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Sonia Gandhi discharged from hospital

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) : Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday was discharged from the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital here, where she was admitted on Thursday.

According to party sources, the Rajya Sabha MP was admitted to the hospital on Thursday for a mild stomach infection and routine checkup. She was given discharge by the doctors on Friday morning.

Party sources said that Gandhi underwent a routine examination on Thursday morning but due to a minor stomach infection, she was admitted for a day.

She was under the care of a team of doctors, the sources said.

FTCCI hosts awareness program on electrical and fire safety

Hyderabad, Feb 21 (UNI) : The Infrastructure, Real Estate & Smart Cities Committee of FTCCI (The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry) on Wednesday night organised a crucial session on Electrical and Fire Safety for Industries and Residential Buildings.

A release issued on Friday said that the program, held as summer approaches, aimed to enhance awareness and preparedness to prevent fire hazards.

Key speakers included Y Nagi Reddy, IPS, Director General, Telangana Fire Disaster Response Emergency and Civil Defence Department, C Lakshmi Prasad, Retired Director, Telangana Fire Services and Civil Defence Training Institute, and V Srinivas, CEO, Synergy Infra Consultants Private Limited. They shared insights on fire safety compliance, risk management, and emergency preparedness for industries and residential spaces.

FTCCI President Suresh Kumar Singhal emphasised that safety is a shared responsibility, requiring strict implementation of preventive measures across industries and households. Abhishek Tibrewala, Chairman of the FTCCI Committee, highlighted alarming fire incident statistics, noting that Hyderabad recorded over 2,500 fire cases in 2024.

CM inaugurates women-run Petrol Bunk in Narayanpet

(Standard Post Bureau) Narayanpet, Feb 21 : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy inaugurated a petrol bunk set up by Zilla Mahila Samakhya (ZMS) at Appakpalli in Narayanpet district on Friday.

The facility, established in collaboration with BPCL, is the first petrol bunk in the state to be entirely run by women. Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister expressed his delight in launching India's first women-managed petrol bunk under a women's association.

He reiterated his government's commitment to women's empowerment, emphasizing that women would remain a top priority in all state initiatives.

He highlighted the revival of women's self-help groups (SHGs) after the formation of the Praja government, noting that 67 lakh women are currently part of these groups, to make one crore women millionaires in Telangana.

Revanth Reddy also pointed out that 600 RTC buses have been handed over to women as owners, ensuring economic independence. Additionally, he mentioned the government's plan to support women in setting up



1,000 MW solar power plants, as well as the establishment of Shilparamam stalls to help market products made by SHGs. The Chief Minister announced plans to distribute two sarees per year to women in SHGs, ensuring they receive high-quality fabric, just as one would provide for their daughters.

He further assured that the government would provide necessary funding for school maintenance, urging local authorities to ensure proper upkeep.

Revanth Reddy also sought cooperation from MP D K Aruna in securing funds from the central

government to further promote women's development in Telangana.

He reaffirmed that the state government is ready to offer any necessary support to enhance women's opportunities and ensure their financial independence.

During an interaction with students at Narayanpet Medical College, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed his happiness over the establishment of a medical, paramedical, and nursing college in a remote area.

He emphasised that despite the initial rejection by the Centre, the state government's relentless

efforts led to the approval of eight new medical colleges, showcasing the commitment and sincerity of his administration.

The Chief Minister assured students that the government is dedicated to developing full-fledged infrastructure in the college and urged them to take full advantage of these facilities.

Quoting Dr B R Ambedkar, he stated that true development is achieved only when the welfare of the most underprivileged is prioritized. He also highlighted that MLAs, being aware of the people's needs, play a key role in addressing local concerns.

School of Ultimate Leadership will play vital role in India's development: PM Modi

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated the first edition of the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) Leadership Conclave at Bharat Mandapam, and hailed it as a step towards becoming the "soul of India's social life."

Addressing the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "The School of Ultimate Leadership will play a vital role in India's development. This institute is not just named 'SOUL', but is destined to become the very heart of India's social life. He added that today every Indian is working day and night for a 'developed India' of the 21st century.

"In such a situation, even in a country of 140 crore people, we need the best leadership in every sector, every vertical, and every aspect of life," he said.

Talking about the importance of SOUL, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Any country that aims to progress needs not only natural resources but also human

resources. In the 21st century, we need resources that can drive innovation and channel skills effectively."

"Skills are required in every sector, and leadership development is no exception—it demands new abilities. We must scientifically accelerate leadership development, and SOUL will play a vital role in this transformation," he added.

Calling India "emerging as a global powerhouse," he said this momentum is accelerating across every field. To sustain and amplify this growth, we need world-class leaders. "SOUL institutions can be a game-changer in this transformation. International institutions like these are not just a choice but a necessity," Prime Minister noted.

Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, who is attending the two-day conclave in New Delhi, said while addressing the event, "I want to make it clear from the very beginning that I have no lessons about leadership, I am hardly qualified for it, I have come here as a student."

BJP will lead Telangana towards change, says Kishan Reddy

(Standard Post Bureau) Medak, Feb 21 : Telangana BJP President and Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy stated that despite the change in Chief Ministers, the governance in Telangana remains the same.

Addressing the media in Medak town as part of the MLC election campaign, he urged intellectuals to elect BJP candidates in the upcoming Legislative Council elections to demonstrate their strength.

He emphasised that after the elections, the BJP would launch a movement on public issues, highlighting how states under the Modi-led double-engine government are witnessing

development, unlike those ruled by corrupt and inefficient governments in Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, and Telangana, which are struggling even to pay salaries.

Speaking at a meet and greet event with teachers, Kishan Reddy described the MLC elections as a turning point for the state, accusing the Congress of misleading teachers, the unemployed, farmers, and women with false promises.

He pointed out that commitments such as Rs 4,000 unemployment allowance, Rs. 2,500 for women, Rs 12 lakh for Dalit families, and support for farmers and laborers have all remained unfulfilled. He also

criticized Revanth Reddy and Rahul Gandhi for failing to engage with the unemployed youth after making tall election promises. The Union Minister further claimed that Telangana's economic condition is bankrupt, making it impossible to provide salaries, retirement benefits, or pending DAs to employees.

He accused the previous BRS government of pushing the state into debt and alleged that Congress is following the same path with deceptive promises. He argued that both parties have only served their own families—KCR, Revanth Reddy, and Rahul Gandhi—rather than the people.

CEO reviews poll preparedness for MLC elections

Hyderabad, Feb 21 (UNI) Chief Electoral Officer of Telangana C Sudharshan Reddy on Friday conducted a video conference with District Collectors to review the preparedness for the upcoming MLC elections scheduled for February 27.

The meeting focused on ensuring a smooth and efficient electoral process across various constituencies.

During the conference, District Collectors provided updates on polling station arrangements, webcasting facilities, appointment of micro-observers, training of polling personnel, and ballot box management.

Security measures were also reviewed, with officials confirming that 24-hour surveillance and CCTV monitoring had been arranged at polling stations and strong rooms where polled ballot boxes will be stored.

The CEO emphasised the need for effective coordination among election officials, stressing the timely distribution of voter slips and comprehensive training for micro-observers. He directed officials to ensure that polling booths are well-equipped with adequate facilities to facilitate a seamless voting process.

The Biennial MLC elections will be held for the Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Graduates' Constituency, Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar & Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Teachers' Constituencies, and Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Teachers' Constituency.

The meeting was attended by District Collectors from 23 districts, including Sangareddy, Medak, Siddipet, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Adilabad, Mancherla, Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Khammam, and Warangal. Senior officials such as Additional CEO Lokesh Kumar, Deputy CEO Satya Vani, and EVM in-charge Prasad were also present.



EAM Jaishankar, Chinese FM Wang Yi discuss LAC peace ...

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Johannesburg, during which the two sides reviewed the developments in the bilateral relationship, especially the management of peace and tranquility in the border areas, trans-border rivers and travel facilitation. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, briefing the media on the meeting that took place in Johannesburg on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, said it lasted half an hour.

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SC grants anticipatory bail to surgeon, slams HC for ...



The Supreme Court on Friday granted anticipatory bail to a practising surgeon while strongly criticizing the Delhi High Court's approach in denying him protection from arrest, stating that its order resembled a "conviction order."

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Rabada, Ricketon shine in big South Africa win



Ryan Rickelton's maiden ODI century powered South Africa to a comprehensive 107-run victory over Afghanistan in their opening encounter of the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy at the National Stadium here on Friday.

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Mamata Didi should come to Maha Kumbh and see ...



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday responded to West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's controversial remarks and urged her to visit the Maha Kumbh and experience its grand arrangements firsthand.

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Wrong to call BJP double-engine govt as there is no engine in it: Rahul Gandhi

Rare Bareilly (UP), Feb 21 (UNI) Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and local MP Rahul Gandhi on Friday launched a scathing attack on Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and said that it is wrong to call this government a double engine government because it has no engine, it is a fake government.

Rahul said that the manner in which inflation and unemployment are increasing, the life of common people is becoming difficult. He said that today

an unemployed person is paying the same amount of GST that a billionaire industrialist is paying.

He said that today two Indias are being created, one is the India of the rich people and the other is the India of the common people. "We oppose such a system. Remove this type of government and bring Congress to power, then see what we do," he said.

During his two-day visit the Leader of the Opposition met the people, garlanded

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A woman looks for her belongings in the charred remains after a fire broke out in the huts near the gate of the iconic Film City on Thursday, in Mumbai's Goregaon area.

Telangana committed to welfare schemes, says Deputy CM

Hyderabad, Feb 21 (UNI) :Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu reaffirmed the state government's commitment to welfare initiatives, stating that it is prepared to allocate any necessary funds for their successful implementation.

Conducting a review meeting on welfare programs for SC, ST, BC, and Minority communities at the Dr B R Ambedkar Secretariat on Friday, he emphasised the need for efficient financial management to ensure the timely disbursement of welfare benefits. The Deputy CM directed officials to clear rent and diet bill arrears for welfare hostels, residential schools, and Gurukuls without delays. He urged welfare department officials to coordinate closely with the Finance Department to secure necessary

approvals for pending bills.

He also stressed the importance of regular ministerial and official visits to welfare institutions, instructing officials to remind public representatives and senior officers about their scheduled tours to ensure active oversight.

Highlighting the importance of central scheme funding, he called for accelerated fund collection through the timely submission of utilisation certificates. He also emphasized the need for inter-departmental coordination, particularly between SC and ST welfare departments and the Electricity, Agriculture, Forest, and Horticulture departments, to enhance the productivity of lands distributed under the Forest Rights Act. The Deputy CM outlined plans to expand cultivation in tribal lands

using solar-powered irrigation and promote the growth of crops like avocado and bamboo to boost income and forest cover over the next two years. He also ordered the repair and revival of lift irrigation schemes in SC and ST habitations to improve agricultural productivity.

Assuring full government support for any new welfare initiatives, Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized that the welfare of marginalized communities remains a top priority. The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, SC Corporation Principal Secretary Sridhar, ST Corporation Principal Secretary Sarath, Deputy CM's Special Secretary Krishna Bhaskar, Finance Department Joint Secretary Haritha, Irrigation Secretary Patil, and other senior officials, according to an official statement.

CM Reddy offers prayers at Renuka Yellamma temple, launches development projects

Vikarabad, Feb 21 (UNI) Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy offered prayers at the Renuka Yellamma Thalli Temple in Polepalli, Dudyal Mandal, Vikarabad district, on Friday.

He performed special pujas and archanas, presenting silk cloths at the temple. He was accompanied by Ministers Damodar Rajanarasimha, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Jupally Krishna Rao, and

other officials. Following the temple visit, the Chief Minister will inaugurate the ZMS Petrol Bunk set up by Zilla Mahila Samakhya (ZMS) and interact with ZMC members at Narayanpet. Additionally, he will lay the foundation stone for Indiramma Houses and academic blocks for a new medical college in the district. Later in the day, he will address a public meeting, according to official sources.

Over 1100 aspirants get placement letters at Kathua Job Fair

Jammu, Feb 21 (UNI) The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday witnessed one of its mega Job Fairs at the Sports Stadium Kathua, offering a wide-range of employment opportunities to thousands of job seekers.

Organized with the aim of bridging the gap between job aspirants and industries, the event attracted an overwhelming response, bringing together leading businesses and a diverse pool of talent.

"With a record-breaking offering of over 1000 job vacancies, the Job Fair provided employment opportunities across multiple sectors," official spokesperson said. He added that esteemed organizations such as Godrej, Pidilite, Varun Beverages, Atomic North, Rexa, LIC, and many others actively participated, seeking to hire skilled, semi-skilled, and fresh candidates. The roles available spanned industries such as

manufacturing, sales, marketing, finance, and technical services, catering to a wide range of professional interests and skill sets, he said adding that this mega employment drive was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the District Administration Kathua in collaboration with the Local Industrial Association.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Minhas personally oversaw the proceedings, ensuring a seamless and efficient execution of the day-long event. MLAs from Kathua, Hiranagar and Basoli also interacted with job seekers.

Job aspirants from every corner of the district flocked to the venue, eager to explore potential career opportunities. To maximize participation and outreach, the District Administration launched an extensive awareness campaign through advertisements, social media promotions, and direct appeals by

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Bandi Sanjay accuses Cong of LRS scam, slams Govt over unfulfilled promises

Peddapalli Feb 21 (UNI) : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar has accused the Congress government of planning to collect Rs 50,000 crore under the Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS), calling it a betrayal of their election promise to regularise lands for free.

During his visit to Peddapalli as part of the MLC election campaign, he released videos of past speeches by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and other Congress leaders, highlighting their earlier

stance against charging for LRS. He warned the government to honour its commitment or face public backlash. Bandi Sanjay also criticised the Congress for failing to fulfill promises made to unemployed youth, employees, and teachers. He pointed out that despite a pledge to fill 2 lakh government jobs, only 25,000 notifications were issued, with no actual appointments yet.

He slammed the government for failing to pay unemployment allowances of Rs 4,000 per month and delaying fee

reimbursements amounting to Rs 7,500 crore, causing financial distress to educational institutions and faculty.

Highlighting the plight of government employees, he accused the Congress of withholding Rs 8,200 crore in pending DA arrears, GPF dues, medical bills, and gratuity payments. He also criticised delays in implementing the PRC (Pay Revision Commission), affecting over 18,000 retiring employees in 2024 and 2025.

On education, he claimed the government

failed to allocate 15 per cent of the budget to the sector as promised, leaving schools and colleges underfunded, lacking headmasters, MEOs, and basic facilities. Regarding BC reservations, he strongly opposed including Muslims in the BC category, accusing Congress of manipulating population figures. He challenged the government to send a 42 per cent BC reservation bill excluding Muslims, warning that any proposal including them would be rejected by the central government.

Bandi Sanjay also dismissed Congress' allegations about Telangana's share in the Union Budget, claiming that the Centre allocated Rs 1.08 lakh crore to the state. He challenged CM Revanth Reddy to an open debate on both state and union budgets.

He urged graduates, employees, and teachers to vote for BJP-supported candidates in the MLC elections, framing the polls as a battle between Congress' failures and BJP's commitment to protecting public interests.

ROS Medical Fitness Centre inaugurates HBOT chamber

Hyderabad, Feb 20 (UNI) : ROS Medical Fitness Centre has introduced Hyderabad's first Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Chamber, a 'Make in India' product, revolutionizing health recovery and anti-aging solutions.

Speaking after inaugurating the chamber here on Thursday, Syed Khaleel, Physical Therapist, ROS Medical Fitness said "This cutting-edge oxygen therapy enhances cellular repair, reduces inflammation, and boosts overall well-being. Breathing 100 percent pure oxygen in a pressurized chamber significantly improves cellular repair, reduces inflammation, and strengthens immunity".

With proven benefits for neurological wellness, metabolic health, and lifestyle recovery, HBOT is a game-changer in modern wellness, he said.

We are also planning to install another Oxygen chamber at the centre and each chamber cost would be around Rs 70 lakhs, he said HBOT is a non-invasive therapy where wellness seekers breathe 100 percent pure oxygen in a pressurized chamber, enhancing the body's ability to absorb oxygen at higher levels.

This process accelerates cellular repair, promotes anti-aging benefits, supports neurological and metabolic health, reduces inflammation, boosts immunity, and improves overall well-being. This treatment is already widely used by medical professionals, athletes, and wellness enthusiasts globally, and its benefits are now being experienced by health seekers in Hyderabad.

The therapy has shown exceptional results in -- Anti-aging & skin rejuvenation -- Stimulates collagen production

improves skin elasticity, and reduces fine lines, Increases oxygen delivery, reduces fatigue, and enhances stamina, Aids circulation, accelerates wound healing and supports blood sugar management, Helps tissue recovery post-radiation and supports an immune function for patients, he said. It would also assist in cognitive recovery for stroke, brain injuries, and neurodegenerative conditions in patients, he informed.

Uttam Reddy blames BRS for irrigation failures

Hyderabad, Feb 21 (UNI) : Irrigation & Civil Supplies Minister Capt N. Uttam Kumar Reddy launched a scathing attack on the previous BRS regime, accusing it of colossal mismanagement in the irrigation sector.

He alleged that despite spending a staggering Rs 1.81 lakh crore, the BRS government failed to complete crucial projects, leaving 103 TMC of water storage capacity unutilized in Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar districts.

"The previous BRS government looted public money in the name of irrigation projects. They made tall claims but left behind incomplete reservoirs and lift irrigation schemes, depriving Telangana of its rightful Krishna Basin share. Farmers suffered while KCR's regime indulged in corruption and mismanagement," Uttam Kumar Reddy said in a press release on Friday.

The minister pointed out that Telangana's share

of Krishna water was slipping away due to the past BRS government's failure to complete key projects. He highlighted that despite access to water from the Srisaillam and Nagarjuna Sagar reservoirs, Telangana was unable to store sufficient water because of half-finished irrigation projects that remain in limbo.

Uttam Kumar Reddy criticized the previous KCR government for making grand announcements with little execution, stating that if the BRS regime had been serious about irrigation, Telangana's agricultural sector would not be suffering today.

He questioned the utilization of Rs 1.81 lakh crore, demanding accountability for incomplete reservoirs and mismanaged funds. Assuring that the Congress government would rectify these failures, he promised to take decisive action to complete stalled projects. Among the biggest failures of the BRS regime,

he cited the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS), which has the potential to store 67.52 TMC but remains non-operational. Several key reservoirs under PRLIS, including Anjanagiri, Veeram Palli, Venkatadri, Kurumthryaya, Udandapur, and KP Laxmidivipally, remain incomplete, further worsening Telangana's water crisis.

The minister also criticized the BRS government for neglecting the Srisaillam Right Bank Dindi Lift Irrigation Scheme (SRVR Dindi LIS), which has a potential storage capacity of 25.64 TMC but remains unfinished.

Important reservoirs under this scheme, such as Pothireddy Palli, Singarajpally, Gottimukala, Irwin, Yerrapalli-Gokavaram, Dindi, Thintapally, Kistarampally, and Shivannagudem, are still pending completion. Additionally, the AMRSLBC project, which could add 9.848 TMC to

Telangana's irrigation capacity, was also ignored under the previous government.

Uttam Kumar Reddy assured that the Congress government would take swift action to complete these projects and end the irrigation crisis caused by the BRS government's failures. He stated that Telangana's rightful Krishna Basin share had been wasted due to the previous regime's inaction, but the current government would ensure that every drop of Telangana's water is utilized effectively.

"The days of corruption and deception are over. We will fix what the BRS ruined, and Telangana's farmers will get the water they deserve," he declared.

The minister reiterated that the Congress government has prioritized the completion of irrigation projects to ensure sustainable water storage, improve agricultural productivity, and prevent any further injustice to Telangana's farmers.

Agriculture Minister reviews fertilizer supply, urges Centre for immediate action

Hyderabad, Feb 21 (UNI) :Minister of Agriculture, Tummala Nageswara Rao on Friday, held a review meeting with state-level officials to assess the availability of fertilizer supply across the state.

During the meeting, the Director of Agriculture Gopi highlighted that the highest usage of urea in the last five years was 9.80 lakh metric tons in 2022-23. Based on this standard, a comprehensive plan has been prepared to ensure adequate availability of urea for farmers.

However, the Director pointed out that while the Centre had approved a supply plan of 8.54 lakh metric tons since October 1, only 6.73 lakh metric tons have been supplied so far. Despite repeated requests and assurances from the Centre, the state faced a shortage of 45,000 metric tons of urea in February alone.

The state government, however, has efficiently managed the existing stocks. As of October 1, 3.08 lakh

metric tons of urea were supplied across Telangana, ensuring farmers' needs were met. Currently, 1.30 lakh metric tons of urea are available in the state and will be distributed to the respective districts as per requirement.

Additionally, the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers has been urged through an official letter to expedite the supply of pending urea stocks this month via alternative companies.

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao reassured farmers that the state government is in constant contact with the Centre to secure the allocated fertilizers.

He urged farmers to purchase fertilizer only as per their needs, assuring them that there is no reason for concern. The meeting was attended by the Director of Agriculture, Gopi, along with officials from the Commissioner of Agriculture, according to an official statement.

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the statue of freedom fighter Veera Pasi and visited the Rail Coach Factory. During his whirlwind tour, while on one hand he offered prayers in many temples, on the other he interacted with women and youth and also met the common people.

Rahul met the delegation of common people as per his scheduled programme on Friday morning. Apart from this, he also garlanded the statue of freedom fighter Veera Pasi in Bhira Govindpur.

Rahul Gandhi along with MP from Amethi KL Sharma visited the Modern

Rail Coach Factory and held a meeting with General Manager Prashant Kumar Mishra and senior officials regarding the coach factory.

During the meeting, the factory administration provided information about all the stages of manufacturing of various coaches produced in the factory like Sleeper, AC3 Economic, Humsafar, Antyodaya, AC Pantry Car, Non AC Chair Car, Tejas, Rajdhani, Bharat Gaurav, Mozambique and Vande Bharat.

The officials informed that this year the production of coaches has

been focused on general and sleeper class coaches used by the general public, which is about 90 percent of the total production of the year. It may be noted that the Modern Rail Coach Factory Raebareilly was set up in 2007 by the then MP from Rae Bareilly Sonia Gandhi.

In his address Rahul said that railways are the basic need of the people and revolutionary changes have taken place in railways. He expressed happiness and said that the factory is contributing in the manufacturing of coaches while in most of the areas only trading work is going on.

GHMC seizes Taj Banjara hotel for defaulting in property tax

Hyderabad, Feb 21 (UNI) :The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials have seized the Taj Banjara Hotel, one of the top-rung hotels in Banjara hills in the city for defaulting on Property tax payment of Rs 1.43 crore.

The five-star hotel located in the heart of the city was locked up by the GHMC officials for non-payment of tax on Thursday dues for the past two years but later upon partial payment, the locks have been removed, according to officials.



Devotees gather around the chariots of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Goddess Subhadra during the annual 'Rath Yatra', in Puri on Friday.

Will bring back Indians deported to Panama once their identity is confirmed: MEA

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) Amid the US deporting illegal migrants, including Indians, to Panama and Costa Rica, the Ministry of External Affairs said today that once it establishes the identity of the Indian nationals they will be brought back to India.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at a briefing: "Once their identity is established and we are certain they are Indian Nationals, documentation will be done, and arrangements will be made by relevant authorities there for them to return home. Hopefully that should happen soon."

On why the deportees were being sent to the Central American nations, he said that it has been done as per a "bridge arrangement between US and the respective governments".

"Both Costa Rica and Panama have agreed to serve as transit countries for deportees while the US bears all the costs of the operation.

"We have some Indian

nationals we understand and our mission in the group and our mission in Panama, which is also accredited to Costa Rica, they are in touch with the local authorities.

"In the case of Panama, we are verifying the details whether the individuals concerned are Indian nationals or not. Once that verification details are complete, then arrangements will be made for the return of these Indian nationals back home. In the case of Costa Rica, while we have heard that some people have been sent from United States, we have heard this through media. Officially, we have yet to hear from the Costa Rica side," he added.

"As far as we are concerned, we have made it very clear right from the very beginning that if there are any Indian national abroad who is staying there illegally and we happen to verify that he is an Indian national, we are ready to take them back. This is exactly what is happening in the case of Panama as

well."

Meanwhile, the President of Panama José Raúl Mulino said his country is currently dealing with only 299 irregular migrants who arrived on three flights and that no new entries have been approved.

The Panama government said this group will be transferred to a camp in the province of Darién, which has temporarily housed migrants crossing the jungle en route to the US. The migrants are housed in the Decapólis Hotel which is under guard by armed members of the Panamanian National Aeronaval Service.

According to the president, of the migrants who arrived in Panama City, 157 are women and 142 are men.

Within the group, there are 12 family groups and 24 children. So far, 13 of them have left the country, through a voluntary return.

He said a total of 97 of the migrants are in Darien awaiting transfer, and another eight will be

transferred to the province soon.

He added that four migrants are purchasing tickets and a fifth is injured.

For now, the president explained, 41 plane tickets will be purchased, with nine for Turkey, 17 for India, eight for China, five for Georgia, one for Nepal, and one for Kosovo.

He clarified that the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is carrying out the project, covering 100% of the expenses.

At the Decapólis hotel in the capital, 175 migrants still remain, of the 299 expelled in recent days by Washington, "who have agreed to voluntary return" to their countries, the Panamanian ministry of security said.

"So far, 41 airline tickets have been purchased: 9 for Turkey, 17 for India, 8 for China, 5 for Georgia, 1 for Nepal, and 1 for Kosovo," it added. Among the 299 migrants sent to Panama between last Wednesday and Saturday, there are 157 women, according to the department.

Indian Army strengthens air defence systems with modern guns to counter evolving threats

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) As the landscape of modern warfare evolves with new and sophisticated threats, the Indian Army is taking proactive measures

and is significantly strengthening its Air Defence Systems.

Interacting with mediapersons here, Director General, Army Air

Defence Lt Gen Sumer Ivan D'Cunha said that Air Defence systems have been inducted with the concept of provision of air defence protection to VA/VPs as point defence.

"For terminal or point defence we have guns, Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) and Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air-Missile (QRSAM) and for air defence we have weapons like Akash and Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) to cater for standoff threat," Lt Gen D'Cunha said.

He said, "The fashion of guns is back. The Indian Army sustained them for good reason and these guns can be effectively used with fragmentation ammunition". He said, "The RFI for the indigenous fragmentation ammunition is out to the industry. Every round can be programmed in SMART ammunition with 17 rounds of HE can be roughly equated to one round of smart. It increases the kill probability and reduces logistics. 23mm guns is a fair weather but with huge rate of fire. Very effective in current form but

we have taken out an RFI for fragmented ammunition for this also".

With regards to VSHORADS, he said that some tests have been carried by DRDO but the final version is yet to come.

He said the quantum of VSHORADS is not what it should be. "Quantum is huge but we may look for some number urgently. RFI for Indian industry will be out soon as part of buy Indian and could have adequate numbers to look after Indian industry," he added.

The Director General said, "As you look at higher variety of drones, we have VSHORADS we need to carry out cost benefit analysis and would be cost prohibitive to use missiles against all drones. So, fragmentation ammunition is the way forward".

He further said, that contract for two regiment of Akash have been signed. First of Prototype Model (FoPM) for high altitude will be carried out in the coming days. He said the employment of drones as a concept came out which manifested in a different way in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

EAM Jaishankar asked Bangladesh not to normalise terrorism: MEA

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar conveyed to Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Advisor Touhid Hossain during their meeting in Muscat earlier this week that it is important for Bangladesh not to normalise terrorism.

EAM conveyed this when the Interim Government Foreign Affairs Advisor brought up the issue of SAARC and its revival during his meeting with the EAM on the sidelines of the Indian Ocean Conference in Muscat this week.

Answering questions on the issue, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said:

"SAARC was brought up by the Bangladesh side when EAM met with the Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Advisor.

"Everyone in South Asia is aware of which country and what activities are responsible for stymying SAARC," he said, referring to Pakistan and its harbouring of terrorism. "EAM conveyed that it is important that Bangladesh should not normalise terrorism," the spokesperson added.

Bangladesh has been cosy up to Pakistan ever since the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5 last year. The army-backed Interim Government led by Chief Advisor Mohammed Younus has been holding meetings with senior Pakistani officials and striking trade deals.

Pakistan has been trying for revival of SAARC and is using its new-found warm relations with Dhaka to raise the issue.

Asked about the anti-India comments made by certain advisors in the Interim Government and its impact on the bilateral ties, the MEA spokesperson said: "Yes, we have obviously taken note of such remarks, which are of course not helpful. It is for the concerned individuals to reflect on implications for their particular domain," he said.

Claim of Nitish on development is hollow: Lamba

Patna, Feb 21 (UNI) : President of national women wing of Congress Alka Lamba on Friday alleged that Bihar Chief Minister Nitish was making hollow claims on development of the state.

Lamba said here that Kumar was making toll clams on development of Bihar and particularly in improving condition of the women but ground reality is quite different. In his 20 years of tenure, Kumar had always been claiming to effect qualitative change in all sectors of Bihar but report of "NITI Aayog" did not substantiate the same, she added. Congress leader said that "Jeevika Didis" were getting monthly salaries which was less than even minimum wages. Same was the case with Asha workers and other women engaged by government in different sectors, she added. Lamba

BJP govt has drowned UP in debt due to its wrong policies: Akhilesh

Lucknow, Feb 21 (UNI) Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Friday alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government has drowned Uttar Pradesh in debt and every person in the state has a debt of Rs 36,000.

In a statement issued here, Akhilesh said, "UP has a debt of about nine lakh crores. The BJP government has taken a loan of 91,000 crore in this budget as well. After independence till 2017, UP had a debt of Rs 3 lakh crore, but the BJP government led by Yogi Adityanath has taken another loan of 6 lakh crores in the last eight years."

He said that the BJP

government is continuously burdening UP with debt. "The BJP government is also playing with the economy of the country and the state with its wrong economic policies. The BJP government is doing all this for the profit of a few capitalists. The poor are becoming poorer under this government. People do not have money in their hands. The pockets of the people are empty," he claimed.

The SP chief said that the development schemes of the state and central government are only on paper. "The government is trying to hide the ground reality by giving false figures. There is corruption in every department. There

has never been so much corruption in the state. From construction works to health, police department, there is corruption everywhere," he said.

He said, "The BJP government is completely running on the policy of lies, loot and dishonesty. No work is being done in public interest. The problems of farmers, youth and common people are increasing. Injustice against the poor is increasing. Every section is disappointed and disheartened."

Akhilesh said that the public is waiting for the elections. "In 2027, the public will show the BJP government of lies, loot and dishonesty the way out of power forever," he said.

Revelations about USAID's funding leads to concerns about foreign interference in our affairs: India

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) India today said that revelations about USAID's funding of US\$21 million for "voter turnout" in India are deeply troubling and has led to concerns about foreign interference in India's internal affairs.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, answering questions regarding the Trump administration's revelation that USD21 million were spent by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) for "voter turnout" in India, said:

"We have seen information put out by the US administration regarding certain USAID activities and funding.

"These are obviously deeply troubling. This has led to concerns about foreign interference in India's internal affairs.

"Relevant departments and agencies are looking into this matter. It would be premature to make a public

comment at this stage."

US President Donald Trump, questioning the over \$21 million USAID grant by the Biden administration "for voter turnout" in India, said the funds may have been used "to get somebody else elected".

Addressing an event in Miami, Trump said: "...US\$ 21 million for voter turnout in India. Why do we need to spend US\$ 21 million for voter turnout in India? Wow... I guess they (the Biden administration) were trying to get somebody else elected. We have got to tell the Indian government... This is a total breakthrough."

Citing examples about where the USAID money was going before he became President, Trump said: "...US\$ 21 million for Indian elections, and US\$ 29 million to strengthen the political landscape in Bangladesh... Asia is doing well, we don't need to give them money."

India lodges protest against Turkish President Erdogan's Kashmir comments during Pak visit

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) India has lodged a strong protest with the Turkish Ambassador in Delhi over the comments by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan who referred to the Kashmir issue during his visit to Pakistan last week.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, said at the weekly briefing: "We reject such objectionable comments on matters which are internal to India.

"We have lodged a strong protest with the Turkish Ambassador in Delhi. Such unwarranted statements on India's territorial integrity and sovereignty are unacceptable. Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. No other country has any Locus standi to comment on it. Instead of commenting on internal affairs of another country, it would have been appropriate if

Pakistan's policy of using cross-border terrorism against India, which remains the biggest threat for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, had been called out," he said.

During his visit to Pakistan last week, the Turkish President had called for the Kashmir issue to be addressed in line with a UN resolution.

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E- Auction Notice No.: BZA-Catg-05-2024, BZA-WVM-2-2024, BZA-MPS-06-2024 & BZA-MPS-0-2024. Dt: 17/02/2025

For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Vijayawada Division, South Central Railway invites the food and catering service providers for "Provision of Catering Services" for E-Auction through 'E-Auction Leasing' module of IREPS: [www.ireps.gov.in](#) for installation and operation of General Minor units (GMUs), Special Minor Units (SMUs) and Multipurpose Stalls, Water Vending Machines (WVMs) at various stations over Vijayawada Division.

The E-auction schedule is detailed here under. Details of the assets offered in auction may be viewed in IREPS website.

Type of Contract	No. of Lots offered in the auction	Auction schedule Date and opening time
Water Vending Machines (WVMs)	WVMs under clusters of RJY and NLR at various Railway station over BZA division	05/03/2025 at 11:00 Hrs
Multipurpose stalls	MPS at RJY, SLO, NS, ANV, BZA and TUNI Railway stations	05/03/2025 at 12:00 Hrs
Catering	1. General Minor Units (GMUs) at NZD, NLS, PVD and AKVD Railway stations (4 GMUs) 2. Special Minor Units (SMUs) at NDO and GDR Railway stations (3 SMUs)	05/03/2025 at 15:00 Hrs
Multipurpose stalls	MPS at BZA Railway station	06/03/2025 at 11:00 Hrs

1. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain digital signature for participating in E-Auctions.
2. The bidder should have Current Account in SBI and it should be linked with E-Auction leasing module in IREPS.
3. One time online self registration is compulsory to participate in E-Auction, thereby no geographical restrictions for participation in any auction of any Division of Indian Railways.
4. The time slots on the E-Auctions Dates mentioned above are available in E-Auction leasing module in IREPS application [www.ireps.gov.in](#). Please note and participate in Auction accordingly.

Railway Administration cannot be held responsible for any hindrance caused in the IREPS portal during E-Auction. Bidders are advised to go through the user manual through the Learning Center link available in the left navigation bar of homepage of IREPS application [www.ireps.gov.in](#). to understand E-Auction procedure and participate.

A0237 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Vijayawada

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I, Hakim Hafiz C Mohammed Aslam S/O C Abdul Ghani, R/o 9-4-133/1/A/1, 1st Floor, Golden Palace, Zam Zam, Seven Tombs Road, Golconda, Toli Chowki, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Hafiz Contractor Mohammed Aslam.

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Rural women from 19 states showcase their skills in 'Saras Livelihood Fair'

A ten-day Saras Livelihood Fair, organised at the city's art centre by the Rural Development Department saw wide array of handicrafts and other products made by the women entrepreneurs, particularly from the rural belts of the country.

The fair, dubbed as 'Mini India', saw a celebration of cultural diversity and self-reliance as women workers from more than 19 states showcased their skills.

The extensive collection of handicrafts made by rural women not only earned the praise of fair visitors but also found many dedicated customers, as they purchased many hand-made products.

The women entrepreneurs, including those from Tripura and Jammu and Kashmir, expressed gratitude for various schemes under Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government. They said that because of these schemes, they have been able to come out of their homes and showcase their art and skills.

Eliciting a common view, they said that such exposure was giving them a sense of empowerment.

Joshna from Tripura told that there are 30 women in her group and she came to Jammu for the first time.

"The status of women has now changed to a great extent. Women no longer stay within the four walls, they are going to foreign countries. PM Modi is doing good work for them," she said.

Neeta Devi of Jammu said that she is running self-help group named 'Krishna', which sells rice, turmeric, chilli and spices.

She said that "250 sisters are associated with us".

"They have contributed a lot. We are getting a lot of benefits from this scheme. Because of PM Modi, our economic condition has improved. Our sisters have got a lot of employment."

Sama, a woman from Kashmir, said that before becoming a member of the self-help group, she did not have any market, hence the prices of the products were also not good.

"After joining this scheme, I got a chance to showcase my skills. Those who do not have money can also show their skills now," she said. She further stated, "Because of the scheme, we got money, we got the market, and our demand has also been fulfilled. We are very thankful for this scheme. Through this, we also get a chance to go outside our state. We do our own selling and marketing."

Liver Transplants for Adults and Children

(Standard Post Bureau)

Guwahati : When someone's liver is not working well, a liver transplant may be the best option to help them recover. This type of surgery is needed when the liver can no longer do its job—helping with digestion, storing energy, and clearing out toxins. Liver transplants aren't just for adults; children sometimes need them too says Dr. Vikram Kumar, Principal Consultant, Paediatric Liver Transplantation, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Max Hospital, Saket.

Why Do People Need a Liver Transplant?

Liver failure can happen for different reasons. In adults, it's often caused by long-term alcohol use or chronic diseases. For children, it's usually due to genetic problems or infections. When the liver isn't working well and there's no other way to treat the problem, a transplant can be a lifesaver.

A liver transplant replaces the damaged liver with a healthy one. Sometimes, the whole liver is replaced, but other times only a part of it is used. In either case, the transplant helps restore the liver's



functions and can improve the person's health.

How Does a Liver Transplant Work?

There are two main types of liver transplants: Whole Liver Transplant: This is when the entire liver is taken from a recently deceased donor and transplanted into the patient.

Living Donor Liver Transplant: In some cases, a living person donates a portion of their liver. This works because the liver is unique—it can grow back over time. So, both the donor and recipient end up with full-sized livers after a while. A smaller liver portion from a living donor can often work just fine for

children, as their bodies need less liver tissue than adults.

What is Involved in the Process?

Getting a liver transplant isn't a quick process. First, doctors check to make sure the person really needs a new liver and is healthy enough for surgery. If so, they are put on a waiting list, which can take time since there aren't always enough donors available.

When a donor's liver is found, surgery can begin. The operation itself takes several hours. After the surgery, the patient will spend a few weeks in the hospital. During this time, they are closely monitored

to make sure everything is working well with the new liver.

Recovery and Life After Surgery

Even after being discharged from the hospital, recovery continues at home. It may take several months to fully recover and adjust. Patients will also need to take medicines for the rest of their lives to prevent their body from rejecting the new liver.

For children, liver transplants often mean they can go back to enjoying activities and just being kids. Adults can also look forward to returning to their routines, although recovery can be different for each person.

The Risks and Benefits

Liver transplants, like any major surgery, have risks. These can include infection, bleeding, or rejection of the new liver. But many people find that a successful transplant gives them back their health and freedom.

Outlook

If you or someone you know is considering a liver transplant, it's essential to talk with a doctor and learn as much as possible. Liver transplants can give both adults and children a chance for a better, healthier life.

Scientists question CPCB report, declare Sangam water safe for bathing

Prayagraj, Feb 21 (UNI) Amidst millions of devotees from all over the country and the world considering themselves blessed by bathing in the holy waters of Triveni Sangam during Maha Kumbh every day, a recent report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has created doubts in the minds of the people.

However, environmental scientists have questioned its completeness, citing missing data on key parameters like nitrate and phosphate levels.

Experts believe certain findings may have been misinterpreted or misrepresented, causing unnecessary doubts about the river's purity.

Experts have pointed out that the report lacks crucial data on key parameters such as nitrate and phosphate levels, making it incomplete for assessing the true quality of the river water. They also suspect that some portions of the report may have been misinterpreted or misrepresented, leading to unnecessary doubts about the water's purity.

Based on their analysis, scientists have assured that the water at Sangam is safe for bathing.

Assistant Professor at the School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University Dr Amit Kumar Mishra, Prof Umesh Kumar Singh

from the Environmental Science Center, Allahabad University and Associate Professor R.K. Ranjan from the Central University of South Bihar unanimously said that, based on the current report, the Ganga water is alkaline, which indicates a healthy water body. They also confirmed that considering the level of dissolved oxygen, the water is suitable for bathing.

Regarding reports of faecal bacteria contamination in Prayagraj's water, Dr Mishra emphasised the need for more data.

He explained that with such a large number of people bathing during Maha Kumbh, the presence of coliform bacteria is not unusual.

He said that during peak bathing events like Amrit Snan, E-coli levels tend to rise.

"Therefore, more data sets, additional monitoring parameters and more observation stations, especially downstream, are required for a clearer analysis," he said.

For bathing purposes, a dissolved oxygen level of 3 micrograms per litre is considered safe and current data suggests the water is suitable for bathing. However, fluctuations around the Sangam ghats show slight variations, sometimes reaching 4 or 4.5 micrograms per litre.

Despite this, experts agree that the oxygen levels indicate a healthy water body and the pH

levels confirm that the water remains alkaline, which is considered a good sign.

On the water quality at Triveni Sangam, Prof Umesh Kumar Singh from the Environmental Science Center at Allahabad University said that the CPCB recently released a report stating that the level of fecal coliform bacteria in the water had increased. However, he believes that CPCB needs to do further analysis as the report lacks complete data.

He said that important parameters like nitrate and phosphate levels are missing.

"At the same time, the report indicates that the dissolved oxygen levels in the water are good.

Based on the current data, he stated that the water at Triveni Sangam is suitable for bathing," he said.

Speaking on the report about faecal bacteria contamination in Ganga water at Prayagraj, Dr RK Ranjan, Associate Professor at the Central University of South Bihar, pointed out significant variations in CPCB's data.

He said that concluding the water is unsafe for bathing would be premature.

He said, "There is not enough data to claim that the water in Prayagraj is not safe for bathing.

Similar concerns have been raised for locations

like Garhmukteshwar, Ghazipur, Buxar and Patna."

He explained that several factors could contribute to this, one of which is the large number of people bathing in the same water.

He also emphasised that the location and timing of water sample collection play an important role in determining its quality.

It may be noted that earlier the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has expressed serious concerns over increasing faecal bacteria levels in the Ganga at Prayagraj, particularly during the Maha Kumbh Mela. The findings were highlighted in a report submitted by the CPCB.

The key findings submitted by the CPCB report indicated that a significant rise in faecal coliform bacteria was observed during the Maha Kumbh Mela.

According to the report, the river water quality failed to meet bathing standards concerning Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) during tests conducted on January 12-13.

It stated that the water quality also did not conform to primary bathing standards regarding faecal coliform at multiple monitoring points. The surge in faecal contamination was directly linked to the massive influx of pilgrims, especially on auspicious bathing days.

SC grants anticipatory bail to surgeon, slams HC for conviction-like orders

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) : The Supreme Court on Friday granted anticipatory bail to a practising surgeon while strongly criticizing the Delhi High Court's approach in denying him protection from arrest, stating that its order resembled a "conviction order."

A Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice N Kotiswar Singh issued notice to the respondent authorities and granted the petitioner interim protection from arrest.

During the hearing, Justice Surya Kant expressed serious disapproval of the Delhi High Court's practice of delivering 30-40 page orders while disposing of anticipatory bail pleas, which he said effectively prejudged the case.

"What's happening in Delhi HC is something disgusting. The High Court, while disposing of anticipatory bail, writes 30-40 pages, essentially directing the trial court towards conviction. This is nothing short of a conviction order," Justice Kant remarked.

The case involves a practising surgeon who, along with his mother, was accused of criminal breach of trust, cheating, forgery, and conspiracy in connection with an alleged financial fraud.

In a 34-page order, the Delhi High Court had denied them anticipatory

bail, stating that the allegations were grave and amounted to a well-orchestrated financial fraud.

The HC had observed: "The accused, who are members of the same family—father, mother, son, and daughter-in-law—conspired to siphon off and misappropriate the complainant company's funds. Such economic offences are serious and must be viewed with utmost seriousness."

Further, the Delhi High Court had noted the possibility of the accused shielding each other, making custodial interrogation necessary.

Challenging the High Court's order, the petitioner moved the Supreme Court.

Senior Advocate Siddharth Luthra, appearing for the petitioner, argued that the latter's father was the one managing the firm in question, while the petitioner and his mother were merely proxies.

The father had already been granted bail after seven months of custody.

Despite joining the investigation five times, the High Court denied bail to the petitioner, equating him with his father.

On a specific query by the Supreme Court, Luthra informed that the chargesheet in the case had already been filed.

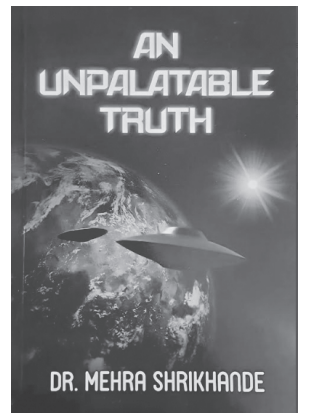
The matter will now proceed before the Supreme Court for further hearing

An Unpalatable Truth is a worldview

(Standard Post Bureau)

A complete picture of the universe is now available to us through a book 'An Unpalatable Truth'. Because since the creation of our universe, we have been wondering if there is anyone else with us. To understand it, 'An Unpalatable Truth' is a book written by Dr. Mehra Shrikhande.

Many scholarly articles, theses have been written by researchers to unravel the mysteries and secrets of space. While studying it, they have understood each of those thoughts, between their lines or what is hidden behind them, what is the exact meaning being inspired by it, they have understood. Significance of Sirius Star, History of UFOs, Mysteries in South America, Crop Circles, Zechariah Sitchin's Study, Orion Rising, Canary Islands, SETI can be understood by reading some of her chapters in this book. Apart from the book so far on the subject, her distinction has been preserved due to his varied studies at many levels. It has gained more importance. She has shown a way to the practitioners and researchers. According to her, many



people will get guidance to do more research on that topic in future. Space or many things in this universe have always remained a curiosity and mystery to us. That is why many theories have been told around the world through different mediums. To unravel the secrets of the universe, an unconvincing truth emerged from all these studies. It is believed that Mehra Shrikhande's book will definitely help in quenching the curiosity of the readers. This book is a curiosity about various phenomena in the space universe. This space is a wonder for us. That is why we always like to read or understand about him. That is possible because of this book. From this we understand the essence of the information of various scholars from all over the world.

Tech & Career

10 tips for email Etiquette

However, people often forget that they have to use a different, more formal tone for official email correspondence, and end up peppering their emails with too many emojis and abbreviations. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when you're sending out a work email.

1. INTRODUCTIONS ARE IMPORTANT: Always introduce yourself if you are writing to someone you don't know or haven't corresponded with previously. If you've got the sender's address from a mutual friend, mention that in your email. Introducing yourself is especially important if you're sending out a survey or questionnaire to people whose addresses you have got from a database.

2. ALWAYS RUN A SPELL-CHECK: It's important to run a spell-check for official correspondence, especially if you're sending an email from your phone. You don't want the auto-correct feature to backfire on



eMail Etiquette Tips



an official email, after all. Ensure your grammar and punctuation are correct as well.

3. USE THE REPLY-ALL FEATURE SPARINGLY:

Only use the reply-all feature for an email that really needs it. If the reply is meant for only one person, just reply to him/her. And don't use it to reply to a sender's greetings for the festive season — you could find yourself being blamed for starting an unnecessary email thread.

4. USE BCC FOR GENERIC MAILS:

Use the Bcc field for when you are sending out mails to a very large number of people who may not all know each other. It's also a way to ensure that all your contacts' addresses are not out there for people unknown to them to access.

5. RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS YOU SEND:

Send heavy files via file-hosting services so that you don't clog the recipient's inbox. You could also zip files or resize pictures. If you know you're sending an email to someone who accesses his/her inbox on the phone, don't send several attachments with it.

6. DON'T OVER-ABBREVIATE:

Don't use too many abbreviations or in your email, like FYI, PFA, PDF or FYR. It may confuse the recipient, who may also get the impression that you

don't have the time to type out a proper email. If you must use them, restrict it only to the subject line.

7. FORMATTING FUNDAS:

Do not use all caps and bold fonts as this will give the recipient the impression that you are shouting at him/her. The same goes for underlining in the middle of a lot of text.

The digital age has made communication much easier and more hassle-free, what with several apps available for mobile phone chat.

Don't use fancy fonts or multiple font colours either.

8. WATCH YOUR TONE:

Always be careful about how your email sounds. It may be an official email, but it should not sound too abrupt. You shouldn't sound over-friendly either, especially if this is the first time you are corresponding with the recipient. Moreover, don't send out an email if you're upset. Save it as a draft and re-read it when you're calmer.

9. FIX YOUR FORWARDS:

Make it a point to clean up forwards before you, in turn, forward them to other people. Not only does this make the email look cleaner, but it also ensures that you don't give away anyone else's email addresses.

10. CHECK WHO YOU'RE SENDING AN EMAIL TO:

Always check the To field of an unsent email before you send it. You don't want the wrong email being sent to the wrong person.

What every official email should contain **Subject line:** This is the first thing that recipients will see in their inboxes and it will determine whether they will read it or not. It should be clear and direct.

Salutation: Always start an email by greeting the recipient by using the word 'dear' followed by his/her name. If you aren't on a first-name basis with the recipient, use a title and a surname.

Concise body: Get straight to the point. If you have more than one issue to address, start with the most important, and list the rest point-by-point.

Sign off: Always sign off on your emails. Phrases like 'Yours sincerely' and 'yours faithfully' are acceptable for formal emails. 'Best regards' or 'kind regards' work in most other situations.

Why put your career over Jobs

Three tips which can definitely boost and take your career to new heights are awareness, knowledge, experience implementation.



Rare people build careers and the rest are just doing their jobs. Taking a few simple steps could turn your job profile into a successful stepping stone of your career and you would reach where you always wanted to be. Well then, start right now to set your short-term and long-term goals and focus on the three tips mentioned below.

Awareness is a common word but is not used fully, considering the benefits it can bring to an individual. For example, awareness is something which makes a spinner bowl a wide bowl when a batsman comes out of his batting crease at that short moment of time. It is something which is never really taught in schools and colleges but is equally important along with the knowledge and experience an individual has gained. Awareness is not only restricting yourself to grasping the work of your manager while playing a role of an assistant manager in an organisation; it is much more than that. It requires compete alertness at all levels by an individual.

Keeping an open mind is also crucial because it can help you complete a particular assignment in a

couple of days rather than holding and stretching the same work for a week. A little awareness can increase your productivity at work and take you to bigger roles at a quicker pace. With this, you can also learn from your superiors and even from your colleagues by experiencing the way they do the same work in a different way which may be better and quicker than what you usually do in certain circumstances.

Knowledge experience: After gaining theoretical knowledge and a degree at your college, with a little practical training you have landed in your dream job. When the real job begins, you have to start from scratch and need to grasp as much practical knowledge as you can about your job and experience will certainly come along with time. One can take additional responsibilities within an organisation depending upon one's likes, interests and passion. You can also voluntarily ask your superior about any extra helping hand they require after you are done with your work. A determination and dedication for work will definitely increase your knowledge and experience related to your job and will also help you gain the respect of your colleagues and superiors.

Attending seminars, visiting exhibitions and being social would increase the chances of meeting new people and discussing work related to your job profile would always be an asset. Sometimes, meeting new people outside your work place could create new opportunities with higher chances of growth or an experimental idea you initiate in your free time, might be the beginning of something huge.

Technology is available easily everywhere. Wise use of the World Wide Web, television and other hi-tech sources could be a plus for an individual profile rather than wasting time and using it for the wrong reasons.

Implementation is the last step after your awareness and knowledge. In order to be an asset for an organisation, you need to execute all your work sincerely and reliably.

Reliability at work can increase your chances of being a team leader. If you get a chance to lead a group, try not to take all the responsibilities; rather distribute work equally and also try not to take all the credit after finishing the task. During implementation, try to create a comfortable atmosphere with your coworkers as it turns to be an important intangible factor of your growth plan. Once co-workers feel the pleasure to work with you, it becomes easier for you to lead them if an opportunity arises.

Last but not the least, I would like to share a beautiful thought from Steve Jobs who is behind the success of Apple Inc and which would keep you going in your entire professional life. "You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life."

?Establishing a start-up of any kind isn't easy and managing it is an altogether daunting task. Here are a few tips to lead a new venture competitively.

A vital quality for successful entrepreneurs, leadership skills are important while being at the helm of a start-up. It is niche since holding the reins of a new venture entails effectively managing employees who leave the allure of big organisations to work in a different environment and take up opportunities that wouldn't usually come their way.

Shubhra Bhardwaj, CEO, founder and director, Ferriswheel (an event management firm) says that styles of leadership change depending upon the size of the company and its employee base. Talking about the distinguishing features of a start-up, he says, "The driving force behind a successful start-up is thinking out-of-the-box. The environment in such a company is also homegrown and informal as opposed to a large company where employees are bound by well laid out codes of conduct."

According to Andrew Warren Smith, managing director, DDI India, the largest issue confronting start-ups is the risk of failure. "With a 90% failure rate amongst start-ups, leaders must be aware that the odds are stacked against them. Large corporates thrive by maintaining their status quo repeating successes of the past and leveraging scale to remain competitive. Hence, it is important for leaders to back their desire to succeed with innovations that can not only disrupt the status quo, but also carve a niche for the organisation."

He elaborates further saying that leadership in start-ups goes beyond merely possessing entrepreneurial and commercial skills and has to be coupled with a strong execution capability. "Entrepreneurs today must identify market opportunities and implement robust and sustainable plans that can quickly and efficiently capitalise on these factors."

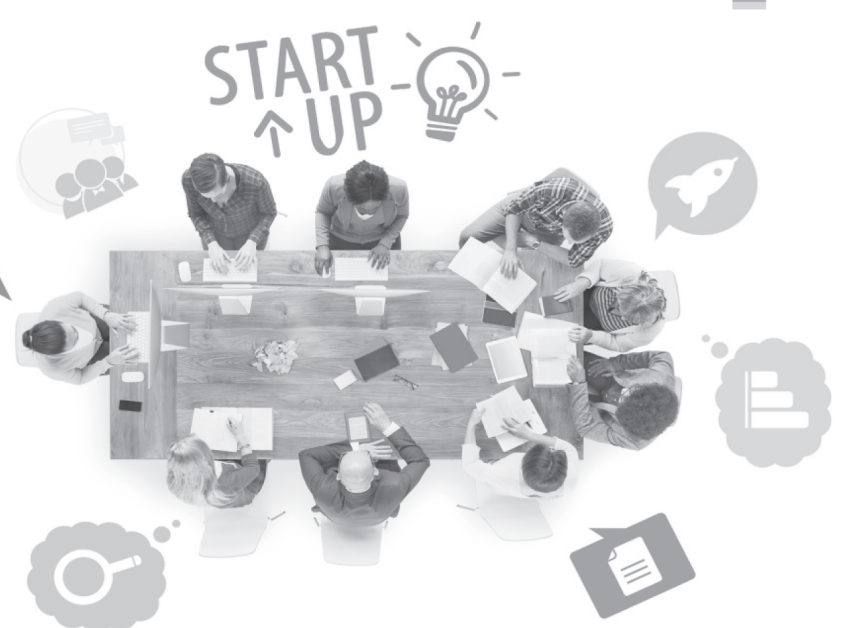
BOOST EMPLOYEE MORALE

An essential quality of a good business leader is to instill a sense of confidence among his/her employees. This is especially important in start-ups where individuals are constantly trying to prove their mettle in newer ways. A little pat on their backs can surely help them go a long way.

Says Swapnil Kamat, founder, CEO and chief trainer at Work Better, an executive education and training firm, "Irrespective of the size of an organisation there are a few things that help improve employee morale. Acknowledging their contributions towards the growth of the company, appreciation of the efforts put in

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and updating them about the progress of the firm are some of the ways to keep them going."

"As a start-up leader, it's quite stimulating for me to be around my team whenever difficult situations arise. This brings a lot of positive energy and a sense of oneness to work. One thing that keeps me as well as my team motivated is ongoing communication -addressing work issues, discussing matters and giving honest feedback to each other," expresses Bhardwaj.

PEOPLE MANAGERS VS SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS

As a start-up leader, it is important to be observant of your people, understand their aspirations and give them timely feedback all year round in order to get the most out of them. It is also important to let your employees know that subject matter experts are as important and vital to an organisation as senior ranking managers, in charge of handling teams of employees.

Secondly, a start-up leader needs to play an active part in helping each team member understand their strengths, weaknesses and what the organisation expects from them.

TO SUCCESSFULLY LEAD A

START-UP:

Be resilient and always on the look-

out Leaders of start-ups need to be passionate and ambitious, display high-levels of energy and initiative. Typically dissatisfied with the status quo, they must be competitive and reluctant to take no for an answer. They must also be good at identifying opportunities for new products, services and markets. Be confident and engaging. Such leaders convey a simple, vivid picture of the organisation's vision and goal and generate energy and enthusiasm that can invoke passion among employees to work towards a common goal. Be ready to take risks. Leaders of start-ups need to recognise risks and pursue actions that have acceptable levels of risk.

They need to proactively build and align stakeholders, capabilities, and resources for getting things done quickly. They must also be flexible to adapt to change and mend the work environment accordingly. Be self-aware and receptive. Start-up leaders need to be aware of their impact on others, seek input, be receptive to feedback and take action to improve themselves based on such feedback. Have a solid vision. Your vision of the company is vital and must be backed with conviction. The ultimate test however, is instilling it among employees and encouraging them to put in their best effort towards the company.

Multi-disciplinary Divisional Training Institute Ratlam Bhawan 'Zero Plus' Level Certification



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power has started Zero Leveling Program for Net Zero and Net Positive Buildings, the objective of which is to reduce dependence on conventional energy by producing non-conventional energy according to the utility of the building by installing solar systems on large buildings.

Under the leadership of Divisional Railway Manager Ratlam and the guidance of Senior

Divisional Electrical Engineer (Power) Shri Dharmendra Kumar Prajapati, roof top solar systems have been installed on various government buildings and railway stations of Western Railway Ratlam Division. On one hand, this has reduced dependence on conventional energy, while on the other hand it has also reduced carbon emissions. "In the same sequence, a roof top solar system has been installed in the Multi-Disciplinary Divisional Training Institute of Ratlam Division, Ratlam, which has produced about

53,960 kWh of non-conventional energy per year, whereas the total energy consumption of this entire training complex, which is spread over about 3097 square meters, is about 42,640 kWh per year.

The production of non-conventional energy in this training institute is about 11,320 kWh per year more than the energy consumed per year. After checking and verifying the data of Ratlam Division Electricity Department by Energy Efficiency Bureau, Government of India, Ministry of Power, a letter of 'Zero Plus' level has been

issued to the Multi-Disciplinary Divisional Training Institute, Ratlam Bhawan. This means that the solar system installed on the concerned building has produced more non-conventional energy than the energy used per year.

Multi-disciplinary Divisional Training Institute of Western Railway Ratlam Division is the first government building of the Division to which this certificate has been issued by Energy Efficiency Bureau, Ministry of Power, Government of India and this certificate is valid for the next three years.

EAM Jaishankar, Chinese FM Wang Yi discuss LAC peace and tranquility in Johannesburg meeting

Johannesburg/New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Johannesburg, during which the two sides reviewed the developments in the bilateral relationship, especially the management of peace and tranquility in the border areas, trans-border rivers and travel facilitation.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, briefing the media on the meeting that took place in Johannesburg on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, said it lasted half an hour.

"The meeting lasted for 30 minutes. The two ministers reviewed developments in the bilateral relationship since their last meeting in November, specifically the management of peace and tranquility in border areas, the Kailash-Mansarovar yatra resumption, trans-border rivers, flight connectivity and travel

facilitation were discussed. There was also exchange of views on G20, and SCO," he said. EAM Jaishankar in a post on X said:

"The G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Johannesburg provided an opportunity to meet CPC Politburo member and FM Wang Yi of China this morning on its sidelines."

In his opening remarks during the meeting, the EAM observed that there have been "notable developments" in the bilateral ties, during the talks held at the NSA and Foreign Secretary level between both sides.

The EAM noted that meetings like the current one "have provided an opportunity for our interaction even when our ties were going through a difficult phase".

"We should also recognize that in a polarized global situation, our two countries have worked hard to preserve and protect the G20 as an institution.

"This in itself testifies

to the importance of international cooperation." "Since our last meeting in Rio during the G20 Summit in November 2024, there have been some notable developments. Our NSA and Foreign Secretary have visited China and there have been discussions about various aspects of our relationship. "These have included management of peace and tranquility in the border areas as well as other dimensions of our ties. "I am glad today to have a further exchange of views.

"India and China are members of the G20, SCO and BRICS. There are also regional and global issues of mutual interest, where an exchange of perspectives will be to our mutual benefit."

In November 2024, EAM Jaishankar had met Wang Yi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, during which he had noted that the implementation of the October 21 agreement between both nations on

disengagement at the LAC had proceeded as planned.

In December, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, who is India's Special Representative (SR) on the boundary question, had met with Wang Yi for the 23rd meeting of the SRs in Beijing on December 18.

As agreed during the meeting of PM Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Kazan on October 23, the two SRs held discussions on the management of peace and tranquility in the border areas and to explore a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question. In January this year, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri visited Beijing for the meeting of the Foreign Secretary-Vice Minister mechanism between the two sides. Wang Yi is Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China.

Hubballi Division launches Digital Identity card for Divyangjan

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : Hubballi Division of South Western Railway Introduces online issuance of "Digital Identity Card" (ID) for Divyangjan (differently-abled persons). Persons with disabilities need not visit the railway offices and submit applications in person; they can apply and download the digital ID card once their application is approved through online. To access the portal and begin registration, passengers can visit <http://divyangjanid.indianrail.gov.in> where a detailed user manual is also available to assist with the process. "Persons with visual impairment with absence of sight, mentally challenged persons, persons with hearing and speech impairment totally (both afflictions together in the same person) and orthopedically handicapped / paraplegic persons can apply for issuance or renewal of their photo ID cards to avail concessional rail tickets.

Concessional reserved tickets can be booked at ticket counters or via IRCTC website. Concessional unreserved tickets can be availed at ticket counters or using the UTS app on cell phones. For any grievances, users may register their complaints at <https://pgportal.gov.in> Eligible applicants can submit their applications and upload the required documents; photo identity card, Date of birth proof, address proof, Disability certificate issued by Government doctor and passport size photo (All documents should be less than 600KB in PDF/JPEG/JPG/PNG format). After successful verification of credentials, the ID card will be signed by the competent authority digitally. On completion of the above process, an automated message will be generated by the system and sent to the applicant advising about the readiness of the card.

This will obviate the need of physical commute to Divisional Office and also to reduce the processing time. Applicants can also track their application status and receive their smart card without visiting railway offices.

Rise above political differences & stop viewing NEP with myopic vision: Pradhan tells Stalin

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) Hitting back at Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday said it was inappropriate for the state to view National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with a myopic vision and spin progressive educational reforms into threats to sustain political narratives.

Pradhan in his letter to Stalin said that continued opposition to NEP 2020 for political reasons deprive students, teachers and educational institutions in Tamil Nadu of the immense opportunities and resources that the policy offers. The education minister's move has come in response to Stalin's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing concern over the former's statement that Tamil Nadu's 'Samagra Shiksha' funds would not be released unless the state implements a three-language policy as given in the NEP. Tamil Nadu has often opposed the NEP particularly its three-language formula.

In his letter, Pradhan said that NEP 2020 is not just a reform but a transformative vision that seeks to elevate India's education system to global standards while preserving and strengthening the country's linguistic and cultural diversity. Pradhan also clarified that the NEP does not advocate imposition of any language. "Many non-BJP states have implemented the progressive policies of NEP despite political differences. NEP 2020 aims to broaden the horizon, not narrow them. I would therefore request you to rise above political differences and look into the matter holistically keeping in mind the interest of our young learners," the education minister said.

Cong hits back at BJP over "baseless" foreign funding allegations

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) The Congress on Friday slammed the BJP for levelling "baseless allegations" that it received foreign funding from agencies such as USAID.

The grand old party, on the other hand, accused the RSS of having taken money from the CIA to destabilise the Congress governments led by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi. "The RSS has always been a puppet of the US", party spokesperson Pawan Khera said while addressing a press conference here.

He also alleged on massive "Ford Foundation funding" for the Anna Hazare-Kejriwal led protests in 2012 to destabilise the Congress-led UPA government at the centre. Khera took a dig at the BJP government including its National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, over its "baseless allegations" of \$21 million USAID for voter turnout in India. Referring to a media report proving these

allegations "false", he asked Doval, as to what he was doing if the USAID really pumped \$21 million into India. "It is a slap on your face that you have been caught unawares," he told the government.

He claimed that the aid was actually sent to Bangladesh by the USAID.

He further asked, "What were the IB and the RAW doing when the USAID pumped huge funds into a neighbouring country to destabilise the government there?" In a pithy remark, Khera said he felt "bad" for Modi's friend Guatemal Adani who suffered losses due to the regime change there, allegedly funded by the USAID. Questioning the audacity of the BJP to accuse the Congress of taking foreign aid, Khera referred to alleged revelations made by a former CIA agent wherein he revealed that the RSS received massive aid for its "cow protection" protests, whose actual aim was to destabilise the government led by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

SC tags Ashish Chanchlani's plea with Ranveer Allahbadia's case in FIR over online show

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) The Supreme Court on Friday issued a notice on a petition filed by YouTuber Ashish Chanchlani, seeking to quash or transfer an FIR registered against him in Guwahati for allegedly promoting obscenity in an online show.

A bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice N Kotiswar Singh tagged Chanchlani's petition along with that of podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia, the primary accused in the case for his controversial remarks on the YouTube show India's Got Latent.

During the hearing, the Bench noted that Chanchlani had been granted bail by the Gauhati High Court and that the FIRs stemmed from the same show, where Allahbadia had already been granted interim relief earlier in the week.

Significantly, on February 18, the Supreme Court stayed Allahbadia's arrest while condemning his remarks as "vulgar," stating that he had a "dirty mind, which put society to shame."

The Apex Court directed that he must fully cooperate with the investigation without legal representation inside the police station.

Chanchlani, in his writ petition, has challenged the FIR lodged at the Cyber Police Station, Guwahati Crime Branch, Assam, seeking either its quashing or transfer to Mumbai, where a similar case was registered earlier.

His legal counsel argued that he made no objectionable remarks during the show and that the allegations primarily targeted his co-accused.

The FIR, filed by Guwahati Police on February 10, invokes provisions of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Information Technology Act, the Cinematograph Act, and the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act.

The Supreme Court is expected to hear the matter further in the coming weeks.

Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy slams KCR

Narayanpet, Feb 21 (UNI): Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy launched a scathing attack on BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and the BJP, accusing them of neglecting the development of Palamuru (Mahabubnagar) district for the past decade.

Speaking at a public meeting, he questioned why the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project had remained incomplete under KCR's rule and why essential water resources had not reached the district.

Revanth Reddy alleged that KCR had turned Palamuru into a desert by abandoning irrigation projects. He criticized the

former CM for neglecting the Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal project out of political vendetta.

He further accused KCR of allowing Andhra Pradesh to divert Krishna River water while failing to protect Telangana's interests. Holding KCR and former minister T Harish Rao responsible for the water crisis, he said, "If the irrigation ministers for ten years were KCR and Harish Rao, who else is to blame for this failure?"

Issuing a direct challenge, Revanth Reddy called on BJP leaders and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay, as well as KCR and his family members, for a public debate on the governance

of Telangana over the past 12 years of Modi's rule, 10 years of BRS rule, and 12 months of Congress rule.

He urged them to fix a time and place for the discussion, asserting that Congress was ready to defend its record.

Countering allegations that the Congress government had failed in its first year, Revanth Reddy listed key initiatives, including providing 55,000 jobs to unemployed youth, introducing Amma Adarsh Schools, allocating 600 RTC buses to women, and launching development projects worth Rs 5,000 crore in Kodangal and Rs 1,000 crore in Narayanpet. He emphasized that the government had sanctioned

5 lakh Indiramma houses per year, conducted a BC caste census, and resolved the SC sub-categorization issue pending for 30 years.

Taking aim at the BJP, Revanth Reddy mocked Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unfulfilled promises, questioning where the black money deposits for the poor, double income for farmers, two crore jobs per year, and houses for every poor person by 2022 had gone. He alleged that while G Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay secured jobs, the common people were left behind.

Responding to opposition attacks, he accused political rivals of

spreading false narratives, saying, "Whenever the government takes a positive step, they attack like crows. It is the responsibility of Congress workers to give them a fitting reply."

He assured the people that Palamuru's development was his priority, vowing to complete the Uddandapur project and provide compensation to affected farmers.

Calling for public support, he urged the people to stand with him against political conspiracies, stating, "It is my responsibility to do the work, and it is your responsibility to protect me."

Kumbh holds significance beyond religion, impacting economy: Gajendra

Prayagraj, Feb 21 (UNI) : Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Friday underscored the far-reaching economic impact of Maha Kumbh and said that beyond being the world's largest spiritual and cultural gathering, Maha Kumbh has become one of India's biggest economic events. Inaugurating the Kumbh Global Summit, organised by the India Foundation in Prayagraj on the grand and sacred occasion of Maha Kumbh, former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu described it as a meaningful platform for achieving sustainable

development goals. The summit also saw participation from representatives of the Indian diaspora, who engaged in discussions on sustainable development.

Speaking at the Kumbh Global Summit 2025 at Triveni Complex, Prayagraj, Union Minister Shekhawat underscored the far-reaching economic impact of Maha Kumbh. "Beyond being the world's largest spiritual and cultural gathering, Maha Kumbh has become one of India's biggest economic events," he said. He said, "According to the Confederation of All India

Traders, the event has generated trade worth 360 billion dollars (approximately Rs 3 lakh crore). The economic activity surrounding Maha Kumbh is expected to contribute 1 percent growth to India's GDP, significantly propelling Uttar Pradesh towards its 1 trillion dollar economy target."

Shekhawat emphasised that the benefits extend beyond commerce, strengthening India's cultural and economic identity. He described Maha Kumbh as a living embodiment of the ancient philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' that is the world as one family.

Germany cruise to 4-0 win over India in FIH Hockey Pro League

Bhubaneswar, Feb 21 (UNI) Germany clinched their first win of the season as they stormed to a 4-0 win against India in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25 (Women) clash at the Kalinga Stadium here on Friday.

Sophia Schwabe (18', 46') struck a stunning brace and goals from Amelie Wortmann (3') and Johanna Hachenberg (60') saw the Germans climb up to the seventh spot on the standings.

Germany, led by former India coach Janneke Schopman, began the game well and seized the lead as early as the third minute. Aina Kresken drilled a low cross from the right and Amelie Wortmann found herself unmarked in the back post to slot it home.

The Indian defence was put under relentless pressure thereon as Germany carved out multiple attacks and won several penalty corners.

However, Savita Punia was in excellent form between the sticks as the Indian defence weathered the storm. India created a good chance in the ninth minute when Deepika executed a superb tomahawk pass, but Mumtaz Khan couldn't reach it in time.

The hosts had another great opportunity to level the scores in the 15th minute when they had a 2v1 chance against the German goalkeeper but failed to convert.

Germany doubled their lead in the 18th minute via Sophia Schwabe's stunning goal. Schwabe made a stirring run into the

Sourav Ganguly gets new assignment for being brand ambassador for Vura Bau-Cheme

Kolkata, Feb 21 (UNI) Former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly on Friday became a brand ambassador for Vura Bau-Chemie LLP, a global construction chemical brand.

"This partnership marks an exciting new chapter for the brand as they are embarking on a journey towards one of the biggest market players in the construction chemical industry," the company CEO Minesh Chaudhari said during a media briefing.

"I am thrilled to be associated with Vura, a company that combines cutting-edge technology with a deep commitment to innovation and excellence. Building something that lasts, whether in cricket or in life, requires vision and teamwork. I believe Vura's approach to growth, driven by their focus on innovation and core human values, aligns perfectly with my own principles. I'm excited to support their mission of building better, together." Ganguly, also former India skipper said.

circle, then weaved past three defenders and rifled a fiery strike into the right bottom corner.

Staring at a two-goal deficit, the Indians needed to mount a swift comeback, but the torrential rain made it challenging as the pitch slowed down. India, though, came close to finding the back of the net in the 27th minute when Navneet played a fine pass to Sharmila Devi but the latter's attempt was smoothly dealt with. India made a strong start to the third quarter as Beauty Ddungdung won a penalty corner in the first minute. Deepika struck a fine dragkick but blazed it just wide of the post.

Coach Harendra Singh's half-time chat seemed to make the difference as the Indian women upped the ante with a string of attacking moves. However, they lacked the desired conversion as Germany held onto their 2-0 lead going into the final quarter.

It only got tougher for Savita and co. as Schwabe scored her second goal of the evening in the 46th minute. She received the ball in the goalmouth, set herself up well and fired a thunderous tomahawk to make it 3-0 and effectively seal the game in her side's favour. The Indians seemed to have something to cheer for when Mumtaz scored in the 57th minute, but the goal was disallowed for dangerous play.

Johanna Hachenberg squeezed in a goal with 50 seconds left on the clock as Germany closed out a commanding 4-0 victory.

Subrata Paul appointed National football team director

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) : Former India goalkeeper Subrata Paul has been appointed the director of the Indian National Football team, the All India Football Federation's Technical Committee meeting, chaired by former India captain, IM Vijayan, announced here on Friday.

The Committee also recommended the appointment of Bibiano Fernandes, Head coach of the U20 National Men's team. The meeting was attended by members of the Technical Committee, which included Shabbir Ali, Victor Amalraj, Harjinder Singh, Santosh Singh, and Climax Lawrence.

AIFF Secretary General Anilkumar and treasurer Kipa Ajay, along with the AIFF Technical Director of the AIFF, Syed Sabir Pasha were present in the meeting.

The Technical Committee discussed at length on the importance of football development at the grassroots, and recommended an annual inter-school tournament at the state and the national levels for boys and girls in the age group of 9-10 and 11-12.

To evaluate the performance of the national team matches in both men and women categories, the technical committee has recommended the constitution of a four-member study group with Sajid Dar, Jeddy Almeida, Shakti Chauhan and Gumphe Rime as the members.

AIFF Secretary General, Anilkumar said, "In the technical committee meeting, we recommended a pathway for the youth development for Indian football for boys and girls. Starting from the age of nine. The committee recommended introducing the inter-school grassroots level competition from the state level at the preliminary stage and the final round at the national level."

"In this competition, the players will be scouted for the under 13 at youth academies which are participating in the national youth league present with the AIFF. Then they will move to the next

under 15 and under 17 category. After that, we plan to modify it based on the recommendation of the committee. Next year it will be the 14, 16 and 18 years age group, which will align with the qualifying matches of under 13 in the state level so that the qualified players can participate next year in the under 14 category of the National Youth League. On the other hand, under 15 players, once they qualify this year, they can continue to play the National League in the under 16 category next year," he said.

Rabada, Rickelton shine in big South Africa win

Karachi, Feb 21 (UNI) Ryan Rickelton's maiden ODI century powered South Africa to a comprehensive 107-run victory over Afghanistan in their opening encounter of the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy at the National Stadium here on Friday.

Opting to bat first, South Africa posted a formidable 315/6 in 50 overs, built on Rickelton's fluent 103 off 106 balls, well-supported by half-centuries from Rassie van der Dussen (52 off 46) and Aiden Markram (52 off 36). The Afghan spinners struggled to contain the Proteas' batting charge despite Mohammad Nabi's early breakthrough.

Chasing 316, Afghanistan faltered against South Africa's disciplined bowling attack, folding for 208 in 43.3 overs. The Proteas' pacers Lungi Ngidi and Kagiso Rabada struck early, dismissing Rahmanullah Gurbaz (10) and Ibrahim Zadran (17) cheaply. Afghanistan's hopes suffered a major blow when captain Hashmatullah Shahidi was dismissed for a duck by Wiaan Mulder, leaving them reeling at 50/4. Rahmat Shah (90 off 92, 9x4s 1x6) fought valiantly but found little support from the other end as wickets tumbled at regular intervals.

Rabada (3/36) led the attack with tight lines, while Mulder's (2/36) cutters and Keshav Maharaj's (1/46) controlled spin further stifled Afghanistan's chase. This defeat adds to Afghanistan's struggles in chasing 250-plus targets in ODIs, having now lost 10 out of 14 such attempts since 2022.

Army HAWS, Maharashtra emerge winners in Biathlon National Championship at Gulmarg

Srinagar, Feb 21 (UNI) : The Army High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) and Maharashtra teams emerged as the top winners in the two-day Biathlon National Championship being played at the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir, officials said.

In a hard-fought contest, Army HAWS Gulmarg and Maharashtra teams emerged as the top winners in their respective categories, securing their spots as the national champions for the year 2024-2025.

This year's championship saw a mix of experienced veterans and young newcomers especially in Sub-Junior category Param Pushkar from Maharashtra secured the Gold Medal, all of whom contributed to the success of the event.

The championship witnessed intense competition, with several up-and-coming athletes



showing impressive performances, promising a bright future for the sport in India.

The much-anticipated Biathlon National Championship wrapped up today in the picturesque town of Gulmarg.

Over the past few days, top athletes from across the country gathered to compete in thrilling events that showcased their skill, endurance, and precision on snow-covered tracks.

Gulmarg, known for its exceptional winter sports facilities, provided a stunning backdrop for the athletes, as they battled not only the competition but also the challenging weather conditions.

The event featured both sprint and individual races, with athletes demonstrating their prowess in cross-country skiing and rifle shooting.

The Biathlon National Championship organised

By J&K Biathlon Association under the Aegis of Biathlon Association of India in Collaboration with HAWS Gulmarg has been a significant event in the Indian winter sports calendar attracting athletes from various states, Teams from Indian Army, BSF, CRPF, and HAWS Gulmarg who have trained rigorously for this prestigious competition.

The event also served

as a key platform to scout talent for the national team and future international competitions.

With the conclusion of the Biathlon National Championship, the focus now shifts to preparing for upcoming international events, to further develop biathlon in India and promote winter sports in the region.

To Performers in the Biathlon National championship Army Rank-1 in Men's Category, CRPF Rank-1 in Women's Category, Jammu and Kashmir Rank-1 in Junior Boys and Girls Category. Maharashtra Rank-1 In sub-junior Category.

The Closing Ceremony was attended by various dignitaries such as Brigadier Deepak Chaube as chief Guest, CEO GDA, Assistant Tourism Director Gulmarg, Lt Col Rajeev Dingra and Secretary General Biathlon Association of India.

Punjab FC, East Bengal FC aim for maximum points

New Delhi, Feb 21 (UNI) : East Bengal FC are set to play Punjab FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here in the Indian Super League (ISL) match on Saturday.

This is an important match for Punjab FC, who have 24 points from 20 games and are a fair seven points away from the sixth-placed Bengaluru FC (31). The Panagiotis Dilmeris-coached side have lost thrice and won once in their last five games, but can still hope to make a last-mile charge for the playoffs qualification.

Punjab FC have netted multiple times in each of their last two ISL games against East Bengal FC. However, they have never managed to score two or more goals in three consecutive matches against a single opponent in the competition. They will want to snap the

sequence of not scoring from a corner this season before the campaign wraps up too.

The Kolkata-based team have 21 points from 20 games and are 11th in the standings. Their preceding five clashes have seen them win twice and draw once. Trailing the Blues by 10 points,

East Bengal FC will have to bank on a host of results to fall in their favour from hereon, but the best they could do is to take care of the controllable and a victory here could propel them to do so.

Punjab FC have lost each of their last three ISL games against Kolkata-based teams, including a 2-4 defeat to East Bengal FC on December 17, 2024.

Only against Mohun Bagan Super Giant have Punjab FC conceded three or more strikes in consecutive ISL games.

Their aforementioned setback against East Bengal FC earlier this season means that the team will want to avoid replicating this record in front of the Mariners' arch-rivals.

East Bengal FC are unbeaten in their last two away games in the ISL (W1 D1). The only time they had a longer such streak was a stretch of three consecutive draws between November 2023 and February 2024. Can they touch that mark again tomorrow?

East Bengal FC notched a 3-1 victory over Mohammedan SC in their most recent fixture, with Raphael Messi Bouli creating six chances and registering an assist. The forward has already won 12 duels and will be eager to deliver another impactful outing.

In their three matches so

far, East Bengal FC and Punjab FC have won once each, whereas one match has produced a draw.

Punjab FC head coach Panagiotis Dilmeris asserted that his team is setting themselves up as per the demands of every approaching game.

"As coaches, our job is to arrange our teams technically and tactically as per the opposition we are facing. We know our matches beforehand and we plan our gameplay accordingly," he said.

East Bengal FC head coach Oscar Bruzon said that his team is focusing on the forthcoming fixture and not necessarily about where they would finish in the points table.

"In the ISL, I always prefer to think about the game right ahead of us and not too far ahead. Hence, I'm all focused on the coming match," he said.

Punjab FC's Muhammad Suhail made seven crosses after coming off the bench in Punjab FC's recent 1-2 defeat to Chennaiyin FC on February 15. He has won 40 duels and created eight goal-scoring chances in nine appearances this season.

Punjab FC's Nikhil Prabhu and Tekcham Singh are the top two players in the league for interceptions per game, averaging 3.0 and 2.2, respectively. Prabhu has recorded 4+ interceptions in seven matches this season, the most by any player.

David Lalhlansanga and Vishnu Puthiya have each scored four goals in ISL 2024-25.

A strike in this match would see them equal Nandhakumar Sekar's record of five goals - the most by an Indian player in a single ISL season for team.

Veterans in action as 3-day Lawn Tennis Tournament commences at M A Stadium Jammu

Jammu, Feb 21 (UNI) Enthusiastic veterans were seen in action as three-day Veterans Lawn Tennis Tournament commenced on Friday here at the courts of Maulana Azad Stadium.

The Tournament is being organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association (JKLTA) under the aegis of J&K Sports Council and the leadership of B S Jaggi, General Secretary JKLTA.

The tournament attracted senior players from across the Jammu and Kashmir provinces, who are participating enthusiastically in the prestigious event. The tournament, as per the official communique is specifically designed for veterans above the age of 40, providing them with an opportunity to showcase their skills and remain active in the sport.

The Tournament will conclude on February 23. B S Jaggi, the key

organizer and General Secretary of JKLTA, expressed his gratitude for the support received from the tennis community and emphasized the importance of such events in encouraging active participation among senior players.

He also highlighted the role of sports in promoting health, camaraderie, and well-being, especially among older generations.

"The event not only serves as a platform for veterans to compete but also strengthens the tennis culture in the region. Spectators and enthusiasts are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming matches over the next three days," said Jaggi. On the opening day, in men's singles category (Round Robin), Vikram Gupta beat Rakesh Kumar 7-0, Vikram Gupta beat Kuljeet Singh 7-1, Amar Jyoti Sharma beat Dr Vikram Singh 7-0 and Sajjad Bhat beat Sanjeev Rohmetra 7-3.

India overcome tough challenge from Ireland with 3-1 win

Bhubaneswar, Feb 21 (UNI) India overcame a 0-1 deficit to win 3-1 against Ireland in the ongoing

FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-25 (Men) at the world-class Kalinga Hockey Stadium here on Friday night.

It was an equaliser from Mandeep Singh (22') that set the tone of the match for India while Jarmanpreet Singh (45') and Sukhjeet Singh (58') helped take lead. For Ireland, Jeremy Duncan (8') was the lone goal scorer.

The first quarter, however, was all Ireland as they made multiple circle entries and found themselves ahead of India in only the 8th minute when Jeremy Duncan smashed the ball past Krishan Pathak, making swift foray from the right flank and no real threat from an Indian defender. It was Nelson's assist, that set up this fantastic opening goal. They made few more attempts on goal which also included a PC but couldn't extend the lead.

India made amends to slow and poor start by launching promising attack

early in the second quarter. It began with Sukhjeet attempting a shot on goal after picking up the ball from inside the circle but unfortunately ended up losing possession.

Ireland's defence was tight, well-structured and their attack was a notch above. A start that drew rare appreciation from Indian Chief Coach Craig Fulton who said, 'credit to Ireland for the first quarter.' He was evidently not happy with how India started but Mandeep changed that in the second quarter when he scored a sensational goal in the 22nd minute. He picked up the ball from Abhishek, drove into the right flank

and took aim with an ambitious, powerful shot. It was bang on target, finding the corner post.

India dramatically turned their fortunes around in the second quarter, launching lethal attacks denting Ireland's defence. While the third quarter saw India break sweat to take lead, the occasion finally arrived in the 45th minute when they were awarded a PC.

Harmanpreet's dragkick was blocked away by the Irish keeper but Jarmanpreet who had just made a perfect injection was quick to pick up the rebound and put it past the goalie to take the 2-1 lead.

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WR runs special trains for Maha Kumbh Mela Pilgrims

More than 1.65 lakh pilgrims travelled through Kumbh Special trains from various stations across WR



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : Indian Railways is playing an important role in making the journey of the pilgrims & devotees gathering at Maha Kumbh Mela, a pleasant and spiritual experience. Western Railway is operating 125 trips of Special trains from various stations of WR viz. Mumbai Central, Vapi, Valsad, Udhna, Vadodara, Vishwamitri, Ahmedabad, Sabarmati, Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Indore, etc to cater to this huge rush of pilgrims proceeding to attend the Kumbh Mela.

According to a press

release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the Kumbh Mela is attracting millions of devotees from across the country and Western Railway's Special Trains have played a crucial role in facilitating the movement of the devotees. These Special Trains are being run to Prayagraj, as well as other nearby railway stations, with thousands of devotees availing the services to reach the Kumbh Mela. Till date, WR has carried more than 1.65 lakh pilgrims through these Kumbh Special trains.

Shri Vineet informed that 26 trips of Kumbh Special trains are being run from Mumbai Central Division, 24 trips from Ahmedabad Division, while 8 trips are from Bhavnagar Division, 4 trips from Rajkot Division, 2 trips from Vadodara Division & 6 trips are from Ratlam Division.

Indian Railways is providing the best of services to the pilgrims attending the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025. The Railway administration is working tirelessly to ensure that the devotees have a safe and comfortable journey to and from the Kumbh Mela.

Special Traffic and Power Blocks between Ambarnath and Vangani : CR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : Central Railway, Mumbai Division will operate Special Traffic and Power Blocks for launching of FOB main girder between Ambarnath and Vangani on 22/23.02.2025 (Saturday / Sunday night time) from 01:30 hrs to 03:00 hrs on UP and DOWN lines between Ambarnath (excluding all crossovers & Sidings) and Vangani (excluding all crossovers)

The block will be operated for launching of 12 meters wide FOB girders (7 nos) at Badlapur (Kalyan end FOB) and Launching of 4 meters wide FOB girders (4 nos) at Badlapur - Vangani FOB (mid-Section)"

Due to the block, Train no 11020 (Bhubaneswar - CSMT Konark Express) will be diverted via Karjat - Panvel and will be given halt at Panvel . "

Following Suburban Trains will be short terminated

- CSMT - Karjat local leaving CSMT at 00:12 hrs will be short terminated at Ambarnath station.
- CSMT- Badlapur local leaving CSMT at 23:51 hrs will be short terminated at Ambarnath station.
- Parel - Ambarnath local leaving Parel at 23:13 hrs will be extended upto Badlapur station.

Karjat - CSMT local leaving Karjat at 02:30 hrs will short originate from Ambarnath station instead of Karjat."

Last Local for Karjat before block - CSMT departure at 23:30 hrs and Karjat arrival at 01:49 hrs "First Local for CSMT after block - Karjat departure at 03:35 hrs and CSMT arrival at 05:56 hrs."

These blocks are essential for infrastructure upkeep and safety. Passengers are requested to bear with the Railway Administration for the inconvenience caused.

WR's Jumbo block between Santacruz and Goregaon Station on Sunday

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : To carry out maintenance work of tracks, signaling and overhead equipment, a Jumbo Block of five hours will be taken on UP & DOWN Fast lines between Santacruz and Goregaon stations from 10.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, during the block period, all Fast line suburban trains will be operated on Slow line between Goregaon and Santacruz stations.

Some suburban trains will remain cancelled during the block and also some of the Andheri & Borivali trains will be worked up to Goregaon on harbour line.

Detailed information to this effect is available with concerned Station Masters.

Central Railway Facilitates Devotees with More Than 6500 Train stoppages at various stations for Maha Kumbh-2025

Runs 823 Train Services from Mumbai, including 708 from Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (Regular & Specials from 08.01.2025)

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : Central Railway has played a pivotal role in ensuring smooth and hassle-free travel for devotees attending the Maha Kumbh-2025. With a well-planned and extensive train service network, lakhs of devotees have been able to travel comfortably to one of the largest religious gathering of world. "From 8th January to 20th February 2025, a total of 823

train services have been operated from Mumbai alone, which includes 708 train services from Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT) and 115 train services from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) to facilitate the journey of Kumbh Mela pilgrims.

"Apart from Mumbai, the Pune region has also contributed significantly by operating 102 train services including 6 special trains, while Nagpur station

witnessed 225 train services including 6 special trains, catering to thousands of devotees.

Additionally, several trains passing through major stations of Central Railway have seen a remarkable influx of devotees:

- 383 trains having stoppages at Thane
- 687 trains having stoppages at Kalyan
- 723 trains having stoppages at Bhusawal
- 601 trains having

stoppages at Nashik

- 537 trains having stoppages at Manmad"
- 138 trains having stoppages at Betul

With these extensive arrangements, Central Railway has once again demonstrated its commitment to providing seamless and efficient transportation for passengers, ensuring that devotees can take holy dip during Maha Kumbh-2025 with ease and comfort.

Few trains affected due to block between Churchgate and Marine Lines stations

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : A Major Block of three hours will be undertaken during the intervening night of 22nd/23rd February, 2025 (Saturday/Sunday) from 01.15 hrs to 04.15 hrs for launching of main girders of Wankhede Foot Over Bridge (North) between Churchgate and Marine Lines stations. Due to this work, a few Mumbai Suburban trains will be affected.

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

- Repercussions on
1. Train No. 90898 Borivali - Churchgate local of 22nd February, 2025 departing Borivali at 20.50 hrs will remain cancelled.
 2. Train No. 90019 Churchgate - Borivali local of 23rd February, 2025 departing Churchgate at 04.38 hrs will remain cancelled.

Trains partially cancelled between Mumbai Central - Churchgate:-

1. Train No. 91014 Borivali - Churchgate local departing Borivali at 00.10 hrs. of 23rd February, 2025 will be short terminated at

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2. Train No. 91018 Virar - Churchgate local departing Virar at 23.49 hrs. of 22nd February, 2025 will be short terminated at Mumbai Central.

3. Train No. 91020 Borivali - Churchgate local departing Borivali at 00.30 hrs. of 23rd February, 2025 will be short terminated at Mumbai Central.

4. Train No. 91024 Virar - Churchgate local departing Virar at 00.05 hrs. of 23rd February, 2025 will be short terminated at Mumbai Central.

5. Train No. 90011 Churchgate - Virar first local departing Churchgate at 04.15 hrs. of 23rd February,

2025 will remain partially cancelled between Churchgate - Mumbai Central.

6. Train No. 90015 Churchgate - Borivali local departing Churchgate at 04.18 hrs. of 23rd February, 2025 will remain partially cancelled between Churchgate - Mumbai Central.

7. Train No. 91012 Virar - Churchgate local departing Virar at 23.30 hrs. of 22nd February, 2025 will arrive Churchgate at 01.10 hrs as per schedule. This will be the last local to run from Virar up to Churchgate on 22nd February, 2025.

Passengers are requested to kindly take note of the same.

Few trains will be regulated, rescheduled due to block between Vapi, Udvada and Bhilad and Sanjan

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : A Block will be taken on Monday, 24th February, 2025 between Vapi & Udvada and on Tuesday, 25th February, 2025 between Bhilad & Sanjan for launching of Composite Girder for construction of Road Over Bridge in lieu of existing level crossings. The block will be for approx. 1 hour 30 minutes i.e. from 11:10 hrs to 12:40 hrs on UP & Down Line, due to which a few Western Railway trains will be affected.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of the trains which

will be affected on 24th & 25th February, 2025 are as under:-

Regulation / Rescheduling of Trains:-

1. Train No. 20907 Dadar - Bhuj Sayajinagari Express will depart with delay of 1 hour on 24th & 25th February, 2025
2. Train No. 19015 Dadar - Porbandar Saurashtra Express will be regulated by 40 minutes on 24th February, 2025 and by 30 minutes on 25th February, 2025
3. Train No. 09055 Bandra Terminus - Udhna Special will be regulated by 25 minutes on 24th February, 2025 and by 20 minutes on 25th February, 2025
4. Train No. 20908 Bhuj - Dadar Sayajinagari

Express will be regulated by 1 hour 20 minutes on 24th & 25th February, 2025

5. Train No. 12926 Amritsar - Mumbai Central Paschim Express will be regulated by 1 hour on 24th & 25th February, 2025

6. Train No. 22954 Ahmedabad - Mumbai Central Gujarat Superfast Express will be regulated by 30 minutes on 24th & 25th February, 2025

7. Train No. 19028 Jammu Tawi - Bandra Terminus Express will be regulated by 40 minutes on 25th February, 2025

8. Train No. 09154 (Original No. 69154) Valsad - Umargam Road MEMU Special will depart with delay of 30 minutes on 24th & 25th February, 2025

J&K police and CRPF conduct mock security drill at Bijbehara Railway Station

Srinagar, Feb 21 (UNI) : In a proactive initiative to enhance security preparedness and ensure Public safety, Police in Anantnag, in collaboration with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), conducted a comprehensive mock drill today at Bijbehara Railway Station.

The exercise simulated real-life emergency scenarios, including potential security threats, to assess the response

and coordination of security forces.

"It aimed to strengthen the existing security framework and ensure seamless inter-agency collaboration for safeguarding critical infrastructure and public spaces", CRPF said.

Personnel from SOG Anantnag and CRPF demonstrated swift and efficient response mechanisms, including evacuation procedures, crowd management, and crisis

resolution.

The drill also incorporated advanced equipment and tactical approaches to handle emergencies effectively.

The event was attended by SKR Javid Iqbal Madoo, DIG CRPF K.S. Deswal, SSP Anantnag G.V. Sundeeep Chakravarthy, SP OPS Anantnag Furqan Qadir, SP Hqrs Anantnag Sajad Ahmad, along with other Senior officers from the Police and CRPF.

Few Western Railway Trains affected

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Feb 21 : A few trains of Western Railway will be affected, the details of which are as under:-

Cancellation of Trains:

1. Train No. 19045 Surat - Chhapra Tapti Ganga Express journey commencing from 23.02.2025, 24.02.2025 & 26.02.2025
2. Train No. 19046 Chhapra - Surat Tapti Ganga Express journey commencing on 25.02.2025, 26.02.2025 & 28.02.2025
3. Train No. 22947 Surat - Bhagalpur Express journey commencing on 25.02.2025
4. Train No. 22948 Bhagalpur - Surat Express journey commencing on 27.02.2025
5. Train No. 20961 Udhna - Banaras Express journey commencing on 25.02.2025. Train No.

20962 Banaras - Udhna Express journey commencing on 26.02.2025

7. Train No. 20903 Ekta Nagar - Varanasi Express journey commencing on 25.02.2025

8. Train No. 20904 Varanasi - Ekta Nagar Express journey commencing on 27.02.2025

9. Train No. 19489 Ahmedabad - Gorakhpur Express journey commencing on 25.02.2025

10. Train No. 19490 Gorakhpur - Ahmedabad Express journey commencing on 26.02.2025

11. Train No. 19483 Ahmedabad - Barauni Express journey commencing on 22.02.2025 to 26.02.2025

12. Train No. 19484 Barauni - Ahmedabad Express journey commencing on 24.02.2025 to 28.02.2025. Train No.

12947 Ahmedabad - Patna Express journey commencing on 26.02.2025

14. Train No. 12948 Patna - Ahmedabad Express journey commencing on 28.02.2025

15. Train No. 12941 Bhavnagar Terminus - Asansol Express journey commencing on 25.02.2025

16. Train No. 12942 Asansol - Bhavnagar Terminus Express journey commencing on 27.02.2025

17. Train No. 12945 Veraval - Banaras Express journey commencing on 24.02.2025

18. Train No. 12946 Banaras - Veraval Express journey commencing on 26.02.2025

19. Train No. 22911 Indore - Howrah Shipra Express journey commencing on 22.02.2025 & 25.02.2025

20. Train No. 22912

Howrah - Indore Shipra Express journey commencing on 24.02.2025 & 27.02.2025

Diversion of Trains:

1. Train No. 20933 Udhna - Danapur Express journey commencing on 25.02.2025 will be diverted via Itarsi - Virangana Lakshmbai - Bina - Kanpur Central - Lucknow - Varanasi.

2. Train No. 20934 Danapur - Udhna Express journey commencing on 26.02.2025 will be diverted via Varanasi - Lucknow - Kanpur Central - Bina - Virangana Lakshmbai - Itarsi.

3. Train No. 15559 Darbhanga - Ahmedabad Antyodaya Express journey commencing on 26.02.2025 will be diverted via Varanasi - Lucknow - Kanpur Central - Virangana Lakshmbai - Bina.

Mamata Didi should come to Maha Kumbh and see arrangements: Himanta Sarma

Prayagraj, Feb 21 (UNI) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday responded to West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's controversial remarks and urged her to visit the Maha Kumbh and experience its grand arrangements firsthand.

Meanwhile, West Bengal's Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari hailed Prayagraj as the 'Amrit Sangam', calling the sacked dip at Maha Kumbh a moment of pride for every Sanatani.

The spiritual

significance of Maha Kumbh was further highlighted as several prominent figures, including industrialist Rajesh Adani, a delegation from Trinidad and Tobago and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) MP Shambhavi Choudhary took a holy dip at the Triveni Sangam. Praising the meticulous arrangements by CM Yogi Adityanath and the local administration, they described the management as exemplary.

After taking a dip in the sacred waters with his

family, strongly criticising the opposition, the Assam CM said, "Congress and the INDI alliance are anti-Sanatani. I would request Mamata Didi to come to Maha Kumbh, witness the arrangements herself and take a dip in the Sangam."

Emphasising the eternal significance of Sanatan Dharma, he said, "Sanatan is the past, Sanatan is the present, and Sanatan is the future of the world."

He also expressed gratitude for being able to participate in the Mahakumbh and extended

his congratulations to CM Yogi Adityanath and the Uttar Pradesh government for their exceptional organisation of the grand event.

Sarma shared photos and videos on his social media account, expressing his deep spiritual experience. "The dip I took at Triveni Sangam today cannot be described in words. It is not just a confluence of rivers but a sacred meeting point of the faith, spirituality, and heritage of millions of saints," he said.