

IN BRIEF

Mumbai Police arrest two over bomb threat email to Eknath Shinde's vehicle

Mumbai, Feb 21 (UNI) :Mumbai Police on Friday arrested two youths from Buldhana district in Maharashtra for sending an email threatening to bomb the car of state Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, officials said.

In this connection, a team from the Mumbai Crime Branch, with the assistance of Buldhana Police, has arrested two persons, who are identified as Mangesh Achyutrao Wayal, aged 35, and Abhay Gajanan Shingane, aged 22.

Both are residents of Deulgaon Mahi, Taluka Deulgaon Raja, Buldhana, Maharashtra, and were apprehended from Deulgaon, District Buldhana.

It may be recalled that various police stations in Mumbai had registered FIRs under sections 351(3), 351(4), and 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Two college students arrested with Drug

Mumbai, Feb 21 (UNI) Mumbai Police arrested two college students and seized drugs worth Rs 9.54 lakhs, officials said here on Friday.

According to details, the accused, identified as Vinit Singh, 19, and Shiven Parkar, 19, both students at a renowned college in Mumbai, were allegedly selling drugs concealed within modified steel water bottles. They allegedly sold the drugs using water bottles, creating a small compartment under the bottles to hide the drugs.

Based upon information, the police arrested them from the neighbouring Mira Road area, and a case has been registered against both under the NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act).

The accused were found in possession of a commercial quantity of drugs intended for sale.

The police seized 4.7 grams of MDMA ecstasy worth Rs 50,000, 73.9 grams of Hydro Ganja worth Rs 3.69 lakh, 45 grams of LSD paper worth Rs 2.25 lakh, and 62LSD dot papers worth Rs 3.10 lakh.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Bhutanese PM Tshering Tobgay during the inauguration of the first edition of the SOUL Leadership conclave, in New Delhi.

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."

Praising PM Modi's leadership, Tobgay said, "PM Modi, I see in you the image of an elder brother, who always guides and helps me. Prime Minister, my elder brother, you have put India on the path of progress in just 10 years with your wisdom, courage and compassionate leadership."

Governor should expel Minister Manikrao Kokate over corruption, demands MPCC chief

Mumbai, Feb 21 (UNI) Maharashtra Pradesh Committee (MPCC) President Harshavardhan Sapkal on Friday demanded that Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan should expel Agriculture Minister Manikrao Kokate and revoke his membership to the state legislature following his being sentenced to two years' prison in a corruption case.

Sapkal stated that former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri had set a precedent by resigning, and taking moral responsibility for a railway accident. He alleged that the current ruling BJP has disregarded moral values.

"After Agriculture Minister Kokate has been sentenced to two years in prison for fraud, he should have immediately resigned, or the government should

have dismissed him. Since that has not happened, the state Governor should intervene and expel him," demanded Sapkal.

He made the comments while attending a blood donation camp organized by Maharashtra ST Workers Congress.

Sapkal, addressing the media, said: "When Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was convicted in a bogus defamation case, the Parliament Secretariat revoked his MP status overnight, forced him to vacate his government residence, and acted swiftly."

"Similarly, when former Congress minister Sunil Kedar was sentenced, his MLA post was immediately revoked. But why is there a different justice system for Kokate? The government is not acting democratically in this case," he added.

Pune law and order situation highlighted after Union Minister of State's staffer beaten brutally

Pune, Feb 21 (UNI) :A person working in the office of Union Minister of State Muralidhar Mohol was brutally beaten up by a gang member of notorious goon Gajanan Marne, with Baramati MP Supriya Sule highlighting the issue and urging the Chief Minister to pay attention to the law and order of Pune.

Baramati Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule said here on Friday that goons have created a ruckus in Pune city and the Chief Minister should immediately pay attention to this matter and try to bring the law and order in the city back on track.

Sule said on her X account that if even the close associates of a Union Minister are not safe in Pune city then what about the common man.

Sule said that the question has now arisen that if the Union Minister is facing such a condition, what about others.

Meanwhile, police have arrested three people in connection with beating up a staff member working with the Minister's office in Pune. A case has been registered with Kothrud police station. Police are conducting further investigation into the incident.

Ex bank CEO arrested in alleged scam

Mumbai Feb 21 (UNI) : Former CEO of Mumbai New India Cooperative Bank Abhimanyu Bhoan has been remanded to police custody till February 28 after his arrest in connection with a Rs 122 crore scam by the Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of Mumbai police.

Bhoan is accused of allegedly helping Hitesh Mehta, former general manager and head of accounts of the Bank. The authorities suspect his involvement in mismanagement and fraudulent transactions. Further investigation is underway, and officials believe that more arrests may follow in the case.

Last week police arrested prime accused Mehta and raided his Dahisar residence after the bank's Chief Executive Officer, Devarshi Shishir Kumar Ghosh (48), filed a complaint against him. Mehta allegedly withdrew cash from the bank's Prabhadevi and Goregaon branches, siphoning off funds since the COVID-19 pandemic. He reportedly confessed to the crime during police questioning.

'Wolf doesn't become tiger by wearing its skin': Eknath Shinde takes dig at Uddhav Thackeray

Gondia, Feb 21 (IANS) : Shiv Sena supremo and Deputy Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday targeted his former boss and Shiv Sena-UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray, saying a wolf does not become a tiger by wearing the skin of a big cat.

"Some people have lost their mental balance. They are now talking about breaking heads. But those who are in a situation like Asrani in the movie Sholay should not talk like that. You need to have strength in your wrist to challenge. A wolf does not become a tiger by wearing a tiger's skin," he said at the party rally in Deori in Gondia district of the Vidarbha region.

"They (Shiv Sena UBT) were defeated in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. Now they will be defeated in the upcoming local body elections as well," he claimed.

Shinde said that "the beloved sisters, brothers and farmers overwhelmingly supported Shiv Sena and MahaYuti, and voted for

them." Some had said that not a single MLA of yours would be elected. But in my speech in the Assembly, I had announced that we would get more than 200 seats elected. In the elections, the MahaYuti won 232 seats," he added.

He claimed that during June 2022 and November 2024, the MahaYuti government worked hard, started irrigation projects in Vidarbha and Marathwada and revived the Jalyukt Shivar Yojana. We started all the schemes that were closed by the Maha Vikas Aghadi.

"Power comes and goes, so also posts which can be obtained again. However, the recognition received as a beloved brother of beloved sisters is greater than all posts," Shinde said, adding: "I will work with full dedication for Maharashtra's development till the last drop of blood. I have never been greedy for a post and a chair and will never be."

Meanwhile, at the press conference in Nagpur,

Eknath Shinde strongly criticised the Shiv Sena-UBT saying that those leaders who have left Balasaheb Thackeray's thoughts and those pushing good people out of the party were pushed back by the people in the Assembly elections and made to stay at home forever.

"However, Shiv Sena is the one that carries forward the thoughts of Balasaheb Thackeray and Dharmaveer Anand Dighe. Therefore, leaders, office bearers and activists of different parties from across the state are joining Shiv Sena," he added. On the email threat that he received, the Maharashtra Deputy CM said: "I am a worker of Balasaheb Thackeray and Anand Dighe. Dance bars were closed when Anand Dighe was there. There were many threats at that time too. When I was the Guardian Minister of Gadchiroli, Maoists gave threats, but the Gadchiroli police did the job of curbing the LWE menace. I am not afraid of threats... I am a person who remains strong."



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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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 Division 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 Division 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

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"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 a 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 Guatam 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 Kottiswar 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 Nyay 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.

NOTIFICATION
WALK IN INTERVIEW
JAGJIVANRAM HOSPITAL ON 04.03.2025

for the Post of Senior Resident

Venue - 7th Floor, Auditorium, Jagjivanram Hospital, Maratha Mandir Marg, Mumbai Central Mumbai 400008

Registration Time : 9:00 hrs. to 12:00 hrs. in Room No 22, Ground floor, Establishment Office, Jagjivanram Hospital Application after stipulated time will not be considered.

Department wise Vacancies:

Sr. No.	Department	Vacancy
1	CVTS Medicine	2
2	CVTS Surgery	2
3	CVTS Anesthesia	2
4	General Medicine	2
5	General Surgery	2
6	General Anesthesia	1
7	GI. Surgery	1
8	Pediatrics	1
	Total	13

Reservation UR-04, SC-02, ST-01, OBC-05, EWS-01= Total - 13.

- **Age Limit:** 45 years as on the date of notification.
- Post Graduate Degree/MD-DNB or Diploma in concerned specialty from University recognized by State/Central Government
- **Remuneration:** ₹ 1,35,000/- Appox. per month.

Notes: • If more number of candidates attend for walk in interview the process of interview will continue on next working day also.
• Selection will be through the process of Walk In Interview.
• All documents have to be produced in ORIGINALS at the time of walk in interview along with the attested copies of the same properly arranged and stapled, without fail. No other intimation will be given separately for walk in interview. • SC/ST & OBC Non Creamy Layer certificate should be in the Central Government Format and the OBC-NCL certificate should be updated up to the year 2024.
• The vacancies indicated above may vary and the post indicated here may be kept unfilled at the discretion of Rly Administration.
• Subsequent walk-in-interview will be conducted on every 3rd Thursday of the month, till the vacancies are filled. • For more information visit wr.indianrailways.gov.in under News and Recruitment Section Please bring the filled in application form downloaded from the above website with two recent passport size photographs. • Sr Resident Doctors posts of Jagjivanram Hospital, Western Railway, Mumbai Central, Mumbai 400 008 is accredited for DMER, Maharashtra Govt Post UG/PG Service Bond.

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DEVELOPMENT OF GATI SHAKTI MULTI-MODAL CARGO TERMINAL

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial) Mumbai Central division Western Railway DRM Office, Ground Floor Mumbai Central - 400008 invites, E-Tender No: WR-IMMCT 0COMM(CGGC)/3/2023/421481, Date: 20.02.2025. Name of the work: Development of Gati Shakti Multi-modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) Under GCT policy at HOL land. Cost of e-Tender Document (Non-Refundable & Non-Transferable): ₹ 10,000/-. EMD: ₹ 1,78,38,400/-. Date & time of Submission of e-Tender: Till 18.03.2025, 15:00 hrs through online. Date & time of Opening of e-Tender: On 18.03.2025 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website www.ireps.gov.in

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Online item rates estimation are invited by the Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, Worli Mumbai for the following work from OEMs/ Authorized Dealers/ Experienced Electrical Licence Contractors.
The details can be downloaded and submitted on the portal of P.W.D., Government of Maharashtra <http://www.mahatender.gov.in> from dt. 24.2.2025 to 03.03.2025 upto 17:30 hrs. Also, quotations for rates can be submitted offline at Office of The Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, Worli Mumbai office during above period during office hours. The opening of obtained quotation (online/offline) will be done on if possible on dt. 05.03.2025 at 11:00 AM. The Executive Engineer, CMED, Worli, Mumbai reserves right to accept or reject any quotation. The conditional rates will not be accepted.

W11082/23-24 Providing of Audio Conference System in Newly Constructed Multipurpose Hall In Worli Police station premises, Worli, Mumbai.
W11085 / 2023-24 Providing of Video Display System in Newly Constructed Multipurpose Hall In Worli Police station premises, Worli, Mumbai.

Note:-
1 Quotations can be submitted offline in sealed envelopes on company's letter head and the name of work clearly mentioned at the top of envelop
2 Rates to be valid for 90 days.
3 Executive Engineer reserves right to reject any quotation without assigning any reason.
4 Rates quoted should be exclusive of GST. GST of 18% shall be applicable on total estimated amount.

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Date: 18/02/2025

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(N.S. Sutrave)
Executive Engineer
Central Mumbai Electrical Division
PWD, Mumbai

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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.

Police detain SSS workers agitating against Maharashtra Agriculture Minister

Kolhapur, Feb 21 (UNI) Police on Friday detained Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatana (SSS) workers, agitating against state Agriculture Minister Manikrao Kokate for his controversial statement on farmers.

Kokate is in the city for inaugurating an agriculture exhibition organised by Bhartiya Janta Party(BJP) MP Dhananjay Mahadik.

Recently, Kokate in a statement said that even beggars do not take one rupee, but the state government is giving insurance to farmers for just one rupee.

SSS activities were demanding an apology from Kokate to farmers for his statement against them.

The agitators were called for a talk at the guest house, but suddenly police swung into action, and detained activities before any talk, the SSS alleged.

2 dies in road accident on Mumbai Goa Highway

Ratnagiri, Feb 21 (UNI) : Two persons including driver of an iron loaded truck died on the spot after truck driver lost control over the vehicle. The accident occurred near the Bavandi bus stop on the Mumbai-Goa highway on Friday, Police said. The cargo truck was proceeding towards Mumbai from Goa when the incident took place. Police said the truck when reached to the Bavandi bridge, the driver, Mohammad Afzar Shamsheer Ali (age 22), resident of Nagnathpur village, district Sultanpur, lost control of the speed of the truck. The truck fell into a dug area on one side of the highway. Since the truck was loaded with heavy iron pipes, all the iron pipes in the truck came out of the truck's cabin. Due to this, the driver and his colleague Mohammad Ghulam Rajab Ali (21), resident of Ibrahimpur, district Pratapgad, died on the spot, Police said.

threaten Pashine, who then went ahead and filed a police complaint. A complaint under sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of IPC was filed against Pancholi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public at large that my client, Mr. Hanumant Baburao Pokhare, son of Late Mrs. Umabai Baburao Pokhare, is claiming ownership of Flat No. 006, Ground Floor, Naigaon Park 1 CHS Ltd., Village Naigaon West, Taluka Vasai, District Palghar 401207. The said flat was purchased by Late Mrs. Umabai Baburao Pokhare, who unfortunately passed away on 15/03/2021, leaving behind the following legal heirs:

1. Mr. Hanumant Baburao Pokhare (Son)
2. Mr. Govind Baburao Pokhare (Son)
3. Mr. Hemant Baburao Pokhare (Son)

During her lifetime, Late Mrs. Umabai Baburao Pokhare had nominated her grandson Mr. Deepankar Govind Pokhare for the said flat. However, Mr. Deepankar Govind Pokhare has provided his No Objection (NOC) for the transfer of 100% shares and interest of the said flat in favor of Mr. Hanumant Baburao Pokhare. Additionally, both brothers, Mr. Govind Baburao Pokhare and Mr. Hemant Baburao Pokhare, have also given their No Objection (NOC) for transferring 100% shares and interest of the said flat in favor of Mr. Hanumant Baburao Pokhare. As per the applicable laws, my client has applied to the Society for the transfer of 100% shares and the Share Certificate of the said flat in his name, as he is one of the surviving legal heirs/successors of the deceased. If any person(s), association, institution, or any other entity has any claim, right, title, lien, charge, or interest of any nature in respect of the said flat, they are hereby required to submit their claims along with supporting proofs and documentary evidence in writing to the undersigned within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections/claims are received within the stipulated period, the Society shall proceed with the transfer of the said shares and Share Certificate in favor of Mr. Hanumant Baburao Pokhare without any further reference.

Sd/-
Adv. Nagesh Dube
House, Stela
Vasai (W),
Tal. Vasai, Dist. Palghar - 401202

Place: Vasai

Date: 21/02/2025

Ministers facing any kind of charges should resign, says Anna Hazare

Pune, Feb 21 (UNI) Noted social activist Anna Hazare said on Friday that Ministers facing any kind of corruption charges should resign as a moral responsibility without delay, amid corruption charges surrounding two Maharashtra ministers.

Otherwise, a wrong message will be sent to the public and there is a possibility of harm to the society and the people, said Hazare, without taking

the names of Maharashtra Ministers.

When the Bharatiya Janata Party-Shiv Sena coalition government was in power in the state under the leadership of the then Chief Minister Manohar Joshi, Hazare had protested against the corruption of ministers. Due to this, ministers like Shashikant Sutar, Babanrao Gholap, Mahadev Shivnekar, Suresh Jain, Shobha Fadnavis had to step down.

In the current cabinet in Maharashtra, Dhananjay Munde is facing many allegations including of corruption.

While Munde is Agriculture Minister, Suresh Dhas, an MLA from the ruling BJP, has accused him of committing a scam of Rs 300 crore.

Dhas has also threatened to file a complaint with the Enforcement Directorate. Social activist Anjali

Damania has also accused Munde of corruption.

Apart from this, Valmik Karad, accused in the murder of Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh of Massajog, is also being accused in this case as he is close to Munde.

Besides, another minister in the current cabinet, Manikrao Kokate and his brother Vijay Kokate, have been sentenced to two years in prison and a fine of Rs 50,000 slapped by the sessions court. The punishment has been handed out on the charge of grabbing a flat from the Chief Minister's quota by submitting fake documents.

Although Anna Hazare did not name any ministers, it is apparent that his focus is on these two ministers.

Court upholds conviction of Bollywood actor Aditya Pancholi in parking dispute case

Mumbai, Feb 21 (UNI) A sessions court in Mumbai upheld the conviction of Bollywood actor Aditya Pancholi, who was found guilty of assaulting a man over a parking dispute in 2005. The court reduced the one-year prison term given to him by a magistrate court, and released him on a bond of good behaviour.

While passing the order, the court directed him to pay Rs 1.5 lakh to the victim as compensation.

In November 2016, a local court at Andheri had convicted the actor under Section 325 of the IPC (voluntarily causing

grievous hurt) and sentenced him to a one-year imprisonment, along with a fine of Rs 20,000.

Pancholi was later granted bail on a bond of Rs 15,000 and cash bail of Rs 12,000. Pancholi moved the sessions court against the local court order, and filed an appeal challenging the conviction awarded to him.

According to the prosecution case, on August 21, 2005, the actor had attacked a neighbour, Pradeep Pashine, from his apartment building, in the parking lot.

According to Pashine's statement in

court, when he entered the parking lot of his building, Magnum Opus, that evening, he found his parking space occupied by another vehicle, which turned out to be Pancholi's. So, he parked his car in front of it.

An hour later, he got a call from the building watchman, asking him to move his car.

When Pashine opened the door of his car, Pancholi attacked him. Pashine, who suffered a nosebleed in the assault, asked his wife to call the police.

Pancholi's wife, Zarina Wahab, tried calming the situation by dissuading them from making the call. But Pancholi continued to

CENTRAL RAILWAY

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORKS

Open e-tender notice No. CR-DRM(W)BB-2025-04 of 20.02.2025.

Sr.No.:1. Name of work: A) Rehabilitation of old TRD Sub-Station for Officer & Sub-Ordinate Rest House at KSRA under ADEN(M)IGP. B) Improvement to drainage system at Titwala & VSD Station and Colony under ADEN(NE) KYN. C) Provision of anti-crash barrier on ROB approaches and at vulnerable locations in Kalyan-Igatpuri section in Sr.DEN(NE) ears jurisdiction. D) Construction of 4 Nos. Service Building For Replacement of Signaling gears at 4 IBS (Intermediate Block Signalling) in Atgaon Kasara (A Route) section of Mumbai Division. **Approximate Value:** Rs.698.23 lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.499100. **Completion period:** 8 months.

Sr.No.:2. Name of work: Providing services of dewatering pump sets for 1 Yr i.e. for 2025-26 under Sr.DEN(NE) section. **Approximate Value:** Rs.149.04 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.224500. **Completion period:** 6 months.

Sr.No.:3. Name of work: A) (a) Side drain cleaning, (b) Catch water drain cleaning in NE section for One years i.e. 2025-26 under Sr.DEN NE jurisdiction. B) Cutting of trees having doubtful integrity along the track, De-vegetation and Uprooting of weeds/Jungle for 1 year i.e. for 2025-26 under Sr.DEN NE Section. C) Desilting of culverts and bridges and removing garbage, night soil etc. for 1 year i.e. 2025-26 in Sr.DEN NE section. D) Cutting Boulder Scanning & Dropping Sounding of Tunnel and cleaning as a part of monsoon preparation for one years i.e. 2025-26 under Sr.DEN NE section. **Approximate Value:** Rs.318.08 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.309000. **Completion period:** 12 months.

Sr.No.:4. Name of work: A) Misc. Pway work under SSE P.Way KSRA for 2025-26 under Sr.DEN (NE) Section. B) Misc. Pway work under SSE P.Way IGP for 2025-26 under Sr.DEN (NE) section. **Approximate Value:** Rs.450.97 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.375500. **Completion period:** 12 months.

Sr.No.:5. Name of work: A) Misc. Pway work under SSE P.Way VSD for 2025-26 under ADEN (NE) KYN Section. B) Misc. Pway work under SSE P.Way KYN yard under SSE (P.way)KYN East for 2025-26 under ADEN (NE) KYN section. **Approximate Value:** Rs.432.56 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.366300. **Completion period:** 12 months.

Sr.No.: 6. Name of work: Construction of Gate lodge at LC No PT-1, PT-11 and PT-17 in Pen-Thal Section. **Approximate Value:** Rs.52.67 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.105400. **Completion period:** 6 months.

Sr.No.: 7. Name of work: Rag picking of track in suburban section under Sr.DEN South. **Approximate Value:** Rs.572.53 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.436300. **Completion period:** 24 months.

Sr.No.: 8. Name of work: Provision of 1.2m/1.6m dia RCC NP-4 pipe by Microtunneling method as part of connection to flood tank in Kurla-LTT area under ADEN(T) BY section. **Approximate Value:** Rs.1774.32 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.1037200. **Completion period:** 12 months.

Sr.No.: 9. Name of work: CLA- Miscellaneous annual maintenance work at station areas, platforms and service building in lieu of zone under SSE(W)CLA. **Approximate Value:** Rs.110.02 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.205000. **Completion period:** 12 months.

Sr.No.: 10. Name of work: DR Miscellaneous annual maintenance work of quarters in lieu of zonal work under SSE(Wks)Dadar. **Approximate Value:** Rs.151.76 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs.225900. **Completion period:** 12 months.

I) Tender closing date & time or aforesaid tender: Up-to 11.00 hrs. of Sr. No.: 1, 2 & 3 on 10.03.2025, Sr. No.: 4 & 5 on 13.03.2025, Sr. No.: 6 on 25.03.2025, Sr. No.: 7, 9 & 10 on 24.03.2025 & Sr. No.: 8 on 01.04.2025, to be opened after 11.00 hrs. II) The prospective tenderers are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for details of tenders & corrigendum, if any. III) Tenderer may participate in above e-tender electronically through website www.ireps.gov.in only & submission of manual offers against e-tender are not allowed. Manually, if submitted shall neither be opened nor considered. IV) The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. V) For further enquiry, may contact: Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, Central Railway on phone. 022-67455323. VI) This tender complies with Public Procurement Policy Order 2017 dated 16-9-2017. Complete details of tenders are available at the website "www.ireps.gov.in". The complete details of tenders are also available in the "Notice Board" of the Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, Mumbai CSMT.

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WESTERN RAILWAY REPAIRS AND PAINTING WORK

Divisional Railway Manager(WA), Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400008, invites, E-Tender Notice No.: BCT/24-25/288, dt.20.02.2025. **Work and location:** Repairs and painting of Boundary Wall on East and west side of track from Khar Raod to Virar under jurisdiction of ADEN(Est/N)-Borivali. **Approx. cost of work:** ₹ 1,87,30,571.90. **EMD:** ₹ 2,43,700/-. **Date & Time of Submission:** Till 18.03.2025, 15:00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening:** On 18.03.2025 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website www.ireps.gov.in 1101

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This is an E-Tender Notice. The Commissioner of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) invites e-tenders as given below in three Packet System.

The Name of the work : Inj. Non Ionic Contrast 350 - 370 mg/ml. 100 ml. vial for L.T.M.G. Hospital.

Sr. No.	Description	E-Tender Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs.)	Start Date and Time of online Bid Downloading	End date and time of online Bid Submission
	Inj. Non Ionic Contrast mg/ml. 100 ml. vial. 2017 vials. Bid No.2025_MCGM_1151907.	Rs.3300/- Plus GST @ 18 %	Rs.50000/-	18-02-2025 06.00 p.m. (18.00 Hrs)	28-02-2025 06.00 p.m. (18.00 Hrs)

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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 faecal 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.

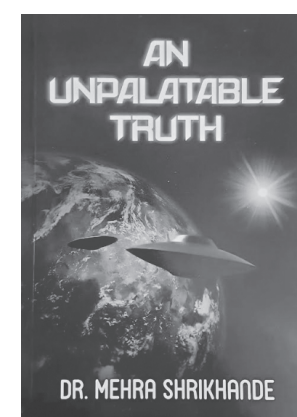
The matter will now proceed before the Supreme Court for further hearing

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.

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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.

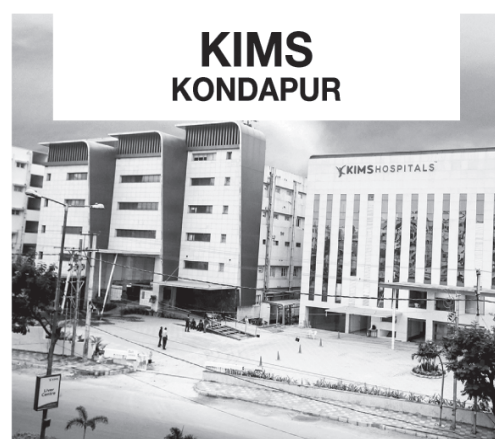
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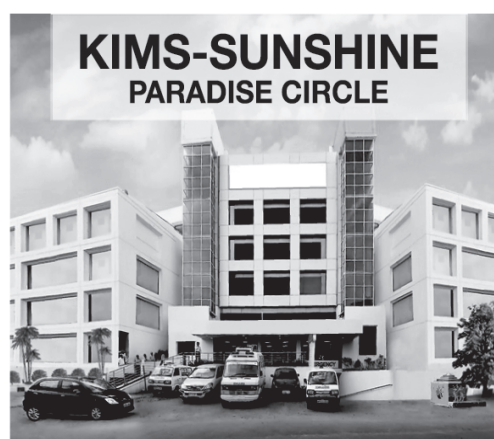
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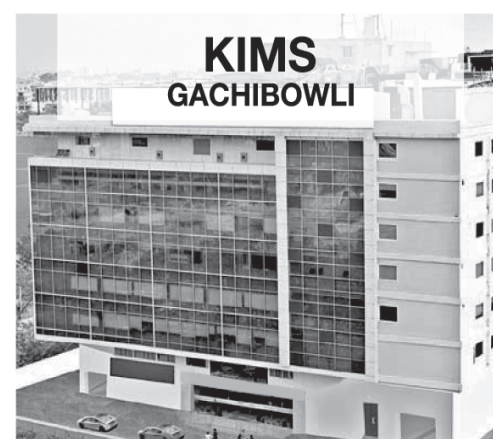
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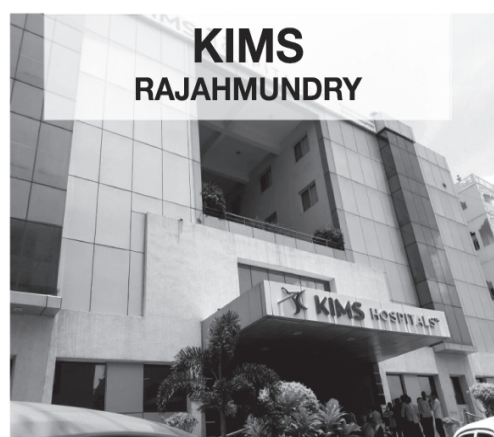
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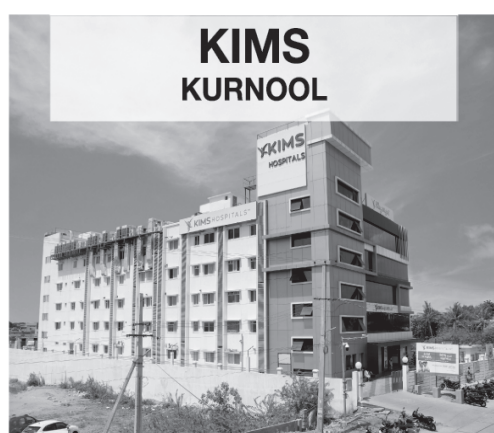
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Germany cruise to 4-0 win over India in FIH Hockey Pro League

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 Ddung 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 Gumpie 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 Mumbai Suburban Trains services on 22nd/23rd February, 2025:-

Trains cancelled:-

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

Mumbai Central.

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 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.

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

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 Hqs Anantnag Sajad Ahmad , along with other Senior officers from the Police and CRPF.

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

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.