

IN BRIEF

PM expresses grief over demise of Satya Pal Malik

New Delhi, Aug 5 (UNI) :Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed grief over the passing away of former J&K Governor and senior leader Satya Pal Malik.The Prime Minister wrote on social media platform X, “Saddened by the passing away of Shri Satyapal Malik Ji. My thoughts are with his family and supporters in this hour of grief. Om Shanti.” Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Malik died at the age of 79 after a prolonged illness while undergoing treatment at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi.

Heavy rain likely in Rayalaseema, Coastal AP for next few days

Amaravati, Aug 5 (UNI) : The upper air cyclonic circulation over the southwest Bay of Bengal off the north Tamil Nadu coast persists and is now observed between 1.5 km and 7.6 km above mean sea level, tilting southward with height, the Meteorological Centre said on Tuesday. In its daily weather report, the centre stated that the cyclonic circulation over Rayalaseema and its neighbourhood also persists and extends up to 1.5 km above mean sea level. An east-west trough is currently running roughly along latitude 10°N from the southern parts of the east-central Arabian Sea to the central parts of the south Bay of Bengal, passing across South Interior Karnataka and North Interior Tamil Nadu.The cyclonic circulation over the southwest Bay of Bengal off the north Tamil Nadu coast persists at 3.1–7.6 km above mean sea level, tilting southward with height.Heavy rain is likely at isolated places in Rayalaseema for the next five days and in Coastal Andhra Pradesh for the next four days, the Met office said. Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are expected at a few or many places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, and Rayalaseema during the next week. T h u n d e r s t o r m s accompanied by lightning and strong winds with speeds of 30–50 kmph are also likely at isolated places in these regions over the next five days.

CM congratulates Army Doctor Kavitha for her 1,040 km Brahmaputra river rafting feat

(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, Aug 5 : Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu today lauded Major Kavitha V, a doctor, for her daring 1,040-km Brahmaputra river rafting feat, etched in the World Book of Records (London) recently.Her grit amid capsised rafts & whirlpools embodies true adventurism.The CM

met and commended Major Kavitha at CM office AP Secretariat, yesterday. The CM applauded her exceptional contributions to adventure sports. Her achievements have brought immense honour to the state.Major Kavitha V had recently etched her name in the World Book of Records (London) as the

only woman to complete a formidable 1,040-kilometer rafting expedition on the Brahmaputra River. The perilous journey, led by Col Ranveer Singh Jamwal, SM, VSM & Bar, Director of NIMAS, was marked by harrowing moments, including the raft capsizing four times and the team being ensnared in a

powerful whirlpool.Major Kavitha credited their triumph to unyielding teamwork and divine providence. Beyond her river rafting exploits, Major Kavitha's valor is equally evident in high-altitude mountaineering. During an expedition to Mount Gorichen, she displayed extraordinary courage by saving a fellow climber who

had lost consciousness at 5,900 meters for which she was awarded the COAS Commendation.During their meeting, the Chief Minister congratulated Major Kavitha and expressed his conviction that her inspiring odyssey would galvanize the nation's youth to pursue their passions and careers in the field of adventure sports.



Chief Minister Mr N. Chandrababu Naidu met with Mr. Racha Aribarg, Consul-General of the Royal Thai Consulate General in Chennai on Tuesday. They discussed potential avenues for collaboration and investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh.

TTD Gears Up for Varalakshmi Vratam at Tiruchanoor

(Standard Post Bureau) Tirumala, Aug 5 : With the sacred Varalakshmi Vratam just days away, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has made elaborate arrangements at the Sri Padmavati Ammavaru Temple in Tiruchanoor to ensure a smooth and devotional experience for pilgrims under the Sowbhagyam program. The Varalakshmi Vratam will be performed on Friday from 1000 to 1200 hours in the Asthana Mandapam. To facilitate devotees, TTD has arranged special queue lines, Annaprasadam, drinking water, impressive illumination, floral decorations, and enhanced sanitation around the temple.LED screens have been set up for live viewing of the ritual, which will also be broadcast on SVBC. In the evening, the processional deity of Goddess Padmavati will be taken on a golden chariot along the mada streets. As part of the Sowbhagyam program, sacred items including Akshatas, Pasupu Darams, Kankanams, Sri Lakshmi Ashtottara Sata Nama vali books, Kumkuma, and bangles will be distributed to women devotees across 51 TTD temples in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Temple officials and staff are personally overseeing the arrangements to ensure a seamless darshan experience for all devotees, a TTD release said on Tuesday.

Jagan Reddy asks lawyers to fight for victims of political harassment

Vijayawada, Aug 5 (UNI) : YSR Congress Party President and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy alleged that Andhra Pradesh is witnessing political misuse of power, and lawyers must take the lead in fighting for justice. The Ex-Chief Minister lamented that innocent people are being jailed without evidence and false cases are being filed for political reasons. He urged the party's legal cell advocates to stand with the victims and protect their rights in court. Addressing a meeting of

legal cell lawyers from the erstwhile Krishna and Guntur districts, Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy observed that today's situation is different from normal times and requires greater responsibility from the legal community. Mr.Reddy appreciated the support lawyers are giving to the party and described them as pillars of strength. He reminded them that if a petition is not filed and arguments are not made, justice cannot be expected. He underlined that the advocates should play a

key role and the party deeply values their service. Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said that under the present TDP-led coalition, justice and ethics have vanished. He slammed that if someone is identified as a political opponent, they are being sent to jail without proper evidence.He flayed that confessions are being taken through threats and bribes, and false evidence is being created. He described the current conditions as the worst seen so far and called upon the legal community to take a stand. He reminisced that Rs

100 crore was allocated to the Advocates' Welfare Fund and one-third of insurance contributions were paid by the government during the YSRCP regime. He also pointed out that reservations were given to lawyers from backward sections in GP and AGP positions. He claimed the 'Law Nestham' scheme helped many young advocates and that his government always stood with the legal fraternity. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy accused the current Naidu headed government of

betraying even the lawyers, just like it misled the people with false schemes like Super-6 and Super-7. He said corruption has spread widely, especially in the liquor business, illegal sand mining, and Amaravati land deals. YS Jagan announced that a new mobile app will be launched soon, where citizens can report injustices and upload evidence. He assured the legal community that those who work hard for the party would be given recognition, and that their efforts would not be forgotten.

Many feared dead, nearly 50 missing, as flash flood engulfs Dharali market in Uttarkashi

(By PR Singh) Dehradun, Aug 5 (UNI) Many people were feared dead and more than 50 persons were missing as Uttarakhand's Dharali market area in Uttarkashi was trapped under flash floods triggered by a cloudburst on a hilltop above the market on Tuesday afternoon. Four deaths were confirmed. Dharali market was engulfed in a thick mass of water and mud and sediment as a flash flood occurred at around 1.30 pm, sweeping away several hotels, houses and the nearby Harsil Based-army camp infrastructure. Uttarkashi district disaster management

officials informed that more than 50 persons were missing, while the death figure could not be ascertained as rescue and search operations were going on in Dharali market and the building infrastructure was impacted in the flash flood. According to Uttarkashi district magistrate, four deaths were confirmed while information about other casualties were awaited as priority was to save as many persons as possible. Uttarkashi district administration informed that the cloudburst had occurred on the Khirgad water stream hilltop above the Dharali market enroute Gangotri, which has inflicted heavy

human and property losses in the area.Officials said the cloudburst was triggered by continuous heavy rainfall in the hill areas for more than 24 hours. It resulted in a massive flash flood. Although the scale of losses is yet to be known, but officials said that both the death and missing figures may be much higher as many houses were uprooted and people perished in the flash flood. Many were also buried under the thick layers of mud and sediment, as teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), ITBP, Indian Army, State Disaster management department,

local police had launched rescue and search operation since late afternoon. Officials informed that the extent of the disaster was such that an army infrastructure located 3-4 kilometres away near Harshil was badly hit by the flash flood and rising level of River Ganga flowing close to it."Exact figure of the human losses is not known yet, but preliminary information received from officials on ground zero has confirmed four deaths. Exact details of the casualties will be known later as the rescue teams and local officials are engaged in the search and rescue operation," said Prashant Arya, Uttarkashi district magistrate.

"The news of cloudburst in Dharali of Uttarkashi district has caused extensive damage. It is extremely saddening and painful. Relief and rescue operations are underway on a war footing, by the teams of SDRF, NDRF, district administration and other departments concerned. I am in continuous touch with senior officials and am closely monitoring the situation. I pray for the safety and well-being of everyone in the area," said Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in his 'X' post. Locals in Dharali market, located close to Mukhba village, the alternate seat of deity Gangotri on the other (Contd on page 3)



ED questions Anil Ambani, videographs his statement in money laundering case

Industrialist Anil Ambani was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday at its headquarters in New Delhi in an alleged money laundering case, linked to an alleged multi-crore bank loan diversion fraud.No lawyer was present during the entire questioning session which was videographed after Anil Ambani reached the ED headquarters at 11 am on Tuesday to record his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), sources said. (See on page 6)

PK questions Amit Shah's silence on atrocities against ...



Jan Suraj Party leader Prashant Kishor has accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of remaining silent on the atrocities faced by Biharis outside the state and asked him to answer during his upcoming visit to Sitamarhi, why he remained silent when Biharis were being assaulted in Maharashtra. (See on page 2)

No one can stop PDA Pathshala: Akhilesh Yadav



Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav has challenged the BJP government to stop the PDA pathshala started by his party after closure of several primary schools by the Uttar Pradesh government on the name of merger. (See on page 4)

Because of Article 370, terrorism increased, and the



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that Article 370 had fueled terrorism and emboldened the terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. He asserted that the process of dismantling this ecosystem began on August 5, 2019. (See on page 8)

Tejashwi silent on keeping two voters ID cards, questions functioning of Election Commission

Patna, Aug 5 (UNI) : Senior RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav today remained silent on possessing two voters ID cards, but questioned the functioning of the Election Commission, claiming large-scale irregularities were committed during the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls in Bihar.

Yadav said that he had been raising the issue of irregularities being committed during SIR in Bihar, which started when the next state assembly elections were only two to three months away. Names of a large number of voters were missing in the draft electoral rolls released after the first phase of SIR in Bihar, he added. "Our party RJD has received a large number complaints from the people, which would be sent to Election Commission for corrective measures," the RJD leader said, adding that there was strong possibility of a large number voters losing their rights to exercise their franchise in the next Bihar assembly elections, due to "negligence" of the Election Commission.

His party would also raise the issue of irregularities in the Supreme Court, where a petition in this connection was pending, he stated.

Bihar SIR: ADR moves SC seeking disclosure of voters omitted in draft rolls

New Delhi, Aug 5 (IANS) :The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), on Tuesday, filed an application before the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to release details of nearly 65 lakh voters whose names were omitted in the recently published draft electoral rolls in Bihar.

In a bid to enable political parties, general public and the petitioners to cross check and verify the draft electoral rolls, the plea demanded the ECI to release constituency and booth-wise list of names and details of voters whose enumeration forms were not submitted along with reasons for non-submission (like death, permanently shifted, duplicate, untraceable, etc.) against each name.

The plea also sought Assembly constituency and booth wise list of voters on the draft electoral rolls, whose enumeration forms have been "not recommended" by the Booth Level Officer.

The application cited the ECI's press statement dated July 25, which said that nearly 65 lakh voter names are likely to be deleted from the existing electoral rolls as a result of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process.

"This shows that the ECI admittedly has details with names and other

particulars of the nearly 22 lakh voters who are deceased, nearly 35 lakh voters who have either permanently migrated or couldn't be traced, nearly seven lakh voters who are registered at multiple locations and of nearly 1.2 lakh voters whose enumeration forms were yet to be received," the application said.

It added that the poll body's failure to disclose the specific reason for deletion against each of the 65 lakh names "appears to be an attempt to prevent the general public, including the petitioners, from verifying whether the individuals listed are indeed deceased or have permanently migrated".

Meanwhile, sources in the Bihar election office said that, contrary to the opposition parties' allegations and narrative that the SIR could disenfranchise a large number of voters, the Opposition has not pointed out even a single infirmity in the exercise. Not a single claim or objection has been filed by any political party since August 1, the poll panel said.

The ECI last month concluded the enumeration phase of the SIR in Bihar, from June 24 to July 25.

More than 7.24 crore voters -- out of a total of 7.89 crore -- submitted their enumeration forms during the SIR exercise.

Cong walkout in MP House over appointment

Bhopal, Aug 5 (UNI) : The principal-opposition Congress staged a walkout in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly today after expressing dissatisfaction with the government's reply vis-a-vis rules being "bypassed" while appointing an official in Jabalpur.

Through the medium of a calling attention notice, Lakhani Ghanghoria (Cong) said that the district's Chief Medical and Health Officer ordered the contractual appointment of one Vijay Pandey as Data Assistant (Vaccination).

"I had raised a question in the Assembly in this regard and the Education Department responded by saying that no marksheet had been issued in Pandey's name in the year displayed on the marksheet attached at the time of appointment," the member alleged. Replying to the member, Public Health and Medical Education Minister Rajendra Shukla said, "Scrutiny of all the documents reveals that the appointment was made according to the rules."

Ajay Singh (Cong) said that it had been proven in the House that rules were bypassed and in such a situation the government should remove the official and institute an inquiry. The Congress members kept pressing for a probe. Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar said that the Congress member was accompanying his words with evidence but a deaf ear was being turned to him.

Municipal Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police conducted a search of the contractors of MMRDA and PWD



(By Rajesh Undi)

Bhiwandi, Aug 5 : Today, in the backdrop of Ganesh festival, the Administrator and Commissioner of Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation, Mr. Anmol Sagar, inspected all the important Ganesh Visarjan Ghats. Also, the Deputy Commissioner of Police also reviewed the Ganesh Visarjan route at his level. In this regard, today, under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Commissioner, a meeting was held with the officers of the Municipal Corporation, engineers, ward officers, as well as the contractors of MMRDA and Public Works Department, along with the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Shashikant Borate.

In this meeting, it was said that even though the Ganeshotsav festival is very close, the road works of

MMRDA and Public Works Department are incomplete. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police expressed their displeasure over this. Also, the Commissioner directed all the contractors to complete all the road works on the Ganesh Aamgaan and Visarjan Marg in the next 15 days. Also, if any accident or mishap occurs due to the poor condition of the road, then the entire responsibility will be on the contractor and the concerned engineer, Hon. Deputy Commissioner of Police Shri. Shashikant Borate gave a stern warning.

Hon. Additional Commissioner Shri. Vitthal Dake, Assistant Commissioner of Police Shri. Sachin Sangle, City Engineer Shri. Jamil Patel, Deputy Engineer of Public Works Department Shri. Gite. Engineers of MMRDA as well as the road contractor were present in the above meeting.

MLA Chitra Wagh expressed satisfaction while inspecting the NMUMPA Ghansoli Shelter Center

(Standard Post Bureau)

Navi Mumbai, Aug 5 : The homeless shelter center at Ghansoli, operated by the Social Development Department of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation, is known as a shelter for the homeless. Maharashtra Legislative Council member MLA Mr Chitra Wagh visited this center today and inspected the functioning there and expressed satisfaction. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner of NMMC Social Development Department Shri. Kisanrao Palande and Police Inspector of Crime Branch of Koparkhairane Police Station Shri. Unmesh Thite were present.

During this visit, Ms. Chitra Wagh interacted with the beneficiary women living in the homeless shelter center and asked about the



facilities provided at the homeless shelter center. During this time, the women were provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

They also gave feedback that health check-ups and medication are done on time. While talking to these women, Ms. Chitra Wagh learned

about the background of these women and the reasons for coming to the homeless shelter center. Understood.

During this time, he also inspected other arrangements at the homeless shelter. He expressed his feeling that women are safe here as there are full-time security

guards deployed here and CCTV cameras are working properly. He said that he will visit the homeless shelter soon along with other members. He expressed satisfaction that the homeless shelter center is functioning well under the guidance of Municipal Commissioner Dr. Kailash Shinde.

General Manager's Safety Award for 3 Staff of Solapur Division of Central Railway



(Standard Post Bureau) Solapur, Aug 5 : General Manager, Central Railway Mr Dharam Veer Meena felicitated 3 Central Railway staff from Solapur Division with Safety Award in a function held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai on 05.08.2025.

The Safety awards were presented in recognition of the

respective employee's alertness during duty, their contribution in averting untoward incidents and ensuring safety in train operations during the previous months.

Each award consists of a medal, commendation certificate, a citation of exemplary safety work and cash prize of Rs 2000/-

Details of the

Awardees

1. Shri Lingaraj Kande, Station Manager, Dudhani, Solapur division, on 28.06.2025, during the signal exchange with the goods train, he noticed that the handle rod was hanging from the 14th wagon from the engine.

He informed all the concerned where it was fixed at the next station. A

potential accident was averted by his vigilance.

2. Shri Lalit Kumar, Pointsman, Sawalgi, Solapur division, on 10.06.2025 during signal exchange with Train No. 11302 Up, he noticed that the axle box cover of Coach B2 was open due to 2 bolts coming out. He informed all concerned. A potential accident was averted by his vigilance.

3. Shri Shubham Bhoyar, Technician (Carriage & Wagon), Wadi, Solapur division, on 09.06.2025 during the inspection of the goods train in the yard noticed that the CBC yoke front fallover plate of one wagon was broken. He declared the said wagon to be sick. A potential accident was averted by his vigilance.

The General Manager in his address congratulated the awardees and complimented them for their alertness and dedication towards their duties.

He said that such acts of alertness and bravery will motivate others to sincerely work towards the safety of passengers and avert loss of life, freight and railway property.

Additional General Manager Shri Prateek Goswami, Principal Chief Safety Officer Shri Chandra Kishore Prasad, other Principal Heads of Departments and Senior Officers of Central Railway were present on the occasion.

National level conference on solar and wind energy to be held on Aug 6

Vijayawada, Aug 5 (UNI) : A landmark event titled “Empowering India’s Green Future: Andhra Pradesh as the Talent Hub for Solar and Wind Energy” is set to take place on August 6 in Vijayawada, convening top government leadership, over 250 industry leaders, and key development partners.

A release here on Tuesday said that the high-powered gathering will serve as the official launch pad for a transformational effort to skill thousands of youth across the state in solar and wind energy technologies, from manufacturing and installation to operations and maintenance. Organized by the Swaniti Initiative, in close partnership with the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), the event signals a paradigm shift in aligning workforce development with climate resilience and industrial growth.

With Andhra Pradesh boasting over 160 GW of renewable energy potential, the state is uniquely positioned to be not only a green energy

production hub but also a global talent exporter in the clean energy domain. The keynote addresses will be delivered by Nara Lokesh, Minister for HRD, IT, Electronics & Communication and Gottipati Ravi Kumar, Minister of Energy.

Their presence at the helm of this initiative underlines the state’s unwavering commitment to a skills-first, future-ready economic vision, inspired by the leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu Garu, whose pioneering work in renewable energy and digital transformation has laid the foundation for this initiative.

“This isn’t just a skilling event, it’s a mission to empower Andhra Pradesh’s youth to lead India’s green revolution,” a senior official said. The conference will feature three high-impact panel discussions with solar and wind industry giants, who will engage directly with policymakers and training institutions to chart a roadmap for demand-driven, industry-aligned workforce development. A Private Sector Green Skilling

Taskforce will also be launched during the event to ensure Andhra’s talent pool is strategically positioned for national and international clean energy deployment.

Equity and inclusion will be central to the agenda, with focused sessions on integrating tribal youth, women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and green micro-entrepreneurs into the state’s emerging renewable energy economy.

The outcomes of the conference will feed directly into the upcoming Green Skill Development Roadmap for Andhra Pradesh, a collaborative strategy that will scale skilling programs, modernize training infrastructure, and build a resilient workforce across every district. As India accelerates its clean energy transition, Andhra Pradesh’s ambitious and inclusive approach to green talent development is poised to set a national benchmark, not just in climate action, but in transforming sustainability into a powerful driver of livelihoods and local prosperity, the release added.

PM speaks with Uttarakhand CM over cloud burst tragedy, assures all help

New Delhi, Aug 5 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed his condolences to those affected by the cloud burst tragedy in Uttarkashi’s Dharali, and said that every possible effort is being made to provide timely assistance to those affected.

In a post on X, the PM said he has spoken with Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami to take stock of the situation on the ground.

Modi stated, “I express my heartfelt condolences to those affected by the tragedy in Dharali, Uttarkashi. I pray for the well-being of all the victims.

“I have spoken with Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and taken stock of the situation. Relief and rescue teams under the supervision of the state government are making every possible effort. No stone is being left unturned to ensure aid reaches the affected people.”

A massive cloudburst occurred in the catchment area of the Kheer Ganga river in Uttarkashi’s Dharali village, triggering flash floods that swept away homes, shops, and roads, with dozens of people feared missing.

in Dharali, Uttarkashi to get an update on the situation. Three teams of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and four National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams from their respective nearby camps have also been sent to the disaster hit area.”

Meanwhile, a team of 50 personnel equipped with essential tools needed in rescue and search operation was moved from the SDRF headquarters in Dehradun to the disaster site. Tools included victim locating camera, thermal imaging camera, cutters, rotary hammer drill, a diamond-tipped chain saw, a portable generator, medical aids, and a satellite phone.

Uttarakhand government has sought support from the Indian Air Force in the rescue and search operation

Amaravati, Aug 5 (IANS) : Andhra Pradesh will implement the P4 initiative, aimed at eradicating poverty, from August 19, and the state will achieve its zero poverty goal by 2029, said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday.

He is confident that AP’s P4 model will become a benchmark for the nation. He conducted a video conference from the Secretariat to review the programme with MLAs, public representatives, and government officials.

The Chief Minister revealed that so far, 9,37,913 Bangaru Kutumbams (beneficiary families) have been identified. A total of 1,03,938 Margadarshi or mentors have been selected. The needs of 10 lakh Bangaru Kutumbams

Support for Handloom Sector: Key Decisions by CM Chandrababu Naidu

State to Bear GST on Handloom Products | Free Power for Looms | Rs 5 Cr Thrift Fund for Weavers



(Standard Post Bureau)

Amaravati, Aug 5 : In a move to strengthen the handloom sector and support weavers across the state, the Andhra Pradesh government has announced a series of key initiatives. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu chaired a comprehensive review meeting on Tuesday at the State Secretariat, focusing on the welfare of handloom workers and revitalizing the sector.

The meeting was attended by R.P. Sisodia, Special Chief Secretary of the Handlooms and Textiles Department, and Commissioner Rekha Rani, among other officials. Emphasizing the importance of handloom as

the second-largest rural livelihood sector after agriculture, the Chief Minister said the government has a responsibility to stand by those who depend on it.

Recalling his recent interaction with a weaver’s family during his visit to Jammalamadugu, the Chief Minister said that several important issues had come to his attention, prompting immediate action. The government has decided to provide 200 units of free electricity for traditional looms and 500 units for power looms, with CM Naidu directing officials to begin implementation without delay.

A major decision was also taken on Goods and

Services Tax (GST) on handloom products. The state government will now fully bear the GST burden on handloom textiles, paying the tax to the central government on behalf of the sector. This fulfills a key election promise and is expected to make handloom products more affordable while significantly boosting sales and benefiting weavers.

Special Chief Secretary R.P. Sisodia noted that this initiative will increase market demand and improve incomes for weavers. Additionally, the Chief Minister proposed the establishment of a Rs 5 crore thrift fund to support handloom workers, ensuring financial security

during difficult times.

CM Naidu directed that all these measures be rolled out starting August 7, aligning with National Handloom Day. The review also highlighted recent achievements of Andhra Pradesh’s handloom sector, with the state receiving national-level awards under the “One District One Product” (ODOP) initiative. Prior to the review, Sisodia and Rekha Rani showcased these awards to the Chief Minister, who appreciated the efforts of the department. These decisions underscore the government’s commitment to revive the traditional handloom sector and uplift the livelihoods of thousands of weavers across the state.

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side of river Ganga, informed that human losses may be much more than is being claimed by the local administration.

“The human death figure can be staggeringly high, contrary to what’s being said. There was a sizeable strength of floating population in Dharali market today as a large number of people had gathered there to attend a fair on Monday. Many of them were still camping in the market area,” informed a local youth unwilling to be named.

Dharali, around 80 km from Uttarkashi district headquarter, lies enroute to Gangotri close to Ganga River bank. Opposite Dharali, on the other side of the Ganga, lies deity Gangotri’s winter seat Mukhba village where

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited in the month of June to promote winter tourism in Uttarakhand. The area is hardly 4-5 kilometers from the renowned hill station Harsil. Expressing his grief over the disaster at Dharali, Prime Minister Modi said, “I express my sympathy for the people affected by this tragedy at Dharali in Uttarkashi and pray for the well-being of all victims. I have spoken to Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami for an update on the situation. Relief and rescue teams are making all possible efforts under the supervision of the state government. No stone will be left unturned to help the people.”

In his reaction, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, “I have spoken to Uttarakhand Chief Minister on the flash flood incident

AP to roll out P4 initiative for poverty eradication

across the state have been prioritised. Using an 11-question survey, we collected details and analysed them with AI. At least 31 per cent of families need job opportunities, 22 per cent require medical assistance, and 9 per cent seek to expand their small businesses.

“In addition to adopting families, many Margadarshi are stepping up to adopt entire villages and mandals. We’ve also introduced a ‘Fund a Need’ concept in P4. The implementation of the program will be reviewed once every three months. Public representatives and officials can also voluntarily participate,” said the CM.

Chandrababu Naidu stated that he too has registered himself as a Margadarshi and adopted

250 families in his Assembly constituency, Kuppam. He made it clear that the selection of Margadarshi for the Bangaru Kutumbams is purely voluntary. “No should be forced, and there must be no coercion. Only those with compassion and humanity should be a part of this effort. Unfortunately, some people are trying to obstruct good initiatives. They attempt to create a negative sense,” he said.

He noted that some people have the financial resources but not the heart to help, while others have the intent but not the time. “We must identify such people and let them know about the P4 platform. We must reduce economic inequality through collective efforts. Who you help today can become a

Margadarshi tomorrow. Alongside welfare schemes, P4 will ensure additional support reaches Bangaru Kutumbams. Inform NRIs and industrialists abroad to spark the thought of giving back to society in them,” he added. The Chief Minister stated that P4 initiative is part of the mission to eradicate poverty.

“The objective is to ensure a higher standard of living for every family in AP. The core intent is to give back to society. From these role models, even small support becomes a big support for the poor. In that spirit, Pallakunta Hemalatha, a sanitation

worker from the Avanigadda constituency, became a guiding light by voluntarily supporting an elderly woman. When there is a heart that responds, humanity rises to the occasion and steps forward to help. Those who contribute financially and through service are the real role models,” he said.

“While the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Vedanta operate through CSR funds, our focus through P4 is to go beyond that, to directly uplift families. We are implementing the Zero Poverty Mission with people as our greatest asset,” he added.



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MBU builds India’s first container stadium with Rs 30 Cr investment

Tirupati, Aug 5 (UNI) Mohan Babu University (MBU) has taken a bold step in redefining campus infrastructure with the unveiling of India’s first-ever container stadium at its Tirupati Campus.

With this pioneering development, MBU sets a new benchmark for sustainability and innovation in higher education infrastructure. The Rs 30 crore investment over four years has helped avoid an estimated 1500 tons of carbon emissions by using upcycled shipping containers instead of traditional cement-and-steel construction. The MBU Container Stadium is the result of a dedicated four-year journey from concept to completion, realised in collaboration with ASER, SA, a renowned London-based design firm known for its expertise in sustainable architecture. The stadium’s design is inspired by iconic international projects such as Fortress Obetz Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, a landmark built from over 100 shipping containers.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
(1) Notice No. eT-Central-WAT-24-2025, Dt. 31.07.2025
Name of Work : CONSTRUCTION OF 30 BEDS RUNNING ROOM AT ARAKU (ARK) STATION UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/ ARAKU ON KK LINE OF WALTAIR DIVISION.
Approx cost of the work : ₹ 2,63,98,485.08, EMD: ₹ 2,82,000/-
(2) Notice No. eT-Central-WAT-25-2025, Dt. 31.07.2025
Name of Work : CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL WATERWAY TO BR. NO. 417 BY RCC BOX OF SIZE 3.75 X 3.05M (INTERNAL DIMENSIONS) AT 12619+195 BY BOX PUSHING METHOD BETWEEN GORAPUR-DARLUPUT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/KORAPUT ON KK-I LINE OF WALTAIR DIVISION.
Approx cost of the work : ₹ 3,43,23,550.69, EMD: ₹ 5,21,600/-
Completion Period of the work: 12 months (for both tenders).
Tender closing date & time : at 1500 hrs. of 22.08.2025 (for both tenders).
No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm’s letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.
Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website www.treps.gov.in
Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website 10 (ten) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/ corrigendum issued for this tender.
Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), Waltair
PR-431/Q/25-26

Utkal Housing and Infrastructure Development Limited
(CIN: U45201AP2006PLC107151)
Registered Office: Door No: 50-40-19, IInd Floor, T.P.T. Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530013, India
COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014
“FORM No. INC-26”
[Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of Registered Office of the company from one state to another.
BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
(REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SOUTH EAST REGION, HYDERABAD)
In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014.
AND
In the matter of Utkal Housing and Infrastructure Development Limited (CIN: U45201AP2006PLC107151) having its Registered Office at Door No: 50-40-19, IInd Floor, T.P.T. Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530013, India. ...**Petitioner**
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Thursday, 31st July 2025, to enable the company to change its Registered Office from “State of Andhra Pradesh” to “State of Odisha”.
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investors complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections accompanied by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the address South East Region, at 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattinamaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana within Fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned below:
REGISTERED OFFICE: DOOR NO: 50-40-19, IIND FLOOR, T.P.T. COLONY, SEETHAMMA DHARA, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH-530013, INDIA.
For and on behalf of the Petitioner
Utkal Housing and Infrastructure Development Limited
Sd/-
Rabindra Kumar Sahoo
Director
DIN-03345783
Date : 05 August 2025
Place : Bhubaneswar

STANDARD POST

Amendment to boost Indian wind turbine manufacturers by promoting 'Make in India'

Centre's amendment to the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) (Wind) procedure is expected to benefit domestic wind turbine original equipment manufacturers by enhancing domestic sourcing of equipment, a report said. Indian and Chinese wind OEMs will now compete on more equal terms due to a new rule. Currently, Chinese wind OEMs operating in India import lots of lower-cost components from China, resulting in their products being 10–15 per cent cheaper than those of Indian manufacturers, according to a report by Crisil Ratings.

However, these Chinese wind OEMs will be forced to source their components from Indian manufacturers after the recent amendment, assuming Indian wind component makers are only added to the ALMM list. This will remove manufacturing cost disparities for Indian wind OEMs compared to Chinese firms and strengthen the local supply chain.

The move will also support the credit profiles of domestic wind OEMs. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) amended the procedure for including wind turbine models in the ALMM list (Wind) on July 31. This list certifies wind turbine models eligible for installation in the country.

The new amendment mandated wind OEMs to source key components — blade, tower, gearbox, generator, and special bearings, which make up 65-70 percent of the total cost of a wind turbine — only from ALMM (Wind Turbine Components) listed suppliers. It also mandates wind turbine data and control systems to remain within India, using local data centres, servers, and R&D facilities, which, in turn, should improve data security and enhance the country's cybersecurity ecosystem.

The current amendments will encourage wind OEMs to 'Make in India.' Indian wind OEMs hold a market share of approximately 40–45 percent and source most mandated components domestically. In contrast, Chinese wind OEMs operating in India import a larger share of lower-cost components from China.

Ankit Hakhu, Director, Crisil Ratings said, “Chinese players have expanded their market share from just 10 per cent in fiscal 2019 to around 45 per cent in fiscal 2025, benefiting from low-cost imported components.

Assuming largely Indian wind component makers get added to the ALMM, Chinese wind OEMs will need to source locally from them.” This could benefit India manufacturers who currently have underutilised manufacturing capacity for these components.

“However, even with this amendment, competition will remain intense as the dominant Chinese player, which commands the lion’s share of the market, is expected to stay put in India.

The capacity utilisation of Indian wind OEMs is expected to increase to 50-55 per cent in near term, up from 30-35 per cent (in fiscal 2025), supported by healthy order books,” Gauri Gupta from Crisil Ratings said.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands MP Cares for Manipur, submits Letters to Amit Shah on Mount Manipur Memorial

Imphal, Aug 5 : The Mount Manipur Memorial project is a significant initiative to honor the 23 exiled freedom fighters and martyrs of the Anglo-Manipur War. To move forward, the Manipur Government should prioritize acquiring the necessary land and preparing the required documents. A suitable design for the memorial should be developed, reflecting the bravery and sacrifices of the freedom fighters. Expedited efforts will ensure the project's timely completion, paying tribute to the martyrs and promoting national pride and unity.

This project aims to revive and expedite the construction of the Mount Manipur Memorial in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This memorial is a tribute to the 23 exiled freedom fighters and martyrs of the Anglo-Manipur War, including Maharaja Kulachandra Dhaja Singh, who were exiled to the islands during the British colonial era.

Key Points
The project has been pending for over three

years. The Hon'ble MP, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, has written to the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah Ji, urging action for its revival and construction.

The memorial would reinforce emotional and historical ties between the Northeast and the Andaman Islands, promote national integration and unity, inspire patriotic sentiments among citizens and tourists, and boost heritage tourism and educational awareness in the region.

The project involves acquiring land from the Andaman administration, preparing proper documents, and starting layout works with a suitable design. “Importance of the Project

The Mount Manipur Memorial would be a lasting tribute to the brave Manipuri freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country.

It would promote national integration and unity by highlighting the shared history and struggles of different regions.

The memorial would



also boost heritage tourism and educational awareness in the region, inspiring patriotic sentiments among citizens and tourists.

Next Steps
The Manipur Government needs to acquire the necessary land from the Andaman administration and prepare proper documents for the project.

The government should start layout works and design a suitable memorial that reflects the sacrifices and bravery of the freedom fighters.

The project should be

expedited to ensure its timely completion and to pay tribute to the martyrs.

Let's hope that the project is completed soon, and the Mount Manipur Memorial becomes a symbol of national pride and unity.

The people of Manipur thank Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, for writing a letter to the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah Ji, urging action for the revival and construction of the pending Mount Manipur

Memorial at a suitable location in South Andaman. “The MP has also endorsed copies of the letter to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Secretary of A&N Islands for necessary action at their end, and has sent a copy to Shri Mukeshwar Lall, Historian & Member, A&N Islands UT, Heritage Committee., for his information and follow-up on the matter.

This request refers to a decision taken during the Hon'ble Home Minister's visit to the islands on 17th October 2021, when Mount Harriet was officially renamed as Mount Manipur in tribute to the 23 brave Manipuri freedom fighters of the Anglo-Manipur War of 1891, including Maharaja Kulachandra Dhaja Singh, who were exiled to the islands during the British colonial era.

The Hon'ble MP has expressed concern over the delay in the implementation of the “Sword Monument” project — a promised tribute to the martyrs — which has seen little progress even after over three years. The letter

further recalls the sacrifice of Yuvraj Tikendrajit and Thangal General, who were publicly executed on 13th August 1891, a day now solemnly observed as “Patriots’ Day” in Manipur. “The Mount Manipur Memorial would reinforce emotional and historical ties between the Northeast and the Andaman Islands, promote national integration and unity, inspire patriotic sentiments among citizens and tourists, and boost heritage tourism and educational awareness in the region.

In fact, it wouldn't be wrong to say that the AMWJU's first tour to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands — a team of 18 members — visited the islands for the first time after more than 110 years, on 17th February 2003, to trace and rediscover the historical links of their forefathers exiled there.

The people also extend thanks to Shri Mukeshwar Lall, Historian & Member, A&N Islands UT, Heritage Committee. for writing to the Governor of Manipur and the Chief Secretary.

Since idol immersion in artificial ponds is a priority, Thane Municipal Corporation has increased the immersion system

(Standard Post Bureau)

Thane, Aug 5 : As per the order of High Court, all Ganesh idols up to six feet tall will be immersed in artificial ponds. Whereas, idols taller than six feet can be immersed in natural water bodies. Due to this, the artificial ponds and mobile immersion system have been increased. Thane Municipal Corporation has informed that one and a half times more immersion arrangements are being made by the Municipal Corporation than last year.

Let's celebrate Ganeshotsav, which has been granted the status of a state festival, with the same enthusiasm as every year. Commissioner Saurabh Rao has also appealed to the citizens to celebrate the festival smoothly with the blessings of Ganpati Bappa, taking care that there is no inconvenience to the citizens.

On behalf of Thane Municipal Corporation, a meeting was organized on Tuesday at the Late Narendra Ballal Hall at the Municipal Headquarters to organize an environmentally friendly Ganeshotsav 2025. The meeting, chaired by Municipal Commissioner Saurabh Rao, was attended by representatives of



Ganeshotsav Mandals, vendors, Additional Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation Prashant Rode, Deputy Commissioner of Police Prashant Kadam, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Transport) Pankaj Shirsat, Deputy Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Manish Joshi, Shankar Patole, Madhukar Bodke, Dinesh Tayde, Sachin Sangle, Chief Environment Officer Manisha Pradhan, along with representatives of the Municipal Corporation, Mahavitaran, Torrent Power, and NGOs.

Additional immersion arrangements

Hon. Keeping in mind the High Court order and the increasing trend towards artificial ponds, the Municipal Corporation has made additional immersion arrangements this year. If further suggestions are received in the meetings of

the Ganeshotsav Mandals held at ward committee and police station level, they will also be included in the immersion arrangement, Commissioner Rao clarified. The enthusiasm of Ganesh devotees is increasing and at the same time, environmental awareness is also increasing. Citizens welcomed the mobile immersion arrangement made last year. Therefore, this year the number of teams has been increased to 15, Commissioner Rao also said.

This year, immersion arrangements will be made at a total of 132 places, including 24 artificial ponds, 74 tank immersion arrangements, 15 mobile immersion arrangements, 09 ghat immersion arrangements and 10 idol acceptance centers. Last year, there were a total of 88 immersion arrangements.

Separate manpower in

two sessions

There was a demand to increase the manpower at the immersion places. Keeping that in mind, the manpower will be increased. Also, manpower arrangements will be made in two sessions. Commissioner Rao expressed confidence that this will improve efficiency. The Ganeshotsav Coordination Committee and the police have suggested that cranes and additional barges should be installed at the ghat immersion site. Commissioner Rao also assured to consider the matter.

Coordination Officer A WhatsApp group is being created to resolve any issues that the Ganeshotsav Mandal and police need from the Municipal Corporation or if there are any errors in the system. Deputy Commissioner

(Encroachment) Shankar Patole will act as the coordination officer for the Municipal Corporation in this regard, Commissioner Rao also said in the meeting. Local police, board officials and municipal officials should jointly inspect the immersion system in their respective areas. Commissioner Rao also directed that the local assistant commissioners should take note of the issues noticed and take action.

Decentralization of immersion system

The Municipal Corporation has planned additional artificial lakes to avoid crowding at one place for immersion. Also, the boards have raised the issue of inconvenience during the Navratri festival and the municipal administration will be vigilant in this regard,

explained Additional Commissioner Prashant Rode.

The administration and the Ganesh Mandal will celebrate the festival in coordination. The activists are the ears, nose and eyes of the administration. When the local police station holds meetings of the boards, local officers of all the agencies will also be present there, explained Deputy Commissioner of Police Prashant Kadam.

At the beginning of the meeting, Chief Environment Officer Manisha Pradhan gave detailed information about the order of the Hon'ble High Court to celebrate the eco-friendly festival, and the procedure announced by the state government accordingly. Also, Thane Municipal Corporation has prepared a green immersion app that provides information about the entire immersion system. Pradhan also said that it will soon be available on all mobile platforms for the citizens.

In the meeting, various issues were raised by Thane District Ganeshotsav Coordination Committee Vice President Ravindra Palve, Ulhas Barde, Vinayak Surve, Vasudev Alguj, Vicky Chacko, Vishal Mahadik etc. regarding immersion arrangements on behalf of the mandals.

No one can stop PDA Pathshala: Akhilesh Yadav

Lucknow, Aug 5 (UNI) :Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav has challenged the BJP government to stop the PDA pathshala started by his party after closure of several primary schools by the Uttar Pradesh government on the name of merger.

"Police cannot stop PDA Pathshala. CM Yogi himself should come to the Pathshala and see the situation. The government itself has accepted that it has closed many schools while some have been merged. SP workers will continue to teach students until new teachers are recruited in those schools," he announced.

SP president was talking to media after paying his tribute to late Janeshwar Mishra on his birth anniversary at the Janeshwar Mishra Park here on Tuesday.

"The sad thing is that even the Britishers did not

register an FIR against anyone for studies. This government thinks that it will shut down our PDA school with the help of police. We socialists take a pledge that until the government sends a teacher-principal there, the PDA school will continue to run," he said.

SP President said , " CM Yogi needs to visit schools as well. At least he should visit schools and see the condition of schools. The roof of a school collapsed in his own district, in which children were injured. We opened Abhinay, Sanskriti School in this Lucknow city. Sanskriti School is the best school in the country and the world, but they against education. Those who are against education are the biggest mafia".

Akhilesh Yadav said that," who is the biggest mafia in

the state? Everyone knows this. One does not become anything by changing clothes. Today they are talking about land. You should find out, all the ponds in Lucknow have been occupied by the BJP and all the wetlands have been occupied by the BJP people."

He said that those who used to accuse others, did they not have any connection with the underworld. However, he did not name anyone.

Talking about the flood condition in UP, Akhilesh Yadav said, " More than Rs 20,000 crores were spent in Prayagraj. But what is the condition today? People are not able to leave their homes on a large scale. Necessary things are not available during the floods. Children are not going to school and there is no drinking water. If someone falls sick, there is no arrangement."

Beauty



Beauty rituals from around the world

There is wisdom in those words. Beautiful skin, hair and nails do not have to be synonymous with lighter wallets and wasting hours on end. We bring you a compilation of some amazing beauty techniques from around the world. Not only are they intriguing, but also completely natural. From soothing a flaky scalp to getting lustrous skin, there's a way to have it all.

Spanish circles

You surely must have tried cucumber slices to lighten dark circles around your eyes. And there's also a range of haemorrhoidal creams to treat under-eye circles. Weird as it sounds, it is supposed to work like a dream! Not brave enough to try it? Then follow Spanish women and use very thin potato slices over your eyes. Keep them on for ten minutes. You will notice that they actually lighten the skin reducing the blueness of the veins under your eyes.

Kiss cellulite goodbye, the Brazilian way

Cellulite is every woman's despair and there seems to be no way to shooing it away. Here's a thing to learn from Brazilian women, who rub sand on their bodies. When it comes to cellulite, dry brushing is the best,

natural and probably, the only way to getting rid of them. So, use sand to kiss cellulite goodbye.

Greek TLC for lips

Beauty regimens need not mean spending a bomb on products or devoting a lot of time to it (unless you are greatly inspired by Cleopatra). Some of the most easily available things straight off your kitchen shelves can be used for beautifying your self. Greek and Italian women use olive oil to sooth and repair chapped lips. It is the best treatment to heal dry and irritated skin. It also conditions skin and lips while making it glow beautifully.

Chinese anti-ageing

Want skin that defies age-related problems? Sip on white tea like the Chinese do. It protects your skin from free radicals and you don't need to worry about Botox, fillers, collagen and the likes.

Australian dandruff cure

Suffering from dandruff? Add a few drops of eucalyptus oil or tea tree oil to your shampoo and kiss those flakes goodbye. This is a foolproof trick from down under to getting rid of dandruff. Be careful with the essential oils though. Massage your scalp with a few drops to see the change.

Scandinavian skincare
They aren't called the world's most beautiful women for nothing. Scandinavian



Home remedies to cure dry, Flaky skin



Banana pack -

Mash one ripe or over ripe banana until it forms a paste and mix one teaspoon of honey with it. Apply a thick layer of this mixture on face and leave it on for 20-30 minutes. Wash it off with cold water and repeat the process twice a week to get moist fresh skin.

Almond pack -

Grind soaked almonds to make a paste. Add some cold milk, lemon juice and besan (gram flour) to this mix and apply a thick layer on the face and other dry areas. Scrub it off once dry and wash face with lukewarm water.

Yogurt pack -

Make a pack by mixing cold yogurt, lemon juice and honey and apply on face. Leave it on for 20 minutes and wash it off with cold water.

Aloe Vera Gel -

Apply a generous amount of Aloe Vera gel all over the face and leave it on until it dries. Wash it off with cold water. This not only provides moisture to the skin but also prevents ageing and acne.

Dry skin is a horrible problem to have. People suffer from stretchy, white looking skin that may even crack and bleed. Not only that, dry skin causes itchiness and discomfort too. Here are a few home remedies you can use to solve the problem.

Hair care becomes a difficult and time-consuming job in the monsoon season. But it is also important for healthy hair to stay away from chemicals and outside treatments as much as possible. Well, here are some easy home remedies that can answer your tress woes -

For dry, frizzy hair, apply a paste of two bananas and honey and leave it for about an hour. This will help moisturize hair and keep it soft.

Apply lemon juice on your scalp for 15 minutes and then wash it off. This will ensure an oil-free scalp. Soak fenugreek (methi) seeds in water overnight. Strain the water the next day and use this water to



wash your hair. Methi is effective for many hair

problems like hairfall, dandruff and dryness. The rains and sweatiness due to the humid weather results in an itchy scalp. Add a spoon of vinegar to water and rinse your hair with this at the end after you shampoo it. This will help you get rid of the itchiness. Mix two spoons of curd with an egg and apply it on

Home remedies for hair-care in Monsoon

Here are some easy home remedies for the smooth and silky hair in monsoon.

your hair for 15-20 minutes. Use this mixture as a conditioner after you shampoo your hair. It will make your hair soft and shiny.

Be scorching hot at parties this summer

With Mumbai summer refusing to bow out, we are left to deal with a rather long stint of heat and humidity. But are you letting it affect your social life, or rather, 'look'? Here are a few tips to keep in mind when stepping out for a party this summer...

Keep it simple

Beauty consultant Manasi Bhakade states, "Always begin day makeup with a sunblock (at least SPF 30), followed by a light oil-free foundation or BB/CC cream. Shadow and mascara on your eyes and a nourishing lip tint later, you are good to face the day." According to senior makeup artiste Sonic Sarwate, one should choose makeup that blends well with the skin and doesn't feel heavy.

Use concealers

Dr Geeta Oberoi, dermatologist, says, "Use mineral-based makeup and keep your base to a minimum. Rather than using heavy foundation, use concealers to get a flawless face."

Do a double cleansing

Removing makeup is a must before you hit the sack. "Do a double cleansing procedure to unclog pores — a cleanser followed by medicated face wash," says Dr Oberoi. If you have oily skin, do not work your skin too much because it will end up making your skin more oily.

Close pores

You must use an alcohol-free toner after every wash to close open pores.

If you sweat a lot...

"Use lotions containing aluminium chlorohydrate. It works as an antiperspirant. However, in some cases, it can cause skin irritation. So, ask your dermatologist first," Dr

Oberoi explains.

Use the right makeup

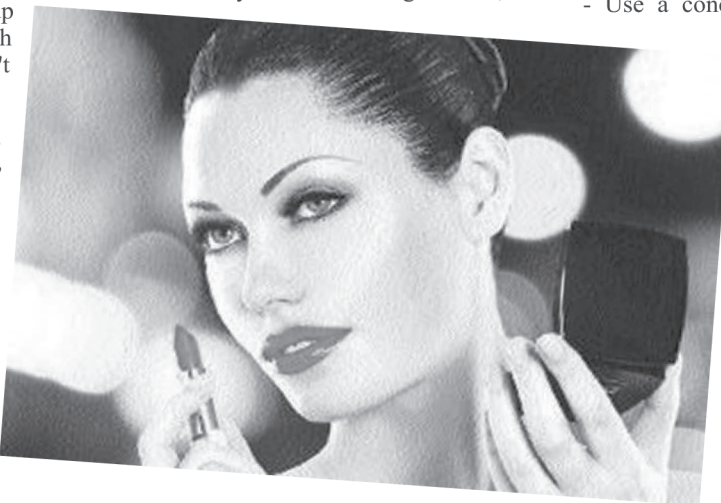
Dr Sama Rais, dermatologist and cosmetologist, advises using makeup that is 'non-comedogenic' or 'non-acnegenic' — it won't clog pores or cause pimples.

Home remedies

Dr Poonam Wadhvani, cosmetic dermatologist, suggests, "Wear dark colours that hide sweat patches. For dark circles, try home remedies like applying cool tea bags on the eyes for 15 minutes or applying cucumber juice and potato juice."

Get this look

- Use a concealer and then apply a hydrating base that matches your skin tone.
- Use a light-brown or coral-toned blush.
- Apply highlighter on your brow bone, cheeks and in the inner corner of your eyes.
- A warm eye-shadow will enlarge and brighten your peepers.
- Line your eyes with smudge-proof kohl.
- Curl your lashes; apply a coat of mascara.
- Now apply a bright lipstick.



ED questions Anil Ambani, videographs his statement in money laundering case

Mumbai, Aug 5 (UNI) : Industrialist Anil Ambani was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday at its headquarters in New Delhi in an alleged money laundering case, linked to an alleged multi-crore bank loan diversion fraud.

No lawyer was present during the entire questioning session which was videographed after Anil Ambani reached the ED headquarters at 11 am on Tuesday to record his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), sources said.

Significantly, statements recorded under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) are admissible as evidence in court. According to sources, ED officials asked Anil Ambani questions like, "Were loans diverted to shell companies?" He also faced questions like, "Was any money given to political parties?" and "Did you bribe any officer?"

Before the ED summoned Anil Ambani for

questioning on Tuesday at the ED's Delhi office, the agency had issued a lookout circular (LOC) against him in connection with the alleged Rs 3,000-crore loan fraud involving Yes Bank.

An LOC is issued to prevent individuals from leaving the country while they are under investigation. LOCs are circulated to all airports and seaports, alerting immigration officials to detain the individual under investigation, if they attempt to flee from India.

The ED is probing the alleged diversion of loans worth Rs 3,000 crore disbursed to Reliance Group companies by Yes Bank between 2017 and 2019. Investigators suspect that payments were allegedly made to Yes Bank promoters before the loans were actually sanctioned, pointing to a possible quid pro quo. It may be recalled that the ED had raided several locations connected to the case on July 24. The searches which lasted for three days were

carried out under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Later, the ED issued a statement on Monday 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 Reliance Power Ltd for a Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) tender.

The ED had stated that it plans to confront arrested Biswal face-to-face with Anil Ambani when Ambani will be questioned 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 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 an "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.

Nitish expresses deep sorrow over former Bihar Governor Satyapal Malik's demise

Patna, Aug 5 (UNI) : Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today expressed deep sorrow over the demise of Satyapal Malik, former Governor of Bihar.

In his condolence message, the Chief Minister said that Satyapal Malik served as the Governor of Bihar from October 4, 2017, to August 22, 2018. In addition to Bihar, he also served as the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Goa, and Meghalaya.

"With the passing of Satyapal Malik, the country has lost a towering personality," the Chief Minister stated.

Mayawati expresses deep concern over cloudburst in Dharali village

Lucknow, Aug 5 (UNI) Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati expressed deep concern over the cloud burst in Uttarkashi's Dharali village, and urged both the central and state governments to act swiftly and provide all possible assistance to the affected people. In a post on social media platform X, the BSP supreme described the cloudburst and its aftermath as "extremely tragic and worrying," and emphasized the need for stronger safety measures in disaster-prone areas to reduce the risk to life and property in the future.

A massive cloudburst hit Dharali village in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district on Tuesday afternoon, triggering flash floods and landslides that led to the collapse of several houses and hotels. The calamity has caused widespread devastation, with several people reported missing and rescue operations currently underway.



In this image via AICC, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and LoP in the Lok Sabha and party leader Rahul Gandhi during a meeting of the floor leaders of the INDIA alliance, in New Delhi on Tuesday.

SC refers plea seeking lifetime ban on convicted MPs/MLAs to CJI

New Delhi, Aug 5 (UNI) : The Supreme Court today took note of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking permanent disqualification of Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) upon conviction in criminal cases, and directed that the matter be placed before the Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai for listing before an appropriate larger Bench.

The PIL, filed by Advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, challenges the constitutional validity of provisions under Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which currently bar convicted legislators from contesting elections only for six years after completing their sentence.

Senior Advocate Vijay Hansaria mentioned the matter before a Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, urging for an early hearing.

"This is a matter of grave concern. Orders have been passed from time to time. The February 10 order requires that it be listed before a three-judge bench," Hansaria submitted. The Bench acknowledged the urgency and referred to paragraphs

4 and 5 of the February 10, 2025 order passed by a Bench led by Justice Dipankar Datta, directing that the matter be placed before the CJI for further directions.

The plea is now expected to be heard finally on October 20, subject to the CJI's listing.

In February 2025, the Union government opposed the plea, arguing that a lifetime disqualification of elected representatives was a matter purely within the domain of Parliament and not for the judiciary to decide.

The Centre, through the Legislative Department, maintained that while the court may declare a provision unconstitutional under its power of judicial review, it cannot rewrite legislation to substitute "lifetime" for "six years" as suggested by the petitioner.

"The relief sought effectively asks the Court to read 'lifetime' instead of 'six years' in all sub-sections of Section 8. This is unknown to judicial review and constitutional law," the Centre submitted.

The government emphasized that Parliament has the discretion to decide what duration of

disqualification is appropriate, keeping in view principles of proportionality and reasonableness. "It is one thing to say that Parliament has the power to impose a lifetime ban, and another to say that it must necessarily exercise that power in all cases," it said.

The Centre further argued that the PIL failed to distinguish between the basis for disqualification (i.e., conviction) and the effect of disqualification (i.e., its duration). It noted that Indian penal statutes often impose time-bound restrictions on rights and freedoms post-conviction, and that extending these indefinitely would be unduly harsh and disproportionate.

"At the end of the prescribed time, penalties cease to operate automatically. Deterrence is ensured, while undue harshness is avoided," the government stated.

It also reiterated that any direction to Parliament on how to draft or amend laws would be beyond the constitutional powers of the judiciary. The PIL raises a larger question regarding the criminalisation of politics, an issue repeatedly flagged by the Supreme Court in the past.

Odisha CM urges forest officials to ensure conflict-free coexistence for tribals

Bhubaneswar, Aug 5 (UNI) : Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi today called upon forest officials to ensure a conflict-free coexistence for tribal communities and safeguard their interests.

Addressing the State Forest Officers' Conference, the Chief Minister noted that nearly one-fourth of the state's population belongs to the tribal community, most of whom reside in forested and adjoining areas.

"It is the moral responsibility of the government to ensure peaceful and harmonious coexistence for tribal communities and to protect them," Majhi stated.

Highlighting the pivotal role of forest officials, he

said, "Since forest personnel regularly interact with the poor, tribals, and Dalits, it is imperative that they approach these communities with sensitivity while enforcing forest conservation laws."

In a bid to mitigate the growing human-elephant conflict, the Chief Minister advised the department to cultivate rice within forest areas as a food source for elephants.

He further recommended planting fruit-bearing and flowering trees in populated areas to encourage community care and involvement.

For roadside plantation drives, he emphasized the importance of choosing tree species that are beneficial

to the local population.

"Tree plantation alone is not enough. We must also ensure proper protection, management, and enhancement of the green cover," Majhi added.

Urging a collaborative approach, he called for widespread public awareness, the application of modern technologies, and active participation of voluntary organizations and civic safety forums to strengthen forest conservation efforts.

Reiterating his government's strong stance on transparency, Majhi emphasized a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption and warned forest officials to steer clear of any unethical practices.

Shibu Soren laid to rest with State Honours

Nemra (Ramgarh), Aug 5 (UNI) : Former Jharkhand Chief Minister and Rajya Sabha MP Shibu Soren was cremated with full state honours today at his ancestral village, Nemra, in Ramgarh district. A towering figure in Jharkhand's tribal and political history, Soren's passing marked the end of an era — one defined by resistance, reform, and regional identity.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, party president Mallikarjun Kharge, and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav were among the key national figures who flew in to pay their last respects to the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) founder, popularly known as Dishom Guru.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, visibly moved, lit the funeral pyre in the presence of thousands. The last rites were conducted with traditional tribal customs and rituals.

"I bid farewell to my father not just as a son, but as a disciple to a guiding light," the CM said, as chants of "Guruji amar rahein" echoed through the village.

Earlier, Soren's mortal remains were brought from Ranchi's Morabadi residence to Nemra, where they were kept for public viewing. A sea of mourners, cutting across party lines and social divisions, thronged the village for one final glimpse. Shops remained shut. Chulhas did not light. The entire village mourned in silence.

The funeral procession drew massive crowds. From senior political leaders to villagers from remote corners of the state, all joined in a solemn show of unity and sorrow. Slogans of gratitude and homage rose from the crowd. Many wept quietly, recalling how the man from Nemra had shaped the idea of Jharkhand.

"The land has lost its conscience. He was more than a politician—he was our pathfinder," said an elderly mourner from Chaibasa. Soren passed away on Monday at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife and children, including Hemant Soren, who currently leads the state government.

No ban on paracetamol drug, says Govt in Parliament

New Delhi, Aug 5 (UNI) The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has not banned the commonly used paracetamol drug in India, the Government told Rajya Sabha today.

Replying to a written query in Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Anupriya Patel said, "the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that the CDSCO is not in receipt of information about rumours" of the regulatory body banning paracetamol. Noting that "paracetamol is not banned in the country", Patel said that "various Fixed Dose Combinations, including such combinations of paracetamol with other drugs, have been banned in the country".

The Minister also informed the Upper House that the government has rolled out the free drugs service initiative under the National Health Mission (NHM) under the Union Health Ministry.

She also pointed out that this aims to ensure availability of essential drugs and reduce out-of-pocket expenditure of patients visiting the public health facilities, including government hospitals and rural primary health centres.

She elaborated that support is available for procurement of drugs and strengthening or setting up of robust systems of procurement, quality assurance, supply chain management and warehousing, prescription audit and grievance redressal among others.

Patel said the Union Health Ministry has also recommended a facility-wise essential medicines list to be made available at public healthcare facilities, including government hospitals and rural primary health centres.

This statement was noted and recorded by the Court in its final judgment.

Despite this assurance, no concrete timeline has been provided by the Centre so far, prompting fresh concerns and legal challenges. The current petition seeks to revisit the issue in the light of these developments. Notably, in recent months, political activity in the region has intensified. A coalition government comprising the National Conference, the Indian National Congress, and independent legislators currently holds sway in the newly constituted Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory.

SC to hear plea on restoration of J&K statehood on August 8

New Delhi, Aug 5 (UNI) : The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on August 8 a petition seeking the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, which was downgraded to a Union Territory in 2019 following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

The matter was mentioned today before a Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai by Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who urged the Court to retain the matter on the cause list for August 8.

"The date shows as August 8. Let it not be deleted," he submitted.

The Bench agreed to keep the matter listed. The plea has been filed by Zahoor Ahmed Bhat, a college teacher, and Khurshid Ahmad Malik, a political activist. It challenges the delay in restoring full statehood to the region, contending that the prolonged Union Territory status undermines the democratic and constitutional rights of its residents. The petitioners argue that holding elections and forming a Legislative Assembly before granting statehood would be contrary to the principle of federalism, a part of the basic structure of the Constitution, as laid down in the landmark

Kesavananda Bharati case.

They emphasise that full statehood must precede any meaningful legislative process to ensure representative governance.

The former state of Jammu and Kashmir was stripped of its special constitutional status on August 5, 2019, through the abrogation of Article 370. Subsequently, Parliament passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, bifurcating the state into two Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir (with a Legislative Assembly) and Ladakh (without one).

The Supreme Court, in its December 2023

judgment, upheld the constitutional validity of the abrogation of Article 370 and declined to strike down the reorganisation of the region. However, the Constitution Bench, headed by then CJI DY Chandrachud, did not conclusively rule on the legality of converting a full-fledged state into a Union Territory, terming it a "transitory arrangement."

During the hearings, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had assured the Court that the Union Territory status of Jammu and Kashmir was temporary and that statehood would be restored in due course.

Displaced persons given training in Manipur

Imphal, Aug 5 (UNI) : Deputy Commissioner, Jiribam, Krishna Kumar, today inaugurated a 7-day makeup training program for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) at Jiribam Higher Secondary School, Babupara.

The training, organised by the District Administration in collaboration with

MSRLM, Jiribam District, aims to empower IDPs with skills to generate income and become self-reliant.

The programme, with the motto "Empower Yourself, Transform Lives with Skill Upgradation," is specifically designed for women inmates of IDPs and girl students.

Krishna Kumar emphasised the importance

of teamwork and encouraged trainees to ask questions without hesitation. He also highlighted that the District Administration is providing food, lodging, and healthcare facilities to IDPs free of cost.

Krishna Kumar appreciated MSRLM Jiribam for initiating such training programs and

encouraged trainees to tap the knowledge gained to secure suitable jobs. He also lauded IDPs who got jobs after attending similar training and urged the remaining IDPs to participate. The Deputy Commissioner highlighted that the Government aims to close all relief camps by December 2025 and has targeted making IDPs self-

independent and self-reliant before the closure.

Altogether 26 trainees from Jiribam Higher Secondary Relief Camp, Bidiyanagar Sports Complex Relief Camp and Children Home Harinagar Relief camp are participating in the 7-day training programme. The trainees will be trained by Master trainer Thokchom Tombimacha.



In this screenshot from @BCCI via X, India's head coach Gautam Gambhir with staff members celebrates after the team won the fifth Test cricket match against England, at The Oval, in London.

Ahmedabad to host AFC U17 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers in November

New Delhi, Aug 5 (UNI) : India will be one of the seven hosts of the AFC U17 Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2026 Qualifiers, scheduled to be played from November 22 to 30. The Arena in Ahmedabad will be the venue for all matches. The draw for the qualifiers will take place on August 7, 2025. The 38 Countries participating in the qualifiers will be drawn into seven groups (three groups of six teams and four groups of five teams each). The group winners will qualify for the AFC U17 Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2026, joining nine participating AFC teams in the FIFA U17 World Cup Qatar 2025, who have already directly qualified for the tournament. AIFF President Kalyan

Chaubey said, “It is a matter of great pride for India to be among the hosts of the AFC U17 Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2026 Qualifiers, and I am particularly pleased to see Ahmedabad take centre stage. This is an excellent opportunity for our boys to perform on home soil, and for the city of Ahmedabad to showcase its capability to host elite international competitions.”“I wish our boys the very best, and sincerely hope that they qualify for the AFC U17 Asian Cup, which serves as the gateway to the FIFA U17 World Cup, and take another important step forward in Indian football’s long-term development pathway,” he said. Harsh Sanghavi, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs of Gujarat, said, “This is a proud

moment for Indian football and Gujarat. It’s an opportunity for the state to showcase its love for the beautiful game, its world-class hospitality, and our rising football culture. Hosting a prestigious event such as this will position Ahmedabad on the Asian football map.” The 38 teams competing in the qualifiers have been divided into six pots based on the seeding and pot allocation principle, which takes into account the team’s performance in the last three tournaments (2025, 2023, and 2018). While India are in Pot 2, they will be placed in an additional Hosts Pot for the purpose of the draw to ensure all hosts are drawn in separate groups.China PR, Vietnam, Thailand,

Myanmar, Kyrgyz Republic, and Jordan are the other six hosts that cannot be drawn into India’s group. Pots for the AFC U17 Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2026 Qualifiers Draw: Pot 1: Australia, Yemen, IR Iran, Oman, Thailand Pot 2: Afghanistan, Malaysia, Iraq, Bangladesh, Laos, Kuwait Pot 3: Singapore, Bahrain, Philippines, Turkmenistan, Palestine Pot 4: Syria, Mongolia, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Brunei Darussalam Pot 5: Nepal, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Maldives, Timor-Leste, Lebanon Pot 6: Macau, Sri Lanka, Pakistan Hosts Pot: China PR, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Myanmar, Kyrgyz Republic, Jordan.

4th Sub-Jr Natl's in Greater Noida from Aug 7

New Delhi, Aug 5 (UNI) : The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) will host the 4th Sub-Junior (U-15) Boys and Girls National Boxing Championships from August 7 to 13, 2025, at Galgotias University in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The event will see the participation of over 700 young boxers, including 400 boys and 300 girls aged between 13 and 14, who will compete across 15 weight categories. As part of BFI’s broader vision to build a robust grassroots-to-elite pathway, the Sub-Junior Nationals serve as a crucial platform to identify young talent and prepare them for higher levels of competition. The event follows the successful conduct of the Men’s, Women’s, and Junior Nationals earlier this year competitions which have already produced international medallists and future stars.Haryana (Girls) and Chandigarh (Boys) enter this edition as the defending champions from the 3rd Sub-Junior Nationals. “The Sub-Junior Nationals are where India’s boxing journey truly begins” said Col. Arun Malik (Retd.), Executive Director, BFI and Member of the Interim

Committee“This platform helps identify talented individuals and allows them to experience real competition early in their careers. The skills, discipline, and confidence developed here are the first building blocks of international success. This is a significant grassroots step in these young boxers’ journeys, and we’re sure we’ll see many stars of the future in action.” Boxers will compete under World Boxing Technical Rules, with three rounds of 1.5 minutes each, with a minute’s rest in between rounds. A 10 points must scoring system shall be followed. Medal winners from the REC Combined Talent Hunt 2024 are also eligible, making the competition even more competitive. Indian boxing’s youth program has been making headlines globally, not only at the senior level, but also in age-group competitions. At the recent Asian U-15 and U-17 Championships, Indian boxers bagged 43 medals and finished second overall, reflecting the depth of talent and promise in the junior ranks.

Chengdu to host "best World Games in our life": IWGA president

Chengdu, Aug 5 (UNI) : With two days until the opening ceremony of the 12th World Games, International World Games Association (IWGA) President Jose Perurena Lopez declared Chengdu's preparations have exceeded all expectations, positioning the event to make history. "My expectation two years ago was high, high, high, but I think it's covered all my expectation," Perurena said today. "We guarantee Chengdu will organize the best World Games in our life, because the quality of the venue, the quality of the volunteers, the quality of the organizing committee are higher

professional." The Games' inaugural torch relay, integrating China's ancient heritage with modern sporting spirit, left a profound impression on the IWGA leadership. The torch, named "Zhu Meng" - meaning "Bamboo Dream" and symbolizing the pursuit of dreams - was inspired by the bronze sculptures of Sanxingdui and the bamboo forests of Sichuan. The relay began at the Sanxingdui Museum, where the flame was kindled using green energy technology by former curators of the site. The 11-kilometer relay route spanned six cultural landmarks across the cities of Chengdu,

Deyang and Meishan, including the Jinsha Ruins, Chengdu Panda Base and the Three Su Shrines. "This is something we can easily bring together," noted IWGA CEO Joachim Gossow, emphasizing the relay's cultural resonance. Perurena added it motivated the population and showcased "different scenarios, different cities" globally, receiving "very, very positive feedback" internationally. The World Games' role in promoting sports outside the Olympic program was underscored by both leaders. Perurena highlighted its function as a proving ground: "We represent the sports that are recognized by the

International Olympic Committee (IOC) but are not in the Olympic Games. They need our Games to show they are ready." Gossow reinforced this, noting the growing convergence. "When you look at the IOC's choice of sports for future Olympics, nearly all are World Games sports," he said, further challenging perceptions. "Being Olympic or non-Olympic is not a sign of being good or worse." Having hosted the 2023 FISU World University Games, Chengdu's accelerated development stunned IWGA officials. Gossow, who attended the University Games in Chengdu, observed: "I'm even more impressed how much more effort they put

Karnataka tops 41st Sub-Junior National Swimming Meet

Bengaluru, Aug 5 (UNI) : Karnataka emerged overall champions at the 41st Sub-Junior National Swimming Championships held at Basavangudi Aquatic Centre here, amassing 104 points. Manipur secured the second position with 81 points.Kojiam Athoiba Singh of Manipur was adjudged Best Male Swimmer with 28 points, while Purvi Ritesh Naik from Goa was named Best Female Swimmer with 19 points.In Boys’ 100m Backstroke, A P Arya Sathar (Tamil Nadu) won gold with 1:05.53, narrowly beating Krishiv Doshi (Madhya Pradesh) who clocked 1:05.74. Hemanshu Nahakpam (Manipur) took bronze with 1:08.90.

Alfiya M (Tamil Nadu) clinched gold in Girls’ 100m Backstroke with a late push, finishing in 1:10.70. Serena Saroha (Haryana) and Annika Goplani (Maharashtra) took silver and bronze respectively. Kojiam Athoiba Singh bagged gold in Boys’ 100m Freestyle with a time of 58.59, followed by Hemanshu Nahakpam (59.75) and A P Arya Sathar (1:00.79). Goa’s Purvi Naik claimed the Girls’ 100m Freestyle gold (1:04.40), edging Karnataka’s Stuti Singh (1:04.49). Amatullah Dholkawala (Maharashtra) came third with 1:05.30. In the 400m Freestyle events, Karnataka’s N Pavan Krishnaa (Boys) clocked 4:40.83, and Nyra Bopanna Kalengada (Girls) finished in 4:53.96, securing gold for the host state.

Malaysian Armed Forces registers narrow win over Rangdajied United

Shillong, Aug 5 (UNI) : A second-half strike by forward Nasir Yasa proved to be the difference as Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM) FT edged past homeside Rangdajied United FC (RUFC) 1-0 in a tightly contested Group F match of the 134th IndianOil Durand Cup, which was played here at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

Despite Rangdajied United dominating both possession and attacking chances, it was the Malaysian side who made their moment count. Nasir Yasa, capitalizing on a counter-attack in the 67th minute, calmly slotted the ball into the near post with a composed left-footed finish after being set up by Muhammad Arif, sealing the victory for the visiting side.RUFC head coach Aiborlang Khongjee made wholesale changes to his XI, retaining only four players from the previous game, and fielded a youthful lineup in a 4-3-3 setup. Skipper Balamlynti and Meban Kurkalang led the defence, with Manbhakupar Lawphinaw at the tip of the attack and Dibormi Kassar orchestrating play from midfield. ATM FT coach Mohamad Khairil Hafiz Mohd. Zanggi, meanwhile, introduced Mohammad Azarulhisham Anuar in goal and Muhamad Mujahid Dzakaria on the wing in his

version of the 4-3-3.The hosts started strong and had early opportunities. In the 10th minute, Lawphinaw’s goal-bound effort was denied by ATM keeper Anuar. Moments later, a well-worked free kick from Balamlynti to Wadshwa Latoo saw the latter miss a free header. Bantiplang Rymbai and Stephanson Pale also tested the Malaysian keeper, but without success. ATM FT, though quiet in attack, showed glimpses of threat. A powerful long-range shot by Muhammad Arif Aiman in the 37th minute forced RUFC keeper Banteilang Rymbai into a crucial diving save. Rangdajied thought they had taken the lead just two minutes later when Stephanson Pale found the net, but the goal was ruled out for offside. After a goalless but action-packed first half, Malaysian Armed Forces came out more organized in the second period, sitting deep and playing on the break. In the 56th minute, Arif Aiman nearly capitalized on a keeper misjudgment, but a heroic goal line clearance by Denelson denied the Malaysian side.The pressure finally told in the 67th minute. On a textbook counterattack, Arif surged forward and rolled a perfectly weighted through-ball to Nasir Yasa, who took his chance clinically.

Punjab FC, East Bengal FC aim to build momentum

Kolkata, Aug 5 (UNI) : Indian Super League (ISL) sides Punjab FC and East Bengal FC will look to build on their opening wins as they return to action in the Durand Cup on Wednesday. Punjab FC face the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Football Team (ITBPFT) in a Group D clash at Kokrajhar’s Sports Authority of India Stadium, while East Bengal FC host Namdhari FC in a Group A encounter at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan here later that evening. The Shers kicked off their campaign with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Karbi Anglong Morning Star, but Group D remains wide open. With Bololand FC and ITBP FT also registering wins over the same opponent, Punjab FC will need another three points to stay in control of their qualification hopes. Meanwhile, East Bengal FC will have their eyes on the top spot in Group A. After a commanding 5-0 win over South United FC, they now face group leaders Namdhari FC, who have already beaten both South United FC and the Indian Air Force. A win for East Bengal FC would take them level on points with Namdhari FC and significantly boost their chances of progressing to the next round. With both matches crucial in shaping their group standings, Wednesday’s fixtures promise to be pivotal in the campaign for these ISL clubs.

Manchester United make £74m bid for RB Leipzig striker Sesko

London, Aug 5 (UNI) : Manchester United have made a bid for RB Leipzig striker Benjamin Sesko with the overall package potentially rising to 85m euros (£73.8m). The offer includes a guaranteed payment of 75m euros (£65.2m). The Red Devils are yet to get a response but believe it is an appropriate valuation for the 22-year-old Slovenia forward and that he is keen to move to Old Trafford. Newcastle United also want Sesko and have made

a bid in the region of 80m euros (£69.5m) as they continue negotiations with Leipzig.The offer from Manchester United is seen as significant as there had been suggestions they did not want to firm up their interest with Leipzig without knowing the forward was prepared to join them. Manchester United are willing to let Rasmus Hojlund leave the club in order to make space for Sesko to come in, according to a BBC news. Sesko has 39 goals in 87

appearances for Leipzig and, at 6ft 5in, he would also bring a significant physical presence to the Old Trafford club's front line. Manchester United sources have previously outlined how it is possible for them to reach an agreement on Sesko even though Sir Jim Ratcliffe said earlier this year there was the potential for the club to go bust by Christmas without massive cost-cutting measures. Payment arrangements for the deals for Matheus Cunha and Bryan Mbeumo

from Wolves and Brentford this summer, which total £130m, have been arranged in a favourable way. In addition, the entirety of Marcus Rashford's £325,000-a-week salary is being covered by his loan move to Barcelona and Manchester United received £5m from Chelsea after the Blues pulled out of a deal to sign Jadon Sancho.Manchester United have also received more than £15m in payments as part of sell-on clauses involving Anthony Elanga, Alvaro Carreras and Maxi Oyedele.

Ex-Portugal captain Jorge Costa dies

Lisbon, Aug 5 (UNI) : Former Portugal captain Jorge Costa has died aged 53 after having a cardiac arrest at the club's training centre, the Portuguese side has confirmed.The defender led Portugal to Champions League glory under manager Jose Mourinho in 2004 and won 50 caps for Portugal.Costa spent a season on loan at Charlton in the Premier League in 2001-02 and retired from playing in 2006.The centre-back moved into management and held positions at 16 clubs before taking up the role of Porto's director of professional football last season. "Throughout his life, both on and off the pitch, Jorge Costa embodied the values that define FC Porto: dedication,

leadership, passion and an unshakeable spirit of conquest," the club said. "He left his mark on generations of fans." It is the third unexpected death of an ex-Portugal player this summer following the tragic passing of former loanee Diogo Jota and his brother Andre Silva, who spent six years at the club, in July.

Costa graduated from Porto's academy and went on to make 324 appearances for the club.He won 24 trophies before leaving in 2005, including the Champions League, Uefa Cup and eight Primeira Liga titles.In 2000, Costa won the Portuguese Golden Ball - an award handed out to the league's best player.

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GM, Dharam Veer Meena, presents Safety Award to 13 employees of Central Railway



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 5 : Mr Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway felicitated 13 Central Railway employees i.e. 1 from Mumbai Division, 4 from Nagpur Division 3 each from Solapur & Pune Divisions, and 2 from Bhusaval Division with Safety Award in a function held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Mumbai on 05.08.2025. "The Safety awards were presented in recognition of the respective employee's alertness during duty, their contribution in averting untoward incidents and ensuring safety in train operations during the previous months. Each award consists of a medal, commendation certificate, a citation of exemplary safety work and cash prize of Rs 2000/-

Details of the Awardees Mumbai Division

1. Shri Mahavir Meena, Track Maintainer, Lonavala, Mumbai division, while on patrolling duty on 24.06.2025 noticed that a tree had fallen down on the tracks. He immediately showed a danger signal, stopping the train arriving on the track and informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap.

Nagpur Division

2. Shri Chandu Gangadhar Satpute, Train Manager, Ballarshah, Nagpur division, on 17.06.2025, while travelling in Coach B1 of 12670 Ganga Kaveri Express heard an unusual sound. He immediately pulled the alarm chain and stopped the train. He examined the train and found a 20 feet long pipe stuck underneath. He pulled it out



Shri. Mahavir Meena
(Track Maintainer)

and informed the running staff of the train. His alertness and sharp thinking helped avert a possible mishap.

3. Shri Pradeep Kumar, Station Manager, Gudankhapa, Nagpur division, on 04.06.2025, during exchange of signals with a passing goods train, noticed sparks coming out of the 42nd wagon from the Brake van end. He immediately informed all concerned. The train was examined at the next station and it was found that he flooring sheet of the wagon had broken and was being dragged along the tracks by the wheels. The wagon was marked sick and a potential mishap was averted due to his alertness.

4. Shri Likesh Kanhaiyalal, Technician (C&W), Amla, Nagpur division, on 10.07.2025, during rolling in examination of a goods train, noticed the grease seal of a wagon had shifted from its place and the axle box bearing cup was in broken condition. The wagon was marked sick and a possible mishap was averted due to his close monitoring skills.

5. Shri Satya Prakash Rajurkar, Head Constable, Betul, Nagpur division, on 16.07.2025, at Betul station, noticed a passenger trying to board a moving train (Train no 12804 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Visakhapatnam express) and falling down in the process. He immediately rushed to pull him to safety putting his own life at risk. His quick thinking and action helped save a life.

Pune Division

6. Shri Madhusudan Bala, Station Manager, Khadki, Pune division, while on duty on 09.07.2025, noticed that the Loco Pilot of the passing Vande Bharat Express has not followed the Caution order of 30kmph. He immediately informed the Running staff of the train and all concerned. His alertness has helped save a potential mishap.

7. Shri Suraj Lanjewar, AC Coach Maintainer(Electrical), Pune, Pune division, while on duty on 04.07.2025, in Train no 12130 Howrah-Pune Express, noticed smoke coming out of the AC duct in Coach no B6, Berth no 62. He immediately

pulled the alarm chain & stopped the train and put out the smoke using a fire extinguisher. A close examination revealed the cause to be a lighted cigarette. His alertness and sharp thinking helped avert a big mishap.

8. Shri Mahesh Talwar, Track Maintainer, Pune, Pune division, while on duty on 07.07.2025, noticed that the belt holding the steel rolls loaded on the 7th wagon from the engine of a passing goods train was broken. He immediately informed all concerned and his alertness helped avert a potential mishap.

Solapur Division

9. Shri Lingraj Kande, Station Manager, Dudhani, Solapur division, on 28.06.2025, during exchange of signals with a passing goods train, noticed that the handle rod of the 14th wagon from the engine is hanging down. He immediately informed all concerned and the issue was sorted at the next station. His alertness and sharp thinking helped avert a possible mishap.

10. Shri Lalit Kumar, Pointsman, Sawalgi, Solapur division, on

10.06.2025, during exchange of signals with Train no 11302 Udyan Express, noticed that 2 bolts from the axle box cover of Coach no B2 had come out and the box was open. He immediately informed all concerned and his alertness helped avert a potential mishap.

11. Shri Shubham Bhoyaar, Technician (C&W), Wadi, Solapur division, on 09.06.2025, during examination of a goods train in the yard, noticed the CBC yoke front follower plate of a wagon in broken condition. The wagon was marked sick and a possible mishap was averted due to his close monitoring skills.

Bhusaval Division

12. Shri Pradeep Barde, Loco Pilot, Bhusaval, Bhusaval division, while on duty on 11.06.2025, on Train no 11025 Pune-Amravati Express, noticed that a tree has fallen down on the tracks due to storm. He immediately applied emergency brakes, stopped the train and shifted the fallen tree with the help of some passengers. The train proceeded after observing all safety precautions. His alertness and sharp thinking helped avert a possible mishap.

13. Shri Mangesh Rameke, Track Maintainer, Badnera, Bhusaval division, while on duty on 02.07.2025, noticed a rail fracture at Kms 662/11-12. He immediately protected the track and informed all concerned and thus helped in averting a potential mishap.

Congratulating the awardees and complimenting them for their alertness and dedication towards their duties, the General Manager said that such acts of alertness and dedication will motivate others to sincerely work towards the safety of passengers and avert loss of life, freight and railway property.

Shri Prateek Goswami, Additional General Manager, Shri Chandra Kishore Prasad, Principal Chief Safety Officer, Other Principal Head of Departments and Senior Officers of Central Railway were present on the occasion.

Swachhta Abhiyan continues across Waltair Division : ECoR



(Standrd Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Aug 5 : In accordance with the directives of the Ministry of Railways, Government of India, Waltair Division of East Coast Railway is consistently continuing the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan campaign from August 1, adhering its commitment to maintain railway premises free from plastic, garbage, and filth.

As part of its ongoing endeavors to provide a clean and hygienic environment to the

travelling public, the Waltair Division has launched an intensive series of cleanliness drives and awareness rallies. These initiatives are being conducted with the enthusiastic participation of railway employees, Swachh Sewaks, and volunteer organizations.

Special attention is being directed towards rag picking and the thorough cleaning of toilets, waiting halls, retiring rooms, catering stalls, and railway offices across the Division.

The comprehensive efforts aim to ensure that every corner of the railway premises upholds the highest standards of cleanliness.

In addition to direct cleanliness activities, Swachhta rallies are being organized at various stations, railway colonies, and workplaces. These rallies are designed to foster public involvement and raise awareness, reinforcing the shared responsibility of keeping railway surroundings pristine.

Extension of Weekly special trains to clear rush for Diwali Puja Festival : ECoR

(Standrd Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Aug 5 : In order to clear extra rush of passengers during the festival season, Indian Railway has decided to extend the special train services as detailed below.

SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN UDHNA-KHURDA ROAD (09059/09060)

The train No.09059 Udhna – Khurda Road Special Express will leave Udhna at 12.20Hrs on Wednesdays from 06.08.2025 to 24.09.2025 (Total 08 trips) which will reach Vizianagaram on next day (on Thursdays) at 16.00Hrs and departure at 16.25Hrs and will reach Khurda Road at 22.30Hrs.

In return direction the train no.09060 Khurda Road – Udhna Special Express train will leave Khurda Road at 02.00Hrs on Fridays from 08.08.2025 to 26.09.2025 (Total 08 trips) which will reach Vizianagaram at 07.25Hrs and departure at

07.50Hrs and will reach Udhna on next day at 13.30Hrs.

Stoppages : Special train will be having the following stoppages at Vyara, Nandurbar, Dharangaon, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Malkapur, Akola, Badnera, Wardha, Nagpur Jn, Tumsar Road, Gondia Jn, Durg, Raipur Jn, Mahasamund, Khariar Road, Kantabanji, Titlagarh, Kesinga, Muniguda, Rayagada, Parvatipuram, Bobbili, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam Road, Palasa, Brahmapur, Balugaon between Udhna – Khurda Road - Udhna.

Composition : These pair of trains will have 1st AC cum 2nd AC – 01, 2nd AC – 02, 3rd AC – 06, Sleeper class coaches-07, General Second Class-04, Second class cum luggage/ Divyangjan -01, Motor Car-01 in its composition.

People are requested to make use of these special train services.

Because of Article 370, terrorism increased, and the terror ecosystem was emboldened: LG

Srinagar, Aug 5 (UNI) : Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that Article 370 had fueled terrorism and emboldened the terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. He asserted that the process of dismantling this ecosystem began on August 5, 2019.

Lieutenant Governor Sinha was addressing a function after handing over the appointment letters to 158 Next of Kins (NoKs) of Kashmiri civilians killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on the transformative journey of new Jammu Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370. "On 5 August 2019, a new Jammu Kashmir was born. A new Jammu Kashmir that had dreams of a golden future in its eyes. A new Jammu Kashmir, which treated all its citizens as equal and removed discrimination that was prevalent for seven decades," he said.

"People ask me what is new Jammu Kashmir. I want to tell them that the new Jammu Kashmir is one where jobs are not given to terrorists but to the real martyrs of this UT. The new Jammu Kashmir is one

where tears are not shed on the death of terrorists but the tears of common Kashmiris are wiped away.

"The new Jammu and Kashmir is one where the terrorist elements sitting in the government system are being cleaned out one by one and the decades-old wounds of terror victim families are being healed. The new Jammu Kashmir is one where common Kashmiris are being embraced and not the separatists. The new Jammu Kashmir is one where children have pens in their hands and not stones," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor called upon every section of the society to rise against terrorism. He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has drawn a new redline against terrorism and equal punishment will be given to terrorists and their sponsors. "India has made it clear that if terror is state policy, it will be met with a visible and forceful response. Peace is a prerequisite for progress. There is no place for terrorism in a civilized society. Many generations of J&K have

suffered the brunt of terrorism perpetrated by the neighbouring country. Every person has to take a pledge that they will not allow this to happen again," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Sinha also paid his heartfelt tribute to civilian martyrs and saluted the courage and perseverance of families who have suffered from terrorism in Jammu Kashmir.

"Wounds that have persisted for decades are now being healed. Today's landmark event provided a sense of closure to the families who have silently suffered trauma for years.

"For more than three decades, the terror state Pakistan is shedding innocent blood through its proxy terrorist outfits. Time did not erase the pain of loss. Invisible scars on their soul can be felt and the mute eyes are witness to many unfulfilled dreams.

"The long wait for justice and for healing to begin is over for the terror victim families. They have come out to reveal the role of Pakistani terrorists and terror ecosystem that was operating in J&K," the Lieutenant Governor said.

State Congress Secretary Dilip Bhalerao joins BJP along with hundreds of workers from the Dharashiv district

(By Rajesh Undi)

Thane, Aug 5 : Office bearers from various parties from Vasai-Virar, Amravati, Raigad also join BJP "BJP State President Ravindra Chavan welcomes everyone

Congress candidate for the Umarga, Lohara assembly elections in Dharashiv district and state Congress secretary Dilip Bhalerao, former working president of the district Congress committee Prakash Ashte joined the Bharatiya Janata Party on Tuesday along with hundreds of supporters. The UBT group from Vasai-Virar, former district head, former corporators and office bearers of BVA, as well as office bearers and workers of various parties in Raigad and Amravati district also joined the Bharatiya Janata Party. BJP



state president Ravindra Chavan welcomed everyone into the party. Senior leader MLA Prakash Bharasakale, MLA Sneha Dube Pandit, State General Secretary MLC Vikrant Patil, Madhavi Naik, former minister and Latur Rural District President Basavaraj Patil, Media Department Head Navnath Ban among others, were present at this program held at the state office. "10 former members of the Zilla Parishad, 11 former president Of Zilaa Parishad Committees, six former

Presidents of Municipal Council, one chairman of market committee, 13 directors of the market committee in Dharashiv district, five former vice presidents of municipal council, five former deputy chairman, two directors of the District Central Co-Operative Bank and 15 municipal councillors also joined the BJP. Former President of Anjangaon Surji Municipal Council, in Amravati District, Devidas Nemade, also joined the BJP along with his colleagues. Many others also joined the party along with Shri

Bapusahab Songire of South Raigad. "On this occasion, State President Shri Chavan said that under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the country and the state are moving forward strongly. All of them have joined the BJP with faith in their leadership and inspired by the development oriented policies of the BJP. Mr. Chavan assured that everyone will be treated with respect in BJP and the party will stand firmly with them to get the work done in their