

IN BRIEF

Online unique ID numbers for infrastructure works in DPC: Minister

Sangli, Aug 7 (UNI) : Minister for Higher and Technical Education Chandrakant Patil today urged agencies concerned to take necessary action so as to provide unique ID numbers for infrastructure works as per the revised working procedure of the planning department. Patil, while addressing a plan-wise review meeting of the works of the state-level agencies under the district annual plan (general) held at the district collector office, said they should immediately start all the administratively approved works for the year 2024-25 and ensure they are completed with quality and within the prescribed time frame. Patil also said that the proposals for the proposed works in the current financial year should be submitted for administrative approval before August 25.

Speeding truck ploughs into group of children, 4 dead in Gadchiroli

Gadchiroli, Aug 7 (UNI) A speeding truck ploughed into a group of six children killing four of them in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra today. The other two have been shifted to hospitals in Nagpur, police sources said. The tragic incident took place at 5.10 am on the Gadchiroli-Armori road, about 17km from Katli village, where the children had gathered by the roadside. All six children had reportedly gone for an early morning walk like usual. They were exercising when an unidentified speeding truck hit them at high speed. Two children died on the spot, while two others succumbed to their injuries at a Gadchiroli hospital. The names of the deceased included Tinku Namdev Bhoir (14) and Tanmay Balaji Mankar (16). Another child, Dushan Duryodhan Meshram (14), and Tushar Rajendra Marbhate (14), all residents of Katli, succumbed to their injuries later during treatment. The two injured were initially admitted to the Gadchiroli district hospital, sources said.

No shortage of funds for welfare, development of OBC community: CM, Devendra Fadnavis

Goa, Aug 7 (IANS) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday highlighted a slew of initiatives towards the empowerment of the OBC community saying that there would be no shortage of funds for the implementation of welfare and development programmes for the OBC community. In his inaugural speech at the 10th National Convention of the National OBC Federation, he mentioned that after the OBC political reservation was struck down by the court in 2020, the government successfully

fought in the Supreme Court to restore it in 2022. Now, a full 27 per cent political reservation has been implemented in municipal corporations, municipalities, town panchayats, district councils, and gram panchayats. He said in 2004, a significant decision was made through the Legislative Assembly Request Committee to increase the non-creamy layer limit from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2.5 lakh. He added that 50 significant decisions have been taken in the interest of the OBC community through

the state government, and their implementation is underway. CM Fadnavis shared details of important decisions, such as 54 hostels for OBC boys and girls, overseas scholarships, and a scheme providing Rs 60,000 in financial assistance to students who could not secure hostel accommodation. Additionally, he announced that Rs 38 crore has been allocated for constructing a grand OBC Bhavan in Nagpur for the national OBC community, assuring that the work will be completed soon. He highlighted seven historic

decisions taken by the Central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the empowerment of the OBC community across the country. These include the process of caste-based census, granting constitutional status to the OBC Commission, reservation for doctors in the Central government, and the highest-ever representation of OBC ministers in the Union Cabinet in Independent India's history. On this occasion, 76 new demands

of the OBC community were presented, of which 25 are related to the Maharashtra government. The Chief Minister assured that these demands would be fulfilled. He also stated that there would be no shortage of funds for the OBC community. The event was attended by the Chairman of the National Backward Classes Commission, Hansraj Ahir, the President of the National OBC Federation, Dr Babanrao Taywade, MLA Kisan Kathore, MLA Dr Parinay Fuke, MLA Devram Bhongle among others.



Putin to visit India, dates 'almost finalised' : Ajit Doval

Russian President Vladimir Putin will visit India and the dates have been "almost finalised," National Security Advisor Ajit Doval said today. "We are excited and delighted to learn about the visit of His Excellency President Putin to India. I think the dates have almost been finalised now," Mr Doval said in Moscow. He, however, did not give a date for the meeting. President Putin is expected to travel to New Delhi later this year for the annual India-Russia summit.

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No decision on resuming talks With US: Abbas Araghchi



Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has said that no final decision has been made regarding the resumption of indirect nuclear talks between Tehran and Washington, though communication between the two sides continues.

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Election Commission going beyond its jurisdiction to



In a blistering attack on the Election Commission of India (ECI), All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee today accused the poll body of acting as an "extended arm of the BJP" and grossly overstepping its constitutional jurisdiction by interfering in the affairs of the West Bengal government well ahead of the assembly election announcement.

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Striker Marc Guiu arrives at Sunderland on loan from



Sunderland continues to strengthen its squad on the club's return to the Premier League with the signing of former FC Barcelona striker Marc Guiu on loan from Chelsea for the 2025-2026 season. The 19-year-old made 16 appearances for Chelsea last season, netting six goals,

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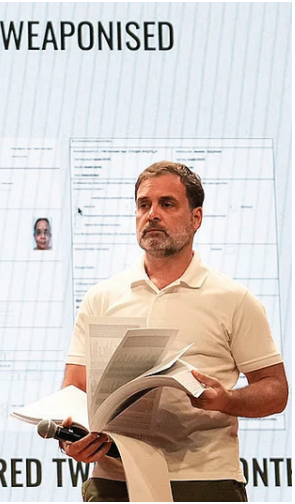
Rahul alleges 'organised vote theft', accuses ECI of colluding with BJP to manipulate polls

New Delhi, Aug 7 (UNI) : Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, once again slammed the Election Commission today accusing the poll body of "colluding" with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to "manipulate" the election results and shield the party from anti-incumbency.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Gandhi said the "foundational principle of the Indian Constitution—one person one vote—is under threat," raising serious concerns about the integrity of the country's electoral process. "Are the right people being allowed to vote? Are fake people being added to the voter list? Is the voter list accurate?" Gandhi asked, asserting that systemic tampering with electoral rolls may be influencing results.

The Congress leader highlighted a growing sense of distrust among the public, citing several issues that he claimed are eroding the credibility of the electoral process. He claimed that despite facing prolonged governance fatigue, the BJP continues to win elections with little resistance. He also pointed to repeated instances of unexpectedly large margins in BJP victories as a red flag.

Moreover, he questioned why major poll predictions consistently miss the mark, often underestimating BJP's



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performance.

The Congress leader accused sections of the media of creating a choreographed narrative favourable to the ruling party and raised doubts about the sequencing and timing of elections, implying they are strategically designed to benefit the BJP.

"There is a general sense among millions of Indians that something is off," Gandhi said, calling for a thorough investigation into the electoral machinery and greater transparency from the Election Commission.

He accused the Election Commission and the BJP of being complicit in what he described as "organised vote theft" in the Mahadevapura assembly segment, in the Bangalore Central Lok Sabha constituency in the 2024 general elections.

Citing "internal party data and figures" sourced from the Election Commission, Gandhi said

"Our internal polls indicated that we were expected to win 16 seats in Karnataka. However, we won only 9. We then focused on the 7 unexpected losses and chose Mahadevapura for a closer look. All the data we have is from the 2024 elections, sourced directly from the Election Commission." He said "in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured 6,58,915 votes, winning with a margin of 32,707. However, in the Mahadevapura assembly segment, the Congress received 1,15,586 votes, whereas the BJP garnered 2,29,632 votes. The Congress won all the Vidhan Sabhas except this one, where the BJP swept and secured a margin of 1,14,046 votes. This seat significantly contributed to their election win, and the Lok Sabha result went in their favour".

"This discrepancy is a huge imbalance. So, we started examining the details and discovered that approximately 1,00,250 votes were stolen out of 6,50,000 total votes in the Mahadevapura assembly."

According to Gandhi, the breakdown of the alleged "vote chori" were duplicate voters: 11,965 entries; fake and invalid addresses: 40,009 voters; bulk registrations at single addresses: 10,452 cases; invalid photographs on voter IDs: 4,132 entries and misuse of Form 6: 33,692 cases.

Why hold local body elections if VVPATs will not be used, asks Uddhav Thackeray

Mumbai, Aug 7 (UNI) Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray today launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led central government and questioned the point of holding elections to local civic bodies in Maharashtra without the use of electronic voting machines which have voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) facility. The Sharad Pawar-led NCP has demanded that elections be held using traditional ballot

papers if VVPAT machines are not available.

"We know about the Special Intensive Revision of voter lists in Bihar. Is an undeclared CAA-NRC being implemented in the country? The Election Commission is making voters prove their identity despite being on the voters list. In Maharashtra, the Election Commission said that VVPAT will not be used during local body elections. So why hold

elections? After all, we must know where the votes are going," Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said.

It may be recalled that on Tuesday (August 5), Maharashtra State Election Commissioner Dinesh Waghmare stated that elections to local civic bodies in the state will be held without Voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT). Waghmare said that elections to municipal corporations, zilla parishads

and village councils in Maharashtra will be held in phases after Diwali, by the end of October, during a press conference. In a related development, the Sharad Pawar-led NCP has demanded that elections to local civic bodies in Maharashtra should be held using traditional ballot papers if VVPAT machines are not available. The party has also threatened to challenge the election procedure in the Supreme Court if VVPATs

are not used to conduct local civic body polls. "Work related to the forthcoming elections to local civic bodies has begun. The Maharashtra State Election Commission has made a shocking decision not to use VVPAT, creating a conducive situation for electoral malpractices. It has cited insufficient availability of VVPAT machines as the reason," Sharad Pawar-led NCP's Pune chief Prashant Jagtap said.

Free sand distribution to Gharkul beneficiaries under Revenue Week

(Standard Post Bureau)

Thane, Aug 7 : On the occasion of Revenue Week, under the guidance of District Collector Dr. Shrikrishna Panchal and Additional District Collector Harishchandra Patil, District Mining Officer Vivek Ghule and the initiative of the Tehsildars of Shahapur, Kalyan, Murbad, Ambarnath, Bhiwandi talukas, passes for providing a total of 5 brass sand free of cost to 5 beneficiaries out of the Gharkul beneficiaries in these talukas were distributed directly at the Tehsil office today.

Also, an online seminar was organized for all the revenue officers, employees, crusher owners, mining lease holders and common citizens of the district to implement the M-Sand artificial sand policy in the state and complete the policy as per the new standard operating procedure. In this



seminar, detailed Sand policy was given, the implementation of information about the M- which will help in facilitating this policy.

EML to manufacture trains in MP

Bhopal, Aug 07 (UNI) : Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav today announced that in a first for MP, the Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) will manufacture the country's premium trains Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat and Metro coaches in Umaria village, near historic Bhopur in Raisen district of the state. The CM informed that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh would lay the foundation stone of the BEML Unit on August 10.

Dr Yadav said that the cost of this project will be Rs 1800 crores, and it has been named BRAHMA (BEML Rail Hub for Manufacturing). The CM noted that nearly 5000 people would get direct and indirect employment through this project. He said that 148 acres of land has been allotted for this project in Goharganj tehsil of Umaria village. Initially, the company will manufacture 125-200 coaches annually. Within 5 years, their number will be 1100 coaches. This project would create large-scale and small-scale ancillaries in Bhopal and Raisen area.

The chief minister said that his government is continuously taking the state on the path of development in order to realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' mantra, and as part of it moving towards 'Make in Madhya Pradesh'.

Chhattisgarh's PMAY home project brings hope to Maoist affected families

Raipur, Aug 7 (UNI) : The Chhattisgarh Government's commitment to rebuilding lives in Maoist affected regions has taken a significant step through a special housing project under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Nearly 3,000 permanent homes are currently under construction for families displaced or devastated by Left-Wing Extremism and for those who have surrendered arms in pursuit of peace. Following the state government's appeal, the Centre approved 15,000 PMAY homes under a special project targeting those previously ineligible under existing housing norms. Of these, 3,000 homes have already been sanctioned, with over 2,100 families receiving the first installment and 128 progressing to the second stage of funding.

Despite the region's rugged terrain and logistical challenges, construction has made remarkable progress. Two poignant examples are Sodi

Hungi of Sukma district and Dashari Bai of Kanker district, whose homes were completed within just three months. Both women lost their husbands to Maoist violence, one in 2005 and the other during Assembly elections. For years, they lived in fragile, leaking huts until the special project brought them a safe, dignified shelter.

"This initiative is more than just bricks and mortar, it's about restoring trust, dignity, and stability," said Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, adding that the government is committed to ensuring every eligible family receives a permanent home. "It demonstrates that with government resolve and community participation, even the impossible can be achieved in the most remote corners of Chhattisgarh."

Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma described the housing effort as "a historic step toward justice and dignity for those impacted by violence." Home Minister Vijay Sharma

added, "Projects like these are essential for sustainable peace and inclusive development in conflict-affected zones."

Sukma tops the list with 984 sanctioned homes, followed by Bijapur (761), Narayanpur (376), Dantewada (251), Bastar (214), Kondagaon (166), Kanker (146), Gariaband (27), Balrampur-Ramanujganj (25), and Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki (23). Officials reiterated that such initiatives are not merely rehabilitation efforts but part of a larger commitment to bring stability, dignity, and long term peace to conflict affected communities. The state's intensified efforts to dismantle left wing extremism reflect its broader strategy of development led security. By focusing on intelligence led operations, community participation, and coordination with central forces, Chhattisgarh continues to make measurable progress in restoring normalcy in affected districts.

Cross-border arms smuggling network busted in Amritsar, 4 arrested with 7 pistols

Chandigarh, Aug 7 (UNI) : The Amritsar Commissionerate Police busted a cross-border arms smuggling network and arrested four individuals while also recovering seven sophisticated pistols were recovered from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab, Gaurav Yadav today. The arrested individuals have been identified as Akashdeep Singh alias Akash (20), resident of village Daoke, Amritsar; Ramanpreet Singh (23), resident of village Bagha Kalan, Amritsar; Pratap Singh (25), resident of village Sur Singh, Ferozepur; and Sarbjit Singh alias Babbal (25), resident of Debi Wala Bazar, Amritsar.

The recovered firearms include two 9mm PX5 pistols, two 9mm Glock pistols, and three .30 bore pistols.

DGP Gaurav Yadav revealed that the accused were in direct contact with Pakistan-based smugglers and were receiving illegal weapon consignments near the Indo-Pak border. Operating from border villages, they were supplying these arms to criminal gangs across Punjab.

He added that further investigation is on to uncover the forward and backward linkages in the

case and dismantle the entire network.

Commissioner of Police (CP) Amritsar, Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, while sharing further details, said that in view of heightened security measures ahead of Independence Day, police teams acting on specific intelligence inputs apprehended Akash and Raman from the jurisdiction of Police Station Chheharta, recovering four pistols — two PX5 9mm and two .30 bore. Based on their disclosures, their accomplices Pratap Singh and Sarbjit Singh alias Babbal were also arrested

from the same area, and three additional pistols were recovered.

CP Bhullar noted that Akash, who resides close to the International Border, along with Raman, used to receive arms consignments from across the border. Sarbjit and Pratap coordinated and managed the downstream distribution of the weapons.

He emphasised that the arrests have helped avert a major criminal incident in the region. Investigation is on and more arrests and recoveries are expected in the coming days.

Various activities are being enthusiastically organized in all schools in Navi Mumbai under the Gharo Ghar Tiranga campaign

(Standard Post Bureau)

Navi Mumbai, Aug 7 : In order to instill a sense of patriotism in the minds of the citizens and to increase awareness about the Indian national flag, the government is implementing the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. This year too, the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is being implemented on the occasion of Independence Day on 15 August 2025, and in line with this, various activities are being organized by the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation under the guidance of Municipal Commissioner Dr. Kailash Shinde.

As a part of this, under the control of Additional Commissioner Mr. Sunil Pawar, on behalf of the NMC Education Department, through Deputy Commissioner of Education Mr. Sangharatna Khillare and cooperative officers and employees, various date-wise activities have been planned in all schools and junior colleges in the municipal area under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. Accordingly, various programs have been undertaken to instill patriotism in the minds of the students, who are the future citizens of the country.

Today, on August 7, students of schools and junior colleges celebrated Raksha Bandhan by making tricolor rakhis and tying tricolor rakhis to their fellow students in



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AUGMENTATION OF POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM
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the school, as well as to the sanitation workers in some schools and the

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Name of the Work: **ONLINE MONITORING AND BILLING OF QUARTER ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY PROVIDING SMART ENERGY METERS FOR RAILWAY QUARTERS UNDER JURISDICTION OF SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER (SSE)(ELG)/SS-III, SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER (SSE) (ELG)/SS-IV, SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER (SSE) (ELG)/NORTH & SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER (SSE)(ELG)/MUKTAPURAM (MPM) AT VISAKHAPATNAM OF WAITAIR DIVISION.**
Tender Value: ₹ 3,32,21,257.72, Bid security: ₹ 3,16,100/-, Completion Period: 240 Days.
Tender closing Date & Time: At 1330 hrs. of 26.08.2025, Date and time of Opening of Tender: At 1600 hrs. of 26.08.2025.
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Tender No: 96255532. Divisional Store Office Central Railway, Solapur for and on Behalf of President of India invites online e-tenders on Railway's e-procurement website **www.irops.gov.in** from the capable, reputed firms/Contractors for the following works. **PL Code (Group):** 600605881012. **Item Type GST (Y/N):** Goods (Y). **Stock/Non-Stock:** Non Stock. **Ordering: --, Consider for Eval:** Yes. **Approving Agency:** RDSO. **Inspection Agency:** TPI Agency. **Currency Allowed:** INR. **Estimated Rate: --, Description:** Manufacture and supply of 10125 mm pre-curved/curved switches with ZU-1-60/60E1A1 thick web grade 880 class A tongue rails and UIC 60kg/m Grade 880, class A/class B prime quality stock rails with elastic fasteners and spring operated setting device (RDSO-T/6216 read along with alterations), complete (with check rails) with all fitting for 1 in 12, BG 60 kg turn out for fan shaped layout on PSC sleepers i.e. all fitting for switch portion as per sub assembly drg. No. T-6155 (read with Latest alterations) in accordance with RDSO's standard drawing No. 6154 (read along with latest alterations) conforming to RDSO specifications IRS-T-10-2025, IRS-T-62-2025 excluding standard fish Plates, fish bolts and nuts ER clips, insulating liners. **Note:** (1). The date of applicability for the Alterations to Drawing/Specification etc shall be as on date of publishing of the tender] (2). Pre-curving shall be done as per RDSO letter No. CT/PTX/TWS/Design dt. 06.07.2023 (ANNEXURE-V). (3) Quantity of Pre curved TWS as per LH/RH side, Contrary/Similar Flexure and Degree of Curve is as per attached Annexure-A. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. **Consignee:** SE(PWAY), [P.WAY DEPOT] SUR, CR, Maharashtra.7.00 Set. **UVAM Item ref.:** (Item Id:-3100582 - THICK WEB SWITCHES, THICK WEB SEJ & END FORGING, Sub Item Id: -3100582001-THICK WEB SWITCHES). **Inspection Details:** Stage Inspection Not Required. **Earnest Money (INR):** ₹ 1,08,750/-. **Date & Time of Closing of Tender on** **www.irops.gov.in** : 01/09/2025 after 11:30. The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. Website: **www.irops.gov.in**
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policemen at the nearby police station. Similarly, a letter writing activity was organized for the students on the topic of letters to soldiers. In this, the students expressed their feelings about the soldiers who protect the country through letter writing. Apart from this, on 5th August, a selfie stand of the tricolor was set up in the school-junior college and selfies/photos were taken on it and published on various social media. Similarly, it was also uploaded on the central government's portal **www.harghartiranga.com** using the tags #HarGharTiranga, #HarGharTiranga2025. Similarly, the tricolor song and patriotic songs were sung in groups during the routine in the school and junior college.

A quiz competition was organized on the theme of the tricolor on August 6. In this, a quiz competition was organized at the school level on the history of the tricolor, the freedom struggle and freedom fighters. Students were also encouraged to participate in the quiz on the website **mygov.in** organized by the Union Ministry of Culture. In some schools, an initiative was implemented to decorate the walls and boards of the school with tricolor artwork.

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Harshavardhan Jadhav gets one year jail for assaulting cop

Nagpur Aug 7(UNI) Former MLA Harshavardhan Raibhan Jadhav has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined Rs 10,000 in a case of assaulting a Police Inspector over ten years back.The verdict was delivered by Additional District and Sessions Judge R. J. Rai yesterday.

The incident took place in December 2014 at the Pride Hotel in Nagpur during a Shiv Sena meeting led by Uddhav Thackeray when Jadhav attempted to enter the meeting room but was stopped by Police Inspector Parag Jadhav

from the special security department. In a moment of anger, Jadhav slapped the inspector. Subsequently, a case was registered at Sonegaon Police Station for obstructing government work and assault.Jadhav skipped multiple court hearings, prompting an arrest warrant. He finally appeared in court on February 17, 2025, and was taken into custody. However, the former MLA complained of chest pain and was admitted to Mayo Hospital. After treatment, he was arrested again and later released on bail.

Jadhav was sentenced to one year's imprisonment yesterday and fined Rs 10,000 under Section 353 of the IPC (assaulting a public servant). Failure to pay the fine would result in an additional three months in prison. Public Prosecutor Charushila Paunikar successfully presented the case.It may be mentioned here that Jadhav formerly represented the Kannad constituency in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. He had been a member of the Shiv Sena, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) and Shiv Swarajya Party at various times.

Thane Police nab woman with Rs 14 lakh worth of MD drugs

Mumbai, Aug 7 (UNI) Thane police arrested a woman from Mumbra with mephedrone (MD) drugs worth Rs 14 lakh in Ulhasnagar.

The Hill Line Police Station team is now investigating to track down the main supplier, official said on Thursday.

According to an officer, Nausheen Mainuddin Sheikh was seen moving suspiciously near a closed hotel in Ulhasnagar. Upon searching her, police recovered 71.03 grams of MD worth Rs 14 lakh.

During interrogation, she claimed to have bought the drugs from a supplier in Nalasopara, Palghar district.

A case has been registered under the NDPS Act, and further investigations are underway to identify the source and recipients of the contraband.

In a separate case, Mumbai police arrested a 48-year-old paan shop owner, Manwar Zamirullah Ansari, in Vikhroli's Tagore Nagar for allegedly selling MD drugs.

Police seized 92 grams of MD worth Rs 1.84 lakh from his shop. Ansari has been booked under relevant sections of the NDPS Act.



People make their way through debris blocking the Rishikesh-Devprayag road following a landslide, near Mulya Gaon in Tehri Garhwal district, Uttarakhand on Thursday.

Additional Rs 86 lakh being provided for the Kolhapuri Chappal unit : Aditi Tatkare

Kolhapur, Aug 7 (UNI) : States Women and Child Development Minister Aditi Tatkare instructed the Women Economic Development Corporation to prepare a proposal of an additional Rs 86 lakh for international standard state-of-the-art machinery and technology to make Kolhapuri slippers more attractive, comfortable

and modern.Smt Tatkare, who was speaking at a discussion with MAVIM, women entrepreneurs and self-help groups at the circuit House, said "work is underway to start a Kolhapuri chappal unit at Sangrul in Kolhapur district through the administration, and 150 women from 10 villages are participating."

She said that for this project Rs 1.29 crore has been provided from the district annual plan in the first phase. For the project, Asmita Loksanchal Sadhan Kendra informed that an additional Rs 86 lakh is required for the machinery and technology to make Kolhapuri chappals more comfortable and modern.

Pawar inaugurates ‘Mission Saathi’ scheme for female sugarcane workers

Beed, Aug 7 (UNI) : Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar today inaugurated ‘Mission Saathi’ scheme for the health of female sugarcane workers.While serving as the Minister of Social Justice, Dhananjay Munde established the Gopinathrao Munde Sugarcane Workers Welfare Corporation, making remarkable

contributions through it, said Pawar."As Finance Minister, I ensured a permanent budget provision for the corporation at Dhananjay’s request.

This corporation, built through Dhananjay’s efforts, will become a crucial tool for the upliftment of sugarcane workers," said Pawar, who is also Guardian Minister of Beed district.Pawar launched the ‘Mission Saathi’ campaign, aimed at improving the health of female sugarcane workers. The campaign is a joint initiative of the Social Justice Department and Beed Zilla Parishad, and a health check-up camp for sugarcane workers was also organised on this occasion.

2 Men held with Rs 1.21 lakh counterfeit currency

Nagpur, Aug 7 (UNI) :The Nagpur tehsil police arrested two men from West Bengal for possessing Rs 1.21 lakh in counterfeit Indian currency during a late-night patrolling, a senior police officer told UNI today.

Police said the arrests were made near Guard Line railway quarters, close to Mayo Hospital, around 12:40 am on Wednesday.Police acted on a tip-off and detained two suspects matching the given description.

The accused identified as Zaminrul Hussain Lokman Sheikh Hussain (27), resident of Kabrej Tola, Sadipur, Malda district, and Azimtanu Sheikh (29), resident of Dulalganj, Kali Chowk, Malda district, West Bengal.

A search of their belongings led to the recovery of 243 counterfeit Rs 500 notes, totalling Rs 1,21,500 were found neatly packed in a plastic bag. Two mobile phones were seized from the duo, the official said.A case has been registered at Tehsil Police Station under relevant IPC sections concerning counterfeit curenry.Further investigation is underway to uncover the source and network behind the fake currency, the officials added.

Chief Justice B R Gavai’s mother inspires orphan girls with heartfelt interaction

Pune, Aug 7 (UNI) Chief Justice of India, B.R. Gavai’s mother had an emotional interaction with orphan girls at Mamata Bal Sadan here today, sharing his inspiring story from studying diligently in a small village school to event becoming the CJI,

The emotional interaction took place during the “My Daughters’ Heartfelt Dialogue” programme organised by Mamata Bal Sadan, a home for orphan girls founded by

Padma Shri Dr. Sindhutai Sapkal.

Dr. Gavai engaged in an open-hearted, informal conversation with the girls, filling them with hope and motivation.She narrated her son's journey which is one of perseverance, deep study, sincerity and resilience.

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Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Repair Workshop, Western Railway, N.M. Joshi Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400013, invites **E-Tender Notice No: WR-PL-ME-EST-633542-B, Date: 05.08.2025. Name of work: Coach Toilet Up-gradation of AC ICF Coaches. Approx. Estimated Cost: ₹ 8,13,11,249.40. EMD: ₹ 5,56,600/-.** Last date & time for online Submission of e-bids: Till 26.08.2025, 15:00 hours. Opening of e-Tenders: On 26.08.2025 at 15:30 hours. The bids forms and other details like corrigendum can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in 0468

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Sanatan Sanstha files defamation notice against Prithviraj Chavan

Kolhapur, Aug 7 (UNI) : Sanatan Sanstha trustee has issued a defamation notice of Rs10 crore to former Maharashtra Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan for allegedly referring to Sanatan Dharma as "Sanatani terrorism" following the recent verdict in the Malegaon bomb blast case.

In a press release issued today, Abhay Vartak, spokesperson of Sanatan Sanstha, said that the Malegaon blast verdict has "exposed the mask of the Congress-led conspiracy of so-called 'Saffron Terrorism'."

He alleged that, in an

attempt to deflect from this, Chavan targeted Sanatan Dharma.

Later clarifying his remarks, Chavan said he was referring not to the religion but to the Sanatan Sanstha, calling it a "terrorist organization." However, Vartak called this statement "false, baseless, and misleading."

Vartak said that on this issue, a defamation notice of Rs 10 crore has been sent to him on behalf of Sanatan Sanstha trustee Virendra Marathe. He warned that unless Chavan tenders an unconditional apology, he should be prepared for legal proceedings.

The notice demands

that Chavan should issue a written apology within 15 days, publish it with equal prominence as the original interview, refrain from making any defamatory statements in the future, and pay Rs 10,000 towards legal costs.

Honorary legal advisor to the Sanstha and Bombay High Court advocate Ramdas Kesarkar has stated in the notice, " Chavan's comments have tarnished the image of Sanatan Sanstha and hurt the sentiments of thousands of its seekers. If the notice goes unanswered, criminal and civil cases will be filed against Chavan."

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09725	JAIPUR - BANDRA TERMINUS	10.08.2025	08:25 hrs (Sunday)	04:55 hrs (Next Day)

Halts: Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Mandso, Nimach, Chittaurgarh, Bhilwara, Mandal, Bijainagar, Nasirabad, Ajmer and Kishangarh stations in both directions.

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Unaudited Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June 2025 (Figures in Lakhs except EPS)									
Sr No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		Quarter ended 30.06.2025 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.03.2025 Audited	Quarter ended 30.06.2024 Unaudited	Year ended 31.03.2025 Audited	Quarter ended 30.06.2025 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.03.2025 Audited	Quarter ended 30.06.2024 Unaudited	Year ended 31.03.2025 Audited
1	Total income from Operations (net)	5.99	6.39	5.88	24.35	5.99	6.36	5.88	24.35
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional / Extraordinary items)	(6.69)	(8.09)	(6.40)	(27.08)	55.79	290.09	23.50	362.55
3	Net Profit/(loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional /Extraordinary item)	(6.68)	(8.66)	(6.82)	(31.63)	55.80	289.52	23.09	358.00
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising of Profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	(471.38)	(8.75)	(11.91)	340.95	(489.76)	309.03	(475.18)	316.79
5	Equity share Capital	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50	124.50
6	Reserves i.e. Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Audited Balance sheet of previous years)	-	-	-	(13.35)	-	-	-	4,843.67
7	Earning per share (of Rs. 2/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) Basic & Diluted	(0.54)	(0.70)	(0.55)	(2.54)	4.48	23.25	1.85	28.75
Note:									
1. These Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2025 and the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2025 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 07th August, 2025.									
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial result filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 .The full format of the unaudited financial results are available on the website of the Stock exchange (www.bseindia.com) and on the company's Website: www.nilkanthengineering.co.in									
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Managing Director									
DIN: 02597523									
Place : Mumbai,									
Date :August 07, 2025									

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Investigation Department (Encroachment Removal Section)

S.A./R-Madhya/OD/54/Ani dated 07.08.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Investigation Department, Encroachment Removal Section of the R-Madhya Division, intends to appoint contract workers to carry out encroachment removal actions against unauthorized hawkers and for the removal of unauthorized advertisement boards (banners, hoardings).

Expressions of interest are being invited for the selection of experienced non-governmental/ service cooperative / unemployed organizations from the local area (within the R/Madhya ward) for the said work. This public notice has also been displayed on the M.C.G.M. website at <http://portal.mcgm.gov.in>.

The form for the expression of interest can be obtained upon written application and payment of Rs. 3,300/- plus 18% GST. The forms are available from the office of the Senior Inspector (Addl. Encroachment Removal), Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, R/Madhya Division Office, 2nd floor, Room No. 37, Chandavarkar Marg, Borivali (W), Mumbai - 400 092, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM on working days (excluding the second and fourth Saturday and holidays) between 08.08.2025 and 12.08.2025.

An Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 15,500/- must be paid in cash or by Demand Draft. The sealed application, along with the necessary documents, must be submitted in the sealed box at the Investigation Department, Encroachment Removal Section, R/Madhya Division Office, 2nd floor, Room No. 37, Chandavarkar Marg, Borivali (W), Mumbai - 400 092, by 2:00 PM on 12.08.2025. Applications received after the specified period will not be considered.

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STANDARD POST

RIC reboot? Putin’s India visit gains significance amid global realignments and US tariffs

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, who is in Russia, said that President Vladimir Putin will visit India. He, however, added that the dates are being worked out. The visit by President Putin, his first since the Russia-Ukraine war, will be watched closely, especially by the United States.

The visit would come at a time when the US has imposed a 50 per cent tariff on India for purchasing Russian oil. President Donald Trump says that India is funding Russia’s war machine by buying oil from Russia.

The visit by the Russian President is crucial in the wake of several developments that the world is seeing. India has, over the years, inched closer to the United States through collaborations such as the Quad. However, New Delhi still maintains that its ties with Russia are steady and time-tested.

During his visit, he would hold high-stakes meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. While the agenda is not clear, there could be a possibility of the Russia-India-China Troika being revived. Although China would need to be part of this dialogue, many see the visit by President Putin as a start.

The RIC, which was once seen as a counterweight to the Western world, has once again gained significance as under President Trump, all three countries are facing increased pressure, particularly on the economic front.

Another reason why there is a chance of a recalibration is that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be visiting China on August 31 to take part in the Shanghai Cooperation Summit (SCO). In China, he is likely to meet with President Xi Jinping. If the meetings go well, then the RIC could become a formidable force to counter the pressures from the US and other European countries.

Russia is, however, keen on reviving the RIC, which has been dormant for a long time. In May this year, Moscow had said that the format should be revived to reposition itself at the heart of Eurasian diplomacy.

However, one thing is clear for now, and that is India would not back down from the US threat of tariffs for buying Russian oil. This explains the visit by NSA Doval to Russia and President Putin’s visit to India sometime this month.

The Trump administration has imposed new tariffs on several countries, including India, China, and trade partners linked to Russia. While Russia remains heavily sanctioned due to the war, China is facing trade restrictions. These are factors that have created a common ground for the RIC nations to fight back.

Tariffs and secondary sanctions are largely a threat to all three countries, and hence the trio may stick together and revive the Troika.

India has, in recent years, stayed away from the RIC due to border tensions with China. However, today, the fast-changing global situation may make both India and China think of this grouping. India prefers to stay independent in its foreign policy and also avoids taking sides either with the US or China. Hence, the RIC fits well for India as it could work with Russia and China on specific issues. Moreover, for India, both Russia and China are important for its energy needs. The RIC would also give India a buffer against pressure from the West. The RIC format was initiated in the 1990s by former Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov. He had said that this would be a perfect counterbalance to Western dominance. There have been 20 ministerial-level meetings. However, following the 2020 Galwan Valley incident, the format lost momentum.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Many middle-aged individuals are struggling to distinguish whether the discomfort they feel is due to gastric issues or a heart-related problem, says Dr. Rajesh Deshmukh, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon at Kamineni Hospitals. He notes that the symptoms of both conditions are often very similar, which leads to confusion and negligence, sometimes until the condition becomes severe.

Dr. Deshmukh explains that his hospital frequently sees patients who ignore early warning signs, thinking it’s just a gastric issue. “In recent times, heart problems have been rising, particularly among people aged 40 to 55. Due to lifestyle changes, more people are facing heart-related issues at younger ages,” he said while speaking to the media, Dr. Rajesh Deshmukh was joined by Dr. A. Ravikanth, Consultant Cardiologist, Dr. Rishith Bathini, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Dr. Suresh Kumar, Chief Cardiac Anaesthesiologist. Together, they elaborated on the increasing prevalence of heart disease and the importance of early detection, especially in patients who mistake heart symptoms for gastric issues.

“When people experience discomfort in the chest area, nausea, dizziness, or indigestion, they often assume it’s just gastric trouble. However,

Gas Pain or Heart Attack?



Middle-aged adults urged to differentiate symptoms and seek timely care

in cases of angina, a condition caused by reduced blood flow to the heart, symptoms like upper abdominal pain, chest burning, and bloating can occur. These are easily mistaken for gastric symptoms. Similarly, conditions like ulcers or GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease) also produce symptoms that closely resemble heart-related chest pain.”

He advises that individuals, especially those with risk factors like age, diabetes, and high blood pressure, should suspect heart issues when such symptoms arise. “Proper evaluation — including symptom history, ECG, and troponin tests are crucial. A delay

in identifying heart problems can put lives at risk. General physicians also need to carefully examine such cases in high-risk patients and educate them on the difference between gastric and heart pain to provide timely treatment that could save lives.”

“Many patients assume it’s a gas issue and go directly to a pharmacy to buy antacids or syrups without medical consultation. This often doesn’t help, and the underlying issue may continue to worsen. By the time they come to a heart specialist, the condition is already critical,” he warns.

He adds that such cases are seen more commonly in men than in

women, with around 10 such patients reported every month. One way to differentiate: if the symptoms occur even after eating, it might be heart-related. If it’s truly a gastric issue, the pain typically appears on an empty stomach. Also, if gastric medications don’t relieve symptoms within a month, one should consult a cardiologist immediately.

Heart issues are no longer limited to older people. Due to smoking, alcohol consumption, and other lifestyle factors, even younger individuals are reporting these symptoms. In middle-aged people, high blood pressure and diabetes remain key contributors to this trend.

“With the rising number of heart conditions, we are also seeing sudden cardiac arrests in some patients, which are extremely difficult to manage without immediate action. That’s why every citizen should learn CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and how to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator),” said Dr. A Ravikanth, Consultant Cardiologist.

He emphasized that government efforts are needed to promote CPR training widely and make AED devices available in public places, junctions, and transit hubs. “Only then can we effectively reduce deaths caused by sudden heart attacks,” he stated.

Putin to visit India, dates 'almost finalised' : NSA Ajit Doval

New Delhi/Moscow, Aug 7 (UNI) Russian President Vladimir Putin will visit India and the dates have been ‘almost finalised,’ National Security Advisor Ajit Doval said today.

“We are excited and delighted to learn about the visit of His Excellency President Putin to India. I think the dates have almost been finalised now,” Mr Doval said in Moscow.

He, however, did not give a date for the meeting. President Putin is expected to travel to New Delhi later this year for the annual India–Russia summit.

Mr Doval said more important is that the Summit meetings have always been a watershed. “We are committed, as you are committed, to the fight against terrorism,” he said.

Mr Doval was in Moscow for discussions with his Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu for strengthening the Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

“The world is passing through a very tumultuous situation. There is some unpredictability, and there are some things that are uncertain. In an environment like this our old strategic and privileged partnership has a very special role,” Doval said in his opening remarks at the meeting.

'Give the bully an inch...' Chinese Ambassador, after Trump slaps more tariffs on India

New Delhi, Aug 7 (UNI) Chinese Ambassador to India Xu Feihong posted on social media, “Give the bully an inch, he will take a mile”, a day after US President Donald Trump slapped an additional 25 percent tariffs on Indian products, taking the total to a high of 50 percent.

The Chinese Ambassador posted the statement, “Give the bully an inch, he will take a mile”, alongside a quote from Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who said:

“Using tariffs as a weapon to suppress other countries violates the UN Charter, undermines WTO rules, and is both unpopular and unsustainable.”

The Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said this during a phone call with Celso Amorim, chief advisor to the President of Brazil, on August 6.

On Wednesday, US President Trump signed an executive order slapping an additional 25 percent tariffs on Indian products to the US, citing India’s purchases of Russian oil as a reason.

India slammed the US move as unfair, unjustified and unreasonable, and reiterated that it will take all actions necessary to protect its national interest.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said:“The United States has in recent days targeted India’s oil imports from Russia.

All new Feature Packed Adventure X Persona of Harrier and Safari launched, starting at Rs 18.99 Lakh

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tata Motors, India’s leading SUV manufacturer, today unveiled the All-New Adventure X Persona, featuring in its flagship SUVs – the Tata Harrier and the Tata Safari. With this new persona, the Company has brought in a complete package of adventure, performance, and features, offering

greater value proposition and access to a robust and adventurous lifestyle to its customers. Packed with segment-first features at this price point, the Harrier and Safari Adventure Persona includes ADAS with Adaptive Cruise Control (AT), 360° HD Surround View, Trail Hold EPB with Auto Hold, Trail esponse

Modes (Normal, Rough, Wet), a Land Rover-derived Command Shifter (AT), along with segment-leading features such as the Ergo Lux Driver Seat with Memory & Welcome function, a 26.03 cm Ultra-View Twin Screen System, Trail Sense Auto Headlamps, Aqua Sense Wipers, and Multi Drive Modes (City, Sport,

Eco).These personas will be available for grabs, starting today, at an introductory price of ? 18.99 Lakh for the Harrier Adventure X and ? 19.99 Lakh for the Safari Adventure X+ persona.

With the launch of this new variant, Tata Motors has enhanced the appeal of the Harrier and Safari lineup by making the

range more intelligent, cohesive, and value-packed than ever in the high SUV segment. With a streamlined persona structure, feature-rich variants, and new colour options, the line-up also comes with the new Pure X persona which will offer enhanced value to the customers at a great price point.

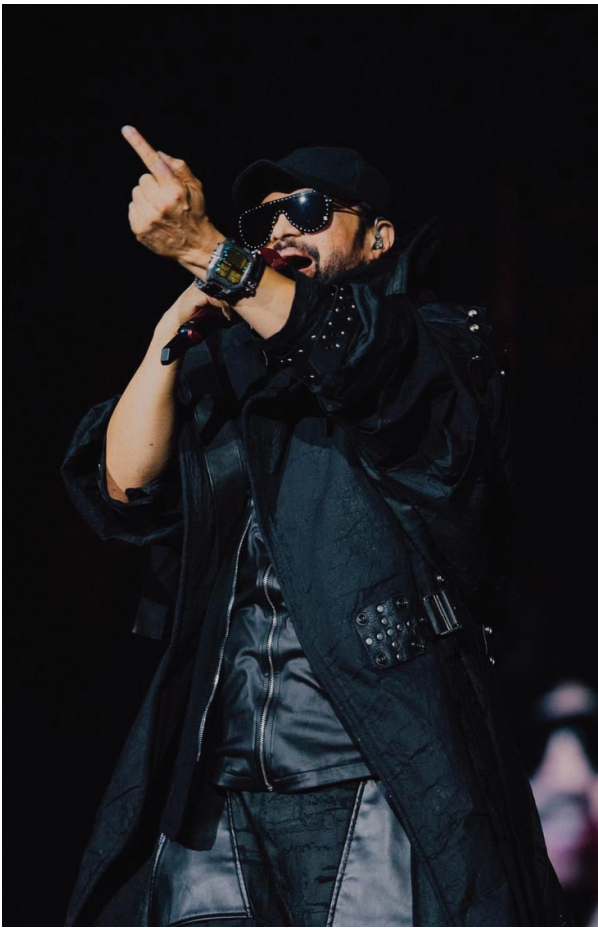
Himesh Reshammiya Becomes the Only Indian Artist on Bloomberg’s Global Pop Power List

(By Rajesh undi)

In a historic moment for Indian music, Superstar Rockstar Himesh Reshammiya has earned a place on Bloomberg’s ranking of the world’s most influential pop stars, becoming the only Indian artist to be featured on the prestigious list.

The ranking, based on seven data-driven performance metrics, celebrates the artists dominating the global pop landscape today. Bloomberg evaluated artists based on seven key metrics, including revenues and ticket sales from recent live shows, album and digital song sales, and YouTube views.

Standing shoulder to shoulder with global pop heavyweights including Beyoncé, Post Malone, Sabrina Carpenter, Coldplay, Shakira, and others, The Hit Machine Himesh’s inclusion marks a watershed moment not just for his career, but for Indian



music at large, making India proud on a global level.”

Known for his chart-topping hits, signature vocal tone, and ability to

constantly reinvent himself, Reshammiya’s crossover into the global spotlight reflects the growing recognition of Indian talent

in international arenas. As his music continues to dominate the playlists of audiences across all generations, Himesh has struck a chord with Gen Z, especially. His latest release, Badass Ravi Kumar emerged as a blockbuster for the right reasons, generating maximum interest among Gen Z about the iconic character, Ravi Kumar. From iconic Bollywood tracks to viral digital hits, Superstar Rockstar Himesh Reshammiya’s journey has been anything but conventional. Over the years, the hit machine has delivered over 2000 superhit songs and has earned exposure of over 200 billion views on YouTube, cementing him as an artist whose success is meteoric! This recognition from Bloomberg not only cements his status as a household name in India but also as a global music powerhouse. In addition to this, his recently held

concerts and musical shows have created a frenzy among the audiences, whether national or international! After the magnificent success of his recent concerts, the lineup of his next shows is soon to be announced! Earlier too, Himesh Reshammiya made India proud with his first studio album ‘Aap Kaa Surroor’, which emerged as the second highest-selling album in the world after Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’. His recent recognition highlights that Himesh’s own music album is the biggest label in India for any individual artist! On YouTube, Himesh’s music label, ‘Himesh Reshammiya Melodies’ has crossed more than 25 billion views, marking a significant feat.

As Indian music finds a wider global audience, Himesh Reshammiya’s inclusion signals a meaningful step forward — both for the industry and for the fans who’ve followed his journey.

Australian researcher gain fresh insights into invasive chital deer's diet

Canberra, Aug 7 (UNI) : An Australian researcher has used advanced DNA analysis of deer feces to gather new insights into the diet of invasive chital deer harming northern Australia's agricultural landscapes.

Originally introduced in 1886 with just four individuals, the chital deer population expanded to approximately 44,000 by 2014, causing concern over their impact on agriculture and ecosystems, according to a statement released by Australia's James Cook University (JCU).JCU PhD candidate Matthew Quin led a two-year DNA metabarcoding study of 149 deer fecal samples, revealing new insights into chital deer feeding habits.Non-native species invasions are a leading cause of extinctions and major drivers of ecosystem change, Quin said."Invasive, plant-eating ungulates (hoofed mammals) can reduce vegetation biomass and alter nutrient cycles, which can negatively impact other native herbivores and ecosystems," he added.

The study showed that, contrary to earlier beliefs that chital primarily consume grasses and grass-like plants during the wet season, their diet is dominated year-round by tree foliage and shrubs in the tropical savanna landscapes of northern Australia.

This discovery suggests that competition between chital and livestock such as cattle for pasture may be less severe than previously assumed, as the deer mainly feed on trees and shrubs.

The research highlights the value of DNA metabarcoding in quickly and accurately identifying dietary components in chital deer than older methods, and supports efforts to manage the expanding chital population in Australia's tropical savannas.

US President Donald Trump vows to intensify economic pressure on India via secondary sanctions

Washington, Aug 7 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump has vowed to intensify economic pressure on India over its purchase of Russian oil, implying that these pressures would likely materialise in the form of secondary sanctions.

Despite India being one of the US’ most prominent trading partners, and the two nations sharing high-level-diplomatic ties, Trump has levied a massive 25% tariff on all imports from the south Asian giant as a punitive measure over New Delhi’s continued purchase of Russian oil and gas.Trump has stated that he will be enacting an additional 25% tariffs on India, bringing the total percentage up to 50% for the world’s fourth largest economy, and Washington’s ninth-largest trading partner.

“It's only been 8 hours. So, let's see what happens. You're going to see a lot more... You're going to see so much secondary sanctions,” Trump said in response to a question regarding why India was being singled out for its oil purchases from Russia, reports RT.

Secondary sanctions are penalties that target third parties who interact with a sanctioned country, with the aim to limit their access to the sanctioning country's market.“For us, the interest of farmers is our top priority,” Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in response to the sanctions yesterday.“India will never compromise on the interests of farmers, fishermen, and dairy producers. I know we will have to pay a heavy price for it and I’m ready. India is ready for it,” he said.

No decision on resuming talks With US: Abbas Araghchi

Tehran, August 7 (UNI) : Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has said that no final decision has been made regarding the resumption of indirect nuclear talks between Tehran and Washington, though communication between the two sides continues.

“There is no final decision [on resuming indirect talks with the United States]. Contacts have taken place. We have received messages from the other side [the U.S.], and [the decision on] whether negotiations will be held in the future... depends on whether our interests are respected,” Araghchi said in a live interview with Iranian state television channel Tehran.Iran and the United States held five rounds of indirect talks on the Iranian nuclear program with the mediation of Oman, and the sixth round was supposed to take place on June 15. It did not take place due to the outbreak of a military conflict between Tehran and Tel Aviv.

The key pretext for the start of military action against Iran was the accusation that the Islamic Republic was developing a secret military nuclear program. Therefore, during the conflict, the main target was Iran's nuclear facilities, which were subjected to airstrikes first by Israel and then by the United States.

Iranian officials reject the accusations of developing a secret military nuclear program, saying Tehran is ready to resume the negotiating process with Washington, but without preconditions.

U.S. Army base shuts down

New York, Aug 7 (UNI) : Parts of the U.S. Army's Fort Stewart in southeast Georgia state were locked down Wednesday after an active shooter was reported on the sprawling Army post, according to an official social media post of the fort.At least five soldiers were shot at Fort Stewart Hunter Army Airfield. The gunman was apprehended shortly afterward, according to the fort.

The lockdown was initiated at 11:04 a.m. (1504 GMT) and was lifted in the main cantonment area at 12:10 p.m. (1610 GMT). The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team complex, where the shooting reportedly occurred, is still under lockdown."All Soldiers were treated on-site and moved to Winn Army Community Hospital for further treatment. There is no active threat to the community," said Fort Stewart.

8 killed, 15 injured after truck falls into ravine in southern Philippines

Manila, Aug 7 (UNI) : Eight people have been killed and 15 others injured after a mini dump truck, carrying 22 people, plunged into a ravine in Sultan Kudarat province in the southern Philippines, police said on Thursday.

Police said the accident happened at around 5:20 p.m. local time on Tuesday while the truck was navigating a downhill curve along a highway in Lebak town.

According to police, the truck's brakes failed, causing it to crash into concrete debris from an ongoing road construction project before falling into a ravine.

Emergency workers took the injured to a local hospital, where eight were pronounced dead.

It is common in Philippine rural areas to use a dump truck to transport people.

Thailand and Cambodia reach consensus on ceasefire details, pledge not to increase forces

Kuala Lumpur, Aug 7 (IANS) : Cambodia and Thailand reached a consensus on the details of the ceasefire and signed an agreement at the extraordinary meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) held on Thursday.

Officials from Cambodia and Thailand attended the meeting, while delegates from the United States, China and Malaysia participated as third-party observers.According to a joint statement following the talks hosted at the Malaysian Ministry of Defence, both sides agreed to a ceasefire involving all types of weapons, pledging to avoid unprovoked firing towards each other's positions or troops, and agreed not to increase forces along the border.

Both sides agreed to maintain current troop deployments without further movement as they were at the time when the ceasefire was reached at midnight on July 28. They also committed to ensuring



the proper treatment of captured soldiers in accordance with international humanitarian law.

The statement further noted that both sides expressed support for an ASEAN observer team led by Malaysia to monitor compliance with the ceasefire. In the interim, a temporary observation mission consisting of defence attaches from ASEAN countries will be

stationed in Cambodia and Thailand, Xinhua news agency reported.

The statement also said that both sides agreed to maintain regular communication between all army areas and military regions and units, to convene a Regional Border Committee meeting within two weeks, to schedule the next GBC meeting of both countries within one month, and, if necessary, an extraordinary GBC meeting

should be called immediately.

Speaking at a briefing after the talks, Thai Acting Defence Minister Nattaphon Narkphanit stated that this meeting was crucial to bilateral relations and regional peace and expressed the hope that this meeting would serve as an opportunity to work with Cambodia to promote long-term peace.For his part, Cambodian Minister of National Defence Tea Seiha

said that Cambodia will fully implement the consensus reached and will continue to maintain close coordination and cooperation, demonstrating Cambodia's constructive approach to regional peace.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Home Minister Saifuddin noted that both countries had adhered to the principles upheld within the ASEAN framework."In ASEAN, we believe in resolving disputes through consensus, non-confrontation, and through trust, mutual respect, and the spirit of non-interference. We strengthen our regional unity, and this ASEAN spirit has guided us today and will continue to guide us in the journey ahead," he said.

Armed clashes between Cambodian and Thai forces erupted on July 24 along their border. The two countries agreed to a ceasefire on the afternoon of July 28, which took effect at midnight on the same day.

Russian security chief Sergey Shoigu meets India’s NSA Ajit Doval

Moscow, Aug 7 (UNI) :Russia’s top security official Sergey Shoigu has called for the further strengthening of security ties between India and Russia, amid New Delhi’s ongoing trade spat with the US over its purchase of Russian oil, and President Donald Trump’s economic sanctions, reports RT.

The Russian Security Council Secretary on Thursday held talks with his Indian counterpart National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, who is currently in Moscow to discuss the Kremlin’s security and defence ties with New Delhi.Doval’s discussions with his Russian counterpart and with other high-ranking Russian defence and security officials will be focused primarily on counterterrorism, cooperation, the acquisition of more S-400 systems, and the potential purchase of Russia’s fifth gen Sukhoi Su-57 fighter jets. The sides will also discuss cooperation in energy, fertilisers, and other commodities.

“Russia and India are linked by strong, trusting, time-tested bonds of friendship,” Shoigu told Doval.“For our country, the comprehensive strengthening of the

special privileged strategic partnership with India, based on mutual respect, equal consideration of each other’s interests and the desire to advance a unifying agenda, is of paramount importance.”

He added that both Russia and India are looking to create “a new, more just and sustainable world order, ensuring the supremacy of international law and jointly combating modern challenges and threats.”The visit comes amid Trump’s signing of an executive order on Wednesday which imposed an additional 25% tariff on all imports from India due, in a bid to pressurise New Delhi to cut its oil trade with Russia. In effect, most Indian exports to the US will be charged a 50% tariff.

India, for its part, has refused to budge, criticising the move and calling the White House’ measures “extremely unfortunate,” while pledging to protect its own national interests.

At his meeting with Doval on Thursday, Shoigu said, “Regular consultations through the Security Council of the two countries help deepen Russian-Indian relations and take them to a new, higher level in the current difficult international situation.”

China successfully completes comprehensive testing for landing-take-off for its manned lunar lander

Beijing, Aug 7 (UNI) : China on Thursday announced that it has successfully completed a comprehensive test for the landing and take-off of its manned lunar lander at a test site in Huailai County, Hebei Province.

The test completed on Wednesday represents a key step in the development of China's manned lunar exploration program.

It also marks the first time that China has carried out a test for extraterrestrial landing and take-off of a manned spacecraft, said the China Manned Space Agency.

Trump pushes for swift meetings with Putin and Zelenskyy

Moscow, August 7 (UNI) : Giving a renewed diplomatic push, US President Donald Trump has instructed his team to move swiftly in organizing meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, CNN reported, citing senior White House officials.

According to The New York Times, Trump is aiming to meet Putin in person as early as next week, followed by a possible trilateral summit involving both Putin and Zelenskyy. The effort comes amid renewed attempts to de-escalate the Russia-Ukraine conflict

and explore avenues for strategic dialogue.

Putin received US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff in the Kremlin. Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said that they discussed the Ukrainian crisis and prospects for the possible development of strategic cooperation between the United States and Russia.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged "certain signals" about the situation in Ukraine, he added.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy also reported progress in his diplomatic engagement with the US, he described a phone call with President

Trump as “productive,” emphasizing the urgency of halting the ongoing violence.“It is truly a must to stop the killing as soon as possible, and we fully support this,” Zelenskyy said in a post on X.According to Zelenskyy, the conversation covered several critical issues, including sanctions against Russia, Ukraine’s cooperation with NATO member states, and the deepening of bilateral defense ties with the United States. He also revealed that Ukraine has prepared a draft agreement with the US focused on joint drone development and cooperation.

Foreign Ministers of Iran, Egypt discuss Tehran's Nuclear issue

Tehran, August 7 (UNI) : Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi held a phone conversation with his Egyptian counterpart, Badr Abdelatty, during which they discussed issues related to Tehran's nuclear program, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said. "Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty, during a phone conversation with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, discussed bilateral relations and events in the region and the

world ... During the conversation, topics related to the Iranian nuclear issue, which arose after the military aggression of the Israeli regime and the United States against our country, were also discussed," the ministry said in a statement.

On June 13, Israel launched a military operation against Iran, targeting nuclear facilities, military commanders, prominent nuclear physicists and air bases after accusing the country

of running a secret military nuclear program.Iran rejected the accusations. For 12 days, they exchanged strikes, which were joined by the United States, which struck Iranian nuclear facilities on June 22.

Tehran retaliated by attacking the US air base Al Udeid in Qatar and then announced it had no intention of further escalating the conflict. US President Donald Trump said on June 23 that Israel and Iran had agreed to a ceasefire to end "the 12-day war."

Myanmar's acting president U Myint Swe passes away

Yangon, Aug 7 (UNI) : Myanmar's acting President U Myint Swe died at the age of 74 in Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of Myanmar, on Thursday morning, the National Defence and Security Council (NDSC) said.

A state funeral will be held for the acting president, the NDSC said.

According to the NDSC on Aug. 5, U Myint Swe has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and other related neurological conditions.He received

treatment in Singapore and at No. 2 Defence Services General Hospital in 2024, but his condition worsened in July 2025, with severe symptoms including weight loss and cognitive decline, it said.Due to his critical condition, he had been receiving intensive care at Special ICU of No. 2 Defence Services General Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw since July 24.

The acting president had been on a medical leave since July 2024, and transferred duties to Senior

General Min Aung Hlaing since then.U Myint Swe was born in 1951 in Mandalay region. He attended the Defence Services Academy in 1971 and served in various military ranks in the Tatmadaw (Myanmar military). He retired from the Tatmadaw in 2010 with the rank of lieutenant general.

U Myint Swe served as Yangon Region Chief Minister from 2011 to 2016.

On March 30, 2016, he was sworn in as vice president of Myanmar.

Congress pays tribute to Shibu Soren, demands Bharat Ratna and University in his name

Ranchi, Aug 7 (UNI) : The Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee today held a condolence meeting at the Congress headquarters here to pay homage to veteran tribal leader and former Chief Minister Shibu Soren, popularly known as Dishom Guru, who passed away recently.

The meeting was presided over by Jharkhand Congress President Keshav Mahto Kamlesh, with senior party leaders and workers in attendance. Floral tributes were offered at a portrait of the late leader, recalling his life, legacy, and pivotal role in the creation of Jharkhand. Speaking on the occasion, Kamlesh said that Shibu Soren's life was like an "infinite book of struggle", each page chronicling sacrifices made for tribal identity, economic justice, and the rights of the people of Jharkhand.

"From his youth, he led movements for tribal rights, land, forest, and water. He united people across castes and communities in the fight for a separate state, eventually leading to the

formation of Jharkhand," he said.

Kamlesh urged the Central Government to honour Soren posthumously with the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award.

He also demanded the Jharkhand Government establish a university in his name, declare his residence a museum, and incorporate his life story into state school textbooks.

Congress's Jharkhand in-charge Dr Siribella Prasad called Soren a "symbol of struggle" whose efforts to uplift tribal communities and mobilise public awareness earned him respect and trust across the country.

"Absorbing his ideals into public life would be the true tribute to his legacy," he added. Leader of the Congress Legislative Party, Pradeep Yadav, said Soren not only envisioned Jharkhand but realised it through relentless struggle.

"To truly honour him, we must strive to realise his dreams of economic, social, and political empowerment for the people of Jharkhand."

Election Commission going beyond its jurisdiction to help BJP in Bengal : AITC Leader, Abhishek Banerjee

Kolkata, Aug 7 (UNI) : In a blistering attack on the Election Commission of India (ECI), All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee today accused the poll body of acting as an "extended arm of the BJP" and grossly overstepping its constitutional jurisdiction by interfering in the affairs of the West Bengal government well ahead of the assembly election announcement.

Banerjee alleged that the ECI was interfering in the functioning of the West Bengal government nearly a year ahead of the state assembly elections which he claimed was aimed at crippling the elected

administration and benefiting the ruling party at the Centre.

"The ECI is acting beyond its jurisdiction. Its responsibility begins only when the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect. After that, it can take over the state's civil and criminal/ police administrative machinery to ensure that the election is free, fair, and impartial. But the work they have started for the past 3-4 months, when the election is still 10-11 months away, clearly shows that since they will not allow an elected government to function, they have done this. It has been done to give favours and advantages to the BJP," Banerjee said at the

city airport.

He alleged that they (Centre) have denied Bengal its rights and, at the same time, misused the judiciary.

"They have used a section of the media to defame Bengal by using a case like Sandeshkhali. Now they are using the ECI so that genuine Bengalis cannot exercise their right to vote. The ECI has taken on this shameless role so that they can snatch away the voting rights of these people. This is not within the ECI's jurisdiction anymore. They should have informed the State about their actions because this is an elected government," Banerjee continued. Banerjee, the

nephew of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, said that the people had voted the TMC to power in 2021, and the government was accountable only to them and not to any political party or the Centre.

"We respect the judiciary, but since 2021, over 50 CBI investigations have been conducted through different benches of the Calcutta High Court, using the Centre's influence to undermine Bengal and keep AITC under pressure," he pointed out.

He said the state was also defamed and attacked nationally over the RG Kar case. But when the CBI took over, it failed to improve upon what the

Kolkata Police had already achieved within 24 hours.

"Those who are trying to belittle Bengal have been answered in the past and will be taught a lesson again. But the BJP never learns from its mistakes. They have stopped all funds under the Jal Jeevan Mission. All the money has been blocked. Water is life. Even that has been stopped. How will the people survive?" said Banerjee, who has been named the leader of the AITC Parliamentary Party.

He also charged Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a foreign policy failure after the Donald Trump administration imposed a 50 percent tariff on Indian goods exported to the USA.



Students form a concentric 'Rakhi' formation as part of celebrations ahead of 'Raksha Bandhan' festival, at Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul in Surat on Thursday.

Naveen Patnaik slams Odisha govt over deaths of three young girls in a month

Bhubaneswar, Aug 7 (UNI) : Leader of Opposition in the Odisha Assembly and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik today strongly criticized the Mohan Majhi-led BJP government, alleging administrative apathy following the deaths of three young girls in similar circumstances within a month. In a post on social media platform X, Patnaik expressed deep sorrow over the latest incident involving a girl from Pattamundai in Kendrapara

district, who allegedly set herself ablaze in desperation after her repeated pleas for justice went unheard.

"Deeply saddened and anguished to know that another girl from Pattamundai, Kendrapara, has set herself on fire in desperation after her pleas for justice fell on deaf ears yet again. My condolences to the young girl's family. My prayers are with them in this hour of grief. May God give them strength to bear this irreparable loss,"

Patnaik said. He further remarked, "It pains me to know that, within a month, three young girls have lost their lives under very similar circumstances. Each fatal flame that consumed these innocent lives reflects a deeply disturbing pattern in Odisha."

The former Chief Minister alleged that the administration had failed these daughters of Odisha, ignoring their cries for help.

"Three daughters of our soil have died in broad daylight because of an

apathetic administration that failed to hear their screams. And there are countless more such heinous crimes against women being reported across the state, almost daily," he added.

Posing tough questions to the BJP-led state government, Patnaik said, "How many more funeral pyres must light up before the state government wakes up? How many more mothers must hold the ashes of their daughters before the government acts?"

Bengal CM Mamata pays homage to Tagore on death anniversary

Kolkata, Aug 7 (UNI) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today paid glowing tribute to Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore on his 84th death anniversary, saying the poet lives every day of the year and surrounds the lives of us.

Banerjee said they remembered the contributions of the poet, especially when the Bengali people were attacked and targeted for speaking the Bengali language.

"The poet is now an inspiration for us to carry on the fight," the Bengal CM said while remembering the Nobel laureate.

Tejashwi projecting himself as CM face without allies consensus: Kushwaha

Patna, Aug 7 (UNI) : Launched a sharp tirade against the leader of the opposition Tejaswi Prasad Yadav, the Janata Dal (United) Bihar President Umesh Singh Kushwaha today accused him for repeatedly projecting himself as the chief ministerial face without consensus from allies to quench his political thirst.

Kushwaha said here that, "Tejaswi Yadav has publicly declared himself as the CM candidate on multiple occasions. However, it's either a political irony or the misfortune of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) that its key ally, the Congress, has neither endorsed his leadership nor taken a clear stand in his

Assam CM warns against 'pattern' of cultural transformation through rented houses

Guwahati, Aug 7 (UNI) : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has raised concerns about what he described as a "pattern" in which rented houses are allegedly being used in ways that change the cultural and religious character of neighbourhoods.

Speaking at a public event, the Chief Minister said, "Those who do not align with our traditions and culture... if someone lives in a rented house and a cow is slaughtered there just for consumption, what about the temple located nearby? That cannot be accepted."

He said that in many cases across Assam, people first rent houses, then begin consuming beef, and later religious structures like mosques are built.

"Over time, a nearby Satra starts vacating the area. This is a pattern we are witnessing," he said. Sarma urged landlords to be cautious while renting out their properties.

"There's no harm in respectfully requesting landlords not to rent irresponsibly. You can speak to them and explain how the colony may be affected. But don't take the law into your own hands- it is the government's responsibility, and we will take appropriate action," he added.

While Sarma did not name any particular community, opposition leaders and rights groups said his remarks could target minorities and create division.

The Congress party called his statement "divisive" and warned that it could promote discrimination against tenants based on religion or food habits.

Manipur Police intensifies ILP checks in Senapati District

Imphal, Aug 7 (UNI) : To regulate the movement of non-locals and detect undocumented immigrants, Manipur Police has launched a special verification drive across Senapati district, with over 2,400 individuals screened so far. According to an official statement, the ongoing operation—monitored closely by the Senapati District Police Task Force—has identified 170 individuals without valid Inner Line Permits (ILPs) and another 134 carrying expired ILP documents. These individuals were escorted to the Mao Gate ILP counter to obtain fresh documentation before being allowed to continue their journey. Police have clarified that while no illegal immigrants have been apprehended so far, the drive is primarily a pre-emptive measure to enforce ILP norms and ensure that only

individuals with valid permits are allowed access into the state. Checks at all inter-state and inter-district border entry points have been intensified, and authorities say the exercise will be scaled up further in the coming days. The Inner Line Permit system, a colonial-era regulation reintroduced and expanded in recent years, is mandatory for non-residents seeking entry into Manipur. The system is designed to safeguard the rights and identity of indigenous communities by regulating the influx of outsiders, particularly in the wake of rising demographic concerns in the northeastern region.

The renewed enforcement comes at a time when Manipur remains sensitive to demographic changes due to its complex ethnic composition and ongoing unrest in parts of the state.

VPP MP Syngkon meets Modi, seeks ILP, reinforcement of BSF

Shillong, Aug 7 (UNI) : Dr. Ricky Andrew Jones Syngkon, Voice of the People Party (VPP) MP from Shillong parliamentary seat, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi today, urging him to take urgent steps to implement the Inner Line Permit (ILP) regulation and other long-pending demands concerning Meghalaya.

Syngkon also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister sought deployment of three additional Border Security Force (BSF) battalions along the India-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya to enhance ground-level security and instil confidence among the border population.

Voicing concern over the large-scale of influx of migrants, including Bangladesh immigrants,

Syngkon sought the Prime Minister's intervention to grant ILP status to Meghalaya. "The long-standing demand for the extension of the ILP regime continues to be a matter of deep concern for its indigenous communities. The people of Meghalaya are increasingly alarmed by the growing influx of migrants, including from across the international border with Bangladesh and the unauthorised settlements and encroachments on tribal lands, particularly in sensitive border and fringe areas," Syngkon informed the Prime Minister. He added: "This demographic pressure poses a serious threat to the cultural identity, land rights, and socio-economic security of the tribal population of Meghalaya." Noting that

the ILP regime is already in force in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland, the VPP MP said, the ILP is viewed as a necessary and legitimate protective mechanism to regulate the entry of outsiders and preserve the unique tribal character of the state. Syngkon requested the Prime Minister to instantiate a structured consultative process with all stakeholders to examine the demand for ILP in Meghalaya in a fair, sensitive and time-bound manner. In fact, the Meghalaya Assembly had unanimously adopted a resolution on December 19, 2019, urging the central government to introduce the ILP regime into the state by including Meghalaya in the preamble of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations, 1873.

Rahul Gandhi to embark on "Voter Rights Yatra" in Bihar from Aug 17: Ram

Patna, Aug 7 (UNI) : With an aim to safeguard the democratic values and to ensure every citizen's right to vote, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will embark on his "Voter Rights Yatra" from Sasaram on August 17. After a key strategy meeting held today at the Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee headquarters, Sadaqat Ashram, here, AICC Bihar in-charge Krishna Allavaru told news persons here that the yatra is not just a political event but a campaign to uphold justice, equality, democracy, and public dialogue. "Rahul Gandhi's journey is a mission to restore the soul of the nation. It's about reconnecting with the people and addressing the

threats to democratic values," he said. He called on Congress workers to engage with energy, discipline, and dedication to ensure the success of the Yatra. "Bihar has always played a leading role in mass movements, and this time too, the party expect the state to take the lead in shaping the national narrative," Allavaru added.

The meeting to review the preparation of the yatra was attended by Allavaru, Bihar Congress President Rajesh Ram and senior party leaders. Speaking at the meeting, Rajesh Ram announced that the Voter Rights Yatra would be a two-week-long journey focused on safeguarding democratic values and ensuring every citizen's right to vote.

Bihar for years, they have no significant achievements to present to the people. "These opportunistic parties lack both a meaningful track record and a clear vision for the future. They have failed to deliver in the past and continue to mislead the public." Labeling the INDIA alliance as a "coalition of corrupt parties," the JDU state president accused them of being more concerned about enriching themselves than serving the public. "Words like public welfare and respect for citizens don't exist in their political dictionary. Their history is filled with exploitation and abuse of power, and the conscious people of Bihar will never trust them again," he asserted.

Five Indians assured of medals after commanding quarters wins



Bangkok (Thailand), Aug 7 (IANS) : Five Indian men pugilists will join their seven women compatriots in the semifinals of the U19 Asian Boxing Championships 2025 in the Thai capital on Thursday after registering convincing victories to reach the semifinals of their respective weight categories and assure themselves of a medal.

Shivam (55kg), Mausam Suhag (65kg), Rahul Kundu (75kg), Gaurav (85kg), and Hemant Sangwan (90kg) took down their opponents in style to ensure that India will come back with 12 medals from the U19 category. Shivam started India's winning march in the morning session when he utterly dominated Uzbekistan's Abdulaziz Abdunazarov for a 5:0 win.

Mausam Suhag was then pushed to the corner, but the youngster kept his composure under pressure to eke out a 3:2 win in the 65kg quarterfinals against Mukhammed Alimbekov of Kyrgyzstan. Rahul Kundu then went on a rampage against Eunjo Jeong of South Korea, and the referee had to ultimately stop the 75kg contest before Gaurav joined the

three in the last four stage with a hard-fought victory over Kuang-Yao Cheng of Chinese Taipei in the 85kg category.

Hemant Sangwan then got the better of Muhammadrizo Siddikov of Uzbekistan in the 90kg weight category and raised hopes of a 100 per cent win record on Thursday. However, Krish fell short of pulling off a victory against Iran's Abbas Gharshasbi in a close 90+kg bout.

The U19 and U22 Asian Boxing Championships, which are being held simultaneously, provide India's rising stars a platform to showcase their skills and determination against some of Asia's toughest opponents. India has fielded a strong contingent of 40 boxers — 20 in each age group — with a perfect mix of proven champions and potential talents who have impressed in the domestic circuit. India are also assured of 13 medals in the U22 category with five boxers set to fight for gold.

China trounces India for second straight win at men's basketball Asia Cup

Jeddah, Aug 7 (UNI) : China's men's basketball team trounced India 100-69 here today for its second straight win in preliminary Group C at the FIBA Asia Cup.

Hu Mingxuan and Zhao Jiayi had 17 points apiece, and Cheng Shuaipeng and Wang Junjie each added 13 as the Chinese men took an easy victory following their narrow 93-88 win over Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

The Asian powerhouse shot 15-for-28 from beyond the arc as Hu Jinqiu and Liao Sanning also scored in double digits with 11 points apiece.

"We demonstrated strong execution and a more balanced approach between offense and defense in this game compared to the first one," said China head coach Guo Shiqiang.

"Our fast breaks were effective, and we shot the ball pretty well." Hu Mingxuan buried two three-pointers and Wang, Liao and Gao added one each as China raced to a 29-14 lead after the first quarter and went on to enlarge it to 53-31 at halftime.

The Indians fought hard after the game resumed, but China staged a 10-0 run connecting the third and fourth quarter for an unshakable 78-48 cushion with eight minutes and 57 seconds remaining. Arvind Muthu Krishnan led India with 16 points. China will clash with Jordan in its third and final pool match on Saturday as India takes on Saudi Arabia.

NEROCA FC and Indian Navy play a goalless draw

Imphal, Aug 7 (UNI) : NEROCA FC and Indian Navy FT played out a hard-fought goalless draw in their Group F encounter of the 134th Indian Oil Durand Cup, here at the Khuman Lampak Main Stadium, to earn a point each. Despite several half-chances and moments of promise, both sides failed to find the finishing touch in a match that was high on midfield battles and defensive organisation. NEROCA head coach Gyan Moyon made three changes to his starting XI from the Imphal Derby, switching to a 4-2-3-1 formation. Jetli Sorokhaibam came in as goalkeeper, Gotimayum Muktasana was handed a midfield role, and Brazilian Lucas Da Silva slotted into the defence. Indian Navy head coach Raman Rai opted to retain his starting lineup from their previous win, sticking with the 4-3-3 system led by captain

Bhaskar Roy in goal, with Vijay Marandi and Sreyas on the flanks and Roshan Panna up front.

Deny Singh of Indian Navy made the first attempt in the 6th minute with a right-footed strike from the wing, but NEROCA's keeper Jetli Sorokhaibam was equal to the task, diving low to his left to make a comfortable save.

The Orange Brigade responded in the 11th minute when a through ball from midfield released Lourembam on the left. He sprinted down the flank and fired a shot at goal, but Bhaskar Roy handled it without fuss. The next few minutes saw NEROCA dominate possession, testing the Sailors' defensive line with bursts from Lourembam and Rohit Meetei, but the Navy defenders held firm.

Indian Navy had their moments too, with Deny Singh orchestrating the

play from deep and threading through balls for Sreyas. However, the forward failed to capitalise on these opportunities, his shot in the 27th minute lacked power and went straight to the keeper.

The first half saw strong defensive displays from both sides. For NEROCA, Lucas Da Silva and Japes were particularly solid at the back, intercepting key runs and managing aerial balls well.

The best chance of the second half for the Sailors came in the 50th minute when Roshan Panna laid the ball off for Deny Singh, whose curling effort spun wide. Three minutes later, Deny had another crack from outside the box, but it went wide.

Neroca's skipper Kinesh Singh nearly broke the deadlock in the 60th minute, but his left-footed placement off a lofted cross missed the target.

Tottenham midfielder Maddison to have ACL rupture operation

London, Aug 7 (UNI) : Tottenham Hotspur confirmed today that midfielder James Maddison will undergo surgery for a ruptured Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) in his right knee. "The 28-year-old midfielder suffered the injury during our pre-season friendly against Newcastle United on Sunday in Seoul," the Premier League club said in a statement.

"His surgery will take place in the coming days and, following that, James will then begin his rehabilitation with our medical team," the statement read. The midfielder, who scored 12 goals in 45 appearances for Spurs, is expected to miss the majority of the upcoming season.

Delhi High Court declines interim relief in petitions pertaining to BFI elections

New Delhi, Aug 7 (UNI) : The Delhi High Court today heard four writ petitions filed by the Delhi Amateur Boxing Association, Himachal Pradesh Boxing Association, Gujarat Boxing Association, and Madhya Pradesh Boxing Association in relation to the upcoming elections of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) scheduled for August 21, 2025.

The Delhi Amateur Boxing Association specifically sought an interim stay on the conduct of the elections, while the associations from Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh challenged the validity of the BFI's newly adopted Constitution, alleging that it is ultra vires.

These associations also prayed for a direction to appoint a new Returning Officer for the said elections. The High Court, however, did not grant any interim relief to the petitioners. The Hon'ble Court has however directed that the elections shall remain subject to the final outcome of the present writ petitions. Senior Counsel appearing for the Interim Committee of BFI submitted that 30 out of 34 State and Union Territory member units have approved the amended Constitution, which has also received approval from World Boxing, the international governing body. It was further submitted that the majority of the member units are in favour of conducting the elections expeditiously.

Advocate Parth Goswami, counsel appearing on behalf of the Interim Committee of BFI, confirmed that the Hon'ble Court has not stayed the elections and has directed the respondents to file their respective replies. The matter remains pending for further consideration before the High Court.

India look to be sharper in attack against Turkmenistan

Yangon, Myanmar, Aug 7 (UNI) : After a goalless draw with Indonesia on Wednesday, the Indian U20 women's team will look for their first win in the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup Thailand 2026 Qualifiers Group D when they take on Turkmenistan on Friday at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon, at 18:00 IST.

"To be honest, we were not happy with the result," said India captain Shubhangi Singh after the draw with Indonesia. "It's disappointing not to get three points from the game. We had more ball possession, and I felt we dominated from start to finish." Head coach Joakim Alexandersson expressed that he and the girls were left "hugely disappointed" with the slow start to the campaign, in which their aim is to qualify for the Asian Cup after a gap of 20 years. "We didn't perform well. The overall quality was lacking in everything we tried to do. We attempted to improve in the second half, but it just wasn't our day. On the ball,

Determined performances, fight for redemption, emotional departures in Asian Surfing

Chennai, Aug 7 (UNI) : The Day 4 of the ASF Asian Surfing Championships 2025 witnessed another gripping chapter in Asia's premier surfing contest, with Repechage Rounds and Main Round 3 action offering both redemption and heartbreak.

With high stakes and limited second chances, the waves off Mahabalipuram's historic coast witnessed raw determination, clutch performances, and emotional breakthroughs, especially in the Open Men's, Open Women's, and Under-18 Boys' divisions.

While India's women surfers Shrishti Selvam and Kamali Moorthy advanced to the Main Round 3, their championship journey came to an end in the face of seasoned international competition.

However, rising star Prahlad Sriram kept Indian hopes alive in the U18 Boys Division, progressing to Round 3 (Main Round) with a standout performance.

In the Open Men – Round 2 (Repechage) it was a battle for survival. The stakes were high with no

room for error. Surfers pushed the limits, determined to earn a second chance at championship contention.

Kanoa Heejae (KOR) - 16.67 (Won by 4.17) set the tone early with an aggressive frontside attack, securing the heat-winning score ahead of Chia-Chi Yu (TPE) - 12.50, Ramil Arromchuen (THA) - 8.00 and Afridun Amu (AFG) - 1.50 in the Open Men – Round 2 (Repechage).

The Open Women's Repechage Round 2 brought a glimmer of hope for Team India. Shrishti Selvam (IND) - 4.66 and Kamali Moorthy (IND) - 8.70 (Won by 0.73) who topped her Round 2 Heat 3 category.

Both hailing from Tamil Nadu's coastal surfing communities, displayed poise under pressure, navigating the inside sections effectively and progressing to the Main Round 3.

Unfortunately, Sugar Shanti, despite a promising start, was unable to back up her opening ride and exited the competition. Her powerful turns and crowd-pleasing style earned

appreciation, even as her campaign came to an end.

In the U18 Boys' Repechage, India's Prahlad Sriram stole the spotlight with a well-timed combination of vertical snaps and flow, earning him a decisive heat win and a place in Round 3 (Main Round). In the Open Women – Round 3 (Main Round) Indians put up brave efforts, but none could advance.

Shrishti Selvam and Kamali Moorthy carried India's flag into Main Round 3, facing off against Asia's elite, including Isabel Higgs (THA) - 12.00 (Won by 6.33) and Sumomo Sato (JPN) Despite valiant efforts and sharp execution, both surfers were edged out by narrow margins.

Shrishti posted a 3.03 heat total with her signature forehand cutbacks, while Kamali scored an 5.57 after missing priority in the closing minutes. Unfortunately, neither score was enough to push them through to the quarterfinals, marking the end of Team India's women's campaign at this edition of the championships.

Striker Marc Guiu arrives at Sunderland on loan from Chelsea

London, Aug 7 (UNI) : Sunderland continues to strengthen its squad on the club's return to the Premier League with the signing of former FC Barcelona striker Marc Guiu on loan from Chelsea for the 2025-2026 season.

The 19-year-old made 16 appearances for Chelsea last season, netting six goals, but the club has sent him on loan to gain more top-flight experience with the club that returned to the top-flight after winning last season's play-off from the Championship.

Sunderland has spent big since assuring promotion, spending well over 100 million pounds on

signings such as Enzo Le Fee, Habib Diarra, Noah Sadiki, Reinildo, Chemsdine Talbi, Simon Adingra, and Granit Xhaka, with the Swiss international returning to the Premier League from Bayer Leverkusen. "I'm feeling great and really looking forward to the season ahead," said Guiu, who in 2023 briefly became the youngest Barcelona player to score a goal in La Liga.

"I see myself as a powerful striker, who can make a difference on and off the ball, and I pride myself on being a natural goalscorer." "This year is a huge opportunity for me to help

take this team where it truly deserves to be, and

I can't wait to get started," he said on the Sunderland website.

Sunderland's Director of Football, Kristiaan Speakman also welcomes Guiu's arrival.

"The competition for his signature was significant, and he had many high-quality options this summer, so we are delighted he's joined Sunderland. Marc's a progressive striker who has key attributes that align with the role in our team. In addition to providing a threat in the final third, we believe there are many other ways he can impact games," he said.

more quality from our attacking players, especially in how they receive the ball. We need sharper execution in the final third to create and convert chances.

"We have one point at the moment. We need six from the next two, so now we simply have to go for two victories. Against Myanmar as well, we have to go fully offensive, press high, try to win the ball in advanced areas, and force mistakes we can capitalise on," said Alexandersson.

Myanmar defeated Turkmenistan 6-1 in their opening game, also on

Wednesday. The Central Asians surprisingly took an early lead but the hosts recovered quickly, racing to a 4-1 lead by half-time and adding two more in the second half. "When I saw Turkmenistan's first game against Myanmar, I felt it might be quite similar to the game we had against Indonesia. So we need to find solutions against teams that sit deep, and that's something we'll focus on," Alexandersson analysed, while also expressing confidence in the Young Tigrisses' ability to bounce back with a win on Friday.

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NAMASTE ABHIYAN: Redefining Ticket Checking with Discipline and Dignity



“Not just five fingers in a fist, but ten fingers in a NAMASTE – powerful, purposeful, and dignified.”

(Standard Post Bureau)

Western Railway’s Mumbai Central Division has launched a thoughtful and ethically grounded initiative: the NAMASTE Abhiyan, short for “NAMrta Aur Strong Ticket Examination.” The campaign is a philosophy that merges humility, ensuring rule enforcement with dignity and empathy. At the heart of the initiative lies a deep commitment to values such as dignity, safety, public interest, empathy and accountability. The Abhiyan aims to restore confidence among ticket checking staff, safeguard their rights, and enhance the overall passenger experience.

Under this initiative, a large-scale fortress ticket



checking operation was carried out at Borivali station, held on 06th August, 2025. Over 300 ticket checking staff, along with support from the

Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police, was part of this drive. As a result, around 5,200 ticketless travellers were detected and penalty/ fine amounting to Rs. 13.50 lakh was collected.

To ensure safety and transparency, specially designed protective vests have been given to TTEs. These vests carry compartments for body cameras, Hand Held Terminals (HHT), Excess Fare Ticket (EFT) Book and Mini Speakers for public announcements. This technological integration provides physical as well as legal protection to the ticket checking staff, while simultaneously reinforcing transparency and accountability in passenger

interactions. Another critical component of the Abhiyan is the creation of pre-custody areas within station premises. These are localized zones under CCTV surveillance, designated to deal with ticketless travellers in a controlled and respectful manner. This move helps to avoid potential conflicts and unnecessary confrontations in official offices, ensuring fair treatment for both passengers and staff. Officers from the Commercial Department have conducted workshops focused on effective communication and professional passenger handling.

The NAMASTE Abhiyan is a powerful example of how governance can be both strong and sensitive. It stands as a model of ethical public administration that values discipline. Rather than relying on reactive measures, it adopts a proactive and structured approach, one that upholds fairness, promotes trust, protect public property and preserves the morale of frontline personnel.

NAMASTE is more than a greeting! It is a philosophy.... A pledge...

“It is our way of saying—We will uphold discipline with dignity.

We will be humble, yet strong in our duty.”

Through this campaign, Western Railway reaffirms its commitment to creating a safe, respectful, and accountable railway experience for all.

ESIC Organizes Awareness meet on SPREE, Amnesty Scheme and PM-VBRY at Mumbai



(By PIB Mumbai/ Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 7 : The Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), under the Union Ministry of Labour & Employment, organized an awareness meeting at its Sub-Regional Office in Marol, Andheri (East), in Mumbai today. The meeting was convened to promote awareness about three key initiatives of the Government of India, Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees (SPREE) 2025, Amnesty 2025, and Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY).

Shri Ramji Lal Meena, Insurance Commissioner (West Zone), Smt. Abhilasha Jha, Regional Director (West), Maharashtra, and Shri MS

Arya, Regional PF Commissioner-I, Thane Zone addressed in the program with an aim to foster dialogue with stakeholders, clarify doubts, and ensure broader outreach and participation in these important schemes.

1.SPREE 2025 – Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees, aimed at enhancing social security coverage by encouraging voluntary registration of unregistered employers and employees, including temporary and contractual workers. The scheme waives off retrospective inspections and contribution demands for registrations done during the period of scheme from 1st July to 31st December 2025. For details, click here.

2. Amnesty 2025 – A

one-time settlement scheme offering an opportunity for employers to resolve disputes and litigations amicably, thereby reducing the burden on the judicial system. This scheme would be in force from 1st October, 2025 to 30th September, 2026. For details, click here

3. Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) – A transformative employment-linked incentive scheme launched by the Government of India to encourage job creation and benefit both employers and employees. For details, click here.

The awareness session witnessed participation from senior officials of the Union Ministry of Labour & Employment as well as officers from Maharashtra, signifying the collaborative spirit of the initiative.

MANUU ITI Hyderabad ; Admission counseling

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Aug 7 : Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Hyderabad is inviting application forms for second phase admission counseling into vacant seats in ITI Trades at

Hyderabad. The Last date for submission of filled in application form at MANUU ITI Hyderabad is August 18, 2025.

According to the Principal, Dr. Arshia Azam applications form can be obtained from MANUU - ITI Hyderabad or can be downloaded from

University website www.manuu.edu.in. The counseling will be held on August 20 from 9.30 am onwards at ITI, MANUU Campus, Gachibowli.

For details desired candidates can contact the ITI office in person or by telephone: 040-23008428 & 9440692452.

Rahul Gandhi's statement against EC reflects a ‘peak of frustration’, says BJP

New Delhi, Aug 7 (UNI) : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today slammed Congress MP and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi over his recent ‘voter fraud’ allegations against the Election Commission (EC), describing them as disregard for the nation’s democratic institutions and reflecting “a peak of frustration” and “election rage.” Addressing a press conference here, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra questioned Rahul Gandhi’s selective criticism of the EC.

The BJP leader also pointed out the inconsistency in Rahul Gandhi’s conduct. “Why did Rahul Gandhi not raise objections during the victories in Himachal Pradesh or Telangana? When the Congress formed the government after winning in Telangana, and the BJP faced defeat, did Rahul Gandhi hold any press conference alleging fraud? Clearly, this is selective outrage and

political vendetta,” he asserted.

“The Congress celebrated its 99-seat performance in the last Lok Sabha elections, yet now questions the integrity of the Election Commission. If the EC is compromised, as Rahul Gandhi claims, how could they celebrate their victory? This is nothing but a manifestation of frustration of the highest order.”

Presenting his claims using a powerpoint presentation, Rahul Gandhi had accused the BJP and EC of colluding to ‘steal’ votes in both the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections in Maharashtra and Karnataka’s Mahadevapura constituency.

Responding to the allegations, the BJP leader condemned Rahul Gandhi’s warning of “serious consequences” if the EC did not respond to his allegations.

“Rahul Gandhi has

threatened that if the opposition comes to power, action will be taken against Election Commission officials. Is this the language of a Leader of Opposition? Such rhetoric is nothing but election rage, which undermines our democratic ethos,” Patra emphasized.

Questioning Rahul Gandhi’s credibility, Patra said, “He has previously apologized for disrespectful language used against Veer Savarkar and remarks on China. What does this say about his credibility today? Words without sincerity lose their meaning.”

He said, “Rahul Gandhi must submit an affidavit to the Election Commission and cooperate with investigations. Only then will the truth come out. Was Pulwama or Operation Sindoor an excuse to eliminate anti-incumbency? “The Supreme Court itself questioned whether Rahul Gandhi is a true patriot of India,” Patra reminded.

Introduction of New Vande Bharat Express between Bengaluru-Belagavi

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 7 : South Western Railway is pleased to announce the introduction of new Vande Bharat Express train service between KSR Bengaluru and Belagavi (Train Nos. 26752/26751) for the convenience of passengers and to enhance connectivity between North Karnataka and the state capital. This semi-high-speed train service will operate six days a week, except Wednesdays.

The new Vande Bharat Express will be formally flagged off by Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 10th August 2025 at KSR Bengaluru. Following the flagging-off ceremony, an inaugural special train (Train No. 06575 KSR Bengaluru – Belagavi Vande Bharat Express, one way) will depart from KSR Bengaluru at 11:15 hrs. En route, it will stop at Yesvantpur, Tumakuru, Davangere, SMM Haveri, SSS Hubballi, and Dharwad, and will reach Belagavi at 20:00 hrs on the same day. Regular services of Train Nos. 26751/26752 will commence from 11th August 2025. Train No. 26751 Belagavi – KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express will depart from Belagavi at 05:20 hrs and reach KSR Bengaluru at

13:50 hrs. En route, it will arrive/depart as follows: Dharwad (07:08/07:10 hrs), SSS Hubballi (07:30/07:35 hrs), SMM Haveri (08:35/08:37 hrs), Davangere (09:25/09:27 hrs), Tumakuru (12:15/12:17 hrs) and Yesvantpur (13:03/13:05 hrs).

In the return direction, Train No. 26752 KSR Bengaluru – Belagavi Vande Bharat Express will depart from KSR Bengaluru at 14:20 hrs and arrive at Belagavi at 22:40 hrs. En route, En route, it will arrive/depart at Yesvantpur (14:28/14:30 hrs), Tumakuru (15:03/15:05 hrs), Davangere (17:48/17:50), SMM Haveri (18:48/18:50 hrs), SSS Hubballi (20:00/20:05 hrs) and Dharwad (20:25/20:27 hrs).

The train will consist of 08 coaches, including 04 Motor Cars, 01 Trailer Car, 01 Executive Class Trailer Car, and 02 Driving Trailer Cars. This Vande Bharat Express is designed to offer faster, safer, and more comfortable travel for passengers, equipped with world-class amenities for an enhanced travel experience. “Passengers are requested to make full use of this newly introduced service. For ticket bookings and other enquiries, they may visit the official website of Indian Railways or contact the Railway Helpline on 139.

Wild vegetable festival in thane



(Standard Post Bureau)

Thane, Aug 7 : To create employment for women in rural area zillaparishad thane took initiative to give opportunity for women to put stall like bhiwandi shahpur khadivali ambernath Murbad taken part this is medicinal benefit and awareness to people various vegetable like dinda bhaji shevla aghada this they give to urban people what nature had given them nowadays diseases increasing this vegetable are useful for people high in nutrients so it

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Western Railway to run one more Rakshabandhan special train between Bandra Terminus and Jaipur

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Aug 7 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Rakshabandhan, Western Railway will run one more Special Train on Special fare between Bandra Terminus & Jaipur.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of the train is as under:

1. Train No. 09726/09725 Bandra Terminus – Jaipur Special [2

Trips]

Train No. 09726 Bandra Terminus - Jaipur Special will depart from Bandra Terminus on Monday, 11th August, 2025 at 09:30 hrs, and will reach Jaipur at 06:45 hrs, the next day. Similarly, Train No. 09725 Jaipur – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Jaipur on Sunday, 10th August, 2025 at 08:25 hrs, and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 04:55 hrs, the next day.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Mandisor, Nimach, Chittaurgarh,

Bhilwara, Mandal, Bijainagar, Nasirabad, Ajmer and Kishangarh stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC -3 Tier, AC -3 Tier (Economy), Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The booking for Train No. 09726 will open from 09 August, 2025 at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.