

## PM visits AI plane crash site, meets injured and sole survivor

**Ahmedabad, June 13 (UNI)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday visited the Air India plane crash site and talked to officials and teams supervising relief efforts. Modi also went to the hospital to meet the injured and check their condition. The Prime Minister also met Ramesh Vishwas, the only survivor of the crash, and inquired about his health. He also checked on the well-being of other injured individuals. Modi, who reached Ahmedabad early morning, has been closely monitoring the situation since the accident left 241 passengers dead and several injured. The Prime Minister met emergency response teams and officials at the disaster site, and extended his condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones. He was accompanied by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Nair, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, and several senior officials, conducting a thorough assessment. Modi expressed his deep sorrow over the tragic plane crash, emphasising that the entire nation is in shock. He said that the incident has left everyone devastated. On social media platform X, Modi shared



several messages, stating, "The plane crash in Ahmedabad has left us all in shock. The sudden and heartbreaking loss of so many lives is beyond words. My heartfelt condolences go out to all the grieving families. We share their pain, and the emptiness created will be felt for many years. Om Shanti." He added, "Today, I visited the site of the accident in Ahmedabad. The scene was tragic. I met officials and teams working tirelessly since the incident. My thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones in this



unimaginable tragedy." The tragedy occurred on Thursday afternoon when the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner went down just two minutes after takeoff. The aircraft was carrying 242 passengers, including 12 crew members. Among the deceased was former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani. The passengers included 169 Indian citizens, 53 British nationals, seven Portuguese, and one Canadian. Ramesh Vishwas, a British citizen of Indian origin, is the sole survivor and is currently receiving medical treatment. Besides those

onboard, at least 24 people, including four medical students, were killed on the ground, as the plane crashed into the hostel building of the B J Medical College in Meghanagar area of Ahmedabad. Air India has set up a dedicated passenger hotline number, 1800 5691 444, to provide more information. Home Minister Amit Shah who visited the site last evening to review the situation has asked for a probe into the incident. A high-level committee has already been set up to oversee the inquiry.

## India urges restraint as Iran-Israel tensions escalate

**New Delhi, June 13 (UNI)** Amid rising tensions between Iran and Israel, India has expressed deep concern over recent developments, including reports of attacks on nuclear facilities and urged both sides to refrain from any further escalation. In an official statement issued here, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) called on both nations to refrain from any further escalation and urged the use of existing diplomatic channels to de-escalate the situation and address underlying issues. "We are deeply concerned at the recent developments between Iran and Israel. We are closely monitoring the evolving situation, including reports related to attacks on nuclear sites," the MEA said in a statement. "India urges both sides to avoid any escalatory steps. Existing channels of dialogue and diplomacy should be utilised to work towards a de-escalation of the situation and resolving underlying issues. India enjoys close and friendly relations with both the countries and stands ready to extend all possible support," the statement said. Moreover, the MEA also said that Indian Missions in both countries are in touch with the Indian community. All Indian nationals residing in the region have been advised



to remain vigilant, follow local security advisories, and prioritise their safety. "Our Missions in both countries are in contact with the Indian community. All Indian nationals in the region are advised to exercise caution, stay safe and follow local security advisories." The statement added. Meanwhile, the Indian Embassy in Israel has advised all Indian nationals there to stay vigilant and adhere to the safety protocols as advised by the Israeli authorities and home front command ([oref.org.il/eng](http://oref.org.il/eng)). It has also urged them to, "exercise caution, avoid unnecessary travel within the country and stay close to safety shelters". Moreover, the Indian Embassy in Iran too has advised its nationals to remain vigilant, avoid all non-essential movements and strictly adhere to safety protocols issued by local authorities. In strikes termed Operation Rising Lion, many Israeli fighter jets launched aerial assaults in Iran, pounding multiple high-value nuclear and military targets.

## Indian embassy issues safety advisory for citizens in Israel amid rising tensions



**Tel Aviv/New Delhi, June 13 (UNI)** Due to the ongoing security situation in Israel, the Indian Embassy on Friday released an advisory for all Indian nationals currently living in or traveling to the country. The embassy has urged everyone to remain alert, follow the safety guidelines issued by local Israeli authorities, and stay informed through the Home Front Command website ([oref.org.il/eng](http://oref.org.il/eng)).

The advisory emphasizes the importance of minimising travel, exercising caution, and staying near designated safety shelters. Indian citizens are encouraged to maintain contact with the embassy and prioritize their safety at all times. The embassy of India in Israel through a post on X said, "In view of the prevailing situation in the region, all

Indian nationals in Israel are advised to stay vigilant and adhere to the safety protocols as advised by the Israeli authorities and home front command ([oref.org.il/eng](http://oref.org.il/eng)). It further urged the Indian nationals to, "exercise caution, avoid unnecessary travel within the country and stay close to safety shelters". In strikes termed Operation Rising Lion, many Israeli fighter jets launched aerial assaults in Iran on Friday, pounding multiple high-value nuclear and military targets. Chief among them was Iran's key uranium enrichment site at Natanz. Iranian state television later confirmed the death of Maj Gen Hossein Salami, chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), in what it called "a direct assassination by Zionist forces."

## India's Covid tally surge to 7,131 cases; one death in past 24 hrs



**New Delhi, June 13 (UNI)** India's active virus case load has risen to 7,131 as of 8 am on Friday, according to the latest data released by the Union Health Ministry. One death was registered during the period, bringing the cumulative death toll to 78 since the beginning of the year. The recent uptick in cases is attributed to emerging sub-variants of the Omicron lineage, including JN.1, NB.1.8.1, LF.7, and XFC. These variants are characterized by increased transmissibility but tend to cause milder clinical symptoms. Currently classified by the World Health Organization as "Variants Under Monitoring," health experts emphasise that ongoing surveillance and adherence to preventive measures are vital to curbing potential escalation. Kerala continues to be the most affected state, with 2,055 active cases. West Bengal follows with 747 cases, Delhi has reported 714 cases, and Maharashtra has 629 active infections. Gujarat has also experienced a notable rise, reporting 1,358 active cases. Since West Bengal has yet to share its latest infection data, the actual case count may be higher. Since the start of 2025, India has recorded a total of 78 Covid-19 related deaths. The most recent casualty involved an 82-year-old man from Kerala with co-morbidities including Type 1 respiratory failure and Covid pneumonia. While the virus no longer poses an emergency-level threat, health authorities caution that Covid-19 continues to circulate seasonally, similar to influenza.

## Looting Reported at Crash Site of Air India Flight AI 171 in Ahmedabad



**Ahmedabad 13 June :** Amid ongoing relief and rescue efforts following the tragic crash of Air India Flight AI 171, reports have emerged of looting at the crash site, where a residential building for intern doctors suffered significant damage. According to local media, including Gujarat Samachar, miscreants allegedly entered the building under the guise of civilian volunteers and broke into almirahs and safes in abandoned rooms. Valuables including cash, jewellery, and mobile phones were reportedly stolen from rooms vacated in the chaos following the crash. The looters are believed to have taken advantage of the confusion as rescue operations unfolded. The ill-fated flight crashed into the doctors' hostel located on the premises of Civil Hospital and BJ Medical College, triggering a massive fire. The third, fourth, and fifth floors of the building were severely damaged. At least eight fatalities have been reported, and many more are feared injured. Eyewitnesses described the horror as the aircraft, flying unusually low, struck the residential complex. "The plane crashed into the residential quarters of doctors and nursing staff," said Haresh Shah, speaking to PTI. "Several five-storey buildings in the area caught fire, and many people were injured." Another resident reported that multiple vehicles in the compound were also engulfed in flames following the crash. Authorities are continuing rescue efforts while investigating both the cause of the crash and the reported incidents of theft.

## Ayush Ministry to host Yoga Connect on Saturday

**New Delhi, June 13 (UNI)** As a key lead-up event to the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY), the Ayush Ministry will host 'Yoga Connect', a hybrid global summit on Saturday at Vigyan Bhawan here.

The summit will bring together yoga gurus, policymakers, health experts, business leaders, researchers, and global influencers, both from India and abroad, an official statement said here. The event is being coordinated by the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN). 'Yoga Connect' will follow a hybrid format, bringing together over 1,000 in-person participants along with virtual attendees from leading international yoga institutions and wellness communities. Experts from more than four countries, including Bahrain, the United States, the United Kingdom, and South Korea, will join the summit.

A major highlight of the summit will be the release of 'Yoga Prabhava' report-a nationwide study conducted by CCRYN assessing the impact of IDY over the past decade. On the occasion, Decadal Impact of Yoga (E-book), Report on Scientometric Analysis of Yoga Research and Bhartiya Vriksha Vaibhavam: An illustrative booklet highlighting the significance of native Indian trees and their relevance will be unveiled.

Yoga Connect will see the participation of Baba Ramdev, Acharya Bala Krishna, HR Nagendra, Bikkhu Sanghasena, and Bharath Bhushan. 'Yoga Connect' is an opportunity to bring together people who are shaping the future of yoga. It marks ten years of India's global yoga movement, which began when the United Nations declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga in 2014.

## Kashmiri politicians, including CM and ex-CMs, slam global silence on Israel's attack on Iran

**Srinagar, June 13 (UNI)** Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and former CMM Mehbooba Mufti on Friday strongly criticized the "silence" of global powers over Israel's attack on Iran, calling it a dangerous display of "double standards." Omar said that as far as he knows, Iran did not give Israel any provocation to launch an attack. "Israel went ahead on their own, calling it a pre-emptive attack, and waged war on a country. If the global powers remain silent on this, it will be truly unfortunate. What Israel has done is very similar to what Russia did to Ukraine," Omar told reporters in Srinagar. Omar pointed out the hypocrisy in international responses. "You raise your voice against Russia, launch campaigns. But when Israel attacks Iran, America, Europe, and others remain silent. If it is wrong for one country to attack another, it should be wrong also when Israel attacks Iran," he said. The Chief Minister said the Middle East conflict will, of course, escalate, and it will have an immediate impact on the people in the country. "It (Iran- Israel conflict) will, of course, escalate and will have an immediate impact on us. It has an impact on our fuel prices. It has an impact on our stock market. It has an impact on the flights that have to fly to the West. But more than that, it has an impact on the sentiment of people," Omar said. Earlier, in a post on X, Chief Minister urged the Ministry of External Affairs to ensure the safety of Kashmiri students in Iran. Israel on Friday launched a major attack on Iran,



including nuclear sites, killing several top figures. The attack triggered condemnation from several Kashmiri politicians. National Conference President Farooq Abdullah strongly condemned the Israeli attack on Iran, saying it was condemnable and reprehensible. "This attack undermines Iran's sovereignty and security and is a blatant violation of international laws and principles," Abdullah said. Abdullah said that Israel is breaking all records of "oppression and brutality" in Palestine. He also criticized the United Nations, stating that it has become a silent spectator of Israeli aggression and barbarism, and for the past one year and eight months, it has only issued statements regarding the continued bombings. Former CM and PDP President Mehbooba Mufti said that Israel's attack on Iran is yet another "brazen act by a state that appears to have gone rogue." "The silence of the global community, particularly Western powers led by the United States, is both alarming and telling.

## Defence Secy attends closing ceremony of India-Mongolia military drill

**New Delhi, June 13 (UNI)** The 17th edition of the India-Mongolia joint military exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' concluded at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on Friday. Defence Secretary, Rajesh Kumar Singh along with Lieutenant General Pushendra Singh, Director General Operational Logistics and Strategic Movement, attended the closing ceremony, a Defence Ministry statement said. Speaking at the closing ceremony, the Defence Secretary commended the professionalism, dedication and conduct of the Indian soldiers during Exercise Nomadic Elephant. He said that this exercise is a testament to the enduring bond of friendship, mutual trust and shared cultural linkages between India and Mongolia. It served as a platform for meaningful



military cooperation and demonstrated India's unwavering commitment to regional peace and stability. He further added that the Indian Army's contribution to such joint initiatives not only enhances operational readiness but also reinforces India's role as a responsible stakeholder in global peacekeeping efforts. The



Indian Army contingent, comprising 45 personnel predominantly from the Arunachal Scouts Battalion, actively participated in the two-week-long exercise. The focus of the joint training was to enhance interoperability between the Indian Army and the Mongolian Armed Forces while operating as a combined task force in semi-

conventional scenarios in semi-urban and mountainous terrain under United Nations mandate. The Defence Secretary is also scheduled to attend the Opening Ceremony of the multinational joint military exercise 'Khaan Quest 2025' at the same location on Saturday, in which Indian Army contingent is also one of the participants. Exercise Khaan Quest 2025 will be conducted from June 14th to 28th. The conduct of Exercises Nomadic Elephant and Khaan Quest marks a significant milestone in India's expanding defence diplomacy and underscores the strategic importance of its partnership with Mongolia.

## A Missed Flight, A Life Saved: Bhoomi Chauhan's Narrow Escape from Air India Tragedy

**Ahmedabad 13 June** Bhoomi Chauhan was meant to be aboard Air India Flight AI-171 from Ahmedabad to London on June 12, 2025. But a delay of just ten minutes—caused by heavy traffic on the way to the airport—kept her from boarding the doomed flight. Minutes after takeoff, the Boeing 787 crashed, killing over 200 people. Chauhan, who had been visiting Ahmedabad on a short vacation, was returning to London alone. As news of the crash broke, she was left stunned and shaken. "I still can't believe it," she reportedly told family members. "A matter of minutes changed everything." "I am completely devastated after hearing about the loss (of lives). My body is literally shivering. I am not being able to talk. My mind is totally blank now after hearing all that has happened," she said. 'Ganpati Bappa saved me' Chauhan added that she left the Sardar



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport around 1.30pm after she missed the flight. The London-bound Air India flight took off around 1.38pm and crashed just minutes after in a residential area near the airport. "My mind is totally blank. I am thankful to God. My Ganpati Bappa saved me," she added. Chauhan was set to fly back to London alone on the Air India flight. She came to India for a vacation after two years and lives with her husband in London. "Just because of those ten minutes, I could not board the flight. I don't know how to



explain this," she said. Now safe, Bhoomi says her life has been forever changed—marked not by the flight she missed, but by the fate she escaped. Thursday's crash is one of the worst involving a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, the company's most advanced wide-body jet. The 12-year-old aircraft had arrived from Delhi just hours earlier. Soon after takeoff, it dropped sharply and crashed into a residential area, bursting into flames. Data from Flightradar24 showed it reached 625 feet before falling.

## JU, Indian Army host sports camp at Bhaderwah Campus

**Jammu, June 13 (UNI)** The Jammu University and the Indian Army are jointly hosting a ten-day Sports Camp being organised by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education at Bhaderwah Campus in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. The event was inaugurated by Colonel Yogesh Chouhan, Commanding Officer, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Major Kavinder was the Guest of Honour. Addressing the gathering, Col. Yogesh Chouhan laid

special emphasis on the role of youth in nation-building. He encouraged students to adopt discipline, physical fitness, and a sense of responsibility towards society, drawing parallels between sportsmanship and patriotic values. Jammu, June 13 (UNI) The Jammu University and the Indian Army are jointly hosting a ten-day Sports Camp being organised by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education at Bhaderwah Campus in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir.





## CDCCB polls: Scrutiny of nomination papers of 213 contestants held

### 58 Contestants disqualified

Chandrapur 13 June: The election of 21 directors of Chandrapur District Central Cooperative Bank is being held after 13 years. 213 People, including many political leaders, had filed nomination papers for the same. After the scrutiny of nomination papers on Thursday (June 12), 58 people were disqualified, including former chairman of the bank, Manohar Paunkar. Chandrapur District Central Cooperative Bank has a turnover of Rs 5,500 crore. 213 Contestants had filed nominations for post of 21 directors. After the scrutiny, 58

After the 2012 elections, Dhote held the post of chairman from 2012 to 2015, after which Manohar Povankar was the chairman from 2015 to 2020 and Santosh Singh Rawat graced the post from 2020 to 2025. Dhote was removed from the post of chairman after a no-confidence motion was passed against him while Manohar Povankar went to jail in a corruption case related to the bank. Due to this, he was removed from the post of chairman. Looking at the history of the bank, it seems that most of the chairpersons have been elected from the Kunbi community.

**CDCCB has a turnover of Rs 5500 crore**  
CDCCB polls will be held on July 10, 2025 after a gap of 13 years. 901 Office bearers of various organisations will vote in it and the election results will be announced on July 11. Everyone's attention is on the upcoming bank elections

people were disqualified. The candidates contesting the elections include powerful political leaders of the district and the state. Those who filed their nominations include former Maharashtra LoP Vijay

Wadetiwar, Chandrapur Arni Lok Sabha constituency MP Pratibha Dhanorkar, Chandrapur MLA Kishor Jorgewar, former bank chairman Santosh Singh Rawat and many other eminent leaders.

## Mass media has played big role in spreading Indian knowledge tradition: Prof. Kripashankar Chaubey

Wardha, June 13. Senior journalist and Head of the Mass Communication Department of Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, Prof. Kripashankar Chaubey has said that traditional as well as modern and ultra modern media have played a big role in spreading Indian knowledge tradition. Prof. Chaubey was delivering a special lecture on the subject of Indian knowledge tradition and mass media in an international workshop organized by the Sanskrit Department of Calcutta University today.

Prof. Chaubey said that Indian society has been a society of oral communication. The oral tradition did not end even with the advent of print and audio-visual-digital media. Traditional as well as modern and ultra modern media have created a desire among the people for the accumulated amount of knowledge in the Indian tradition and the cultural heritage of the country. He said that Raja Ram Mohan Roy propagated the view of Brahmo Samaj in the first half of the nineteenth century through 'Samvad Kaumudi' and 'Brahmanical Magazine' that Vedic religion is extremely sacred, pure and

exemplary in which there is no place for idol worship and superstition. Keshav Chandra Sen did the same thing through 'Sulabh Samachar'. Tattvabodhini Patrika' propagated the Indian knowledge tradition by publishing the essence of the Upanishads.

Prof. Chaubey said that Rishi Arvind Ghosh propagated the Indian knowledge tradition through 'Vande Mataram', 'Karmayogin' and 'Arya' magazines, Rabindranath Tagore propagated the Indian knowledge tradition through 'Tattvabodhini', 'Sadhana' and 'Bangadarshan' magazines and Subramaniam Bharati propagated the Indian knowledge tradition through Tamil newspapers 'Swadesamitran', 'Chakravartini', 'India' and 'Karmayogi'.

Subramaniam Bharati published the Tamil translation of Bhagwat Gita in 'Karmayogi', 'Kalyan' magazine published by Gita Press propagated the Indian knowledge tradition by publishing special issues like Ved Katha issue,



Upanishad issue, Hindu culture issue, Bodh Katha issue and Vishambarnath Pandey propagated the Indian knowledge tradition by publishing several special issues of the Hindi monthly magazine 'Vishwavani'.

In the twenty-first century, the same valuable work of spreading the Indian knowledge tradition is being done by magazines like 'Sanchar Madhyam', Sanskrit daily like 'Sudharma', many programs of Doordarshan and some digital mediums. Dr. Kamal Kishore Mishra, the head of Sanskrit department and convener of this international workshop organized on Indian knowledge tradition, gave the introductory speech.

Dr. Sudipta Chakraborty gave the welcome speech and Dr. Tuli Rai gave the vote of thanks.

## Practice Yoga Regularly for Physical and Mental Well-being: Murlidhar Belkhode

Wardha, 13 June : A special awareness campaign titled 'Countdown Yoga Day' was organized on Friday, June 13, at Oxygen Park, Wardha, under the joint aegis of the Central Bureau of Communication, Regional Office, Wardha (under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India), Mahatma Gandhi Antarashtriy Hindi University, Nisarg Seva Samiti, and Patanjali Yoga Parivar to promote and spread awareness about International Yoga Day. While presiding over the program, Murlidhar Belkhode, President of Nisarg Seva Samiti, emphasized the importance of practicing yoga regularly for physical and mental well-being. Various yoga techniques and asanas were demonstrated and practiced during the program. Prashant Savarkar from Patanjali Yoga Samiti led the yoga session. Dignitaries present on the dais included Rajesh Arora, Acting Registrar of the Hindi



University; Hansraj Raut, Information Officer from the Regional Publicity Office, B.S. Mirge, Public Relations Officer of the MGAHV, Dr. Anwar Ahmed Siddiqui, Assistant Professor; and Bhausaheb Thute from Gurudev Seva Mandal.

During the event, saplings were planted by the guests, and a two-minute silence was observed in tribute to those who lost their lives in the recent plane crash in Gujarat.

In his opening speech, Hansraj Raut provided details about the 'Countdown

guests were welcomed with saplings. Dr. Shobha Belkhode anchored the event, and Dr. Anwar Ahmed Siddiqui proposed the vote of thanks. The program concluded with the Rashtravandana.

The event witnessed large participation from citizens and students, including Ravi Wankhede, Vidyatayi Pawar, Pushpatayi Bhoyar, Surekha Tute, Diliprao Wakde, Ashokrao Khide, Rajkumar Vasekar, Sunil Akhare, Yashwantrao Narode, Arvind Meshram, Mahendra Hadekar, Rajendra Ghodmare, Pramodrao Bhoyar, Arun Bombale, Ramji Navkar, Satish Udhavne, Ramesh Bhole, Jagdish Vyas, Baburao Savarkar, Anil Devtale, Vijay Bhagat, Gopal Sontakke, Suresh Chaudhary, Vinod Waghe, Umesh Kapkar, Gautam Phul Mali, Narayanrao Bhoyar, Nilesh Rao Nandan, Shubham Telrandhe, B.D. Hande, Prathmesh Wankade and many others.

Yoga Day' initiative as part of the ongoing Yoga Day promotional efforts. B.S. Mirge, the Public Relations Officer, highlighted the upcoming International Yoga Day to be celebrated worldwide on June 21, and shared that this year's theme is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health." He further mentioned various sub-initiatives under the theme, including Yoga Bandhan, Yoga Park, Yoga Samavesh, Yoga Connect, Harit Yoga (Green Yoga), Yoga Unplugged, Sanyog. The program commenced with a water offering to plants, and

## Bayer launches BICOTA, an innovation-backed solution for managing Stem Borers in Paddy cultivation

**Gondia 13 June:** Bayer, a global enterprise with core competencies in the life science fields of agriculture and healthcare, announces the launch of BICOTA, a new product designed to help rice farmers manage stem borer pests effectively. BICOTA combines Bayer's exclusive innovation to provide strong protection against these damaging pests. BICOTA will be available across key rice-growing states, including Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Western UP, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, starting in June 2025.

Stem borers can cause significant damage to rice crops, leading to reduced yields. BICOTA works quickly to stop the feeding of these pests and provides longer-lasting protection. With just one application, farmers can enjoy extra protection for a longer duration as compared to the other solutions available in the market. Additionally, it promotes better root and tiller development, helping to enhance overall crop health and address key challenge of controlling stem borer infestation amid changing weather conditions while ensuring higher yields. Speaking on the launch, Mohan Babu, Chief Operating Officer - India,

Crop Science Division, Bayer, said, "Bayer endeavors to make life easier for farmers through its innovations. With BICOTA, we not only want paddy farmers to have solutions that will protect their crop but also save them time and labour costs and help improve their yields and income." BICOTA is safe to use and safe to beneficial insects, making it an ideal choice for farmers and also fits well in the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices. Its granular formulation allows for convenient application, making it easy for farmers to cover their fields quickly. To know more about the product, please visit the Bayer FarmRise

## SECR GM Tarun Prakash inspects Chandrapur to Wadsa railway line

**Chandrapur 13 June:** South East Central Railway General Manager Tarun Prakash started the inspection of Chandrapur to Wadsa railway line on Thursday (June 12). He took stock of facilities such as the railway station, level crossing gate, railway bridge, point and crossing, turn out, track and other installations along this railway line. Apart from this, a speed trial is also being conducted along the railway line.

This inspection tour is to ensure safe travel and facilities to the passengers on the Chanda Fort-Wadsa line. He discussed various issues with the

representatives of Lok Pravasi Sangh and other railway related organisations at Chanda Fort railway station. Chanda Fort-Wadsa railway station is being developed under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. General Manager Tarun Prakash also inspected these works.

Chanda Fort railway station is an important interchange station in this area and in the future, a large number of facilities including rail doubling, connection with Chandrapur city and other projects will be implemented here, he informed.

## Deepotsav at Bhugao Showcased Youth Leadership and Farmer Gratitude – A Unique Initiative by Sanidhya Foundation

**Bhugao, Wardha, 13 June:** (Nagpur Post/TC) In a heartwarming display of cultural richness, spiritual energy, and social responsibility, Sanidhya Foundation organized a unique "Deepotsav and Bhajan Sandhya" at the Balaji Temple located within the premises of Evonith Steel Plant. Held at 6:00 PM, this evening of light and devotion brought together the spirit of youth leadership and deep gratitude towards the farmer community.

The highlight of the program was the lighting of \*\*2,100 oil lamps\*\* in honor of farmers and to pray for a prosperous agricultural season ahead. With erratic weather conditions, delayed rainfall, and increasing natural uncertainties posing challenges to farming, the youth of Sanidhya Foundation took the initiative to symbolically communicate with nature through this devotional celebration – well before the sowing season begins.

The event was graced by respected dignitaries including chief guest Mr. Amol Dhorme (Director, MTD Jewellers), special guests Mrs. Hemlata Meghe (Chairperson, Kasturba Women's



Multipurpose Society) and Prof. Anant Meghe, and was presided over by Mr. R.K. Sharma (HR Head, Evonith Steel Plant). Sanidhya Foundation's founder and president Yash Deshmukh introduced the event and shared the deeper meaning behind the initiative.

The evening featured soulful devotional songs, traditional bhajans, and cultural performances. But what made this event truly special was that it was entirely conceptualized, managed, and executed by youth volunteers. From the planning and coordination to the cultural performances and spiritual arrangements, the energy and dedication of young people stood at the core of the celebration.

The Deepotsav was not merely a religious or entertainment event – it was a platform to foster \*\*social awareness, spiritual reflection, and unity.\*\* The youth of Sanidhya Foundation used this opportunity to stand with farmers emotionally and spiritually, reminding everyone that the well-being of the agricultural community is intrinsically linked to society's prosperity.

Attendees, especially farmers and local citizens, responded with great enthusiasm and appreciation. Many shared that the evening was not only spiritually fulfilling but also emotionally moving. The event sent a strong message: when youth step forward with purpose and empathy, real societal change begins.

Sanidhya Foundation, through this initiative, has created a powerful example of how youth energy and farmer respect can come together\*\* to build a harmonious and hopeful future. President Yash Deshmukh concluded the evening by affirming the organization's continued commitment to organizing such impactful and meaningful events.

## 4th Sub-Junior National Dueball Championship Inaugurated in Nagpur 22 State Teams from Across India Participate

**Nagpur 13 June:** The 4th Sub-Junior National Dueball Championship was inaugurated with great enthusiasm at the Vidarbha Hockey Association Ground in Nagpur.

Dueball, a fast-emerging sport, owes its wide reach to its founder, Mr. Firoz Khan, whose tireless efforts have established the sport in all Indian states and over 40 countries around the world. Speaking at the event, Mr. Khan expressed optimism that Dueball will soon receive official recognition as a national sport of India.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by several distinguished guests, including Mrs. Swarna Khandelwal Joshi, Deputy



Charity Commissioner; Mr. Syed Nawab, Secretary of the Dueball Federation of India (DFI); Mr. Ghani Khan; Advocate Shivani Joshi; Mr. Kishor Jichkar; Mrs. International Vinita Bhatia; Mr. Santosh Pakodewala, Mr. Abhay Dattatray from RFAB DTDC; Mrs. Renu Siddhu, a noted athlete; Mr. Avinash Bhisne; and Mr. Nikhil

## Free Jaipur Foot Distribution Camp at SMHRC, Wanadongri

**Nagpur 13 June:** In just three years, Shalinitai Meghe Hospital & Research Centre (SMHRC) based in Wanadongri, Nagpur has grown from a 450-bed facility to a 1020-bedded multi-super speciality hospital, emerging as a beacon of affordable and accessible healthcare for the underserved populace of Central India. Driven by a mission to provide compassionate, quality medical care to all, SMHRC continues to expand its outreach with meaningful community-driven initiatives. In a remarkable expression of service and inclusion, SMHRC, in collaboration with Rotary International District 3030, Rotary Club of Nagpur North, and Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Pune, will host a Free Artificial Limb (Jaipur Foot) Distribution Camp on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at its campus in Wanadongri, Hingna Road, Nagpur. This noble initiative, conceptualized by Hon'ble Shri Sameerji Meghe, MLA of Hingna Constituency, commemorates the birth anniversary of Hon'ble Smt. Shalinitai Dattaji Meghe (Mai Saheb)—a revered figure known for her lifelong dedication to social and healthcare causes. The event is generously supported by a personal philanthropic contribution from Shri Sameerji Meghe, underscoring his unwavering commitment to empowering the differently-abled and economically challenged segments of society. The Jaipur Foot, an

internationally recognized and cost-effective prosthetic limb, has restored mobility and dignity to thousands around the world. It enables individuals who have lost limbs due to trauma, illness, or congenital conditions to walk independently and reclaim a life of productivity and self-worth. Speaking about the initiative, Shri Sameer Meghe stated, "This is a humble tribute to the compassion and service values imbibed from Smt. Shalinitai Meghe. Helping someone walk again and regain their independence is among the most impactful acts of humanity. Through this camp, we aim to bring back hope and dignity into the lives of those who need it the most." Dr. Anup Marar, Director, DMIHER (DU) Off-Campus, emphasized, "At SMHRC, we have always prioritized community healthcare—be it preventive outreach through Mahaarogya Camps, telemedicine, or rehabilitative efforts like this Jaipur Foot Camp. This initiative furthers our commitment to inclusive care and social responsibility." Smt. Manisha Manghani, President, Rotary Club of Nagpur North, added, "Rotary stands for 'Service Above Self.' This collaboration perfectly aligns with our mission of supporting the differently-abled. We are proud to contribute to such a meaningful cause under the able leadership of Shri Rajindersingh Khurana, District Governor, Rotary International District 3030." Shri Rajeev

Warbhe, Chairman, Tribal Welfare Committee, Rotary District 3030, observed, "SMHRC has consistently demonstrated its leadership in community healthcare. With the support of dedicated doctors, social organizations, and forward-thinking leadership, this camp will indeed be a transformative event." Dr. Sudhir Singh-SMHRC Medical Superintendent conveyed that Dr. Vasant Gawande, Professor & Head, Department of Orthopaedics will spearhead the camp along with a committed team comprising Dr. Shivam Gupta, Dr. Bhagyashree Gohane, Shri Ajay Thakre, Dr. Seema Singh, and Shri Neeraj Kalihari. Providing logistical details, Shri Ashwin Radke, Officer on Special Duty (Community Services), SMHRC, shared, "The camp will be held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at SMHRC, Wanadongri, Nagpur. The process will include registration, screening, orthopaedic assessment, and prosthetic measurements. Fabrication of custom limbs will follow, with a formal distribution ceremony scheduled approximately 30 days later." The entire initiative is free of cost, but prior registration is mandatory to ensure organized, individualized service. Community members are encouraged to spread awareness so that this life-changing opportunity reaches those in genuine need.

## Rana Naidu Season 2: A Gritty Family Drama Fueled by Revenge and Redemption

**Mumbai 13 June:** Rana Naidu Season 2 picks up right where it left off—with chaos, high-stakes drama, and a fixer who just can't seem to escape his past. This time, Rana (Rana Dagubati) tries to settle into a quieter life with his wife Naina (Surveen Chawla), but is quickly dragged back into the underworld when his son is kidnapped. What follows is a web of deceit, double-crosses, and unexpected alliances as he takes on dangerous foes—including a vengeful gangster Rauf (Arjun Rampal) and a manipulative new boss, Viraj Oberoi (Rajat Kapoor). The season retains its gritty tone and fast-paced narrative, weaving through personal betrayals, family breakdowns, and corporate politics. The heart of the show remains the strained relationship between Rana and his eccentric, volatile father Naga (Venkatesh Dagubati), which continues to deliver both tension and dark humour. The Goatrack and the family

fallout add new layers to the characters, while side plots like Naina's emotional drift and Tej's move to Portugal deepen the drama. Performance-wise, Rana and Venkatesh are in top form—subtle and intense, they command every scene. Surveen Chawla and Kriti Kharbanda are solid, and Arjun Rampal is a menacing presence as the antagonist. However, some characters are poorly developed or abruptly written off, which hurts the narrative flow. There are moments of clever tension and well-executed twists, but the writing often leans on convenience, and some dramatic build-ups fizzle out without resolution. While Rana Naidu 2 tries to go bigger and darker, it sometimes loses focus in trying to do too much. Still, fans of the series will find enough to stay invested—from stylish action sequences to emotionally charged confrontations.



## Crime Branch Unit 01 Cracks Motorcycle Theft Case in Amravati, Two Juveniles Detained

Amravati , 13 June ( Nagpur Post/DC) : Crime Branch Unit 01 of Amravati City successfully solved a vehicle theft case and recovered a stolen motorcycle within days of the FIR being registered.

On June 10, 2025, Harish Kisnarao Mankar, a resident of Khallar, Taluka Daryapur, District Amravati, lodged a complaint at Gadgenagar Police Station, leading to the registration of FIR No. 452/2025 under Section 305(b) of the Indian Penal Code.

Following a detailed technical investigation, the Crime Branch team detained two juveniles in conflict with law. From their possession, officers recovered a black Honda Unicorn motorcycle bearing registration number MH27-CL-9141, valued at approximately 780,000. The recovered vehicle was handed over to Gadgenagar Police Station.

The investigation and recovery were carried out under the guidance of:

Arvind Chawariya – Commissioner of Police

Sagar Patil – Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 1)



Kalpna Baravkar – Deputy Commissioner of Police (Headquarters) Shivaji Bachate – Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Arun Patil – Assistant Commissioner of Police (Gadgenagar Division)

The successful team included: Senior PI Gorakhnath Jadhav, Sub-Inspector Manish Wakode, PSI Prakash Zhopate, PHC Satish Deshmukh, Officers Firoz Khan, Sachin Bahale, Prashant Mohod, Alimoddin Khatib, PN Nazimuddin Sayyed, PCs Vikas Gudhe, Sachin Bhoyar, Suraj Chavan, Nikhil Gedam, Ranjit Gawande, Driver Ashok Khangar, and Kishor Bengre.

## Great Maratha Organization Marches on Warud Municipal Council

Warud 3 June ( Nagpur Post/DC) :—Members of the Great Maratha Organization staged a peaceful protest march at 12 PM against the Warud Municipal Council, demanding immediate action on various civic issues.

Led by Nitin Gurjar, hundreds participated. Due to the acting Chief Officer's

absence, protestors symbolically submitted their demands to his empty chair. Key demands included drainage cleaning, monsoon preparation, regular drinking water supply, and power restoration. Sanitation inspectors present assured immediate action, prompting temporary withdrawal of the protest. However, the organization

warned of intensified protests if issues remain unresolved in eight days.

Protesters highlighted administrative neglect, pothole-ridden roads, water shortages, and inconsistent electricity. Participants included Dr. Mahendra Raut, Giridhar Deshmukh, Vinay Shah, Ashok Nanotkar, Dilip Kherde, Ritesh Shah, and other local activists.

## Gram Panchayat Members Demand Cancellation of Jadhav Layout in Shirirampur

Pusad, 13 June (Nagpur Post/TC): Alleging failure to pay taxes and provide basic civic amenities, four members of the Gram Panchayat have demanded the cancellation of Jadhav Layout in the Shirirampur Gram Panchayat limits. A memorandum to this effect has been submitted to Group Development Officer Amolkumar Andelwad.

According to the memorandum, the land located under Survey No. 8/1 in Shirirampur was handed over to layout owners Pradeep Kaniram Jadhav and Hansraj Kaniram Jadhav through Resolution No. 20/2 passed during the monthly meeting of the Gram Panchayat on October 7, 2024. However, despite the handover, the owners neither paid taxes to the Gram Panchayat nor provided civic amenities in the area.

The signatories—Dinesh Rathod, Rahul Shahare, Jalil Bagwan, and Sachin Bhitade—have urged authorities to cancel the layout and provide relief to local residents. Copies of the memorandum have also been sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the Zilla Parishad, the Sub-District Officer, and other relevant officials.

This complaint has stirred significant concern in the Shirirampur Gram Panchayat and the entire taluka. Allevies are now on the developments that will follow.

## Jijau Brigade Celebrates Vat Pournima Through Tree Plantation

Pusad, 13 June (Nagpur Post/TC) Emphasizing progressive values, the Jijau Brigade celebrated the traditional Vat Pournima festival by organizing a tree plantation drive instead of performing the customary ritual of circumambulating a banyan tree. This initiative aimed to set a new benchmark in social consciousness. The event took place at Shivraj Park Garden, with the participation of women from Banjara Colony and Shivraj Park. The program was organized under the leadership of Jijau Brigade's Taluka President Ujjwala Khandare, Vice President Sunanda Wanjal, and Secretary Varsha Asole.

Other key participants included regional office-bearers like Shubhangi Panpatte, Chhaya Prakash Lamne, Manda Ingole, Pallavi Deshmukh, Nanda Pawar, Vimal Naik, Ranjana Chavan, Renuka Jadhav, Kantabai Kasambe, Malu Rathod, Geeta Gaharwar, Rupali Dhenagle, Tai Thakare, Jaya More, Rupali Pawar, Vaishali Salunke, Aruna Pawar, and Sandhya Kadam.

## Teachers Are the Backbone of the Nation: Headmaster Pandit Maske

Pusad, 13 June (Nagpur Post/ TC) : "Teachers are the backbone of the nation and must dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to the noble cause of education," said Headmaster Pandit Maske during the valedictory function of the Senior and Selection Grade Training Workshop held at the Government Residential School for Scheduled Caste Girls in Asarpand.

The 10-day workshop was held from June 2 to June 12. Speaking as the chief guest, Maske encouraged teachers to contribute meaningfully to students' futures. Prominent guests included Extension Officer and Cluster Coordinator Vishranti Fopase, senior teacher Shivshankar Gharade, Umesh Ingle, and Professor Bhaskar Garad.

The event began with the national and state anthems, followed by a floral tribute to the statue of Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule. Teachers such as Bhau Bhokare, Sandeep Wankhede, Nadeem Khan, Balu Rathod, Nitima Rokade, Tai Deshpande, Bhau Sakhare, Bhau Borkar, and Tai Narwade shared their experiences. Shivshankar Gharade urged the trainees to use their training to brighten students' lives, while Umesh Ingle emphasized the integration of technology to make learning more engaging. Prof. Bhaskar Garad highlighted the importance of teaching with passion.

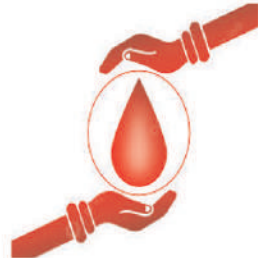
Milind Rathod delivered the introductory remarks, with Mungshiram Kadam hosting the event and Seema Ravate expressing gratitude. Narendra Jadhav spoke on behalf of the trainees. The school's Headmistress Savita Gharjare was specially felicitated for providing the training venue.

## Hundreds Participate in Blood Donation Camp in Memory of Late Haji Yusuf Khan

Amravati ,13 June (Nagpur Post/DC): – In memory of the late Haji Yusuf Khan, a prominent social worker of Amravati, a grand blood donation camp was held near the Science Core area. The event was organized jointly by the Amravati Utsav Mela and the YK Group, in collaboration with Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Medical College and Blood Bank.

Hundreds of citizens and family members donated blood as a tribute to Haji Yusuf Khan, who was known for conducting the last rites of unclaimed bodies. His sons—Rahim, Aziz, Hafeez, Ahfaz, Amir, Ahmed, and Asif Khan—continue his legacy of community service.

Medical professionals including Dr. Tejaswini Sahu, Dr. Aishwarya Deshmukh, Haris Khan, Vandana Chaudhary, Nilesh



Choukhandhe, Pratik Navare, and Amol Tetu conducted the blood collection.

Donors included Mahendra Bhutada, Sheikh Irfan, Sheikh Sohail, Syed Mohsin, Asif Khan, Bandu Athawale, Ankush Thakre, Imran Khan, Chandrakant Bobade, Rijju Khan, Sahil Kawade, Saeed Khan, Ali Asgar (Davawala), Mukhtar Ahmed, Sandeep Shendre, Deepak Bavne, Raja Khan, Arif Khan, Sajju Khan, and Sheikh Monu. The initiative served as a powerful example of social responsibility.

## Mother and Four-Year-Old Son Seriously Injured in Bus Accident at Daryapur Depot

Daryapur, 13 June ( Nagpur Post/DC) : – A shocking accident occurred at the Daryapur bus station on Thursday around 4 PM, leaving a mother and her four-year-old son seriously injured. The incident involved a newly arrived bus (MH-14 MH-2279) from the Daryapur depot.

Pooja Mangesh Khandare (35) and her son Saransh Mangesh Khandare (4) were standing at the station when, amidst the rush to board the bus, they were run over by the front wheels. Both suffered severe injuries to their legs. Bus driver Pawan Bagade fled the scene immediately after the incident, leaving the bus running, but later surrendered to the police.

Onlookers rushed the victims to the Sub-District Hospital, from where they were referred to Amravati due to the seriousness of their condition. Tension prevailed in the depot area after the accident. Depot Manager Ashish Bahulkar visited the injured and assured assistance from the ST Corporation. Daryapur police have conducted a spot panchnama and begun legal proceedings.

## Burglary Solved in Hours Using Hidden Key Clue

Warud 13 June (Nagpur Post/DC) : –A house burglary in Warud was solved within hours thanks to swift police action. The thief used a key hidden inside a shoe in the slipper to steal Rs. 86,000 in valuables. Victim Savita Gajanan Brahman had left for her mother's home, leaving the key in the stand. Sanjay alias Ramjane Jaiprakash Srivastava of Athawadi Bazar discovered and used it to steal gold and silver jewelry and Rs. 2,500 in cash. Warud police quickly identified and arrested the accused, recovering the stolen items. Further investigation is ongoing.

## Debt-Ridden Elderly Farmer Commits Suicide in Brahmanwada Bhagat

Amravati, 13 June: An 82-year-old farmer, Bhaurao Nathuji Gondane, of Brahmanwada Bhagat village in Amravati taluka, died by suicide on Thursday morning by consuming pesticide used for spraying crops. He was reportedly mentally distressed due to repeated crop failures and mounting debt.

## Cyclone Wreaks Havoc in Bhandaraj and Surrounding Villages

Anjangaon Surji, 13 June (Nagpur Post/TC) –A sudden cyclonic storm struck Bhandaraj and Karla villages in Anjangaon Surji taluka at around 4 PM, causing significant damage to public and private property. Initial reports confirm storm damage in Karla and Turkhed as well.

Talathi Manoj Rumale, Sarpanch Raju Patil Nichal, Secretary Pravin Gire, and Hirapur Talathi Dheeraj Mishra promptly visited the affected villages and began damage assessment. Residents, including Sudhakar Gite—who suffered severe losses—have appealed to the administration for immediate financial assistance.

In Bhandaraj, strong winds uprooted several trees, some of which fell on the Gram Panchayat office, sub-health center, and a local Shiv Temple, causing considerable structural damage. Roofs of four local hotels were blown away, and Sudhakar Pandurang Gite's house lost its tin roofing, leading to heavy household losses.

## Sorghum Procurement Begins at Mahagaon Purchase-Sale Society



Mahagaon, 13 June (Nagpur Post/ TC): The Mahagaon Taluka Purchase-Sale Agricultural Cooperative Society has officially started procurement of sorghum under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme for the Rabi season of 2024–2025. The inauguration took place at the ARMC godown under the Tehsil Office on June 11, 2025.

Sorghum is being purchased from registered farmers at an MSP of ₹3,371 per quintal. The procurement launch included a traditional weighing ritual conducted by Supply Inspector Mohan Kolhe and Society President Vishal Pawar. A

farmer named Samadhan Pawar, who brought sorghum for sale, was honored with a shawl and coconut.

Out of 294 registered farmers, 252 received SMS notifications and sold their produce on the first day. The event was attended by Godown Head Bansode, Vice President Shubhangi Pawar, and members Devidas Rathod, Seema Narwade, Madhavrao Suroshe, Hanumant Deshmukh, Rohidas Pate, Digambar Thakre, Baburao Vadgire, Ramhari Adkine, Manager Bhise, staff members Deshmukh and Jadhav, and Market Committee Secretary Abhijit Guggale.

## Foreign Liquor Smuggling Busted in Amravati: Two Accused Held, Including Wine Shop Owner

Amravati, 13 June ( Nagpur Post/DC) :

In a major crackdown on illegal liquor distribution, Rajapeth Police Station officials seized foreign liquor worth Rs. 11,940 during a surprise raid at Gadre Chowk, Amravati, on June 4, 2025, around 11:30 AM.

The raid was conducted based on a confidential tip-off received by Police Inspector Punit Kulat. A patrol team led by Police Head Constable Manish Karpe (Badge No. 1520) accompanied one accused, identified as Prajwal Govindrao Verma (26), resident of Shirala, Walgaon, Amravati.

The accused was found in possession of foreign liquor without any valid license for its possession or sale. Upon interrogation, Prajwal confessed that he had purchased the liquor from Mohini Wines, a local wine shop. Further inquiry revealed that the shop was operating without verifying buyers' licenses and was engaged in large-scale illegal liquor sales.

As a result, the owner of Mohini Wines, identified as



Rajesh Mohanlal Agrawal (54), resident of Khaparde Garden, Amravati, was also named an accused in the case. Legal proceedings have been initiated against him under relevant provisions of the Maharashtra Prohibition Act (Section 65(E)).

The entire operation was executed under the leadership of:

Arvind Chawariya – Commissioner of Police,


Amravati Ganesh Shinde – Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 2)

Jaydutta Bhavar – Assistant Commissioner of Police, Amravati

The field team included Senior PI Punit Kulat, PHC Manish Karpe, Napokos Pankaj Khate, Ravi Likhitar, Gunraj Raut, Police Constables Sagar Bhajagavare and Arjun Kadam.

## Lightning Strikes Maruti Temple in Nimbori; Structural Damage and Electrical Destruction Reported

Achalpur 13 June (Nagpur Post/TC) – Heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds and lightning struck Achalpur taluka on Thursday evening. During the storm, lightning struck the Maruti temple in Nimbori village. The strike caused cracks in the temple walls, plaster collapse, and destruction of electrical equipment inside. Despite the damage, the temple's pinnacle and saffron flag remained intact, which locals see as divine protection. Villagers reported that the temple, built around 10 years ago, houses an ancient idol and is a source of deep devotion. Dilip Raut, a local, emotionally remarked that Lord Hanuman took the village's crisis upon himself. Villagers are now urging the administration to inspect and assess the damages.



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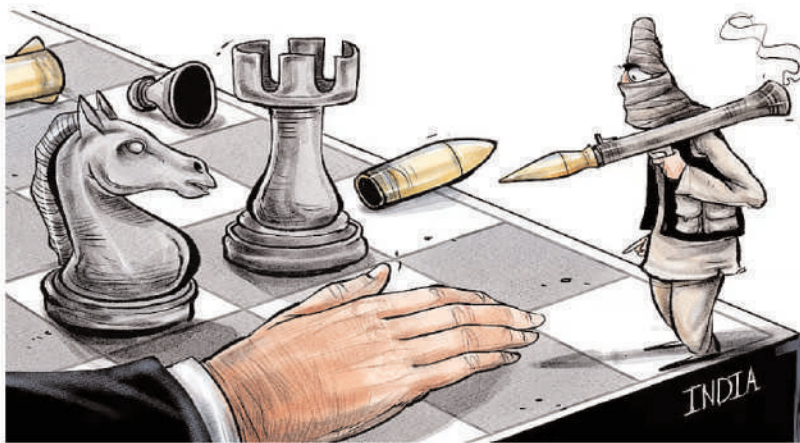
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# Triumph of India's diplomatic crusade against terror

When I first became the chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, I declared that there is no such thing as a Congress foreign policy or a BJP foreign policy; there is only Indian foreign policy and national interests. Whichever side of the political divide we may be on, when it comes to matters of national security, and when at stake are the sovereignty of India and the safety of its populace, we rally together in the national interest. Our democratic history is replete with instances of former prime ministers—from Indira Gandhi and Narasimha Rao to Manmohan Singh—calling upon political colleagues and eminent Indians across party lines to present India's case overseas on matters of national importance. In this spirit of bipartisanship at moments of national peril, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government dispatched seven multi-party delegations of MPs and former diplomats to foreign capitals. Representing a cross-section of the political firmament and their composition reflecting India's regional and religious diversity, yet firmly united in their message, these delegations strove to underscore India's zero-tolerance approach to cross-border terrorism in the wake of the Pahalgaon horror and Operation Sindoor.

Another vital goal was to impress on our international interlocutors Pakistan's complicity in such acts of terror and its malign nurturing of terror groups, weaponised against India as an instrument of state policy. The ultimate objective of this outreach was to garner global support for India's counterterrorism efforts—all while



driving home the point that the perpetrators of terror and the victims of it must never be spoken of in the same breath, let alone be the object of mediation, as if terrorists and their victims could be placed on an equal plane. But even while these delegations were on their missions, conflicting views surfaced in our congested (and often confused) news space on the question of their success, with some dismissing it as a drain on taxpayers' money. The truth is that we have succeeded, emphatically and evidently, in what we set out to do. As the leader of one of the seven delegations, these are my reflections on some of the achievements of our outreach across five nations in South, Central, and North America: Guyana, Panama, Colombia, Brazil, and the US. In all these five countries, our delegation was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm and regard for India's democratic, inclusive, and united

approach to this crucial national security concern. With our diversity—of political affiliation, faith, mother tongue and native region—on ample display, yet speaking the same language of resolve and righteousness, we undertook a series of high-profile engagements. Notably, we met the President of Guyana, Mohamed Irfaan Ali; Prime Minister of Guyana, Brigadier Mark Anthony Phillips; Vice President of Brazil, Geraldo Alckmin; and Vice President of the US, J D Vance. To ensure that our message resounds in the highest decision-and-law-making forums of these countries, we provided thorough briefings on Operation Sindoor and India's evolving counterterrorism policy to government officials and lawmakers—including the heads of external affairs committees in all five countries, presidents of the national assembly in two, and in the US, the Senate foreign relations committee, House foreign affairs committee, and the India Caucus).

## New frontlines of terrorism and the Pakistan equation

For decades, the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir has served as the visible boundary between war and peace, infiltration and prevention, terror and counter-terror. It has also been the default focal point of Indian military strategy and Pakistan's proxy hybrid war, primarily kinetic. However, in 2025, the paradigm is shifting quite drastically. The LoC, while still active, and the kinetic domain in general, may no longer be the main front in the battle for Kashmir's stability. Instead, the new war fronts are dispersed, amorphous, and dangerously embedded within the digital, psychological, and ideological landscape. This is the classic grey zone strategy that has been long expected to manifest. At the heart of this shift lies a question with major implications for India's internal security calculus: Does Pakistan still hold remote control over Kashmir's terrorism?

Recent indicators suggest that Pakistan's ability to infiltrate terrorists across the LoC physically has been severely degraded. Better fencing, aggressive patrolling, a robust counter-infiltration posture, and enhanced surveillance capabilities—both aerial and



electronic—have reduced large-scale infiltration to a trickle. The classical model of launching fidayeen squads, guiding them across the Pir Panjal, and sustaining them with local overground workers is not easily feasible in most sectors. Yet, this does not mean that the threat has receded. Instead, the theatre has simply moved. The Pakistani deep state, ever adaptive, has invested in non-kinetic warfare to offset its reduced kinetic options, fully aware that shifting to a counter-no-kinetic mode is never easy for India. Drone drops of weapons and narcotics in Punjab and Jammu have now become regular events. Encrypted digital communication for recruiting and guiding local youth without the need for physical handlers is on the rise; intercepting this is

proving a major challenge in the current cycle of technology infusion. Deepfake videos and AI-generated propaganda blend radical religious messaging with disinformation about the Indian state and its security forces through social media. This shift signifies a new logic: if territory is difficult to breach, minds become the next terrain of war. One of the most notable post-2019 developments was the emergence of hybrid terrorists—local youth with no prior record, recruited via encrypted apps and trained online to act as lone-wolf attackers. They don't cross the LoC. They don't train in Pakistani camps. They rarely operate in groups. Yet their actions serve the same end as those of their predecessors: psychological destabilisation and turbulence.

## Business can bring India and China closer



India and China have had close people-to-people relations for centuries. Chanakya and Sun Tzu were approximate contemporaries, a hundred years apart. India has historically excelled in relationship-building with other nations through travel, trade, and thought. The three Ts were strong glues. The Tea Horse Road carried a flourishing trade.

The spread of Buddhism had a mercantile streak, as highlighted by Devdutt Pattanaik in his recent column for The New Indian Express. Another relevant article on a syncretic vision to heal our divided world was published by this newspaper earlier this month. When a truncated India encountered a unified China in the 1950s, the frontier politics of British India opened differences.

Differences have been around for eight decades, even as soft power has

## When grandstanding drowned governance in Bengaluru



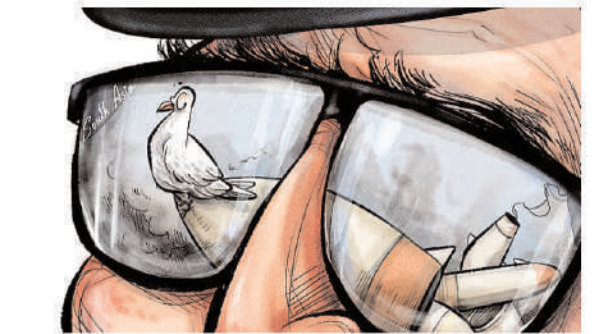
The tragedy that unfolded at Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium—where a celebration spiralled into a stampede—was synthetic, foreseeable and entirely self-inflicted. It was not a case of public enthusiasm gone awry; it was the culmination of a toxic brew of political theatre, administrative apathy and corporate vanity. It laid bare a deeper crisis: a collapse of institutional judgement and a contemptuous disregard for the sanctity of public life. The government's response—suspending the city police commissioner and other senior officers in haste—only served to expose the rot. Scapegoating of honest officers has become the easiest way to deflect accountability. This time, it crossed an ethical line. When spectacle replaces governance, tragedy ensues. What exactly was the occasion for the grand felicitation?

Royal Challengers Bengaluru—a private IPL franchise that, let us remind ourselves, had only won a trophy—was feted like

a conquering army on the grand steps of the Vidhana Soudha, the symbol of Karnataka's democratic and constitutional dignity. With the governor, chief minister, deputy CM, and chief secretary playing hosts, it resembled a swearing-in ceremony, not a sports meet. Why does the state machinery spring into action to elevate a private commercial venture? The RCB brand is not a public institution; it is a business. Unlike our Ranji Trophy-winning state teams that have brought glory to Karnataka for decades but have never been feted in this manner, RCB's success—modest and long in coming—was transformed into a photo-op, a media spectacle.

The motivation was not celebration; it was proximity to celebrity, optics over ethics, and power over prudence. The people came not just because they loved the sport or the team—they came because the state, the Karnataka State Cricket Association, and RCB whipped up a frenzy.

## Why patriotism is no substitute for morality



There is something eerie about the reportage on our recent confrontation with Pakistan. The entire battle is presented as a strategic or gaming technique. Some news presentations share similarities with academic conferences. It is almost as if a war is presented with human interest.

The policy presentations are seen plurally—one minister is presented as an intellectual, another as emphasising the political. Yet another becomes a deeply prophetic character in articulating defence as an immaculate conception. There is an impoverishment here. Patriotism is presented as a kind of moral rearmament while the entire debate takes place without any ethical framework. War is seen more as a gaming technique than a set of ethical choices. A critique of such a situation cannot be presented in the framework of party politics—a clash between the regime and

the opposition. It needs to be viewed within more holistic frameworks that transcend the parochialism of current politics. One of the suggested heuristics is to view it in the framework of futuristics. The concept of the future articulates both ethical possibilities and the idea of alternatives. Futures as an academic domain helped articulate a critique of communist regimes. Futures as a framework now presents the moral possibility of seeing it in terms of a more plural domain where ethics, politics and strategy combine to create a set of decision-making frameworks. The idea of futures lets us go beyond the immediacy and parochialism of today's interest, into the articulation of what would be good for India a decade hence.

Such a debate cannot be confined to strategic and technical terms. Ethics and strategy both need an ordinary language of articulation.

## Business of politics after busyness of war

After the immensely successful and strategically path-breaking "Operation Sindoor," it is back to business as usual in India that is Bharat. By business, I mean politics. Because politics isn't just about gaining and retaining power, whether at the Centre or the states, it is also India's biggest business. Of course, going back to its original meaning, by "business," I also mean whatever keeps us busy. Nothing preoccupies the nation, as we know only too well, as much as politics. It is so ubiquitous and pervasive that it obsessively involves us in almost all aspects of our lives—from the family to the nation. That is why I rate it higher than Bollywood, cricket or, for that matter, even religion, as both our national passion and pastime. Not to speak of our topmost source of information and entertainment. And given the wartime—or now post-war but still hostile—environment, the distinction between information and entertainment could not be more blurred. "Operation Sindoor" was a series of strikes so precise, so restrained, yet so audacious that the world paused to take notice, albeit grudgingly. The whole country, on the other hand, was agog as the Indian armed forces, with their deadly resolve and impeccable aim, delivered a



resounding slap to the face of "rogue nation" Pakistan. The result?

Mission accomplished. A masterclass in military might. However, throughout the conflict, we were also embroiled in a deafening, at times sickening, misinformation battle. Not only with our enemy but with ourselves. With political parties jockeying to position themselves as adversarial beneficiaries. Did we forget that we were at war with Pakistan, not with each other? The result? A masterclass in political theatrics, starring none other than Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the main, if not sole and singular, protagonist of this blockbuster. And why not? The nation is no longer at war. Therefore, we must revert to our favourite melodrama, national politics. Forget the soldiers, the strategists, or the intelligence operatives. Forget even the victims of Pahalgaon. All of them were important in drumming up national sentiment when we

were fighting. Now, it is open season again when it comes to divisive rhetoric and political propaganda. Again, the winner is clearly Modi. He has, once again, outsmarted the Opposition by co-opting their best and brightest to blow his trump and march to his drumbeat—free junkets for them at taxpayers' expense, great publicity for the ruling regime. Who would grudge Modi the spotlight, even if it is loudly, if not exclusively, focused on him? He is dressed for the occasion, with changing headgear suited to different venues. The saffron Modi-Bundi-clad camp followers serve merely as background adornment. The Opposition is, once again, in disarray. Fighting among themselves, scoring self-goals galore, diminishing the prestige of the nation whenever they can, except the lucky ones who got to represent India overseas.

In both the domestic and international sweepstakes, the winner takes all.

## Free speech and criticism in the age of hurting sentiments

Thespian Kamal Haasan recently commented on the origins of the Tamil and Kannada languages, sparking a significant controversy. The Karnataka High Court reprimanded the actor for an opinion he expressed, remarking that the actor has no right to hurt the sentiments of the people. A social media influencer named Sharmishta Panoli has been arrested for alleged 'hate speech' against a community, and the Calcutta High Court has denied bail to the young social media influencer, saying freedom of speech doesn't mean hurting the sentiments of others. Sometime back, a BJP member, Nupur Sharma, was castigated by the courts for her opinion on Islam. A professor at Ashoka University was chastised for his remarks on Operation Sindoor. A tasteless, but not in any way dangerous, remark by the popular podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia was enough to get him scolded in harsh words by the court. The pattern is unsettling.

Shreya Singhal judgement clearly held that mere "annoyance," "inconvenience," or the causing of "offence" cannot form the basis of criminalising speech. Expressions that "offend, shock or disturb" are constitutionally protected under Article 19(1)(a) and that any restriction must pass the test of reasonableness under Article 19(2). Free speech does not only include palatable or popular opinion, but also extends to speech that provokes, unsettles, or challenges. But now, it seems all such judgements are no longer taken as precedent. It appears that we have devolved into a crude society where one can only express remarks that are popular, or risk being arrested. Many social reformers, including Swami Vivekananda, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Mahatma Phule, Dr. Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, Sree Narayana Guru, Periyar, and Raja Ram Mohan Roy, were vociferous critics of evils such as the caste system, untouchability, Sati, and child marriage, which were once



considered essential parts of the religion. They lived under an oppressive colonial government and were free to criticise in the harshest language and express their opinions freely. Seeing the brutality of the caste system in Malabar, Swami Vivekananda had called Kerala a madhouse. Had he been living in the present day, his remarks would have hurt the sentiments of some Malayali, and multiple FIRs, arrest warrants, and court cases would have been filed against him. Courts may have come down harshly on him for 'dog whistling' and may have constituted an enquiry committee to "holistically

understand the complexity of the phraseology employed and for proper appreciation of some of the expressions used in his posts" about the Malayalis. His passport might have been seized, and thus, we might have lost the famous speech of Vivekananda in the World Parliament of Religions. In VS Godbole's book, Rationalism of Veer Savarkar, there are several passages on his opinion on cow worship that may land him in trouble had he expressed them now. Fortunately for us, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Ambedkar, Savarkar, and others lived in a different era, under foreign colonial rule.

How can one predict what will hurt the sentiments of someone or another? Anyone can claim that his or her sentiment is hurt because of some statement or act of another person. Is there a sentiment meter that has been developed to measure how much sentiment is hurt over some social media post or a remark in an interview by random individuals? Is your religion, language, and culture of many thousands of years so fragile that you feel so insecure, weepy and murderous about a remark by a stranger? I wonder how Adi Shankaracharya would have fared in modern-day India if he continued to criticise, debate, and win arguments like he did against various philosophies and religions of his time. Would a Prince Siddhartha, who criticised the Vedas, ever become Buddha or rot in jail without bail, had he been a citizen of the secular, democratic, socialist republic of India instead of living 2,600 years ago? In a civilised society, if sentiment is hurt, one would ignore such comments or criticise back.

## Confronting the mother of all problems

Isn't it a little too short, asked the mother hesitantly. We were at Zara, the mecca of fast fashion. I was mooching around, looking for a skirt I had seen on the website some days earlier. The mother was hovering outside the trial room, from where the 20-something daughter had just emerged in a fitted tee and shorts that ended long before her thighs began. I caught sight of the daughter's expression, and quickly moved away. Even without being a meteorologist, I could sense the storm coming on. As it turned out, I didn't escape the storm. Not quite. You see, not having got the skirt I wanted, I marched to my favourite sushi place to feed my feeling of deprivation with California rolls. The restaurant was packed, but I managed a single seater near a large family. I was just starting to relax when the young man closest to me exploded. "Just stop Mom. I know what I'm doing. I don't need your constant meddling," he snapped. I didn't even need to look around to know what was happening. I'd been in that position so often myself. In the position of the meddling mother, I mean. Just as we parents begin patting ourselves on the back for surviving our offspring's growing up years, there comes the most difficult phase of all: adulthood. It's a whole new level of learning, where our parental know-how is just as effective as a bucket with a hole.

First comes the realisation that the little beings we fed and washed have morphed into adults. Ones who want to make their own decisions and call their own shots. And we can't do anything about it even if we think those



decisions are crazy. If my son calls to say he's chucked up his job at BCG and is moving to Bin to become a paragliding instructor, I can't shriek and shout or blackmail him with reminders of all that I did so that he could get that consulting job.

I also can't make daily "Are you sure about this, sweetie?" calls or send him articles about the difficulty of getting well-paid jobs in today's economy or stats about paragliding accidents. Instead, I have to be patient, encouraging and supportive of his decision. Because that is the parent's designated role in their adult children's lives. The CEO is dead; long live the CSO, or chief supportive officer. If we are notified, terrified or upset at the turn of events, no more but us is supposed to know.

There's also the communication conundrum. We may text, "Everything okay, darling?" and get back a 'K' in response. Now it's up to us to figure out whether K means "Yes, life is grand!" or "Life sucks."

You may send some 'big news' to your daughter, imagining that she will call back pronto for a long chat on the subject, but get only radio silence.



## We are with you: Dr. Aarti Fupate

**PUSAD / NAGPUR**  
**POST:** Taluka was hit by stormy winds and rain. BJP District President Dr. Aarti Fupate has taken the initiative to help the citizens. She inspected the villages that were severely damaged due to the rain. She also assured that we are with you so that the families get the necessary government assistance.

On June 10, Pusad city and the taluka were hit by stormy winds and rain. Normal life was disrupted due to the rain. Families in some villages do not even have food to eat and shelter to live in. While inspecting the damage to the affected families, Dr. Aarti Fupate asked the



officials and citizens to provide immediate assistance to the affected families. Aarti Fupate, Kisan Agahadi District President Vinod Jilhewar, District General Secretary Vishwas Aired and Sanjay Thakare visited the affected villages and reviewed the situation by

visiting the affected families in Chohi, Banshi Gahuli, Mungshi Yerandi villages. At this time, Pusad they guided Tehsildar Mahadev Jorvar, Assistant block Development Officer Sanjay Rathod. She said that if the affected people face any government hurdle in terms of compensation,

they will seek direct help from Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule. Due to the stormy rain, the roofs of Chodi, Bashi, Gahuli, Mungshi, Yerandi villages were blown away in large quantities. House walls, electricity poles, and large trees fell. Animals also lost their lives. Banana crops were damaged to a large extent in the storm, they met such farmers. BJP District President Dr. Aarti Fupate promised that we will try our best to provide government assistance to the farmers and the affected families as soon as possible through the government.

## Divyang's Pandharpur wari organised

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR**  
**POST:** The Divyang Seva Samarpan Pratishthan has organized the Divyang Wari. This is the second year of the wari. This wari will depart from Yavatmal on June 15. After stopping at 22 places this wari will reach Pandharpur.

The Divyang Wari will depart from Siddhi Vinayak Temple in Om Colony, Yavatmal on June 15. The wari will cover a distance of 521 km on foot from Yavatmal to Pandharpur. The Divyang Wari will travel through many



cities in Vidarbha and Marathwada in 21 to 23 days. This wari was recorded in the

history of Maharashtra in 2024. This tradition of wari will be continued this year.

This year, 40 wari will leave for Pandharpur. President of Seva Samarpan Pratishthan and Divyang Seva Samarpan Pratishthan Prashant Banginwar, Vice President Suresh Rathi, Dr. Alok Gupta, Secretary Anant Kaulgikar, Treasurer Deepak Bagdi, Project Director Pramod Jagdade, Prajwal Tumsare, Sonam Thakare are trying to make the event a success.

## Mahavitaran Electricity Bills Now Accessible via DigiLocker App

**Nagpur 13 June** : In a move aimed at enhancing consumer convenience, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (Mahavitaran) has integrated its billing system with the Government of India's DigiLocker platform. Consumers can now access their electricity bills directly through the DigiLocker mobile app. All files stored on the platform are considered legally valid and are treated on par with physical documents.

## Farmers suffer losses

**MAHAGAON / NAGPUR**  
**POST:** Farmers suffered losses due to solar panels blowing away in the storm at Malkinhi village in Mahagaon tahsil. The solar panels of Gajanan Pandav, Shobhabai Dattarao Mate, Vilas Kisan Rathod of Malkinhi Shivar and Ramji Sargar of Sarkinhi Shivar and other farmers have suffered extensive damage in the storm. This has raised the issue

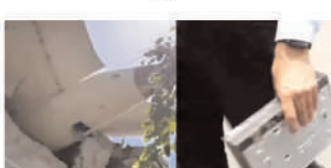


of watering horticultural crops for the farmers.

The farmers are demanding that a panchnama be done to assess the damage and compensate them.

## Gujarat ATS Finds DVR in Air India Wreckage

**Gujarat 13 June** : Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) officers on Friday recovered a Digital Video Recorder (DVR) from the wreckage of the Air India Dreamliner that crashed shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad airport, claiming dozens of lives. "It's a DVR, which we have recovered from the debris. The FSL (Forensic Science Laboratory) team will come here soon," said an ATS official at the crash site.



Unlike the crash-proof black box, a DVR is not built to withstand severe impacts. While it may provide visuals of passengers boarding or ground activities before departure, investigators say the critical answers still depend on the recovery of the aircraft's black box, which remains missing.

**KALAMB / NAGPUR**

**POST:** On the occasion of the completion of 11 years of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government under the Sankalp Te Siddhi campaign, a women's programme was organized at Ramrajya Chowk under the Thalegaon Rehabilitation Villagers on Dattapur Road on the occasion of Vat Pournima festival. On this occasion, women worshiped the banyan tree and walked seven times around the banyan tree, and then on the successful journey of the Prime Minister Narendra



Modi government for 11 years, under the Sankalp Te Siddhi program, BJP Yuva Morcha Taluka President and Thalegaon (Rehabilitation) Gram Panchayat Deputy Sarpanch Dinesh Wankhade



brought three thousand trees for plantation five years ago and planted them on both sides of the roads, out of which the banyan tree worshipped by the women. Pratibha Bavankar, Vaishali Lakhpati,



Thakare, Bavane, Malode were present on this occasion.

Deputy Sarpanch Dinesh Wankhade had worked hard for the success of the programme.

## Unconscious Man Dies at Mayo Hospital; Police Suspect Heatstroke Amid Delayed Monsoon

**Nagpur 13 June** : An unidentified man, believed to be around 40 to 45 years old, was found unconscious near Gaddigodam Chowk in the Sadar area on the night of Wednesday, June 12, and was later declared dead at Mayo Hospital. With no visible injuries on the body, police suspect that heatstroke could be a possible cause of death.

The man was discovered lying unresponsive by the roadside between 8:30 pm and 10:00 pm. Alerted by passersby, police personnel rushed him to Mayo Hospital for treatment, but doctors pronounced him dead on

arrival. Given the ongoing high temperatures in the city and the absence of physical injuries, police believe the extreme heat may have contributed to his death. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has noted that the southwest monsoon has yet to resume over Nagpur and is now expected to arrive by June 14.

The delayed monsoon has kept the city under sweltering conditions, raising the risk of heat-related illnesses. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination to confirm the exact cause of death. Sadar Police have



registered a case of accidental death, and further investigation is being carried out by Sub-Inspector Gusinge. Authorities have urged residents to take necessary precautions against heatstroke, including staying hydrated and avoiding prolonged exposure to the sun during peak hours.

## Air India's Mumbai-London Flight Turns Back Mid-Air Following Ahmedabad Tragedy

**Ahmedabad 13 June** An Air India flight bound for London from Mumbai, which departed earlier this morning, is returning to its origin, according to real-time flight tracking service Flightradar24. The unexpected diversion comes a day after the tragic Air India crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday, though the airline has yet to confirm if the incidents are related. Authorities have not released an official statement on the reason for the turnaround, and further details are awaited.

## Practice Yoga Regularly for Physical and Mental Well-being: Murlidhar Belkhode

### Countdown Yoga Day' Organized at Oxygen Park

**'Wardha, June 13, 2025:** A special awareness campaign titled 'Countdown Yoga Day' was organized on Friday, June 13, at Oxygen Park, Wardha, under the joint aegis of the Central Bureau of Communication, Regional Office, Wardha (under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India), Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi University, Nisarg Seva Samiti, and Patanjali Yoga Parivar to promote and spread awareness about International Yoga Day. While presiding over the program, Murlidhar Belkhode, President of Nisarg Seva Samiti, emphasized the importance of practicing yoga regularly for physical and mental well-being. Various yoga techniques and asanas were demonstrated and practiced during the program. Prashant Savarkar from Patanjali Yoga Samiti led the yoga session.



MGAHV, Dr. Anwar Ahmed Siddiqui, Assistant Professor, and Bhausaheb Thute from Gurudev Seva Mandal. During the event, saplings were planted by the guests, and a two-minute silence was observed in tribute to those who lost their lives in the recent plane crash in Gujarat.

In his opening speech, Hansraj Raut provided details about the

'Countdown Yoga Day' initiative as part of the ongoing Yoga Day promotional efforts. B.S. Mirge, the Public Relations Officer, highlighted the upcoming International Yoga Day to be celebrated worldwide on June 21, and shared that this year's theme is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health." He further mentioned various sub-initiatives under the theme,

including Yoga Bandhan, Yoga Park, Yoga Samavesh, Yoga Connect, Harit Yoga (Green Yoga), Yoga Unplugged, Sanyog. The program commenced with a water offering to plants, and guests were welcomed with saplings. Dr. Shobha Belkhode anchored the event, and Dr. Anwar Ahmed Siddiqui proposed the vote of thanks. The program concluded with the Rashtravandana. The event witnessed large participation from citizens and students, including Ravi Wankhade, Vidyayati Pawar, Pushpatai Bhoir, Surekha Tate, Diliprao Wakde, Ashokrao Khinde, Rajkumar Vasekar, Sunil Akhare, Yashwantrao Narode, Arvind Meshram, Mahendra Hadekar, Rajendra Ghodmare, Pramodrao Bhoir, Arun Bombale, Ramji Navkar, Satish Udhavne, Ramesh Bhole, Jagdish Vyas, Baburao Savarkar, Anil Devtale, Vijay Bhagat, Gopal Sontakke, Suresh Chaudhary, Vinod Wagh, Umesh Kapkar, Gautam Phul Mali, Narayanrao Bhoir, Nilesh Rande, B.D. Hande, Prathmesh Wankade and many others.

**Nagpur 13 June** The National Board of Examinations (NBEMS) has opened the NEET PG 2025 exam city resubmission window from 3:00 PM today, June 13. This move follows the decision to hold the NEET PG 2025 exam in a single shift on August 3, with more exam cities added to ensure equal opportunity for all candidates. Applicants can visit the official website—[natboard.edu.in](http://natboard.edu.in)—to resubmit their city preferences and check detailed instructions.

**Why is Resubmission Needed?** With NEET PG 2025 now scheduled in a single shift, NBEMS has added more exam cities to ensure better accessibility for all candidates. Because of this update, all registered aspirants must reselect their preferred exam city through the resubmission portal. The window to make changes is open until June 17, 2025 (11:55 PM). Key Points to Note: City allotment is on a First-Come, First-Serve basis. Candidates will only see cities that still have available slots. Final exam centers (within the chosen cities) will be shared through the admit cards. NEET PG 2025: Important Dates at a Glance City Resubmission Window: June 13 (3:00 PM) to June 17, 2025 (11:55 PM) Edit Window: June 20 to June 22, 2025 Exam City Allotment Notification: July 21, 2025 Admit Card Release: July 31, 2025 NEET PG 2025 Exam Date: August 3, 2025 (9:00 AM to 12:30 PM) Result

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Declaration (Tentative): September 3, 2025 Candidates are advised to stay updated via the official website—[natboard.edu.in](http://natboard.edu.in)—for any further announcements. How to Resubmit NEET PG 2025 Exam City Preference Step 1: Visit the official website: [natboard.edu.in](http://natboard.edu.in) Step 2: Navigate to the NEET PG

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## Over 15 Air India Flights Diverted or Returned as Iran Closes Airspace Amid Tensions

**Gujrat 13 June** : The closure of Iranian airspace following Israel's reported attack on its nuclear facilities has disrupted several international flights, forcing many to divert or return to their origin. With Pakistani airspace already closed to Indian carriers (and vice versa), and some airlines avoiding Afghan airspace, the shutdown over Iran is expected to severely impact routes between North India and Western destinations.

In some cases, flights may now require additional refuelling stops due to longer detours. In a statement, Air India confirmed several of its long-haul flights have been affected. "Due to the emerging situation in Iran, the subsequent closure of its airspace and in view of the safety of our passengers, the following Air India flights are either being diverted or returning to their origin. We regret the inconvenience caused due to this unforeseen disruption and are making every effort to minimise it."

Accommodation is being arranged for affected



passengers. Refunds or complimentary are also being offered, along with alternate travel arrangements wherever possible. **Affected Flights Include:** AI130 – London Heathrow to Mumbai – Diverted to Vienna AI102 – New York to Delhi – Diverted to Sharjah AI116 – New York to Mumbai – Diverted to Jeddah AI2018 – London Heathrow to Delhi – Diverted to Mumbai AI129 – Mumbai to London Heathrow – Returned to Mumbai AI119 – Mumbai to New York –

Returned to Mumbai AI103 – Delhi to Washington – Returned to Delhi AI106 – Newark to Delhi – Returned to Delhi AI188 – Vancouver to Delhi – Diverted to Jeddah AI101 – Delhi to New York – Diverted to Frankfurt/Milan AI126 – Chicago to Delhi – Diverted to Jeddah AI132 – London Heathrow to Bengaluru – Diverted to Sharjah AI2016 – London Heathrow to Delhi – Diverted to Vienna AI104 – Washington to Delhi – Diverted to Vienna AI190 – Toronto to Delhi – Diverted to Frankfurt AI189 – Delhi to Toronto – Returned to Delhi

## Crash, Chaos, and Clues: What Flight 171's Black Box May Reveal



**Ahmedabad 13 June** Investigators have recovered the black box of Air India Flight 171, which crashed into the BJ Medical College boys' hostel in Ahmedabad shortly after takeoff, killing 204 people, according to initial reports. The device, which records flight data and cockpit conversations, is expected to play a crucial role in determining what caused one of India's worst aviation disasters in recent years. The London-bound aircraft had taken off from Runway 23 at 1:38 pm. Just eight minutes later, the pilots issued a MAYDAY distress signal, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) confirmed. The wide-bodied Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner then plunged into the hostel building located just 3 km from the airport. **What is a black**

**box?** Despite its name, the black box is actually a bright orange device designed to withstand extreme crashes and fires, making it easier to locate during recovery efforts. It consists of two critical components: the Flight Data Recorder (FDR), which logs technical details like altitude, speed, and system performance; and the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR), which captures pilot conversations and communications with air traffic control. Typically made of titanium, the black box is engineered to survive the most catastrophic incidents. In case of a water crash, it emits an ultrasonic "ping" to help search teams locate it. This device is key to understanding what went wrong in aviation accidents, and will now be central to the ongoing investigation into Flight 171's crash.

## A New Life That Never Took Off: Rajasthan Doctor's Family Lost in Air India Crash

**Gujrat 13 June** : Dr. Koni Vyas, a pathologist from Banswara, Rajasthan, had recently stepped down from her role at a private hospital. Her decision came ahead of a planned move to London, where she intended to begin a new life with her husband, Dr. Pratik Joshi, who works in the UK, and their three children—eight-year-old daughter Miray and twin sons Pradyut and Nakul, both five. Before boarding Air India Flight 171, the family took a photograph together inside the aircraft. The parents were seated on one side of the aisle, the children on the other. It was a moment of joy and anticipation. That image would become a heartbreaking reminder of what was lost. Just minutes after takeoff, the flight crashed, leaving devastation in its wake. According to family members in Banswara, after resigning from her job at the



Pacific Hospital, Koni had been excitedly preparing for the journey for a month. According to relatives, Joshi, a radiologist, had been working in London for the last four years and was similarly looking forward to a life with his family there. His father was also a radiologist who ran a renowned sonography centre in the city, while his sister is an engineer. While the children studied in Udaipur, Dr. Koni Vyas had been staying in Banswara as their visas were still under process, her cousin Nayan Joshi said. The couple, who got married nearly a decade ago,

had been living apart due to work commitments. Dr. Pratik Joshi had returned from London just three days before the crash to take his family back with him. "They left for Ahmedabad on Wednesday to take the flight to London," Nayan Joshi said. Several members of Koni's family had accompanied them to the airport to see them off before the journey; now, they are in the process of identifying the bodies. Koni, relatives said, is survived by two sisters and a brother. So far, authorities have confirmed that 11 people from Rajasthan were on the plane.



## Protest Withdrawn After Administration Assures Action Within 15 Days

**Mahagaon 13 June:** Pruthviraj Chavan, a resident of Mahagaon Taluka, had launched an indefinite hunger strike outside the Zilla Parishad office alleging large-scale financial irregularities and embezzlement of government funds in the development works of Malwagad Gram Panchayat. Despite having earlier submitted a written complaint and an inquiry report finding certain individuals guilty, no action had been taken. As a result, Chavan resorted to protest. However, as his health began to deteriorate, doctors advised immediate medical attention. Following this, the district administration provided Chavan with a



written assurance that action would be taken in the Malwagad irregularities case within the next fifteen days. Consequently, he agreed to

withdraw his hunger strike. Chavan has warned that if no action is taken within the promised timeframe, he will resume his indefinite protest.

## Warm Welcome to Newly Appointed Group Development Officer



**Mahagaon 13 June:** The Sarpanch of Mahagaon Taluka extended a warm welcome to Mr. Vijay Khillare, who has taken charge as the acting Group Development Officer (GDO) of Mahagaon Panchayat Samiti. Mr. Khillare replaces Mr. Dnyaneshwar Takarsaheb, who diligently served for three consecutive years and was recently transferred to the Panchayat Samiti office in Mahur. During his tenure, Mr. Takarsaheb was appreciated for his focus on developmental works and effective administration. To honor the new appointee, a felicitation ceremony was organized where Mr. Khillare was greeted with a shawl and a bouquet by members of the Sarpanch Association. Present on the occasion were Association President Amol Chikne, Secretary and Wakan village Sarpanch Ashwajeet Bhagat, former Pohandul Sarpanch Dinesh Rawate, Shirpur Sarpanch Bhavre, among others.

## Applications Invited for Onion and Garlic Storage Units under Horticulture Scheme

**Amravati, June 13:** Farmers have been invited to apply on the MahaDBT portal for financial assistance under the Post-Harvest Management programme of the Integrated Horticulture Development Mission for the construction of onion curing sheds and garlic storage units. Traditionally, farmers store onions by spreading them on the ground or using locally made sheds, which often leads to spoilage and deterioration in quality. Scientific storage methods help maintain the quality of onions, thereby increasing market value and profits. As a result, there has been a growing interest among farmers in constructing standardized onion curing sheds.

26, the norms for low-cost onion and garlic storage units have been revised under the scheme. Assistance will be provided for structures with capacities ranging from 5 to 1,000 metric tonnes. Projects exceeding 730 lakh will require mandatory bank loans, and financial support will be disbursed in the form of reimbursement of loan repayments.

**The cost norms and subsidy limits are as follows:**

For low-cost onion and garlic storage units: Rs7,000 per metric tonne is the expenditure cap.

**Subsidy rates:**

5-25 MT: Rs10,000/MT  
25-500 MT: Rs8,000/MT  
500-1,000 MT: Rs6,000/MT

Eligible farmers will receive

50% of the eligible capital cost as a subsidy, depending on the capacity and area classification (general or scheduled).

To be eligible, the applicant must own agricultural land and must be cultivating onions. The 7/12 land extract must indicate onion cultivation. The scheme is open to individual farmers, farmer groups, self-help groups, women farmer collectives, farmer producer organizations, registered agricultural institutions, cooperative farming societies, and cooperative marketing federations. Interested farmers are encouraged to contact their nearest agriculture office for more details. Applications must be submitted under the "Horticulture" component on the MahaDBT portal at <https://mahadbtt.maharashtra.gov.in>.

## Soil and Water Conservation Minister Sanjay Rathod Visits Bachchu Kadu's Hunger Strike at Mozari

**Amravati, June 13 (NP):** Soil and Water Conservation Minister Sanjay Rathod visited the ongoing hunger strike led by MLA Bachchu Kadu at Mozari.

During his visit, Minister Rathod appealed to Kadu to end the strike, assuring that the government is taking a positive stand on the demands.

Minister Rathod personally met Kadu at the protest venue and informed him that the demands have already been presented to the government. Discussions and meetings have taken place regarding the issues, and attention has been drawn to them in the legislature as well as at the government

level. He assured that the matters will also be raised in the upcoming cabinet meeting and followed up thoroughly.

Rathod emphasized that the government will take positive steps concerning the issues of farmers, agricultural labourers, and persons with disabilities. Considering the ongoing agricultural preparations and sowing season, and in light of Kadu's health condition, Rathod earnestly requested him to call off the hunger strike.

Earlier in the day, the minister held a meeting with administrative officials at the Tivsa rest house.

He also paid a visit to the Samadhi of Sant Tukdoji Maharaj at Gurukunj Mozari.

## Applications Invited for Subroto Mukherjee Football Tournament till June 28

**Amravati, June 13 (NP):** The district-level Subroto Cup Football Tournament for Sub-Junior Boys, Junior Boys, and Girls will be held from July 3 to 5. Schools and teams from the district are invited to register offline by June 28 to participate in the tournament.

The event is being organized for the year 2025-26 by the District Sports Council, the Office of the District Sports Officer, and the Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society.

**Eligibility criteria for players include:**

**Sub-Junior Boys:** Players must be born on or after January 1, 2011.

**Junior Boys and Girls:** Players must be born on or

after January 1, 2009.

All participating teams must register on the official website [subrotocup.in](http://subrotocup.in) before taking part in the district-level tournament. In addition to online registration, offline registration must be completed at the District Sports Office by June 28.

Participants must carry original documents, including birth certificate, Aadhaar card, player ID card, and recent photographs. For more information, schools and teams may contact the District Sports Officer.

District Sports Officer Ganesh Jadhav has urged schools and teams to complete offline registration in time for smooth participation.

## Success for Protesters in Talegaon! MLA Adsad Mediates Peaceful Resolution, District-Level Inquiry Committee Formed

**Dhamangaon Railway 13 June:** The indefinite protest launched by villagers of Talegaon Dashasra on June 10 against alleged corruption in various Gram Panchayat schemes concluded successfully today. On the third day of the agitation, the protesters ended their fast after being offered sherbet by local MLA Pratap Adsad, who intervened and facilitated a resolution. The protesters had staged a sit-in outside the State Bank branch in Talegaon, demanding an investigation into alleged irregularities in the allocation and execution of housing schemes, irrigation well projects, and the Phase 1 of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Earlier, during a special Gram Sabha meeting held on May 29, a resolution had been passed to conduct a physical and structural audit and to take action against those found guilty. However, due to the lack of subsequent action, villagers chose to intensify their agitation.



At around 1:30 p.m. today, MLA Pratap Adsad arrived at the protest site accompanied by Acting Group Development Officer Wankhade, Extension Officer Nilesh Wagh, and other officials. They engaged in detailed discussions with the protesters, listening to their concerns and grievances. Following nearly an hour-long deliberation, the administration provided written assurance that a district-level inquiry committee would be formed to probe the alleged corruption in the mentioned schemes.

Following this commitment, the protesters officially called off the agitation after MLA Adsad offered them sherbet as a symbolic gesture. Group Development Officer Wankhade, Panchayat Extension Officer Mr. Kale, Police Inspector Rameshwar Dhondge, Gram Panchayat members, and a large number of local residents were present during the proceedings. Meanwhile, social worker Sanjeet Mahapatra had earlier recommended the formation of a district-level committee for a thorough investigation into the matter. Acting upon this, the local administration constituted the committee. For the sake of maintaining law and order, officials had appealed to the protesters to withdraw the agitation. The administration has been directed to submit a detailed report of the actions taken to the relevant authorities, and the complainants will also be officially informed.

## Minister Pankaja Munde to Visit Amravati District on Today June 14-15

**Amravati, June 13 (NP):** Environment, Climate Change, and Animal Husbandry Minister Pankaja Munde is scheduled to visit Amravati district on Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15.

According to her tour itinerary, Minister Munde will arrive in Amravati at 7:30 PM on June 14 and will attend various programs thereafter.

On June 15, she will visit the Ambadevi Temple at 9:20 AM, followed by a departmental review meeting of the Animal Husbandry Department at the Government Rest House at 11:10 AM.

Subsequently, at 12:00 noon, she will conduct a review of the Environment Department and will depart for Nagpur at 1:00 PM.

## Caution Issued Against Middlemen in Registration and Stamps Department recruitment

**Amravati, June 13 (NP):** The Registration and Stamps Department has issued a caution to candidates applying for Group D recruitment to beware of touts and intermediaries.

The recruitment process is being conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), and no third-party agents have been appointed.

The recruitment advertisement for 284 Group D (peon) positions was published on April 22, 2025. Applications were accepted online between April 22 and May 16, 2025. IBPS has been

authorized to carry out the online application and examination process.

Eligible candidates who submitted their applications successfully will appear for an online examination scheduled from July 1 to 8, 2025. Admit cards will be sent to the candidates' registered email addresses.

The department has clarified that no agency or individual has been authorized to act as an intermediary. Candidates are urged not to fall for misleading claims or fraudulent persons posing as agents. Any such activities should be reported immediately.

## Goat Theft Gang from Akola Busted by Amravati Rural LCB

**Amravati, June 13:** In a major breakthrough, the Local Crime Branch (LCB) of Amravati Rural Police has apprehended a gang from Akola district involved in the theft of goats across Amravati. The gang was caught in connection with a recent theft reported from Daryapur. On June 7, 2025, complainant Durga Hiralal Chandanpatri (54), a press shop owner residing in Gandhi Nagar, Banosa, Daryapur, filed a complaint at Daryapur Police Station. According to her report, she owned 4-5 large goats and 4-5 small male goats (kids). On June 4, 2025, around 10 a.m., she released her goats to graze near her house, as per her routine. However, when the goats returned home at around 6 p.m., three of the younger male goats, each valued at approximately Rs4,000 (total Rs12,000), were missing. Despite extensive searches in the surrounding areas, the animals could not be found, prompting her to lodge a complaint.

Based on her report, Daryapur Police registered a case under IPC Section 303(2) BNS, Crime No. 258/2025.

Recognizing the seriousness of the crime,



Superintendent of Police Vishal Anand (Amravati Rural) directed the Local Crime Branch to investigate the case. Acting promptly, a parallel investigation was initiated by a team from LCB Amravati (Rural), under the leadership of PSI Nitin Ingole, in the Daryapur Sub-Division.

Through technical evidence and credible inputs from informants, the LCB team identified the culprits as members of a gang from Akola led by Rehan Shah. Accordingly, a team was dispatched to Akola, where the accused Rehan Shah Rehman Shah (26), a resident of B.K. Nagar, Akot Fail, Akola, was apprehended in a trap. Upon initial questioning, Rehan tried to mislead the police but later confessed to the theft along

with his accomplices. Based on this information, another gang member, Mobin Shah Kasam Shah (47), also from B.K. Nagar, Akot Fail, Akola, was taken into custody.

The police recovered the following items used or gained in the crime: A silver Maruti Wagon R (MH-30-P-2623), valued at Rs3,00,000.

A blue Vivo mobile phone, worth approximately Rs10,000.

Cash amounting to Rs22,900, seized from various other cases.

The total value of seized property stands at Rs3,32,900.

During interrogation, the accused also admitted to similar thefts of goats and kids in the jurisdictions of Shirgaon, Loni, and Asegaon Purna Police Stations within Amravati district. The arrested

individuals have since been handed over to Daryapur Police Station for further legal proceedings. This successful operation was conducted under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Vishal Anand and Additional SP Pankaj Kumawat. The investigation was led by Police Inspector Kiran Wankhade of LCB Amravati (Rural), with PSI Nitin Ingole, and assistance from Police Head Constables Sunil Mahatme, Syed Azmat, Sudhir Bawne, Nilesh Dangore, Chetan Dubey, and driver Harshad Ghuse from LCB Amravati (Rural). Additionally, cyber police personnel Sagar Dhapad, Shiva Shirsath, Ritesh Goswami, and Vikas Anjlikar played key roles in the operation.

## Max AeroSpace to start helicopter manufacturing unit in Nagpur Nagpur-inspired fashion



**Nagpur 13 June:** The Maharashtra Government's Industries Department and Max AeroSpace & Aviation Pvt Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a helicopter manufacturing unit in Nagpur. The MoU was signed at Mumbai's Sahyadri Guest House in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, Industries Department Secretary Dr Anbalgan P and Chairman of Max AeroSpace Bharat Malkani. The CEO of MIDC P Velrasu, was also present on the occasion. The work on the project is expected to start in 2026, under the 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' missions. The project, with an investment of Rs8,000 crore, will be the first of its kind in Maharashtra and will generate jobs for about 2,000 people. Fadnis expressed happiness over the selection of Nagpur by the company for the project. Nagpur has created an important space for the production of equipment required for the Indian defence services. He assured full cooperation to the company, so that the actual production starts in the scheduled time. Malkani said that the Maharashtra Government had made all the facilities for the project. The company will start production as per the schedule. Malkani said he is originally from Maharashtra and will work for its progress in the field of helicopter manufacturing.

## Isuzu Motors India rolls-out Nationwide I-Care Monsoon Service Camp



**Nagpur 13 June:** IM Kaustav Kundu of West Bengal clinched the title at the 18th G.H. Raisoni Memorial FIDE Classical Rating Chess Tournament 2025, which concluded on 13th June 2025 at the G.H. Raisoni Institute of Information and Technology, Shradha Park, Wadi-Hingna Link Road, near MIDC Police Station, Nagpur. The tournament was organised by the G.H. Raisoni Sports and Cultural Foundation in collaboration with the Kalpana Prakash Welfare Foundation and was recognised by the Chess Association Nagpur, Maharashtra Chess Association, All India Chess Federation, and FIDE.

**Nagpur 13 June:** In a constant endeavour to reaffirm ISUZU's commitment to provide best service and ownership experience, Isuzu Motors India will be conducting a nation-wide 'ISUZU I-Care Monsoon Camp' for its range of ISUZU D-MAX Pick-ups and SUVs. This service camp is aimed at offering customers exciting benefits and preventive maintenance checks for a hassle-free driving experience during the season across the country. An initiative of 'ISUZU Care', the Monsoon camp will be organised across all ISUZU authorised dealer service outlets, between 16th - 21st June 2025 (both days inclusive). During this period, customers can also avail special offers & benefits for their vehicles. Customers visiting the camp will receive



the following: -Free 37-Point Comprehensive Check-up 10% discount on

Labour\*5% discount on Parts\*5% discount on Lubes & Fluids\*10% Discount on Retail RSA purchase\*Free 'REGEN'\*\*\*The Monsoon Camp will be organised at all authorised service facilities of ISUZU located in Ahilyanagar, Ahmedabad, Ambikapur, Bengaluru, Bareilly, Barmer, Bathinda, Bhandup, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Bikaner, Bilaspur, Calicut, Chatrapathi Sambhaji Nagar, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Durgapur, Ernakulam, Gandhidham, Gorakhpur, Gurgaon, Guwahati, Hisar, Howrah, Hubballi, Hyderabad, Indore, Itanagar, Jaigaon, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Jammu, Jodhpur, Kadapa, Karnal, Khammam, Kolapur, Kolkata, Kottayam, Kurnool, Leh, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Madurai, Mandi, Mangalore,

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BUSINESS

Sensex slumps by 573.38 points

**Mumbai, Jun 13:** Continuing its downward streak for the second Straight session, BSE Sensex on Friday fell further by 573.38 to settle at 81,118.60, mirroring weak cues from global peers and foreign institutional outflows, amid geopolitical concerns in the Middle East and a sharp spike in Brent crude oil prices. National Stock Exchange (NSE) too fell by 169.60 points to settle at 24,732.15. The Sensex opened at 80,427.81 against its previous close of 81,691.88 and plunged to an intraday low of 80,354.59. It recorded the day's high of 81,238.68. The NSE registered a day's high at 25,196.20 and a day's low at 24,825.90. Mid-cap declined by 0.32 pc and the Small-cap fell by 0.30 pc. The market breadth was negative. On the BSE, 1,548 shares rose and 2,436 shares fell. A total of 136 shares were unchanged. On Sectoral front Barring Health care and Realty which were up by 0.08 pc and 0.13 pc respectively, all other sectoral ended the session on weak note with Bank being the top sectoral loser down by 1.01 pc other loser were Energy by 0.63 pc, FMCG by 0.94 pc, Financial by 0.85, Industrial by 0.05 pc, IT by 0.09 pc, Telecom by 0.67 pc, utilities by 0.91 pc, Auto by 0.33 pc, capital goods by 0.01 pc, Consumer Durables by 0.49 pc, Metals by 0.81 pc, Oil & Gas by 0.57 pc Power by 0.75 pc and Teck by 0.08 pc. 30 scripts, 4 advanced while 26 declined. Notable loser were Adani ports by 2.61 pc to Rs 1,406.70, ITC by 1.67 pc to Rs 413.90, Indus bank by 1.52 pc to Rs 817.15, SBIN by 1.49 pc to Rs 793.65, HDFC bank by 1.15 pc to Rs 1,919.60, and Titan by 0/95 pc to Rs 3,418.65. Gainers were Tech Mahindra by 1.02 pc to Rs 1,660.50, TCS by 3.44 pc to Rs 2,401.55. Dow Futures plunged over 600 points on the rising tension. Adding to that, the early cues from Asia are not encouraging at all. Most markets are trading in the red. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 slumped 1.28 pc while the Topix lost 1.22 pc. South Korea's Kospi was down nearly 1 pc, and the small-cap Kosdaq declined 1.82 pc. UNISYS BD

Indian Dietetic Association (IDA) Nagpur Chapter Hosts Educational Session on the Health Benefits of Almonds



**Nagpur, 13th June 2025:** The Indian Dietetic Association (IDA) Nagpur Chapter, with the Almond Board of California, today hosted an educational session for nutrition and dietetics professionals at Hotel Centre Point in the city. It aimed to highlight the rich nutritional profile of almonds and its health benefits when consumed as part of one's everyday diet. The session, led by Nutrition and Wellness Consultant, Sheela Krishnaswamy, focused on three research studies conducted by prominent health and nutrition experts on cardiometabolic health, muscle benefits and blood sugar regulation. The event was followed by a panel discussion including Ms. Sheela Krishnaswamy, alongside Dr. Kavita Gupta, Secretary, IDA Nagpur Chapter, and Dr. Renuka Maide, Treasurer, IDA Nagpur Chapter. Dr Kavita Bakshi, Convenor of the IDA Nagpur Chapter.

The research and discussion, funded by the Almond Board of California, led by some of the known health and nutrition experts Paula R Trumbo, Amy Ard, France Bellisle, Adam Drewnowski, Jack A Gilbert, Ronald Kleinman, John Sievenpiper, Maha Tahiri, Karol E Watson, James Hill, Mark Kern, Anoop Misra, Viswanathan Mohan, Sudha Vasudevan, found significant health benefits of adding almonds to daily diets.

At the event, Sheela Krishnaswamy spoke about insights from a panel of experts featured in Current Developments in Nutrition. The perspectives suggest that eating almonds daily may help lower LDL (bad) cholesterol and modestly reduce diastolic blood pressure both necessary for heart health without leading to weight gain. In some cases, especially among Asian Indians with prediabetes, almond consumption is linked to better blood sugar control.

Krishnaswamy explained, "Adding a handful of almonds to your daily routine can improve heart health. They help to lower bad cholesterol, help to slightly reduce blood pressure, and don't cause weight gain. In fact, some people may even lose a little weight and see better control of blood sugar levels. It's a simple and tasty way to take care of your health."

A second study, conducted by Dr. Mark Kern from San Diego State University, highlighted that eating about two ounces of almonds every day for eight weeks contributed to reduced muscle soreness, improved strength, and limited muscle damage after exercise. These benefits were particularly seen in healthy or slightly overweight adults, making it easier for them to stick to their workout routines.

Commenting on the study, Sheela Krishnaswamy added, "The research revealed that almonds support muscle recovery and strength, making it easier to stay committed to fitness goals. They're also convenient to carry and full of nutrients, making them a smart snack for overall health."

In a third study led by Viswanathan Mohan, President and Chief of diabetes research at

Madras Diabetes Research Foundation in Chennai, India, and included collaborators R. M. Anjana, Vice President at Madras Diabetes Research Foundation; Richard Mattes, distinguished professor of nutrition and public health at Purdue University; Jordi Salas, professor of nutrition and bromatology (food science) at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili; and Walter Willett, professor of epidemiology and nutrition at Harvard University, among several others. Researchers concluded that 43 g (1.5 ounces) of raw almonds eaten daily for 12 weeks improved insulin sensitivity, pancreatic function and reduced total cholesterol in Asian Indian adults with overweight and obesity living in Chennai, India.

Commenting on the study Sheela Krishnaswamy said, "Many of the almond consumers showed improvements in both body weight and fasting blood sugar levels. With obesity being a growing global concern and a known risk factor for chronic conditions like type 2 diabetes, it's important to find practical, sustainable solutions.

SPORTS

National Wrestling Championship to Be Held in Nagpur from June 20



**Nagpur 13 June:** The CM Chashak Under-15 National Wrestling Championship for boys and girls will be held in Nagpur from June 20 to 22. The event is being jointly organised by the Maharashtra Wrestling Association and the Nagpur City Wrestling Association. The Wrestling Federation of India has granted Maharashtra the hosting rights, marking the first time this national-level tournament will take place in Nagpur. The championship will be held at the Divisional Sports Complex in Mankapur, featuring matches across Freestyle, Greco-Roman, and Women's categories—each with 10 weight classes. In the Freestyle and Greco-Roman events, bouts will take place in weight categories ranging from 38 kg to 85 kg. For the women's competition, the weight range will be from 33 kg to 66 kg. The tournament is expected to witness the participation of around 750 wrestlers representing 25 states from across the country. Present at the press conference were Working President Sanjay Tirathkar, Vice President Dayaram Bhotmange, and Joint Secretaries Sandeep Khare, Rama Yangad, Ramesh Khade, Avinash Lokhande, Vinod Kanhere, Taseesh Wade, and Piyush Ambulkar, among others.

CM, DCM, Ministers Likely to Attend Nagpur Wrestling Association President and Organising Committee Chief, MLC Sandeep Joshi, said, "The championship will be inaugurated in the presence of Wrestling Federation of India President Sanjay Kumar Singh. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, Sports Minister Dattatraya Bharane, and Guardian Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule are also expected to attend during the event."

Chance for Selection in Indian Team

Winners in each weight category at the national championship will earn a spot to represent India at the upcoming Asian Championship, set to be held in Kyrgyzstan from July 5 to 13. This was announced by State Wrestling Association President and former MP Ramdas Tadas during a press conference on Thursday.

An open selection trial for Maharashtra's team will be conducted in Pune on June 17. According to Association Vice President and former Hind Kesari Yogesh Dodke, the winners of each weight category in this trial will qualify to participate in the national championship.

England name squad for India series

**London, June 13:** England have named a 14-member squad for their upcoming T20I series against India, with star spinner Sophie Ecclestone making her much-anticipated return. Ecclestone, ranked No.1 and No.4 in the ICC Women's ODI & T20I Bowler Rankings respectively, returns following her temporary break from cricket. The England squad, who are already brimming with confidence after a dominant 3-0 series win over West Indies in the T20I as well as ODI series, will be bolstered by her return. This series marked a successful start to Charlotte Edwards' tenure as head coach and Nat Sciver-Brunt's captaincy. Pacer Lauren Filer also makes a return to the squad after missing out on the West Indies series last month.

Amy Jones, who has been rising rapidly in the ICC Women's Player Rankings has also been named in the strong unit. England Squad: Em Arlott, Tammy Beaumont, Lauren Bell, Alice Capsey, Charlie Dean,



Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Lauren Filer, Amy Jones, Nat Sciver-Brunt (c), Paige Scholfield, Linsey Smith, Danni Wyatt-Hodge, Issy Wong. Edwards expressed her excitement about the prospect of facing India as well as the return of star spinner Ecclestone.

"There was lots to be happy about in the West Indies series but equally lots of things we want to keep improving on - we're always looking at getting better.

Five games against India in front of big crowds at great venues will serve us really well. This is a significant series for us with the countdown well and truly underway towards the home ICC Women's T20 World Cup," Edwards said.

"It's great to have Sophie back, and we're looking forward to having her back in the group. She has obvious qualities and she'll be an asset to us," she said. "It does mean Sarah Glenn

misses out, we are blessed with a strong group of spinners and we unfortunately can't play them all. It's now a great opportunity for Sarah to go back to The Blaze and play some competitive cricket in the Vitality Blast," Edwards added.

**Schedule:** 1st T20I - 28 June, Trent Bridge 2nd T20I - 1 July, Bristol 3rd T20I - 4 July, The Oval 4th T20I - 9 July, Old Trafford 5th T20I - 12 July, Edgbaston

Tricity golfer Umed Kumar wins professional debut at PGTI NEXGEN Forest Hill Golf & Country Club

**S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab, June 13:** Tricity golfer Umed Kumar fired a steady one-over 63 in the third and final round to win his professional debut at the PGTI NEXGEN Forest Hill Golf & Country Club 2025 played in S.A.S. Nagar here on Friday. Chandigarh-based 24-year-old Umed (61-66-63), who was two shots behind the lead in second place after round two, totalled even-par 190 for the week as he triumphed with a three-shot margin. Bengaluru's Mari Muthu R (61-64-68), the overnight leader, signed for a six-over 68 on Friday to finish runner-up at a total of

three-over 193. Kolkata's Irfan Ali Mollah (63) finished third with a total of five-over 195. The Forest Hill Golf & Country Club is a nine-hole course where the nine holes are played twice to comprise a round. In the first two rounds, the par for the course was 64, while in the third and last round, the par for the course was changed to 62. Umed Kumar, who was a winner of two titles on the amateur tour before turning pro, was rock-solid on day three as he conceded just one bogey on the 12th and made pars on all other holes. His par-saves with two-putts from 30 feet on the last two

holes were the highlight of his round. Umed, who hails from the SEPTA golf course in Chandimandir and also has playing rights at the Forest Hill Golf & Country Club and the Panchkula Golf Club, earned a winning cheque worth Rs 2,54,300 that placed him sixth in the PGTI NEXGEN Order of Merit. Mari Muthu R made one birdie, five bogies, and a double-bogey during his last round of 68 to finish second. Lucknow's Rajesh Kumar Gautam continues to lead the 2025 PGTI NEXGEN Order of Merit with a season's earnings of Rs 4,29,600.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ashi Singh opens up about the magic of the first monsoon showers amidst her shoot for Sony SAB's 'Uff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil'



**Mumbai, June 12, 2024:** The first rain of the season always brings with it a wave of nostalgia and joy, and for actor Ashi Singh, it was nothing short of magical. The talented actor, currently seen

essaying the role of Kairi, a passionate young lawyer in Sony SAB's latest show 'Uff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil' is already winning hearts with her on-screen chemistry with Shabir Ahluwalia, who plays the brooding, mysterious Yug.

Recently, Ashi experienced the season's first rainfall while on set—a moment that beautifully uplifted her mood and highlighted the spirit of her character.

Speaking about it, Ashi shared, "There's something very pure about the first rain—it feels like the world slows down for a moment. The first rain instantly transports me to my childhood—those carefree days of dancing in the rain, paper boats, and mom scolding me for getting drenched."

There's something magical about Mumbai monsoons. As someone who's constantly on the go, moments like these help me pause and reconnect with myself."

Ashi continued, "This time we were shooting outdoors for Uff Yeh Love Hai Mushkil when the drizzle started, and though we had to pause work, I couldn't help but just soak in the joy of the first rain. I loved the beautiful fragrance of the wet earth, and everything around just paused for a moment. It reminded me so much of my character Kairi. She finds beauty in the simplest things,

and I think that's what makes her special. I'm someone who absolutely loves chai, wet earth, and when all of that came together on a shoot day, it just felt surreal. It's one of those moments you want to relive again and again." Tune in to watch Uff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil only on Sony SAB every Monday to Saturday at 8pm.

Rohitashv Gour Decodes Gen Z Slang with Daughters!

**Mumbai 13 June:** Rohitashv Gour, popularly known as Manmohan Tiwari in TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hain, recently delighted fans with a hilarious twist by trying out Gen Z slang with his daughters. In a fun reel that quickly went viral, the seasoned actor, loved for his Tiwari ji persona, embraced the quirky vocabulary of today's generation.

While he may be a pro at delivering comic punches on television, matching pace with Gen Z lingo proved to be both a challenge and a treat. His candid attempt not only brought smiles but also highlighted the sweet generational gap between parents and children that is bridged beautifully by humour and love. Reflecting on the joy of the moment with his daughters, Rohitashv Gour aka Manmohan Tiwari from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai shares, "I decided to make this reel when I heard my daughters casually using words like

'sus', 'lowkey', and 'boujee' in front of me, and honestly, I was clueless! That's when I realised I had to dive into the world of Gen Z slang and try to decode it.

For context, 'lowkey' means something you are subtly or secretly into, 'sus' is short for suspicious, and 'boujee' describes someone with expensive taste. But when I mispronounced 'boujee' as 'bhauji', my daughters Giti and Sanjiti couldn't stop laughing! It turned into a fun, wholesome 'Papa the Great' moment, with both giggling nonstop. I never imagined this reel would go viral while my only intention was to make them smile and have some fun together.

But soon, I started getting calls from people in the family and industry saying, 'You are trending!' As someone who has been part of the entertainment industry for years, this little experiment reminded me that every



generation has its quirky language and trends. My personal favourite Gen Z phrase is 'no cap', which means 'no lie' or 'I am being honest'. However, I am still figuring out what 'frizz' (which I have learned is short for charisma) and 'bet' (which means 'sure' or 'okay') mean when used in conversation.

Zee TV Celebrates the Spirit of 'Aapka Apna ZEE' with the language of togetherness

**Mumbai, June 13, 2025:** Zee TV, one of India's most iconic and beloved entertainment channels with a reach across millions of households, now steps into an inspiring new chapter with the unveiling of its refreshed identity: 'Aapka Apna ZEE'. With this heartfelt campaign, the channel deepens its bond with audiences, celebrating shared connections, a strong sense of community, and the everyday stories that mirror the lived realities of its viewers.

At the heart of the campaign is a simple yet stirring thought - 'Saath aane se baat banti hai,' celebrating the strength of togetherness and the shared moments that create impact and compound goodness, propel us forward, and overcome obstacles. Every shared moment sparks hope, builds support, and fuels collective strength, reminding us that together, we can rise above challenges. The brand film is shaped by the textures, voices, and emotional truths of the community it represents. Featuring Zee TV characters and stories that reflect everyday realities, the film is a cinematic tribute to the deep sense of connection, making viewers across the nation feel truly seen, heard, and at home.

The story follows an army officer called away on duty just days before his daughter's wedding. In his absence, the entire mohalla steps in like extended family to ensure the wedding continues in full spirit. When he returns on the wedding day and finds everything beautifully arranged, his wife gently smiles and says, "Itna bada parivaar hai, aaram se ho gaya." He is left deeply moved, surrounded not just by his own family, but by a community that stood by him like one of their own. Set in a vibrant North Indian

mohalla in Faridabad, Zee TV's film captures the rich sights and sounds of cultural tradition - the beat of the dholak, Genda Phool decor, the melodies of folk songs, the energy of the saangeet, the sweetness of Boondi Ladoos, and the joy that echoes through rooftops and courtyards. It's an ode to the small joys that bind families and neighbours together.

The film's ensemble cast also includes beloved Zee TV artists - Devansh and Vasudha (Vasudha), Ved and Saru (Saru), Neel and Riddhi (Jamai No.1) & Reet and Raghav (Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile) who embody the warmth and camaraderie of a close-knit community celebrating alongside the wedding family.

As part of this brand transformation, Zee TV becomes even more viewer-centric with a refreshed content lens. Recently launched, Saru tells the inspiring story of a village girl chasing her dreams in the city. Soon to follow is Tum Se Tum Tak, a progressive love story that proves age is no barrier to matters of the heart. Also in the pipeline is a rooted, homegrown non-fiction format that captures the spirit of India. Each show under the new identity is crafted not just to entertain, but to reflect and resonate with the lives of our viewers - making Zee TV truly Aapka Apna. Speaking about the logo transformation and content lineup, Mangesh Kulkarni, Chief Channel Officer, Zee TV, said, "As we deepen our connection with viewers, our content palette grows richer, more diverse, and more reflective of contemporary India. 'Aapka Apna ZEE' reflects our dedication to genuine storytelling. We carefully created this brand film to authentically capture the Indian cultural fabric, ensuring every detail, from landscapes to rituals, it

mirrors the lived experiences of our viewers. While the film draws inspiration from North Indian culture, the emotions and relationships it portrays are universally relatable. We are building a content ecosystem that's rooted in cultural familiarity but speaks to today's sensibilities. We want to reflect not just who our viewers are today, but who they're becoming, navigating new family dynamics, career ambitions, and social transformations with resilience and hope. "Speaking about the broader campaign, Kartik Mahadev, Chief Marketing Officer, ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Ltd., said, "The campaign 'Aapka Apna ZEE', is a powerful multilingual brand film series that brings alive the essence of the many Indias that live in one country. It is a mirror to how India shows up for each other. Each of the seven films is deeply rooted in the cultural milieu of its region, capturing its rhythm, rituals, landscapes, and the authenticity of its people. From the rains becoming a character in Kerala, to a village in Andhra Pradesh known for its legacy of army service, every story reflects the cultural richness and emotional truths of real India. This campaign is a reaffirmation of ZEE's role as a trusted companion in the daily lives of millions. Saath Hai Toh Baat Hai' is a sentiment that links to the heartbeat of millions of homes, where ZEE isn't just watched, but welcomed every day."

The campaign was unveiled with great impact during the telecast of the 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025, where all seven versions of the brand film premiered simultaneously across ZEE's channels and digital platforms, allowing viewers to experience one powerful idea through seven unique regional voices, all at once.



## Banana orchards in Gunj area destroyed in storm

**YAVATMAL / NAGPUR POST:** Farmers have suffered immense losses as banana orchards were destroyed in the storm that struck Gunj area of Mahagaon taluka on Tuesday evening. Farmers are demanding financial assistance to the affected farmers. Rain came with a storm on Tuesday evening. In this storm, banana crops were damaged due to stormy rain in villages under Gunj revenue mandal. Bananas ready for sale in farmers' fields have fallen. Talathi, Agricultural Sevak have inspected the damage and submitted a preliminary report to Mahagaon Tehsildar. Talathi Dnyaneshwar Chavan said that banana orchards covering an area of 34 hectares have been damaged in Malkinhi.



Banana is cultivated in Malkinhi, Gunj, Sarkinhi, Veni, Savana, Kanha, Shipur, Hivardari,

Pimpalgaon. Farmers considered a profitable crop, so farmers are seen planting bananas. However, banana crop is currently

growers have suffered huge losses due to the storm. There is a demand that the government should extend a helping hand to the affected farmers. Earlier, we were cultivating sugarcane. However, in 1995-26, the factory did not take the sugarcane to the crusher. Due to this, the sugarcane crop had to be burned.

To avoid this loss, we turned to banana cultivation. Three hectares of banana have been damaged in the storm. Banana grower farmer Bhimrao Matte demanded that the government consider the natural disaster and provide appropriate assistance to the farmers. Farmer Amol Madne of Malkinhi village said, our family has 20 acres of banana plantation. I grow banana every year. But till date, so much damage has never been caused by nature's unkindness. The government should compensate the damage.

## NDA candidates win two RS seats unopposed in Assam

**Guwahati, June 13 (UNI)** With the opposition parties not filing any candidate for the two Rajya Sabha seats in Assam, NDA candidates including Kanad Purkayastha and sitting Rajya Sabha MP, Birendra Prasad Baishya won the two seats.

The ruling BJP nominated Kanad Purkayastha for one of the seats while it's alliance partner Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) nominated Birendra Prasad Baishya. Kanad is the son of BJP strongman from Barak Valley and former

Union minister Kabindra Purkayastha.

The election to the two Rajya Sabha seats was necessitated as the term of Birendra Prasad Baishya (AGP) and Mission Ranjan Das of BJP is to expire on June 14. Election to the two seats was slated for June 19 and the counting of votes was likely to take place the same day. However, as there is no candidates from the opposition, both Purkayastha and Baishya were declared winners.

## Farmers' body opposed palm cultivation in Tripura

**Agartala, June 13 (UNI)** In line with the centre, the Tripura government undertook a massive initiative to promote palm cultivation. The All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) state committee opposed the government's eye on palm cultivation and demanded to enhance rubber plantation in the state, which, according to them, is much better in terms of economy, health, and environment. AIKS Tripura Chief, former Left Front Minister and veteran

communist leader Pabitra Kar, told the media, "Palm cultivation will not be a profitable business for the farmers of Tripura; rather, enhancement of rubber plantation will bring profit for the farmers in an eco-sustainable manner." During the time of the Left Front government, a feasibility study of growing palm in Tripura was made, but it was found to be a non-profitable business for the farmers, and palm cultivation damages farming land.

## Over Rs 271.15 crore transferred to beneficiaries under various Social Security Pension Schemes: Nitish

**Patna, June 13 (UNI)** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that over Rs 271.15 crore has been transferred to 62,15,104 beneficiaries under various Social Security Pension Schemes. Nitish on Friday said Rs 271.15,38,900 transferred to beneficiaries through DBT. It includes Rs. 93.50 crore from the Central Government and Rs. 87.55 crore from the State Government under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme. Giving details he said that 254,45,05,900 was transferred to a



total of 61 lakh 29 thousand 548 beneficiaries of various social security pension schemes and an amount of Rs 16,70,33,000 was transferred to 85,556 beneficiaries of Chief Minister Kanya Uththan Yojana. Kumar said that the centre was extending full support in

execution of social security pension schemes. He urged the authorities to aware the people about various social security pension schemes. Social Welfare Department Secretary Vandana Prayasi, Social Security Directorate Director

Ranjita and ICDS Director Amit Kumar Pandey apprised the Chief Minister with the progress of the on going schemes. They informed that in the financial year 2005-06, 12 lakh 25 thousand 106 beneficiaries were being given the benefit of social security pension schemes, whereas in the financial year 2024-25, 1 crore 9 lakh 69 thousand 255 beneficiaries were being given the benefit of social security pension scheme. In the financial year 2005-06, an amount of Rs 9834.32 lakh was spent on social security pension schemes, whereas in the financial year 2024-25, an amount of Rs 524167.02 lakh is being spent.

## Arms recovered in Manipur operation

**Imphal, June 13 (UNI)** Security personnel and Manipur Police launched operations in three different areas during the last 24 hours and recovered arms and ammunition. The police said a 9 mm carbine with magazine, two 9 mm pistols with magazine, live rounds and empty cases were recovered from a hideout at Karyam village in Tengnoupal district. In another operation, two 12 bore single barrel rifle, one .32 pistol along with one empty magazine, live rounds, cartridge, and other items



were recovered from Champhai Village, Imphal East district. In another operation one 303 rifle along with a magazine, 9 mm pistol

## Caste resurvey will resolve confusion: Satish Jarkiholi

**Bengaluru, June 13 (UNI)** Karnataka Minister Satish Jarkiholi on Friday said the resurvey of castes is expected to resolve the confusion surrounding the existing data.

Speaking to the media, he acknowledged that the current caste census report contains several discrepancies. He expressed hope that a resurvey would address these issues. In light of complaints that the report is unscientific and based on outdated data, several senior Congress leaders — including Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, KC Venugopal, Randeep Surjewala, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar — have decided to go ahead with the re-verification process. "We have given our opinions. No one should face any inconvenience.

The current report is correct. If there is confusion, it can be reviewed. This is not a fresh survey, just corrections. Whatever is done, there shouldn't be any issue. There will always be supporters and opponents," Jarkiholi clarified.

## LIC announces relaxations for victims of Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad

**Hyderabad, June 13 (UNI)** LIC of India expressed deep grief over the death of on-board passengers and crew members of Air India flight AI 171 and also people on the ground who were killed due to the plane crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday. In a statement on Friday, LIC said it is committed to supporting those affected and will expedite claim settlements to provide financial relief. The insurance company announced many concessions to mitigate the hardships of the claimants of LIC Policies.



to the plane crash or any compensation paid by the Central/State Government /Airline Authorities will be accepted as proof of death. All efforts will be taken to ensure that the claimants are reached out to and claims are settled expeditiously for the affected families. For further assistance, the claimants may contact the nearest Branch/Division/Customer Zone. The claimants may also call call centre - 022 68276827

## Malabar River Festival from July 24 to 27

**Kochi, Jun 13 (UNI)** The Malabar River Festival featuring Kerala's premier Whitewater Kayaking event is back with its 11th edition, scheduled from July 24 to 27, 2025, promising adrenaline-filled action in the rivers of Kozhikode. Held across the scenic Chalipuzha and Iruvazhinjipuzha rivers near Thusharagiri, this international kayaking event continues to reinforce Kerala's position as a leading hub for adventure sports in India. Organised by the Kerala Adventure Tourism Promotion Society (KATPS), District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC) and the Kozhikode District

Panchayat - with technical oversight from the Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association (IKCA) - the event has consistently drawn professional and amateur kayakers from across the globe. The 2025 edition will feature competitive events in both open and amateur categories. Participants will test their skills in Kayak Cross and Downriver Time Trial events, with classifications based on paddling experience. The Open Category, designed for seasoned kayakers with Class 3 or above paddling proficiency, offers prize-winning races and full participant amenities.

## Honeymoon murder case: Sonam confesses to being involved in killing of husband

**Shillong, June 13 (UNI)** Sonam Raghuvanshi has confessed that she was part of the plan to kill her newly married husband Raja at Sohra last month, a police official claimed on Thursday. "Yes, she (Sonam) has confessed that she was part of the conspiracy. She was blaming Raj and he in turn was putting the blame on Sonam," Deputy Inspector General of Police of Eastern Range, Davis Marak said. The five accused, including Sonam, Raj and three alleged contract killers - Akash Rajput, Vishal Singh Chauhan and Anand Kurmi - are being interrogated by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Meghalaya police after a local court on Wednesday sent them to eight days in police



custody. Maintaining that Sonam and Raj continue to be the prime suspect in the murder case, Marak said both the accused are allegedly in a relationship. "As of now, they continue to be the prime accused.

However, who is the actual mastermind, who actually started this plot, that needs to be established at this stage," he stated. On whether Sonam had promised to pay Rs 20 lakh to the contract killers, Marak said, "That is under investigation and this is what we are asking the accused persons at this stage

so at this stage I will not be able to inform that." During the interrogation, Marak said, Sonam denied hitting Raja and from the statements of the accused persons, it appeared that the hired contract killers had actually killed him on May 23 at Wei Sawdong, from where the decomposed body of the victim was retrieved on June 2. Marak also revealed that three scooters were hired from Shillong, one of which was used by Sonam and Raja and was abandoned at Sohra Rim. Police have seized the scooter, while investigation regarding the other two scooters was on. All the accused would be taken to the spot of the crime for reconstruction of the sequence of events after interrogation is completed, police said. UNIRRK SSP

## Karnataka HC refuses to stay bike taxi ban

**Bengaluru, June 13 (UNI)** In a significant setback to bike taxi operators in Karnataka, the High Court on Friday declined to stay a single-judge order directing a complete halt to bike taxi services across the State. The division bench reasoned that the government's stated policy decision not to permit such operations left no room for judicial interference at this stage. A bench comprising Acting Chief Justice V Kameswar Rao and Justice Sreenivas Harish Kumar took up the appeals filed by ANI Technologies Pvt Ltd (operating Ola) and Uber, challenging an April 2 order by Justice B Shyam Prasad that had directed all bike taxi operations to be shut down within six weeks. While the deadline was extended till June 15 to allow operators to wind down services, the Division Bench on Friday refused to grant any interim relief, stating that it would hear the matter on merits on June 24. The court made it clear that if the state had merely indicated a delay in framing rules, a stay could have been considered. However, given that the government had taken a firm policy stance against allowing bike taxis, the Bench was disinclined to intervene. "The court is conscious that this matter



concerns livelihoods and public interest," the judges observed, even as they issued notice to the State government and sought its written submissions by June 20. Senior advocate Dhyan Chinnappa, representing the appellants, argued that two-wheelers qualify as "motor cabs" under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and could operate as taxis under the existing framework. "I think no new rules are required. The Central government permits two-wheelers to be used as transport vehicles. This is recognised by the single judge. Four-wheelers operate on the basis of state rules — the same should apply to two-wheelers," Chinnappa submitted. However, Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty pushed back sharply, asserting that for five years, bike taxis had been operating without valid permits under interim

## Karnataka launches Special Action Force in Mangaluru

**Mangaluru, Jun 13 (UNI)** In a significant move to maintain communal harmony in coastal Karnataka, the state government on Friday launched a dedicated Special Action Force (SAF) in Mangaluru, a first-of-its-kind unit in the country aimed at curbing hate speech and preventing targeted violence. Speaking at the inauguration of the SAF headquarters here, state Home Minister G Parameshwara described the initiative as a "bold and necessary step" to restore public confidence in Dakshina Kannada, a district long troubled by communal

flashpoints. "This is not a force meant to intimidate," Parameshwara clarified, "but if provoked, it will act decisively to preserve peace and order." The SAF has been constituted within a week of a cabinet decision, with personnel reassigned from anti-Naxal operations. Its mandate includes rapid response to communal flareups, preemptive action against incitement, and dismantling of networks that propagate religious hatred. District in-charge Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who was also present at the launch, underlined the urgency of the measure,

stating, "Communal polarisation is eating into the social fabric of this region. This force is a response to a sustained threat to public harmony." Dr Parameshwara recalled his visit to the region following a high-profile killing six months ago. "At that time, there was fear, and dialogue was impossible. But the people of this district are educated and peace-loving. Hate has no place here," he said. The initiative has garnered broad public support, and discussions are reportedly underway to expand SAF operations to other sensitive districts in the

state. Director General of Police Alok Mohan Saleem, Additional DGP K Murugan, Mangaluru Police Commissioner Sudhir Kumar Reddy, MLCs Manjunath Bhandari and Ivan D'Souza, and senior officials from the Karnataka Cashew Development Corporation were also in attendance. Plans are being finalised to host a multi-faith peace conclave in the coming weeks to reinforce the government's message of unity and tolerance. "The less the SAF has to intervene, the better it is for all of us," Dr Parameshwara concluded. UNIRK SSP

## Internet services restored in Manipur



**Imphal, June 13 (UNI)** Internet services were restored at 6 am on Friday in five districts of Manipur. Frequent internet bans had seriously affected normal government and private and business establishments. The education system was hit hard due to the ban. After a crisis broke out after the arrest of a leader of an organisation, the internet was again banned from June 7, 11.45 pm, in five districts, including the state capital. The ban was followed by the imposition of an indefinite curfew by the government and a ten-day bandh by Arambai Tengol for the arrest of its leader. The bandh was called off on the third day. The initial ban order was for five days, which ended at 11.45 pm on Thursday. A late-night order from the Home Commissioner N Ashok Kumar extended the ban till 6 am on June 13.

## Derogatory remarks against crash victim: Govt official suspended

**Thiruvananthapuram, Jun 13 (UNI)** A Kerala government official has been suspended for making derogatory remarks against the Ahmedabad plane crash victim from Pathanamthitta in Kerala on Friday. In a Facebook post, Kerala Revenue Minister K Rajasaid deputy tahasildar A Pavithran of Vellarikundu Taluk has been suspended for making a Facebook post criticizing Ranjitha G Nair, who died in the plane crash. "This is a despicable act on the part of the official. He was suspended with immediate effect after the Facebook post came to my attention," the Minister said. The 38-year-old nurse from Kerala, Ranjitha G Nair, was among the victims of the plain crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday. Meanwhile, Kerala Health Minister Veena George left for Pullad near Thiruvalla to condole the family members of Ranjitha G Nair.



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