

IN BRIEF

9th class student found dead in hostel room

Adilabad, Mar 10 (UNI): A ninth-grade student of the Government Tribal Ashram Girls' School in Ichchoda mandal was found dead in her hostel room on Monday morning.

According to police, the student, identified as Chikram Lalitha, a native of Morkandi village in Bajahat Mandal, was studying at the Tribal Girls' Ashram School.

On Monday morning, when her fellow students woke up and tried to wake Lalitha, who was sleeping next to them, she did not respond. They immediately informed the school staff, who then alerted her family members.

The police visited the scene, registered a case based on the family's complaint, and sent the body for a postmortem.

Further investigation is underway, police added.

TGPSC releases Group-I Mains exam marks

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI): The Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) on Monday released the paper-wise marks secured by all candidates who appeared for the Group-I Services Mains examination.

The marks have been made available in individual candidate logins on the official portal.

A special meeting was held at the TGPSC office under the chairmanship of Burra Venkatesham, IAS (VR), Chairman, TGPSC. The meeting was attended by Commission Members S Amir Ulla Khan, Prof Narri Yadaiah, Yarabadi Rama Mohana Rao, and Smt. Palavai Rajani Kumari.

Candidates seeking recounting can apply from March 10 to March 24, 2025, upon payment of a Rs 1,000 fee.

The General Ranking List (GRL) will be declared after resolving all recounting requests, as per an official statement from TGPSC, an official statement said.

Rahul Gandhi calls for Expedite Indiramma Housing beneficiary selection: Minister



New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI): Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Monday raised the issue of the voters' list in the Lok Sabha and called for a discussion on the matter.

Calling it a serious issue, Rahul Gandhi, during the Zero Hour, said that questions are being raised on the issue of voters' list.

"You (Speaker) said it right, that the government does not prepare the voters'

list. But questions are being raised across the country on voters' lists," Gandhi said.

He said that these issues are being raised in "all Opposition states" and in "Maharashtra doubts are being raised in black and white." The entire Opposition is united on this issue and wants a detailed discussion on the voters' list, Gandhi said. It may be mentioned that following the defeat of INDI Alliance in

the Maharashtra assembly elections last year, Rahul Gandhi had been voicing concerns, alleging a significant surge in new voters, especially between the 2024 Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections in the state. Earlier in the day, the proceedings of the Lower House were adjourned till 12 noon after DMK members protested over the issue of implementation of the New Education Policy in Tamil Nadu.

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI): Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has directed officials to promptly review applications received during the Gram Sabhas held in January for Indiramma Houses and initiate the beneficiary selection process without delay.

During a review meeting at the Secretariat on Monday, attended by Special Secretary of Housing Jyoti Buddha Prakash and Housing Corporation MD VP Gautam, the minister emphasized the need for a fair and transparent selection process.

He urged officials to assess the experiences from the 562 villages where beneficiaries for Model Indiramma Houses were selected on January 26. Both positive and negative aspects of the process should be considered to resolve existing challenges

and ensure strict eligibility criteria are upheld.

The minister stressed the use of technology to verify applicants and prevent ineligible individuals from receiving houses. He warned that if any ineligible beneficiaries are found at any stage of construction, their allocations will be revoked. He further instructed that eligibility verification should be conducted thoroughly at the time of application to ensure deserving individuals receive housing benefits. The government's primary goal, he reiterated, is to provide Indiramma Houses to every eligible beneficiary. Any complaints regarding genuine beneficiaries being overlooked should be addressed immediately at the field level. The minister also emphasized that priority must be given to the poorest sections of society in the allocation process.

KTR accuses CM Reddy of masterminding multi-thousand crore TDR scam

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI): Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) has accused Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of orchestrating a massive Transferable Development Rights (TDR) scam worth thousands of crores. Speaking to the media here on Monday, KTR alleged that Revanth Reddy, along with four real estate brokers, is manipulating the TDR system for financial gain.

KTR claimed that these brokers, under the Chief Minister's influence, are acquiring TDRs at low prices while planning to impose Floor Space Index (FSI) restrictions in Hyderabad to artificially drive up demand.

Once the market value soars, they intend to sell the TDRs at inflated rates, making illicit profits. Calling it a clear case of insider trading, KTR demanded a CBI and ED investigation into the matter. He urged Revanth Reddy to release a white paper detailing the current ownership and transactions of TDRs to ensure transparency. KTR warned that the alleged scam could lead to massive losses for Hyderabad's urban development, accusing Revanth Reddy of misusing a policy meant for public welfare.

Minister Seethakka slams Harish Rao over his women's welfare remark

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI): Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr Danasari Anasuya Seethakka strongly criticised former Minister and BRS leader T Harish Rao for his remarks that the government is not paying interest on bank loans for women's associations.

In a video message from the Director of the Women and Child Welfare Department, Mathuranagar, Ameerpet on Monday, Seethakka dismissed these allegations, stating that the recent women's meeting at Parade Ground was a huge success, which has led to such baseless accusations.

She accused Harish Rao of spreading lies because he could not accept the overwhelming support women have shown for the current

government's initiatives. Seethakka alleged that the previous BRS government neglected women's welfare, failing to provide interest-free loans and leaving women burdened with debt. She pointed out that while Rs 3,485 crores was supposed to be allocated to women's associations over five years, only Rs 409 crores was disbursed.

Furthermore, she claimed that during his tenure as Finance Minister, Harish Rao did not pay a single penny towards women's loan interest for three years, leaving women's associations in financial distress.

Highlighting the current government's commitment to women's welfare, Seethakka stated that after coming to power, her administration cleared the full interest amount for

the last financial year, and payments for the current year are already in progress.

She also announced the introduction of a Rs 10 lakh accident insurance scheme for women's association members to provide financial security to their families. So far, Rs 40 crores has been disbursed to 400 women as part of this initiative, she added.

Seethakka further criticised the BRS party's stance on women's leadership, alleging that only K Kavitha was promoted, while other women were denied opportunities.

She accused the previous government of discouraging the participation of women in leadership roles and claimed that TRS's agenda was to prevent the

emergence of women leaders outside of Kavitha.

Emphasising her government's vision for women's empowerment, she stated that they are committed to making women self-reliant by promoting employment, entrepreneurship, and skill development.

She reiterated that their goal is to help women become financially independent millionaires through targeted initiatives.

Seethakka accused Harish Rao of misleading women instead of supporting their progress, stating that his false claims would be exposed in the Assembly.

She warned him to refrain from making baseless allegations, asserting, "The less you speak about women's welfare, the better."



New Zealand PM to discuss boosting trade, security ties

New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon has said that trade will play a central role in his discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his upcoming India trip, including talks on securing a free trade deal. PM Luxon had promised ahead of the 2023 election that he would secure a free-trade deal with India in his first term. He will be arriving in India on March 16 with one of the largest ever prime ministerial delegations in a concerted effort designed to boost trade and security ties with India.

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CDS stresses need for holistic counter-UAS system



Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan on Monday emphasised on the need for developing holistic counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) System for the Armed Forces.

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Budget Session: Gulmarg fashion show private event ...



Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday stated that the controversial fashion show at the famous skiing resort of Gulmarg was organized by a private party at a private hotel, with no involvement of the government at any stage.

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Rohit Sharma uncertain about ...



India captain Rohit Sharma has left the door open regarding his playing future but remained non-committal on featuring in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027. Fresh off leading India to victory in the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025, Rohit dismissed speculation about his retirement but admitted that the next World Cup is still too far to predict.

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Himachal budget session: Governor highlights govt's financial management

Shimla, Mar 10 (UNI) The budget Session of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly began on Monday with Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla addressing the house for an hour and a half, outlining the government's efforts in financial management, horticulture, agriculture, power and animal husbandry. He acknowledged the financial constraints faced by the state due to the discontinuation of GST compensation in 2022 and the steady decline of the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG). The grant, which was Rs 11,431 crore in 2020-21, has been reduced to Rs 6,258 crore this financial year and will drop further to Rs 3,257 crore by the end of the 15th Finance Commission period. Despite these fiscal challenges, capital expenditure has been maintained at Rs 6,270 crore, ensuring that development projects remain on track. Urban expansion has also been a priority, with 14 new Nagar Panchayats established and several municipal bodies upgraded.

Horticulture continues to be a key sector, with an additional 1,255 hectares brought under fruit cultivation. The government has also diversified agricultural production by expanding the cultivation of vegetables, flowers, and spices, the governor said. To support orchardists, a Universal Carton Policy has been introduced for standardized apple packaging, ensuring better prices.

INS Imphal to participate in Mauritius National Day celebrations

New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Imphal made her maiden port call at Port Louis, Mauritius on Monday to participate in the 57th Mauritius National Day celebrations on March 12. INS Imphal's visit is in keeping with the tradition of Indian warships and aircraft participating in Mauritius National Day celebrations, an Indian Navy statement said.

The ship will field a marching contingent, naval band and helicopter for the flypast at the National Day Parade at Champs de Mars. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be the chief guest at the celebrations.

During her stay at Port Louis March 10-14, the ship plans to participate in several training and cultural exchanges,

New Zealand PM to discuss boosting trade, security ties during talks with PM

Wellington/New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon has said that trade will play a central role in his discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his upcoming India trip, including talks on securing a free trade deal.

PM Luxon had promised ahead of the 2023 election that he would secure a free-trade deal with India in his first term. He will be arriving in India on March 16 with one of the largest ever prime ministerial delegations in a concerted effort designed to boost trade and security ties with India.

The delegation will be made up of New Zealand business leaders; prominent Kiwi-Indians in the community; and representatives from across Parliament, the Prime Minister's Office said. Tourism and Hospitality Minister Louise Upston, Trade and Investment Minister Todd McClay, and Ethnic Communities Minister Mark Mitchell will also be in attendance.

Luxon said strengthening Aotearoa's (New Zealand) ties with India "is a key priority for my Government", according to local New Zealand dailies.

"We've already made incredible progress over the last year as we invest in building a broad-based, sustainable relationship with India—the world's fastest-growing major economy, and the place from which 6% of New Zealand's population claim their heritage. I hope my visit will further strengthen the close links between us."

The last formal negotiations on an FTA between the two sides were last held nearly a decade ago. Dairy was a key point of contention, described as a "sensitive area" by Luxon, given it was New Zealand's major export and part of India's strong agricultural sector.

Asked whether he stood by his promise, Luxon said the "real commitment" had been to deepen trade relationships.

"We're going to do everything we can to push trade really, really hard," Luxon said in a joint media interview on Sunday.

"What I'm looking for is just a much more comprehensive economic partnership and how we'd move that forward, so yeah, you'll have to wait and see."

"I am determined that we are going to change the trading relationships with India big time."

He cited the higher tariffs New Zealand wine and apple exporters faced in comparison to their Australian counterparts, while arguing concerns about dairy shouldn't discourage trade-deal efforts.

Luxon's comments about Indian trade were laced with criticism of the previous Labour-led governments, which he claimed had "given up" on securing a deal.

Luxon said the relationship had been broadly "non-existent" prior to the coalition taking power: "we have had to start from scratch". Referring to the roughly \$2 billion two-way trade he lamented how only 1.5% of New Zealand exports went to India.

BJP leader dies after being injected poisonous substance in Sambhal

Sambhal (UP), Mar 10 (UNI) A senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader died after being injected with some poisonous substance by unidentified persons in Junabai area of Sambhal district here in Uttar Pradesh on Monday, police sources said here.

Police said that BJP leader Gulfam Singh Yadav, a resident of village Dabthara Himachal, was sitting in the cattle shed in his village on Monday afternoon when three unidentified persons came on a bike and gave him a poisonous injection.

"As soon as the poisonous injection was given, Gulfam Singh Yadav started writhing in pain," they said.

Police said that Yadav was taken to the Community Health Centre, where his condition became critical and he was referred to Higher Center Aligarh.

"He died in Aligarh," they said.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Krishna Kumar Bishnoi said that the post-mortem of the deceased Yadav is being conducted by a panel of doctors.

"Nearby CCTV cameras are being scanned to investigate the incident. Police have also got some important clues," he said.

Yadav, who started his social life with RSS, contested the election from Gunnaur assembly seat against the then Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav in the by-election of 2004.

Suggestion competition organized to promote the use of personal protective equipment

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 10 : The 54th National Safety Week (from 04 to 10 March 2025) was organized at Banaras Locomotive Workshop (BLW) along with the entire Indian Railways. The objective of this event was to increase safety awareness among railway employees and promote safe working systems.

In this sequence, today on 10 March 2025, under the closing ceremony, a suggestion competition was organized among the employees on the topic "Safety and Wellness (Health) is Important for a Protected India" or "Safety and Health – Essential for a Developed India". In this, BLW employees as well as contract workers also participated to promote the use of personal protective equipment.



The main objective of this campaign was to make the railway employees understand the importance of safety at the workplace and motivate them to follow safety rules. Safety related information was provided to the employees through various programmes throughout the week."

The BLW administration is constantly making efforts to make all its employees aware of safety. Activities like safety seminar, safety exhibition, poster and slogan competition, street play and mock drill were organised under the National Safety Week. By following the

safety guidelines, a safe environment should be created not only at the workplace but also for our daily lives and Indian Railways should be established at the highest standards of safety. With this resolution, the 54th National Safety Week concluded with great pomp today."

Ceasefire on LoC, IB lead to tourism revival in border areas: J&K CM

Jammu, Mar 10 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday stated that the ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) and international border has led to a revival of tourism activities in frontier areas. Replying to a supplementary question raised by Member Sajad Shafi regarding his Uri constituency, the Chief Minister, who also holds the Tourism portfolio, informed the House that as the border areas are slowly opening after the ceasefire along the LoC and border, tourism is witnessing a positive trend due to the prevailing peace in the region.

"It is true that Uri has huge border tourism potential. Tourists have started visiting areas like Uri and are eager to explore places such as Aman Setu and other scenic locations. Our priority is to enhance tourism infrastructure in these regions," Abdullah said.

In response to a starred question from the member, he stated that the feasibility of establishing a Zipline or Cable

Car project from Lagama to Baba Farred Garkote in Uri Constituency would be assessed by the Tourism Department. However, he clarified that no such proposal is currently under consideration.

The Chief Minister further said that the development of locations such as Rustom and Nambla Waterfalls, with their inclusion under the Border Tourism Programme, would be considered in the future, subject to feasibility and availability of resources.

Highlighting the potential of adventure tourism, he noted that Bijham and Limber Waterfall/Limber Wildlife Sanctuary are well known for attracting adventure enthusiasts.

The Tourism Department has undertaken several initiatives for the holistic development of these areas, he said. The Chief Minister said that while the department does not directly operate paragliding activities, it facilitates them through private adventure tourism operators.

District-wise exhibitions to mark 8 years of govt on March 25: Yogi

Lucknow, Mar 10 (UNI) : Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday emphasised that a public representative with dedication and compassion can achieve remarkable results and said that selflessness and a commitment to public welfare are essential for meaningful change. The CM attended the '3 Years of Excellence, Sarojini Nagar Gratitude Day' event organised by local MLA Dr Rajeshwar Singh at Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Law University. During the event, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for multiple development projects and explored the Sarojini Nagar Samvad and Development Exhibition. Sikh families from Sarojini Nagar also presented him with prasad from Kartarpur

Sahib. Highlighting the festive spirit, Yogi said that combining vibrant colours and development initiatives has made Holi in Sarojini Nagar even more joyful. He said that the occasion coincided with Rangbhari Ekadashi, with temples celebrating by playing Holi with idols of deities. Yogi said that projects worth Rs 32,000 crore have either been completed or are in progress.

"Among these, a Rs 1,200 crore convention centre with a seating capacity of 10,000 people is set to be constructed. The constituency will also house a defence corridor, UP's first forensic institute and a medical facility comparable to SGPGI," he said. Expressing appreciation for MLA Dr

Rajeshwar Singh's dedication, he said, "I'm impressed by the ground-level efforts to uplift the region." Yogi emphasised that such commitment is the essence of democracy. Congratulating the people of Sarojini Nagar, he recalled that Dr Rajeshwar Singh was elected MLA on this day three years ago, and since then, the region has witnessed remarkable progress. The CM emphasised that a public representative with dedication and compassion can achieve remarkable results. He stressed that selflessness and a commitment to public welfare are essential for meaningful change.

He said that during a cabinet meeting earlier in the day, discussions were held about marking the

government's eighth anniversary on March 25 with exhibitions in every district. While the model for these exhibitions is yet to be finalised, he appreciated the glimpse of such a model at the event.

Yogi proposed that similar exhibitions showcasing development schemes should be organised in every assembly constituency.

"These exhibitions should engage the public directly and transparently demonstrate the benefits of various schemes to reflect the true essence of democracy," he said.

Regarding MLA Dr Rajeshwar Singh, CM Yogi highlighted his seamless transition from a bureaucrat and ED officer to a dedicated public servant. He praised Dr Singh's

assertive communication with the public, effective coordination with the organisation and government and innovative efforts in implementing government and CSR schemes.

The CM asserted that every capable and committed public representative should follow this example, as it fosters public trust and strengthens democracy.

He emphasised that a robust democracy ensures that the voices of the common people are heard and justice is served.

Highlighting the transformation of Sarojini Nagar, Yogi outlined the ongoing and upcoming development projects in the area, including state-of-the-art highways, metro expansion and airport facilities.

NCC cadets conduct cleanliness drive in Kumbh Mela area

Prayagraj, Mar 10 (UNI) : Around 90 cadets from Uttar Pradesh 6 UP Girls Battalion NCC and UP Naval NCC actively participated in the comprehensive cleanliness drive organised by the Prayagraj Mela Authority in Sector 7 on Monday after the successful organisation of Maha Kumbh to maintain

hygiene in the fair area. The campaign was led by Subedar Major Harvinder Singh, Lieutenant Colonel Farah Diba and PI Arvind Kumar. The cadets took responsibility for garbage collection and disposal, ensuring that the Kumbh Mela area remained clean and environmentally balanced.

The campaign aimed at maintaining cleanliness and preserving the environmental balance in the Kumbh Mela area.

The initiative was supported by Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Ashutosh, Health and Sanitation Officer (SMO) Dr Vivek Kumar Pandey,

and other officials who were present to oversee the efforts.

The two-hour campaign witnessed dedicated involvement from the cadets, who carried out the cleanliness activities with full commitment and energy. As a token of appreciation, cadets were felicitated during the closing ceremony,

where they were provided with food packets, jute, and cotton bags to encourage their continued commitment to social service.

The Prayagraj Mela Authority reaffirmed its commitment to continuing such initiatives and urged everyone to be mindful of cleanliness.

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Major accident averted at RGIA as IndiGo flight executes emergency maneuver

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI) : A major accident was narrowly avoided at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) Shamshabad, near here on Monday when an IndiGo Airlines flight from Goa was forced to execute a reverse takeoff to prevent a potential collision.

According to airport authorities, IndiGo flight 6E6973 was en route from Goa to Visakhapatnam with 150 passengers on board. As the aircraft was preparing to land at Shamshabad airport, Air Traffic Control (ATC) officials cleared it for landing and initiated the hydraulic gear for touchdown. However, as

the plane approached the runway, ATC noticed another aircraft taking off at the same time. Acting swiftly, the pilots executed a reverse takeoff, averting a major mishap. The aircraft remained airborne, circling for ten minutes before successfully landing.

The incident caused a moment of tension among passengers and officials, but relief followed as the situation was brought under control. After a brief halt, the IndiGo flight resumed its journey to Visakhapatnam. Airport authorities are expected to review the incident to ensure enhanced coordination and safety in future flight operations.

Prabhakaran joins Cyient as Senior VP and Chief Technology Officer

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI) : Cyient Limited, a global Intelligent Engineering solutions company, has appointed K A Prabhakaran as Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of its Digital, Engineering, and Technology (DET) business.

Prabhakaran brings over 30 years of experience in engineering, R&D, and digital transformation across industries such as Aerospace, Oil & Gas, Life Sciences, and Renewable Energy. He previously served as Vice President and CTO at Honeywell Process Solutions, leading global technology innovations. Based in Houston, TX, he will now operate from Bengaluru, India, a company statement said on Monday.

In his new role, Prabhakaran will spearhead Cyient's technological vision, drive market-ready innovations, and enhance competitiveness and industry relevance. His expertise in avionics and OEM technology solutions aligns with Cyient's strategic focus areas.

Welcoming him, Sukamal Banerjee, Executive Director & CEO of Cyient, said, "With Prabhakaran's deep expertise in innovation and delivery, he will be instrumental in accelerating our leadership and advancing Cyient's innovation platform."

Expressing enthusiasm about his new role, Prabhakaran stated, "I am excited to join Cyient at this transformative moment and collaborate with its talented team to pioneer innovative solutions that create extraordinary value for clients."

Education is crucial for empowerment of girls: Minister

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI) : Panchayat Raj, Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr Danasari Anasuya Seethakka emphasised the significance of education for girls, stating that it is more important for them than anyone else.

She was speaking as the chief guest at the Women's Day celebrations held at Durgabai Deshmukh Andhra Mahila Sabha College, Osmania University. Extending Women's Day wishes, Minister Seethakka addressed the challenges women face despite reaching great heights. She

pointed out that societal discrimination, safety concerns, and lost opportunities continue to hinder women's progress. She stressed that parents must raise girls without bias, instill confidence, and teach them to question discrimination. She urged young women to draw inspiration from trailblazers like Savitribai Phule, Durgabai Deshmukh, and Sarojini Naidu and work towards serving society.

Sharing her personal journey, she recalled overcoming extreme poverty, legal struggles, and political setbacks before becoming a minister



People from the Tibetan community stage a demonstration on the 66th anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising Day, at Dharamshala in Kangra district of HP.

KTR accuses CM Reddy of secret alliance with BJP

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI) : Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) Working President K T Rama Rao (KTR) launched a sharp attack on Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing him of acting as a covert agent for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and failing to address key state issues, including Backward Class (BC)

reservations.

Speaking at the BRSLP office, here on Monday, KTR claimed that Revanth Reddy's actions over the past 15 months indicate a hidden BJP alliance, referencing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks about BJP agents within his party.

He also questioned Revanth's recent private

meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding transparency on what was discussed and how it benefited Telangana.

On the issue of BC reservations, KTR challenged Revanth to prove his commitment by launching an indefinite hunger strike in Delhi to demand a 42 per cent BC quota. He accused both

Congress and BJP of using BCs as a vote bank while avoiding constitutional amendments to enhance reservations.

KTR also criticised the Congress government's economic policies, alleging that industries were shifting to Andhra Pradesh due to poor governance. He defended the Kaleshwaram project and dismissed the

government's expected attempts to revive past controversies like the Formula E event to distract from budget failures.

Addressing the recent MLC elections, KTR downplayed their impact, stating that graduates rejected Congress's job creation claims. He praised the BRS for nominating BC leader Dasoju Sravan as an

MLC, reinforcing the party's commitment to social empowerment.

KTR confirmed that BRS Chief K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) would attend the upcoming Assembly session, asserting that the party would continue to fight for Telangana's interests both inside and outside the legislature.

CS reviews readiness for Telangana Assembly sessions

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI) : Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari held a high-level review meeting with top officials on Monday to discuss preparations for the upcoming state legislative assembly and legislative council sessions, scheduled to begin on March 12.

During the meeting at the Dr B R Ambedkar Secretariat, the Chief Secretary directed officials to promptly provide complete and accurate responses to all questions raised by legislators and council members. She

emphasised the need for close coordination with assembly officials to ensure the smooth conduct of the sessions.

Shanti Kumari instructed the concerned secretaries to be present during the budget session to provide necessary information and advised the appointment of nodal officers for each department. As various departmental demands will be discussed in the coming days, she urged officials to be fully prepared with comprehensive data related

to their respective departments.

The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretaries Vikas Raj, Jayesh Ranjan, Ravi Gupta, Principal Secretaries Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Shailaja Ramaiyar, Sanjay Kumar, Dana Kishore, Sridhar, S.A.M. Rizvi, and Secretaries Yogita Rana, Lokesh Kumar, Christina Z. Chongtu, Buddha Prakash Jyoti, Raghunandan Rao, Anita Ramachandran, along with other senior officials, according to an official statement.

Death sentence for A2 in Pranay murder case; Life Imprisonment for others

Nalgonda, Mar 10 (UNI) : The Nalgonda SC/ST District Sessions Court on Monday delivered the final verdict in the sensational 2018 Miryalaguda Perumalla Pranay murder case. The court awarded the death sentence to A2 Subhash Sharma, who played a key role in the murder, while the remaining accused received life imprisonment.

The verdict was issued under Sections 302, 120B, 109 IPC, the SC/ST Atrocities Act, and the

Indian Arms Act, 1959. Some of the accused pleaded for leniency, citing health and family concerns.

Pranay was murdered on September 14, 2018, while returning from a hospital with his pregnant wife, Amrutha. The attack was orchestrated by Amrutha's father, Maruthi Rao, who hired a gang, including terrorist Asghar Ali, to carry out the killing over caste-related issues.

The police investigated from all angles and filed a 1,600-page charge sheet in

June 2019, confirming the involvement of eight accused. The trial, which lasted nearly six years, examined forensic evidence, witness testimonies, and charge sheet details. The prime accused, Maruthi Rao (A1), died by suicide in March 2020. The court, considering all evidence, sentenced A2 Subhash Sharma to death, while A3 Asghar Ali and others received life imprisonment. Some of the accused were released on bail but continued to appear for hearings.

Mist or hazy conditions likely in Telangana in next 3 days: Met

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI) : Mist or hazy conditions are likely to prevail during morning hours at isolated pockets in Telangana during the next three days, the Meteorological Centre said on Monday.

Daily maximum temperatures are likely to gradually rise by 2-3 degrees Celsius in the state during the same period. Dry weather is likely to prevail in Telangana during the next seven days.

Dry weather prevailed in the state during the last 24 hours.

The highest maximum temperature, 38 degrees Celsius, was recorded at Adilabad in Telangana on Sunday, the report added.

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1	RFX- 3000055403 Coal Handling Plant	Work of Retrofitting & Revamping of Dust Extraction system at Secondary Crusher house in CHP 210MW BTPS.	Rs. 2,18,95,000/- Rs. 2,22,500/-
2	RFX- 3000055574 Coal Handling Plant	Work of providing fixing and installation of Automation flow control unit For various conveyor belts in CHP 210 MW BTPS.	Rs. 2,16,69,978/- Rs. 2,20,200/-
3	RFX- 3000055606 Coal Handling Plant	Procurement of various idlers for conveyors installed at CHP 1x660MW BTPS.	Rs. 54,70,300/- Rs. 58,200/-
4	RFX- 3000055548 Turbine Maintenance	Procurement of Glands sealing system spares installed at 2x500MW, Bhusawal TPS, Deepnagar.	Rs. 54,03,000/- Rs. 57,500/-
5	RFX- 3000055547 Turbine Maintenance	Procurement of Turbine casing spares installed at 2x500MW, Bhusawal TPS, Deepnagar.	Rs. 34,12,442/- Rs. 37,600/-
6	RFX- 3000055505 Electrical Maintenance	Work contract For maintenance of various battery sets installed at 660MW Bhusawal, Deepnagar.	Rs. 27,58,036/- Rs. 31,100/-
7	RFX- 3000055561 Ash Handling Plant	Supply of ash intake valves & their spares for ESP at AHP, 2x500MW, BTPS, Deepnagar.	Rs. 25,60,416/- Rs. 29,100/-
8	RFX- 3000055405 Coal Handling Plant	Supply of Polymer Clamp Pads & resting pads for side Beam of Wagon Tippers at CHP-210MW.	Rs. 25,59,942/- Rs. 29,100/-

Tender Cost is Rs 1,180/- (Including GST). For details please visit <https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in/>.

Chief Engineer (O&M), BTPS, Deepnagar.

UoH partners with Biofactor to develop nanotech-driven solutions for sustainable farming

Hyderabad, Mar 10 (UNI) : Biofactor, a leading agricultural biotechnology company, has signed an MoU with the School of Engineering Sciences & Technology, University of Hyderabad (UoH), to develop nanotechnology-driven solutions for sustainable farming.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Devesh Nigam, Registrar of UoH and Dr.

Laxmi Narayana Reddy, CEO of Biofactor in the presence of Prof. B J Rao, Vice Chancellor, UoH and Prof. Samrat Sabat, Director, R&D at UoH.

Under this MoU to conduct comprehensive research on the synthesis of novel nanoparticles with versatile applications across diverse sectors; To collaborate on research focused on toxicity assays

of nanoparticles, ensuring safety and environmental compatibility and providing specialized training for scientists and technical staff in the synthesis, toxicity evaluation, and application of nanotechnology.

Other areas of collaboration include - Internship opportunities in Biofactor in projects related to application of

nanotechnology in agriculture, poultry, fishery while UoH would provide exposure/training to scientists and technical staff of Mis Biofactor in various areas of expertise available in nanotechnology.

Both the institutions will work together to identify need based; demand driven, sustainable programs to be delivered.

This collaboration aims to enhance crop productivity, precision nutrient delivery, and eco-friendly nanopesticides, ensuring better resource efficiency and reduced chemical dependency.

The partnership will focus on biofortification and innovative nano-enabled inputs to benefit farmers with cost-effective, high-yield solutions.

STANDARD POST

Why India and Japan should deepen ties amid volatile geographical landscape

Looking ahead, both nations must leverage their respective strengths -- India's strategic geography and expanding global influence, combined with Japan's technological prowess and diplomatic reach -- to secure the Indo-Pacific's stability.

Indo-Pacific is fast becoming the epicentre of global security, and for India and Japan, the urgency of deepening strategic cooperation has never been more pressing.

In an era where authoritarian expansionism threatens sovereignty and disrupts regional stability, both nations must take decisive steps to reinforce a rules-based order that ensures peace and prosperity.

This was at the heart of discussions at a New Delhi-based think tank, the Centre for Integrated and Holistic Studies (CIHS), which hosted an event at the India International Centre in New Delhi on February 18, 2025.

Titled "Indo-Japan Relations", the event featured Minister Noriaki Abe, Minister for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Japan, as the chief speaker, alongside a distinguished gathering of scholars, academicians, policymakers, and security experts.

Their discussions highlighted the necessity of fortifying India-Japan ties in an increasingly volatile geopolitical landscape. Minister Abe provided critical insights into the evolving regional dynamics, emphasizing the need for deeper Indo-Japanese engagement. The discussions spanned economic collaboration, security partnerships, and technological cooperation—key pillars in ensuring regional resilience. A focal point was the increasingly assertive posture of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in the Indo-Pacific. From aggressive military manoeuvres in the South China Sea to economic coercion and territorial incursions, CPC's expansionist strategies continue to challenge the sovereignty of nations across the region. Its militarisation of artificial islands, debt-trap diplomacy, and grey-zone tactics have further escalated tensions, making a robust India-Japan partnership indispensable.

As two of the region's leading democratic powers, India and Japan must intensify their security and economic cooperation to counter these challenges.

The informal Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) grouping—which also includes the United States and Australia—has demonstrated its effectiveness in bolstering military interoperability, intelligence-sharing, and securing vital maritime corridors. However, a crucial area demanding greater attention is the security of the Malacca and Sunda Straits—chokepoints critical to global trade yet increasingly vulnerable to CPC's geopolitical manoeuvring. CPC's growing influence in the region, particularly through its strategic presence in Myanmar and Cambodia, poses a direct challenge to freedom of navigation. A coordinated Indo-Japanese approach—incorporating joint patrols, intelligence-sharing, and strategic infrastructure investments—is essential to maintaining stability. Japan's advancements in maritime technology, coupled with India's naval capabilities and strategic location, create a formidable alliance for safeguarding sea lanes. Both nations have also heavily invested in maritime domain awareness (MDA), an essential component of deterring territorial encroachments and securing vital trade routes.

Beyond military security, economic resilience is equally critical. China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has sought to entrench economic dependencies, eroding national sovereignty through unsustainable debt-driven projects.

In response, India and Japan have championed the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC), a transparent and sustainable alternative that prioritises local economic empowerment over exploitative financing.

Strengthening this initiative is vital—not just to counter CPC's economic coercion but to foster long-term regional stability.

The success of the AAGC hinges on increased investment in sustainable infrastructure, digital connectivity, and capacity-building in partner nations.

By promoting economic independence rather than dependency, India and Japan can help developing nations build resilience against external economic pressures. This initiative also unlocks new avenues for trade and investment, benefiting not just the Indo-Pacific but also Africa's economic landscape.

The digital domain is another battleground where India and Japan must strengthen collaboration. China's dominance in 5G networks, artificial intelligence, and digital infrastructure presents a clear security threat.

Beijing's state-controlled tech firms have been instrumental in cyber espionage and geopolitical manoeuvring, necessitating a coordinated response.

By jointly investing in secure digital corridors, semiconductor supply chains, and advanced cybersecurity frameworks, India and Japan can safeguard critical technologies and infrastructure.

As the world moves toward an increasingly digital future, cyber threats loom large. Both nations must develop robust cyber resilience frameworks to counter state-sponsored hacking, misinformation campaigns, and intellectual property theft.

Rajya Sabha Passes Historic Bill for Railway Reforms: Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Highlights Key Achievements

Railways (Amendment) Bill 2025 Passed: Govt Assures More Efficiency, Safety, and Empowerment

(Standard Post Bureau)

Today, the Rajya Sabha passed a landmark bill aimed at streamlining and modernizing railway operations in India. Addressing the House, Minister of Railways, Communications, and Electronics & IT, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, emphasized the bill's role in empowering field offices, enhancing efficiency, and reinforcing cooperative federalism.

The Minister expressed gratitude to the 25 Members of Parliament who participated in the discussion, acknowledging the valuable suggestions and debates. He categorically stated that the bill is designed to simplify existing laws and does not diminish the powers of state governments. Instead, it promotes decentralization by granting full authority to general managers in railway zones to approve

projects up to ₹ 1,000 crore.

Highlighting the government's commitment to state-wise railway development, Shri Vaishnaw cited substantial budget allocations in states where the ruling party is not in power. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and West Bengal have all received significantly higher allocations compared to previous administrations.

Major Achievements and Reforms in Railways: Infrastructure Development

- Over the past 11 years, 34,000 kilometers of new railway tracks have been laid, surpassing Germany's total rail network.

- Electrification of 45,000 kilometers has been completed, significantly reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

- 50,000 kilometers of old tracks have been replaced with new, high-

quality rails.

- Safety Enhancements: Investment in railway safety has surged from ₹ 8,000 crore under previous administrations to ₹ 1.14 lakh crore under Prime Minister Modi's leadership.

- Rail fractures have reduced by 91%, with incidents decreasing from 2,548 in 2013-14 to just a fraction today.

- The introduction of the Kavach safety system, with SIL 4 certification, ensures high-level security in railway operations.

- Employment and Capacity Building: More than 5,02,000 jobs have been provided under the NDA government, compared to 4,11,000 during the UPA era.

- Large-scale recruitment exams have been conducted transparently, with millions of candidates participating.

- Enhanced training programs on the iGOT platform have seen maximum enrollment from railway employees.

- Passenger Amenities and Modernization: 3,10,000 modern toilets have been installed in railway coaches, dramatically improving hygiene standards.

- 558 running rooms for loco pilots are now fully air-conditioned.

- New locomotives are being manufactured with state-of-the-art technology and improved working conditions.

- Shri Vaishnaw also addressed concerns regarding crowd management at railway stations, particularly in light of recent incidents. He announced that full access control will be implemented at 60 major railway stations, ensuring only ticketed passengers can enter platforms. Special trains will be stationed near high-traffic

stations to accommodate unexpected surges in passenger numbers.

Concluding his speech, the Minister reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India), urging railway employees and stakeholders to work three times harder to build on the strong foundation laid in the past decade. The passing of this bill marks a significant milestone in India's railway modernization journey, ensuring safer, more efficient, and passenger-friendly services for the future.

Brief on Railways (Amendment) Bill 2025

The Railways functions through its Zones, Divisions, and Production Units etc.

under the supervision of the Railway Board. The Railway Board also makes all the policy decisions for Railway operations.

Now, the railways

amendment act 2025 bill replace the colonial period provisions. Now the provision for Railway Board are incorporated into the Railways Act, 1989. The new act bill will reduce reference to two Acts. Now, only one Act will need to be referred to.

The nature, scope and functioning of the Railway Board, Zones, Divisions, Production Units etc. will remain the same.

Motion for introduction of 'The Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024' was moved in Lok Sabha on 09th August, 2024 i.e. on the last day of First Session of the 18th Lok Sabha.

'The Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024' (Bill No. 113-C of 2024) passed in the Lok Sabha on 11.12.2024.

The Bill has come up as Item No. 10 in the List of Business of Rajya Sabha on 10.03.2025 and passed as 'The Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2025'.

Fighting the Silent Threat of Glaucoma Together Before It's Too Late

Theme - Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World

(Standard Post Bureau)

Glaucoma, often referred to as the "silent thief of sight," is the second leading cause of blindness worldwide. Despite its devastating impact, it remains largely undetected until significant vision loss occurs. As we observe World Glaucoma Week 2025 under the theme "Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World," it is crucial to raise awareness about the increasing burden of glaucoma among youth, the role of lifestyle factors, and the advancements in technology aiding in early detection and management.

Traditionally considered a disease of aging, glaucoma is now emerging as a serious concern among younger populations due to lifestyle changes, prolonged screen exposure, and poor dietary habits. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that India has one of the highest numbers of vision-related disorders, with a rising prevalence in individuals aged 10-35 years. Factors such as excessive screen time, unhealthy diet, smoking, and sleep deprivation contribute to increased intraocular pressure (IOP)—a primary risk factor for glaucoma.

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that damage the optic nerve, often due to elevated IOP. Unlike other vision problems that present immediate symptoms, glaucoma progresses silently, leading to irreversible blindness if left untreated. Early symptoms include:

- Frequent headaches and eye strain

- Blurred or narrowed vision (tunnel vision)

- Difficulty adjusting to darkness

- Increased light sensitivity

- Seeing halos around lights

Due to its asymptomatic nature in the early stages,



Dr. Mahipal Singh Sachdev, Chairman, and Managing Director of Centre For Sight Group of Eye Hospitals.

regular eye screenings are essential for timely diagnosis and treatment.

Lifestyle Factors Increasing Glaucoma Risk

The modern lifestyle of today's youth is significantly contributing to the growing incidence of glaucoma. Some key risk factors include:

- Prolonged Screen Time: Excessive use of digital devices strains the eyes, leading to increased eye pressure and reduced blink rates, which can contribute to optic nerve damage.

- Smoking and Alcohol Consumption: Tobacco and excessive alcohol consumption deplete essential nutrients, including Vitamin A, which is vital for eye health. Smoking is also linked to oxidative stress, further exacerbating the risk of glaucoma.

- Nutritional Deficiencies: A poor diet lacking in antioxidants, Omega-3 fatty acids, and vitamins (A, C, and E) weakens the eye's defense mechanism against pressure-related damage.

- Poor Sleep Patterns: Irregular sleep schedules, especially among those in shift-based jobs, impact eye health by increasing IOP fluctuations.

- Sedentary Lifestyle: Lack of physical activity

contributes to poor blood circulation, affecting the optic nerve and overall eye health.

Advancements in Glaucoma Detection and Management

With the advent of cutting-edge medical technologies, early detection and treatment of glaucoma have become more accessible. Some of the latest innovations include:

- AI-Powered Screening: Artificial intelligence-based algorithms can analyze retinal images to detect early signs of glaucoma with high accuracy.

- OCT (Optical Coherence Tomography): This advanced imaging technology provides detailed cross-sectional images of the optic nerve, enabling early detection.

- Smart Contact Lenses: Designed to monitor intraocular pressure fluctuations throughout the day, these lenses help in early diagnosis and personalized treatment plans.

- Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS): New surgical approaches offer safer and more effective ways to reduce eye pressure with minimal recovery time.

- Laser Treatments: Selective laser

trabeculoplasty (SLT) has emerged as a preferred non-invasive option to improve fluid drainage and lower eye pressure.

Preventive Measures for a Glaucoma-Free Future

While technological advancements aid in glaucoma management, prevention remains the key to reducing its global burden. Indian youth must adopt healthy habits to safeguard their vision:

- Regular Eye Check-ups: Early detection through routine screenings can prevent irreversible vision loss.

- Balanced Diet: Incorporate Vitamin A-rich foods like carrots, leafy greens, sweet potatoes, and fish to support eye health.

- Screen Time Management: Follow the 20-20-20 rule—every 20 minutes, take a 20-second break and look at something 20 feet away.

- Quit Smoking and Limit Alcohol: Smoking cessation reduces oxidative stress, while moderate alcohol intake prevents nutrient depletion.

- Exercise Regularly: Physical activity enhances blood circulation to the optic nerve, lowering the risk of high IOP.

- Adequate Sleep: Ensure at least 7-8 hours of sleep daily to maintain overall eye health.

Glaucoma is no longer just an age-related disease—it is rapidly becoming a public health concern among the youth. With the combined efforts of healthcare professionals, policymakers, and individuals, we can unite to create a glaucoma-free world. Early detection, lifestyle modifications, and embracing technological advancements are the cornerstones of preventing this silent killer from becoming an epidemic. Let's take proactive steps today to preserve the vision of future generations.

CDS stresses need for holistic counter-UAS system

New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan on Monday emphasised on the need for developing holistic counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) System for the Armed Forces.

While emphasising the transformative impact of UAS in modern warfare, Gen Chauhan highlighted the key trends - celerity, robotics advancements, and AI-driven intelligence - that are exploited by UAS, making them highly disruptive, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The CDS was delivering the keynote address at a seminar on "UAS Warfare with Special Focus on Counter-UAS" here, which was hosted by the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).

Referring to the present day conflicts, Gen Chauhan underscored how drones are reshaping warfare economics with low-cost, high-impact solutions.

The CDS postulated the imperative to establish a common vocabulary and grammar on UAS / drones / uncrewed systems by the Indian Armed Forces.

Stressing the doctrinal clarity in UAS classification, he outlined four generations of UAS and the need for developing holistic Counter-UAS systems.

He also called for synergy between users, designers, and manufacturers, ensuring India's self-reliant defence future. Meanwhile, the seminar underscored India's progress in drone warfare, with a focus on indigenous development and self-reliance under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. The discussions focused on the increasing manifestation of drone threats along India's northern and western borders, as well as in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), highlighting the need for advanced detection and neutralization systems. Leading defence industry representatives, including JSW UAV Ltd, Mahindra Defence, Adani Defence Systems, Kepler Aerospace, and Shyam VNL Pvt Ltd, presented cutting-edge solutions for counter-UAS warfare.

The seminar brought together distinguished experts from the Indian Armed Forces, strategic policymakers, industry leaders, and domain specialists to deliberate on the latest advancements in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and evolving counter-UAS strategies.

It reinforced the importance of integrating indigenous technologies with strategic policy frameworks to strengthen national security. It included all the stake holders such as BSF, ITBP, Coast Guard and Police.

UP assembly establishing itself as excellent legislature in country: Mahana

Lucknow, Mar 10 (UNI) Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana on Monday said that the state's Legislative Assembly is establishing itself as an excellent legislature in the entire country.

Talking to reporters in Vidhan Bhawan, the Speaker said that dialogue programmes have been organised by forming groups of MLAs in the past. "Now in the coming time, a special 'Samvad Program' will be organised, in which the MLAs will share what they did for the development of their assembly in the past years and how their positive image was created. This will increase the confidence of the MLAs," he said.

Delhi court dismisses J&K MP Engineer Rashid's plea to attend parliament session

New Delhi, Mar 10(UNI) : A Delhi court on Monday dismissed the application of Jammu and Kashmir MP Engineer Rashid seeking custody parole to attend parliament session.

Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Chander Jit Singh after hearing arguments on behalf of the prosecution and defence dismissed the application of the custody parole.

The counsel for Rashid moved an application on February 27 seeking custody parole on the grounds that he needed to attend parliament as an MP and to fulfil his public duty.

Engineer Rashid defeated Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in Baramulla constituency.

He was arrested by the NIA under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in a 2017 terror funding case and lodged in Tihar Jail.

The NIA after investigation filed a chargesheet against several persons, including Kashmiri Separatist Leader Yasin Malik, Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen Chief Syed Salahuddin in the court.

SAD alleges Punjab officials tried to "inflare passions", demands judicial probe

Chandigarh, Mar 10 (UNI) : The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Monday asked the Punjab Chief Secretary (CS) to recommend a judicial probe against Information and Public Relations officers of three districts who tried to "inflare passions and force clashes" among different sections of the Sikh community.

In a statement here, senior SAD leader Dr Daljit Singh Cheema said "it seems officers of the Public Relations department were given orders to spread videos to inflame passions by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) functionaries.

"These functionaries should be identified and action should be taken against them as per law. Officers circulating inflammatory matter should also face legal as well as disciplinary action," said Cheema

Asking the AAP government not to interfere in the internal affairs of the Khalsa Panth, Cheema said "We have nothing against the Panthic organisations who had certain objections to the installation of Giani Kuldeep Singh Gadgaj as the new Jathedar of Sri Kesgarh Sahib. In fact they are much respected".

Asserting that the AAP government worked overtime to force a clash amongst Sikh groups, he said "this was the reason why the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee took a decision to install the new Jathedar in the early hours today at Sri Kesgarh Sahib".



Students of Allahabad University apply 'gulaal' to each other ahead of Holi festival, in Prayagraj.

Budget Session: Gulmarg fashion show private event, no Govt involvement: CM

Jammu, Mar 10 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday stated that the controversial fashion show at the famous skiing resort of Gulmarg was organized by a private party at a private hotel, with no involvement of the government at any stage.

The Chief Minister, who is also the Leader of the House, made this statement in response to concerns raised by various members regarding the controversial event held during the holy month of Ramadan.

Informing the House about the matter, he said, "An inquiry into the matter was promptly initiated, and

some preliminary findings have come to light."

Providing further details, the Chief Minister stated that a fashion show was organized by a private entity on March 7 as part of a four-day event.

He noted that the actions during the event hurt public sentiments, a concern that he acknowledged as both understandable and justified.

Abdullah emphasized that the organizers failed to exercise sound judgment, disregarding the sensitivities of the people, the significance of the location, and the timing of their event. "There have been concerns that such an

event should not have taken place during Ramadan. I completely agree. However, I would go a step further and say that such an event should not have been held at any time of the year in a place, given the cultural and social ethos of our region," the Chief Minister said.

He further clarified, "Moreover, I must categorically state that the government had no involvement in this event whatsoever."

Providing further information, the Chief Minister stated that the event was privately organized in a private hotel.

"The government was neither approached for

permission nor did it provide any financial or logistical support. No government infrastructure was utilized and no government officials were present at the event," he said. "Despite this, the administration has been instructed to examine whether any legal violations occurred. If any provisions of the law have been breached, the authorities will take appropriate action," he added. The Chief Minister reiterated, "There was no government involvement in this event.

Had the matter been brought to our notice beforehand, we would not have permitted it."

EAM brings up issue of safety, security of Indian missions, diplomats in UK

London/New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who was the target of heckling by Khalistani activists during his London visit, brought up the issue of the safety and security of Indian Missions and diplomats during his talks with UK Home Secretary Yvette Cooper.

During the talks, EAM also reiterated the need to expeditiously bring to justice, the perpetrators of attacks on the premises of HCI London, which took place two years ago when Khalistani activists clambered up the balcony of the Indian High Commission and attempted to remove the Indian national flag and replace it with a Khalistani flag. India had then raised the issue very strongly with the UK side.

EAM also emphasized the need to address the growing concerns over the increasing anti-India activities of pro-Khalistani Extremism elements, a statement said.

During his meeting with the UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Reynolds, the two sides focussed the progress of India-UK FTA negotiations. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing trade and investment opportunities, emphasizing the need to reduce trade barriers and expand market access.

In his meeting with Prime Minister Keir Starmer, EAM conveyed the warm greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Both sides

noted the positive momentum in India-UK relations, particularly with the resumption of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations. They also recognised the strengthening of technology cooperation and deepening of people-to-people ties, and discussed key global issues, including the Ukraine conflict.

EAM was welcomed at Chevening House by Foreign Secretary David Lammy. EAM and Foreign Secretary Lammy held extensive discussions covering the full spectrum of India-UK relations, including India's strategic coordination, political cooperation, trade negotiations, education, technology, mobility, and people-to-people exchanges.

They reviewed progress on the new Roadmap 2.0 being discussed by the two sides that will impart fresh energy and new momentum to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. They also exchanged views on regional and global developments, including the Ukraine conflict, West Asia, Bangladesh, and the Commonwealth.

Both leaders interacted with Chevening Scholars from India, recognizing the crucial role that education and youth play, in fostering stronger bilateral ties.

EAM Jaishankar participated in a conversation at Chatham House with its Director and Chief Executive Bronwen

Maddox, where he spoke on shifting geopolitics, geoeconomics, India-UK relations, and India's perspective on global affairs.

EAM inaugurated the Consulate General of India in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in the presence of several distinguished local dignitaries, including the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly Edwin Poots; Minister Fleur Anderson; Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Micky Murray; and India's Honorary Consul, Lord Diljit Rana. The opening of the Consulate marks a significant step in strengthening India's presence in Northern Ireland, facilitating enhanced trade, business, technology, and educational linkages.

He also met with Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland Emma Little-Pengelly and Junior Minister Aisling Reilly at Stormont Castle. They explored opportunities for deeper collaboration in key areas such as skills development, cybersecurity, technology, creative industries, and manufacturing.

EAM visited Queen's University in Belfast, where he underscored the importance of their upcoming campus in GIFT City, Gujarat, as a testament to the growing India-UK partnership in the higher education sector. He also interacted with Indian students currently studying at Queen's

University, discussing their experiences and aspirations.

EAM inaugurated the Consulate General of India in Manchester, the fourth Indian Consulate in the UK, fulfilling a long-standing demand of the Indian diaspora and strengthening India's diplomatic outreach in Northern England.

EAM Jaishankar holds bilateral talks with visiting Armenian FM

New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held talks with visiting Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan here today, during which the two sides held talks on advancing trade, investment, connectivity among other issues.

In a post on X, the EAM said: "Pleased to welcome FM @AraratMirzoyan of Armenia this evening in Delhi.

"Productive discussions on advancing trade, investment, education, connectivity, mobility & culture.

"Also shared perspectives on the recent global and regional developments."

The Armenian FM, who delivered a lecture at the ICWA, said on X: "Delighted to start my official visit to #India with the engagement at @ICWA_NewDelhi as we explore the vast potential in further strengthening the #strategic ties between Armenia and India.

"While our nations share deep historical bonds, today we have achieved concrete results in numerous spheres of mutual interest, including economy, security & defense, information technologies, education, & culture.

"As we view these relations from a long-term perspective, we continue working jointly towards more ambitious projects, including connectivity.

"Our vision on establishment of lasting peace in #SouthCaucasus, perhaps could have not been defined better than through Mahatma Gandhi's famous message: "There is no way to #peace, peace is the way." "Grateful for the insightful exchange."

Justice Bagchi appointed as SC judge

New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : The Union government on Monday appointed justice Joymalya Bagchi as a judge of the Supreme Court.

The announcement was made by Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on social media platform X.

The Supreme Court collegium, led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, Justice Bhushan R Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice Abhay S Oka, and Justice Vikram Nath, recommended his appointment on March 6.

The selection process considered his judicial acumen, integrity, and experience, along with factors such as seniority and regional representation.

Justice Bagchi, who began his tenure as a judge of the Calcutta High Court in June 2011, has had an extensive judicial career. He was transferred to the Andhra Pradesh High Court in January 2021 and later returned to the Calcutta High Court in November 2021.

His appointment to the Supreme Court fills one of the two existing vacancies in the apex court, which has a sanctioned strength of 34 judges. With his elevation, Justice Bagchi is set to assume the Chief Justice of India (CJI) role in May 2031, holding the position for a brief tenure until his retirement on October 2, 2031. Throughout his judicial career spanning over 13 years, Justice Bagchi has gained extensive expertise across various domains of law, making significant contributions to the judiciary.

LS passes Bills of Lading Bill 2024

New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) The Lok Sabha on Monday passed the Bills of Lading Bill 2024 by a voice vote, which seeks to replace the Indian Bills of Lading Act, 1856 and provides a legal framework for issuance of bills of lading. The Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on August nine, 2024.

Replying to the debate, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal said the changes have been brought in keeping with the principle 'reform, perform and transform'. He noted that the law being replaced is a 168-year-old law.

"We have created this Bill after extensive consultation with stakeholders and legal experts," he said.

The Minister asserted that it would empower stakeholders to deal with issues in the future.

Addressing the criticism of the members pertaining to the Bill, he said that the Bill deals with the specific rights and liabilities emanating from a transfer of bill of lading to a consignee, noting that it is not a contract but the

evidence of a contract, thus it is a legal document.

Sonowal said that the Bill is in keeping with Narendra Modi's transformative vision.

He concluded his speech expressing confidence that India would become self-sufficient by 2047 and become one of the top developed nations in the world. Earlier, speaking on the bill, NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule said that not all Opposition members are objecting to the Bills of Lading Bill, as they understand that it is not a policy change. She asked as to how to the Bill would make the shipping process more transparent.

She said that drug inflow should be stopped and asked what this Bill is doing for that.

She requested the government to take their feedback and strengthen the Bill. "I hope no Indian gets compromised in the future in the international game," she added and hoped that the Centre would take ownership and lead from the front for Indian fishermen who are helping maritime commerce.

Government of Maharashtra		
Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, P.W.D. Sawali building, Ganpat Jadhav Marg, Worli Mumbai-18		
Notice No. 1/2024-25		
The Tenders are invited by Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Elect.Div. PWD Worli Mumbai for estimation purpose from consultants Empanelled under category Electrical Engineering Consultants in Regional Electrical Div ,PWD Mumbai for the following works. The Tender documents can be downloaded from the Government website http://mahatenders.gov.in . The competent authority reserves the right to reject/accept any or all the tenders. Conditional tenders will not be accepted.		
Sr No	Name of Work	Amount
1	W11648/2024-25 Appointing design consultant for Estimation and works progress monitoring for providing complete internal electrification, external electrification designing, data telephone, CCTV, Lightning protection system, BEST charges, etc work of New Charity commissioner Bhavan at Dr. Annie Basent Worli, Mumbai. (2 Basement + Ground floor + First floor + second to fifth floor podium + sixth to 25th floor)	Rs. 481623/-
2	W11651/2024-25 Appointing design consultant for Estimation and works progress monitoring for providing complete Fire Fighting and Air Conditioning system work of New Charity commissioner Bhavan at Dr. Annie Basent Worli, Mumbai. (2 Basement + Ground floor + First floor + second to fifth floor podium + sixth to 25th floor)	Rs. 393856/-
3	W11655/2024-25 Appointing Design Consultant for Estimation and Works Progress Monitoring for Providing Complete Lift and Car Lift System Work of New Charity Commissioner Bhavan at Dr. Annie Basent Worli, Mumbai. (2 Basement + Ground floor + First floor + Second to Fifth floor Podium + Sixth to 25th floor)	Rs. 375000/-
4	W11626/24-25 Appointing MEP design consultant for MEP designing, Estimation and works progress monitoring for providing complete Internal and External Electrification work, Fire Fighting System, Air conditioning, Lift, CCTV, exhaust fan, computer Board, Water cooler, etc work of Special Panchkarma Hub, at M.A Podar Hospital, Worli, Mumbai.	Rs. 411670/-
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Home & Garden

10 cool ways to go Green



your alcohol, sauce, jelly and soft drink bottles. Paint on them to turn these into centrepieces or vases. You can even use them as unusual

pottery for your plants. Youtube papermache and start using up the unending piles of newspapers you have hoarded in between. Instead of throwing away takeaway containers and pizza boxes, use them to store your trinkets and accessories like hair bands or tie-pins. Use your old CDs as coasters. Yes, there's no end to the stuff you can DIY while recycling. cling

WHY IS IT COOL?

Because doing it yourself is the latest thing, but mostly because it has got an acronym.

3. UNPLUG:

No, we aren't talking metaphorically not about suddenly. It's walking up to your boss and going bam, "I need a break" one day. No, we mean literally. Stop leaving your mobile

And no, you do not need to go on a planting drive or install a compactor in your home to go eco-friendly. Here's listing 10 ways you can do your bit for the environment. Apart from them being hassle-free and cool, you can start doing them right from your home. So, chop chop.

1. CARPOOL:

You must have noticed the unimaginable jump in the number of personal vehicles in the city in the last five years? Well, according to a Barclays report - Megatrends: Accelerating urbanization in India - the country's transportation infrastructure is unable to keep up with its rapid urbanization rates.

Result: 8 hours and 15 km-long traffic jam on Delhi-Gurgaon expressway on May 22, this year. Even if you weren't stuck in the jam, you must be tasting this bitter pill every day on your way to work. Solution? Carpool.

WHY IS IT COOL?

Because, you get a break from driving every day and you get to drive on roads that do not feel like Gariahat during Chaitra sale!

2. RECYCLE AND GET CRAFTY:

If you have an artiste inside you who hasn't had an outlet yet, this is your chance. Recycle

Tips to make your home Monsoon ready

Holed up indoors on a rainy day? Make sure you've done your bit to brighten your house in the dull monsoon season.

Navin Mistry, head of retail exports and lifestyle category, eBay India, lists out five easy tips to add some life to the atmosphere at home:

- Small, simple yet elegant changes in the decor can make your home monsoon ready. Bright and cheerful colours like coral and yellow are perfect for the melancholy the weather leaves you with.

- Rainy season calls for light fabrics and therefore fabrics with synthetic blends are always a good idea.
- One can avoid the damp moist smell with scented candles. They are in various fragrances, so choose what suits you.

- Many of us enjoy sitting by the window and reading on a rainy day, adding wind-chimes near the window can be a good idea then. The light tingling and chiming with soft breeze will add a mystical touch to your day.

- Using vibrant coloured Chinaware can also be a good idea. Adding a few colours to the containers and dishes works fine. One can also hand paint on containers as not only does it brighten the table, but also keeps one busy during the heavy rains.



Seed bombing is the new way to reclaim green spaces

The non-violent way to reclaim the green spaces in your city with plants of your choice is fast gaining ground

Want to reclaim the city space, beautify your area and be an architect of your own surroundings? Then you're welcome to be a seed bomber - a technique that has people throwing live seeds, packed in a specially made, compressed bundle of soil. These little bombs germinate and catch soil easily during the monsoons so you don't have to spend a lot of time gardening and make your ambitious patch of green in places that are hard to reach.

Bombing the city green

In Mumbai seed bombing is fast gaining traction with plant lovers and gardening enthusiasts coming together to organise workshops during monsoon where they meet and share the various techniques to make these seed bombs. Aditi Punj, who organises these workshops at her flyover farm in Mohammed Ali Road, says that while usual gardening enthusiasts show interest, it is the kids who take to the activity in a big way. "The concept is guerrilla gardening and it is a fun way for people to be involved in making the city green. It's easy to do, and a great and tactile way for the kids to be involved."

Taking to the highways

Another seed bombing enthusiast, Shaan Lalwani who owns a nursery in the suburbs organised a similar seed bombing run along the Mumbai Pune Expressway where him along with a bunch of other enthusiasts, "I had recently read in papers that around 3 to 5 lakh trees were destroyed while making the express way. The

chargers hanging from the plug point even when not in use or even when not in use or putting your computers and televisions on sleep-mode at night. Simply unplug. Because you might think that the appliances are not plugged into the chargers to consume electricity, but simply leaving them plugged keeps the electricity running through them, through them.

WHY IS IT COOL?

Because wires are a nuisance. They are messy and knotty. Who wants them hanging around even when there's no need?

4. DONATE TO FOOD BANKS:

Mummy was right. The recent pictures of hungry kids from quake-hit Nepal reinforced that belief in us all over again. So what to do with the excess food products that we simply can't stop buying from the

supermarkets all the while knowing they are of no use? Donate them to food banks. Never heard of these banks? Well, they are organizations that collect leftover food from big restaurants to distribute amongst the underprivileged. Look for one in your vicinity and get in touch.

WHY IS IT COOL?

You will be starting a trend that most of your cool friends are still unaware of.

5. GO FOR JUTE AND THE KHADI:

From inter national runways to Esplanade pavement, natural fabric is the haute trend this season.

These natural fabrics are massively helping designers to merchants, consumers to weavers.

And, we aren't only talking about clothes. Everything from bags to lampshades, curtains to doormats come in these natural fabrics.

WHY IS IT COOL?

Because even Stella McCartney has pledged her commitment to sustainable green fashion.

6. MOVE IN: Think about it. It saves the entire daily utilities of another home. Save on the rent, electricity, cooking gas, water... should we go on? For the commitment phobic people out there, this is one leap of faith you can take. one leap of faith you can take.

WHY IS IT COOL?

Do we have to spell it out, dumbos? Wink, wink.

7. INVEST IN A KHUS KHUS MAT INSTEAD OF RENTING A COOLER:

Renting coolers during summers is a common thing for students staying in hostels or PGs. But a khus khus mat is so much cheaper! Just invest in one and douse it in water regularly after hanging it from the window.

WHY IS IT COOL?

Apart from the fact that it makes the living area much cooler, it also lends the room a retro look. If you can pair that up with a khus khus floor mat too, well you are almost on your way to being an interior designer. Ok, not that.

8. GO DIGITAL:

If you haven't already, it's high time you shift your banking and billing to the online and phone-banking portals. Seriously, when you have the option of sitting in the comfort of your home and pay your phone and electricity bills through the internet, why would you want to go out (or make someone else go out on your behalf) in this heat? It saves energy, fuel, trees and mostly time.

It's World Environment Day today . And even if you are someone who is principally against celebrating special days, this is one of those commemorations that can do with your help.

WHY IS IT COOL?

Because, c'mon, it's the digital age and you cannot afford to be left behind. Do you seriously want people to stare at you when you tell them that you have to leave early because you need to pay the phone bill? Who does that anymore!

9. PEE IN YOUR GARDEN:

Stop laughing. Stop smirking. Stop hawking! It's an easy and natural way of going green. The average flush drains at least three litres of water everytime you flush after peeing. That's a lot of water if you consider the fact that India is facing a drought. Plus, urine is a natural fertilizer, containing nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium and urea. So, apart from saving water, you are also helping grow save plants! Statutory Warning: Since it's still not a well-regarded practice in this country, we suggest you do not do it in public. It might be construed as a public nuisance. a public nuisance.

WHY IS IT COOL?

Did you not read the header? Because, it will save the planet!

10. KEEP A COFFEE MUG IN YOUR LOCKER:

Stop using paper or polystyrene cups that your workplace provides. Instead, invest in a coffee mug. It is always cooler to sip coffee from a mug that **boasts of a quirky message, preferably one that defines you.**

WHY IS IT COOL?

Because this is the best excuse to get your significant other to buy you that cup you had been lusting after.

Give your home a monsoon makeover

Monsoon is a great time to give your abode a practical yet vibrant makeover. Lend a refreshing change to your home decor with vibrant colors, quirky printed fabrics and accessories to add a touch of liveliness.

Experts at upholstery providers D'Decor provide some useful tips and trends to re-invent your home decor this monsoon.

- With plenty of black and grey outside, it is a definite no-no for the interiors. Whites and creams can also be avoided as they get difficult to maintain, especially if you have kids in the house.

- Monsoon calls for warm and bright colors such as ochre, coral, shades of red or neon pastels.

- Opt for slip covers in light weight, easy-care home wash fabrics like satin and poly cotton blends. Not only do they feel cozy and comfortable, but also keep away mildew and mites.

- With overcast skies, one would need whatever light that can enter the home to enhance the bright colors and reflective surfaces. Use light cotton or sheer curtains or blinds which do not have lining, to allow sufficient light to enter the room, yet providing the privacy needed.

- Indoor plants should be placed outdoor since they retain moisture and add staleness to the air. Woolens, blankets and quilts can be stored in plastics.

- Small colorful cotton rugs and mats are a surely recommended as add-ons, so that one can clean their feet before jumping on the bed. Keep the bed clean as well as dry, such that you do not need to change the linen frequently.

- Cover the beds during the day with bedcovers made from blended fabrics and sit back and enjoy the pleasant weather.



in terms of materials. It is cheap. You can then go on to graduate to making the complex, fancier seed bombs.

Classic Clay Seed Ball

Invented by Japanese Masanobu Fukuoka, this is the most common one to make.

Ingredients

- Seed of your choice, or a mix (Important to use native plant seeds)
- Compost, made up of dried leaves
- Water

Method

- Mix 5 parts of clay with 1 part of compost and 1 part of seeds
- Mix a few drops of water and knead into a mix.
- Separate the clay and make tiny, clay balls. Each ball can have more than a few seeds.

Places where one can bombard with seed grenades

- 1) Plots of soft land
- 2) Dividers between roads
- 3) Building gardens
- 4) Soft paths along highways

Important

Always use seeds of native plants, as species that are not native to the environment can hurt the ecosystem of the place



ICC announces Champions Trophy 2025 Team of Tournament

Dubai, Mar 10 (UNI) : The ninth edition of the Champions Trophy 2025 saw India being crowned as the winners on March 9 after they overcame New Zealand in the final.

Several exceptional performers lit up the tournament with the bat and ball.

The best of them made it to the Team of the Tournament.

1. Rachin Ravindra (New Zealand) 251 runs, 62.75 average, two hundreds

Ravindra went big in two of New Zealand's Champions Trophy games while also finding ways to contribute as a spin bowler. He won the Player of the Tournament award for his all-round excellence.

2. Ibrahim Zadran (Afghanistan) 216 runs, 72 average, one hundred

The opener proved how crucial he is to Afghanistan's competitiveness, steering his team to a famous win over England by scoring a mega 177 in the first innings, which is now the highest-ever individual score in the competition's history.

3. Virat Kohli (India) 218 runs, 54.5 average, one hundred

India's top-order star Kohli produced two impressive knocks, including an 84 in the semi-final against Australia, confirming that even at 36, he's still at the peak of his powers in the format. During the Champions Trophy, Kohli also crossed the landmark of 14,000 ODI runs, becoming just the third player after Sachin Tendulkar and Kumar Sangakkara to do so.

4. Shreyas Iyer (India) 243 runs, 48.6 average, two fifties

Solid as a rock in India's middle order. From India's last four tournament matches, Shreyas' lowest batting return was 45 runs, proving to be a pillar of consistency in trying batting conditions in Dubai.

5. KL Rahul (wk) (India) 140 runs, 140 average, 42 highest score*

India's keeper was reliable behind the stumps and a clutch performer in his role as India's finisher with the bat. From four innings, he finished unbeaten on three occasions. He was particularly crucial during India's chases in the all-important knockout games, scoring unbeaten 42 not out and 34 not out against Australia and New Zealand respectively.

6. Glenn Phillips (New Zealand) 177 runs, 59 average, two wickets, five catches

New Zealand all-rounder Phillips not only showed glimpses of why he's one of the most dangerous batters in the world but displayed exceptional fielding prowess for the Kiwis, taking three absolute stunners during the tournament, including a mindboggling catch against Virat Kohli in the final group game against India.

7. Azmatullah Omarzai (Afghanistan) 126 runs, 42 average, seven wickets, one five-wicket haul

The middle-order batting production was there for all to see, while his bowling was also effective. Omarzai's 5/58 against England proved match-winning as the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year for 2024 lived up to his billing.

8. Mitchell Santner (c) (New Zealand) Nine wickets, 26.6 average, 4.80 economy

Santner's captaincy and bowling were equal parts world-class, right way through New Zealand's impressive campaign that saw them finish as runner-ups.

Mohammedan SC finish debut ISL campaign without a home win

Kolkata, Mar 10 (UNI) : Mohammedan SC held Punjab FC to a 2-2 draw at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan, here, in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 on Monday night.

Both teams have thus rounded off their campaigns in the competition this season, with Mohammedan SC having 13 points from 24 games, being unable to secure a home win throughout, and Punjab FC bagging 28 points on the back of eight victories and four draws.

The Kolkata-based team, trailing by two goals at one point, produced a laudable outing in the second half to bag the draw. Punjab FC commenced the flow of proceedings bringing a cohesive pattern of play to the fore. They functioned impressively, breaching past the Mohammedan SC midfield lines with a rapid string of passes that the home side struggled to break.

The visitors maximised that with Asmir Suljic showing impressive awareness to enter space

on the left flank, before setting an instinctive squared up delivery for Ezequiel Vidal that was slotted into the bottom left corner to open the scoring in the ninth minute. Vidal was critical to the second goal that Punjab FC netted in the 53rd minute.

He cracked open the Mohammedan SC defence with a through pass intended for Luka Majcen at the edge of the 18-yard box. Zodingliana Ralte attempted to make a timely interception but he ended up losing control of the pass, as Majcen jumped upon the loose ball to deposit it into the bottom right corner and double his team's advantage.

Mohammedan SC grabbed command over the game immediately though, as Manvir Singh launched in a sharp cross from the left flank with multiple teammates positioned extremely near to the box to latch upon the delivery and head the ball in. An extremely crowded situation followed, with Vanlalzuidika

Rohit Sharma uncertain about 2027 World Cup

New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : India captain Rohit Sharma has left the door open regarding his playing future but remained non-committal on featuring in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027.

Fresh off leading India to victory in the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025, Rohit dismissed speculation about his retirement but admitted that the next World Cup is still too far to predict.

"It's very hard to say that right now," Rohit said on his participation in the 2027 edition on Monday. "But I'm keeping all my options open. I want to see how well I'm playing. Right now, I'm playing really well and enjoying everything with this team."

The 38-year-old opener played a captain's knock in the Champions Trophy final, securing India's triumph and earning the Player of the Match award. His leadership was instrumental in India reclaiming an ICC trophy, silencing critics who questioned the team's ability in knockout tournaments.

Dismissing rumours of an imminent retirement, Rohit made it clear that as long as he enjoys the game and contributes to the team, he will continue. "There's so much pride in playing for India, and the way this team is playing, I don't want to leave," he remarked. Rohit emphasised that the camaraderie in the squad plays a key role in his motivation. "There's so much joy and fun playing with this team. As long as I feel that passion, I'll be here." While Rohit's long-term future remains undecided, his current form and commitment to Indian cricket remain unquestionable. With another ICC trophy under his belt, the veteran leader continues to inspire, leaving fans wondering just how much longer he will grace the international stage.

Argentina gears up for Regional Qualifier on road to Women's T20 WC 2026

Dubai, Mar 10 (UNI) : The next step in the race for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 begins on Monday with Argentina, Brazil, Canada and the USA set to do battle in Buenos Aires at the Americas Qualifier.

The teams arrived in the Argentinian capital on Friday with hopes of advancing to the final stage of qualification – the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier 2026 – a ten-team global event which will determine the remaining teams that will feature in England and Wales in 2026.

Twelve matches in a double round-robin format will be held across the eight-day competition, kicking off with an opening double-header of Canada v USA and Argentina v Brazil at the St Albans Club Ground on Monday. Teams will play each other twice before the event concludes on 17 March with only the table-topping side advancing to the next

Parul Singh appointed as President of DPSA

New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : The Divyang Para Sports Association of Delhi (DPSA) has officially appointed Ms. Parul Singh as its new President. The appointment was confirmed by Rahul Kasana, General Secretary of DPSA, recognizing her dedication to the upliftment of para sports and athletes. Under her leadership, DPSA aims to set new milestones in promoting inclusivity and excellence in para sports. Ms. Singh, known for her relentless efforts in empowering para-athletes, has expressed her commitment to elevating India's standing in the global para-sports arena.

"I am honored to take on this responsibility and will work tirelessly to ensure India becomes a leading country in the Paralympics. Our para-athletes have immense potential, and my goal is to provide them with the best training, resources, and opportunities to shine on the international stage," said Parul Singh.

Rahul Kasana, General Secretary of DPSA, also emphasised the significance of this leadership change. "With Parul Singh at the helm, we are confident that DPSA will reach new heights. Her passion and vision for para sports will play a crucial role in empowering athletes and fostering a strong sportsmanship culture in the country," he stated.

CS Neeraj Sharma, Secretary of DPSA, echoed similar sentiments and highlighted the association's commitment to para sports. "Parul Singh's leadership marks a new era for DPSA. Her dedication to athlete development and her vision for India's dominance in the Paralympics will undoubtedly drive significant progress. We are excited to work together in building a brighter future for para-athletes," he said.



stage.

A vibrant build-up also witnessed the launch of a participation programme for girls in Argentina on International Women's Day, with the competing teams leading the festivities alongside Argentinian Olympic stars including three-time hockey medallist and flag-bearer at Paris 2024, Rocio Sanchez Moccia.

President of Cricket Argentina, Hernan Pereyra, said: "As we prepare to

welcome the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Americas Qualifier, I extend my warmest greetings to all participants and supporters. Buenos Aires, a city full of culture and vibrant energy, is the perfect stage for this prestigious tournament.

"This event brings together the best teams in the region, all competing for a place on the road to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026. The stakes are high, and the

passion and determination on display will inspire future generations of cricketers across the Americas."

Reflecting on the prospect of qualifying for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026, Argentina captain Alison Stocks, stated: "It would be a dream come true. I don't know how long I have in the game but I know that the young team that is playing in the Americas Qualifier deserves it, and it would be

an honour to help these young girls accomplish this huge goal."

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 will see a greater number of competing teams (12) and matches (33) than ever before.

Eight teams have already gained automatic qualification to the event; Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the West Indies by virtue of their performances at the 2024 edition, plus Pakistan and Sri Lanka, who were the two next highest ranked teams on the ICC Women's T20I rankings table on October 21, 2024.

The four remaining spots will be determined through the ten-team Qualifier, comprising teams that have advanced from regional pathway events such as next week's Americas Qualifier and subsequent competitions held in Africa, Asia, Europe and the East Asia-Pacific in 2025.

Skier Siddhartha Gadekar from Pune clinches gold in KIWG at Gulmarg

Srinagar, Mar 10 (UNI) : Skier Siddhartha Gadekar of Pune Maharashtra won the gold in Vertical Ski Mountaineering event in the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) being played at the picturesque Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Shardul Thapliyal and Himanshu Singh both from Himachal Pradesh clinched Silver and Bronze in the event respectively.

Celebrating yellow metal, Skier Gadekar divulged that consistent endurance training got him the result he wanted.

He expressed gratitude to KIWG authorities for the platform and unique opportunity to help athletes display latent potential.

Gadekar eyes international sports events and hopes to carry current performance forward to do

better in upcoming events.

In the women's category, Tenzin Dolma from Himachal Pradesh secured Gold in Vertical Ski Mountaineering, the first medal for her in KIWGs, while Natasha Mahar from Himachal Pradesh improved from yesterday's performance and won the silver medal.

As an Ultra Trail Runner, Dolma didn't find the competition challenging since the endurance she had developed over the period showered her with desired rewards.

In the same event, Manek Gunjiyal of Uttarakhand who had won Gold in Women's Snowboarding Slalom on Sunday had tough luck today and had to settle for bronze. Gunjiyal was one of the gold medallists from KIWG-2024.

In the Nordic Ski Sprint,

ITBP sent all other participants to cleaners while wrestling all three medals in the event. The ITBP players Kulsum Rana, Selma Soreng, and Anjana Devi obtained Gold, Silver, and Bronze respectively.

The Nordic Ski Sprint for men saw medals raining for the Army as the athletes including Manjeet, Shubam Parihar and Sunny Singh took away Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively leaving others high & dry amid the snow.

Competing against thirty other participants in Snowboard Gaint Slalom event, Zubair Ahmad Lone from J&K, glided the slopes fiercely to clinch Gold Medal, while Kulvinder Sharma and Karan Sing of Army settled with Silver & Bronze. Similarly, in Alpine Gaint Slalom Category Women, Himachal Pradesh had triple whammy to

celebrate all three medals with Anchal Thakur, Tanuja Thakur and Suhani Thakur taking home Gold, Silver and Bronze respectively amid the huge applause of spectators and supporters.

In the Men's Category of Alpine Giant Slalom, Sunil Kumar from Army, Atul Bhat from ITBP and Yogesh Kumar from Himachal Pradesh achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze respectively. It would be entertaining to watch which among these teams would be dominating the final medal tally of KIWGs.

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Flick eyes win over Benfica for Barca doctor Minarro

Madrid, Mar 10 (UNI) : FC Barcelona has to overcome tragedy when it takes on Benfica in the second leg of their Champions League tie on Tuesday night aiming to defend a 1-0 lead from the first leg.

Barcelona's La Liga game at home to Osasuna on Saturday night was postponed following the shock death of club doctor Carles Minarro prior to the game and the club has asked UEFA to allow the players to not speak to the press prior to the game as a mark of respect. Barca coach Hansi Flick was planning to make squad rotations for Saturday's game, resting players such as Pedri, Raphinha and Inigo Martinez ahead of Tuesday's game.

The fact that Saturday's game was postponed means the Barca squad has been able to rest, which makes Flick's task of selecting his side for Tuesday much easier.

With central defender Pau Cubarsi suspended after his red card last week in Lisbon, Martinez and Ronald Araujo will play in central defense, with Jules Kounde and Alejandro Balde as full backs.

Frenkie de Jong and Pedri (both of whom were due for a weekend rest) will play in central midfield, with Dani Olmo in the 'number 10' role behind Raphinha, Robert Lewandowski and Lamine Yamal.

Flick did speak to the press and said he believed the team was "managing" the death of Dr Minarro "well," and that the players wanted to dedicate a win to him on Tuesday. "It is a great loss, he was a great person and an excellent doctor, who was incredible for the team and the club and a key piece in our team.

We will miss him," said Flick. "We want to play for him to tomorrow and we want to win this important match for him. We are prepared for that," added the coach.

India eye historic glory at All England Open 2025

Birmingham, Mar 10 (UNI) : With a rich legacy and a burning desire for victory, Indian shuttlers, led by two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, are set to battle it out at the prestigious All England Open 2025, beginning Tuesday at the Utilita Arena.

Sindhu, ranked world No. 15, is making her much-anticipated return to the court after a hiatus since the Indonesia Masters in January. She will be keen to reclaim her dominance at one of the most coveted

events on the BWF World Tour. Malvika Bansod, world No. 28, is the only other Indian in the women's singles draw.

World No. 10 Lakshya Sen, India's highest-ranked men's singles shuttler, will be looking to better his semifinal finish from last year.

The 2022 runner-up, Sen, is returning to action after his Indonesia Masters campaign and could face compatriot HS Prannoy (world No. 30) in the quarterfinals if both advance.

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Central Railway registers splendid loading figures of 74.39 MT for the FY 2024-25

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 10 :

Central Railway registered splendid Freight Loading of 74.39 MT (million tonnes) in this Financial year (upto 28th February 2025) and loading of 7.28 MT for the month of February -2025.

Loading during February-2025 has been as follows :-

- 208 rakes of Petroleum products loaded in February -2025 as against 175 rakes in February -2024

registering a growth of 18.8%.

- 114 rakes of Fertilizer loaded in February -2025 as against 98 rakes in February -2024 registering a growth of 16.3%.

- 244 rakes of Cement loaded in February-2025 as against 241 rakes in February -2024 registering a growth of 1.2%.

Average speed of freight trains have increased by 2.1% over last year.

There has been an improvement of 1.2% in average interchange of trains per day with average interchange of 374 trains per day during the current year against average interchange of 367 trains per day during last year.

Central Railway has been consistently putting in great efforts to better its performance which has enabled it to achieve significant growth in Freight loadings.

Railways to Run additional 4 Special Trains between Kalaburagi-Bengaluru for Holi Festival : Central Railway

(Standard Post Bureau) Solapur, March 10 : On

demand of passengers Railways will run additional 4 Special Trains between Kalaburagi and Bengaluru to clear the extra rush of passengers travelling during Holi Festival. The details are as under :-

Kalaburagi-SMVT Bengaluru Specials (4 trips)

- Train No 06520 Special will depart Kalaburagi at 09:35 hrs on 14.03.2025 & 15.03.2025 (Friday & Saturday) and will arrive

SMVT Bengaluru at 20:00 hrs same day. (2 trips)

- Train No 06519 Special will depart SMVT Bengaluru at 21:15 hrs on 13.03.2025 & 14.03.2025 (Thursday & Friday) and will arrive Kalaburagi at 07:40 hrs next day. (2 trips)

Halts: Shahabad, Yadgir, Krishna, Raichur, Mantralayam Road, Adoni, Guntakal, Anantapur, Dharmavaram and Yelahanka.

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For detailed timings and halts of these Special Trains, please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or download NTES App.

The anthology *Sita to Abhaya: Have Things Changed?* reflects the ever-evolving status of women in Indian society



(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 10 : On

the occasion of international women's day, An anthology titled- Sita to Abhaya - Have things changed? was launched by eminent personalities such as the well known writer - Ms Mamta Kalia and Ms Jaya Verma Sinha - recently Retd Chairman and CEO of Railway Board, Shri

Amrendra Kathua- Retd Chairperson ICCR, and Ms Surekha Sahu - an eminent poetess and writer. The anthology contains thought provoking pieces about the challenges of being a female- fiction, non fiction , poetry , critical essays and is Bilingual- Hindi and English. It raises many uncomfortable questions which are very

relevant to today's times and society. Some of the authors are Dr Seema Sharma , IRTS, Chief Administrative Officer , Systems, Central Railway , Shri S Kapil, Shri Ravi Valluri , Retd IRTS officers amongst many others. The book has been compiled and curated by Mrs Lakshmi Valluri and Mr Ravi Valluri.

A brief write up is given

Delhi court allows three-day ED custody

New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : A Delhi court on Monday extended the Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody of Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) National President MK Faizi by three days under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The ED counsel pleaded that Faizi's ED remand be extended by five more days for further interrogation. Additional Session Judge (ASJ) Chander Jit Singh after hearing submissions on behalf of Enforcement Directorate and the defence, passed an order remanding the SDPI chief to ED custody for three more days.

WR to run special train between bandra Terminus and Bhavnagar

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 10 :

For the convenience of passengers and to clear extra rush of passenger traffic, Western Railway will run Special Train on Special Fare between Bandra Terminus and Bhavnagar Terminus stations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of this train is as under:

Train No. 09013/09014 Bandra Terminus – Bhavnagar Terminus Superfast Special (02 Trips)

Train No. 09013 Bandra Terminus – Bhavnagar Terminus Superfast Special will depart from Bandra Terminus on Tuesday, 11th March, 2025 at 19:25 hrs and reach Bhavnagar Terminus at 09:00 hrs, the next day. Similarly, Train No. 09014 Bhavnagar Terminus – Bandra Terminus Superfast Special will depart from Bhavnagar Terminus on Thursday, 13th March, 2025 at 04:00 hrs and arrive Bandra Terminus at 17:00 hrs, the same day.

Enroute this train will halt Borivali, Vapi, Udhna, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Viramgam, Surendranagar Gate, Botad, Dhola, Songadh and Sihor Gujarat stations in both directions.

This train comprises of Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

The booking for Train No. 09013 will open from 11th March, 2025, while for Train No. 09014 will open from 12th March, 2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

DGP felicitates ASI with commendation Disc for exceptional artistry

Chandigarh, Mar 10 (UNI) DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav on Monday felicitated ASI Ashok Kumar with the prestigious Director General's Commendation Disc for his exceptional craftsmanship in creating stunning portraits using American diamonds, also known as Jarkan stones.

The recognition comes close on the heels of ASI Ashok Kumar's recent achievement, when his extraordinary artistry earned him a place in the World Book of Records.

His extraordinary work, featuring global icons, have not only showcased his unparalleled skill but have also brought immense pride to the Punjab police force.

The DGP, while congratulating ASI for the achievement, said that remarkable talent will continue to bring honour to the Punjab police. Earlier, DGP Yadav took to X, formerly Twitter, to applaud ASI's achievements, stating, "ASI Ashok Kumar has redefined portrait artistry with his breathtaking creations using American diamonds (Jarkan stone).

Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, SCR Holds safety Review Meeting

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, March 10 : Mr Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Central Railway conducted a detailed review meeting on safety of train operations today at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri Neeraj Agrawal, Additional General Manager, SCR also participated in the meeting along with all the Principal Heads of Departments. Divisional Railway Manager's (DRMs) of all six Divisions i.e. Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur and Nanded joined the review meeting through video conference.

The General Manager reviewed the status of safety drives being conducted over the zone for smooth running of trains and safety of passengers and workmen. He emphasized that during the course of the safety



drives the officers, supervisors as well as the construction staff should be sensitized on all aspects of safety. He emphasized the field officials to ensure worksite safety requirements without compromise. He advised the officials to conduct surprise checks on track maintenance and counsel the staff about the safety procedures. The General Manager instructed to ensure

compliance of all safety guidelines such as proper lighting, sign boards etc., at construction sites across the zone. He also advised the running staff to strictly follow the guidelines on mandatory rest hours.

Mr Arun Kumar Jain discussed on the safety precautions to be followed at all the crossings and points on tracks over the zone and instructed the

officials to conduct safety drives by involving all the safety related staff. He instructed to take precautions while shunting to avoid minor incidents at yards. Officials briefed on availability of safety items such as smoke detectors in AC coaches, fire extinguishers and train approach warning equipment to track maintainers and S&T equipment etc.

International Women's Day 2025 celebrated over Western Railway with great fervour

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 10 : Western Railway celebrated International Women's Day 2025 with great fervor and zeal with activities held for its women employees from 6th March, 2025. The celebrations came to a conclusion with a grand cultural event held at Godbole Hall, Western Railway HQs Building, Churchgate on 10th March, 2025. Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager of Western Railway was the Chief Guest and Smt. Kshama Misra – President of Western Railway Women's Welfare Organization (WRWVO) was Guest of Honour.

The theme of this year's International Women's Day is "Accelerate Action". According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, the keynote address for the closing event was delivered by Smt. Manjula Saxena, Principal Chief Personnel Officer of Western Railway who highlighted the importance of women empowerment and the significant contributions made by women employees in Western Railway. Thereon, Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager released a book titled 'Swayamsiddha' which provides necessary and



In the first photo, GM WR Mr Ashok Kumar Misra is addressing the gathering on the occasion of International Women's Day 2025 at WR's HQ. In the second photo, Smt. Kshama Misra – President of WRWVO is seen welcomed by PCPO/WR Smt. Manjula Saxena. The third photo is a view of the release of 'Swayamsiddha' book. The fourth photo gives a glimpse of the cultural programme.

important information for women employees as well as tips and guidelines on lifestyle and health. GM WR Shri Misra gave an inspiring speech to all the women employees present. He enumerated how women have reached the highest positions in various fields and are not leaving any stone unturned. He also highlighted that women empowerment must start at home first. He emphasized that change of attitude and behaviour towards women and girl child should begin at home so that all women are empowered together and success does not limit to only few who strive.

At the closing event, an exclusive collaboration video titled, was also released.

The video is made by Western Railway in collaboration with Radio Channel – Fever 104 FM which is dedicated to the exceptional service of women employees of WR. The video captures inspiring shots of women employees who work relentlessly to ensure a safe and comfortable travel experience for railway commuters. A Puppet Show (ventriloquism) by Smt. Suchi Mahadik was also organized as part of the Women's Day celebrations

on Western Railway, entertaining the audience with its colorful and engaging performance. A session on Chair Yoga by Dr. Jancy Shekar was also organized. This was followed by a cultural programme and was attended by Principal Head of Departments, WRWVO committee members, representatives from various associations and unions, women officers and staff of Western Railway. The Women's Day celebration was truly a memorable event with all activities like fun and frolic, health care, etc. having been covered.

SWR will run Holi Special trains between Mysuru-Danapur and Vasco Da Gama-Patna

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 10 : I. One trip Special Express trains (06211/12) between Mysuru-Danapur

Train No. 06211 Mysuru-Danapur Special Express will depart from Mysuru at 10:05 a.m. on March 11, 2025 and will reach Danapur at 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2025.

In the return direction, Train No. 06212 Danapur-Mysuru Special Express will depart from Danapur at 01:05 a.m. on March 16, 2025 and will arrive Mysuru at 3:40 a.m. on March 18, 2025.

En route, the train will halt at the following stations in both

directions: Mandya, KSR Bengaluru, Yesvantpur, Tumakuru, Arsikere, Davangere, SSS Hubballi, Dharwad, Belagavi, Miraj, Sangli, Karad, Satara, Pune, Manmad, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, and Ara.

The special train will have a total of 21 coaches, including 1 AC Two Tier cum AC Three Tier, 3 AC Three Tier, 13 Sleeper Class, 2 General Second Class and 2 SLR/D coaches.

II. One trip Special Express trains (07311/

12) between Vasco Da Gama-Patna

Train No. 07311 Vasco Da Gama-Patna Special Express will depart from Vasco Da Gama at 4:00 p.m. on March 11, 2025 and will reach Patna at 10:30 a.m. on March 13, 2025.

In the return direction, Train No. 07312 Patna-Vasco Da Gama Special Express will depart from Patna at 5:40 p.m. on March 15, 2025 and will arrive Vasco Da Gama at 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2025.

En route, the train will halt at the following stations in both directions: Madgaon,

Thivim, Sawantwadi Road, Ratnagiri, Chiplun, Roha, Panvel, Kalyan, Manmad, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara and Danapur.

The special train will have a total of 20 coaches, including 1 AC Two Tier, 5 AC Three Tier, 12 Sleeper Class, 1 Brake, Luggage cum Generator Car and 1 SLR/D coaches."

For more details on the arrival and departure timings at the respective stations of these trains, passengers can visit the Indian Railways website or dial 139.