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ECI holds interaction with CPI delegation

New Delhi, Aug 28 (UNI) : Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, along with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, today held a meeting with a delegation from the Communist Party of India (CPI) led by its general secretary, D Raja, here.

The meeting is part of the Election Commission of India's (ECI) ongoing initiative to engage with presidents and senior representatives of national and state political parties, an Election Commission statement said.

These interactions provide for a long-felt need of constructive discussions which enable national and state party presidents to share their suggestions and concerns directly with the Commission. This initiative aligns with the Commission's broader vision of further strengthening the electoral process in accordance with the existing legal framework with all stakeholders, the statement said.

Over the past 150 days, the ECI has conducted a total of 4,719 all-party meetings. These include 40 meetings convened by Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs), 800 by District Election Officers (DEOs) and 3,879 by Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) engaging more than 28,000 representatives from various political parties.

NHRC issues notices to Bihar officials in case of alleged abuse of students

New Delhi, Aug 28 (UNI) : The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognizance of a media report concerning the alleged corporal punishment of around 18 students by a teacher, who reportedly locked them inside a room at a government school in the Haflaganj area of Katihar district, Bihar, on August 21. In a statement issued here today, the NHRC said that it has noted that, if the report is found to be true, it would constitute a grave violation of the human rights of the students. Accordingly, it has "issued notices to the state chief secretary and the superintendent of police, Katihar, seeking a detailed report within two weeks," said the statement.

Incessant rains batter 2 districts, flood situation of Krishna Godavari rivers grim

(Standard Post Bureau)

Vijayawada, Aug 28 : Incessant rains under the impact of low pressure wreaked havoc in Srikakulam, ASR and NTR districts as roads were damaged, crops in thousands of acres marooned and over hundred villages were surrendered by flood water.

All rivers, rivulets, irrigation canals and nalas were overflowing in the Coastal AP districts following incessant rains. Road connectivity was cut off to many villages in Srikakulam, ASR and NTR districts and flood water was overflowing on roads. The first warning signal has

been sounded at the Prakasam barrage here as it is receiving over 4 lakh cusecs of flood water.

The vehicular traffic was suspended on the Nandigama-Chandarlpadu road, Obulapuram-Rangapuram road and Nandigama-Damuluru road, Ammireddygudem-Yerukopadu, Nemali-Lingala-Meduru in NTR district as the flood water Vyra was overflowing on the roads. The bus station in Kanchikacherla town was inundated in three feet of rainwater. The Kattaleru rivulet and Sandyapu stream are in spate. As the Prakasam barrage here is receiving 4.05 cusecs of water and 69 crest

gates were lifted to release the water downstream into the sea. The officials sounded the first warning signal at the Prakasam barrage as the inflow likely to exceed 5 lakh cusecs in the night. The officials said that the first warning signals would also be issued on Saturday at the Dowleswaram project, across the river Godavari, in EG district as the flood water is increasing alarmingly.

The Srisailem project, across the river Krishna in Kurnool district, is receiving over 3.05 lakh cusecs of water and 3,62,257 cusecs of water is being discharged downstream to the NS

project. The Srisailem project, the second biggest in AP, is brimful with 202.80 TMC of water. At the Nagarjuna Sagar project, 26 crest gates were lifted to release 3,17,424 cusecs of water to the downstream Prakasam barrage.

Home Minister V Anitha reviewed the flood situation with the officials here on Thursday. She held a video conference with the district Collectors and ordered them to be on high alert and take steps to evacuate people from the low-lying areas. She directed the Collector to keep ready the SDRF and NDRF personnel to swing into action, if needed. Energy

Minister Gottipati Ravikumar instructed the electricity engineers to disconnect power supply as a precautionary in the flood affected areas to avoid electrocution incidents. Meanwhile, NTR district Collector Lakshmisha made it clear that there is no flood threat to the Budameru rivulet which flows across Vijayawada city. He said that at present only 3000 cusecs of water is flowing in the Budameru rivulet and there is need to worry. However, he informed that the Potulavagu and Nallavagu in NTR district are in spate causing threat of inundation several villages, road and crops.

Rahul vows to expose 'vote rigging' in LS, Haryana polls

Riga (Sitamarhi), Aug 28 (UNI) : Accusing the BJP and the Election Commission of colluding to "steal votes" in recent elections, leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi today said while Karnataka had already "revealed evidence" of electoral malpractice, his party would soon present proof of vote rigging in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the Haryana Assembly polls. Speaking at a public rally in the Riga block of Sitamarhi district as part of the ongoing Voter Rights

Yatra, Gandhi dubbed the Central government of the BJP as not a people's government which he claimed to have formed through vote theft. "With full evidence, we will expose how votes were stolen in the Lok Sabha and Haryana elections," Gandhi asserted.

He alleged that nearly 65 lakh names were deleted from Bihar's electoral rolls, with the majority belonging to the poor, marginalised, and deprived sections of society. "Not a single rich person's name was removed. The BJP and Election

Commission want to end democracy and replace it with monarchy. For the poor, the right to vote is their only weapon to defend dignity and rights," Gandhi said.

The Congress leader praised the political awareness of Biharis, saying it was far higher than in other states. "It is very difficult to mislead the people of Bihar. No matter how hard the BJP tries, not a single vote will be stolen here," he added. Before taking out his Yatra, Gandhi, accompanied by Bihar Opposition leader Tejashwi Yadav and Mahagathbandhan allies,

offered prayers at the Maa Janaki temple in Punaura Dham in the morning. The visit came at a politically significant moment, as critics had often accused Gandhi of deliberately avoiding religious places particularly the newly inaugurated Ram Temple in Ayodhya. His darshan at the revered shrine of Goddess Sita is being seen as a direct rebuttal to those questioning his faith.

Meanwhile, the temple priest said that Gandhi performed traditional rituals including aarti, offering

sandalwood paste, rice grains, garlands and a chunari to the deity. After the prayers, Gandhi listened to the story of Goddess Sita's birth as narrated by the priest and sought details about the temple's significance. The Maa Janaki Temple at Punaura Dham was inaugurated earlier this month, on August 8, in a ceremony attended by union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah. The shrine is regarded as the birthplace of Goddess Sita and holds deep cultural and

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SIPB approves 30 projects to be established with Rs 53,922 Cr



(Standard Post Bureau)

Vijayawada, Aug 28 : The Tenth State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) meeting held in the Secretariat at Amaravati near here on Thursday led by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu approved investments to a tune of Rs 53,922 crore of 30 projects aimed to provide employment to 83,437 youth.

Some of the important investments approved in the SIPB meeting include HFCL Rs 1197 crore at Madakasira to provide employment to 870 people, Apollo tyres Rs 1110 crore in Chittoor district to provide employment to 500 people, Dhirubhai Ambani Green Tech park in Krishnapatnam Rs 1843 crore to provide employment to 19000 people, Serentika Renewables of

India Rs 2000 crore in Anantapur to provide employment to 320 people.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said he would monitor the progress of projects every month. He asked the ministers to personally monitor the grounding and progress of projects at field level.

He directed the officials to focus on the success of speed of doing business policy being adopted in the state, adding that he is making efforts to get the Mahindra Electrical Vehicle plant for Andhra Pradesh and officials should also work with the same spirit.

Stating that there are huge opportunities for developing the food processing industry in Andhra Pradesh, the Chief

Minister asked the officials to initiate steps to discuss with food processing companies to set up their units in different parts of the state. He noted that the development of horticulture in both Chittoor and Rayalaseema and mango processing companies in Chittoor district are benefiting farmers in a big way. The Chief Minister stressed the need for developing an eco system to develop MSME parks as business centres. "The MSME parks should be developed in all the assembly constituencies," he asserted. He emphasized the linking of MSMEs to Ratan Tata Innovation Hubs to improve quality of products. Mr. Naidu told the officials that highest priority should be given for

attracting investments and industries in the state including in Information Technology, Tourism, Food processing, Mining and other sectors.

The Chief Minister observed that the previous government acted in such a way to damage the sanctity of Tirumala by allotting a site to a hotel by the side of Tirumala hills and immediately after coming to power, the NDA government showed an alternate site to protect the sentiments of devotees. He alleged that the Opposition YCP leaders are resorting to a false campaign on this issue. Ministers Payyavula Kesav, Gottipati Ravikumar, TG Bharat, Anagani Satyaprasad, Vasamsetti Subhas and Chief Secretary K Vijayanand were present.

Governor Radhakrishnan visits Tirumala temple ahead of VP polls

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tirumala, Aug 28 : Governor and NDA candidate for the vice presidential elections CP Radhakrishnan offered prayers at Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple today.

Radhakrishnan, who filed his nomination papers on August 20, 2025 supported by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other NDA leaders, also sought blessings of Lord Balaji ahead of the election of September 9.

Earlier, on his arrival at the main entrance of the temple-Maha Dwaram, the Governor was welcomed by TTD chairman BR Naidu, additional executive officer Ch Venkaiah Naidu and temple priests.

After offering prayers to Dwajasthambham in the temple, the Governor had darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

Later at Ranganayakula Mandapam, the Vedic Pundits offered him Vedasirvachanam.

Later the chairman presented Srivari Thirtha Prasadams and 2025 TTD Calendars and Diaries.

Andhra Pradesh Minister Narayana, TTD Board Members Panabaka Lakshmi, P Ramamoorthy, Mallela Rajashekar Goud, Diwakar Reddy, CVO Murali Krishna and others were present.



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Over 360 BSF Personnel, 5,000 Civilians stranded after Ravi ...



A major breach in the Ravi River embankment near Ajnala has worsened the flood situation, leaving thousands of residents in distress. Rising waters have inundated several villages, forcing families to abandon their homes as water levels reached up to five feet inside residential areas.

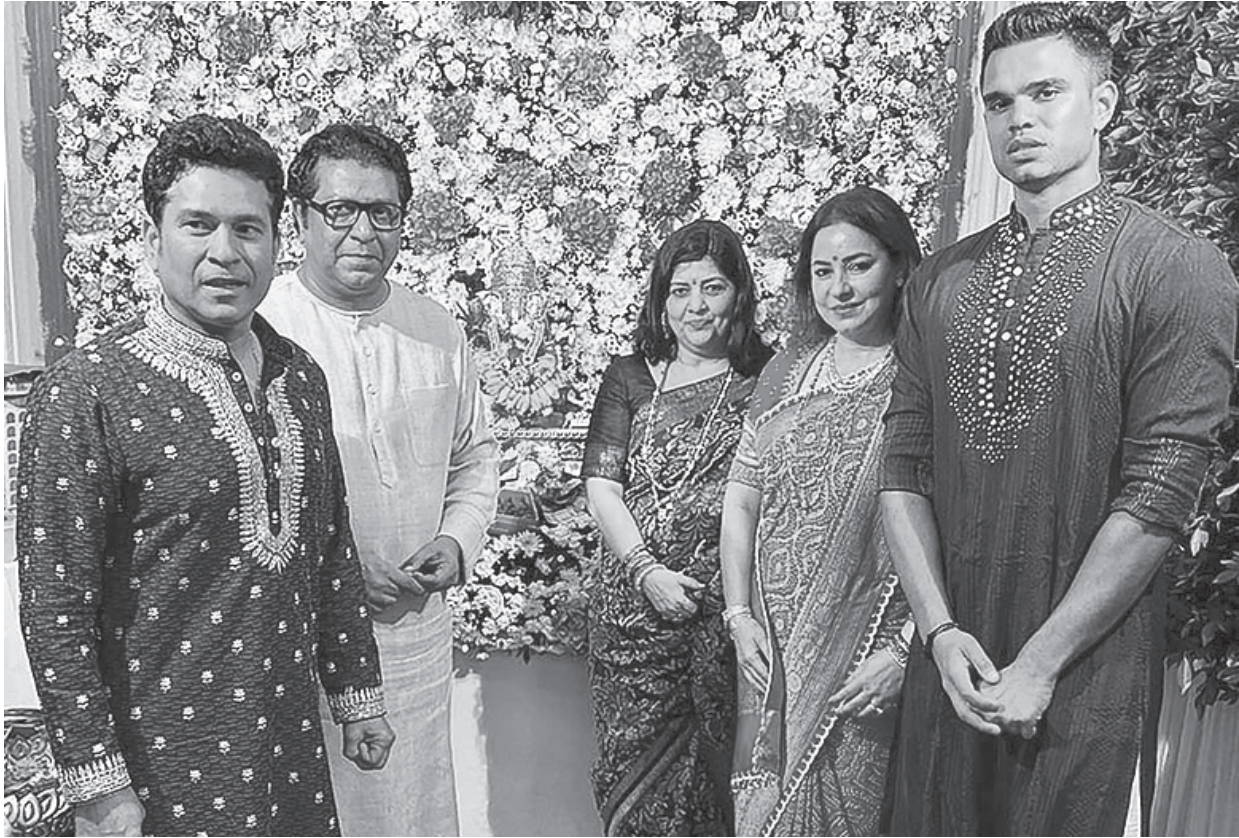
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Western Railway to run two pairs of Special Trains



For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Durga Pooja, Diwali & Chhath Pooja, Western Railway will run Special Trains on Special fare between Udhana – Malda Town & Vadodara - Kolkata stations.

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Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar with wife Anjali and son Arjun visits Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray’s residence on the occasion of the ‘Ganesh Chaturthi’ festival, in Mumbai.

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Revenue Minister Chandrashekhhar Bawankule said this development solidifies Maharashtra’s position as a leader in management education, adding that the

revenue department has earmarked 70 acres of land in Moshi.

Minister Bawankule said, “As we commemorate the vibrant occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, the foundation for IIM Nagpur’s satellite campus in Pimpri-Chinchwad marks an auspicious milestone for our city. This industrial hub, home to residents from across India and renowned for its robust Mumbai-Pune connectivity, will gain further distinction with this prestigious institution.”

He further mentioned: “Pune, widely recognised as the ‘Oxford of the East’, is a hub of academic excellence, industrial innovation, and advancements in IT and automotive sectors. The new satellite IIM Nagpur campus is poised to attract top talent from across the nation, fostering opportunities in education, research, and

entrepreneurship. With 21 IIMs currently operational across India, Maharashtra continues to lead with its existing IIMs in Nagpur and Mumbai.”

The minister said the land acquisition process is underway, with officials committed to accelerating development to realise this vision. “The IIM Nagpur satellite campus will strengthen India’s management education ecosystem, create high-value opportunities, and contribute significantly to the region’s economic and intellectual growth,” he observed.

Earlier on Thursday, on a separate but much-discussed matter, CM Fadnavis said the government will consider the interest of both Maratha and OBC communities, and there is no question of doing injustice to anyone, as the government will solve the

problems of both the communities.

He was speaking to reporters at a time when the pro-Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange-Patil was marching with a large number of his followers to Mumbai to launch his indefinite fast from August 29 to demand reservation for the Maratha community from the OBC quota.

Jarange-Patil has declared that the permission granted by the Mumbai police for holding a protest for a day was not acceptable to him, as he would sit on an indefinite fast until the government accepts all its demands.

“The OBC community should also remember that the government will not allow injustice to be done to them. Also, the government has solved all the problems of the Maratha community,” CM Fadnavis said.

Jarange-Patil heads for Mumbai as hundreds of cops turn Azad Maidan into fortress

Mumbai, Aug 28 (UNI) : Maratha reservation quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil visited the birthplace of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Shivneri Fort in Pune district today and moved towards Mumbai along with a large number of Maratha supporters to launch his protest at Azad Maidan on August 29 (Friday), after he delivered a speech to his supporters.

"We cannot sit still unless justice is given to the Maratha community. The government has given us permission to protest. We appreciate the government for that. From the foothills of Shivneri Fort, we request Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to grant permission for the protest until our demands are accepted. We will protest within the rules. We will protest until reservation is implemented. We will also follow the law. We also accept the government's condition of 5,000 people at the protest venue," he said. Meanwhile, the protest venue of Azad Maidan has been turned into a fortress with hundreds of armed police

personnel, plainclothesmen and wireless vans deployed near the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus railway station and the BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) building. In the letter issued by Mumbai's Azad Maidan police station, Jarange-Patil has been informed that the police permission would be granted only for one day and that it would not be given on Saturdays, Sundays or government holidays. “A maximum of 5,000 people can participate in the protest in the designated space of 7,000 square metres at Azad Maidan. Since other protesters also have permission to protest on the same day, their rights must not be affected,” the letter has stated.

The letter has specified that a protest march would not be allowed and that permission would be required for the use of microphones, speakers or any noise-making devices. The police have cautioned that traffic should not be disturbed or statements which may disturb peace or hurt sentiments should

not be made.

The letter has stated that the protest is allowed from 9 am to 6 pm at Azad Maidan, which faces St Xavier's College.

In a related development, Maharashtra's OBC community held a meeting today and OBC leader Babanrao Taywade has announced that the National OBC Federation will start a chain hunger strike at the Constitution Square in Nagpur from Saturday and even consider marching to Mumbai if needed, demanding that Marathas must not be given OBC Kunbi caste certificates indiscriminately.

"A decision has also been taken in the meeting to create awareness in every district. Our demand from the government is that Maratha community members should not be given Kunbi certificates indiscriminately. We welcome the statement by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis that OBC reservation will not be affected. We hope no decision will be taken under the pressure of Jarange's agitation," OBC leader Babanrao Taywade said.

SC grants bail to Arun Gavli after 17 years in jail

New Delhi, Aug 28 (UNI) The Supreme Court today granted bail to gangster-turned-politician Arun Gavli, who is serving a life sentence for the 2007 murder of Mumbai Shiv Sena corporator Kamlakar Jamsandekar, taking note of his long incarceration.

A Bench comprising Justice M. M. Sundresh and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh observed that Gavli had spent over 17 years and three months in prison, while his appeal against conviction remained pending before the Court."

Admittedly, the appellant has been under incarceration for 17 years and three months. We also take note of the fact that he is 76 years old," the Bench recorded.

The Court ordered his release on bail, subject to conditions imposed by the trial court, and fixed the matter for final hearing in February 2026.

Gavli had challenged the December 9, 2019 judgment of the Bombay High Court, which upheld his conviction and life sentence awarded by a Mumbai sessions court in 2012. The trial court had also imposed a fine of Rs 17 lakh.

A prominent figure who rose to power from Dagdi Chawl in Byculla, Gavli founded the Akhil Bharatiya Sena and was elected as MLA from Chinchpokli constituency between 2004 and 2009.

He and others were arrested in 2006 and later convicted in the murder case of Jamsandekar.

Three arrested on murder charges over Bihar property dispute

Mumbai Aug 28 (UNI) The Mumbai police have arrested three persons for allegedly murdering a 35-year-old man over a land dispute in Bihar, a police officer said here today.

According to the officer, on Tuesday the police control room received a call that the body of a person had been found in a drain at the Suryakund Mahapurush society at Mazgaon in the Byculla area of South Mumbai.

A police team went to the society. A Panchnama was drawn and the body was sent for post-mortem, which confirmed the person had been murdered. The victim was identified as Keshav Chaudhary Jha.

Accordingly, the Byculla police registered a murder case against unidentified persons.

Initial investigation revealed that the society watchman, Girdhari Rai, 22, who was absconding, was involved in the murder.

The police said they found that Rai, along with others, had allegedly murdered the deceased in the watchman’s cabin and thrown his body into the drain.

Various squads were set up to track the accused. The police then began scanning CCTV cameras in the area and using technical tools to track down the accused. They first arrested one Mrityunjay Jha, 36, who was trying to flee to Bihar, yesterday in Sewri.

Four teachers win national teacher awards

Mumbai/ New Delhi Aug 28 (UNI) The Ministry of Education, government of India, has announced the winners of the National Teacher Awards 2025, with four educators from Maharashtra receiving the prestigious recognition for their exceptional contributions to school and higher education.

These teachers have been honoured for their innovative teaching methods, research, and social initiatives that have significantly impacted students' lives. The awards will be presented on September 5, 2025, during the national Teacher’s Day celebration.

The Department of

School Education and Literacy selected 45 teachers from 27 states, 7 union Territories, and 6 institutions. Among them, Dr Sheikh Mohammad Wakuoddin Sheikh Hamidoddin from Zilla Parishad High School, Ardhapur, Nanded, and Dr Sandipan Gurunath Jagdale from Dayanand College of Arts, Latur, were recognized for their dedication to innovative teaching and holistic student development.

The selection process was rigorous and transparent, conducted online from June 23 to July 20, 2025, across district, state, and national levels.

Out of the 45 winners,

1,500 security personnel deployed for Maratha reservation protest

Mumbai, Aug 28 (UNI) : Mumbai police have deployed more than 1,500 security personnel at Azad Maidan in anticipation of the Maratha reservation protest led by activist Manoj Jarange-Patil, who is expected to arrive in the city late this evening.

The extensive security arrangements include local police forces along with companies from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Rapid Action Force (RAF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Maharashtra Security Force, with some units being diverted from the ongoing Ganesh festival duties. Jarange-Patil has been granted conditional permission to hold a protest at Azad Maidan on August 29 between 9 AM and 6 PM, with authorities limiting attendance to 5,000 participants within a designated 7,000 square

metre area.

The activist has strongly criticised the one-day restriction, calling it an insult to the Maratha community and declaring his intention to begin an indefinite hunger strike from tomorrow. Police authorities anticipate over 20,000 protesters gathering in South Mumbai, with supporters already arriving from various parts of Maharashtra.

Traffic restrictions have been implemented on key routes, including the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, JNPT Highway and Vashi areas, with heavy vehicles banned except for those providing essential services. Navi Mumbai Police have issued comprehensive traffic advisories with multiple road closures and alternative routes for commuters. The protest coincides with ongoing

Soldier injured as parachute crashes on house at Nashik

Nashik, Aug 28 (UNI) : One soldier was injured when his parachute crashed on a house during a military demonstration in Maharashtra's Nashik district today, official sources said. The incident occurred in the military area of Shinde Bahula in Deolali Camp. The slightly injured soldier has been admitted to the Military Hospital with the help of local citizens and military personnel.

The house was extensively damaged, the sources said.

Man allegedly burns wife alive, arrested

Navi Mumbai, Aug 28 (UNI): A thirty-five-year-old man from Navi Mumbai allegedly burned his thirty-two-year-old wife to death after becoming suspicious of her having an extramarital affair, police officials said today.

The alleged murderer attempted to disguise the murder as suicide, but was arrested after her seven-year-old daughter said he had set her mother on fire.

The incident occurred in the early hours of August 25 at Pagotegaon in Uran area, with the accused being arrested the following day.

The accused, identified as Rajkumar Ramshiromani Sahu, was suspicious of his wife, Jagrani Rajkumar Sahu, maintaining an extramarital relationship.

According to Uran police station's senior inspector Hanif Mulani, Sahu allegedly tied the victim's hands and legs, poured kerosene on her body, and set her ablaze using a lighter inside their Uran residence.

The woman was rushed to a hospital where doctors declared her dead on arrival. Initially, the husband claimed that his wife had locked herself inside a room and committed suicide, leading police to register a case of accidental death. However, investigation revealed discrepancies in his story when the couple's seven-year-old daughter, who witnessed the incident, told police that her father had set her mother on fire. The child's statement directly contradicted the husband's version of events.

Police also examined CCTV footage from the locality, which clearly showed the accused leaving the house in the early hours following the incident, providing vital evidence that contradicted his claim of not being present at home during the time of the incident.

24 are men and 21 are women. In the higher education segment, 21 teachers across India were awarded. Maharashtra’s winners are Dr Neelakshi Jain of Shah & Anchor Kutchhi Engineering College, Mumbai, and Prof. Purushottam Pawar of SVPM’s Institute of Technology & Engineering, Baramati. Introduced in 2023 under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, these awards recognize inspiring faculty for teaching excellence, research, innovation, and community engagement. Dr Jain and Prof. Pawar were selected for their outstanding academic contributions and societal impact.

Ganesh festival celebrations, creating additional security challenges for Mumbai authorities. Jarange-Patil, who reached Pune district this morning after paying tribute at Shivneri Fort, is travelling to Mumbai via the Chakan-Talegaon-Lonavala-Panvel-Vashi-Chembur route.

The activist's primary demand remains the recognition of all Marathas as Kunbis under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category so that they can secure reservation benefits.

During the march, a protester from Beed district died of a heart attack at the Junnar campsite. State minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil has indicated the government's willingness to engage in talks, while Mumbai remains on high alert as authorities prepare for potential disruptions to traffic and public gatherings during the demonstration.

Sangharsh Shetkari Sanghatna backs Jarange Patil’s Mumbai protest

Ch. Sambhajinagar, Aug 28 (UNI) :The Sangharsh Shetkari Sanghatna has declared its support for the ongoing Maratha reservation movement.

Party sources said today that members during an organizational meeting unanimously resolved to continue the struggle until reservation is achieved, extending full backing to Manoj Jarange Patil’s Mumbai Morchha initiative. The meeting concluded with participants raising enthusiastic slogans of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Jijao, Jai Shivarai, Jai Bhim, Jai Maharashtra."

The gathering, held at the Pasadevi office under the leadership of founder-president Pandharinath Godse Patil, focused on strengthening the organizational framework and appointing new office bearers. Key appointments included Ravinder Kumar Arjun Rao Kirtishahi as liaison head of the health department for Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district, Balasaheb Bhume as Marathwada president, Satish Borse as vice president, Vijay Ghale as organizer, and Uday Raj Gaikwad as district president, along with several others.

Awareness seminar was organized at Sir C.R.R. Atonomous College

(Standard Post Bureau)
Vijayawada, Aug 28 : An awareness seminar was organized at Sir C.R.R. Atonomous College in Eluru on Thursday under the auspices of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mera Yuva Bharat (My Bharat), Eluru to create awareness among the people at the field level about the development and welfare schemes being implemented by the Central and State Governments.

In this program, Mr K.Prabhakar, Chief Executive Officer, SETWEL, explained the schemes being provided by the Central and State Governments and the policies that the youth should follow in the current situation in the country. Speaking about career, Principal of CR Reddy College Dr. Ramaraju said that the youth should not be slaves to the misdeeds but should take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Central and State Governments and develop themselves.

The District Youth Officer, Mera Yuva Bharat, Eluru Sri.Sunkara Ramu said that everyone should be aware of the schemes being provided by the Central Government, especially the youth, and they are taking them to the field level to create awareness among the people. He said that the Central Government is



ambitiously launching the Vikasit Bharat Sankalpa Yatra program with the aim

of developing the poor and middle class people of the country through

startup companies. District Skill Development Officer,

A.P.Skill Development Corporation, Jitendra said that the programs organized through My Bharat will be very useful for the future of the youth. He suggested that vocational skills should be developed mainly through education along with the opportunities provided by the central and state governments. District Employment Officer Smt. V Varalakshmi said that students should develop professional skills related to the job they are studying along with discipline.

Sri. S.Chandra Sekhar, Officer from the office of Lead District Manager, explained about the P.M. Viswa Kharma Yojana, Digital Transactions, Cyber Crimes and cautioned the Youth regarding frauds occurring due to various fake apps. “Sri.Praveen Krishna, Young Proffessional, from NCP has explained about youth avenues in the present situation. He informed various ways how to youth should select their way to achieve the goals.

In this programme National Yuva Volunteers from various colleges of Eluru district were attended and officials Sri. Madhusudhan Rao, NSS PO from Vincent D paul college, Eluru, Sri.N.shankar, NSS PO from CR Reddy College and other participated. At the end of the programme participants were presented certificates by the Guests.

Minister Tummala warns of action against latecomer employees

Hyderabad, Aug 28 (UNI) : Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao today expressed strong displeasure over employees reporting late for duty in departments and corporations under his ministry.

During a review meeting held at the Secretariat, the Minister noted that several staff members had not attended duties even by 1040 hours. He directed the officials to seek explanations from those absent and warned that from tomorrow, all employees must report to work by 10.30 a.m. or face departmental action.

Amid the ongoing heavy rains, Tummala stressed that employees must remain available to farmers and ensure that tarpaulins are supplied on time to prevent crop damage. He also instructed precautionary measures to protect crops from getting wet.Reviewing the urea supply situation, the Minister directed Agriculture Director Gopi to allocate available stocks to districts with higher demand. He further asked officials to promptly collect details of crop losses reported due to heavy rains in various districts yesterday, an official statement said.

Minister slams own govt's PPP plan for Vijayapura

Vijayapura, Aug 28 (UNI) In a rare and outspoken move, Karnataka Minister Shivanand Patil today publicly opposed his own government’s proposal to establish a medical college in Vijayapura under a public-private partnership (PPP) model, calling it unsuitable and potentially exploitative for the local population.

Patil, who has previously held the Health portfolio, said no medical college in the state has been successfully set up under the PPP framework. "Using this model in Vijayapura will not benefit the people; it may only lead to their exploitation. I urge the government to drop this proposal," he told reporters in a press conference, making clear that his objection is personal but firm.The Minister highlighted that all essential infrastructure and facilities for a government medical college are already in place in Vijayapura, including over 140 acres of land, a 300-bed super-specialty hospital, modular OT units, a cancer and oncology center, and a fully supplied water network. He expressed frustration that despite these preparations, past initiatives faced insufficient support and funding.Patil stressed that the college is vital for the

region, so patients do not have to travel to bodering cities of Maharashtra - Solapur, Miraj, or Sangli - for treatment. Recalling his tenure as Health Minister, he said he had focused on establishing the college, but cooperation from district representatives and fellow ministers was lacking.

Pointing to his past contributions to the district, he noted the establishment of a 150-bed MCH hospital, nursing and paramedical colleges, a modern garden, and an Ayurveda hospital, with total investments exceeding 7390 crore. Yet, the state’s inclination toward a PPP model, he argued, ignores the groundwork already in place and could hinder public access.

Patil called upon the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and district representatives to ensure that Vijayapura gets a fully government-run medical college, asserting that the district already possesses the required land, infrastructure, and facilities.

His forthright stance comes amid growing debates over the PPP model for healthcare institutions in the state, underlining the tensions within the ruling government over development priorities and citizen welfare.

HRC orders Nalgonda Pharmacy College to return students' certificates

Hyderabad, Aug 28 (UNI) The Telangana Human Rights Commission (TGHRC), headed by Chairperson Dr Justice

Shameem Akther, has taken serious note of a complaint filed by nine B.Pharmacy students of Venkateshwara Institute of Pharmaceutical

Sciences, Nalgonda, alleging that the college authorities had illegally retained their original educational certificates on the pretext of pending fee reimbursement.

The Commission, while observing that such a practice violates students’ constitutional and human rights, invoked its powers

under Section 18(c) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, and recommended that the Chairman and Principal of the institute immediately return the original certificates and issue Transfer Certificates (TCs) to the complainants.

Further, the

Commission directed both the Chairman and Principal to appear in person before it on September 2, 2025, for inquiry. Copies of the order have also been forwarded to the Nalgonda District Collector and the Telangana Council for Higher Education for urgent action, an official statement said.

Rahul Gandhi vows to expose 'vote ...

(Contd on page 2) religious importance. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and Bihar’s leader of Opposition, Tejaswi Yadav, also addressed the rally. Quoting socialist leader Ram Manohar Lohia, he said: “The rule of the vote is the rule of the poor, marginal-ised, and oppressed.”

Yadav accused the BJP of focusing solely on communal politics. “They have nothing to do with education, healthcare, jobs, irrigation, or justice. Their politics begins and ends with riots and Hindu-Muslim divisions,” he said. Criticising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Yadav reminded people that Modi had promised to revive the Sugouli sugar mill in East Champaran but failed to deliver. “When RJD was in power for 17 months, we ensured the reopening of Riga sugar mill. Yet, workers still face wage discrepancies, which we will resolve after coming to power,” Gandhi added.

was to throw out the “dishonest government.” CPI(ML) general secretary Deepankar Bhattacharya strongly criticised the special intensive revision (SIR) of voter rolls. He said, “This process started in the name of removing foreigners but ended without finding even one. Instead, 65 lakh genuine Bihari voters Dalits, the poor, and migrant workers were struck off the list.”Bhattacharya alleged that microfinance companies had spread a web of debt in Bihar, forcing many unemployed youths to migrate. He added that the Voter Rights Yatra was aimed at raising awareness and encouraging people to fight for their rights at every level from the booth level officer (BLO) to the district collector.

Targeting the state government, he claimed that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was no longer in control, and Bihar was being run by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. “Corruption has crossed all limits. The recent CAG report has exposed a Rs 70,000 crore scam,” he said.

Hyd aims to become a global sports hub, CM unveils ambitious vision

Hyderabad, Aug 28 (UNI) The Telangana Sports Hub, in its inaugural board meeting held in the city on Thursday, passed a resolution to host major sporting events, including Khelo India, Commonwealth, and even the Olympics in the state.

The board also resolved to set up sub-committees for stadium maintenance, improving sports facilities, training athletes and coaches, and implementing key aspects of the Telangana Sports Policy.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said his vision is to establish Hyderabad as a preferred destination for sports, positioning the city on both the national and international stage. Drawing a parallel with the state’s IT revolution, he expressed a desire to nurture a strong sporting culture where families encourage children to pursue careers in sports.

Highlighting the government’s commitment, the Chief Minister said the state’s sports budget has been increased sixteen fold. He noted that incentives and government jobs are being extended to successful sportspersons. “We have established the Young India Sports University to further strengthen sporting performance,” he added.

Admitting to a shortage of qualified coaches, Revanth Reddy stressed the need for international-standard training. He directed the Board to prepare a three-year action plan for effective use of the state’s vast sports infrastructure.

The Sports Hub Board, comprising corporates, sportspersons, and administrators, has been formed to ensure smooth provision of resources, expertise, and management in developing Telangana’s sports ecosystem.

Prominent voices from

the sporting community shared their perspectives. Kapil Dev suggested encouraging every student to take up sports, citing Haryana’s wrestling tradition. Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra emphasised the need for physical education teachers in every school, while Pulella Gopichand called for phase-wise competitions starting from the village level.

Other recommendations included Upasana Konidela’s proposal to add Physiotherapy courses to the Sports

University curriculum and reduce taxes on sports equipment, and Dr Sanjiv Goenka’s call to involve global executives from the region in shaping the ecosystem.

Bhaichung Bhutia suggested replicating England’s league system across sports, while Ravi Kanth Reddy urged better utilisation of existing facilities.

New Delhi, Aug 28 (UNI) : In a latest update in connection with the ongoing Lawyers' strike against the Delhi LG's notification, the Delhi Police has issued a statement that Notification on Police Deposition was put on hold.The Delhi Police Headquarters issued a statement in which they said that a delegation of Coordination Committee of All Bar will meet the Home Minister after which future course of action will be decided.Police said that they will decide their action after listening to all the stakeholders. On August 13, the Delhi Government issued a notification designating all police stations in NCT of Delhi as places for the purpose of presenting evidence and

deposing before courts through video conferencing by police personnel. Soon after this the lawyers went on strike calling it unfair. The co-ordination committee of All District Courts Bar Association of Delhi wrote a letter in this respect to Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and to LG.

EAST COAST RAILWAY	
NOTICE INVITING TENDER	
Tender No. 30256499, Dtd.25.08.2025	
NAME OF THE WORK: LOAD SENSING DEVICE (SPEC. NO. 02-ABR-02 WITH AMENDMENT - NO.4 OF SEPT. 2016 & APPENDIX-P DRG. NO. WD-01065-S-01 ALT. NIT (OR) ALTERNATIVE DESIGN APPROVED BY RDSO).	
[WARRANTY PERIOD: 30 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF DELIVERY]	
Quantity: 1000 Nos.	
Note : Material to be supplied within 45 days.	
Date and time of opening of Tender : 25.09.2025 at 1500 hrs.	
INSPECTION BY TPI/Agency	
Complete details available at : www.reps.gov.in	
Sr. Divisional Material Manager / PR-531/Q/25-26	

EAST COAST RAILWAY	
APPOINTMENT OF STATION TICKET BOOKING AGENTS (STBA)	
Notice No. WCE/UTS/STBA/Notification/WAT/2025/3 Date : 21.08.2025	
Applications are INVITED in the PRESCRIBED FORMAT FOR SELECTION AND ENGAGEMENT OF "STATION TICKET BOOKING AGENT" (STBA), ON COMMISSION BASIS AT THIRTY NINE (39) FOR 'NSG-6', ONE (1) FOR 'NSG-5' & ONE (1) FOR 'NSG-4' CATEGORY STATIONS OVER WALTAIR DIVISION OF EAST COAST RAILWAY, FOR ISSUING UNRESERVED TICKETS, THROUGH UNRESERVED TICKETING SYSTEM (UTS). INTERESTED PERSONS FULFILLING THE STIPULATED CONDITIONS MAY APPLY IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT, ENCLOSING REQUISITE SELF-ATTESTED PAPERS (ENCLOSURES) AND DROP THE DULY FILLED IN APPLICATIONS (SEALED COVER) IN THE SEALED BOX, KEPT AT SENIOR DIVISIONAL COMMERCIAL MANAGER'S OFFICE, EAST COAST RAILWAY, WALTAIR (COMMERCIAL BRANCH, DRW'S OFFICE BUILDING, WALTAIR), DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION ON 29.09.2025 UPTO 1600 HRS. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AFORESAID DATE & TIME WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.	
NAME OF THE STATIONS	
NSG-4 CATEGORY STATIONS (for a period of 1 year on 24 hrs. basis): 1. BOBBILI (VBL).	
NSG-5 CATEGORY STATIONS (for a period of 3 years on 24 hrs. basis): 1. DAMANJODI (DMN).	
NSG-6 CATEGORY STATIONS (for a period of 3 years on 24 hrs. basis): (1) KANTAKAPALLI (KPL), (2) GOTLAM (GTLM), (3) GARUDABILLI (GRBL), (4) JIMIDIPTA (JMPT), (5) LADDA (LDX), (6) KEUTIGUDA (KTGA), (7) SIKARPAI (SKPI), (8) BHALUMASKA (BLMK), (9) LELLIGUMA (LLGM), (10) ROULI (RUL), (11) SINGARAM (SGRM), (12) BAIGUDA (BGUA), (13) MALLIVIDU (MVV), (14) BODAVARA (BDVR), (15) CHIMIDIPALLI (CZP), (16) GORAPUR (GPJ), (17) SUKU (SUKU), (18) MANABAR (MVF), (19) JARATI (JRT), (20) MALLIGURA (MVG), (21) CHATTARIPUT (CTS), (22) DHANAPUR (DIR), (23) KADAPA (KDPA), (24) AMBAGAON (AGB), (25) AMAGURA (AGZ), (26) NAKTISEMRA (NKX), (27) KUMHARMARENGA (KMEZ), (28) TOKAPAL (TPQ), (29) BADE ARAPUR (BAXX), (30) DILMILI (DLK), (31) SILAKZORI (SZY), (32) KUMARSODRA (KMSD), (33) KAKULUR (KKLU), (34) KAWARGAON (KWGN), (35) DABPAL (DPF), (36) GIDAM (GIZ), (37) KAMALUR (KMLR), (38) BHANSI (BHNS), (39) BACHELI (BCHL).	
Closing Date of Submission of Application: 1600 Hrs. of 29.09.2025	
Opening Date and Time of Application: 1630 Hrs. of 29.09.2025	
For detailed general terms & conditions and application format please visit website www.eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in , http://tenders.gov.in or contact office of the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, East Coast Railway, Waltair Division, Dondaparthi, DRM Office Complex, Visakhapatnam.	
PR-529/Q/25-26 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager / Waltair	

EAST COAST RAILWAY	
(1) Notice No.: eT-East-WAT-27-2025 Dtd.: 21.08.2025	
NAME OF THE WORK : ZONAL CONTRACT FOR PWAY WORKS IN SECTION BETWEEN NAUPADA (EX)-GUNUPUR (EX) STATIONS ON NG LINE IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/P/ PARALAKHEMUNDI UNIT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30.09.2026 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/SRIKAKULAM ROAD.	
Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1,62,16,536.40, EMD: ₹ 2,31,100/-	
(2) Notice No.: eT-East-WAT-28-2025 Dtd.: 21.08.2025	
NAME OF THE WORK : ZONAL CONTRACT FOR PWAY WORKS IN SECTION BETWEEN PALASA (EX)-HARISCHANDRAPURAM (EX) STATIONS ON MAIN LINE IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/P/NAUPADA UNIT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30.09.2026 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/SRIKAKULAM ROAD.	
Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1,59,70,716.40, EMD: ₹ 2,29,900/-	
(3) Notice No.: eT-East-WAT-29-2025 Dtd.: 21.08.2025	
NAME OF THE WORK : ZONAL CONTRACT FOR PWAY WORKS IN SECTION BETWEEN PONDURU (EX)-KOTABOMMALI (EX) STATIONS ON MAIN LINE IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/P/SRIKAKULAM ROAD UNIT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30.09.2026 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/SRIKAKULAM ROAD.	
Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1,53,15,196.40, EMD: ₹ 2,26,900/-	
(4) Notice No.: eT-East-WAT-30-2025 Dtd.: 21.08.2025	
NAME OF THE WORK : ZONAL CONTRACT FOR PWAY WORKS IN SECTION BETWEEN KM.762/0-KM.797/0 BETWEEN DUSIMARLA STATIONS ON MAIN LINE IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/P/CHIDIPURALLI UNIT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30.09.2026 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/VIZIANAGARAM ROAD.	
Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1,56,73,704.34, EMD: ₹ 2,28,400/-	
(5) Notice No.: eT-East-WAT-31-2025 Dtd.: 21.08.2025	
NAME OF THE WORK : ZONAL CONTRACT FOR PWAY WORKS IN SECTION BETWEEN KM.797/0-KM.831/0 BETWEEN GARVIDI-ALAMANDA STATIONS ON MAIN LINE IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/P/VIZIANAGARAM UNIT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30.09.2026 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/VIZIANAGARAM ROAD.	
Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1,58,37,584.34, EMD: ₹ 2,29,200/-	
(6) Notice No.: eT-East-WAT-32-2025 Dtd.: 21.08.2025	
NAME OF THE WORK : ZONAL CONTRACT FOR PWAY WORKS IN SECTION BETWEEN KM.464/17 TO KM. 465/35 BETWEEN GOTLAM-VIZIANAGARAM STATIONS ON RV LINE IN SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/P/VIZIANAGARAM UNIT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30.09.2026 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/VIZIANAGARAM ROAD.	
Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1,56,73,704.34, EMD: ₹ 2,28,400/-	
Completion Period of the Work : 12 (Twelve) Months (for all Nos.).	
Tender Closing Date and Time : 12.09.2025 at 1500 Hrs. (for all Tenders).	
No manual offers sent by Post / Courier / Fax or in person accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.	
Information regarding e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : www.reps.gov.in	
Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 15 (Fifteen) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigendum issued for this tender.	
Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), PR-527/Q/25-26 Waltair	

STANDARD POST

PM Modi, President Xi eye ‘modus vivendi for mutual benefit

Two Asian giants, India and China, are warming up, and the world is watching with curiosity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s upcoming visit to Tianjin for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, his first in seven years,is being seen as a potential “gamechanger”.

This comes at a time when US President Donald Trump's imposition of 50 percent tariff on India has come into effect, prompting New Delhi to inject fresh momentum in its bilateral relations with Beijing. Both Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping appear to have recalibrated their approaches, recognising the shifting ground realities of a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.India-China relations remain deeply complex, marked by both competition and cooperation. The Galwan clashes had plunged ties to historic lows, but shifting global dynamics are now compelling both nations to reconsider rigid positions. Modi’s SCO visit, coupled with India’s broader global outreach strategy, could create “momentum for a sustainable modus vivendi between Asia’s two giants.”

Former Ambassador Anil Trigunayat called Modi’s upcoming visit “significantly important both bilaterally and in the regional context.” He noted, “India-China relations have witnessed their biggest lows in the past five years, especially since the Galwan crisis. But the changing global dynamic has shifted the leverage since the BRICS summit in Kazan. Now, with high-level visits and frequent interactions, the bilateral context has acquired greater prominence. Even though China will remain a strategic challenge for New Delhi, both sides are seeking a sustainable modus vivendi for mutual benefit.”Trump’s tariff-heavy foreign policy has fundamentally altered global dynamics. His “America First” approach, driven by the MAGA agenda, disrupted traditional alliances and pushed countries to reassess strategies. Rather than aligning unquestioningly with a superpower for concessions, nations are increasingly pursuing foreign and economic policies rooted in national interest.

India, too, has felt the sting of US protectionism. Trump’s imposition of an additional 25 percent tariff on Indian goods forced New Delhi to rethink its external engagements. Ironically, this setback has opened new space for India and China to explore pragmatic cooperation. While Beijing will remain a long-term strategic challenge, both nations are actively seeking common ground for mutual benefit, Ambassador Trigunayat said.Washington has accused India of fuelling the Russia-Ukraine war by purchasing Russian crude, even imposing sanctions despite India’s stabilising role in global energy markets and its efforts to promote dialogue between Moscow and Kyiv. Such unilateral pressure underscores Washington’s opportunism, hypocrisy, and neo-colonial mindset, while underestimating India’s civilisational resilience and multi-alignment strategy.

In many ways, Trump’s unilateralism has benefited middle powers by forcing them to diversify trade relations, reduce dependence on Washington, and pursue new opportunities, he said.

For both India and China, the task ahead is not only to manage divergences but also to transform convergences into durable partnerships—anchored in pragmatism, mutual respect, and national interest.

Momentum in India-China ties has been building through a series of high-profile visits. From June 25–27, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited China to attend the SCO Defence Ministers’ meeting, marking the first visit by a senior Indian minister since the Galwan clashes of 2020. Singh also held a bilateral meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Dong Jun, in Qingdao. The “constructive and forward-looking exchange of views” led to the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra after nearly six years.

Both sides are keen to maintain positive momentum while avoiding fresh complications in the relationship. Modi, who has consistently emphasised economic growth as India’s mission, has long prioritised ties with Beijing. In fact, Xi Jinping was the first foreign leader he hosted after becoming Prime Minister in 2014. Later, Modi hosted Xi for an informal summit in Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu, in October 2019,the second such meeting after Wuhan in 2018, designed to ease tensions.Faisal Ahmed, Professor of International Business and Geopolitics at the FORE School of Management, said: “PM Modi’s upcoming visit to Tianjin for the SCO summit is substantiated by both optimism and pragmatism for the SCO and for India-China bilateral ties. Key regional security concerns—such as counterterrorism, intelligence sharing, cyber warfare, and transnational organised crime—must be addressed. At the same time, boosting economic and cultural cooperation through realigning regional value chains, focusing on connectivity corridors, and creating more opportunities for academic and youth exchanges is essential.”

The upcoming Modi-Xi meeting on the sidelines of the SCO summit is expected to inject strategic depth into bilateral ties. At the core lies the goal of reducing the persistent “trust deficit” that has plagued relations. While military and diplomatic negotiations are slowly working toward easing border tensions, progress on this front could pave the way for broader cooperation in economic, cultural, and strategic domains.

Dr. Vishal Khurana’s inspiring TEDx talk: How your gut and Liver can Rejuvenate your Life

(Standard Post Bureau)

Dr. Vishal Khurana’s inspiring TEDx talk illustrates the power of resilience, holistic medicine, and self-transformation, showing that adversity can fuel achievement and personal growth. TEDx talks, independently organized events under the TED umbrella, play a crucial role in sharing impactful stories and new ideas with communities worldwide, encouraging listeners to reflect and act for positive change.

What Are TEDx Talks? TEDx events are local, independent gatherings modelled after the global TED conferences, which spotlight “ideas worth spreading” on science, education, health, and human experience. Speakers are carefully selected — often community leaders, innovators, or individuals with powerful personal stories. TEDx fosters deeper understanding, empathy, and inspiration by bringing diverse voices to a wider audience, creating ripple effects in society through fresh perspectives and actionable advice.

Importance of TEDx Talks

- Empowering Individuals: TEDx talks highlight ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary feats, motivating others to believe in their potential despite challenges.

- Spreading Innovative Ideas: Talks offer evidence-based insights and practical solutions on crucial topics such as health, education, environment, and well-being.

- Building Community Dialogue: By delivering lectures in familiar settings, TEDx helps start local conversations about global issues and the value of individual action.

Dr. Vishal Khurana’s Journey: Overcoming Adversity Dr. Khurana’s story began in Faridabad, in a lower middle-class family, where affording education and coaching was a struggle.

Through scholarships, supportive teachers, and constant determination, he excelled in both Engineering and medical entrance exams. He underscores that true success is about personal transformation — from surviving hardship to



thriving with humility and gratitude.

From Clinic to Community: Educating About Gut and Liver Health

As Director of Gastroenterology in a major hospital, Dr. Khurana noticed widespread misinformation about gut

and liver health. In response, he launched “Dr Vishal Khurana’s Gut and Health Bytes” in 2021, a free public initiative to dispel myths and provide accurate information to all, bridging the gap between medical science and public knowledge.

Key Lessons From the Talk

- Gut-Liver Connection and Holistic Health

- Microbial Impact: Over 100 trillion gut bacteria influence digestion, metabolism, and overall health, sending signals that affect other organs.

- Root Cause Healing: Dr. Khurana advocates addressing underlying causes — nutrition, stress, physical activity — over symptomatic treatment, to unlock the body's natural healing abilities.

- Mindful Eating and Movement

- Conscious Chewing: Proper chewing improves digestion, controls calorie intake, and enhances gut health.

- Eat in Silence: Mindful eating, especially in a distraction-free environment, reduces stress and brings awareness to the act of eating, supporting better gut-brain interactions.

- Antibiotic Use and Self-Healing

- Antibiotic Impact: Frequent, unnecessary use disrupts gut bacteria, but the body has strong self-regenerative potential.

- Natural Recovery: The liver and intestines regularly renew themselves — healing is possible with proper lifestyle changes, without exotic supplements or detox regimes.

R e a l - L i f e Transformation

Dr. Khurana’s patient, embodies the talk’s principles: by removing processed foods, practicing mindful eating, walking daily, and managing stress, he reversed fatty liver, lost weight, improved energy, and regained his health — proving that holistic, sustainable lifestyle changes can dramatically improve one’s life.

Conclusion

Dr. Vishal Khurana’s TEDx talk is a motivating example of perseverance, compassion, and evidence-based living. It demonstrates the value of TEDx platforms for sharing transformative stories, dispelling health myths, and reminding communities of the immense power of conscious choices in shaping healthier futures

Rahul Gandhi vows to expose 'vote rigging' in LS, Haryana polls

Riga (Sitamarhi), Aug 28 (UNI) Accusing the BJP and the Election Commission of colluding to “steal votes” in recent elections, leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi today said while Karnataka had already "revealed evidence" of electoral malpractice, his party would soon present proof of vote rigging in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the Haryana Assembly polls.

Speaking at a public rally in the Riga block of Sitamarhi district as part of the ongoing Voter Rights Yatra, Gandhi dubbed the Central government of the BJP as not a people’s government which he claimed to have formed through vote theft. "With full evidence, we will expose how votes were stolen in the Lok Sabha and Haryana elections,” Gandhi asserted.

He alleged that nearly 65 lakh names were deleted from Bihar’s electoral rolls, with the majority belonging to the poor, marginalised, and deprived sections of society. “Not a single rich person’s name was removed. The BJP and Election Commission want to end democracy and replace it with monarchy. For the poor, the right to vote is their only weapon to defend dignity and rights,” Gandhi said.

The Congress leader praised the political awareness of Biharis, saying it was far higher than in other states. “It is very difficult to mislead the people of Bihar. No matter how hard the BJP tries, not a single vote will be stolen here,” he added.

Charting the Future: Modi’s visit to Japan to focus on defence, technology and economic security

New Delhi, Aug 28 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Japan tomorrow to attend the 15th annual India-Japan Summit will pave the way for further strengthening the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two democracies.

This visit is particularly significant as Japan has announced plans to invest an impressive USD 68 billion over the next decade to boost bilateral business relations with India. During the summit, both nations are expected to elevate their defence cooperation and discuss key areas of economic security, including emerging technologies such as semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and critical minerals.

This will be Prime Minister Modi’s first meeting with the newly elected Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, marking an important chapter in India-Japan relations. It will also be Modi’s eighth visit to Japan, underscoring the enduring leadership-level diplomacy between the two countries.

India is in urgent need of rare earth minerals and advanced AI capabilities to secure its technological and economic future, particularly as the rest of the world progresses rapidly in these areas. Rare earths are vital for manufacturing advanced electronics and clean energy technologies, while AI is a cornerstone of modern innovation.

To prevent technological dependence and achieve its strategic goals, India is actively implementing multifaceted strategies to strengthen

its position in both fields.

The timing of the visit is especially crucial for India, which has been working to expand its global outreach in response to recent unilateral US tariffs. The summit is seen as an opportunity for both countries to deepen their collaboration in areas that drive economic security, technological innovation, clean energy and people-centric development.

With growing cooperation across a variety of sectors — ranging from defence and infrastructure to space and technology —the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership is continuously increasing in importance, fostering regional stability, economic growth and innovation.

India and Japan have shared this partnership since 2014, built on deep civilisational ties and a common vision for regional and global issues. Both nations' approaches to the Indo-Pacific — India's Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and Japan’s Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) —align closely, further strengthening cooperation across a range of areas.

This collaboration encompasses enhancing connectivity and infrastructure through initiatives like the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC) and supporting the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), as well as coordinating the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad). Key areas of cooperation include economic development and supply

chain resilience.

During the summit, Prime Ministers Modi and Ishiba are expected to discuss ways to further enhance their economic ties, particularly in securing stable supply chains for critical goods. A new framework is expected to be signed, focusing on emerging technologies such as semiconductors, AI and pharmaceuticals.

In addition to the summit, Prime Minister Modi is slated to visit Sendai, a city in Northeast Japan renowned for its cutting-edge semiconductor research and development.

The visit also highlights India’s growing interest in strengthening technology ties with Japan. Modi is also expected to invite Prime Minister Ishiba to an international AI conference in India scheduled for February next year. Both leaders will explore opportunities for global cooperation in shaping international rules to govern AI development, ensuring the technology remains safe, ethical and trustworthy.

Beyond technology and economic collaboration, both sides will deliberate on key regional issues such as Indo-Pacific security, climate change, and economic stability.

Japan, being a crucial player in the G7 and Quad, plays an important role in supporting India’s push for a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific.

India and Japan’s cooperation extends beyond bilateral discussions into several multilateral platforms,

including the Quad, the International Solar Alliance (ISA), the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), and the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI). Japan remains a crucial partner in the IPOI’s connectivity pillar and continues to be India’s largest official development assistance (ODA) donor, supporting a wide range of critical infrastructure projects.

Bilateral trade between India and Japan reached USD 22.8 billion in 2023–24. India imports machinery, steel, reactors, and copper from Japan, while it exports chemicals, vehicles, aluminium, and seafood. Japan is India’s fifth-largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), with cumulative investments amounting to USD 43.2 billion by December 2024.

The presence of over 1,400 Japanese companies operating across nearly 5,000 establishments in India further underscores the strength of the two nations' economic ties. Emerging areas for collaboration include digital cooperation, clean energy, industrial competitiveness and supply chain resilience.

Japan has been a key ODA partner to India since 1958, supporting a range of important infrastructure and development projects. One of the most iconic collaborations is the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (Shinkansen) project, which stands as a symbol of advanced technology transfer and skill development.

Japan has also supported the development of metros,

industrial corridors, renewable energy, and urban infrastructure, with JPY 580 billion (USD 4.5 billion) in ODA disbursements during 2023–24.

On the multilateral front, India and Japan are committed to promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific, with both countries working together in the Quad alongside the US and Australia. Their cooperation under the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative further strengthens the diversification and security of global supply chains. Their leadership during the 2023 G20 presidencies also showcased their growing alignment on issues of global importance, especially concerning the Global South.

In the realm of science and technology, India and Japan are advancing an ambitious agenda to deepen their collaboration in space exploration, satellite navigation, and agricultural monitoring.

The India-Japan Year of Science, Technology, and Innovation Exchanges (2025–26) will serve as a major platform to deepen cooperation in these fields. India’s Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Japan’s Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) are already collaborating on lunar exploration, Space Situational Awareness (SSA), and other critical space technologies. The launch of the IIT Bombay–Tohoku Joint Institute of Excellence in April 2025 further strengthens academic and research ties, ensuring continued progress in scientific innovation.

Central Asian countries, Japan preparing 1st joint summit

Tashkent, Aug 28 (UNI) : The Central Asian countries and Japan are preparing the first joint summit, the office of Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said.

"On August 27, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev received a delegation headed by minister of foreign affairs of Japan Takeshi Iwaya, who’s currently in our country with an official visit. An exchange of views on international and regional agenda, including organization of an upcoming summit in ‘Central Asia Japan’ format also took place," the office said in a statement yesterday.

In addition, Mirziyoyev and Iwaya discussed strengthening bilateral strategic partnership and expanding multifaceted cooperation, the statement added.The Central Asia-Japan summit was scheduled for August 2024 in Kazakhstan.

However, it was canceled due to the threat of a powerful earthquake in the area of the Japanese islands.

UK Liberal Democrat leader to boycott dinner with Trump over his stance on Gaza

Moscow, Aug 28 (UNI) : Liberal Democrat leader Ed Davey has said that he will boycott a state banquet with US President Donald Trump over the latter's stance on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

"In three weeks' time, Trump will touch down in the UK for his second state visit, which will include a state banquet at Windsor Castle hosted by King Charles. One of the great privileges of being the leader of my party is that my wife, Emily, and I are invited to attend state banquets. To refuse an invitation like this goes against all of my instincts.

But having thought and prayed long and hard about it with Emily, I have come to the conclusion that on this occasion I must refuse," Davey said in an article for The Guardian newspaper yesterday, adding that he intends to draw the leaders' attention to the problem of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Davey believes that Trump has "more power than anyone else" to solve the Gaza issue using the two-state solution, putting Israel and Palestine on the path to lasting peace.At the same time, Davey noted that UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer is doing the right thing by interacting with Trump, saying that Washington is an important ally.

Australian government to cut 500 nuisance tariffs

Canberra, Aug 28 (UNI) : The Australian government today said that it will cut another 500 "nuisance" tariffs as part of a push to boost productivity and encourage free trade.Treasurer Jim Chalmers, Trade Minister Don Farrell and Industry and Innovation Minister Tim Ayres today announced that the small tariffs on items including tyres, wine glasses and televisions will be removed from the start of the next financial year on July 1, 2026, to reduce the compliance burden on businesses.

Chalmers told reporters in Canberra that the nuisance tariffs "often do more than good". He said that current tariffs on tyres raise less than 80,000 Australian dollars (52,109.8 U.S. dollars) in revenue every year, but that removing them will save businesses more than 32 million AUD (20.8 million USD) in compliance costs annually."We are putting our money where our mouth is," Farrell said, adding, "We want countries to remove trade barriers. We are demonstrating to the rest of the world we are serious about this issue."

The government in 2024 abolished 457 nuisance tariffs on items including certain vegetables, refrigerators and rubber. The further cuts were proposed during the government's economic reform roundtable, which brought together business groups, trade unions and economists earlier in August to discuss ideas to stimulate Australia's stagnating economic productivity.

Chalmers said that the treasury will consult on the proposed tariffs to be cut until December and the final agreed list will be published in the next federal budget, which he is expected to hand down in May 2026.

Italian cheese exporters face higher tariffs in US than agreed upon with EU

Rome, Aug 28 (UNI): Italian cheese exporters are facing tariffs from some US customs authorities that exceed the rate agreed with the European union on imports of certain types of the product, the Italian Foreign Ministry said.

"In particular, some US customs authorities reportedly requested a higher tariff than the rate agreed in the EU-US Joint Declaration for the import of Italian products, such as Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano," the ministry said in a statement yesterday.

The Italian Foreign Ministry informed the European Commission and the US Embassy in Italy about the situation, the statement added."Italy has always supported an open and constructive approach in its dialogue with the United States, and will continue to do so by calling for the proper implementation of the agreement," Italian Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani noted.The volume of Italian cheese exports to the United States reaches 500 million euros (USD 582 million). With the introduction of new tariffs on August 7, all types of cheese are supplied to the US at a single tariff rate of 15 percent.

In August, the US and the EU announced that they had reached a framework trade agreement. This agreement envisages that the EU will eliminate tariffs on all US industrial goods, while the US will maintain a 15 percent tariff on most European goods.

Israel launches fresh strikes on Yemen's capital

Sanaa, Aug. 28 (UNI) Israel launched airstrikes on Yemen's capital Sanaa on Thursday afternoon, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported, as local residents heard a series of explosions.

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz confirmed the airstrikes in a statement, while Israel's state-owned Kan TV news reported that the airstrikes were aimed at Houthi leaders, without disclosing their identity.

The strikes came a few hours after the Israeli military said it intercepted two drones fired from Yemen.

The first drone entered Israeli airspace at noon, triggered air raid sirens, and was then intercepted by Israeli air force over communities near Gaza, while the second, fired less than two hours later, was intercepted before crossing into Israeli territory, the military said in a statement.

No human casualties or material damage have been reported from the two drone launches. There was no immediate comment from Yemen's Houthi group regarding the incidents.

The Houthis, who control much of northern Yemen, have carried out drone and missile attacks on Israel since November 2023 in what they describe as solidarity with Palestinians during the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. Most of the projectiles have been intercepted by Israeli defenses.

Israel has responded with strikes on Houthi-held areas, targeting airports, power stations, and ports in Yemen's capital Sanaa and the city of Hodeidah.

Ukrainian President appoints former Deputy PM Olha Stefanishyna as new ambassador to US

Kyiv, Aug 28 (UNI) Ukraine’s former Deputy Prime Minister Olha Stefanishyna has been appointed as the country’s new ambassador to the US, after months of speculation.

The appointment comes after the dismissal of her predecessor Oksana Markarova, who fell out of favour with the US over allegations of election manipulation. She held the post since 2021.

Ukraine’s new ambassador, Stefanishyna will be tasked with strengthening diplomatic ties, particularly focusing on weapons procurement for Kyiv, specifically drones, missiles, and interceptor systems to bolster its air defences amid Russia’s ongoing military advance.In a post on social media, President Volodymyr Zelensky announced her appointment and said "The formal procedures are complete – today I signed a decree appointing the ambassador.“I identified key tasks for updating the work of our embassy, and most importantly – to fully implement all agreements with Washington. In many ways, the long-term guarantee of Ukraine’s security depends on relations with America.”

One killed after stabbing incident in Australia's Sydney



Sydney, Aug 28 (IANS) : One teenager is dead and another has been hospitalised following a stabbing incident in western Sydney on Wednesday night, police said on Thursday.

According to the police, emergency services were called to a bus station in Mount Druitt, 38 km west of central Sydney, following reports of a concern for welfare shortly after 10:10 p.m. on Wednesday.

Police officers arrived at the scene and found two men, both aged 19, suffering from stab wounds. One of the men was treated by ambulance paramedics for stab wounds to his chest, but could not be revived and was declared deceased at

the scene.The other man sustained stab wounds to his arm and was treated by paramedics before being taken to the hospital in a stable condition, reports Xinhua news agency.

Local police established a crime scene and have commenced an investigation into the incident with assistance from the homicide squad.

This comes just days after two men were hospitalised with serious injuries and a third was arrested following a stabbing in the northern suburbs of Brisbane on August 22.

Police in the Australian state of Queensland said in a statement that emergency services received reports that two men had been

stabbed by another man inside a property in the northern Brisbane suburb of Zillmere.Emergency services arrived at the scene and found two men, one aged in his 20s and the other in his 30s, with serious injuries. Both were transported to the hospital.

A 51-year-old man was arrested a short time later and hospitalised under police guard to be treated for a laceration to his finger.

The Queensland Police Service said that investigators believe the three men are all known to each other and that there was no threat to public safety.

A crime scene was declared at the property, and an investigation into the incident was ongoing.

Hungary rejects reports of conceding to US Pressure on Ukraine’s EU membership

Budapest, Aug 28 (UNI) Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto has refuted reports of agreeing on Ukraine’s EU membership after US pressure

Hungary will not support Ukraine’s accession to the European Union, Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said , rejecting claims that Washington had convinced Budapest to alter its stance on the issue.

As per Politico, anonymous officials have suggested that US President Donald Trump

had managed to succeed in persuading Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban to reconsider his long-standing opposition to Kyiv’s membership.

This comes as majority EU leaders are hoping to overcome the deadlock on the issue in the coming months by applying pressure on Hungary which has been fiercely critical of the whole issue, stating that it would mean dragging the rest of Europe into a direct military confrontation with Russia.

“Hungary will never support Ukraine’s fast-track

membership in the EU. This would be a tragedy for Hungary and the entire Union. Anyone thinking sensibly will see the impact Ukraine’s accession would have, it would be a fatal blow,” Szijjarto Hungarian outlet Mandiner at a forum organised by them.

The minister warned that Ukraine’s entry would allow “the Ukrainian mafia to roam freely across Europe” and flood markets with “low-quality Ukrainian products” that he argued would devastate agriculture. Being in the same bloc with Ukraine, he

said, would mean a “bad future” for Hungary.

Budapest has consistently been one of the most vocal EU critics of Ukraine’s accession bid and has repeatedly vetoed its membership, straining ties with Brussels and Kyiv alike. Tensions escalated last week after Ukrainian forces struck the Soviet-era Druzhba (Friendship) oil pipeline on Ukraine’s Independence Day.

Hungary accused Kyiv of targeting the route for Hungarian energy supplies in an attempt to pressure Budapest to shift its

position.Ukraine’s Foreign Ministry dismissed the charge, insisting Hungary is responsible for its own energy security. President Volodymyr Zelensky said Kyiv sought to maintain friendly relations with Budapest, but added that such friendship depended “entirely on Hungary.”

The symbolic timing and target of the pipeline strike, some analysts suggest confirmed Hungary’s claims of coercion, further deepening a rift that now threatens to complicate EU unity over Ukraine’s future in Europe.

Charlie Hunnam to portray Ed Gein in new season of 'Monster'

Los Angeles, Aug 28 (UNI) Charlie Hunnam steps into the skin-crawling role of Ed Gein in the forthcoming third season of "Monster", the acclaimed anthology by Ryan Murphy and Ian Brennan. Subtitled "The Ed Gein Story", the series will debut globally on October 3, with all episodes dropping simultaneously, reports The Hollywood Reporter.

Promoted by the streamer as its "most harrowing season yet", the series delves into the unsettling duality of Gein's existence, an ostensibly mild-mannered recluse who concealed a grotesque obsession within the decaying confines of his family farm.

His macabre legacy later led to the creation of some of Hollywood's most enduring fictional villains, from Norman Bates in "Psycho" to Leatherface in "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" and Buffalo Bill in "The Silence of the

Lambs".Monster: The Ed Gein Story tells the tale of how one simple man in Plainfield, Wisconsin, became “history’s most singular ghoul,” says the streamer, revealing to the world “the most horrific truth of all — that monsters aren’t born, they’re made ... by us.”Says the official logline: “Serial killer. Grave robber. Psycho. In the frozen fields of 1950s rural Wisconsin, a friendly, mild-mannered recluse named Eddie Gein lived quietly on a decaying farm — hiding a house of horrors so gruesome it would redefine the American nightmare.

"Driven by isolation, psychosis, and an all-consuming obsession with his mother, Gein’s perverse crimes birthed a new kind of monster that would haunt Hollywood for decades. Gein’s macabre legacy gave birth to fictional monsters born in his image and ignited a cultural obsession with the criminally deviant.

European Commission criticises Ukrainian attack on Druzhba oil pipeline, calls it pivotal to regional energy security

Brussels, Aug 28 (UNI) The European Commission has condemned the attack on the Soviet-era Druzhba oil pipeline last week, calling the Russian pipeline a critical asset of the EU’s energy security.

While refraining from condemning Ukraine, the body maintained that infrastructure vital to the region should not be targeted, and urged maximum restraint on these targets.As per Moscow

Times, the Commission emphasised that the Druzhba pipeline plays a key role in the EU’s energy security, but also said that the attack overall did not have any severe impact on the bloc’s overall energy security.

However, this attack put both Slovakia and Hungary against Ukraine, with Bratislava strongly calling out Kyiv for jeopardising regional security through its actions, while Budapest

called it a deliberate tactic to coerce the country to change its stance on its EU membership, which it has denied.Damages caused to the pipeline by the attack have been repaired, with Russian oil deliveries to Hungary and Slovakia via the Druzhba pipeline resuming on Thursday, a week after Ukrainian attacks on a pumping station in western Russia disrupted shipments, authorities in both countries said.

Sri Lanka to set up special courts to fast-track trials of organized crime suspects

Colombo, Aug 28 (UNI) Sri Lanka will establish dedicated courts to hear cases involving members of organized criminal gangs, a minister said on Thursday.

Speaking to reporters following the arrest in Indonesia of several Sri Lankans linked to organized crimes, Minister

of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs Ananda Wijepala said the establishment of such courts would help expedite trials and ensure swift justice.

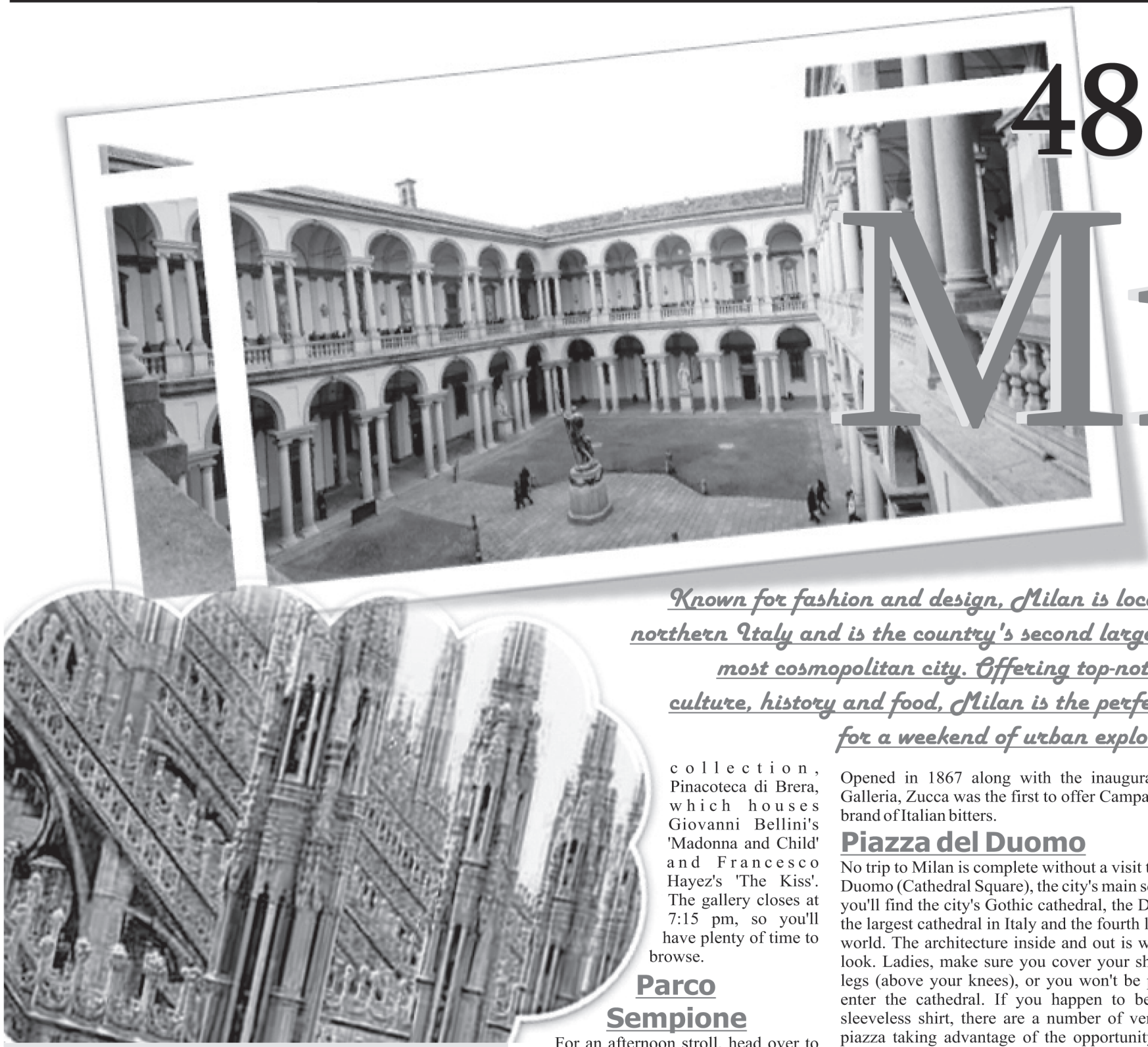
He noted that the government has already apprehended a significant number of individuals

connected to criminal networks, and some living abroad have been extradited since the current administration took office.

Wijepala stressed that specialized courts are necessary to fast-track proceedings against these suspects and deliver timely punishments.

Travel

48 hours in Milan



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

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

Parco Sempione

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

Galleria Vittorio Emanuele

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

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

Piazza del Duomo

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

Ristorante Pizzeria

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

Pasticceria Marchesi

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



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

Santa Maria delle Grazie

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

Rinomata Gelateria

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

Colonne di San Lorenzo

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

Navigli

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

Pinacoteca di Brera

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



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

Darjeeling, West Bengal

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

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

Munnar, Kerala

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

Perfect summer destinations in India

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

Coorg (Kodagu), Karnataka

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

Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

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

Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh

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

Ooty, Tamil Nadu

Established as a retreat from the scorching heat of the



Pahalgam, Kashmir

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

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

Manali, Himachal Pradesh

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

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

Nainital, Uttarakhand

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

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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

Perfect summer destinations in India



Gurpreet, Amanpreet finish 1-2 in 25m Standard Pistol

New Delhi, Aug 28 (UNI) : Rio de Janeiro Olympian Gurpreet Singh led India to a 1-2 finish in the 25m Standard Pistol event with Amanpreet Singh winning the silver at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan today to swell India's medal tally to 82, including 44 golds, 20 silver and 18 bronze. The duo also won the team gold along with Harsh Gupta with a combined score of 1709. The other gold medals of the day were won in the 50m Rifle Prone Junior team and 25m Standard Pistol Junior team.

The 37 year old Gurpreet won his first ever gold medal in an international competition and bettered the bronze medal which he had won in the Asian Championships in the same event, 12 years back in Tehran. Both Gurpreet and Amanpreet shot identical scores of 572 but Gurpreet's 18 inner circle shots against Amanpreet's 11 ensured the Army shooter finished on top. 25m Rapid Fire Pistol gold medalist Su Lianbofan of China won the bronze.

In the junior 25m Standard Pistol event, Suraj Sharma won silver with a score of 571-12x while

Tanishq Naidu won the bronze with a score of 568-11x. Mukesh Nelavalli, then combined with the duo to win the team gold with a combined score of 1703-39x.

The Indians could not secure any individual medals in 50m Rifle Prone in both the senior and junior categories, but the juniors managed to pick up the gold in the team event with the trio of Sami Ulah Khan, Adriyan Karmakar and Kushagra Singh Rajawat scoring a combined score of 1844.3.

The Asian Championships will conclude tomorrow with the 50m Rifle Prone Women, 25m Centre Fire Pistol Men and Men Junior events on the schedule.

25m Standard Pistol Men Individual Gurpreet Singh – 572-18x (Gold)

Amanpreet Singh – 572-11x (Silver)

Harsh Gupta – 565-13x (10th)

Udhayveer Sidhu – 58-13x (Asian Ranking Points Only)

Udit Joshi – 558-9x (Asian Ranking Points Only)

Team Gold (Gurpreet Singh, Amanpreet Singh, Harsh Gupta)

25m Standard Pistol Men Junior Individual Suraj Sharma – 571-12x

(Silver)

Tanishq Naidu – 568-1x (Bronze)

Mukesh Nelavalli – 564-16x (4th)

Sameer Gulia – 562-10x (Asian Ranking Points Only)

Sahil Choudhary – 556-11x (Asian Ranking Points Only)

Abhinav Choudhary – 551-10x (Asian Ranking Points Only)

Team Gold (Suraj Sharma, Tanishq Naidu, Mukesh Nelavalli)

50m Rifle Prone Men Parikshit Singh Brar – 617.1 (7th)

Samarvir Singh – 613.0 (15th)

Goldi Gurjar – 609.5 (21st)

Akash Kumar Ravidas – 613.2 (ARPO)

Suryadeep Singh – 609.3 (ARPO)

50m Rifle Prone Men Junior

Sami Ullah Khan – 617.0 (4th)

Adriyan Karmakar – 614.5 (7th)

Kushagra Singh Rawat – 612.8 (10th)

Vedant Nitin Waghmare – 615.1 (ARPO)

Manvendra Singh Shekhawat – 613.6 (ARPO)

Deependra Singh Shekhawat – 608.6 (ARPO)

Team Gold (Sami Ullah Khan, Adriyan Karmakar, Kushagra Singh Rawat).

Malewar, Patidar Power Central Zone to 432/2

Bengaluru, Aug 28 (UNI) : Danish Malewar and Rajat Patidar starred as Central Zone posted a commanding 432 for two against North East Zone on the opening day of the Duleep Trophy 2025 second quarterfinal at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Ground B here today.

Patidar led the charge with a scintillating 125 off 96 balls, including 21 fours and two sixes, before being dismissed by Pheiroijam Jotin. His aggressive innings, coming after an early loss, set the tone for the day.

Malewar anchored the innings masterfully, remaining unbeaten on 198 off 219 balls with 35 fours and a six, guiding Central Zone into a dominant position by stumps.

Opener Aryan Juyal, who retired hurt on 60, and Yash Rathod (32 not out) provided solid support, while Aayush Pandey fell cheaply for three.

North East bowlers struggled for consistency. Akash Choudhary (1/73) accounted for an early wicket, and Jotin (1/56) dismissed Patidar, but the rest of the attack, including Palzor Tamang, Bishworjit Konthoujam, and skipper Rongsen Jonathan, could not stem the flow of runs.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya felicitates young footballers after historic European treble



New Delhi, Aug 28 (IANS) : Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, felicitated the young footballers of Minerva Academy Football Club, Mohali, in New Delhi on Thursday, terming their victories across Europe as a new beginning for Indian football going forward.

The Under-14/15 squad of 22 players scripted history in July–August 2025 by completing a never-before-achieved European treble, winning the Gothia Cup (Sweden), the Dana Cup (Denmark), and the Norway Cup (Norway).

"This is a new beginning for Indian football in our quest to achieve more glory in the

international arena," mentioned Mansukh Mandaviya.

Union Minister urged the young athletes to keep in mind 'nation first' wherever they participate. "More emphasis has to be given towards sports science, nutrition, and mental resilience of these youngsters through psychologists. This will keep India on the winning path. These youngsters have to maintain their high confidence level and their passion towards the sport," Mandaviya added.

These tournaments are regarded as the three most prestigious youth football competitions in the world. The team remained unbeaten in 26 international

matches, scoring an astonishing 295 goals while conceding just a handful, against youth clubs from South America, Europe, and more. Minerva Academy FC, also a Khelo India Accredited Academy, was one of the six clubs from India that had teams in the U-14 Boys category playing during Gothia Cup 2025. They defeated Argentina's Escuela de Football 18 Tucuman 4–0 this July in the final of the Gothia Cup 2025, known as the 'Youth World Cup', in Sweden. Players like Konthoujam Yohenba Singh (Best Player, Gothia Cup) and Huidrom Tony (Best Player, Dana Cup) also earned individual honours.

Uganda turns focus to FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifiers, names squad

Kampala, Aug 28 (UNI) : Uganda has announced its senior national team squad ahead of two FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifier matches against Mozambique and Somalia.

After bowing out at the quarterfinal stage of the ongoing CAF African Nations Championship, the Cranes have quickly shifted their focus to the World Cup campaign.

Head coach Paul Put named a 28-man squad on Wednesday, recalling experienced goalkeeper Denis Masinde Onyango, who has come out of retirement.

Onyango, who plays for South African Premier League champions Mamelodi Sundowns, retired from international football in April 2021 after Uganda failed to qualify for

the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON). He will join the team as they prepare to face Mozambique on September 5 and Somalia three days later at the Mandela National Stadium in Kampala. Uganda, which has never qualified for a FIFA World Cup, currently sits fourth in Group G with nine points. Algeria leads with 15 points, followed by Mozambique and Botswana.

Put has also recalled another South Africa-based goalkeeper, Salim Jamal Omar Magoola, who has been out since 2023. Vietnam-based forward Joseph Mpande and Travis Mutyaba, who recently joined Tunisia's CS Sfaxien, are also included.

Notably, team captain Khalid Aucho, who recently transferred from Tanzania's

Young Africans SC to Singida Black Stars FC, has not been called up.

Uganda full squad: Goalkeepers: Denis Onyango (Mamelodi Sundowns, South Africa), Salim Magoola Omar (Richards Bay FC, South Africa), Alionzi Nafian (Defence Forces FC, Ethiopia), Joel Mutakubwa (Bidco FC, Uganda)

Defenders: Elvis Bwomono (IBV Vestmannaeyjar, Iceland), Herbert Bockhorn (FC Maydeburg, Germany), Elio Caprodossi (FC Universitatea Cluj, Romania), Rogers Torach (Vipers SC, Uganda), Toby Sibbick (Burton Albion FC, England), Hilary Mukundane (Vipers SC), Jordan Obita (Hibernian SC),

Kayondo Aziizi (FC Slovan Liberec, Czech Republic), Achayi Herbert (KCCA FC), Gavin Kizito (KCCA FC)

Midfielders: Ronald Ssekiganda (APR FC), Kenneth Semakula (Al Arabi SC, Kuwait), Joel Sserunjogi (KCCA FC), Abdu Karim Watambala (Vipers SC), Travis Mutyaba (CS Sfaxien, Tunisia)

Forwards: Denis Omedi (APR FC, Rwanda), Allan Okello (Vipers SC, Uganda), Joseph Mpande (PVF Cand FC, Vietnam), Rogers Mato (FK Vardar, Macedonia), Regan Mpande (SC Villa, Uganda), Jude Ssemugabi (Kitara FC), John Paul Dembe (AL Hackens, Sweden), Patrick Jonah Kakande (SC Villa, Uganda), Ikpeazu Uchechukwu (St. Johnstone FC, Scotland).

Young Tigresses gear up for final stretch at SAFF U17 Women's Championship

Thimphu (Bhutan), Aug 28 (UNI) : While Wednesday's 5-0 win over Bhutan may have been a routine high-scoring display from India in the SAFF U17 Women's Championship, there were some deeper emotional elements involved in the game.

Young Tigresses' captain Julian Nongmaithem was named the MVP of the match after a top-drawn finish from outside the box.

The 14-year-old dedicated the award, her first in an international tournament, to her late father, who passed away last year.

"Papa, this is for you, and I miss you so much," she said, pointing to the sky, while talking to AIFF

Media after the match

On the other hand, Abhista Basnett, who assisted Julian's goal, had a special night as her parents were in attendance at the Changlimithang Stadium after making a 350-kilometre road trip from their home in Pakyong, Sikkim.

"It was the first time my mom and dad watched me play for India. It was a proud moment, and I was motivated to prove to my parents that I can do this, so there was no pressure at all," said Abhista.

The 14-year-old has been in superb form in Bhutan, scoring four goals and assisting three in the four games so far. The lanky player has shown her versatility by playing in the midfield and central

defence, and does not mind playing anywhere on the pitch as long as the coaches' demands are met.

"As a player, I should be ready to play in any position because wherever my team needs me, I have to be there. The coaches have trusted me, giving me responsibility in attack, defence, set pieces and in distribution when I play midfield. Whatever they say, I listen carefully. If I make a mistake and they tell me, I accept that," said Abhista.

Abhista's parents, especially her father, are, in a way, also her coaches.

"My parents said I played well, and they were really happy to see me performing at the international level. My

father always reviews my performance after matches and comments on it. He would be on video call, put on the game and tell me things like 'don't hold the ball inside the box in this move, don't try to fake twice, you could've put the team in danger' or 'you did this well, you need to improve in that'. He becomes a coach off the field, basically.

"My mother is my emotional support. She doesn't give me technical comments but always cheers me up and boosts my morale," said Abhista.

While Abhista's tall stature makes her a vital component of India's set pieces, it all starts with Shveta Rani's left-footed deliveries.

Shami impresses as North Zone end Day 1

Bengaluru, Aug 28 (UNI) : Veteran pacer Mohammed Shami bowled with exemplary control but went wicketless as North Zone finished Day 1 of their Duleep Trophy 2025 quarterfinal on 308 for six against East Zone at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Ground here today.

Shami, playing a rare domestic red-ball game, kept the batsmen in check with tight lines, conceding only 55 runs in his 17 overs. Despite his probing spells, the breakthroughs for East Zone came from left-arm seamer Manishi, who removed openers Ankit Kumar (30), Shubham Khajuria (26) and skipper Yash Dhull (39) to return with figures of 3 for 90.

Ayush Badoni (63 off 60 balls) then counter-attacked with an array of strokes to revive North Zone's innings, while Nishant Sindhu (47) provided valuable stability in the middle order. The duo added 61 runs for the fourth wicket, the biggest stand of the innings. North Zone, however, failed to capitalise on these partnerships, losing wickets at regular intervals. At stumps, wicketkeeper-batter Kanhaiya Wadhawan was unbeaten on 42, with Mayank Dagar (28 not out) giving him company.

Telugu Titans Vs Tamil Thalaivaa set to light up Pro Kabaddi League

Visakhapatnam, Aug 29 (UNI) Season 12 of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) commences from the port city of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The league returns here after a gap of seven years on 29th August, which is also the National Sports Day of India.

This Season of PKL will see home favourites Telugu Titans take on Tamil Thalaivas in the curtain-raiser match whilst the Bengaluru Bulls and the Puneri Paltan play the second match on the same day, at the Vishwanadh Sports Club in Vizag. To set the ball rolling on proceedings for the new season, a grand launch was held at the Novotel at Varun Beach. Setting up the occasion were Anupam Goswami, Business Head of Mashal and League Chairman, Pro Kabaddi League; Vijay Malik, Captain, Telugu Titans; Pawan Sehrawat, Captain, Tamil Thalaivas, along with the remaining 10 Captains.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Anupam Goswami, Business Head of Mashal and League Chairman, Pro Kabaddi League, said: "We are thrilled to return for another season of the PKL – with an all-new format that is designed to bring fans even closer to the action. Every match will carry greater importance, increasing the intensity of this season, as we see the league make a much-awaited return to Vizag. We also celebrate our National Sports Day tomorrow with the league honouring legendary athletes, and to kickstart this edition on such an auspicious occasion feels incredibly exciting."

Ahead of the season, the PKL paid tribute to the Indian Armed Forces, with the 12 captains visiting the INS Kursura – a Submarine that participated in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, where it played a key role in patrol missions. Meanwhile, PKL Season 12 will begin in Vizag (August 29 to September 11), after which it moves to Jaipur (September 12 to September 28), Chennai (September 29 to October 10), and New Delhi (October 11 to October 23). A venue for the playoffs and grand finale is yet to be decided.

The Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 will be broadcast live on the Star Sports Network and streamed on JioHotstar, with the league kicking off on August 29.

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Over 360 BSF Personnel, 5,000 Civilians stranded after Ravi River Breach: MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla

Chandigarh, Aug 28 (UNI) A major breach in the Ravi River embankment near Ajnala has worsened the flood situation, leaving thousands of residents in distress. Rising waters have inundated several villages, forcing families to abandon their homes as water levels reached up to five feet inside residential areas. Member of Parliament Gurjeet Singh Aujla, who has been on the ground since morning, said in a media interaction that around 360 Border Security Force (BSF) personnel and nearly 5,000 civilians are currently trapped due to the floods. He expressed concern over inadequate government arrangements, stating that the situation remains extremely critical.

According to Aujla, many BSF troops stationed at forward posts in Ramdas and Ajnala including Cheema, Chhanna, and Dharam Prakash are surrounded by floodwaters. He stressed that immediate acceleration of rescue operations is necessary to prevent further loss.

Meanwhile, in Kakkaar village of Raja Sansi constituency, devotees gathered at the local Gurdwara Sahib to offer prayers, seeking divine intervention to protect people from the ongoing devastation.

Ganesh Festival celebrations



Shyam Sitaram Satvidkar (Murud Janjira ekdara)



Ganesh Festival celebrated at Shruti Temkar’s residence.



Ganpati Festival Celebration at Mr.B.M Suvarna Residence Mumbai.

Western Railway to run two pairs of Special Trains

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, Aug 28 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Durga Pooja, Diwali & Chhath Pooja, Western Railway will run Special Trains on Special fare between Udhana – Malda Town & Vadodara - Kolkata stations.

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

- 1. Train No. 03418/03417 Udhna – Malda

Dismantling of South Staircase of 2nd North Most FoB at Plat form No.6 and 7 of Vasai Road

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, Aug 28 : In view of the station improvement work of Vasai Road station, it is proposed to dismantle the south side staircase of the 2nd North most Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at Platform Nos. 6 & 7, to carry out the foundation work of the Elevated Deck. Accordingly, the said staircase will be closed for passengers from the night of 29th August, 2025.

During this period, the passengers may use the North side staircase of 2nd North FOB and South side staircase of existing North FOB. Inconvenience caused is highly regretted by WR.

MANUU Admissions in distance mode courses

(Standard Post Bureau) Hyderabad, Aug 28 : Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Centre for Distance & Online Education (CDOE) is inviting online applications for admissions in Open and Distance Learning Programmes for academic session 2025-26.

According to Prof. Mohd. Razaullah Khan, Director, CDOE, the last date for submission of online application for entrance test based programmes B.Ed. and MBA is September 17, 2025. The entrance test will be held on September 28.

Admissions are also open for merit based UG/ PG/Diploma/Certificate programme in distance education upto October 13, 2025. The programmes offered are M.A. (Urdu, Hindi, English, Arabic, History, Islamic Studies), B.A. (Hons), B.Com. (Hons) and B.Sc. (Hons). The admissions are also being offered in Diploma Programmes (Journalism & Mass Communication, Teach English, Early Childhood Care and Education, School Leadership and Management, Employability Skills and Urdu) and Certificate in (Functional English and Proficiency in Urdu through English).

Town Weekly Special [14 Trips]
Train No. 03418 Udhna – Malda Town Special will depart from Udhna every Monday at 12:30 hrs and will reach Malda Town at 02.55 hrs, on Wednesday. This train will run from 29th September to 10th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 03417 Malda Town – Udhna Special will depart from Malda Town every Saturday at 12:20 hrs and will reach Udhna at 00:45 hrs, on Monday. This train will run from 27th September to 08th November, 2025. Enroute this train will

halt at Chalthan, Vyara, Navapur, Nandurbar, Dondaicha, Amalner, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Pipariya, Madan Mahal, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Sasaram, Gaya, Tilaiya, Nawadah, Sheikpura, Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur, Sultanganj, Bhagalpur, Kahalgaon, Sahibganj, Barharwa and New Farakka stations in both directions.
This train comprises of Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.
2. Train No. 03110/03109 Vadodara – Kolkata Weekly Special [18 Trips]
Train No. 03110

Vadodara - Kolkata Special will depart from Vadodara every Thursday at 16:45 hrs and will reach Kolkata at 04:05 hrs, on Saturday. This train will run from 2nd October to 27th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 03109 Kolkata – Vadodara Special will depart from Kolkata every Tuesday at 08:00 hrs and will reach Vadodara at 19:45 hrs, the next day.
This train will run from 30th September to 25th November 2025.
Enroute, this train will halt at Godhra, Ratlam, Kota, Gangapur City, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Sasaram, Gaya, Tilaiya, Nawadah, Sheikpura, Kiul, Jhajha, Jasidih, Madhupur, Chittaranjan, Asansol, Durgapur and Barddhaman stations in both directions.
This train comprises of AC -3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.
The booking for Train Nos. 03418 & 03110 will open from 30th 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.

Cancellation, Partial Cancellation, Regulation of Trains : South Western Railway

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, Aug 28 : In view of line block for replacement of Thick Web Switches at Ballari and Toranagallu yards, the following train services will be cancelled, partially cancelled, and regulated on September 03, 2025.
Cancellation of Trains:
Train No. 57415 Guntakal – Chikjajur Passenger, Train No. 57416 Chikjajur – Guntakal Passenger, and Train No. 07397 Hosapete – Ballari DEMU Special will be cancelled on September 03, 2025.
Partial Cancellation of

Trains:
Train No. 57405 Tirupati – Kadiridevarapalli Passenger, journey commencing on September 02, 2025 will be partially cancelled between Guntakal and Kadiridevarapalli and will be short terminated at Guntakal.
Train No. 57406 Kadiridevarapalli – Tirupati Passenger journey commencing on September 03, 2025 will be partially cancelled between Kadiridevarapalli and Guntakal and it will originate from Guntakal

instead of Kadiridevarapalli at its scheduled departure time.
Train No. 07395 Ballari – Davangere DEMU Special journey commencing on September 03, 2025 will be partially cancelled between Ballari and Hosapete and will originate from Hosapete instead of Ballari at its scheduled departure time.
Train No. 56911 SSS Hubballi – Guntakal Passenger journey commencing on September 03, 2025 will be partially cancelled between Munirabad and Guntakal

and will be short terminated at Munirabad.
Train No. 56912 Guntakal – SSS Hubballi Passenger journey commencing on September 03, 2025 will be partially cancelled between Guntakal and Munirabad and will originate from Munirabad instead of Guntakal at its scheduled departure time.
Regulation of Train:
Train No. 57402 SSS Hubballi – Tirupati Passenger journey commencing on September 03, 2025 will be regulated for 90 minutes en route.

Running of Weekly special trains to clear rush for Dussehra, Diwali and Chhath Puja Festival : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, Aug 28 : In order to clear extra rush of Passengers during Dussehra, Diwali and Chhat Puja festivals season, Indian Railways will run Weekly Special trains as detailed below:-
SMV BENGALURU-NARANGI-SMV BENGALURU:
The train No. 06559 SMV Bengaluru-Narangi Weekly Special train will leave SMV Bengaluru on every Tuesdays at 23.40hrs from 02.09.2025 to 25.11.2025 which will reach Duvvada at 18.18hrs on the next day and departure at 18.20hrs; Kottavalasa at 19:03hrs and departure at 19:05hrs; Vizianagaram at 19:55hrs and departure at 20:00hrs; Srikakulam Road at 20:53hrs and departure at 20:55hrs and will reach Narangi at 05.00hrs on Fridays. (13 trips).
In return direction the train No. 06560 Narangi - SMV Bengaluru Weekly Special train will leave Narangi on every Saturdays at 05.30hrs from 06.09.2025 to 29.11.2025 which will reach Srikakulam Road on the next day at 12:53hrs and departure at 12:55hrs; Vizianagaram at 13:55hrs and departure at 14:00hrs; Kottavalasa at 14:28hrs and departure at 14:30hrs; Duvvada at 15:08hrs and departure at 15:10hrs and will reach SMV Bengaluru at 09.45hrs on Mondays (13 trips).
Stoppages: Special trains are having the following stoppages in over East Coast Railway Duvvada, Kottavalasa, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam Road, Palasa, Brahmapur, Khurda Road,

Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Bhadrak.
These trains will have 21 Coaches comprising 2nd AC-01, 3rd AC-4, Sleeper-8, General Second Class-6, Second Class cum Luggage (Divyangjan) Coach-02.
CHARLAPALLI AND NAHARLAGUN SPECIAL
The train No. 07046 Charlapalli- Naharlagun Weekly Special train will leave Cherlapalli on every Saturdays from 30.08.2025 to 29.11.2025 at 08.40hrs which will reach Duvvada at 21.13hrs and departure at 21.15hrs, Kottavalasa arrival at 21.58hrs and departure at 22.00hrs, Vizianagaram arrival at 22.50hrs and departure at 23.00hrs, Srikakulam Raod arrival at 23.53hrs and departure at 23.55hrs, and will reach Naharlagun on Mondays at 16.00hrs.
In return direction, the train No. 07047 Naharlagun- Charlapalli Weekly Special train will leave Naharlagun on every Tuesdays from 02.09.2025 to 02.12.2025 at 13.00hrs which will reach Srikakulam Raod on Thursday at 04.55hrs and departure at 04.57hrs, Vizianagaram arrival at 05.45hrs and departure at 05.55hrs, Kottavalasa at 06.20hrs and departure at 06.22hrs; Duvvada arrival at 08.15hrs and departure at 08.17hrs and will reach Charlapalli at 21.30hrs.
Stoppages: Special train will be having the following stoppages at Nalgonda, Miryalaguda, Nadikudi, Sattennapalli, Guntur, Vijayawada,

Eluru, Rajahmundry, Samalkot, Elamanchili, Anakapalli, Duvvada, Kottavalasa, Vizianagaram jn, Srikakulam Road, Palasa, Brahmapur, Balugaon, Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Jajpur Keonjhor Road, Bhadrak, Balasore, Kharagpur, Andul, Dankuni, Bardhaman, Bolpur, Rampur Hat, Malda Town, Kishanganj, Aluabari Road, New Jalpaiguri, Dhupguri, New Coochbehar, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaingaon, Barpeta Road, Rangiya, Udalguri, Rangapara North, and Harmuti between Charlapalli and Naharlagun.
These trains will have 20 Coaches comprising 3rd AC-9, 3rd AC Economy-05, General Second Class-04, Second Class cum Luggage (Divyangjan) Coach-02.
MALDA TOWN– CHARLAPALLI–MALDA TOWN
The train No. 03430 Malda Town Charlapalli Weekly Special train will leave Malda Town on every Tuesdays at 17:15hrs from 30.09.2025 to 11.11.2025 which will reach Srikakulam Road next day at 12:25hrs and departure at 12:27hrs; Chipurupalle at 12:58hrs and departure at 13:00hrs; Vizianagaram at 13:30hrs and departure at 13:40hrs; Kottavalasa at 14:05hrs and departure at 14:07hrs; Duvvada at 15:30hrs and departure at 15:32hrs and which will reach Charlapalli on Thursdays at 04:00hrs. (07 trips).

In the return direction the train No. 03429 Charlapalli-Malda Town weekly Special train will leave Charlapalli on every Thursdays at 16:50hrs from 02.10.2025 to 13.11.2025 which will reach Duvvada next day at 04:50hrs and departure at 04:52hrs; Kottavalasa at 05:38hrs and departure at 05:40hrs; Vizianagaram at 06:30hrs and departure at 06:40hrs; Chipurupalle at 07:05hrs and departure at 07:07hrs; Srikakulam Road at 07:43hrs and departure at 07:45hrs and which will reach Malda Town on Saturdays at 05:00hrs. (07 trips).
Stoppages: This pair of Weekly Special trains will have stoppages at New Farakka, Rampur Hat, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Khana, Bardhaman, Dankuni, Bhattanagar, Andul, Kharagpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur Keonjhor Road, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Khurda Road, Brahmapur, Palasa, Srikakulam Road, Chipurupalle, Vizianagaram, Kottavalasa, Duvvada, Samalkot, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Guntur, Sattenapali, Piduguralla, Nadikude, Miryalaguda, and Nalgonda between the Malda Town and Charlapalli Stations.
Composition: These trains will have 22 Coaches comprising Sleeper Class-10, Second Class General Coaches-10, Second Class cum Luggage (Divyangjan) Coach-02.
People are requested to make use of these special train services.