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Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai Launches 'Bhawna Didi Ki Science Pathshala' Mobile Lab to Teach AI, Robotics and Coding

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Raipur: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Wednesday flagged off 'Bhawan Didi Ki Science Pathshala' – Mobile Emerging Technology Lab, an innovative initiative aimed at introducing school students to advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotics, drone technology, coding, the Internet of Things (IoT), aeromodelling and 3D printing.

The mobile laboratory was launched from the Chhattisgarh Assembly premises in the presence of Assembly Speaker Raman Singh, Deputy Chief Ministers Vijay Sharma and Arun Sao, along with several ministers and public representatives.

The initiative is being implemented by Bhawna Samaj Sevi Sansthan, an NGO run by BJP MLA from Pandariya, Bhawna Bohra. The fully equipped mobile lab will travel to government schools, Shishu Mandirs, middle schools, high schools and higher secondary schools, providing hands-on training in emerging technologies.

Speaking at the launch, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said the initiative comes at a crucial time as the world rapidly embraces



Artificial Intelligence and other advanced technologies. He noted that the mobile lab would help students develop practical skills in AI, robotics and drones, preparing them for future career opportunities.

Bhawna Bohra said the project is primarily designed for students of Classes 11 and 12 studying in government schools and Shishu Mandirs across the Pandariya Assembly constituency. Under the programme, the mobile lab will conduct five-day training camps at each participating school, offering practical demonstrations and interactive learning experiences.

She said students will gain insights into AI applications, robotics, drone operations, and modern scientific innovations, including how robots are used in fields such as healthcare and industry. The initiative aims to bridge the technology gap for students, particularly those in rural and forest regions.

US to End 23-Year Military Presence in Iraq as Troops Exit by September 30

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Washington: The United States will complete the withdrawal of its military forces from Iraq by September 30, ending a 23-year military presence that began with the 2003 invasion to remove Saddam Hussein and later shifted to counterterrorism operations against the Islamic State (IS).

The announcement was made during a joint press briefing at the White House by US President Donald Trump and Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi. Trump said the United States no longer considers a military presence in Iraq necessary, emphasizing that the relationship between the two countries is now driven by economic and commercial cooperation rather than military engagement.



"We don't think we need the military there anymore," Trump said, adding that the US remains committed to supporting Iraq if required but does not anticipate such a need. He also highlighted the growing role of American energy companies operating in Iraq.

Prime Minister Al-Zaidi confirmed that all US troops will leave Iraq by September 30, while American companies will continue their business activities in the country.

The Pentagon said the

Nagpur Cyber Police Register FIR Over Alleged Fake Social Media Posts Targeting Nitin Gadkari on Ethanol Fuel Issue

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Nagpur: The Nagpur Cyber Police have registered an FIR against multiple social media account holders for allegedly spreading false, misleading, and defamatory content targeting Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari over the issue of ethanol-blended (E20) fuel.

The complaint was lodged by Shishir Arun Tripathi, Convener of the BJP Nagpur City Social Media Cell. According to the complaint, a YouTube video uploaded on July 3, 2026, by content creator Manish

Kashyap allegedly contained misleading and defamatory claims about Gadkari and E20 fuel with the intention of creating public confusion.

The complaint further alleged that similar videos and posts were shared by other social media accounts, including Desi Boys, Harshit Rathi, and Anklesh Inwati, making what the complainant described as baseless and objectionable allegations against the Union Minister. It also claimed that the content had the potential to disturb public peace and mislead citizens.

withdrawal fulfills the 2024 agreement reached between Washington and Baghdad to conclude the US-led mission against the Islamic State. A large number of American personnel had already departed Iraq following the agreement.

The US military first entered Iraq in March 2003 during the invasion launched over allegations that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction—claims that were never substantiated. At the peak of the conflict in 2007, more than 170,000 US troops were stationed in the country.

Most combat forces withdrew in 2011, but American troops returned in 2014 at the request of the Iraqi government after the Islamic State seized large parts of Iraq and Syria.

Their mission focused on training Iraqi security forces, providing logistical support, and conducting joint counterterrorism operations.

Although the Islamic State lost its territorial control by 2021, around 2,500 US troops remained in Iraq to assist with training and security cooperation until the 2024 withdrawal agreement. Following the deal, troop levels were significantly reduced, leaving only a small advisory contingent.

The final withdrawal scheduled for September 30 will officially conclude the US military mission in Iraq, marking the end of more than two decades of military involvement and signaling a new phase in US-Iraq relations focused on diplomacy, trade, and economic partnership.

West Asia Tensions Escalate as US Launches Fresh Strikes on Iran; Tehran Claims Retaliatory Attacks on American Bases

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Florida: Tensions in West Asia intensified on Wednesday after the US Central Command (CENTCOM) announced a fresh wave of military strikes against Iran, targeting military assets that Washington says have been used to threaten commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.



that it had resumed a naval blockade on vessels travelling to or from Iranian ports and coastal areas. The blockade came into effect at 4:00 p.m. ET on July 14, coinciding with the military operation.

Reaffirming its readiness, CENTCOM said US forces remain "vigilant, lethal, and prepared to execute operations directed by the Commander in Chief."

Meanwhile, Iran claimed it had launched retaliatory attacks against US military positions across the region. According to Iranian state broadcaster Press TV, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), alongside the Iranian military, carried out missile and drone strikes targeting American military installations in Kuwait, Bahrain.

and Jordan under "Operation Nasr
2."

The IRCG claimed the attacks destroyed key US military infrastructure, including Patriot air defence systems, satellite communications facilities, and HIMARS rocket launchers in Kuwait. It also alleged that strikes on the US base at al-Azraq in Jordan damaged hangars housing F-15, F-16, and F-35 fighter jets, as well as several MQ-9 drones.

Iranian media further reported that the operation included strikes targeting facilities associated with the US Fifth Fleet in Bahrain.

Separately, Al Jazeera reported that Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary-General Jassem Albudaiwi condemned the Iranian attacks on Bahrain, Kuwait, and Jordan, including strikes on infrastructure that reportedly injured Kuwaiti military personnel.

The latest exchange of military action marks a significant escalation in the ongoing confrontation between the United States and Iran, raising concerns over regional stability and the security of one of the world's most critical maritime trade routes.



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AIR INDIA RANKS AMONG THE WORLD’S TOP 5 MOST ON-TIME GLOBAL AIRLINES

Air India has been ranked the 4th most on-time airline in the world in June 2026 by aviation analytics firm Cirium, underscoring the airline's continued focus on operational reliability and schedule integrity.

According to Cirium's June 2026 On-Time Performance report, Air India recorded an on-time arrival rate of 86.85% across 15,135 flights tracked during the month. The airline also posted an on-time departure rate of 86.23% and a completion factor of 99.7%, meaning virtually all scheduled flights operated as planned.

The ranking reflects Air India’s sustained investments in operational resilience, improved network planning, and enhanced execution across its domestic and international operations.

As a hub-and-spoke network carrier operating a large number of domestic and international connections through India's two largest airports, Delhi and Mumbai, Air India manages significant operational complexity. The airline's operations can be impacted by congestion and air traffic control

restrictions at these busy airports, which often have a cascading effect across the network.

Over time, Air India has introduced a range of measures to strengthen schedule reliability and deliver a more consistent travel experience for its customers. These include improving departure punctuality, streamlining aircraft turnaround processes, enhancing real-time network monitoring, and enabling faster operational decision-making across the airline.

The airline has also focused on building greater operational resilience through robust contingency planning, enhanced cross-functional coordination, and maintaining the operational flexibility needed to respond effectively to unforeseen disruptions such as weather events, airspace restrictions, airport congestion, or technical issues. These efforts help minimise the impact of disruptions, support network stability, and ensure customers reach their destinations with greater reliability.

FIFA World Cup 2026: Thomas Tuchel Hails Lionel Messi as Argentina's 'Leader and Key Player' Ahead of England Semifinal

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Georgia: England head coach Thomas Tuchel has described Lionel Messi as the heartbeat of Argentina ahead of their highly anticipated FIFA World Cup 2026 semifinal clash, praising the legendary forward's leadership and influence on the reigning world champions.

Speaking before the last-four encounter, Tuchel said Messi continues to inspire Argentina with his exceptional vision, experience, and ability to dictate the game.

"It is incredible how he carries that team. There are no words left for achievements like this. He is the leader and the key player in every

team he plays for," Tuchel said.

The England manager highlighted Argentina's well-established style of play, crediting their long-serving squad and coaching setup for their success.

"They have great cohesion, plenty of tournament experience, and an excellent coach. They enjoy controlling the game through short passes and movement in the middle of the pitch. Whenever Messi gets the ball, the entire team's movement begins," he added.

Tuchel acknowledged the challenge of containing the eight-time Ballon d'Or winner but insisted England would stick to its own football philosophy.

"The quality of the service Messi receives is of the highest level. There are many things we need to deal with, but we are here to play our football and impose our style. We know how difficult the task is, and we are ready for it."

Reflecting on England's quarterfinal victory over Norway, Tuchel admitted his side lacked composure in possession and stressed the need for greater technical precision against Argentina.

"We made too many technical mistakes in our last match, which prevented us from finding our rhythm. We rushed our decisions and weren't patient enough. Against Argentina, our technical execution

and speed of play must improve."

The England boss also praised his team's defensive progress throughout the tournament, expressing confidence that the magnitude of the semifinal would bring out the best in his players.

"We have improved defensively as a team during this tournament, and we will need that at the highest level. Tomorrow's challenge will demand even greater acceleration, technical quality, and teamwork."

Tuchel dismissed suggestions that England would use past encounters with Argentina as extra motivation, insisting his squad is focused solely on the present opportunity.

ICC Announces New Three-Stage Format for ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027

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Dubai: The International Cricket Council (ICC) has officially introduced a revamped competition format for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027, which will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.

With the tournament expanding

from 10 to 14 teams, the new structure aims to deliver more competitive cricket, provide greater opportunities for emerging teams, and enhance the overall viewing experience for fans worldwide.

The tournament will feature three stages before the knockout rounds:

Round 1 – Super Series:

The opening stage will feature the three lowest-ranked qualified teams competing in a round-robin Super Series. The team finishing at the top of this mini-league will secure the final place in the next stage of the tournament.

Round 2 – Group Stage (30 Matches):

A total of 12 teams will compete in this phase, divided into two groups of six. Each team will play every other team in its group once. The top three teams from each group, along with the best fourth-placed team across both groups, will qualify for the next round.

EAMCON 2026 Concludes with Resounding Success at Shinawatra University, Thailand; International TechXcellence Leadership Awards Honour Global Leaders in Innovation



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Bangkok, Thailand: The 2nd International Engineering Data Analytics and Management Conference (EAMCON 2026) concluded with remarkable success at Shinawatra University, Thailand, during 8–10 July 2026, bringing together leading academicians, researchers, industry experts, innovators, and policymakers from across the globe. The three-day international conference served as a vibrant platform for exchanging cutting-edge research, fostering international collaborations, and strengthening industry-academia partnerships in Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Communication Technologies, and Emerging Digital Technologies.

The conference witnessed an overwhelming response from the global research community, receiving 976 research paper submissions from numerous countries. Following a rigorous multi-stage peer-review process, only 247 high-quality papers were selected for presentation, resulting in a highly competitive acceptance rate of 25.3%, reflecting the conference’s commitment to academic excellence and quality.

One of the major highlights of EAMCON 2026 was its exceptional industry participation. The conference featured more than 22 distinguished keynote speakers from



leading Fortune 500 organizations, who shared valuable insights on Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, Digital Transformation, Sustainable Engineering, and Future Technologies. Their participation strengthened the conference’s vision of bridging academic research with real-world industrial applications and inspired delegates through thought-provoking keynote addresses and panel discussions.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Associate Professor Dr. Zhou Fei, President of Shinawatra University, Thailand. The distinguished guests included Dr. Ramachandra V. Pujeri, Pro Vice-Chancellor, MIT Art, Design and Technology (MIT-ADT) University, Pune; Dr. Tanweer Ali, Professor, Manipal Institute of Technology,

Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India; Ms. Pratiksha Bhandari, Director, International Relations, Shinawatra University, Thailand; Dr. Mallikaarjun, Head, Department of Artificial Intelligence, Anurag University; Prof. Srinivas N., BIMA, Bangalore; Dr. Padmavathi, SJGIT, Bangalore; and Dr. Soumya, DSBA, Bangalore.

A major highlight of the conference was the prestigious International TechXcellence Leadership Awards (ITLA) 2026, organized in conjunction with EAMCON 2026 to recognize exceptional achievements in research, innovation, education, entrepreneurship, and technology leadership. The award ceremony witnessed enthusiastic participation from distinguished academicians, researchers, industry leaders, and

professionals from across the globe, making it one of the most celebrated highlights of the conference.

The ITLA Awards 2026 received a record-breaking 522 nominations from academicians, researchers, innovators, industry professionals, and institutions worldwide. Following a rigorous evaluation by an eminent international jury, only 25 outstanding individuals were selected across various award categories.

International TechXcellence Leadership Awards (ITLA) 2026 Awardees

Tech Futurist Leadership Award

- Shariful Haque
- Shreya Makina
- Vijayakumar Ven Vishwanath
- Vishwanath Hiremath

Infrastructure Mastermind

Award

- Ram Hibane
- Siva Prasad Nandi

AI Gamechanger Award

- Dr. Prerana Agrawal
- Dr. Ram Kumar Solanki
- Utham Kumar Anugula Sethupathy

Cloud Catalyst Award

- Siddhant Bapusaheb Tanpure
- T. Vinoth Punniyamoorthy

Data Alchemist Award

- Aswathnarayan Muthul
- Lokesh Butra
- Milan Parikh
- Prema Kumar Veerapaneri
- Siva Kumar Chintham

Cyber Sentinel of the Year

- Naga Satya Praveen K.
- Satyanarayana Gadiraju

Breakthrough Innovation Award

- Vishwanath Hiremath

Silicon Frontier Excellence Award

- Pankaj Siri Bharath Bairu

Rising Star Tech Research Award

- Danes John

TechHER Impact Award

- Mythili Annamalai Sekar

Luminary in Research Excellence Award

- Harish Janardhanan

The ITLA Awards celebrated excellence across diverse domains, including Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Data Science, Cybersecurity, Semiconductor

Technologies, Infrastructure Engineering, Innovation, Research, and Technology Leadership. The recipients were honoured for their exceptional contributions towards advancing scientific research, technological innovation, industrial excellence, and societal impact through cutting-edge technologies.

The overwhelming response to EAMCON 2026 and the International TechXcellence Leadership Awards (ITLA) 2026 reflects their growing global recognition as premier international platforms promoting high-quality research, innovation, and leadership. The organizers expressed their sincere gratitude to all keynote speakers, authors, reviewers, delegates, session chairs, volunteers, sponsors, organizing committee members, and institutional partners whose unwavering support and dedication made the conference and awards ceremony a grand success.

Building upon the remarkable success of its second edition, EAMCON continues to strengthen its position as a globally recognized forum for fostering academic excellence, impactful research, international collaboration, technological advancement, and industry-academia partnerships. The conference concluded with renewed commitments towards creating innovative solutions for global challenges and further expanding its international reach in the years to come.