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IN BRIEF

Four killed 10 injured due overturn of sugarcane truck

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Mar 10 (UNI) : Four sugarcane cutter labourers were killed on the spot and 10 others were injured when a sugarcane loaded truck overturned near Khadi Chandan Nullah on Kannad-Pishor road in Kannad Taluka of district on late last night.

Sources said 14 labourers were travelling in the truck.After the incident nearby villagers rushed to the spot and rescued 10 of them but unfortunately four of them labours died on the spot.All the injured have been admitted to the hospital .Police identified the deceased as Mithun Chavan (26), Kisan Rathod (30) Manoj Chavan (23) and Krishna Rathod (30) all from Satkund hamlets of Kannad taluka, they said.Police are investigating how exactly the accident took place. No mention of increasing

'Majhi Ladki Bahin' yojana benefit to women in Maha Budget

Pawar tables budget with Rs 1,36,235 cr fiscal deficit

Mumbai, Mar 10 Deputy Chief and Finance Minister Ajit Pawar on Monday tabled a Rs 1,36,235 crore fiscal deficit budget for the financial year 2025-26 in the Maharashtra Assembly,

(Standard Post Bureau)

saying that the government has been successful in keeping the fiscal deficit below three percent of the gross state income under the Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Management Act.

The minister said that the fiscal deficit for the financial year 2025-26 was Rs 1,36,235 crore, while the state's revenue deficit has also consistently remained Maharashtra is being provided below one percent of the gross state income.

The salient features of fiscal year 2025-26 are as follows.

He said that efforts are goal of increasing the state's growth rate by boosting the growth cycle through economic reforms and increased capital expenditure.

The goal is to take the economy of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region from 140 billion to 300 billion dollars by 2030 and to 1.5 2024-25. trillion dollars by 2047.

Various infrastructure increase this growth rate, generated by the state from been made for the newly more transparency in the projects undertaken in the infrastructure facilities such the Goods and Services Tax announced schemes. MMR such as Vadhan Port, as increasing farmers' is increasing by about 12 to Navi Mumbai International income, value addition in 14 percent every year. has been increased by Rs Distribution System through Airport, Bullet Train, agricultural production, The central assistance, 62,560 crore, or about 33 Smart PDS and Block Chain Multimodal Corridor, irrigation facilities, solar international financial percent, and the provision Subway, Metro projects energy, etc., to meet the need innovative initiatives like for the Scheduled Caste have made this region a for electricity will be assistance from institutions, Component Scheme has programmes will be growth area. It will be the provided. centre.

provided

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formulated to attract assistance to farmers all the communication investment through "Make through various schemes sectors of the state including in Maharashtra". An and programmes, resulting highways, ports, airports, the state Budget for the investment of Rs 40 lakh in the growth rate of the waterways, bus transport, crore and creation of 50 lakh agriculture sector improving railways and metro. jobs are expected in next five to 8.7 percent in the year years.In the backdrop of the 2024-25.To continuously support is being given to being made to achieve the disappointing 3.3 percent increase the growth rate, quality rural roads as well as growth rate of the infrastructure facilities such state highways and district agriculture sector last year, as increasing farmers' roads. the state government income, value addition in financial agriculture production, policy will be announced assistance to farmers irrigation facilities, solar through various schemes energy, etc., will be provided. housing for all in next five boating in the state. and programmes, and the Special efforts will be made years. A fund of Rs 15,000 growth rate of the to ensure that the state crore will be made available provisions have been made agriculture sector improved receives more and more for rural housing schemes to 8.7 percent in the year central funds through and Rs 8,100 crore for urban centrally continuously schemes. The revenue Adequate provisions have

financial provision has been made for

Maximum financial

The state's new housing soon to achieve the goal of sponsored housing

monetization of public been increased by 42 percent organised to highlight Against the backdrop of assets, streamlining of and the provision for the Maharashtra's leadership in

the schemes currently being implemented in the state, to streamline them, and to study the sources of resources and suggest measures to increase them.

Taking into account the recommendations of this committee, measures will be taken to implement the schemes more effectively.

The Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) method is being implemented to make implementation of all individual beneficiary schemes fast, efficient and transparent. From April one, 2025, the benefits of such individual beneficiary schemes will be given only through DBT, he informed.

Support is being provided through the budget to preserve the cultural heritage of the state. Substantial provisions have been made in the budget for various projects to develop various monuments, pilgrimage sites, and tourist destinations. Various

projects are being undertaken to promote

Policies and budgetary to develop infrastructure in the sports sector and schemes. support athletes.

Pawar promised to bring National Food Security The state's annual plan Scheme and the Public



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.

(See on page 2)

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. (See on page 3)

Mumbai, Mar 10 (UNI) : In a surprising development, Deputy Chief and Finance Minister Ajit Pawar made no mention of increasing stipend under 'Majhi Ladki Bahin' yojana to Rs 2,100 from Rs 1,500 in the state Budget for the fiscal year 2025-26 that was presented in the Maharashtra Assembly on Monday, dashing hopes of lakhs of women beneficiaries.

Minister Pawar did not give any information increasing about amount to Rs 2,100 for women beneficiaries under the Ladki Bahin Yojana as promised by the Mahayuti leaders during state assembly electioneering.

The government has made a provision of Rs 36,000 crore for the Ladki Bahin Yojana this year, as compared to a provision of Rs 33,000 crore made last year.

As a result, the women beneficiaries will not receive Rs 2,100 per month under the Ladki Bahin scheme.

Under the Majhi Ladki Bahin scheme, about 2.53 crore women are being provided financial benefits. The government has so far spent Rs 33,232 crore for this and has proposed a total outlay of Rs 36,000 crore for the year 2025-26.

To achieve the concept the disappointing 3.3 schemes and infrastructure Tribal Component Scheme the cooperative sector in the

A high-level committee

Technology.

Various festivals and backdrop of the International Year of Cooperatives.

Govt raises

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.

(See on page 5)

Rohit Sharma uncertain about ...



India captain Rohit Sharma has left the door open regarding his playing future but remained noncommittal 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.

of Developed India- percent growth rate of the investment trusts will be by 40 percent. Developed Maharashtra, a agriculture sector last year, taken up. The minister said new industrial policy of the state government that adequate budgetary has been formed to evaluate Rahul Gandhi calls for discussion on voters' list

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. INDI Alliance in the He said that these Maharashtra assembly issues are being raised in elections last year, Rahul "all Opposition states" and Gandhi had been voicing in "Maharashtra doubts concerns, alleging a are being raised in black significant surge in new

and white."The entire Opposition is united on this issue and wants a the state. detailed discussion on the voters' list, Gandhi said.

proceedings of the Lower It may be mentioned House were adjourned till that following the defeat of 12 noon after DMK members protested over the issue of implementation of the New Education Policy in Tamil Nadu.

Opposition terms Budget 'a hollow one that betrays common man'

Mumbai, March 10 (IANS): The opposition parties in leader Vijay Wadettiwar claimed that the government seems Maharashtra have claimed that the annual budget to be reeling under huge financial stress as it was visible presented by the deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar is hollow as it has betrayed the common man including farmers and women devoid of any direction, goal of policy.

The Opposition slammed the state government for not increasing the monthly financial aid to Rs 2,100 from Rs 1,500 to women beneficiaries under the Ladki Bahin Yojana and also not declaring the farm loan waiver as promised in the poll manifesto.

Former Chief Minister and Shiv Sena-UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray claimed the Budget was bogus as it has failed to fulfil the welfare promises made during assembly election. Thackeray expressed serious displeasure over the state government's plan to provide guarantees to sugar mills saying that the government has not cleared the pending dues of Rs 16,000 crore to BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation. The Congress legislature party

after the finance minister did not increase the financial aid to women beneficiaries and not announce the farm loan waiver. He accused the state government of presenting budget to safeguard the interest of the contractors as the government has neglected the Dalits, tribals and downtrodden in the budget.

NCP-SP legislator and former finance minister Jayant Patil said: "The government presented the SEVEN HEAVEN (Dream Castle Builder) budget while ridiculing the common people."Maharashtra's revenue deficit has increased from an estimated Rs 20,000 crore to Rs 45,892 crore.

Last year, the deficit of Rs 20,000 crore was revised to Rs 26,536 crore. This means the total deficit will go up to Rs 60,000 crore. The fiscal deficit has also gone up from Rs 1,10,000 crore to Rs 1,36,000 crore today. This figure will also not go up to Rs 1.5 lakh crore," he said.

motor voters, especially between the 2024 Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections in vehicles tax Earlier in the day, the Mumbai March 10

(UNI): The government has announced plans to increase the motor vehicle tax rate by 1 per cent, courtesy which the state is expected to generate an additional revenue of around Rs 150 crores in 2025-26

Motor vehicles tax is currently levied at the rate of 7 per cent to 9 per cent on individual-owned nontransport four-wheeler CNG and LPG vehicles depending on the vehicle type and price.

The proposed increase is expected to generate an additional revenue of around Rs 150 crores for the state in 2025-26

It is also proposed in the budget to increase the stamp duty under Section 4 of the Maharashtra Stamp Act from Rs 100 to **Rs 500 on supplementary** documents, if more than one document is used to complete the same transaction.

STANDARD POST, Mumbai

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 The cultivation. 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.

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 "nonexistent" 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 postmortem 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 byelection 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.

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."



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

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

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

Jammu, Mar 10 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Chief 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



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0	RFX- 3000055574	Work of providing fixing and installation of Automation flow	Rs. 2,16,69,978/-
2	Coal Handling Plant	control unit For various conveyor belts in CHP 210 MW BTPS.	Rs. 2,20,200/-
0	RFX- 3000055606	Procurement of various idlers for conveyors installed at	Rs. 54,70,300/-
3	Coal Handling Plant	CHP 1x660MW BTPS.	Rs. 58,200/-
4	RFX- 3000055548	Procurement of Glands sealing system spares installed at	Rs. 54,03,000/-
4	Turbine Maintenance	2x500MW, Bhusawal TPS, Deepnagar.	Rs. 57,500/-
5	RFX- 3000055547	Procurement of Turbine casing spares installed at	Rs. 34,12,442/-
Э	Turbine Maintenance	2x500MW, Bhusawal TPS, Deepnagar.	Rs. 37,600/-
6	RFX- 3000055505	Work contract For maintenance of various battery sets	Rs. 27,58,036/-
0	Electrical Maintenance	installed at 660MW Bhusawal , Deepnagar.	Rs. 31,100/-
7	RFX- 3000055561	Supply of ash intake valves & their spares for ESP at	Rs. 25,60,416/-
1	Ash Handling Plant	AHP,2x500MW,BTPS,Deepnagar.	Rs. 29,100/-
	RFX- 3000055405	Deem of Wagen Timplan act OLD 040MW	Rs. 25,59,942/-
8	Coal Handling Plant		Rs. 29,100/-
	Tender Cost is Rs 1,180 https://eprocurement.ma)/- (Including GST). For details please visit ahagenco.in/. Ch	ief Engineer (O&M

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.

Train No.	Originating Station and Destination	Dates of Service	Departure	Arrival	
04126	Bandra Terminus – Subedarganj	11/03/2025 to 01/04/2025	11:15 Hrs (Tuesday)	17:00 Hrs (Next Day)	
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Halts: Borivali, Vapi, Valsad, Udhna, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bayana, Rupbas, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort, Tundla, Etawah, Govindpuri and Fatehpur stations in both directions.					
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	Jhansi	29/03/2025		
	Virangana Lakshmibai	13/03/2025	16:50 Hrs	16:10 Hrs
02199	Jhansi – Bandra	to	(Thursday)	(Next Day)
	Terminus	27/03/2025		

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Composition: AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC 3-Tier (Economy), Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

09013	Bandra Terminus – Bhavnagar Terminus	11/03/2025	19:25 Hrs (Tuesday)	09:00 Hrs (Next Day)
09014	Bhavnagar Terminus – Bandra Terminus	13/03/2025		17:00 Hrs (Same Day)

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People oriented Budget will help create Viksit Maharashtra: CM

(IANS) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday hailed the annual budget for 2025-26 presented by deputy CM and finance minister Ajit Pawar, saying that it is a people-oriented Budget that will create a 'Viksit Maharashtra'.

"This is a peopleoriented budget that realises the resolution of a developed India and a developed Maharashtra. The budget has five pillars of employment and social development along with agriculture, industry and infrastructure. Our future path will be based on this balanced budget." CM Fadnavis said.

He further stated that the Budget is balanced as

Mumbai, March 10 It has managed to keep the fiscal deficit at 2.7 per cent against 2.9 per cent last year.

> "A good balance has been maintained between revenue collection and expenditure. The size of the state Budget has now reached Rs 7 lakh crore. The gross state domestic product has increased by Rs 5 to 10 lakh crore in the last 10 years. This has paved the way for increasing the state's borrowing capacity. The government has not breached the borrowing limit," he

> added. The Chief Minister said Maharashtra continues to be the favoured investment destination but the state has also achieved a new milestone in housing construction. There will also be a large inflow of funds through the Centre and the State.

> These houses will be made selfsufficient for electricity through the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana.

Bldg. No. 2, Unit No. 201-202A & 200-202B, Gr. Floor, **ASREC** Solitaire Corporate Park, Andheri Ghatkopar Link Road, (India) Limited Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 093. **APPENDIX-IV-A PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION – SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** (Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS ASREC (India) Ltd. is a Securitisation and Asset Reconstruction Company (hereinafter referred to as Visite Control to the decision of Borrower Account names by rotree of Assignment Agreement dates 27.10.2021 executed with Nav Jeevan Co-operative Bank Ltd. Acting in its capacity as Trustee of 27.10.2021 executed with Nav Jeevan Co-operative Bank Ltd. Acting in its capacity as Trustee of Assignment Agreement and the second sec

ASREC-PS 04/2021-22 and has acquired the secured debt of M/s Mohit Products Pvt. Ltd. -Borrowers, Dr. Pramod Murlidhar Khandare, Mrs. Sonali Pramod Khandare (Directors & Guarantors), Mr. Hemant Murlidhar Khandare (Guarantor), Mr. Murlidhar Govindrao Khandare (Guarantor), Dr. Arati A Jagtap (Guarantor) & Dr. Rajiv S Brahmane (Guarantor) along with underlying securities from the original lender, Nav Jeevan Co-operative Bank Ltd. The Authorized Officer of Nav Jeevan Co-operative Bank Ltd (Assignor Bank) in exercise of powers

conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued a demand notice dated 12.04.2019 u/s 13(2) of the said act calling upon all the aforesaic borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors in their capacity for repayment of total outstanding amount aggregating to Rs. 62,83,492/- (Rupees Sixty two lakh eighty three thousand four hundred ninety two Only) as on 31.03.2019 with further interest thereon from 01.04.2019 in respect of the advances granted by the Nav Jeevan Co-operative Bank Ltd., within the stipulated period of 60 days as mentioned in the Demand Notices under Sec 13(2) of the said Act served upon the borrowers & Joint/Co-borrowers. Details of Total outstanding as below : Facilities/Amount

Name of the Account

M/s Mohit Products Pvt. Ltd. - Borrowers Term Loan A/c No. LNCOT 15961 Rs. 62,83,492.00/-as Dr. Pramod Murlidhar Khandare, Mrs. on 31.03.2019 together with further interest + penal Sonali Pramod Khandare (Directors & interest @ 2% p.a thereon with effect from 01.04.2019. Guarantors), Mr. Hemant Murlidhar Khandare (Guarantor), Mr. Murlidhar Govindrao Khandare (Guarantor), Dr. Arati

A Jagtap (Guarantor) & Dr. Rajiv S Brahmane (Guarantor)

Rs. 62.83.492.00/- as on 31.03.2019 Outstanding Amount

As the Borrowers, Joint/Co-Borrower/Partners/Guarantor/Mortgagors having failed to repay the entire dues as per said demand notice dated 12.04.2019 under Sec.13 (2) of the said Act, within the stipulated period of sixty days and pursuant to aforesaid Assignment Agreement dated 27.10.2021 in favor of ASREC (India) Limited, the Authorized Officer of ASREC (INDIA) LTD, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) read with Enforcement of Securities (Interest) Rules, 2002, took physical possession of the below mentioned properties on dated 07.02.2024 with section 14 o SARFAESI Act, 2002

Since the entire dues have not been cleared, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and Borrower(s), Joint/Co-borrower and Guarantor(s) in particular that the Authorised Officer hereby intends to sell the below mentioned secured property for recovery of dues in the account, as pe aforesaid demand u/s 13 (2) notice after giving due credit to the payment received subsequent to the said notice, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement o Security Interest Act, 2002 and hence the tenders/bids are invited in sealed cover for the purchase of the secured property.

The property shall be sold strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "As is Whatever Condition (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 31.03.2019 Apart from this, it has been promised in today's budget to provide electricity to houses whose electricity consumption is less than three hundred units. He said that the priority has been given to agriculture and irrigation sectors.

Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said that Ajit Pawar has presented the "champion" budget that will maintain the right balance between people-oriented schemes and infrastructure that have been going on for the last two and a half years.

"Ajit Pawar, who has presented the budget the most times after Sheshrao Wankhede, has tried to maintain balance and give justice to all segments. A sizeable allocation has been made for the development of infrastructure like roads, bridges and ports. No sector has been left out in today's budget. Maharashtra is at the forefront of industrial development and will continue to be ahead and provisions have been made in this budget in such a way that investment will come on a large scale," said DCM Shinde.

He took on opposition for running a false propaganda that the government will discontinue the Ladki Bahin Yojana. Instead, the finance minister has made an allocation of Rs 36,000 crore.

DCM Ajit Pawar said It's a comprehensive budget with significant provisions for agriculture, agriculture-based sectors, industries, business, education, health, tourism, infrastructure and social sectors.

A budget that realises the dream of 'Developed India - Developed Maharashtra'.

"It also expresses a strong resolve that Maharashtra will no more stop and the development won't be delayed anymore."

Maharashtra Legislative Council Deputy Chairperson Neelam Gorhe said that the budget has provided strong support to the common man.

To empower women, the government has decided to set up UMED Malls in 10 districts and launch skill development programmes for women using artificial intelligence.

These initiatives will pave the way for a progressive future. Additionally, under the remote to accessible initiative substantial funding has been provided for the development of temples and infrastructure. She hailed the finance minister's proposal for the establishment of 21 mobile forensic units along with setting up of high tech command centers for strengthening law and order.Labour Minister Akash Fundkar said the budget gives justice to labourers and the working class."The budget proposals will help generate more jobs and opportunities for self employment," he added.

Air India flight returns midair after bomb threat

Poonawalla **Fincorp forays** into Education Loans Business

Mumbai, Mar 10 (UNI) Poonawalla Fincorp Limited (PFL), a Cyrus Poonawalla Grouppromoted NBFC arm, has launched an education loan business focusing on students pursuing higher education in international universities.

Commenting on the launch, Arvind Kapil, Managing Director & CEO of Poonawalla Fincorp, said in a statement, "Education is the most powerful investment in the future, and finance should never be a barrier to ambition. With our education loan solutions,

we are committed to empowering students to access world-class learning opportunities and build a brighter tomorrow."

As part of this launch, the company has also announced an industryfirst initiative of providing instant sanction for education loans. This seamless, technologydriven financing experience is available to

both new and existing PFL customers. Loan up to Rs 3 crore

with collateral: Covers tuition, living, travel, books, and insurance premiums for students and co-applicants, with hassle-free approvals.

prosecutor Pradip Gharat, who was Loan up to Rs 1 crore: representing the Mumbai police in the Option available with zero sensational 57-month-old suicide case of collateral. Offering post-graduate medical student Dr Payal competitive interest rates, Tadvi, has been relieved of his making financing more responsibility. The state has appointed a accessible for all students new SPP for the case. It may be recalled that planning to study at Gharat last week moved an application in international universities, the court to add the name of a senior doctor it added.

25-year-old prisoner tortured by 9



Rescue operation underway after a building collapsed in which three people died, in Hassan, Karnataka on Monday.

Huge disappointment amongst minorities over state budget: SP

Mumbai, Mar 10 (UNI): The budget for the financial year 2025-26 presented by the Mahayuti government on Monday has not only left out the minority communities but also there is not a single new announcement for the minority community, said Samajwadi Party MLA Rais Shaikh.

Shaikh also said that the government didn't even address the pending demands of the Muslim community.Speaking on the budget, MLA Shaikh said that the budget only

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mentions that sufficient funds will be given to the Minority Research and Training Institute.

"There is no clarity about how much funds will be given to it and which schemes will be implemented. Also, the Mahayuti government did not even consider the pending demands of the Muslim community in the budget," he said."The Mahayuti government has deliberately ignored many important issues of the minority community. It has neglected the pressing

issues such as funds for the Waqf Board, modernisation of madrasas, socioeconomic survey by TISS, Muslim reservation, etc., in the budget," he said.

Shaikh further said that although the government has announced to implement a scholarship scheme for foreign education for students from the minority community from 2024-25, there is no clarity given on it yet, making a case that the government is least bothered about the minority development, he added.

Public Prosecutor in Dr Tadvi suicide case removed

of BYL Nair Hospital here as an accused in the case.Following his plea, the court allowed the state to add the name of senior doctor Yi Ling, who was the unit head of the gynaecology department when the incident occurred on May 22, 2019.A notification has been issued by the law and judiciary department stating that Gharat's appointment has been cancelled with immediate effect.



ith further interest thereon from 01.04.2019, due to secured creditor from M/s Mohit Products Pv Ltd. The reserve price and EMD etc are given below:

Description of the Property	Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs)		Bid Incremental Value Rs. in Lacs)
Residential Premises Block No.A-402, House No.803, Subhash Tekdi, Dr. Ambedkar chowk, Ulhasnagar- 421004, assessed in ward no.39, property no. 39D00084433900 Owner: Shri Murlidhar G. Khandare		10.30	0.50

Details of auction

Auction Date & Time: 27.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M

Inspection of Property: 19.03.2025 from 12.00 P.M. to 03.00 P.M.

Collection of Bid Forms: From 11.03.2025 to 26.03.2025 - 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Last date & time for submission of Bid Forms: Till up to 26.03.2025 - 5.00 p.m.

Venue of Bid Forms Collection/submission: From the office of ASREC (INDIA) Ltd. at 201/202A Building No. 2, Solitaire Corporate Park, Andheri- Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (E), Mumba 400093. Tender Forms can also be downloaded from the website of ASREC (INDIA) LTD (www.asrecindia.co.in)

Venue of Auction & Bids opening: The Offers/tenders received by ASREC, shall be opened by the Authorised Officer at our above mentioned office address on 27.03.2025. at 11.00 A.M. wh nter-se bidding, may take place.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrances on the property. The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of property put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property prior to submitting their bids. The public auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of ASREC. The property is being sold with all existing encumbrances whether known or unknown to ASREC. The Authorised Officer / Secured

Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/views. 2. Auction will be held for the entire property as stated above on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "As is Whatever There is" and No Recourse basis"

3. Bid in the prescribed format given in the tender document shall be submitted to Authorised Officer o ASBEC (India) Ltd., Bldg, No. 2, Unit No. 201-202A & 200-202B, Gr. Floor, Solitaire Corporate Park Andheri Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400093 or submit through emai harshad@asrecindia.co.in/ankita@asrecindia.co.in. The bid form or EMD received after **5:00 p.m**. on 26.03.2025 for any reason whatsoever will not be entertained. Bid without EMD shall be rejected

4. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part of sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded in the same way. The EMD shall not bear any interest. The bidders are requested to give particulars of their bank account to facilitate quick and proper refund. 5. The successful bidder shall immediately i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day, as

the case may be, deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD amount deposited) to the Authorised Officer and in default of such deposit, EMD will be forfeited and the property shall be sold again.

6. The balance amount of the sale price shall be paid on or before 15th day of confirmation of sale o the property or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing between the secured credito and successful bidder. In default of payment within above stipulated time period, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the

property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold. 7. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002

. The Bid without EMD amount and or/less than the Reserve price shall not be accepted / confirmed 9. The intending purchasers / bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through NEFT / RTGS in the Account No.: 009020110001529, with Bank of India, SSI, Andheri Branch, IFSC Code BKID0000090 Name of the Beneficiary : ASREC PS-04/2021-22 TRUST, or by way of Demand Draf drawn in favour of ASREC-PS- 04/2021-22 TRUST drawn on any Nationalized or Scheduled Bank and pavable in Mumbai

10. The interested bidders can inspect the property on 19.03.2025 from 12.00 P.M. to 03.00 P.M. Contact Details: Mr. Harshad V. - Cell No. 9594692251, 022-61387057, Ms. Ankita Dhakan- Cell No. 9819270587, Mr. Jagdish Shah - Cell No. 70214 28336, 022 61387042 may be contacted for any

11. The Authorised officer has every right to accept or reject any or all offers and/or modify any terms/conditions without assigning any reasons thereof.

12. The successful bidder would bear the charges/fees payable for registration, stamp duty registration fee, incidental expenses etc. as applicable as per law

13. On compliance of the terms and condition of sale and on confirmation of the sale the Authorise Officer shall issue CERTIFICATE OF SALE in favour of the successful Bidder.

14. In the event the auction scheduled hereinabove fails for any reason whatsoever, ASREC has the right to sell the secured asset under auction through this Notice by way of PRIVATE TREATY or under ne provisions of Rule 8(5) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules and the SARFAESI Act, 2002 5. The highest bid will be subject to approval of the secured creditor/Authorised Officer.

THIS NOTICE SERVE AS 15 (FIFTEEN) DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS & JOINT/CO-BORROWERS/SURETY FOR SALE OF SECURED PROPERTY UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9(1) OF SARFAESI ACT AND SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED DATE IF THEIR OUTSTANDING DUES ARE NOT PAID IN FULL

Date: 11.03.2025	Sd/-	
Place: Mumbai	Authorized Officer,	
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Mumbai, Mar 10 (UNI) : An Air India flight from Mumbai to New York (AI119) was forced to return mid-air on Monday following a bomb threat.A note threatening a blast was discovered in the aircraft's washroom eight hours after takeoff, according to Air India statement. The Boeing 777 aircraft, with 303 passengers and 19 crew members on board, was flying over Azerbaijan when it changed course and returned to Mumbai. Following its landing, bomb-detection procedures were carried out. The threat alert was found to be a hoax.

Confirming the security threat finding, a senior police officer of the Mumbai police's Zone 8 said, "It is like a usual threat note found in the toilet, and with that, further investigation is on according to standard procedure."

The flight took off from Mumbai around 2 in the morning and returned to Mumbai around 10.25 am. Flight number AI-119, from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai to John F Kennedy Airport in New York, takes about 15 hours to complete the journey. The flight will now take off at 5 am on March 11, the airline said. Air India said in a statement that the decision to return to Mumbai was taken after a potential security threat. It said the passengers have been provided accommodation, meals, and other support.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. VSKP-ELG-TL- AC-24-25-12, Date : 03.03.2025
NAME OF THE WORK : SUPPLY AND
INSTALLATION OF CABLE TRANSIT ENTRY SEALING AND FULL PROOF
PROTECTION SYSTEM WITH MULTI DIAMETER HALOGEN FREE EPDM
MODULES TO PREVENT RODENT INTO HT COMPARTMENT OF SWITCH
BOARD CABINET OF EOG TYPE LHB AC COACHES, POWER CARS &
PANTRY CAR OF MAIL/EXPRESS
TRAINS OF WALTAIR DIVISION. Tender Value : ₹ 62,25,264, Bid Security :
₹1,24,500/-, <u>Completion Period</u> : 180 Days.
Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1330 Hrs. of 03 04 2025

Date and Time of Opening of Tender At 1600 Hrs. of 03.04.2025.

The Tender documents Complete details will be vailable at website www.ireps.gov.in The tenderers are required to watch the websi

or any corrigendum issued. Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G) Waltaiı PR-1060/P/24-25

inmates in Nashik jail

Nashik, Mar 10 (UNI) : In a shocking incident, a 25year-old prisoner lodged in the Nashik Road Central Jail in a murder case was allegedly tortured for several days by nine inmates in his cell over an

argument. During the court hearing, when the victim narrated his ordeal to the judge, the court took a serious note and asked the victim to file a complaint with the Malegaon

Cantonment Police. Accordingly, the victim, Sagar alias Pankaj Bajirao Chaudhary (25, resident of Ner Kusumba, Dhule district), has registered the case with the Malegaon Cantonment Police who have transferred the same to the Nashik Road Police for investigation.

In the complaint, he alleged that prisoner Paul and his accomplices Waghmare, Dinesh Chavan (both watchmen), Lala (responsible), Mama (prisoner), Wajid, Mahajan, Amol and Mohan (prisoner) had tortured him for the past eight to nine days.

Sagar was arrested in a murder case that took place at Jaykheda in 2021. After that, he has been in judicial custody in the Nashik Road Central Jail since October 14,2021.

While in jail, there was an argument among the prisoners in Circle Number Four from February 25 to March 4, 2025. During this,

the accused prisoners, suspicious of Sagar, took him to a toilet of the hospital and shackled both his hands and feet.

While he was in the same condition, Paul, who tasked was with distributing bhel allowance

and food here, had just come out of the toilet and gave Sagar the allowance to eat without washing his hands.

When he refused, Paul and others beat him severely. They also forcibly made him eat the allowance. After that, for two or three days, Sagar was kept in the circle with his shackles on and again, abused him and threatened that if he narrated this incident to anyone, he would not be released.

When the prison superintendent came for a round, Sagar complained him about the accused prisoners, but the latter did not act on it. Because of this, the accused prisoners did not allow him to use the toilet.Not only this, Paul and Waghmare wrapped a handkerchief around Sagar's neck and dragged him, and Wajid beat him on the leg with a wooden stick. Also, Mahajan, a prisoner working for the doctor, beat him with a belt.

When he screamed in unbearable pain, Waghmare held his neck and hit him on the wall. He was released only because he was bleeding.

8 (3) (C) of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection & Preservation of Trees Act 1975 (As modified upto January 2019) 02 proposals from "D' Ward in Zone - I, 01 proposals from "G/South" ward, in Zone - II, Total 03 proposal are received requesting approval of Maharashtra State Tree Authority/BMC's Tree Authority/Municipal Commissioner, Chairman, Tree Authority (BMC) for removal of trees.

The information of the trees for cutting/ Transplanting in above mentioned proposals is available on BMC website → https://mcgm.gov.in → About us → Wards /Department → Department manuals → Gardens & Tree Authority → Tree Authority → Public Notice 7 Days → 306 - 7 Days - Z - I, II. .

Objections / suggestions from citizens for aforesaid proposals, if any are invited in prescribed format within 7 days from the date of published of this notice in the office of Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer.

You can also submit your suggestions / objections in prescribed format on this email-ID Your suggestions/Objections in prescribed format received in stipulated time will be bdysg.ta@mcgm.gov.in noted. Emails or written suggestions / Objections received after the said date will not be entertained. Hearing for objections/ suggestions obtained will be given on 21-03-2025 at 04.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m. at the office of Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer. Those who find it necessary to attend this hearing can remain present with a copy of their e-mail, suggestions/objections.

Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer Office of Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer, 2nd Floor, Humboldt Penguin Building, Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan & Zoo Sant. Savta Mali Marg, Byculla (East), Mumbai - 400 027. Tel No: 23742162 Email : dysg.ta@mcgm.gov.in Sd/-PRO/2753/ADV/2024 - 25

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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 Delhibased 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 approachincorporating 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.

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

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

(Standard Post Bureau) projects up to 11,000 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 AshwiniVaishnaw, 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

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-

Safety Enhancements Investment in railway safety has surged from ¹ 8,000 crore under previous administrations to 11.14 lakh crore under

quality rails.

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 passengerfriendly 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 18thLok 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 CDS stresses need **Together Before It's Too Late** for holistic

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.



trabeculoplasty (SLT) has emerged as a preferred noninvasive 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

Diet:

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.

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 longterm 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.

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

Frequent headaches and eye strain

symptoms include:

Blurred or narrowed vision (tunnel vision)

Difficulty adjusting to darkness

Increased 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.

health.

Management

technologies,

include:

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treatment plans.

recovery time.

Laser

Selective

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Treatments:

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Glaucoma Detection and

cutting-edge medical

detection and treatment of

glaucoma have become

more accessible. Some of

the latest innovations

Coherence Tomography):

This advanced imaging

technology provides

detailed cross-sectional

images of the optic nerve,

Designed to monitor

fluctuations throughout the

day, these lenses help in early

diagnosis and personalized

Smart Contact Lenses:

enabling early detection.

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, light especially among those in shift-based jobs, impact eye health by increasing IOP fluctuations.

Sedentary Lifestyle: Lack of physical activity routine screenings can prevent irreversible vision loss Balanced Incorporate Vitamin A-rich

foods like carrots, leafy greens, sweet potatoes, contributes to poor blood and fish to support eye circulation, affecting the health. optic nerve and overall eye

Time Screen 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: AI-Powered Screening: Physical activity enhances Artificial intelligence-based blood circulation to the algorithms can analyze optic nerve, lowering the retinal images to detect early risk of high IOP. signs of glaucoma with high

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.

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 cuttingedge 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.

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

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 "inflame passions", demands judicial probe

Chandigarh, Mar 10 (UNI): The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Monday asked the Punjab Chief Secretary (CS) to



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

some preliminary findings

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, concern

who is also the Leader of the House, made this statement in response to justified. 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

have come to light." taken place during Ramadan. I completely Providing further agree. However, I would go details, the Chief Minister a step further and say that stated that a fashion show such an event should not was organized by a private have been held at any time entity on March 7 as part of the year in a place, given of a four-day event. the cultural and social He noted that the ethos of our region," the actions during the event Chief Minister said. hurt public sentiments, a

that he acknowledged as both understandable and 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 neither approached for

provide any financial or 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

event should not have

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.

permission nor did it

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

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.

Bill after extensive "As we view these consultation relations from a long-term stakeholders and legal perspective, we continue experts," he said. working jointly towards more ambitious projects, that it would empower including connectivity. stakeholders to deal with

"Our vision on establishment of lasting

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) evidence of a contract, thus The Lok Sabha on Monday it is a legal document. passed the Bills of Lading Bill 2024 by a voice vote,

bills of lading. The Bill was

introduced in Lok Sabha on

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

"We have created this

The Minister asserted

with

is a 168-year-old law.

Replying, to the debate,

August nine, 2024.

Bill is in keeping with which seeks to replace the Narendra Modi's Indian Bills of Lading Act, transformative vision. 1856 and provides a legal He concluded his framework for issuance of

Sonowal said that the

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.

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

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of

London/New Delhi, Mar 10 (UNI) : External Affairs

Minister S Jaishankar, who relations, particularly with geoeconomics, India-UK was the target of heckling the resumption of Free relations, and India's

EAM was welcomed

trade negotiations,

education, technology,

mobility, and people-to-

on the new Roadmap 2.0

being discussed by the two

sides that will impart fresh

momentum to the

new

Jaishankar

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in

conversation at Chatham

House with its Director and

Chief Executive Bronwen

They reviewed progress

people exchanges.

energy and

EAM

participated

extensive

noted the positive Maddox, where he spoke University, discussing their momentum in India-UK on shifting geopolitics,

experiences and aspirations.

EAM inaugurated the

recommend a judicial probe against Information and Public Relations officers of three districts who tried to "inflame 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".

by Khalistani activists during his London visit, brought up the issue of the recognised safety and security of strengthening Indian Missions and technology cooperation diplomats during his talks and deepening of peoplewith UK Home Secretary to-people ties, and Yvette Cooper. discussed key global

During the talks, EAM issues, including the also reiterated the need to Ukraine conflict. expeditiously bring to justice, the perpetrators of at Chevening House by attacks on the premises of Foreign Secretary David HCI London, which took Lammy. EAM and place two years ago when Foreign Secretary Lammy activists Khalistani held clambered up the balcony discussions covering the of the Indian High full spectrum of India-UK Commission and attempted relations, including to remove the Indian strategic coordination, national flag and replace it political cooperation,

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.

Comprehensive Strategic During his meeting with Partnership. They also the UK Secretary of State exchanged views on for Business and Trade regional and global Jonathan Reynolds, the developments, including two sides focussed the the Ukraine conflict, progress of India-UK FTA West Asia, Bangladesh, negotiations. Both sides and the Commonwealth. reaffirmed their commitment Both leaders interacted to enhancing trade and with Chevening Scholars investment opportunities, from India, recognizing the emphasizing the need to crucial role that education reduce trade barriers and and youth play, in fostering expand market access. stronger bilateral ties.

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

perspective on global Trade Agreement (FTA) affairs. negotiations. They also

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 trade, enhanced business, technology, educational and 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

Consulate General of India in Manchester, the fourth Indian Consulate in the UK, fulfilling a longstanding demand of the Indian diaspora and strengthening India's

Northern England.

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." diplomatic outreach in "Grateful for the insightful exchange."

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

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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, Lightening 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

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cool ways to go Green

sauce, jelly and soft drink bottles. Paint

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

on them to turn . these i n t centrepieces or vases. You can even use them as unusual

potters for your money 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 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 RENTINGA 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 hang ing 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 floormat 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 hawwing! 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

vou. 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

Seed bombing is the new way to reclaim green spaces

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.



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



take to the activity in a big way, " The concept is guerrilla gardening and it 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

landslides that occur during monsoons are because of this indiscriminate chopping of trees." To tackle this problem and find a remedy for the long run, Lalwani along with other enthusiasts took off in two cars with 500 bombs each and pelted the sides along the highway with these colourful bombs with sling shots. "We used seeds of plants as well as trees. The bombs were made of seeds including Neem, Peepal, Gulmohar, Badam, Umber and Bhindi. We used these as they are strong species, native to the area and ideal to be grown along the highway." DIY Making a seed bomb is a rather easy process, which involves very little



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 Fukoka, 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

colors, guirky 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.



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)

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 noncommittal 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 longterm future remains undecided, his current form and commitment to Indian cricket remain unquestionable. With another ICC trophy under

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 tenteam 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



welcome the ICC Women's

T20 World Cup 2026

Americas Qualifier, I extend

my warmest greetings to all

supporters. Buenos Aires,

a city full of culture and

vibrant energy, is the

perfect stage for this

together the best teams in

the region, all competing

for a place on the road to

"This event brings

prestigious tournament.

participants

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

the ICC Women's T20 team that is playing in the Argentina, Hernan Pereyra, World Cup 2026. The Americas Qualifier said: "As we prepare to stakes are high, and the deserves it, and it would be **Skier Siddhartha Gadekar from Pune** clinches gold in KIWG at Gulmarg

and

Srinagar, Mar 10 (UNI): Skier Siddhartha Gadekar of Pune Maharashtra won the category, Tenzin Dolma gold in Vertical Ski from Himachal Pradesh 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 Dolma didn't find the event respectively. Celebrating yellow

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

better in upcoming events. ITBP sent all other In the women's 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, competition challenging since the endurance she had developed over the period showered her with desired rewards.

In the same event, He expressed gratitude Manek Gunjiyal of

in

Gold

KIWG-2024.

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.

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

passion and determination

on display will inspire

future generations of

cricketers across 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

Reflecting on the

Americas.'

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 medal tally of KIWGs. Snowboard gaint Slalom Similarly, in Alpine Gaint event, Zubair Ahmad Lone Slalom Category Women,

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

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.

his belt, the veteran leader continues to inspire, leaving fans wondering just how much longer he will grace the international stage.

Lhungdim initiated Punjab

FC's attack for the third

goal, sending in a cross

for Petros Giakoumakis in

the 83rd minute, however,

the striker's shot lacked

finesse as it got blocked

in time, with both teams

settling for a point each

Both Punjab FC and

empowering para-athletes, has expressed her

commitment to elevating India's standing in the global para-sports arena. "I am honored to take **Mohammedan SC finish debut ISL**

on this responsibility and will work tirelessly to ensure India becomes a leading country in the Paralympics. Our paraathletes 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 paraathletes," he said.

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

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.

Uttarakhand who had won from J&K, glided the slopes Women's fiercely to clinch Gold Snowboarding Slalom on Medal, while Kulvinder Sunday had tough luck Sharma and Karan Sing of today and had to settle for Army settled with Silver & bronze. Gunjiyal was one of Bronze.Similarly, in Alpine Gaint Slalom Category the gold medallists from Women, Himachal Pradesh In the Nordic Ski Sprint, had triple whammy to

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.

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 muchanticipated 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

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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Kolkata, Mar 10 (UNI): on the left flank, before 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

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.

campaign without a home win

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.

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

He cracked open the

Mohammedan SC

eventually. Mohammedan SC season comes to an end.

Chhakchhuak making an important block, before Marc Schmerböck used his left foot to comfortably place the ball in the middle of the net, reducing the deficit to one goal.With momentum swaying in Mohammedan SC's favour, the Punjab FC backline lost shape and Franca pounced upon that with a dazzling run

piercing past the opposition's half after picking the ball near the halfway mark. He spotted three Punjab FC players teaming up to mark him and pulled off a well-timed pass for Robi Hansda in the 66th minute, who smashed the ball into the high centre of the goal, thereby equalising scores. Khaiminthang

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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

February-2025 as against 98 rakes in February -2024 registering a growth of 16.3%. 244 rakes of ٠ 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.

improvement of 1.2% in average interchange of Fertilizer loaded in trains per day with average interchange of 374 trains per day during the current

vear 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

There has been an

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

(Standard Post Bureau)

demand of passengers Railways will run additional 4 Special Trains between Kalaburagi and Bengaluru to clear the extra rush of passengers travelling 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 depart SMVT will Bengaluru at 21:15 hrs on 13.03.2025 & 14.03.2025 (Thursday & Friday) and will during Holi Festival. The Kalaburagi at 07:40 hrs next day. (2 trips)

Halts: Manhtralayam Adoni, and Yelahanka.

arrive Shahabad,

Yadgir, Krishna, Raichur, Road, Guntakal, Anantapur, Dharmavaram

The anthology *Sita to Abhaya:*

Have Things Changed? reflects

the ever-evolving status

of women in Indian society

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Tier, 5 AC-III Tier, 10 Sleeper Class, 2 General Second Class and 2 Luggage cum Guard's Brake Vans. (21 Coaches)

Reservation: Bookings for special train nos.06520/ 06519 on special charges are open at all computerised reservation centres and on website www.irctc.co.in

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

WR to run special train between bandra **TErminus** and Bhavnagar **Terminus**

(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.

Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

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 regarding timings of halts and composition,

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

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mt. Kshama Misr

(Standard Post Bureau)

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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 In the first photo, GM WR Mr Ashok Kumar Misra is addressing the gathering on the Welfare Women's occasion of International Women's Day 2025 at WR's HQ. In the second photo, Smt. Organization (WRWWO) Kshama Misra - President of WRWWO is seen welcomed by PCPO/WR Smt. Manjula was Guest of Honour. The Saxena. The third photo is a view of the release of 'Swayamsiddha' book. The fourth theme of this year's photo gives a glimpse of the cultural programme. International Women's Day is "Accelerate Action". important information for

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

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.

women employees as well

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, WRWWO 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 Belagavi, Miraj, Sangli, Karad, Satara, Pune, Mysuru-Danapur Special Manmad, Bhusaval, Express will depart from Mysuru at 10:05 a.m. on Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni,

directions: Mandya, KSR 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,

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

For more details on the

SLR/D coaches."

arrival and departure

This train comprises of The booking for Train

information

Solapur, March 10 : On





(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 10: On the occasion of international women's day, An anthology tittled- 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.

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).

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

Satna, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, and Ara.

Bengaluru, Yesvantpur,

Tumakuru, Arsikere,

Hubballi, Dharwad,

Davangere, SSS

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/

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. timings at the respective En route, the train will stations of these trains, halt at the following passengers can visit the stations in both Indian Railways website directions: Madgaon,

or dial 139. 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

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.

officials to conduct safety