bank guarantees worth Rs 68.2 crore to the Anil Ambani-led Reliance Power Ltd for a Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) tender.

The ED plans to confront arrested Biswal face-to-face with Anil Ambani when Ambani will be questioned on Tuesday, August 5 at the ED's Delhi headquarters in an alleged money laundering case, linked to an alleged multi-crore bank loan fraud committed by the Anil Ambani-led Reliance ADA

group. “An investigation has revealed that BTPL had fraudulently arranged as well as submitted fake bank guarantees of Rs 68.2 crores along with forged State Bank of India (SBI) endorsements and fabricated confirmations for a Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) tender. For providing this bank guarantee, Rs 5.40 crore was received by BTPL (as commission) from Reliance Power Ltd,” according to the ED statement.

Allegedly, Biswal ran a "fake" bank guarantee issuance racket for business groups and his company BTPL is suspected of providing a "fake" bank guarantee worth Rs 68.2 crores to an Anil Ambani-led Reliance ADA group company,

according to the ED.

BTPL MD Biswal was arrested under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after searches at the company's premises in Bhubaneswar, as well as its "associate" entity in Kolkata. According to an ED investigation, BTPL allegedly arranged fraudulent bank guarantees worth about Rs 68 crores, backed by forged endorsements from the State Bank of India (SBI) using spoofed emails.

Allegedly, the "fake" BTPL bank guarantees were used to provide assurance for a Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) tender, on behalf of Reliance NUBESS Limited, which is a subsidiary of the Anil Ambani-led Reliance Power.

## BJP-led Mahayuti leaders lash out against Jitendra Awhad's anti-Sanatan Dharma statements

Mumbai, Aug 4 (UNI) : The controversial remarks about Sanatan Dharma made by Sharad Pawar-led NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad were condemned by leaders of the BJP-led Mahayuti ruling alliance.

Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena leader and Maharashtra's Minister of State for Tourism, Mining and Ex-Servicemen Welfare Shambhuraj Desai said here today that, “What Jitendra Awhad said is not acceptable to me. Sanatan Dharma is a distinct ideology which advocates harmony and tolerance. What he said is totally wrong”. Earlier on Sunday, Sharad Pawar-led NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad said, "Sanatan Dharma has ruined India. There was never any religion called Sanatan Dharma. We are followers of Hinduism. This so-called Sanatan Dharma denied coronation to our Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. This Sanatan Dharma defamed our Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. The followers of this Sanatan Dharma tried to murder social reformer Jyotirao Phule. They threw cow dung and dirt on his wife Savitribai Phule. This Sanatan Dharma conspired to murder Shahu Maharaj. It did not even allow Dr BR

Ambedkar to drink water and go to school. It was Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar who finally stood up against Sanatan Dharma, burnt the Manusmriti and rejected its oppressive traditions. The author of Manusmriti came from this Sanatani tradition".

"It has become a trend for the opposition to criticise Sanatan Dharma. Their statement that Sanatan Dharma is a distorted ideology different from Hinduism shows their illiteracy and by making such absurd remarks, they are responsible for caste oppression and social exclusion," Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena leader Shaina NC said. BJP leader Ram Kadam said that Sharad Pawar-led NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad's comments are based on the MLA's “incomplete study of the Hindu scriptures.”

“The statement by the leader of Sharad Pawar's party (Awhad) is based on an incomplete study of the Hindu scriptures. Are you defaming Sanatan Dharma? Will you now do this for your politics? It is unfortunate that he (Jitendra Awhad) is making such statements solely for the politics of appeasement,” Kadam said. Other BJP leaders also

condemned the anti-Sanatan Dharma remarks made by Sharad Pawar-led NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad.

"After the court itself foiled the fake narrative of saffron terrorism, those following Congress culture have started propaganda in the name of Sanatan Hinduism again, which means that it is ready to erase the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi with their own hands. It has become clear that those following Congress culture but wearing masks of Hindutva, have also taken off their Hindutva masks by participating in the conspiracy to declare Sanatan Dharma as terrorist," Maharashtra BJP state unit chief spokesperson Keshav Upadhye told media persons at a press conference. Upadhye also asked whether Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, who calls himself a Hindutva supporter, agreed with anti-Sanatan remarks made by Sharad Pawar-led NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad to defame Hindus.

"After the court foiled the conspiracy of Congress leaders and Sharad Pawar to prove saffron terrorism by acquitting Hindutva activists in the Malegaon bomb blast case, there is a

conspiracy to bring forward a new fake narrative of Sanatani terrorism by putting forward an MLA called Jitendra Awhad. However, the partisan politics of the Congress has forgotten that Sanatan Dharma is the tradition of India's ancient tolerant social system and Mahatma Gandhi also had followed this tradition as well as practiced Sanatan Dharma" Upadhye said.

Saying that Sanatan Dharma is the culture of India, which has given the values of tolerance to India's social system, Upadhye presented evidence in the form of an article written by Mahatma Gandhi published in 'Young India', in October 1921. Upadhye pointed out how Gandhi wrote in October 1921 that "I consider myself an orthodox Hindu and I have strong faith in the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Puranas and all the Hindu scriptures".

Upadhye also questioned why Uddhav Thackeray, who had worn the "mask of Hindutva" in front of the people and claimed to be proud of Hindutva, had now knelt down before Awhad.

"Why is Uddhav Thackeray, who has surrendered to Congress culture, now gone silent? Does Uddhav Thackeray accept Jitendra Awhad's Criticism of Sanatan Dharma? We strongly condemn the Congress culture and Uddhav Thackeray, who has surrendered to Congress culture and accepted anti-Hindu vomit from the mouth of Jitendra Awhad," Upadhye said.

**EAST COAST RAILWAY**  
**AUCTION NOTICE**  
No.WCGWAT/Claims/Parcel-Misc./25, Dt.: 31.07.2025  
Auction of connected and undelivered articles lying at Visakhapatnam Railway Station is proposed. The followings are the details :

SL.NO.	PLACE OF AUCTION	DATE & TIME OF AUCTION	EMD AMOUNT
1.	PARCEL OFFICE, VISAKHAPATNAM RAILWAY STATION	ON 1030 HRS. OF 29.08.2025 (FRIDAY)	₹ 500/-

No Auction will be conducted on Public Holidays.

The details of the articles to be sold by Public Auction are with Chief Parcel Supervisor of the Visakhapatnam Railway Station. EMD is refundable to the unsuccessful bidders. Sealed tenders can also be submitted with DD in favour of FA & CAO, East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar as earnest money equivalent to 20% of the bid amount duly quoting the lot numbers. For successful bidders, the EMD will be adjusted against the bid amount. The sealed Tenders may be addressed to the Station Director, East Coast Railway, Visakhapatnam as the case may be. Railways will not undertake any responsibility for non-delivery, delayed delivery of the sealed Tenders sent by Post.

The Auction Notice will also be available in the website at [www.eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in)

The Railway reserves the right to cancel the Auction or withdraw any or all the consignments without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial)/ Waltair

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## Mumbai couple arrested in fake ID racket for illegal immigrants

Mumbai, Aug 4 (UNI) : The Mumbai Crime Branch has apprehended a married couple for allegedly operating a counterfeit document network designed to provide fake Indian identity papers to Bangladeshi nationals residing illegally in the city.

Identified as Purushottam Prasad Sharma (57) and his wife Manju Purushottam Sharma (42) alias Manju, the duo was arrested following a raid on their home in the Sai Sawali Co-operative Housing Society, New MHADA Colony, based on specific intelligence.

During the search of their residence, police investigators seized significant evidence, including a laptop, four mobile phones loaded with multiple SIM cards, two forged Aadhaar cards, two

PAN cards bearing different identities, and a voter ID card issued in Manju Sharma's name.

Additional confiscated items were bank passbooks, cheque books, and a red pen drive, believed to hold crucial data related to the illegal operation.

Investigations further revealed that Manju Sharma is actually a Bangladeshi citizen who entered India unlawfully about 12 years ago with the help of an agent.

She has been residing in the country without valid documentation since then. Officials stated that after her illegal entry, she married Purushottam Sharma, who subsequently assisted her in acquiring fraudulent Indian identity documents.

Authorities suspect the couple has links with agents based in

Bangladesh who facilitated the illegal movement of people across the border into India.

A case has been formally registered against the accused under several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including Sections 318 (cheating), 336 (forgery), 338 (forgery for cheating), 340 (using forged documents as genuine), 2612 (criminal conspiracy), 249 (criminal breach of trust), and 3 (offences by organized crime groups), along with pertinent sections of the Passport Act. The suspect couple is currently in police custody. The Crime Branch is continuing its investigation to uncover the full scale of the racket and identify their international links, particularly with agents in Bangladesh.

## Mumbai couple arrested in a case of rape of minor

Mumbai, Aug 4 (UNI) : Police arrested a couple in connection with an alleged rape and impregnation of a minor girl in the city's suburban Bandra area, official sources said today..

According to the details, a 40-year-old man was arrested for allegedly raping and impregnating his wife's minor sister. His wife was also taken into custody for trying to hide the crime and for assisting in the minor's delivery at home.

Both arrests took place yesterday and they were produced in the court today.

The case came to light after the girl was admitted to the hospital.

According to the police, the teenage girl lived with her elder sister and brother-in-law in the same house. During her stay, the minor alleged that her brother-in-law had raped her multiple times between March 2024 and July 2025.

When she informed her elder sister about the pregnancy, she allegedly threatened her and did not allow her to seek help

To cover up her husband's crime, the elder sister did not let the minor girl visit a doctor or go out for any medical treatment. She conducted the girl's delivery at home. However, when the girl's condition worsened, she was rushed to Bhabha Hospital, where medical staff alerted the authorities. Following this, based upon the statement and medical evidences, an offence was registered under the relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for rape and issuing threats.

Police have charged the man for raping the minor while the victim's elder sister with concealing information about the offence, causing the disappearance of evidence, and threatening the teenager. The victim gave birth to the baby at the hospital, and both are currently in stable condition. Police arrested the couple, who are now in police custody granted by the POSCO court



Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee workers stage a protest against the BJP-led state government, in New Delhi.

## NIA Court clears path to charge fugitives in Malegaon Blast

Mumbai, Aug 4 (UNI) : A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court has granted permission to the agency to file separate chargesheets against absconding accused Ramchandra Kalsangra and Sandeep Dange upon their arrest.

The direction came alongside the court's verdict acquitting seven individuals in the 2008 Malegaon blast case. Kalsangra and Dange, both residents of Indore, Madhya Pradesh, remain officially listed as wanted accused (AA-1 and AA-2) in this NIA-investigated case, referred to as Malegaon-II.

According to prosecution claims presented in court, Kalsangra was responsible for planting the explosive-laden LML Freedom motorcycle at the Malegaon

blast site.

The NIA further stated that both Kalsangra and Dange had been in possession of the motorcycle for over a year prior to the attack. Kalsangra's brother, Shiv Narayan Kalsangra, who was earlier arrested by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in connection with the case, was discharged in December 2017 along with four other individuals.

The Kalsangra brothers are from a farming background and worked as electricians. Dange, in contrast, is an engineering graduate and the son of a professor. Both men have been fugitives for 17 years and are wanted by multiple agencies, including the NIA and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), for their alleged roles in a series of major terror attacks.

These include the 2006 Malegaon triple blasts, the 2007 Samjhauta Express bombing, the 2007 Mecca Masjid blast in Hyderabad, the 2007 Ajmer Dargah blast, and the 2008 Malegaon blast. Kalsangra is known to use aliases such as Ramji Kalsangra and Vishnu Patel, while Dange uses the alias Parmanand.

In Indore, Kalsangra's family, including his wife Lakshmi and three sons, continues to await any information about his whereabouts. "We are still waiting for justice... we have had no information about him for the last 17 years," said his son Devvrat.

The special court, presided over by Judge Abhay Lahoti, also explicitly dismissed claims made by former police inspector Mehboob

Mujawar that Kalsangra and Dange had died while in ATS custody.

Judge Lahoti noted that while Assistant Commissioner of Police Mohan Kulkarni confirmed Mujawar was assigned to trace the fugitives, he categorically denied Mujawar's assertions regarding the duo's death or that Mujawar was sent to fetch an RSS functionary.

The court ruled that Mujawar's statements, recorded under Section 313 of the CrPC, along with related documents, could not be admitted as evidence in this particular case.

The judge emphasized that these statements were not recorded before his court, nor were the supporting documents proven through the testimony of witnesses in the present proceedings.

## BJP slams NCP-SP MLA Jitendra Awhad for anti-Sanatana remarks, demands apology

Mumbai Aug 4 (UNI) : The leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) lashed out at Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) MLA Jitendra Awhad for his derogatory statement against Sanatana Dharma and asked whether party president Sharad Pawar and working president Supriya Sule endorse Awhad's stance.

A major political storm has erupted after Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) MLA Jitendra Awhad's said "Sanatana Dharma has ruined India".

Awhad also said, "Sanatana Dharma is mainly responsible for the creation of casteism and untouchability".

He further alleged that Sanatanis refused to recognize the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and

attempted to defame Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.

BJP minister Nitesh Rane took aim at top NCP leadership and asked whether Sharad Pawar and working president Supriya Sule endorsed Awhad's statements. Another BJP leader Ram Kadam accused Awhad of indulging in "filthy politics" to appease certain groups and demanded a public apology from Awhad.

BJP spokesperson Keshav Upadhye said, "Before labeling Sanatanais as terrorists, dare to call out the Muslim terrorists who killed people based on their religion in Pahalgam."

He criticized Awhad's comments as an attempt to defame Sanatana Dharma. State minister Shambhuraj Desai also condemned the remarks, calling the vilification of Sanatan Dharma "completely wrong".

## Bhujbal's official residence stuck as Munde refuses to vacate bungalow

Mumbai, Aug 4 (UNI) : Former Maharashtra minister Dhananjay Munde has incurred a Rs 42 lakh penalty for failing to vacate his official Satpura bungalow despite resigning from the cabinet on March 4, this year. This delay prevented newly allotted occupant and Food Minister Chhagan Bhujbal from moving into the residence, though his formal allotment order was issued on May 23.

Revenue Minister Chandra Shekhar Bawankule emphasized that since Dhananjay Munde and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar are both part of the Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar faction), Pawar has the authority to resolve the ongoing controversy surrounding Munde.

Munde had previously vacated his ministerial position following his implication in the murder

case of Beed sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh. However, Munde had retained possession of his bungalow for five months of his tenure, sparking further controversy.

Public Works Department sources confirm the Rs 42 lakh penalty remains unpaid. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis now has to decide a penalty waiver, as Bhujbal's relocation remains stalled.

## Governor Radhakrishnan condoles demise of Shibu Soren

Mumbai, Aug 4 (UNI) : The Governor of Maharashtra, C P Radhakrishnan expressed grief over the demise of former Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shibu Soren today.

"I was saddened to know about the demise of the former Chief Minister of Jharkhand and Member of Parliament, Shibu Soren Ji in New Delhi," the Governor wrote in a condolence message. "Shri Shibu Soren ji dedicated his life to serve Jharkhand with dedication and commitment for almost five decades. He lent his voice to raise the problems of the people of Jharkhand in Parliament. As a Chief Minister, he introduced various welfare schemes to uplift the life of ordinary people, especially tribals," he said. "In his demise, Jharkhand has lost a fatherly figure and an astute parliamentarian. I pay my homage to the departed leader and convey my deepest condolences to the Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, and other members of the bereaved family," he added.

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STANDARD POST

India’s NextGen rises in battle of equals

It was billed as the rebirth of a rivalry — a five-Test epic in the land that gave the world cricket. The series did measure up to its top billing. But by the final evening at The Oval, it had transformed into something far deeper: the rise of India's NextGen in the longest version of the gentleman's game.

What began as a series filled with curiosity and speculation ended in high drama, with India pulling off a sensational six-run win in the final Test to level the series 2-2. It wasn't just a result, it was a statement.

At the heart of India's resurgence stood two men. Shubman Gill, the calm, poised captain who stepped into the spotlight without Rohit Sharma or Virat Kohli to shield him, and Mohammed Siraj, the relentless pace spearhead who poured his soul into every spell.

Gill walked into this series with a weight of expectation. He was seen as the 'prince in waiting,' but five Tests later, he emerged as a commander in full control. His elegant centuries were only part of the story.

What stood out was his intuitive, attacking leadership — making bold declarations, setting brave fields, backing fresh faces — all while anchoring India's batting. He didn't just lead India through a tough series; he showed what the future of Indian cricket could look like under his stewardship.

Mohammed Siraj, meanwhile, embodied India's unbreakable spirit. Match after match, pitch after pitch, Siraj ran in hard — never mind the conditions, the fatigue, or the scoreline. And when it mattered most, with England coasting at 301 for 3 in their chase of 374 at The Oval, Siraj turned the match on its head.

Using late reverse swing and sheer pace, he cracked open the English middle order. With sharp support from Prasidh Krishna, India closed in with clinical precision, bundling England out for 367 and snatching a six-run win that had seemed improbable just hours earlier. It was a spell for the ages, the kind that defines a series — and perhaps even a career.

The five Tests told a gripping story. England struck early with Bazball's familiar flair, chasing down a mammoth total at Headingley and winning a thriller at Lord's. But India hit back hard at Edgbaston, where Gill's double ton and Akash Deep's incisive spells delivered a statement win.

The fourth Test at Old Trafford saw both teams stretched to the limit, with England posting a mountain of runs and India replying with dogged resistance.

Rishabh Pant batted through injury, while Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar held the innings together. It ended in a draw — but one that underscored the mental and physical toll the series was extracting.

England had their heroes too. Harry Brook stood tall as their breakout star, batting with flair under pressure and notching a vital century in the final Test.

Joe Root was the constant — dependable, elegant, and always there when the situation looked dire. Ben Stokes, despite being visibly hampered by injury, continued to lead with a quiet ferocity that inspired those around him.

This wasn't just Bazball at full throttle — it was Bazball with balance, a more mature and strategic version that retained its entertainment but sharpened its edge.

For India, the biggest revelation was the depth of its next generation. This series didn't just showcase Gill and Siraj — it revealed a rich core of talent ready for the international stage. Yashasvi Jaiswal's centuries, Washington Sundar's composure, Akash Deep's pace, and Prasidh Krishna's temperament all combined to show that India's pipeline is strong and already delivering.

Even in pain, the team held together. Pant's innings on a broken foot will be remembered for its sheer audacity, while Jadeja continued to be the tireless force India so often leans on.

What this series offered — beyond numbers, beyond results — was a powerful reaffirmation of Test cricket itself. In an era where the red ball is often overshadowed by white-ball fireworks, this series proved that long-form cricket still has the power to captivate. Packed stadiums, five-day thrillers, nail-biting finishes — this was not nostalgia. This was evidence that Test cricket, when played at its highest intensity, remains the purest and most emotionally resonant form of the game.

As Harsha Bhogle aptly described, this was the "Ali vs Foreman" of cricket — two great forces trading blows, refusing to yield, thrilling spectators with every round. No clear victor, but no doubt about the spectacle. In a summer that asked hard questions of both teams, both found answers.

And for Shubman Gill and Mohammed Siraj, this series may well be remembered as the beginning of something extraordinary. The journey ahead is long. But if this series was any indication, the torch has been passed — and it burns brightly.

Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Flags Off Bhavnagar-Ayodhya Weekly Train



(Standard Post Bureau)

Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off three new express train services from Bhavnagar, Gujarat – Bhavnagar-Ayodhya Express, Rewa-Pune (Hadapsar) Express, and Jabalpur-Raipur Express today. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav, and the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Mr Vishnu Deo Sai, joined the event via video conferencing.

The launch ceremony of the Bhavnagar-Ayodhya weekly train was graced by Union Minister for Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Labour & Employment, Youth Affairs & Sports Dr. Mansukhbhai Mandaviya, and Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Smt. Nimuben Bambhaniya.

Speaking at the

occasion, Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said that these three trains are of great importance. The Bhavnagar-Ayodhya Express will connect culture and devotion and boost trade and tourism in Bhavnagar. Pune is a major industrial city today and is connected with Rewa, Jabalpur, Satna, and Maihar. This train will be vital for this tribal region too.

He further stated that Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi has an emotional bond with Railways and always emphasizes the development of railways — bringing in new technologies and expanding the network. Over the last 11 years, the railways have undergone a massive transformation. In this period, 34,000 km of new railway tracks have

been built — an average of 12 km per day — something never seen before in history. 1,300 stations are currently under redevelopment, forming the world's largest station modernization program.

Unlike in foreign countries, where stations and trains are shut down during upgrades, in India this work is progressing swiftly without disruption.

He also announced that a new Porbandar-Rajkot train will start daily operations soon. A new coach maintenance facility at Ranavav station, the new Saradiya-Wansjaliya railway line, Bhadrakali Gate, a new flyover in Porbandar city, two new Gati Shakti cargo terminals and a new port terminal in Bhavnagar are all in the pipeline. He also mentioned that the country's first bullet train from Mumbai to



Ahmedabad will begin operations soon. Construction is progressing rapidly, and once operational, the travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad will be just 2 hours and 7 minutes. Discussing the growing passenger amenities, he said a new Amrit Bharat train has been launched. So far, nearly eight such trains have started.

The Amrit Bharat trains have facilities similar to Vande Bharat but come at significantly lower fares, making them affordable for more passengers.

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, in his remarks, said that under the leadership of PM Modi Ji, the country is changing and progressing rapidly. A new India is emerging, and as transformation continues,

railways are also undergoing a revolutionary change. With modernization, citizens are now getting timely and well-equipped rail services. Change in the railway sector is a key part of building a developed India. He added that Saurashtra is a land of saints, sages, and devotion.

Through the Ayodhya train, people of this region will now have the blessed opportunity to visit Ram Lalla. He expressed gratitude to the Railway Minister for this initiative.

Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Smt. Nimuben Bambhaniya, welcomed the Railway Minister and expressed gratitude for this valuable gift to Bhavnagar in the form of this new train. She said this train is like a bridge connecting Bhavnagar's

energy with Ayodhya's devotion and that it will benefit not just the people of Bhavnagar but also those from surrounding districts.

The event was attended by MLAs Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia, Shri Jitubhai Vaghani, Smt. Sejalben Pandya, Shri Gautambhai Chauhan, Shri Bhikhabhai Bariya, Mahant Shri Shambhunathji Tundiya, Shri Shivabhai Gohil, Mayor Shri Bharatbhai Barad, District Collector Dr. Manish Kumar Bansal, Commissioner Shri N.K. Meena, District Development Officer Shri Hanul Chaudhary, Regional Commissioner Shri Dhaval Pandya, Superintendent of Police Shri Harshad Patel, senior railway officials, saints, local leaders, and a large number of citizens from Bhavnagar.

Vande Bharat is a Fully Indigenously Manufactured Train Equipped with World-Class Modern Facilities: Vaishnaw

(Standard Post Bureau)

Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw held a 'Viksit Bharat Samvad' with traders, merchants, industrialists, and prominent citizens at Iskcon Fern in Bhavnagar. Minister of Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukhbhai Mandaviya and Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Smt. Nimuben Bambhaniya were also specially present at the event.

Speaking about India's robust and continuously growing economy compared to other countries, the Railway Minister stated that while global economies have seen declining growth rates post the COVID-19 pandemic, India has witnessed a consistent rise in its growth rate — a matter of both pride and joy. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has emerged as the world's fourth-largest economy, with its economy valued at ₹331 lakh crore as of March 31, 2025.

Highlighting India's growing global stature and capabilities, the Minister also shared insights into indigenous manufacturing. He elaborated on the features of the Vande



Bharat train, emphasizing that it is a fully indigenous, world-class train equipped with modern amenities. He urged citizens to participate

in the national mission to realize the vision of a Developed India.

The Minister further noted that there was a time

when India had no recognition in the field of electronics manufacturing. However, over the past decade, India has emerged

as a major hub with \$150 billion worth of electronics manufacturing. Not only that, but India is now also taking a leading position in the semiconductor sector on the global stage.

As part of the Viksit Bharat Samvad, local industrialists and citizens engaged in discussions with the Minister regarding Bhavnagar's issues and infrastructure needs. In response to a query on FTR, Shri Vaishnaw assured that there will be no issues related to FTR in the future. He also announced the development of a container port in Bhavnagar, affirming the government's commitment to the region's growth. When a demand was raised for setting up an IT park in Bhavnagar through STPI (Software Technology Parks of India), the Minister immediately spoke to the concerned official over the phone and adopted a positive approach to ensure the facility is approved.

Minister of Labour & Employment, Youth Affairs & Sports Dr. Mansukhbhai Mandaviya, recalling the longstanding association of Shri Vaishnaw with Bhavnagar, expressed gratitude on behalf of the people for his visit. He also noted that the Viksit Bharat

Samvad was organized to inform citizens about the government's various steps for Bhavnagar's development, as well as future policies and plans, in the context of India's journey toward becoming a developed nation.

Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Smt. Nimuben Bambhaniya, thanked the Railway Minister on behalf of the people of Bhavnagar for accepting and implementing various demands for improved railway facilities in the region. At the beginning of the event, MLA Shri Jitubhai Vaghani delivered the welcome address. At the conclusion, traders, merchants, industrialists, prominent citizens, and various associations honored Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw. On this occasion, dignitaries including MLAs Arjunbhai Modhwadia, Sejalben Pandya, Gautambhai Chauhan, Mayor Bharatbhai Barad, District Collector Dr. Manish Kumar Bansal, Commissioner N.K. Meena, District Development Officer Hanul Chaudhary, Superintendent of Police Harshad Patel, and several officials and citizens from Bhavnagar were present in large numbers.

Mamata Banerjee blames DVC for flooding south Bengal districts

Kolkata, Aug 4 (UNI) : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today charged the Damodar Valley Corporation with a "systematic attempt to trigger more and more flood-like situations across South Bengal," meaning the southern districts of the state.

"DVC's flood mismanagement record this year has surpassed its own dismal accounts of previous years as it has failed Bengal this year to an unprecedented degree," Banerjee, while blaming the central agency for flooding

the south Bengal districts, said. "Clearly, the centrally administered agency is becoming more and more anti-Bengal, in keeping with the eco- system that the central establishment is trying to generate all over India today," she pointed out. A staggering 11-fold increase in DVC's water discharge in 2025, compared to 2024, has shaken the state. "It is 30- times higher than 2023!! There is a systematic attempt to trigger more and more flood- like situations across South Bengal," she reiterated.

Banerjee claimed this was not a natural disaster and flooding southern districts of the state was man-made.

"This is not a natural disaster. It's a man-made catastrophe, more and more. The data speaks for itself," the chief minister said on her X handle.

Citing an example, the chief minister said the outflow from DVC during June and July months in 2024 was 4.535 lakh cubic meters and outflow from DVC during June and July 2025 was 50.287 lakh cubic meters.



Travel

# 48 hours in Milan

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

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

## Parco Sempione

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

## Galleria Vittorio Emanuele

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

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

## Piazza del Duomo

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

## Ristorante Pizzeria

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

## Pasticceria Marchesi

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



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

## Santa Maria delle Grazie

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

## Rinomata Gelateria

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

## Colonne di San Lorenzo

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

## Navigli

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

## Pinacoteca di Brera

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



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

## Darjeeling, West Bengal

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

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

## Munnar, Kerala

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



## Perfect summer destinations in India

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

## Coorg (Kodagu), Karnataka

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

## Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

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

## Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh

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

## Ooty, Tamil Nadu

Established as a retreat from the scorching heat of the

## Pahalgam, Kashmir

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

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

## Manali, Himachal Pradesh

With mountain adventures beckoning from all directions, Manali is the perfect destination for those looking to unwind during the summer months. Backpackers come to hang around in the villages near the main town and adventure tourists come for trekking, paragliding, rafting and skiing. About 53 km away from Manali is the famous Rohtang Pass offering up breathtaking sights of glaciers, peaks and valleys.

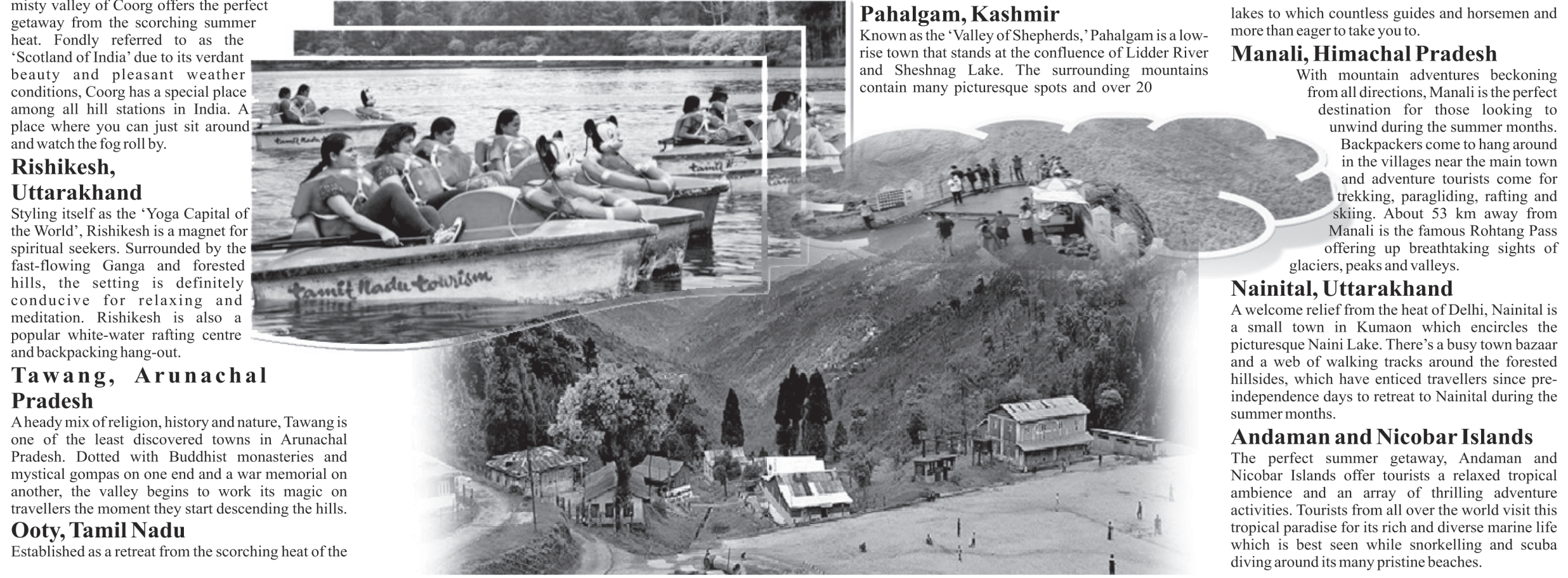
## Nainital, Uttarakhand

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

## Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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

# Perfect summer destinations in India





Ayush Ministry, NMPB ink two pacts to boost alternate traditional medicines

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) The Ayush Ministry today inked two significant pacts with the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), to boost the conservation and increase public awareness of medicinal plants in the country.

The first MoU was signed between the NMPB and IshVed-Bioplants Venture, Maharashtra, and the second tripartite MoU was signed among NMPB, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav said the inking of the MoUs represents a significant milestone in conserving and promoting India's rich medicinal plant heritage. "By integrating traditional knowledge with modern science, we are making meaningful progress toward realising this ambitious vision," he said on the occasion.

The MoU between NMPB and IshVed-Bioplants Venture aims to conserve and maintain the germplasm of rare, endangered, and threatened (RET) medicinal plants through tissue culture methods, said the statement.

This will bring better value to the stakeholders through the development of tissue culture methods and their extensive cultivation and maintenance protocols. It will also help facilitate the supply of medicinal plants in the rare, endangered, and threatened (RET) category used in the Ayush industry.



SDRF personnel evacuate people from a flooded area amid a rise in the water level of the Ganga river during the monsoon season, in Prayagraj on Monday.

Philippines President arrives on four-day State visit to India, will hold talks with PM

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) : Philippines President Ferdinand R Marcos Jr arrived here today on a five-day State visit during which he will have discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on strengthening cooperation in areas including Defence, trade, investment, health, pharmaceuticals, connectivity, agriculture and tourism.

He was received at the airport by Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita. He is the first Philippine President to visit India since 2007. The first Philippine State visit to India was in 2007 by the then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The last State visit of an Indian leader to the Philippines was in 2019 by the then President Ram Nath Kovind.

President Marcos Jr will also call on President Droupadi Murmu and is scheduled to visit Bangalore on August 7-8 to

meet business leaders.

External Affairs Ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal said India and the Philippines are celebrating 75th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic ties. This visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Modi, will lead to further strengthening of bilateral relations. The two countries are scheduled to sign six agreements for strengthening cooperation in law, culture, science and technology, the Philippine Foreign Office has said. "The areas of cooperation actually are very wide-ranging. But we look forward to expanding them even more," Philippine Foreign Office official Jimenez-Ducrocq said in a briefing in Malacañang on Friday. "We have... upwards of six agreements to be concluded," she added. In his departure statement in Manila, President Marcos said it is "incumbent upon us, now

more than ever, to maximize the opportunities in trade and investment with the world's fourth-largest economy."

He highlighted the maritime ties between the two countries and emphasized their shared strategic interests and values. "Our geostrategic position as coastal states that border the busiest international trade routes and critical sea lines of communication in the Indo-Pacific region, our shared interest in protecting the rights and welfare of our international seafarers, our steadfastness in upholding international maritime law, including UNCLOS and the 2016 Arbitral Award, and our unwavering commitment to regional peace and cooperation serve as credible foundations of our active and growing maritime cooperation," he said.

He also hoped that the two countries' commonalities would lead to a "deeper, broader, and

more meaningful" bilateral cooperation that would promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the wider Indo-Pacific region.

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"Part of our ongoing relationship with India is in maritime cooperation activities. So we look forward to expanding these, deepening our relationships, and expanding our areas of cooperation," Jimenez-Ducrocq said. "A number of the companies have already made some investments in the Philippines, and so we're looking to expand these investments from the same companies or to reach out to new companies," she said.

Repco bank presents cheque of Rs 22.90 cr towards dividend to Amit Shah

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) Repco bank today presented a cheque of Rs 22.90 crore towards dividend for 2024-25 to Union Home Minister Amit Shah here.

Shah congratulated team Repco Bank for posting a profit of Rs 140 crore in the financial year 2024-25, which is the highest in the history of the cooperative bank.

In a post on X, Shah said, "The bank under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Home affairs (MHA) has set an example of efficiency, dedication, and professionalism that will serve as an inspiration for the cooperative sector. All my best wishes to the team on their future journey".

The cheque was handed over by Chairman of Repco Bank, E Santhanam, Director-Repco Bank and Chairman of Repco Home Finance Ltd, C Thangaraju, and Managing Director, OM Gokul. Present on the occasion were Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan and Secretary, Border Management, Rajendra Kumar. Repco Bank has posted a net profit of Rs 140 crore during the FY 2024-25 and paid 30 percent dividend, which is the highest in the history of the cooperative society. Repco Bank, is a Government of India Enterprise. The Government of India has 50.08 percent shares in Repco Bank and it comes under the administrative control of MHA.

Harbhajan Mann survives car accident on NH in Haryana

Chandigarh, Aug 4 (UNI) Popular Punjabi singer Harbhajan Mann narrowly escaped a major accident early today morning while returning to Chandigarh from a performance in Delhi. The incident took place near the Pipli flyover on National Highway-44 in Kurukshetra district, Haryana. According to initial reports, Mann was travelling in a Pajero SUV when a stray cow suddenly appeared on the highway. In an attempt to avoid the animal, the vehicle collided with the divider and overturned.

Local vendors and bystanders, including a vegetable seller named Surjeet Kumar, quickly rushed to the scene and helped rescue the occupants from the overturned car. Fortunately, the singer was unharmed in the crash, though one of his security personnel sustained minor injuries.

Following the accident, police teams arrived at the spot to assess the situation and ensure the safety of all involved. Mann was later seen continuing his journey to Chandigarh in another vehicle. The incident occurred around 5 a.m., highlighting ongoing concerns about stray cattle on busy highways in the region. Eyewitnesses confirmed that Mann remained calm after the crash and received immediate assistance from locals.

Three Member team constituted for investigating Vimal Negi case

Shimla, Aug 4 (UNI) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) today constituted a new team to to collect and examine evidences for intensifying the investigation into the death of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) Chief Engineer Vimal Negi.

The special team, includes a deputy superintendent of police, an inspector and a sub-inspector, to collect and examine evidence. The team has started the work of examining the evidence and statements of several people have also been recorded. The team is also analyzing communication records and other data related to Vimal Negi's tenure and his work in HPPCL. Forensic examination of digital devices recovered during the initial phase of the investigation is being done. The Himachal Pradesh High Court had transferred the case to the CBI on May 23 after Vimal Negi's wife Kiran Negi filed a petition expressing dissatisfaction over the investigation by the state police.

Nothing bad or good will happen: J&K CM on Art. 370 anniversary eve

Srinagar, Aug 4 (UNI) : With rumour mills in Kashmir abuzz on the eve of the sixth anniversary of Article 370 abrogation, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister today said that "nothing bad will happen but unfortunately nothing positive will happen either tomorrow."

There has been speculation on social media that statehood may be restored to the whole of Jammu and Kashmir or to the Jammu region alone on the anniversary of special status scrapping tomorrow.

The meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah with President Droupadi Murmu has set

chatter of some major announcement tomorrow.

Omar Abdullah took to social media and said nothing will happen tomorrow. "I've heard every possible permutation & combination about what to expect in J&K tomorrow so let me stick my neck out and say nothing will happen tomorrow - fortunately nothing bad will happen but unfortunately nothing positive will happen either," Omarsaid.

"I'm still optimistic about something positive for J&K in this monsoon session of Parliament but not tomorrow. And no, I haven't had any meetings or conversations with people in Delhi. This is just

a gut feeling. Let's see this time tomorrow."

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"Exactly six years ago ominous clouds of uncertainty hung over Kashmir on 4th August 2019. Since a week now hushed whispers suggest something drastic yet again is in the offing. Insinuations dressed in metaphors & dark humour. 'Dapaan' (it is being said) at the beginning of every sentence," she said. Lt General (retired) K J S Dhillon, who was General Officer Commanding of Srinagar based Chinara Corps when J&K Special

status was scrapped, said Centre should not rush into any hasty decision

"There is a lot of speculation about what may be announced tomorrow (5th Aug). The peace in Kashmir has come about at a great cost of human lives of security forces personnel and innocent civilians. It's fragile still as was evident from the Pahalgam terror attack. For the sake of those who laid down their lives in this journey of peace as also those whose lives are going to be impacted by any decision on it, we should not rush into any hasty decision. As consolidation phase for restoration of peace is

going on... - Let the whole thing settle down. - Let's not jump the gun," he said on X.

Former Director General of J&K Police, Shesh Paul Vaid said the Modi Govt is known for playing its cards close to the chest which means no one really knows what's coming,

"Modi Govt planning something on Aug 5? Maybe. Maybe not. The Modi Govt is known for playing its cards close to the chest which means no one really knows what's coming, if at all something happens. Let's not fall for rumors or panic-driven forwards. Trust only official sources. Stay calm, stay alert..." Vaid said on X.

CM, Vishnu Deo Sai lauds PM Modi's initiative to cut prices of essential medicines

Raipur, Aug 4 (UNI) : Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has hailed the Union Government's decision to slash the prices of 37 essential medicines by 10 to 15 percent, terming it a "transformative step" that will significantly improve access to affordable healthcare across the country. He expressed profound gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for

this people-centric initiative.

In a statement issued today, Chief Minister Sai said, "A healthy India is the foundation of a developed India. This move by Prime Minister Modi reaffirms his commitment to prioritizing public health and easing the financial burden on millions of families."

The price reduction covers widely used life-saving medicines, including

Paracetamol, Atorvastatin, and Amoxicillin, which are critical in treating common yet serious health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, infections, fever, and pain.

Highlighting the impact on Chhattisgarh, a predominantly tribal and rural state, the Chief Minister said the decision would be especially beneficial for the poor, farmers, labourers, senior

citizens, and women. "This is a step that directly touches the lives of the most vulnerable sections of society," he added.

CM Sai also emphasized that the state government is proactively expanding the network of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras and ensuring the effective implementation of flagship schemes like Ayushman Bharat, aimed at providing quality healthcare services at minimal cost. He concluded by stating, "This is not merely a reduction in prices, but a decisive stride toward building a healthier and more empowered India. The Centre's focus on affordable healthcare is a testament to its inclusive governance and long-term vision for public welfare."



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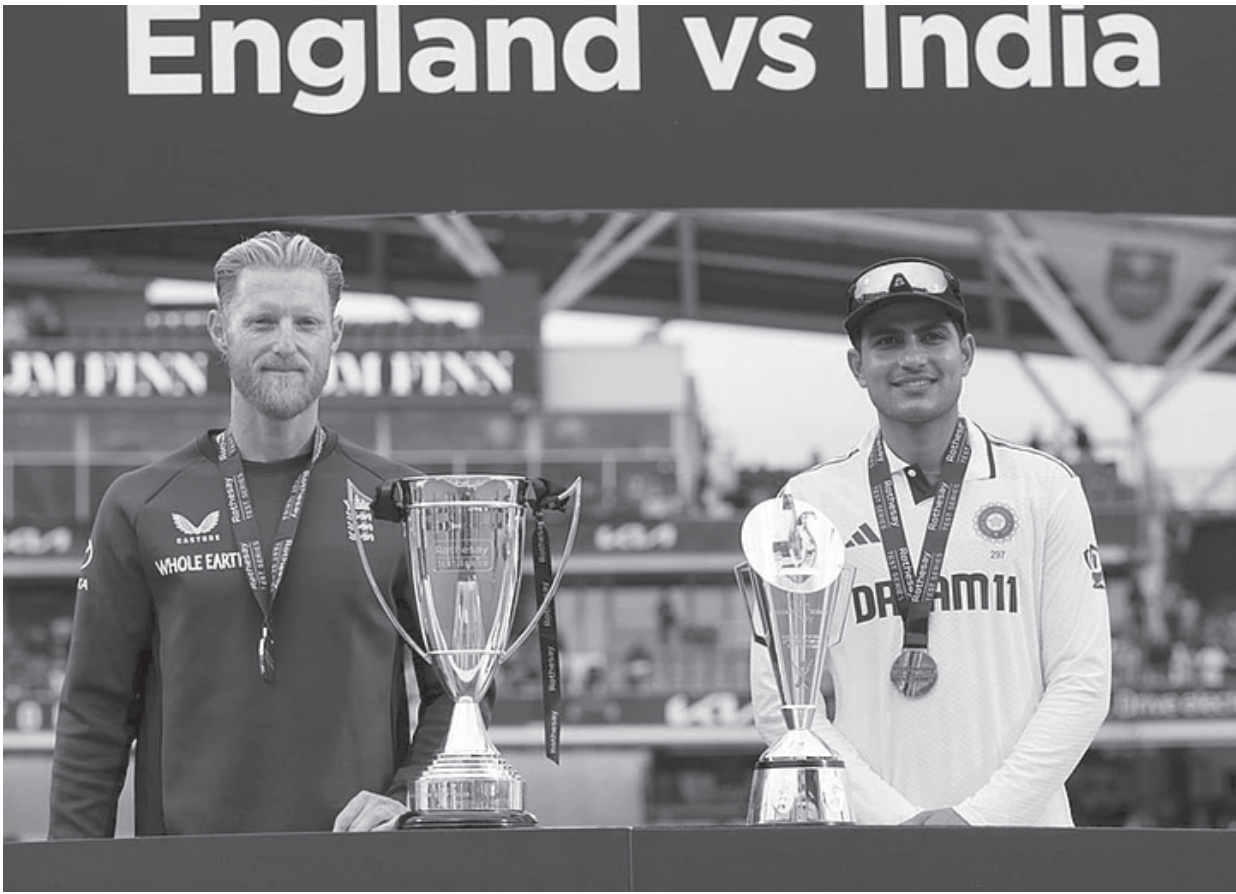


## Shooters eye continental dominance as camp

New Delhi, Aug 4 (UNI) : India’s top marksmen and women assembled here at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting range as the preparatory camp for the 16th Asian Shooting Championships (ASC) got underway.

The championships will be held from August 16- 30 at Shymkent in Kazakhstan with India sending the largest contingent, consisting of 182 shooters across pistol, rifle and shotgun in both Olympic and Non-Olympic events. The championships will see an intense fight for continental dominance between Asian shooting powerhouses ahead of the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games next year.

The preparatory camp follows the national camp which was conducted last month in Dehradun for rifle and pistol and Bhopal for shotgun athletes.Among the 182 athletes, 35 seniors and 36 juniors will travel on government cost and the rest of the athletes will travel on their own costs as per tournament entry rules. A total of 734 athletes from 28 countries have so far entered the fray in this edition of ASC. Hosts Kazakhstan will have the second largest contingent with over 100 athletes while South Korea and China will send 70 and 47 athletes respectively.The first batch of the Indian squad will include the pistol and skeet shooters who will leave for the Central Asian country on 14th August while the rifle shooters will leave on 17th August.



England's captain Ben Stokes, left, and India's captain Shubman Gill after end of the fifth cricket test match between England and India at The Kia Oval in London.

## Stokes hails gripping 2-2 series draw as a Test classic

London, Aug 4 (UNI) : England skipper Ben Stokes described the recently concluded five-Test series against India as a showcase for everything that makes Test cricket great, calling it a tough contest between two teams who left everything on the field in their ICC World Test Championship tussle.

Speaking at the post-match press conference following India’s series-levelling win at The Oval, Stokes was full of praise for the commitment and effort from both teams, despite the 2-2 series scoreline.

"I think the series as a whole, even before this game, it was just all four games going to five days, this one again, and it's been toe-to-toe for 25 days, two very good teams who have thrown everything at each other, left nothing out there, so I guess from a cricket fan's point of view, 2-2 is probably fair, obviously we're disappointed now to have not got the result that we wanted to give us a series win, so there's obviously that disappointment, a little bit of frustration there as well from everyone," he said.

"I think as a massive advocate of this format and Test cricket as a whole, this has certainly been one of those series that can hopefully change that narrative around Test cricket as dying," Stokes said.“Disappointed from obviously a playing point of view, but as an advocate of the game, the series has been fantastic to be part of," he said.

England and India exchanged control throughout the series, with neither side managing to win back-to-back Tests, and Stokes reflected on the ebb and flow of the contest.

"India have been in control, we've been in control, then it's gone back to them, then it's gone back to us," Stokes said.

"To be a part of it and be able to experience five games like this has been pretty special. We had a similar situation here in 23 with the Ashes, where we had to come here and win the game, and that again was another special series to be a part of," he said.

"That was 2-2, this was 2-2, so it's been awesome to be a part of. Obviously there is still a lot of

disappointment, but for the game, for the wider game, obviously we want to constantly be promoting the game. This series has been great for that," Stokes said.With both teams showcasing dominant performances at various stages, England struck first with a win in Leeds. India responded strongly with a victory at Edgbaston, only for England to reclaim the lead at Lord's. India fought back with a gritty draw in the fourth Test at Old Trafford, then delivered a dominant performance in the series finale at The Oval to level things once again, an ICC report said.

Stokes also touched on what the England team would take away from the series - particularly in terms of character shown under pressure.

"I think we were in a nice, strong place coming into the series," Stokes said.

"I think from a team point of view, and certainly as an individual point of view, some guys will leave the series found out a lot more about themselves, in particular this game with Chris Woakes going down early on, it was that

unfortunate shoulder injury then," he said.

"The responsibility that fell on Gus, Tongue and Jamie's shoulders, not only that but obviously the roles completely changed by then as to why they were selected and the impact that we thought they would have on the game. They had to dig deep, in particular in our second innings of bowling," Stokes said.

"I think there's a couple of guys who have left this series when they've been given the opportunities that they've found out a lot more about themselves in a very, very positive way," he said.

He also singled out Chris Woakes for pushing through pain to play his part in the final innings, likening his effort to courageous displays on both sides across the series, including Rishabh Pant coming out to bat with a broken ankle in the fourth Test at Old Trafford.

Woakes came out to bat as the last batter with his injured arm tucked inside his sweater when England needed 20 runs, but managed to stay away from the strike with Gus

Atkinson taking strike throughout.

"It was never going to be a question, I think, for him to go out there. Obviously he's in a lot of discomfort even running between the wickets there," Stokes said.

"But we've had guys go out, you know, Rishabh Pant going out on bat with a broken foot, we've had Bash [Shoaib Bashir] going out there bowling and batting and fielding with a broken finger," he said.

"Then we've had Chris go out there today and try and get his team over the line with a quite recently dislocated shoulder," Stokes said.

"Again, that just goes back to how much energy and effort has been put into the series by both teams. Everyone's left a lot out on the grounds for the country this series, definitely," he said.

Finally, Stokes reserved special praise for India's pace spearhead Mohammed Siraj, who was a constant presence throughout the series.

Siraj was the destroyer in chief for India, unleashing it all on England

in the final Test, amassing nine crucial wickets, with his terrific fifer in the fourth innings bowling India to a six-run victory. The 31-year-old pacer concluded the series with the most wickets - 23 - and finishing as the only pacer who played across all five Tests.

"I've always had great respect and admiration for Mohamed Siraj as a competitor. He just keeps coming and coming and coming. You know that he's always going to be in the fight with you," Stokes said.

"Again, just another example of what it means. This game in particular just kept going and going and going. Oppositions and all that kind of stuff," he said.

"I've always had a lot of admiration and respect for the way Mohammed Siraj goes about his cricket, what he does and how he takes it on. So, yeah, fair play to him," Stokes said.England's next red-ball assignment comes up in the form of an away Ashes tour against Australia, beginning November 21 in Perth, while India square off against the West Indies in a two-Test series at home in October.

### Yamashita holds off Hull to win Women's Open

London, Aug 4 (UNI) : Miyu Yamashita produced an almost faultless final round to hold off England's Charley Hull and win the Women's Open at Royal Porthcawl.

It is a first major victory for the 24-year-old from Japan, following top-10 finishes at each of the past two editions of the Women's PGA Championship.

Yamashita's two-under round of 70 left her two shots clear of 29-year-old Hull, who carded a three-under 69 to finish second in a major for the fourth time in her career.

Minami Katsu of Japan birdied the last to finish alongside Hull at nine under for the championship.

Hull relentlessly pursued Yamashita's lead all afternoon but consecutive bogeys at the 16th and 17th, her only dropped shots of the day, ended her hopes.

Yamashita assumed control of the tournament with a seven-under-par round of 65 on Friday morning and led from that moment on.

## Rohen Singh’s thunderbolt seals victory for Real Kashmir in Durand Cup Thriller

Imphal, Aug 4 (UNI) : A long-range screamer from Rohen Singh proved decisive as Real Kashmir FC edged out hosts TRAU FC 2-1 in a pulsating Group F clash at the 134th Durand Cup, played in front of over 20,000 fans at Khuman Lampak Main Stadium today.

The game sprang to life midway through the first half with two goals in as many minutes. Real Kashmir struck first in the 24th minute when a lofted ball from Rohen found Russian striker Marat Tareck, who calmly slotted home. But TRAU hit back immediately through Afridi Buyamayum, who buried Monis Singh’s pinpoint cross to level the scores.

TRAU looked lively on the wings, with Monis and Dhananjay Singh combining well, but couldn’t break through a disciplined Real Kashmir backline marshalled by Seila Toure and captain Shahid Nazir.

The decisive moment came in the 64th minute.

After sustained pressure, Ivorian forward William Sessegnon laid it off for Rohen Singh, who unleashed a ferocious strike from outside the box to reclaim the lead for the Snow Leopards.

Real Kashmir nearly added a third a minute later when substitute Ahteeb Ahmad went close, but his dinked effort rolled just wide. TRAU’s task grew harder in the 77th minute when captain Shitaljit Atom received a second yellow, reducing them to ten men. Despite late pressure, the hosts couldn’t find a way through.

Real Kashmir, led by Ishfaq Ahmed, claimed a valuable three points to stay in the hunt for qualification, while TRAU were left to reflect on missed chances and a costly red card.

Real Kashmir next face NEROCAFC on August 10, while TRAU FC will look to regroup before their upcoming fixture against Indian Navy FT, two days later, on August 12.

## Six teams vie for title including home favs MP Hathodas

Gwalior, Aug 4 (UNI) : The Pro Panja League (PPL) announced Season 2 in the historic city of Gwalior today during a launch event at Jiwaji Club.

The event, graced by Organising Committee Chairman Prabal Pratap Singh Tomar, Trinadh Reddy CEO Kiraak Hyderabad, Abhishek Malik Owner Rohtak Rowdies and Co-Founders Parvinn Dabass and Preeti Jhangiani, also introduced the new and sixth franchise - MP Hathodas, growing the league's influence in the region.

Six teams including Mumbai Muscle, Jaipur Veers, Kiraak Hyderabad, Sher-e-Ludhiana,Rohtak Rowdies and MP Hathodas will vie for the coveted title as the league grows in scale, strength and inclusivity.Two showcase bouts in the 70 kg weight category were also announced featuring Stewe (Kiraak Hyderabad) vs. Sivajith (Sher-e-Ludhiana) and Akash (MP Hathodas) vs. Ashish (Mumbai Muscle).The Pro Panja League (PPL) Season 2 has chosen the scenic Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh as the host city for its highly anticipated upcoming season.

Following the success of Season 1 this decision is consistent with the league’s strategy to boost and expand sports appeal across the Indian Map and to make the tournament be accessible in iconic Indian destinations significantly boosting event partnership and sporting talent participation.The decision to host Season 2 in Gwalior was likely influenced by the venue's previous experience hosting the Pro Panja Ranking Tournament in 2022.Talking about grand opening and marking the city's significant contribution to helping make Pro Panja an important event calendar, Actor/Director and Co-Founder of Pro Panja League founder Parvinn Dabass shared, “The city’s passionate supporters and the incredibly friendly reception we received during those 2022 mega matches was what really stood out or us to bring our tournament properly in the historic city of Gwalior.”"That kind of genuine passion and hospitality along with the electrifying energy and amazing crowds made it the perfect choice going forward. We want to thank the Hon Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Virender Singh Khatik ji and of the Stadium Authorities for allowing a sporting and tournament event like Pro Panja League Season 2 tournament and keeping it in this famous city raising awareness of the sport while fostering an environment that is ideal for both players and spectators," he said.

## India assured of six more medals

Bangkok, Aug 4 (UNI) : India is assured of six more medals in the U22 Asian Boxing Championships 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand today after Priya (women’s 60 kg), Paranjali Yadav (women’s 70 kg), Harsh (men’s 60 kg), Neeraj (men’s 75 kg), Rocky Chaudhary (men’s 85 kg) and Ishan Kataria (men’s 90+kg) sealed their semifinals berth with comfortable victories in their respective bouts.

Priya started India’s march with a unanimous 5:0 verdict against Sari Kokufu of Japan and Harsha also dominated Mongolia’s Munkh-Erdene Erdenebold to win by an identical score line.

Paranjali became the third boxer to assure India a medal in the morning session after tough battle against Mengge Zhang of China. The bout swung either way with both the boxers adopting an aggressive approach with the Indian prevailing 3:2 in a split decision.

The U19 and U22 Asian Boxing Championships, which are being held simultaneously, provides India’s rising stars a platform to showcase their skills and determination against some Asia’s toughest opponents.

India has fielded a strong contingent of 40 boxers- 20 in each age group - with a perfect mix of proven champions and potential talents who have impressed in the domestic circuit.

India were already assured of two medals in the U22 category on Sunday with Bhawna Sharma (women’s 48 kg) and Yatri Patel (women’s 57 kg) reaching the semifinals.

In the evening session, Neeraj continued India’s march as he battered Chinese Taipei’s Jun-Zhang Lin 5:0 to advance to the semifinals.

Rockey Choudhary then made it five for the day as he played a smart tactical bout to beat Kazakhstan’s Azatbek Zholdaskhan 4:1.

And Ishan Kataria underlined India’s domination as referee stopped his fight against Seyedyousef Mousavi of Iran to reach the last four stage.

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"This setting is ideal for exhibiting arm wrestling at its best and we feel our relationship with the city would go deeper and definitely be enriching," Dabass said.The tournaments’ format includes a set number of pins (winning the round) which must be earned by the winner of a match in the Pro Panja League which is based on a series of bouts between two players.

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# Chairman & CEO, Railway Board chairs review meeting on railway projects on Central & Western Railway

(Standard Post Bureau)  
Mumbai, Aug 4 : Mr Satish Kumar, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Railway Board and Ex-Officio Principal Secretary, Govt of India, chaired a review meeting on railway projects on Central & Western Railway held at ‘Chintan’ Conference Hall, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai on Monday, 04.08.2025.

Mr Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, Mr Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager, Western Railway, Shri Vilas Wadekar, Chairman and Managing Director, Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC), Mr Manoj Garg, Vice Chairman of the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), Additional General Managers, Principal Head of Departments, Senior Officers, Divisional Railway Managers (Mumbai Division) of Central & Western Railway along with Senior Railway Board Officials and Senior Officers of MRVC were also present.

Mr Satish Kumar discussed matters related to various railway projects. He also inspected the ongoing work related to redevelopment of CSMT station being carried out by



RLDA. The Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Railway Board, on Saturday, 02.08.2025 inspected the ongoing work of Station improvement at Khar station, Western Railway, being carried out by MRVC. On Sunday, 03.08.2025, Mr Satish Kumar travelled from CSMT to Nashik by Vande Bharat Express and carried out inspection of Kasbe Sukene, Kherwadi, Odha, Mahagenco, Devlali

and Nashik stations as part of the preparations for the Simhastha Kumbh Mela at Nashik scheduled to be held in 2027. Mr Satish Kumar held a meeting with the State Government Officials at Nashik and also visited Ghatkopar station in the evening. During a combined meeting held with CR, WR and the various agencies doing Developmental works in Mumbai Metropolitan Region Mr

Satish Kumar reiterated to maintain absolute & unwavering focus upon safety and applauded the efforts made by Central Railway for redevelopment of Khadki & Hadapsar stations in record time. The main focus of the meeting was capacity enhancement and provision of the better facilities with addition of train services for the commuters through innovative solutions and

expeditious completion of the ongoing works. Mr Satish Kumar reviewed the progress of the Mega Coaching Complex works and preparations for the enhancement of passenger carrying capacity for both Mail Express and Local trains. A detailed presentation for the way ahead towards Viksit Bharat 2047 and Bharatiya Railways contribution in the same was also reviewed. “The immediate solutions like the enhancement of 15 car local trains in MMR region was reviewed was found satisfactory. Shri Satish Kumar insisted for the expeditious and optimum completion of the works keeping in mind the overall passenger safety and convenience. During a brief interaction with media persons, Shri Satish Kumar spoke about the status of CSMT redevelopment work and reiterated the unwavering focus upon Passenger safety and Quality of the work. Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, Shri Satish Kumar, also conducted an inspection of Jogeshwari (AT) yard today. He reviewed the ongoing development of the new coaching terminal at Jogeshwari (AT).

# MMRDA’s Maha Mumbai Metro celebrates a major leap in commuter trust, city connectivity, and sustainable transit

(Standard Post Bureau)  
Mumbai, Aug 4 : Mumbai’s transformative urban mobility story has reached a new high—200 million passenger journeys on the Maha Mumbai Metro network in just 39 months. What began as a promise of faster, safer, and greener transit has now become a daily reality for lakhs of Mumbaikars.

This extraordinary milestone has been made possible under the visionary leadership of Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis and



## Railways to extend the run of LTT-Dhanbad Special trains by additional 18 trips

(Standard Post Bureau)  
Mumbai, Aug 4 : Railways will extend the run of Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Dhanbad special trains by 18 more trips to clear the extra rush of the passengers as per details given below:

Train no 03380 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus - Dhanbad Weekly Special running every Thursday, earlier notified to run upto 31.07.2025 has now been extended from 07.08.2025 to 02.10.2025. (9 Trips)  
Train No. 03379 Dhanbad - Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Weekly Special, running every Tuesday, earlier notified to run up to 29.07.2025, has now been extended from 05.08.2025 to 30.09.2025. (9 Trips)

Composition: Two AC 2-Tier, Two AC 3-Tier, Six AC 3-Tier Economy, 6 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second class, One Second Seating cum Guard’s brake van and one Generator car. There will be no change in timings and halts “Reservation : Bookings for extended trips of special train No. 03380 is open at all computerised reservation centres and on website <http://www.irctc.co.in>.” “Bookings for Unreserved Coaches can be done through UTS system with normal charges for unreserved accommodation as applicable for superfast Mail/Express trains. For detailed timings at halts of these special trains please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in) or download NTES App  
Passengers are requested to avail the special train services.

## Special traffic block on Harbour line from midnight of Tuesday and Wednesday

(Standard Post Bureau)  
Mumbai, Aug 4 : Central Railway will operate special traffic blocks involving UP & Down lines at Vashi every midnight of 05/06.08.2025 (Tuesday/Wednesday) to 08/09.08.2025 (Friday/Saturday) from 22.45 hrs to 03.45 hrs for work related to commissioning of Electronic Interlocking at Vashi.

**Working of Suburban Trains during the block period:**  
Short Termination of UP suburban trains on midnight of 05/06.08.2025 (Tuesday/Wednesday) & 07.08.2025 (Wednesday/Thursday), 08.08.2025 (Thursday/Friday) and 09.08.2025 (Friday/Saturday)

Belapur-CSMT local departing Belapur at 20.54 hrs will be short terminated at Vashi.  
Belapur-CSMT local departing Belapur at 21.16 hrs will be short terminated at Vadala Road  
Bandra-CSMT local departing Bandra at 22.00 hrs will be short terminated at Vadala Road  
Panvel-Vashi local departing Panvel at 22.50 hrs & 23.32 hrs will be short terminated at Nerul.  
Short originating of DOWN suburban trains on midnight of 05/06.08.2025 (Tuesday/Wednesday) & 07.08.2025 (Wednesday/Thursday)  
Local for Panvel departing Vadala Road at 05.06 hrs, & 05.52 hrs will short originate from Nerul  
Local for Panvel

departing CSMT at 04.52 hrs, & 05.30 hrs will short originate from Nerul  
Local for Goregaon departing CSMT at 05.10 hrs will short originate from Vadala Road.  
**Short originating of DOWN suburban trains on midnight of 07.08.2025 (Thursday/Friday) and 08/09.08.2025 (Friday/Saturday)**  
Local for Goregaon departing CSMT at 05.10 hrs will short originate from Vadala Road  
**Cancellation of suburban trains**  
UP Locals departing Vashi at 04.03 hrs, 04.15 hrs, 04.25 hrs, 04.37 hrs, 04.50 hrs & 05.04 hrs will be cancelled on 05/06.08.2025 (Tuesday/Wednesday) & 07.08.2025 (Wednesday/Thursday)

07.08.2025 (Wednesday/Thursday) UP Locals departing Vashi at 04.03 hrs and 04.25 hrs will be cancelled on midnight of 07/08.08.2025 (Thursday/Friday) and 08/09.08.2025 (Friday/Saturday).  
DOWN Locals for Vashi departing CSMT at 21.50 hrs, 22.14 hrs & 22.30 hrs “will be cancelled on midnight of 05/06.08.2025 (Tuesday/Wednesday) & 07.08.2025 (Wednesday/Thursday), 08.08.2025 (Thursday/Friday) and 09.08.2025 (Friday/Saturday).  
Passengers are requested to note these. These infrastructure blocks are carried out in the larger interest of the passengers and the Nation.

## Congress, SP conspired to implicate the nationalists in Malegaon case: CM Yogi

Meerut, Aug 4 (UNI) : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has alleged that parties like the Congress and Samajwadi Party had conspired to implicate nationalists in the Malegaon case. “But the innocent Hindus, who were implicated in the Malegaon blast case and termed as terrorists, were saved. But unfortunately, today the same people or conspirators are raising questions on the constitutional institutions of the country,” he charged. CM Yogi asked, “Will the Congress apologize to the country for its sins?” He said that the politics of SP and Congress has been limited

to casteism, riots and mafia worship. “Their soft policy towards terrorism and the strategy of dividing the society on the basis of caste and region are the biggest problems of the country,” he further said. CM Yogi said that the double engine government is committed to nationalism and development, which ensures the development of all without discrimination. CM Yogi was addressing the Bhoomi Pujan programme of the new Integrated Township project costing Rs 2,517 crore under the Chief Minister Urban Expansion / New City Promotion Scheme in Meerut on Monday.

CM Yogi reiterated the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ‘Vocal for Local’ and self-reliant India and appealed to adopt indigenous products. He said that the One District One Product Scheme is giving global recognition to the sports items of Meerut. “We should give priority to indigenous products instead of foreign goods, so that our money does not go into activities like terrorism,” he stressed. CM Yogi, while emphasizing on the changing image of Meerut, said that earlier Meerut was identified with Chor Bazar like ‘Sotiganj’, but today this city is known globally for sports items, Rapid Rail,

12-lane expressway and One District One Product (ODOP). He said that the country’s first sports university is being established in Meerut in the name of Major Dhyanchand. The country’s largest expressway from Meerut to Prayagraj will be inaugurated by the end of this year, which will reduce the distance from Meerut to Lucknow to just six hours. The CM also announced other development works like reconstruction of Inner Ring Road and Circuit House here. CM Yogi said that the zero tolerance policy has freed Meerut from riots and crimes and put it on the path of development.

Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister & MMRDA Chairman Shri Eknath Shinde, with focused execution by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), guided by Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee, IAS, and operational support from MMRDA. Since its inception, the Maha Mumbai Metro has witnessed consistent growth in commuter trust and ridership. Here are key milestones from its journey:  
April 2, 2022: 19,451 passengers on a single day  
January 27, 2023: 1 crore (10 million)  
May 28, 2024: 10 crore (100 million)  
January 4, 2025: 15 crore (150 million) journeys “  
July 8, 2025: Record 3 lakh+ passengers in a single day  
August 2025: 200 million total journeys and counting!  
From helping office-goers beat traffic, to giving students and senior citizens safe, climate-controlled comfort, the Metro is now firmly embedded in the city’s rhythm—connecting suburbs, decongesting roads, and cutting commute times by more than half. Beyond numbers, this journey has reshaped urban life. The Metro has: Reduced travel times for millions  
Offered safe, air-conditioned, efficient travel

Cut down vehicular congestion and emissions  
Connected distant suburbs to the city’s heart  
**Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis stated:**  
Infrastructure is the backbone of Maharashtra’s development, and public transport is its lifeline. The 200 million rideship milestone proves that the people of Mumbai have embraced the Metro as their trusted companion. Our government remains committed to expanding this network further to bring convenience, connectivity, and cleaner air to every corner of this megacity.  
**Deputy Chief Minister & MMRDA Chairman Shri Eknath Shinde added:**  
The success of Maha Mumbai Metro reflects the power of timely execution and people-centric planning. This isn’t just a mobility achievement—it’s a quality-of-life transformation. With every Metro ride, we move closer to our vision of a connected Mumbai, where no citizen is left behind. The achievement also highlights the environmental impact—every Metro journey helps reduce the number of private vehicles on the road, easing congestion and cutting carbon emissions. With over 3 lakh commuters using Metro Lines 2A and 7 daily, the shift towards mass rapid transit is both visible and measurable.  
**Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee, IAS, Metropolitan**

**Commissioner, MMRDA, shared:**  
Crossing 200 million passenger journeys is not just a statistic; it’s the story of a city transforming through public will and policy vision. A consistent monthly growth of 4–5% in ridership reflects how Mumbaikars are steadily opting for smarter travel choices. This achievement belongs to every passenger who chose the Metro over congestion and pollution. Together, we are shaping a future-ready Mumbai.  
**Ms. Rubal Agarwal, IAS, Managing Director, Maha Mumbai Metro Operation Corporation Ltd. (MMMOCL) noted:**  
This milestone is the result of seamless coordination, committed teams, and, above all, the trust of our citizens. Our operational teams work round the clock to ensure safety, cleanliness, and efficiency. We’re now focusing on the next frontier—enhancing service frequency, onboarding digital ticketing tools, and ensuring last-mile connectivity. With new lines under construction and multimodal integration in progress, the Maha Mumbai Metro is not just keeping pace with Mumbai’s dynamic growth—it’s leading it.  
MMRDA & Maha Mumbai Metro extends heartfelt gratitude to every Mumbaikar who made this journey possible.