

Tribal Affairs Min partners with AIIMS for sickle cell treatment

New Delhi, June 20 (UNI): In a major initiative to eradicate Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) by 2047, the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has plans to establish excellence centres across 15 leading hospitals and also collaborate with AIIMS, Delhi to launch a national competition aimed at developing new treatment options for this debilitating genetic blood disorder. With only one drug currently available for SCD management, this collaboration seeks to address the critical need for more effective therapies to combat the disease, which causes chronic anaemia, severe pain, organ damage, and a significantly reduced life expectancy, particularly among India’s tribal populations. “The proposals selected in the competition will receive funding of up to Rs 10 crore for drug development. In parallel, the Ministry is establishing Centers of Competence (CoC) across 15 leading hospitals, including AIIMS, to enhance diagnostic and care facilities for the affected tribal communities,” said Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Durgadas Uikey, during the World Sickle Cell Day event at AIIMS.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on July 1, 2023 to eliminate Sickle Cell Anemia from India by 2047, the Ministry has already initiated nationwide screening and testing programs aimed at combating the disease. Vibhu Nayar, Secretary of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, emphasised that the CoCs aims to offer state-of-the-art



diagnostic and management services for SCD, including ante-natal care. These centers, which will be operational by November 2023, will also facilitate referrals and provide specialized care to patients across the country. Nayar further stated that one of the proposed centers may serve as a national reference point for tribal health at AIIMS, Delhi which could aid hospitals in tribal-dominated regions and explore the causes of malnutrition and its potential links to genetic

NHRC notice to Andhra Chief Secy, DGP over public assault of woman by moneylender

New Delhi, June 20 (UNI): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notices to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh after it took suo motu cognizance of a media report concerning the brutal public assault of a woman by a local moneylender in Narayanapuram village, Kuppam Mandal, Chittoor district, in the Southern State. The top rights body has called for a detailed report in the matter within two weeks, according to a statement from the NHRC here.

According to the media report, dated June 17, 2025, the incident occurred on June 16, when the woman was allegedly tied to a tree and beaten in full public view by a moneylender, after her husband failed to repay a loan of Rs 80,000 borrowed three years ago. It is reported that the victim was later freed by local villagers. In the statement, the NHRC said: “The contents of the media report, if true, raise serious issues of human rights violations.

factors. “One national specialize reference center on tribal health could be set up in AIIMS New Delhi which could provide assistance to the hospitals located in tribal dominated areas in different states and districts, it could provide clues why malnutrition is occurring despite several measures, it has to examine whether it’s the genetic or any other reason,” the secretary added. At the event, Minister Durgadas Uikey also interacted with patients of sickle cell anaemia and their families. As people from different parts of the country are currently residing and receiving treatment in Delhi, the Minister assured them of all support of Central and state governments. He also assured them about the free availability of all medicines associated with the management of SCD.

In a world facing environmental crisis, yoga offers a path to sustainability: WHO's Saima Wazed

New Delhi, June 20 (UNI): On the eve of the International Day of Yoga, Saima Wazed, regional director of the World Health Organization (WHO) for South-East Asia, emphasised the role of yoga in fostering sustainability and holistic well-being in the face of escalating environmental challenges. In a world facing environmental challenges, yoga offers a path to sustainability by encouraging us to live simply, consume mindfully, and respect the natural world. In embracing yoga, we can reduce our ecological footprint and contribute to a healthier planet, she said in a statement issued ahead of the global observance on June 21.

“By embracing yoga, we can reduce our ecological footprint and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable planet.” Highlighting scientific studies, Wazed noted the profound impact of yoga on human health. “The benefits of yoga are well-documented. Studies have shown that 77 per cent of people report feeling physically stronger after practising yoga regularly. 82 percent of patients with chronic inflammation experienced a nearly 50 percent reduction in inflammation after just six weeks of daily yoga. “Yoga can also help mental health. A study by Harvard Medical School found that 60 percent of participants with depression experienced a significant reduction in symptoms after practicing yoga twice a week for eight weeks,” Wazed said.

WHO’s South-East Asia Region comprises 10 member states including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste. This year’s theme, “Yoga for One Earth, One Health,” underscores the vital connection between personal well-being and the health of the planet, Wazed added. She also acknowledged India’s leadership in bringing global attention to yoga. “The initiative to celebrate June 21 as International Day of Yoga was first proposed by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and was adopted by the United Nations in 2014 with support from 177 member states. The first celebration was held in 2015, marking the beginning of a global wellness movement.” Calling on individuals and communities across the region to take part, Wazed said, “As we observe this important day, let us remember that each breath is a sacred gift from nature.

healthier future—for ourselves, for each other, and for the planet.”



India, Central American Integration System hold virtual dialogue, identify areas of cooperation

New Delhi, June 20 (UNI): India and the Central American Integration System (SICA) held a Virtual Dialogue, during which they identified areas of co-operation including Food and Nutritional security, Health, Connectivity, Agriculture and Digital Transformation. The SICA representatives thanked India for its support in times of need such as the COVID Pandemic and other natural disasters affecting the region. The Indian side was led by Additional Secretary, Rajesh Vaishnav. SICA was represented by the Vice

Minister of Multilateral Affairs of the Republic of Costa Rica, Alejandro Solano, Director of International Cooperation of the SICA Secretariat, Carmen Marroquin, and Senior Officials and Representatives of the SICA Member countries. The current Pro-Tempore Presidency of SICA lies with Costa Rica and will be handed over to Panama later this year. Additional Secretary, in his intervention, underlined that the India SICA relationship is built on a strong foundation of mutual respect, shared values of democracy and sustainable

development, and strong commitment to South-South cooperation. India has actively supported a number of initiatives in this region through its development co-operation programmes, including the ITEC capacity-building platform, Quick Impact Projects (QIPs), and the dedicated SME grant programme.

Additional Secretary highlighted India’s success in Digital Transformation, Affordable Healthcare and Medicines, Disaster Resilience and Renewable Energy stating that India is willing to cooperate further in

these areas with the SICA member countries for shared prosperity and sustainable development, a statement said. The representatives from SICA Secretariat and the SICA Member countries appreciated India’s proactive role in fostering global South-South cooperation. They mentioned that the India SICA cooperation will deepen further through sustained political dialogue and regional cooperation initiatives. Main areas of cooperation were identified as Food and Nutritional security, Health, Connectivity, Agriculture, Digital Trans-

formation, Energy, Trade and Investment. The representatives from SICA thanked India for its support in times of need such as the COVID Pandemic and other natural disasters affecting the region. The Central American Integration System (SICA) is the institutional framework of Regional Integration in Central America, created by the States of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. Subsequently, Belize joined afterwards as a full member; in 2013, The Dominican Republic did likewise.

India to evacuate from Israel those Indian nationals wishing to leave

New Delhi, June 20 (UNI): India has decided to evacuate from Israel those Indian nationals who wish to leave, in view of the increasing bombardments between Iran and Israel. In a statement today, the Ministry of External Affairs has said that it will facilitate the travel of Indians wishing to be evacuated from Israel, through the land borders and thereafter by air to India. In view of the above, the Embassy of India in Tel Aviv would be making arrangements for the evacuation of Indians. All Indian nationals are requested to register themselves with the Embassy of India in Tel Aviv at (https://www.indembassyisrael.gov.in/indian_national_reg), if not already registered. In case of any queries, they may contact the 24/7 Control Room established at Embassy of India, Tel Aviv: telephone



numbers: +972 54-7520711; +972 54-3278392; email: cons1.telaviv@mea.gov.in. The Embassy also reiterates its earlier advisories urging all Indian citizens in Israel to remain vigilant and strictly follow the safety guidelines issued by Israeli authorities and the Home Front Command: (https://www.oref.org.il/eng). The Government of India accords the highest priority to the

safety and security of Indian nationals abroad. The Government will continue to monitor the situation closely. The Embassy remains continuously in touch with the community with a view to extending all feasible assistance, it said. Earlier, as part of Operation Sindhu India brought back 110 Indian students from Iran. The students arrived safely in New Delhi on a special flight from Yerevan,

Armenia. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh received them at the airport. The students were moved by road to Yerevan in Armenia with the support of Indian missions, before boarding a special IndiGo flight back home. The Ministry of External Affairs has confirmed that efforts are ongoing to bring back more Indians stranded in different parts of Iran.

Ram Mohan Naidu holds review meeting on safety and airline performance

New Delhi, June 20 (UNI): In the wake of the recent mishap involving an Air India flight near Ahmedabad, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu convened a detailed video conference with Airport Directors from across the country to assess ground-level preparedness and enhance support mechanisms for passengers. The review meeting focused on ensuring better coordination and communication amid flight rescheduling, which is currently being affected due to multiple reasons, including post-accident safety checks, adverse weather conditions, and the temporary closure of certain airspace due to geopolitical tensions, an official



statement said. Moreover, the Minister also held a high-level meeting with the Chairman & Managing Director of Air India. The discussions focused on maintaining operational continuity, supporting transparent and accountable

communication with the public and passengers’ safety and convenience. During the meeting it was noted that due to the evolving situation in the Middle East, enhanced safety checks, and a ban on night flying in Europe, Air India is

facing reduced aircraft availability. As a result, they will temporarily scale down operations, restructure flights, and announce changes through the media. Affected passengers will be rebooked or offered full refunds.

SC stays demolition of Madurai temple built on OSR land

New Delhi, June 20 (UNI): The Supreme Court stayed the demolition of a temple allegedly built without permission on land designated as Open Space Reservation (OSR) in the Visthara Residency apartment complex in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. A bench comprising Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Justice Manmohan passed the interim order while issuing notice on a petition filed by the Visthara Welfare Association. The petition challenged a recent order of the Madras High Court directing the demolition of the temple. Senior advocate Dama Seshadri Naidu, appearing for the petitioner, contended that the High Court had passed the demolition order without granting an opportunity to the relevant parties to be



heard or to file their responses. "The counsel for the petitioner submits that neither the petitioner nor the respondents in the writ petition were heard. In fact, they were given no opportunity to

file pleadings. The High Court has directed the demolition of the temple," the Supreme Court noted in its order. Taking note of the grievance, the court issued notice and granted eight weeks for response. “In the meanwhile, the demolition of the temple shall remain stayed,” the Bench directed. The special leave petition contended that the High Court’s ruling was based on the finding that the Apartment Owners’ Association could not produce any valid permission or licence for constructing the temple on OSR land.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES								
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly M/s Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 08.07.2025 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. .								
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