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Rallapalli Ananthakrishna Sharma 46th death anniversary commemorated

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tirupati, Mar 11 : Sata Avadhani Amudala Murali on Tuesday advocated that Rallapalli Ananthakrishna Sharma as a multi-talented person with immense knowledge in the fields of music and literature.

The 46th death anniversary programme of the great scholar was held at Annamacharya Kalamandiram here under the joint auspices of TTD Annamacharya Project and HDPP.

Addressing on the occasion, Murali said that for Sri Rallapalli, music and literature are like two eyes.

Later, Rallapalli's granddaughter and National Sanskrit University Professor Smt. Rallapalli Deepta said that Rallapalli had a good knowledge of Sanskrit, Prakrit, Telugu and Kannada languages ??and because of this Annamayya understood and solved the literature in copper plates.DPPAEO Ramulu, Rallapalli Raghunandan, other officials and a large number of people of the village participated in this programme.

Balkampet Renuka Yellamma temple to get facelift under PRASAD scheme

Hyderabad, Mar 11 (UNI) : The Central Government has approved the development of the Renuka Yellamma Temple in Balkampet under the PRASAD Scheme (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive).Union Minister and BJP Telangana President Kishan Reddy announced the details of this project on social media platform X (formerly Twitter).

As part of the development, a modern three-storey Annadana Bhavan with facilities to accommodate over 200 people at a time will be constructed at a cost of Rs 4.21 crore. A model image of the proposed building was also released. Kishan Reddy emphasised that this initiative will enhance facilities for devotees and help preserve the temple's spiritual heritage. He reiterated the Narendra Modi-led Central Government's commitment to promoting the development of temples across Telangana.

PM Modi to be conferred with Mauritius' highest civilian honour

Port Louis/New Delhi, Mar 11 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to be conferred with Mauritius' highest civilian honour, the Grand Commander of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (GCSK).

This was announced by Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam during the Community Reception held for Prime Minister Modi at the Trianon Convention Centre.

The Mauritius PM announced that he has recommended to President Dharmbeer Gokhool to award PM Narendra Modi the distinction of Grand Commander of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (GCSK), the highest distinction of

the Mauritian' State.

Only five foreign personalities, including Nelson Mandela, have received this recognition so far, he added.

During the community reception, PM Modi presented the Mauritius PM Navin Ramgoolam and his wife Veena Ramgoolam the Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards.

PM Modi said in his remarks that "the people and the government of Mauritius have decided to confer upon me their highest civilian honour".

"I humbly accept this decision with great respect.

"This is not just an honour for me, it is an honour for the historic bond between India and Mauritius."

Violation of law and order by anyone will be viewed seriously: CM

(Standard Post Bureau)

Vijayawada, Mar 11 : Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, on Tuesday made it clear on the floor of the Assembly that violation of law and order by anyone will not be tolerated and anyone making any attempt to bother women will be taken to task.

Informing the Assembly that the Shakti app is launched keeping in view solely the security of women in the State, the Chief Minister said that the previous government has miserably failed in maintenance of law and order following which people could not move out freely and there was no security for government properties.

Naidu felt that maintenance of law and order is paramount for the people to be happy and move without any fear.

Expressing serious

concern that due to gross negligence of the previous ruling party, the misuse of drugs and ganja was very rampant, the Chief Minister said that as a responsible Opposition party when the TDP raised this issue and took to agitational path the party office was attacked.

"Any political party treats its party office as a temple and in my 45-year-long political life I have never experienced any incident of attack on any party office," Chandrababu remarked.

Clarifying that he always keeps himself away from political vendetta, he said that the previous government did not conduct even a review meeting on drugs and ganja.

This matter was never discussed on the floor of the Assembly too by the previous government, he said.

The Chief Minister

opined that change among those who are addicted to drugs is not that easy and said that Eagle system has been brought in only to suppress the organised ganja cultivation and drug abuse.

"One should not cultivate ganja for selfish ends and play with the lives of the people and ganja cultivation will not be allowed at any cost in the State," Mr Chandrababu Naidu declared.

Besides utilising the latest technology to check drug abuse and even the State borders too are being closely monitored to prevent drug smuggling, the Chief Minister said and announced that alternative employment opportunities will be provided to those who are cultivating ganja.

He also felt the need for the parents to closely observe the movement of their children.

Amaravati capital development works worth Rs 37,702 crore approved : CM

Amaravati, March 11 (IANS) : The Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) on Tuesday gave its nod for development works worth Rs 37,702.15 crore in the capital city of Amaravati. The CRDA meeting chaired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu cleared 59 tenders for taking up various works.

The works will be taken up immediately after the approval of the Cabinet that is going to meet here on March 17, said the Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) Ponguru Narayana.

Briefing media persons on the decision taken by the CRDA, he said that next month over 20,000 workers will take part in the development works.

Narayana said that tenders have already been



called for 73 different works worth Rs 48,012 crore as the Cabinet has already given its approval. The Minister said of these 59 works, the cost of 22 works in the CRDA limits alone is Rs 22,607.11 crore while the 37 other works of the Amaravati Development Corporation are worth Rs 15,095.04 crore, he added. Narayana also said that lands were allotted to

various organisations between 2014 and 2019 and the CRDA meeting on Tuesday cleared the land allocation for 31 various organisations.

The date has been extended to change the location of the land allocated to 11 other units while the CRDA accepted the proposal to change the location of land for two

units. Maintaining that the development of the capital city of Amaravati is expected to cost an estimated Rs 64,000 crore, the Minister clarified that the taxes collected from the people will not be spent for this purpose. Of the total extent of land acquired from the farmers, the CRDA has an excess of 6,203 acres and of this, 1,900 acres will be allocated to various

organisations, the Minister disclosed. The amount generated either by mortgaging or selling this surplus land the capital city will be constructed, he stated. Already Rs 15,000 crore loan has been raised from the World Bank, the Minister said and observed that another Rs 11,000 crore will be raised as loan from HUDCO while Rs 5,000 crore will be borrowed as loan from various other banks, thus Rs 31,000 crore will be mobilised. Narayana felt that the cost of the land would certainly go up following the development activities after which the land would either be sold or mortgaged to repay the loans. Amaravati capital region has an extent of 53,500 acres, including all types of land of which 30 percent of the land will be developed green and blue, the Minister said.

Minister announces setting up of 2 Ultra Mega Solar Power Plants

(Standard Post Bureau)

Vijayawada, Mar 11 : Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar has announced that Two Ultra Mega Solar Power Plants will be established in Prakasam district.

Responding to questions raised by members in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, the Minister emphasized that after Rayalaseema, Prakasam district is the most suitable region for setting up renewable energy projects in the state.

He revealed that the government is committed

to constructing mega solar power plants in Donakonda and Chandrasekharapuram, requiring approximately 5,500 acres of land per plant. A land allocation report has already been requested from the Prakasam District Collector, and the construction will commence upon receiving the report. Each solar plant is expected to generate 1,000 Megawatts (MW) of electricity, contributing significantly to the state's energy needs.

Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar voiced confidence that Andhra Pradesh would

emerge as a national leader in the renewable energy sector under the Integrated Clean Energy (ICE) Policy-2024.

He highlighted that this policy would create employment opportunities for 7.5 lakh people and help the state achieve its ambitious target of generating 100 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy.

The Minister reiterated the government's commitment to making Andhra Pradesh a hub for clean and sustainable energy, positioning it at the forefront of India's green energy revolution.

Five killed as KSRTC bus knocks down two bikes

Kurnool, Mar 11 (UNI) : In a ghastly road accident, five persons including a couple, were killed when two motorcycles on which they were going were knocked down by a Karnataka State RTC bus at Pandavagallu village in Adoni mandal of Kurnool district in AP on Tuesday. Police said that five persons, including the couple, were going on two motorcycles. A speeding KSRTC bus knocked down the two bikes from the rear end killing Veeranna (25), Adilakshmi (20) Devaraju, Nagaratna and Hemadri.

Veeranna, Aadilakshmi, Devaraju and Nagaratna were killed on the spot while Hemadri died while being taken to the Area Hospital in Adoni.

The deceased Veeranna and Adilakshmi were a couple, belonging to Kuppagala village and they were going on a motorcycle to their village when the mishap took place. Devaraju, Nagaratna and Hemadri belonged to Manvi in Karnataka State and they were going on another motorcycle. After ploughing through the two bikes killing five people, the KSRTC bus veered off the road and came to a halt in an agriculture field. Adoni DSP and other officials rushed to the place and shifted the bodies to the Area hospital in Adoni for postmortem.



'Need to overhaul outdated systems to promote inclusion of disabled individuals'

Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday called for urgent actions to promote inclusion of disabled individuals into society, stressing the need to overhaul the outdated systems. He emphasised that the legislative framework should not look like relics of a bygone era. Pointing to gaps in policies, and calling for urgent steps to ensure proper utilisation of allocated budgets, Tharoor stressed that it is essential to reconceptualize disability inclusion not merely as a social imperative but as an economic and political necessity, a statement said.

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Govt to fulfil all resolutions in manifesto in 5 years: BJP chief



The Mahayuti government will fulfil all the resolutions made in the manifesto for the Maharashtra Assembly elections in next five years and no scheme will be closed, assured Revenue minister and state BJP president Chandrashekar Bawankule on Tuesday.

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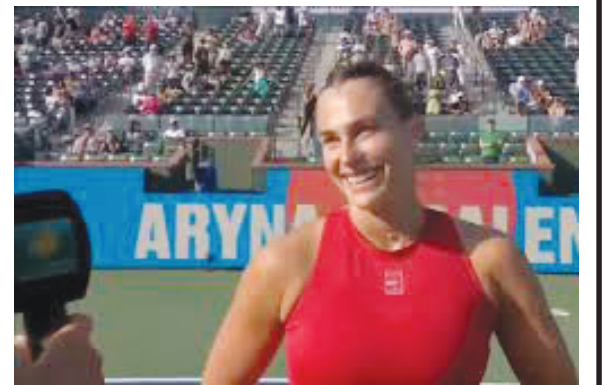
Steps afoot to mitigate floods, says Meghalaya CM



Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Tuesday said that steps were afoot to mitigate the impact of floods caused by heavy rainfall in the plain areas in the State. Replying to queries during the Question Hour in the assembly.

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Sabalenka beats Bronzetti to reach Indian Wells last 16



Women's top seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus cruised into the round of 16 at Indian Wells by overcoming Italian Lucia Bronzetti 6-1, 6-2. Sabalenka won 75 percent of her first serve points and converted five of 12 break points en route to victory in an hour and 15 minutes on Monday.

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Passengers aboard an overcrowded train amid rush ahead of the Holi festival, in Patna.

PM Modi pays homage to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Sir Anerood Jugnauth in Port Louis

Port Louis/New Delhi, Mar 11 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accompanied by Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam, paid homage at the Samadhis of Mauritius' founding father and first prime minister Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam and Mauritius leader Sir Anerood Jugnauth, who served as both prime minister and President.

PM Modi laid wreaths at the samadhis at the Pamplemousses Botanical Garden. PM Modi along with PM Navinchandra Ramgoolam also planted a bael sapling at the botanical garden.

In a post on X, the PM said:

"Paid homage to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam and Sir Anerood Jugnauth, two great leaders who have made indelible contributions to Mauritius' progress."

MEA

spokesperson posted on X: "A moment of remembrance!

"PM @narendramodi, accompanied by PM @Ramgoolam_Dr paid homage to the two towering leaders of Mauritius history—Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam & Sir Anerood Jugnauth—at the iconic Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden, Pamplemousses.

"Reinforcing joint commitment to a green future, PM & PM @Ramgoolam_Dr planted a Bael sapling in the garden, contributing to the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative."

A statement said: "On the occasion, Prime Minister Modi recalled the enduring legacies of the two leaders in the progress of Mauritius and building a robust foundation for India-Mauritius ties.

"Following the wreath laying ceremony, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of

Mauritius, H.E. Navinchandra Ramgoolam planted a tree under the initiative – "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" – in the historic garden." Prime Minister Modi later called on President Dharambeer Gokhool at the State House.

The two leaders exchanged views on deepening the special and close bilateral ties between India and Mauritius.

In this context, they recalled the shared history between the two countries and the existence of strong people-to-people linkages.

Prime Minister Modi noted that it was an honour for him to attend the National Day celebrations of Mauritius as Chief Guest for the second time. In a special gesture Prime Minister handed over OCI cards to President Gokhool and First Lady Vrinda Gokhool.

Prime Minister also visited the Ayurveda Garden in the State House,

established in collaboration with the Government of India. Prime Minister noted that Mauritius is an important partner for India in advancing the benefits of traditional medicine including Ayurveda.

After the talks, President Gokhool hosted a State lunch in honour of Prime Minister. The MEA spokesperson posted on X:

"At the State House, PM @narendramodi was warmly received by President Mr. Dharambeer Gokhool of Mauritius. President also hosted a state lunch in the honour of PM.

"The leaders exchanged views on deepening bilateral ties between India and Mauritius that is anchored in shared history, civilizational linkages & ever growing people to people ties." PM also visited the Ayurvedic Garden at the State House, a symbol of India-Mauritius collaboration in traditional medicine."

Punjab government accords rousing civic reception to President

Chandigarh, Mar 11 (UNI) The Punjab Government on Tuesday extended a warm civic reception to President of India Droupadi Murmu during her visit to the state.

Welcoming the President during a function organised here at the Indian School of Business, he said Murmu's visit is a red letter day in the history of the state and every Punjabi is elated. He said the President is welcome to Punjab- the sacred land of great Gurus, saints, seers and prophets. Mann expressed hope that during her visit, the President of India will have a feel of the glorious cultural heritage of the state, besides enjoying the warm hospitality of the Punjabis.

Mann said the President attended the function at Central University Bathinda today and on Wednesday she will be attending the convocation at Panjab University.

He said Murmu's visit in these premier educational institutions will inspire the students to work hard and with dedication. He said the life of the President is a source of inspiration for all as she had struggled hard in life, both at personal and professional levels.

However, he said Murmu attained new heights in life through her hard work, vision and commitment adding that this achievement brings her in the league of global leaders like former US President Abraham Lincoln and others. Mann said it is a momentous occasion for Punjab, which also has extended a red carpet welcome to the country's President during her visit to the state.

DMK MPs hold protest against Dharmendra Pradhan over his remarks on NEP, demands apology

New Delhi, Mar 11 (UNI) : DMK MPs on Tuesday held protest against Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and demanded "apology" over his remark in Parliament on NEP and the three-language formula.

All DMK MPs sported black dresses in protest against and termed as "offensive" and undemocratic".

Speaking to the media, DMK MP Kanimozhi said, "The Union Govt is withholding the money that has to be given to Tamil Nadu, saying that we have to sign the three-language policy and the NEP. They are ruining the future of the children of Tamil Nadu. They have no right to withhold the funds which have to come to the children

of Tamil Nadu" he added.

"Yesterday, he responded in a very abusive way, saying that we are dishonest and that the people of Tamil Nadu are uncivilised. This is not the language we expect him to be speaking. This is totally undemocratic. We expect an apology" she added.

On Thursday, while responding to the New Education Policy and three language row. Dharmendra Pradhan said, "They (Tamil Nadu) are uncivilised, undemocratic people and not committed to the Tamil Nadu students. They are ruining their future. They are dishonest to the people of Tamil Nadu."

DMK MP Tiruchi Siva called the statement of Dharmendra Pradhan "misleading" and said it is

unethical and unparliamentary. We are also against three-language policy. Nobody can impose it on us." Tamil Nadu Education Minister already clarified it...we are wearing black today and going to have a demonstration condemning the observations made by him" he said. Congress also jumped into the issue. Karti Chidambaram said, "Tamil Nadu is very clear that a two-language curriculum serves us very well. Tamil preserves our identity and is our mother tongue, English is our link language to the world of commerce and science...we don't need a 3rd compulsory language...The Minister should have apologised, he withdrew it but he should have apologised too."

MEA takes up issue of trapped Indian nationals with Myanmar

Srinagar, Mar 11 (UNI) : The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has taken up the issue of Indian nationals, including Kashmiri youth Faizan Rasool, trapped in Myanmar with the concerned authorities in Myanmar.

Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA), who had taken up the issue, said MEA has informed them all requests have been forwarded to the concerned authorities in Myanmar and assured that efforts are underway to bring them back safely.

Faizan Rasool, a 28-year-old youth from Safakadal, Srinagar has fallen victim to human trafficking and is currently being held hostage in Myanmar. The abductors have demanded a ransom of Rs 4.5 lakh for his release, threatening dire consequences if the amount is not paid.

National Convener of Association Nasir Khuehami said that the MEA has confirmed that the Indian Mission has strongly taken up the issue of Indian nationals trapped in Myanmar with the concerned authorities in Myanmar, including the specific case of Faizan Rasool.

In its official response, the MEA said that "Requests for the rescue and

repatriation of all Indian nationals, including Kashmiri youth Faizan Rasool, entrapped in Myawaddy, have been forwarded to the concerned authorities in Myanmar. We are actively working on it."

The Ministry also reiterated the need for caution against fraudulent job offers abroad, advising individuals to verify employment opportunities through proper channels before traveling.

Earlier, JKSA had written to External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, urging immediate diplomatic intervention to secure Faizan Rasool's release. He was lured to Myanmar under false promises of employment and is now being held for ₹4.5 lakh ransom.

Welcoming the MEA's swift response, Khuehami emphasized the urgency of Faizan's case, given the life-threatening situation he faces. He said, "While we appreciate the Ministry's prompt action, we have urged them to pursue this particular case with greater urgency. Faizan Rasool's life is at immediate risk. His family is in distress, and they cannot afford the ransom being demanded by the traffickers. Immediate diplomatic intervention is necessary to bring him home safely."

The world will realise power of Bundelkhand: Yogi

Jhansi (UP), Mar 11 (UNI) : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that Bundelkhand is moving ahead with its new identity as a fast developing region and that the world will soon acknowledge its strength.

The CM was addressing a public meeting during his one-day visit to Jhansi, where he inaugurated the joint credit camp for the Jhansi and Chitrakoot divisions under the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan (M Yuva) to empower young entrepreneurs. He also distributed loans to 1,070 Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan beneficiaries and visited an exhibition showcasing the scheme's impact.

During the meeting, Yogi highlighted the government's efforts to drive Bundelkhand's progress and transform UP. He congratulated the people on the successful organisation of Maha Kumbh and encouraged the youth to embrace self-reliance.

He emphasised that the new UP is advancing to its full potential and in the coming years the world will witness Bundelkhand's emerging strength.

Speaking about the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Abhiyan, the CM said that the initiative aims to make youth self-sufficient by fostering entrepreneurship. "Under

this scheme, 1,070 youths in Bundelkhand received interest-free and collateral-free loans of Rs 5 lakh, with a 10 percent grant as margin money," he said.

He said that the scheme would be open to any aspiring entrepreneur struggling with capital constraints. He encouraged young entrepreneurs and said that those who work with honesty and perseverance will soon scale their businesses, progressing from 'lakhpati' to millionaires.

Yogi urged them to integrate innovation and technology into their ventures. Drawing inspiration from Maha Kumbh, he cited an example of youth generating additional income by offering bike rides to pilgrims. Impressed by the innovations showcased at the exhibition, he said that the scheme unlocks new opportunities. He set an ambitious target of providing loans to one lakh youth between January 24 and March 31.

He said, "Out of 2.7 lakh applications received, 30,000 youths have already secured loans. To mark the government's eighth anniversary on March 25, a goal has been set to connect 1,000 youths from each district with financial assistance." Discussing the MSME policy, the CM said that UP currently hosts 96 lakh MSME units,

generating employment for millions. He criticised the previous governments for pushing the state into backwardness and mafia rule.

However, he said that UP has emerged as the nation's growth engine. "Bundelkhand, once plagued by dacoits and mafias, is witnessing unprecedented development with key initiatives such as the Bundelkhand Expressway, Defence Corridor, and Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA)," he said.

He said that the country's largest industrial city, spanning 56,000 acres between Jhansi and Kanpur, will usher in an economic revolution in the region. Yogi highlighted key developmental projects, including the Pharma Park, Medical College, Convention Center, and the Har Ghar Nal Yojana. He announced the expansion of the Bundelkhand Expressway and emphasized the rapid progress of the 1,500-acre Pharma Park in Lalitpur.

He said, "The construction of the Medical College in Lalitpur has been completed and Jhansi will soon have a state-of-the-art Convention Centre, capable of hosting events with a capacity of 2,000 to 4,000 people. This centre will serve as a venue for exhibitions, weddings, and

investor meets."

The CM said, "Bundelkhand once struggled for every drop of water, but with the Har Ghar Nal Yojana nearing completion, every household will soon have access to clean drinking water. Besides, the Ken-Betwa Project is progressing rapidly to ensure irrigation water reaches every farm."

He said that Bundelkhand is on the path to reclaiming its lost glory. Praising the region's transformation, now free from mafia rule and riots, he urged people to prevent such elements from regaining ground so that future generations do not suffer. He assured that the government stands firmly with farmers, traders and women at every step to ensure their security and prosperity. Yogi announced a Rs 150 per quintal hike in the minimum support price of wheat, raising it from Rs 2,400 to Rs 2,550. He also introduced plans for Mata Shabri Canteens in every market, ensuring farmers access to affordable tea and meals. He said, "Seven hostels for working women will be constructed in honor of Mata Ahilyabai. To achieve the vision of Zero Poverty, underprivileged families will receive houses, toilets, job cards, Ayushman health cards, and ration cards."

The CM emphasised

that these initiatives serve as an authentic tribute to Veerangana Rani Laxmibai, who sacrificed her life for the honour of Jhansi. Reflecting on the grand success of Maha Kumbh, he expressed his joy at visiting Bundelkhand for the first time since the historic event.

He said that India's Sanatan tradition is gaining global recognition, citing Maha Kumbh as a testament to this. He congratulated the people of Bundelkhand for their role in this achievement.

Reminding the audience of UP's past challenges, Yogi said that there was a time in the state when life halted after sunset, girls feared attending school, traders were forced to migrate, farmers faced suicides and youth had to leave in search of jobs. He said, "However, today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, New India and New UP are advancing with full potential."

He commended the people of Jhansi and Bundelkhand for their hospitality and contribution to the event's success. Applauding the security arrangements at Maha Kumbh, he pointed out that not a single incident of robbery, molestation, kidnapping or murder occurred during the event, enhancing the pride of UP and India.

Youth beaten to death over old enmity

Bahraich (UP), Mar 11 (UNI) : A 35-year-old youth was beaten to death allegedly over an old rivalry in Nanpara area of Bahraich district in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, police sources said here.

Police sources said that according to information received from the family, Shamsuddin alias Pahadiya was called by some people to Keshwapur village. "On reaching there, Mastram, Shankar, and four to five other people attacked him with bricks and brutally killed him. The deceased's wife, Sarwari Begum, said that the accused called her husband and killed him," they said.

Police sources said on receiving the information, "Inspector Nanpara Pradeep Kumar Singh reached the spot with a heavy police force. The family members have alleged that this murder has been committed due to old enmity. The police have started the process of registering a murder case on the complaint and have assured to arrest all the accused soon," police said.

Rlys to adopt Maha Kumbh method for crowd management during festivals

Lucknow, Mar 11 (UNI) The crowd management system adopted at nine stations of Prayagraj Railway Division during Maha Kumbh will now be used by Indian Railways for crowd control at major stations of the country during Holi and other major festivals, official sources said here on Tuesday.

Sources said that in a high-level meeting on crowd management for Holi, officials decided to implement measures such as holding areas, controlled entry, CCTV surveillance, and digital communication tools to ensure smooth passenger movement.

Sources said that the key decisions included expanding holding areas and creating additional waiting zones at crowded stations like Anand Vihar, Surat, Udhna, Patna, and New Delhi. Controlled platform access, similar to the Maha Kumbh model, allows passengers to be allowed

onto platforms in a phased manner to prevent overcrowding.

Advanced monitoring systems with CCTV cameras will track crowd pressure while railway staff and police will coordinate via walkie-talkies, live announcements, and digital communication systems. Enhanced security measures with station entry will be restricted, only reserved category passengers will be allowed direct access.

At the same time, unreserved passengers will wait in holding areas until their trains arrive. The station master will regulate ticket issuance based on crowd density. Infrastructure upgrades, including 20-foot and 40-foot-wide footbridges at key stations, will improve passenger movement. Railway employees will receive special ID cards, and distinctive uniforms may be introduced to enhance visibility and coordination during high-traffic events.



Security personnel at the site after Gangster Aman Sao was killed in an encounter when members of his gang tried to free him from police custody, in Jharkhand's Palamu district.

BJP govt failed to check inflation: Akhilesh

Lucknow, Mar 11 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday alleged that inflation is increasing continuously due to the wrong policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government.

are sky high. On one hand inflation is at its peak and on the other hand people do not have work," he said. The SP chief said that on the occasion of Holi, the prices of things used in traditional dishes are sky high. "MNREGA workers have not received money due to not getting work for months. How will the workers be able to celebrate their Holi without money?" The situation is the same in many government departments. The salaries of the employees are stopped. The poor are not heard anywhere," Akhilesh claimed. He said that unemployment is increasing. "Contract and outsourced employees,

Shiksha Mitras are being exploited. The blow of inflation kept increasing but their honorarium did not increase. Workers are not getting work. The BJP government is not concerned with the problems of the common people. They are doing politics of hatred even during festivals. They are not leaving any opportunity to spread hatred and anarchy in the society," Akhilesh alleged. Akhilesh said that there is already inflation in education and health. "The common people are distressed and troubled. People do not have money in their pockets. On top of that, the government is cutting their

pockets by profiteering. Inflation has doubled while income has halved," he said. Akhilesh said that the BJP government has completely failed to stop inflation. "The government has no policy regarding inflation and unemployment. The government has failed on every front," he said. He said that the BJP wants to confuse the public by raising new issues to divert attention from inflation and unemployment. "But the people of the state are aware of the conspiratorial intentions of the BJP. The public will end their politics of hatred by removing them from power in 2027," Akhilesh added.

Former BJP MLA Surendra Nath Singh passes away

Bhopal, Mar 11 (UNI) Former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Surendra Nath Singh passed away here on Tuesday morning after a prolonged illness. Shri Singh was popularly known as 'Mamma' in Bhopal. He was admitted to a private hospital in the capital for some time. He breathed his last early this morning. In 2013, he was elected to the Vidhan Sabha from Bhopal Vidhan Sabha seat. However, he lost the 2018 election. He did not contest the last election. He has also served as the Bhopal district president of the BJP and chairman of the Bhopal Development Authority. Expressing grief over Singh's death, BJP state president and Lok Sabha MP Vishnu Dutt Sharma said, "The news of the demise of former BJP district president of Bhopal city, former MLA and former BDA president Surendranath Singh is very sad. I pray to God to give place to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear this grief." Om Shanti:"

Actor Posani Krishna Murali gets bail in all cases booked in State

Amaravati, March 11 (IANS) Actor and YSR Congress Party leader Posani Krishna Murali has been granted bail in all cases filed against him in different police stations in Andhra Pradesh for making derogatory remarks against Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and IT Minister Nara Lokesh. A court in Kurnool on Tuesday granted bail to Posani, who was arrested from his residence in Hyderabad on February 26. Additional Junior Civil Judge Court granted bail on Rs 20,000 personal bond and two sureties. A court in Vijayawada also granted him bail on Tuesday. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court had last week sent Posani to judicial custody till March 20. After his arrest from Hyderabad, Posani was taken to Annamayya district where a case was registered against him for allegedly trying to create animosity between various sections of the society. He was remanded to judicial custody. Later the actor was taken to Kurnool on PT warrant in connection with a case registered by Adoni police. He was shifted to jail at Kurnool and was later brought to Vijayawada on PT warrant in connection with another case. A court in Narsaraopet on Monday granted bail to Posani in a similar case booked against him. Earlier, Rajampet court also accepted his bail petition. The YSRCP said the Chandrababu Naidu-led government registered a total of 17 cases against Posani due to political vendetta. The opposition party accused the NDA government of conspiring to deny him legal relief, with police registering cases across the state after his arrest and deliberately withholding details of where the cases were filed

to hinder bail efforts. The government sought PT warrants in each case, forcing Posani to be transported hundreds of km - from Hyderabad to Vijayawada via Rajampet, then to Narsaraopet, Guntur, Adoni in Kurnool district, back to Suryaraopet in Vijayawada, and finally to Kurnool jail, the YSRCP said. Despite being 67 years old and suffering from heart and other health issues, the police subjected him to harassment, allegedly as part of a government strategy to worsen his condition, the opposition party said. On a petition moved by the YSRCP legal cell, the High Court ordered that a notice be issued to Posani in the registered cases. It also ordered a halt to investigation in a case registered in Visakhapatnam. With bail now granted in all cases, Posani is expected to be released from jail on Wednesday.

New Legislation being introduced to curb land grabbing: CM, Chandrababu

Vijayawada, Mar 11 (UNI) Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has announced in the Legislative Assembly that a new legislation is being introduced under the Prohibition of Land Grabbing and alleged that the previous rulers indulged in huge land grabbing misusing Section 22A of the Registration Act. "If anyone resorts to land grabbing stringent action will be taken against such persons," he said and stated that drone patrolling will be taken up during nights besides installing CC cameras. Also, 26 cyber security stations are being set up and all this will help closely monitor those who resort to any kind of crime and take them into custody immediately, the

Chief Minister said. Observing that he is deeply concerned whenever he recalls the shocking incident of the murder of the former MLA, Mr YS Vivekananda Reddy, in 2019, he said that there is every need for taking this matter into serious consideration as six of the accused in the case died. This is a classic example as to how the criminals trap people, the Chief Minister said recalling the entire episode from day one when Vivekananda was done to death till now. The Chief Minister said that it is the duty of the police to bring awareness among the people on the steps being initiated by the State Government for the safety and security of women.

Govt to fulfil all resolutions in manifesto in 5 years: BJP chief

Mumbai, Mar 11 (UNI) : The Mahayuti government will fulfil all the resolutions made in the manifesto for the Maharashtra Assembly elections in next five years and no scheme will be closed, assured Revenue minister and state BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Tuesday. Speaking at a function organised for entry of many Congress office-bearers and workers in the state including Amravati District Teachers' Federation president Chandrashekhar Bhojrao into BJP, he reiterated that the Mahayuti government, led by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, will fulfil the promise given to dear sisters in next five years.

Bawankule further said that many Congress workers have left the party and joined the BJP as they believe that the path of developed India and Maharashtra will be accelerated under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Devendra Fadnavis. With the entry of the new members, BJP will gain new strength and with cooperation of all, the goal of extending benefits of the welfare schemes of the central and state governments as well as the schemes mentioned in the state budget to the last section of the society will be achieved, he added.

CRDA clears developmental works worth Rs 37,702.15 crore in AP Capital city Amaravati

(Standard Post Bureau) Vijayawada, Mar 11 : The Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) on Tuesday cleared 59 tenders for taking up developmental works worth Rs 37,702.15 crore in the capital city of Amaravati.

The works will be taken up immediately after the approval of the Cabinet that is going to meet here on March 17, said the Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD), Ponguru Narayana. Briefing media persons on the decision taken by the CRDA at a meeting held here earlier in the day with the Chief Minister, Chandrababu Naidu, in the chair, the MAUD Minister said that next month over 20,000 workers will take part in the developmental works. Observing that the CRDA cleared various developmental works to be taken up in Amaravati, Narayana said that tenders have already been called for 73 different works worth Rs 48,012 crore as the Cabinet has already cleared these works. Of these tenders, 59 were cleared by the CRDA on Tuesday for works with an estimated cost of Rs 37,702.15 crore, he added. The Minister said that the Letter of Intent will be issued immediately for

these works. Of these 59 works, the worth of 22 works of the CRDA limits alone is Rs 22,607.11 crore while the 37 other works of the ADC are worth Rs 15,095.04 crore, he added. Narayana also said that lands were allotted to various organisations between 2014 and 2019 and the CRDA meeting on Tuesday cleared the land allocation for 31 various organisations. Also, the date has been extended to change the location of the land allocated to 11 other units while the CRDA accepted the proposal to change the location of land for two units, he added. Maintaining that for the development of the capital city of Amaravati is expected to cost an estimated Rs 64,000 crore, the Minister clarified that the taxes collected from the people will not be spent for this purpose. Of the total extent of land acquired from the farmers, the CRDA has an excess of 6,203 acres and of this, 1900 acres will be allocated to various organisations, the Minister disclosed. The amount generated either by mortgaging or selling this surplus land the capital city will be constructed, he stated. Already Rs 15,000 crore loan has been raised from the World Bank, the Minister said and observed

that another Rs 11,000 cr will be raised as loan from HUDCO while Rs 5,000 crore will be borrowed as loan from various other banks thus Rs 31,000 crore will be mobilised. Narayana felt that the cost of the land will certainly go up following the development activities after which the land will either be sold or mortgaged to repay the loans. Amaravati capital region has an extent of 53,500 acres, including all types of land of which 30 per cent of the land will be developed green and blue, the MAUD Minister said.

Over 1.29 lakh temporary ILPs issued in Mizoram in 2024

Aizawl, March 11(UNI) The Mizoram government issued at least 1,29,953 temporary Inner Line Permits (ILPs) in 2024, while no renewals were granted for temporary ILPs, Chief Minister Lalduhoma informed the State Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. The ILP system, governed by the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation of 1873, mandates that non-tribal individuals from outside Mizoram obtain permits to enter the state. This colonial-era regulation remains in force in certain northeastern states, originally designated as 'excluded areas' by the British administration. In response to a query from ruling Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) legislator V. L. Vaithanzama, Lalduhoma stated that 7,927 regular ILPs were issued during the same period, with 5,675 holders opting for renewals. Additionally, the government granted 238 temporary stay ILPs and 18 permits valid for two years in 2024. The Chief Minister highlighted ongoing efforts to streamline the ILP system, including the

introduction of online applications and issuance of regular and two-year ILPs from November last year. Online processing for temporary ILPs and temporary stay permits began in 2023, accompanied by the launch of a mobile application by the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Department to detect fake permits. Amendments to ILP guidelines are also under consideration. Addressing concerns about enforcement, Lalduhoma noted that

although there is no dedicated ILP office at Bairabi railway station in Kolasib district, permits are verified at the Bairabi ILP checkpoint using the Exit Scanning feature under the revised Online ILP Phase-II system. ILPs can be obtained at Mizoram Houses in Kolkata, Silchar, Shillong, Guwahati, and New Delhi, as well as at Lengpui Airport near Aizawl and designated interstate entry points along the borders with Assam, Manipur, and Tripura.

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Tender Notice 45-CWML/GDS-ET-2024-25, dated, 10.03.2025

CWML/GDS acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 45-CWML/GDS-ET-2024-25 closing date 01.04.2025 at 11.00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through demand draft, banker's cheque, deposit receipts, FDR etc., are not allowed.

Tender No. : 45-CWML/GDS-ET-2024-25, dated 10.03.2025. Description of Work: Upgradation of Coach-Trucks in LHB AC Coaches. Approximate Cost (Rs.Ps.) : ₹16,27,71,467.82 (Rupees Sixteen Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Seven and Eighty Two Rupees only). EMD(Rs.): ₹9,63,900/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred only). Period of Completion : 24 Months., Date of Closing: 01.04.2025 at 11.00 hrs.

Website Particulars : www.ireps.gov.in Notice Board location where complete details of the tender can be seen: Office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, Secunderabad-500017.

For further Tender conditions/details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of tender documents, corrigendum, please visit our website <https://www.ireps.gov.in/>.

Chief Workshop Manager / CWS / Lallaguda / Secunderabad

Open Tender Notice No. B-E29-TDR-TNDR-22-24-25 dt.07.03.2025

Tenders are invited in IREPS by the Undersigned for the Following works

Tender No. B/E-29-TDR-TNDR-22-2024-25, Name of Work: BZA Division- Up gradation of existing 800A single pole isolators with 1250A and existing 105 sq. mm G jumper wire with 160 sq. mm G jumper wire in BZA division

Approx. Value Rs. : 84,72,290.00

Completion period: 12 Months Bid Security (EMD): Rs. : 1,69,500/-

Date of closing: 02.04.2025 at 15.00 Hrs. S/ No. 1- Cost of Tender form (Rs.): Nil.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Trd/Vijayawada

E - Tender Notice No. GNT/SG/36/233, Dated: 07.03.2025

The undersigned invites e-tenders for the works mentioned below up to 12:00 hrs of 29.03.2025.

ID. No: 323., Name of the work: Telecom arrangements at Reddipalem station in connection with 1) Provision of Reception and Dispatch facilities for Road 4 & 5 and 2) Direct reception from Guntur to Reddipalem and direct dispatch from Reddipalem to Guntur by providing favorable crossovers and converting existing shunting neck as R&D at Guntur division of South Central Railway. **Advertised Tender Value (Rs.): ₹3,80,19,445.90., E.M.D/ Bid-Security (Rs.): ₹3,40,100/-, Cost of Tender Document (Rs.): Nil.**

1. Last date for online submission of E-bids is 29.03.2025 up to 12:00 hrs.

2. Any further communication/ corrigendum shall only be intimated through E-portal www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Guntur

Tender Notice No: 28-Mech-TM-TPTY-24-25 dated 08.03.2025

Dy.CME/CRS/TPTY acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No: mentioned here under closing date as mentioned below up to 11:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

SI. No: 1 Description of work: Tender No: 28-Mech-TM-TPTY-24- 25 dated 08.03.2025 Periodical overhauling of Traction Motors of Type: 4601 or 4303 or C1005 fitted in MEMU/EMU/ MC coaches at Carriage Repair Shop/TPTY

Approx. Cost (in Rs): 1,11,99,160 Bid Security (in Rs.): 2,06,000 Period of completion: 24 Months. Date of Closing: 31.03.2025@11.00 Hrs

Website particulars www.ireps.gov.in Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen Office of the chief workshop manager, Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/ A0312 CRS /Tirupati

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EAST COAST RAILWAY

SUPPLY OF MATERIALS

Tender No. 30255294, Dt. 05.03.2025

NAME OF WORK : MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF GLUED INSULATED RAIL JOINTS 6.5 M LONG G3 (L) TYPE FOR 60KG RAILS WITH ALL FITTINGS AS PER RDSO DRG. NO. T-2572 AND SPECIFICATION AS PER MANUAL OF GLUED JOINT REPAIR 2022 WITH AC 8 AND WITH LATEST ALTERATION AS AMENDED UP TO THE DATE OF TENDER NOTICE. (WARRANTY PERIOD : 30 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF DELIVERY). INSPECTION BY : TPI Agency, QUANTITY : 155NOS.

Note : Material to be supplied within 60 days.

Date and Time of Opening of Tender : 04.04.2025, 1500 Hrs.

Complete details available at : www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Materials Manager / PR-1068/P/24-25 Waltair

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Auction Catalogue No. CAT-DL-0002

(1) Lot No./Category: MSS-WAT-RGDA-Digil-65-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Digital lockers at station)

DESCRIPTION : THE CONTRACT IS FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DIGITAL CLOAK ROOM AT RAYAGADA STATION.

(2) Lot No./Category: MSS-WAT-ARK-Digil-71-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Digital lockers at station)

DESCRIPTION : THE CONTRACT IS FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DIGITAL CLOAK ROOM AT ARAKU STATION.

(3) Lot No./Category: MSS-WAT-CHE-Digil-68-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Digital lockers at station)

DESCRIPTION : THE CONTRACT IS FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DIGITAL CLOAK ROOM AT SRIKAKULAM ROAD STATION.

(4) Lot No./Category: MSS-WAT-VSKP-Digil-63-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Digital lockers at station)

DESCRIPTION : THE CONTRACT IS FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DIGITAL CLOAK ROOM AT SIMHALAM STATION.

(5) Lot No./Category: MSS-WAT-BGHU-Digil-67-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Digital lockers at station)

DESCRIPTION : THE CONTRACT IS FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DIGITAL CLOAK ROOM AT SIMHALAM STATION.

Lot Start Date & Time : 21.03.2025 at 11:00 hrs. (for all SI. Nos.).

Lot End Date & Time : 21.03.2025 at 11:30 hrs (for SI. No. 1), 11:40 hrs (for SI. No. 2), 11:50 hrs (for SI. No. 3), 12:00 hrs (for SI. No. 4), 12:10 hrs (for SI. No. 5) and 12:20 hrs (for SI. No. 6).

Minimum Increase : 0.2% (for all SI. Nos.), Lot Status : New in Published Catalogue (for all SI. Nos.).

Complete details available at website: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divl. Commercial Manager-II / PR-1072/P/24-25 Waltair

EAST COAST RAILWAY

(1) Notice No. eT-WAT-SOUTH-02-2025 Dt. 24.02.2025

NAME OF THE WORK : (1) THROUGH TURNOUT RENEWAL TTR (FS+CMSC) 03 SETS, TTR (CS+CMSC) 07 SETS, TTR (PSC)-20 SETS, TTR (CMSC)-06 SETS UNDER SENIOR DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/SOUTH/WALTAIR ON WALTAIR DIVISION. (2) TTR (PRIMARY) OF EXISTING 60 KG 90 UTS RAILS LAID UNDER PSC-14 SLEEPERS WITH NEW 660KG R260/90 UTS RAILS FOR A LENGTH OF 8.048 KM (IN PATCHES) UNDER DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/SOUTH/WALTAIR SECTIONS ON PALASA - VISAKHAPATNAM ON MAIN LINE OF WALTAIR DIVISION.

Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹1,36,05,397.76, EMD: ₹2,18,300/-

(2) Notice No. eT-WAT-SOUTH-03-2025 Dt. 24.02.2025

NAME OF THE WORK : PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OF MATERIAL STACKING GROUND WITH COVER SHEED NEAR & BEHIND THE SICK LINE ROOM, PROVISION OF TRACK TO NEW CTRB ROOM FROM ROH ALONG WITH CC PATHWAY OEC UNDER ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/ MYD/WALTAIR JURISDICTION (LENGTH 81.00 MTR, WIDTH = 12.0 MTR) AND REPAIRS TO DAMAGED FLOOR OF ROH, REPLACEMENT DRAIN COVER WITH CHEQUERED PLATES AND DRAIN WALL ETC., AT OEC OF MYD UNDER ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/MYD/WALTAIR.

Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹90,12,363.05, EMD: ₹1,80,300/-

Completion Period of the Work : 12 (Twelve) Months (for both SI. Nos.).

Tender Closing Date and Time: At 1500 Hrs. of 20.03.2025 (for both Tenders).

No manual offers sent by Post/ Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : www.ireps.gov.in

Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website 10 (Ten) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigendum issued for this tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) / PR-1071/P/24-25 Waltair

STANDARD POST

Stalin's Mission 2026 aggression a push for national leap

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's sudden activism comes as no surprise, given that the state is heading toward Assembly elections in 2026, for which he has set a target of winning 200 out of the total 234 seats. To ensure a "100 per cent" victory, the ruling party needs to excel in all spheres -- be it action or rhetoric, administration or governance, perception or posturing. The government's track record and performance must be exceptional for people to vote overwhelmingly in its favour. But does Stalin's DMK government fit the bill in terms of governance, public perception, and overall satisfaction among the masses? The government has been facing challenges on multiple fronts, particularly in law and order, in addition to the anti-incumbency factor. No party achieves a sweeping victory unless there is a strong wave of sentiment -- something that, in the Indian context, is witnessed when Pakistan or China engages in hostilities or when the Indian cricket team triumphs in a major tournament. However, other factors, such as language, culture, and regional identity, if strategically leveraged, can also shift the tide in an election.

CM Stalin is well aware of this. Free welfare schemes do not always guarantee electoral success, as demonstrated in the Delhi Assembly elections, where Arvind Kejriwal's AAP suffered a massive defeat. Against this backdrop, Stalin identified his electoral weapon: the NEP's three-language formula and the issue of delimitation.

For the past few months, he has been aggressively opposing the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, accusing the Central government of imposing Hindi through the three-language formula. Even as this debate rages on, CM Stalin has opened another front against the BJP-led Union government -- delimitation.

He argues that the population-based delimitation proposed for 2026 will be unfair to Tamil Nadu and other southern states, contending that Tamil Nadu will lose Lok Sabha seats due to its relatively slow population growth.

On March 5, he convened an all-party meet on the issue and has since written to the chief ministers of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, and Punjab, urging them to join forces against delimitation. He has invited them to a meeting in Chennai on March 22.

Interestingly, he has also extended invitations to BJP units in Odisha, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and West Bengal to participate in the discussion.

Stalin is forming a Joint Action Committee (JAC), stating that its purpose is "to defend our states from being silenced."

With the twin issues of language and delimitation, CM Stalin is attempting to garner support not only within Tamil Nadu but also from other opposition-ruled states. He has been posting on social media almost every morning, directly targeting the BJP, its Ministers, and its leaders.

In a post on X, he took aim at Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, stating: "It was the Union Education Minister who provoked us to write this series of letters when we were simply doing our job. He forgot his place and dared to threaten an entire state to accept Hindi Imposition, and now he faces the consequences of reviving a fight he can never win."

The CM also wrote, "...This is like an LKG student lecturing a PhD holder..."

His posts are provocative and appeal directly to Tamil pride: "Dravidam does not take dictations from Delhi. Instead, it sets the course for the nation to follow." ... "Tamil Nadu will not tolerate Hindi colonialism replacing British colonialism." ... "From the names of schemes to awards to Union government institutions, Hindi has been imposed to a nauseating extent, suffocating non-Hindi speakers, who are the majority in India." ... "History will remember that it was DMK that stood as the vanguard." ... "Imposition of anything breeds enmity. Enmity threatens unity."

CM Stalin and his party have been running hashtags like 'Stop Hindi Imposition' to stir public sentiment, an essential strategy for creating a favourable electoral wave. The issues of language and regional identity have historically resonated with Tamil voters.

By tapping into these emotions, Stalin is aiming to secure 200 out of 234 seats. His campaign has now reached a decisive stage -- he is no longer just addressing the local population but is working to turn this into a national issue.

He is positioning himself not just as the voice of the South but also as a key opposition leader with a strong agenda. While the North-South divide may benefit him electorally in Tamil Nadu, Stalin is also striving to elevate his stature among national leaders, aiming to be counted alongside or even above Mamata Banerjee and Rahul Gandhi.

His strategy is to turn the Dravidian identity into a national cause by linking it with regional identity, culture, and language. His ultimate goal is to construct a narrative that counters the BJP's Hindutva agenda. This will help him on several fronts -- to secure DMK's decisive victory in Tamil Nadu for the second time in a row, a feat only done by his father, late Karunanidhi, to secure the position of his son Udhayanidhi Stalin, currently a first-time MLA and Deputy CM, in the big family tree of Karunanidhi, and last to emerge as a national leader.

Females are twice likely to suffer brain bleeding than males



Dr. Vipul Gupta, Group Director and Head of Neurointervention at Paras Hospital, Gurugram

(Standard Post Bureau) Female mortality rate attributed to brain bleeding is higher than men. According to the reports of WHO 2020, approx 4.98 lakh fatalities occur each year worldwide out of which around 2 lakh are under the age of 50 years. A brain (cerebral) aneurysm is a bulging, weak area in the wall of an artery that supplies blood to the brain. In most cases, a brain aneurysm causes no symptoms and goes unnoticed. In rare cases, the brain aneurysm ruptures, releasing blood into the skull and causing a stroke. The most common location for brain aneurysms is in

the network of blood vessels at the base of the brain called the circle of Willis. A recent report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM), arm of the National Academy of Sciences confirms that females are up to two times more likely to develop cerebral aneurysms compared to males.

Why Are Women So Vulnerable?

There has been dearth of research in the field; it is still too early to say why women are at a higher risk than men. Since pre and post menopausal women are more likely than their younger counterparts to harbor aneurysms.

Women over the age of 35 are particularly exposed to the risk. In fact, there are several instances of sex differences in the incidence and sign of cerebrovascular disease and trauma that warrant further investigation. Smoking, high blood pressure, and a family history of brain aneurysms seem to further increase a woman's risk of developing this potentially fatal condition.

A recent data from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas recommend early aneurysm

screening for young women smokers, alcoholic at risk, that is, those who have hypertension or a family history of brain aneurysms.

Some research also suggests that level of estrogen is also responsible for the cause. However it is still too early to derive any conclusion. Only further studies examining the relationship between estrogen and aneurysms will provide a clear answer.

Many patients (up to 30%) do not survive initial bleeding. Even the patients who survive more than 50% of patients may not survive without treatment even for a month because the aneurysm bleeds again. Haemorrhage due to aneurysms is a medical emergency that is frequently misdiagnosed. The aneurysms are diagnosed by angiography and early aneurysm treatment should be performed to prevent repeat bleeding.

Most brain aneurysms causes no symptoms and may only be discovered during tests for another, usually unrelated, condition. In other cases, an unruptured aneurysm will cause problems by pressing on areas in the

brain. When this happens, the person may suffer from severe headaches, blurred vision, changes in speech, and neck pain, depending on what areas of the brain are affected and how bad the aneurysm is.

What are the early signs?

Signs are persistent once the aneurysm ruptures and unluckily more than 50% of the cases are detectable only when it ruptures. A sudden, explosive headache - often described as the "worst headache of the patient's life" - is the cardinal symptom of a burst aneurysm. But many people walk around with silent aneurysms for years.

Other symptoms of a ruptured brain aneurysm may include:

- Headache with nausea or vomiting
 - Stiff neck
 - Muscle weakness, difficulty moving any part of the body
 - Numbness or decreased sensation in any part of the body
 - Vision changes
 - Eye lid drooping
 - Lethargy
 - Seizure
 - Speech impairment
- A number of factors can contribute to weakness in an artery wall and increase

the risk of a brain aneurysm.

Brain aneurysms are more common in adults than in children and more common in women than in men. Some of these risk factors develop over time; others are present at birth.

How can it be treated?

With the recent advancements in the field of neuro intervention, minimally invasive approach has now replaced the conventional open surgeries. Surgeries that entails direct exposure of the aneurysm and occlusion by placing a metallic clip over the affected part, involves complications like invasiveness and trauma to normal brain parenchyma. The minimally invasive approach involves treatment through endovascular means wherein a micro catheter is placed into the brain through the blood vessels in the leg.

With the use of specialized coils the aneurysm is occluded and hence the procedure is known as coiling. The procedure ensures 100% safety and has shown better outcomes. The outcomes are better with embolization for patients being treated for aneurysm.

LIC workforce shrinks nearly 14 pc in 5 years, show Govt data

New Delhi, March 11 (UNI) The number of permanent employees in public sector insurer Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has declined 13.83 per cent to 98,661 over the past five years.

In a written reply in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said the number of permanent employees in LIC was 1,14,498 as on March 31, 2020.

As per the payroll data provided by the Minister, the number of permanent employees in LIC has shown a declining trend since March 2020.

At 98,661, the number of employees in LIC was, however, marginally up in March 2024 as compared to 98,463 in March 2023.

The reply of the Minister came in response to a question from TMC Rajya Sabha member Ritabrata Banerjee.

In his reply, Chaudhary noted that LIC is a Board governed commercial entity and the requirement of manpower is determined by the insurer keeping in view of various factors such as business requirement, spread of activities, superannuation, voluntary retirements and unfortunate demise etc.

Congress MLA Tara Bahinipati Suspended for Seven Days

Bhubaneswar, Mar 11 (UNI) Amid pandemonium in Odisha Assembly during the day, Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipati was suspended from the Assembly for seven days for his unruly and indecent behavior.

Speaker Surama Padhy announced Bahinipati's suspension after a motion moved by BJP Chief

Whip Saroj Pradhan, requesting the Chair to suspend him for seven days due to his disruptive behavior, was passed by a voice vote. The Speaker directed the Assembly Marshal to evict Bahinipati from the House, barring him from attending proceedings for seven days.

BJD and Congress members demanded a voting process on the motion, but the Speaker rejected their request, prompting BJD members to stage a noisy walkout from the House. While moving the motion, BJP Chief Whip Saroj Pradhan stated that Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipati had insulted the Speaker by throwing posters at her on Monday.

On Tuesday, Bahinipati also climbed onto the Speaker's podium and attempted to snatch the

microphone but was stopped by security staff.

The BJD strongly condemned the Speaker's ruling to suspend the Congress MLA and urged her to reconsider the decision. BJD MLA Arun Sahu stated that senior party MLAs would meet the Speaker on Wednesday to request a withdrawal of her ruling, calling it unilateral and undemocratic. Meanwhile, Congress MLAs decided to stage a sit-in protest near the Gandhi statue inside the Assembly premises, wearing black badges to oppose the Speaker's decision. Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipati stated that party MLAs would continue their protest throughout the night and would not stop until his suspension order was revoked. Bahinipati alleged that the Speaker made a unilateral decision and did not allow the Opposition's demand for a division on the motion brought by the BJP to suspend him for seven days. He also claimed that Congress had submitted the names of BJP members who allegedly assaulted him and other Opposition members during the

commotion inside the House on Tuesday, demanding strict action against them.

The Odisha Assembly has been witnessing continuous disruptions for three consecutive sessions since March 7, as Opposition BJD and Congress members have been stalling proceedings over various demands.

While the BJD has been demanding a clarification from Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on BJP MLA Jayanarayan Mishra's divisive statement, Congress members have been protesting against the rising atrocities against women in the state.

The situation escalated on Tuesday when the Speaker attempted to continue House proceedings during the question hour despite protests from Opposition members inside the well of the House. The agitated Opposition members climbed onto the Speaker's podium, stood on the reporter's table, raised slogans while holding posters, and attempted to obstruct Urban Development Minister

Krushna Chandra Mohapatra during the

Question Hour.

This led to a pandemonium in the House, as Treasury bench members rushed into the well in defense of the Minister, resulting in a scuffle between Treasury bench members and Opposition BJD and Congress members. Sensing the situation was spiraling out of control, the Speaker adjourned the House at 10:43 AM until 12:10 PM. Subsequently, the House was adjourned eight more times throughout the day until 5:40 PM due to continued Opposition protests. The Speaker appealed to Opposition members to return to their seats and cooperate in the functioning of the House, but they did not heed her appeal and continued their protest. The House was adjourned nine times without transacting any business, except for 13 minutes during the Question Hour and a brief period from 12:30 PM to 1:28 PM, during which 17 BJP members condemned the Opposition's unruly behavior and demanded strict action against them for disrupting House proceedings for the past three days.

J&K Police arrest 4 drug peddlers with contraband cash

Srinagar, Mar 11 (UNI) : Police have arrested four drug peddlers and recovered contraband and cash from their possession in Kashmir valley, an officer said on Tuesday.

In a drive against the menace of drug trafficking in Awantipora, a police team of Police Station Pampore at a checkpoint established at Kadlbal Pampore, intercepted a vehicle with three persons on board.

During the search, officers were able to recover 290 grams of Charas like substance and cash Rs 97,500 (proceeds of narcotic crime) from their possession.

The accused have been identified as Nazir Ahmad Wani of Sumurbugh New Colony, Mukhtar Ahmad Mir of of Dooru Mirmaidan Anantnag and Javid Ahmad Kawa a resident of Sumurbugh New Colony were arrested and the

vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, a case vide FIR Number 29/ 2025 under relevant sections of NDPS stands registered at Police Station Pampore.

Another drug peddler was arrested during checking at Khazan Mati, Kralpora in Kupwara district. The accused, identified as Muneer Ahmad Lone, a resident of Kralpora, was intercepted when he was moving in a suspicious manner. During his search, a cannabis-like substance (apparently charas) was recovered from his possession.

He has been arrested and a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Kralpora and investigation has been initiated.

'Need to overhaul outdated systems to promote inclusion of disabled individuals'

New Delhi, Mar 11 (UNI) : Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday called for urgent actions to promote inclusion of disabled individuals into society, stressing the need to overhaul the outdated systems.

He emphasised that the legislative framework should not look like relics of a bygone era.

Pointing to gaps in policies, and calling for urgent steps to ensure proper utilisation of allocated budgets, Tharoor stressed that it is essential to reconceptualize disability inclusion not merely as a social imperative but as an economic and political necessity, a statement said.

Moreover, he also gave a clarion call to "change conventional paradigms and work collaboratively toward a future where the principles of equality, dignity, and inclusion are not mere aspirations but lived realities."

Tharoor, while delivering the keynote address at 'Empowering Inclusion: A Dialogue on Disability, Politics and Economic Inclusion' organised by National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP), said, "While our legal edifice recognizes disability as a critical dimension of human identity, the implementation of these rights has not kept pace with the nation's aspirations. In our contemporary socio-political milieu, persons with disabilities are still underrepresented in governance, sidelined in policy deliberations, and overlooked in budgetary allocations."

Meanwhile, Fouzia Khan, Rajya Sabha MP, while highlighting the urgent needs to streamline data on disability, said, "In 2025 census we should have a separate segment for disabled people. In the absence of accurate data the resource allocation and effective policy intervention becomes a big hurdle."

Former Maharashtra MLA and founder of Prahar Janshakti Party Bachchu Kadu, highlighted the need to streamline budgetary allocations and ensure their judicious use to reach the benefits to the disabled people.

"Ensuring the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities requires more than just philanthropy - it demands concrete policy action, substantial budget allocation, and stringent implementation. While Maharashtra has taken big steps towards inclusion, the challenges remain vast. From inadequate funding to inaccessible education and technology, we must move beyond token measures and commit to systemic change. Only then can we build a truly inclusive and empowered society for all," he said.

Lok Sabha MP Pratap Sarangi called for creating a more humane and equitable society and asking for empathy for the disabled to be able to realize their true potential and mainstream them into our social and economic fabric.

Members of the disability advocacy groups urged the Parliamentarians that there is merit in considering the need to move beyond token representation and ensure robust legal and policy frameworks for disability inclusion.

Food&Kids



Simple fruit jelly recipe



Great with kids, this quick and easy recipe is also a great dessert option for summer

1 1/2 cup assorted fruits
200 grams sugar
300 ml water
3 tbsp gelatin
1 1/4 tsp citric acid
1 tsp raspberry red essence
1/2 tsp red color

DIRECTIONS

1. Boil 150 ml water and keep separately.
2. Add sugar, citric acid, raspberry essence and red color to remaining 150 ml water and boil till sugar melts.
3. Add gelatin to a cup of water and mix thoroughly.
4. Add mixed gelatin with boiled water and cook till blending of gelatin.
5. Blend this mixture with other mixture thoroughly.
6. Lastly, pour it into a container and add fruits when it cools. Refrigerate it for 4-5 Hours.

4 popular bedtime beverages

After a long day, all you want to do is unwind with a hot cup of steaming coffee. We list down a few delicious alternatives that you can sip on, on a cold wintry night.



Peppermint tea:

This herbal tea has properties that will help your body de-stress, relax and eventually sleep better. It is a great option to calm jittery nerves, reduce nausea and relieve anxiety.

Cocoa:

The most popular bedtime drink in the world, this is a winter favourite because of its delicious taste. Even the ancient Mayans consumed it by roasting the cocoa beans and adding some spice to it.

Chamomile Tea:

Like peppermint tea, it is also another non-milk tea that has soothing qualities. For best results, drink this tea around 30 minutes before your bed time.

Hot toddy:

This traditional alcoholic beverage involves pouring hot boiling water in a little whiskey and adding a twist of honey, lemon and cinnamon stick for flavour. It is good to prevent cold and flu during winter and is very delicious.

The next time you're sweltering under the sun, ditch the high-sugar syrups, artificially-flavoured beverages and slushes and opt for a stick of cold goodness the healthy, homemade fruit popsicle! Not only are they a natural fix, but can make for pretty handouts at your summer alfresco dinner party too. Best part? These fruit popsicles can be made with just four to five ingredients, or less.

Helps you stay hydrated:

Having artificially-flavoured drinks doesn't help hydrate the body, says nutritionist Naini Setalvad. "One glass of tetra pack juice adds up to 10 spoons of sugar; it makes you very hyper and all you get is a sugar rush after which it gives an energy plunge."

For parents who are finding it hard to get their kids to eat more fruits, this is an apt idea. Adds Naini, "This is a good option. Fruits help you stay hydrated. Most fruits, like yellow melon and watermelon have over 80 per cent

As summer approaches, get going with these tangy-sweet, easy-to-make cold desserts

water, so these melon pops with mint or basil or even lemon squeezed in them, are a delicious choice." These popsicles are a nice way to replenish the minerals lost while sweating, says consulting dietician Sheela Tanna. "Try citrus fruits like oranges, malts and sweet limes, which are thirst-quenching and have an instant pick-me-up effect. Pomegranate and lemon is an excellent combination too.

Pomegranate is heart-friendly, it has a low glycemic index and recommended for obese and diabetic patients. Add ginger to any of the fruit juices and purees; it adds flavour, is anti-inflammatory and a digestive. I would recommend mixing coconut water with most of the fruits. It makes for an ideal addition for summer as it is high in potassium, lowers blood pressure and has less calories. Moreover, it is great for healthy skin and hair. Mix it with the coconut malai for a natural, fruity punch," she

Although it isn't always convenient to invite them into the kitchen to help, it can be a fun activity for both of you as you get together to rustle up some delicious meals. Here are a few options...

Kids of different age groups learn different lessons

Younger children can watch and help out with small tasks, like stirring, shifting or setting the table. Slightly older ones can be taught to do easy things like buttering bread, boiling pasta, cracking eggs or mixing ingredients while baking. Teenagers would like to enhance their cooking skills and take important tips for future. Older ones will be interested in experimenting with different cuisines.

Beginners can see how the dishes are done and put together.

They can also enhance their math skills while trying to measure and combine ingredients for recipes. Tip Cooking time can also be used to talk about issues as well as good nutrition. It can lay the foundation for healthy eating and living for the future

Here's how you can go about it Take a lot of time Cooking with kids cannot be a hasty affair; it should not be done on a tight time schedule. Involving them while cooking a quick meal is not a great idea.

Set a menu Plan in advance what you'll prepare together. Beginners should consider starting with simple dishes with less than seven ingredients, so that they can remember them easily. A pizza or a mix pasta salad can be a good starter projects.

Do it stepwise Before starting to cook, list the ingredients and the method on a neat piece of paper or a magic board and fix it close to the

says.

Basics: How to make the pops:

Mix the fruit you need in a bowl. Spoon it into your popsicle moulds. Pour enough fruit juice or lime water to cover the fruit. Put them in the fridge. After about 20 minutes, insert a stick in each and freeze. To remove, run under cold water for a few seconds, then ease the pops out. Ways your dessert becomes a healthy popsicle mango juici-cle: First vote goes to this! It's healthy and is the fruit of the season. Make mango lassi-cles with mangoes, yogurt, a pinch of salt, cardamom and honey. Kiwi-sicle: Fresh kiwis, juice of limes, sugar and water are all you need to make this.

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awberry lassi-cle:

Prepare your strawberry and yogurt mix. Freeze in the popsicle mould and enjoy!

Peach and basil-sicle

Puree fresh peaches, add some lime juice, ginger, a little water and basil leaves. Freeze.

Vegan chocolate with pine nuts:

Make it with coconut and almond milk, oil, vanilla beans and

roasted pine nuts for the topping.

Low-fat cheesecake-slice:

Skim the cream, use low-fat cream cheese, skim milk, vanilla extract and sugar. Nice for a mid-day pick-me-up!

Sweet corn-sicle:

Boil corn kernels, add coconut milk, a pinch of vanilla essence and salt.

Low-fat fig-sicle:

Use vanilla, yogurt, sugar and sliced figs for this unique twist.

Share some kitchen time with kids this summer



counter. Discuss the steps that your child can do independently. Make sure you follow the right order of preparation so that your child doesn't get confused with the sequence. Make note of small steps like turning off the fire while adding the cream or keeping boiled potatoes in cold water for five minutes before peeling them, to ensure convenience.

Give it a cookery show feel to it Prepare the ingredients in advance, and set them in separate bowls and containers on the kitchen counter. This will not just make it easy for the child to pick up ingredients while cooking, but also give him/her the feel of being on a cookery show, where chefs always have things laid out in front of

them. This will make the exercise even more interesting.

Teach them post-cooking cleaning Kids cannot be counted on to be neat in the kitchen, hence, be prepared for some extra mess while they are at it. However, make sure that you seek their help while clearing up the kitchen after the cooking is done, so that they learn the importance of maintaining hygiene and keeping things in order.

Veggie crunch pizza

Ingredients
- Pizza base - 7 inch
- Pizza sauce - 2 cups
- Grated mozzarella cheese - 2 cups

Sliced bell peppers (red and yellow) - 1 cup
Blanched and diagonally cut baby corn - 1 cup
Tomatoes cubed - 1 cup
Onion cubes - 1/2 cup
Dry red chilli flakes (paprika) - 1 1/2 teaspoon
Dried mixed Italian herbs (readymade) - 1 1/2 teaspoon
Olive oil - 1 tablespoon
Salt to taste

Method

Take the pizza base, and spread a layer of pizza sauce evenly on it Add grated mozzarella cheese on this layer

Then add the onions, bell peppers, baby corn, tomatoes, chilli flakes, mixed herbs and salt Finally, sprinkle the remaining mozzarella cheese evenly over it Place the pizza on a greased baking tray and bake in a pre-heated oven at 200°C (400°F) for 15 minutes (help them with the microwave settings)

Method

Cut into equal wedges and serve immediately

Mango strawberry smoothie

Ingredients
Ripe mangoes peeled and chopped - 3 (substitute with strawberries as per your choice)

Yogurt - 5 tablespoons

Chilled milk - 3 cups

Ripe mango peeled, and cubed - 1

Method

The kitchen is just the place to help your kids look beyond playing their favourite games through the day during summer vacations. It's also a learning ground, where they can see grown-ups at work, watch the steam rise from pots on the stove, and smell and experience all that goes into the making their daily meals.

Take the yogurt in a blender Add mango pieces and milk and blend till smooth Pour the smoothie into a glass, and add some crushed ice Garnish with more mango cubes

Mix pasta salad

Ingredients
Macaroni, penne and fusilli - 2 cups

Red and green bell peppers chopped - 2 Tomato - 1 cup
Olive oil - 1 tablespoon

Mayonnaise - 1 cup

Mushrooms - 1 cup (can be substituted with chicken)

Bean sprouts - 1/2 cup

Oregano mix - 1 tablespoon

Method

Boil a large pot of lightly salted water, and add the different pastas to it and cook till they get soft

Drain, and rinse with cold water, and transfer them to a large bowl

Stir in red and green bell peppers, tomato, mushrooms (or chicken), bean sprouts and olive oil

Mix in mayonnaise, and sprinkle the oregano mix; toss the salad properly

Refrigerate for a few hours before serving

Witness fails to identify vital documents in Sheena Bora case

Mumbai Mar 11 (UNI): City-based advocate Gregory D'Souza, who notarised the Will of Peter Mukerjea and Indrani Mukerjea related to a flat in New Delhi, could not identify the documents in the court in the sensational Sheena Bora murder case trial which has resumed after a four-month break, a lawyer said here on Tuesday.

The trial in the murder case will now be held daily and Indrani, the deceased's mother, is a key accused. As per the said Will, Peter had transferred his half-share to Indrani, who had bequeathed the entire flat in the name of Sheena in September 2004.

The prosecution examined D'Souza, a notary advocate, as its 97th witness. As per the prosecution's case, Peter and Indrani owned a three bedroom-kitchen flat in New Delhi. On September 15, 2004, Peter bequeathed half of his share to Indrani. The same day, Indrani bequeathed her own share

and the share given to her by Peter to Sheena, mentioning her daughter as her "sister".

The prosecution had examined 96 witnesses till November 2024, after which the special judge hearing the case was transferred, bringing the trial to a standstill. In February, a new judge was assigned, after which the case came up for hearing last Friday.

Indrani Mukerjea, the alleged biological mother of Sheena, is the prime accused in the case, along with co-accused Sanjeev Khanna and driver Shyamwar Rai strangled Sheena in a car on April 24, 2012. It is alleged that the body was later dumped into a bag and kept overnight in the garage before being set on fire in Raigad's Pen village the next day.

According to the prosecution, Indrani and her ex-husband Sanjeev Khanna and driver Shyamwar Rai strangled Sheena in a car on April 24, 2012. It is alleged that the body was later dumped into a bag and kept overnight in the garage before being set on fire in Raigad's Pen village the next day.



BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj administers the oath to Delhi minister Parvesh Verma as a member of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) during a meeting of NDMC, in New Delhi. NDMC Vice Chairperson Kuljeet Chahal is also seen.

Govt to submit proposal for reducing consumers' power bill: CM, Fadnavis

Mumbai, Mar 11 (UNI): The government will bring an independent solar energy-based scheme for electricity consumers, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Tuesday, averring that it has submitted a petition before the state regulatory commission proposing consistent reduction in the power bill for the next five years.

Fadnavis said the

Central government has introduced the 'Pradhan Mantri Suryaghar Free Power Scheme' for consumers consuming 0 to 300 units of electricity. Through this scheme, 'root top solar' panels are being provided to such customers, he said during Question Hour in the Assembly.

The state government will bring an independent

scheme to support this scheme of the central government, he said.

The Chief Minister said his government was trying to reduce the electricity rates in the state, and towards that end, it has submitted a multi-year tariff petition for the next five years to the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission.

The petition provides

that electricity rates will decrease every year in the next five years in the state.

Among the Electricity Regulatory Commissions in the country, Maharashtra is the first state to submit a petition to the State Electricity Regulatory Commission for reducing electricity rates every year for the next five years, added Fadnavis.

HC asks lower court to take right decision on cancellation of bail of self-styled journalist Prashant Kortakar

Kolhapur, Mar 11 (UNI) The Bombay High Court on Tuesday directed a court in Kolhapur to take a right decision on cancellation of interim bail given to self-styled journalist Prashant Kortakar, who had allegedly threatened historian Indrajeet Sawant over his comments in a TV debate on Hindi film 'Chhaava' based on the life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. Notably,

Kortakar had called history researcher Indrajeet Sawant twice and had threatened him for allegedly spreading hatred against the Brahmin community while participating in a debate on Hindi film 'Chhaava' and had also made an objectionable statement against Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his son Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. After a complainant was lodged against him,

the Juna Rajwada police in the city tried to arrest Kortakar, who managed to secure an interim bail from the Kolhapur district court. Upon this, police filed an appeal in the HC seeking to cancel his bail for custodial inquiry.

In today's hearing, the Bombay High Court refused to interfere in the case and directed the local court of Kolhapur to take appropriate decision after hearing the side of the state government in this case.

Complaint of financial embezzlement against former trustees of Lilavati Hospital

Mumbai, Mar 11 (UNI): The Lilavati Kritilal Mehta Medical Trust, which oversees city's famous Lilavati Hospital, has initiated legal action against former trustees for alleged large scale financial embezzlement.

While addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, former Mumbai police commissioner Parmbir Singh, presently executive director of the Lilavati Hospital Trust, said that the Trust has formally lodged a complaint with Enforcement Directorate

(ED) and Bandra Police Station against its former trustees and other related individuals. The complaint alleged massive financial misappropriation of Rs 1,300 crore and a total of three FIRs (first information reports) have been lodged by the current Permanent Trustee Prashant Mehta against erstwhile trustees and their related companies, he said.

The Trust also alleged black magic being performed and theft in their premises.

Singh alleged that

former trustees performed black magic against the present board of trustees on the hospital premises.

Eight 'kalash' (urns) filled with bones and human hair were found buried under the floor in office where the current trustees sit every day in Lilavati Hospital. The trustees approached the Bandra police station and filed a complaint.

Then, the hospital management approached Bandra court, and the court itself initiated an inquiry into the black magic matter.

Govt eases norms for selection of 125 Deputy District Officers in Revenue Dept

Mumbai, Mar 11 (UNI) ; In order to speed up people-oriented works of the Revenue administration in Maharashtra, the government has taken a decision to give selection category to 125 Deputy District Collectors in the state and 80 of these officers have been cleared to become

Additional Collectors. An official press statement issued on Tuesday stated that after working for 10 years as Deputy Collector, they will be regularised in service as Deputy Collector (Selection Grade), thereby increasing their pay structure.

As a result, some of these senior Sub-District Officers will get the opportunity to

become Additional Collectors.

There was a backlog of non-promotion in the Revenue service for many years, however, due to this decision, the revenue works will now be speeded up. In the next period, preparations have been started for the promotion of Tehsildar to Sub-Collector as well as for filling up the post of Deputy Collector through the State Public Service Commission (MPSC), the statement added.

Accordingly, a seniority list was finalised, 125 Sub-Collectors have been selected and the stalled District Caste Verification Committee chairman posts have also been filled, it stated.

Govt honours 'Sofosh' Pune with 'Balsnehi Award

Pune, Mar 11 (UNI): 'Sofosh' Pune, which has been actively involved in the protection, rehabilitation, and adoption process of orphaned and destitute children for more than 60 years, was recently honoured with the prestigious 'Balsnehi Award 2024' by the Maharashtra government. The award has been given in the category of 'Best Specialised Adoption Agency.'

The award was presented during a programme organised by the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights at the Yashwantrao Chavan Centre here. Minister of Women and Child Development Aditi Tatkare, state minister Meghna Bordikar and Commission chief Sushiben Shah were present during the program.

Himachal Assembly passes Rs 17,053.78 cr supplementary budget for 2024-25

Shimla, Mar 11 (UNI) The Himachal Pradesh Assembly on Tuesday passed a supplementary budget of Rs 17,053.78 crore for the financial year 2024-25. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, who holds the portfolio of finance, presented the first and final installment of the supplementary budget, which was approved without discussion. The House also passed the Himachal Pradesh Appropriation Bill, granting the government authority to utilise these funds.

Out of the total amount, Rs 15,776.19 crore is allocated for state schemes, while Rs 1,277.59 crore is designated for centrally sponsored schemes. The key allocations under state schemes include Rs 10,137.07 crore for wage and means advances and overdraft payments, Rs 1,033.63 crore for power

generation and infrastructure repair, and Rs 814.94 crore as subsidies for fare concessions and electric bus purchases for Himachal Road Transport Corporation. Additionally, Rs 763.26 crore has been allocated for pensions and retirement benefits, 7455.91 crore for medical colleges and healthcare schemes, and 7329.44 crore for water supply and sanitation projects. Furthermore, Rs 303.67 crore is earmarked for disaster relief, Rs 173.25 crore for tourism development, Rs 150.19 crore for school infrastructure repair, and Rs 142.83 crore for grants to rural local bodies. Other allocations include Rs 135.88 crore for road and bridge construction, Rs 130.16 crore for women's hostels and welfare schemes, Rs 127.77 crore for government buildings, and Rs 124.50 crore for railway projects.

Dominican authorities intensify search for missing Indian-American student

Punta Cana/New Delhi, Mar 11 (UNI): An Indian-American student named Sudiksha Konanki has gone missing since March 6 in Punta Cana, a resort town in the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican authorities have intensified their search for the young woman, who had gone to Punta Cana for a holiday and was spending time at the beach with five friends.

The young woman was staying at the Riu República hotel in the Arena Gorda area. The Riu Hotels & Resorts hotel chain said in a statement that it is collaborating with the authorities to find Sudiksha's whereabouts.

The father of Sudiksha Konanki, a 20-year-old American student, has urged authorities to expand their investigation and consider the possibility of kidnapping. Subbarayudu Konanki questioned the initial focus on the water, suggesting that if his

Khandoba Temple Trust implements dress code for devotees, bans short clothes

Mumbai, Mar 11 (UNI): Khandoba Temple of Jejuri, which is one of the most prominent Hindu pilgrimage centres of Maharashtra managed by the Khandoba Temple Trust, has implemented a new dress code for devotees banning short clothes, officials said here on Tuesday. To ensure proper adherence, the Trust has also released a set of guidelines outlining acceptable attire for darshan (viewing of the deity).

Moving forward, only those dressed in traditional Indian clothing will be permitted entry into the temple premises. This decision was taken by the Board of Trustees of Shri Martand Devasthan, Jejuri, with the aim of maintaining the sanctity of the temple.

Both male and female

devotees must adhere to the prescribed dress code, which prohibits inappropriate or revealing clothing. Items such as torn jeans, Bermuda shorts, skirts, and other fashion apparel deemed unsuitable for a sacred space will not be allowed.

Jejuri's Khandoba is a Kuladaivata of many farming families, Brahmins, and the nomadic Dhangar tribe of the Maharashtra and Deccan region.

According to legends and folklore, Khandoba was a human avatar of Bhagawan Shiva; he used to live and rule the region from Jejuri-gad (transl. Jejuri fort), where the Mandir is now present.

The Mandir is also known as Jejuri-gad. Khandoba killed the demon brothers Mani and Malla when they harassed people.

Govt to fulfil all resolutions in manifesto in 5 years: BJP chief

Mumbai, Mar 11 (UNI): The Mahayuti government will fulfil all the resolutions made in the manifesto for the Maharashtra Assembly elections in next five years and no scheme will be closed, assured Revenue minister and state BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Tuesday.

Speaking at a function organised for entry of many Congress office-bearers and workers in the state including Amravati District Teachers' Federation president Chandrashekhar Bhojar into BJP, he reiterated that the Mahayuti government, led by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, will fulfil the promise given to dear sisters in next five years.

Bawankule further said that many Congress workers have left the party and joined the BJP as they believe that the path of developed India and Maharashtra will be accelerated under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Devendra Fadnavis. With the entry of the new members, BJP will gain new strength and with cooperation of all, the goal of extending benefits of the welfare schemes of the central and state governments as well as the schemes mentioned in the state budget to the last section of the society will be achieved, he added.

daughter had drowned, her body would have washed ashore by now.

Sudiksha, a University of Pittsburgh student from Virginia, was last seen before dawn on March 6 near the Riu República Hotel beach, the Dominican Today reported.

Since her disappearance, a multi-agency search effort has been underway, including support from the National Emergency and Security System, POLITUR, Civil Defense, the Dominican Navy, and other authorities. Four drone teams with advanced technology have been deployed to search the coastal area of Bávaro.

Sudiksha had arrived on March 3 with five friends and later met two American tourists, Joshua Steven Ribe and Carter Johnson. On March 5, she had her last contact with family before being seen at a hotel disco with her group.

Around 4:15 a.m. on

March 6, she and Ribe, along with four others, went to the beach. By 5:05 a.m., only Konanki and Ribe remained.

After more than three hours without surveillance footage, Ribe was seen leaving alone at 8:52 a.m. Konanki was officially reported missing at 4:00 p.m.

Her disappearance has launched an extensive search operation utilizing advanced technology, including planes and drones. Riu Hotels also indicated that support is being provided to the authorities in the search and an emergency protocol has been activated to ensure that all necessary measures are taken. In addition, they have enabled an internal communication channel so that the employees of the five hotels in the Punta Cana destination who have relevant information can share it with the hotel or the authorities, the news paper reported.

Centre revokes suspension of Wrestling Federation of India

New Delhi, Mar 11 (UNI) : The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports on Monday revoked the suspension of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), restoring its recognition as the National Sports Federation (NSF) with immediate effect. The decision ensures Indian wrestlers' participation in upcoming international events, including the 2026 Asian Games and the 2028 Olympics.

The WFI had been suspended on December 24, 2023, due to governance lapses, including violations of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011, and a lack of transparency in operations. In response, an Ad-hoc Committee appointed by

the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had taken over the federation's responsibilities.

The suspension was lifted following a ministry review of WFI's corrective actions, findings from a spot verification committee, and legal observations from the Delhi High Court. Additionally, United World Wrestling (UWW), the global governing body for the sport, had reinstated WFI's membership on February 13, 2024, with conditions such as the re-election of an Athletes' Commission and the assurance of fair selection processes. As part of the reinstatement, the ministry issued key directives to WFI to ensure good governance and transparency. The

federation must revert amendments made during the suspension period within four weeks to restore a balanced power structure.

Moreover, non-elected individuals, including former office bearers and terminated officials, must remain completely dissociated from WFI and its affiliated units. All selections for international events must be conducted in a fair and transparent manner, adhering to the Sports Code and UWW regulations. The government reaffirmed its commitment to upholding good governance, ensuring compliance with the Sports Code, and prioritising athlete welfare to foster a robust sporting ecosystem in the country.

Global Indian Pravasi Kabaddi League to kick off on April 18

Gurugram (Haryana), Mar 11 (UNI) : The Global Indian Pravasi Kabaddi League (GI-PKL) is set to make its grand debut on April 18 here.

The league will witness participation from countries such as Egypt, Kenya, Argentina, Germany, England, Norway, Poland, amongst others showcasing the growing global reach of Kabaddi, in the quest to promote the sport globally.

Holistic International Pravasi Sports Association (HIPSA), the Administrator of the League have revealed the kick off date (April 18) as players gear up to feature in the much awaited tournament.

The inaugural season, which will be broadcast Live on Sony Sports Network will feature 12 teams—six women's teams and six corresponding men's teams—each embodying the cultural and linguistic richness of India. The teams have been strategically named to reflect their regional identities: Women's Teams: Marathi Falcons, Bhojpuri Leopardess, Telugu Cheetahs, Tamil Lioness, Punjabi Tigress, and Haryanvi Eagles.

Men's Teams: Marathi

Vultures, Bhojpuri Leopards, Telugu Panthers, Tamil Lions, Punjabi Tigers, and Haryanvi Sharks.

Speaking about GI-PKL, Kanthi D. Suresh, President of HIPSA, said, "Season 1 of GI-PKL is the culmination of all the efforts that have been put in over more than a year where the focus has been to spread the sport of Kabaddi globally, and inspire the World to recognise the Sport as a potential Olympic Sport. We are committed to making GI-PKL a premier global Kabaddi tournament, and ensure increased participation from players across continents in each season for the next 10 years."

GI-PKL has also unveiled the captains of the franchise. While Shiv Prashad has been handed the captain duties for Bhojpuri Leopards, Vikash Dahiya will lead Haryanvi Sharks, Marathi Vultures and Punjabi Tigers have named Kapil Narwal and Sawin Narwal as captains respectively. Sunil Narwal will lead Tamil Lions and Sandeep Kandola will captain Telugu Panthers.

Pushpa Rana will lead Haryanvi Eagles and Meena Kadyan will captain

Bhojpuri Leopardess. Marathi Falcons and Punjabi Tigress have named Tanu Sharma and Meera as captains respectively. While Julie Bhati will lead Telugu Cheetahs, Suman will oversee the captain's duties for Tamil Lioness.

Players have already begun rigorous training for the League and are leaving no stone unturned in their training. Sawin Narwal, Sandeep Kandola, Ajay Kumar, and Kapil Narwal are among the players who have started practicing. National gold medalists like M Anitha, Indra Rohini, Arul Santhiya, and Selvarebiksha have also commenced training sessions in their respective states. The GI-PKL Championship trophy will be unveiled in an event shortly wherein the Schedule of the League will also be announced.

HIPSA's past initiatives underline its commitment to Kabaddi's global growth. In March 2024, HIPSA ensured the Sport of Kabaddi was included in the Guinness World Record in an event held in Panchkula's Tau Devital Stadium, which was graced by Governor of Haryana, Bandaru Dattatreya.

Sabalenka beats Bronzetti to reach Indian Wells last 16

California, Mar 11 (UNI) Women's top seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus cruised into the round of 16 at Indian Wells by overcoming Italian Lucia Bronzetti 6-1, 6-2.

Sabalenka won 75 percent of her first serve points and converted five of 12 break points en route to victory in an hour and 15 minutes on Monday.

Bronzetti won just 45 percent of points on her first serve and 40 percent on her second. But the world No. 62 returned solidly and tested Sabalenka with her deep groundstrokes and impressive control in the windy conditions.

"She played an incredible match," the 26-year-old Belarusian said. "The score looks easy, but it wasn't an easy match. I had to fight for every point and I'm super happy with the win." The world No. 1 will meet Britain's Sonay Kartal on Wednesday for a place in the quarterfinals of the WTA 1000 event. The latter advanced by beating Russian Polina Kudermetova 7-5, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Australian Open champion Madison Keys from the United States claimed a 6-2, 6-7 (8), 6-4 victory over Elise Mertens of Belgium while world No. 3 Coco Gauff of the United States defeated Greece's Maria Sakkari 7-6 (1), 6-2.

Rajiv Kumar fires red-hot 65 for first-round lead at PGTI NEXGEN season-opener

Gurugram, Mar 11 (UNI) : Chandigarh's Rajiv Kumar Jatiwal fired a red-hot seven-under 65 to seize the round one lead at the PGTI NEXGEN 2025 season-opener being played at the Golden Greens Golf & Polo Club here on Tuesday.

The seasoned Rajiv scored an eagle and five birdies on the way to his 65 on Tuesday.

Chandarjeet Yadav from Chandimandir, Haryana, was placed second as he shot a four-under 68 on the opening day of the INR 20 lakh event.

Rajiv Kumar Jatiwal, who won his only title on his professional debut back in 1998, made all his gains early in his round as he collected five birdies between the first and the 10th and followed that up with an eagle on the 11th.

The 48-year-old's eagle came as a result of a 10-foot conversion. All aspects of his game came together as Rajiv sank two more long birdie putts and landed his wedge shots within four feet on two other occasions for birdies. He narrowly missed a hole-in-one on the eighth where he also landed a birdie.

Rajiv said, "I'm really pleased with this effort considering the course conditions were quite tough as the wind was up when I was playing. I couldn't have asked for a better start. It's important for me to just keep it going from here on. I've had a decent start to the 2025 season on the main tour and that has given me the confidence coming into this week."

Historic 150th Anniversary Test match to be played between Australia & England in 2027

Melbourne, Mar 11 (UNI) To celebrate 150 years of the first-ever Test match between fierce rivals, a day and night Test will be played between Australia and England at the iconic MCG in the year 2027.

The 150th anniversary celebration Test match in 2027 will have a distinctly modern feel, with Cricket Australia today confirming it will be the Australian men's first under lights at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The match, commemorating the first ever Test, played between Australia and England in Melbourne in 1877, will be the first men's day-night Test at the venue, and follows the successful women's Ashes day-night Test at the MCG this summer, according to a Cricket Australia media release. The announcement comes to mark two years out from the match, which has been confirmed to be played March 11-15, 2027.

That will make it the latest in the home summer a men's Test has been staged in Australia since the 1978-79 series against Pakistan (which ended on March 29). CA holds contractual rights to use



the MCG until the end of March each summer, despite the venue often being used for Australian Rules football in that month. CA recently extended its venue hire agreement with the MCG until the 2030-31 summer.

While the MCG's annual Boxing Day Test is hugely popular, the move to a day-night Test for the 150th Anniversary match, which will start on a Wednesday, is designed to encourage attendance outside of the school holiday period.

A day-night Test should also prove attractive for the UK television audience. Regular Ashes

Tests hosted on Australia's east coast typically begin just before midnight in England, but a later start means early-rising UK fans will be able to watch the final two sessions.

The match, which will come after Australia's five-Test Border-Gavaskar Trophy series in India that year, is likely to mean the late arrival of Australia and England players to the 2027 IPL, with IPL franchises told to expect that year's tournament to run between March 14 and May 30.

The 1977 Centenary Test – held from March 12-17 – was a lavish occasion to which every living men's cricketer who had

represented either Australia or England in an Ashes match was invited.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II met the competing teams on-field during the tea break on day five, shortly before Greg Chappell's Australia completed a 45-run win over Tony Greig's men, remarkably mirroring the result of the inaugural match a century earlier.

In that first match, played from March 15-19, including a rest day on the Sunday, Charles Bannerman hit 165 before retiring hurt, setting a record that still stands with 69.6 per cent of Australia's first-innings total of 245.

Team India Women's Kabaddi Team felicitated, receives Rs 67.50 lakh reward

New Delhi, Mar 11 (UNI) : The Indian Women's Kabaddi team was felicitated on Tuesday following their triumphant title defence at the 6th Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship in Tehran, with Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya announcing a cash reward of Rs 67.50 lakh for the team.

Recognising their achievement, Mandaviya also revealed plans to launch a women's kabaddi league to provide more opportunities for female athletes, mirroring the men's league. "We will take all efforts to support our female athletes. Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants our girls to get equal opportunities in the development of Viksit Bharat," he stated at the felicitation ceremony.

Dr Mandaviya further disclosed that, during the recent Chintan Shivir in Hyderabad, a decision was taken to encourage

corporate sponsorship in sports. "The government will do everything necessary to develop indigenous sports, including kabaddi. We will encourage the corporate sector to adopt sports and provide financial backing for training and infrastructure development," he said.

The Indian Women's Kabaddi team successfully defended their title by overcoming hosts Iran 32-25 in the final held on Saturday. The tournament, returning after an eight-year hiatus, was previously held in Iran in 2017, where India triumphed over South Korea to lift the trophy.

With this latest triumph, India continues its dominance in the sport, having also secured gold at the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. This victory marks India's fifth title win at the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship, reinforcing its stature as the undisputed powerhouse of

the sport. Placed in Group A alongside Thailand, Bangladesh, and Malaysia, India advanced comfortably to the final, securing dominant victories over Bangladesh (64-23), Thailand (76-21), and Malaysia (73-19), finishing with an impressive cumulative score difference of +150. In the semifinal, India defeated Nepal 56-18, setting up a title clash with hosts Iran. Despite facing stiff competition, Team India prevailed 32-25 in the final. Captain and raider Sonali Shingate attributed their success to rigorous training at SAI Sonapat, which played a crucial role in their preparation. She also expressed gratitude for the Supreme Court's intervention, which ensured the Indian team's participation in the championship. "We are grateful to the Supreme Court for enabling our participation. This victory belongs to every member of our team, who played

magnificently to ensure we returned as champions," Shingate said.

As the team's captain and a formidable raider, Shingate played a crucial role in India's victory. Her leadership on and off the mat ensured that the team remained focused throughout the tournament. "Now, we look forward to the Women's Kabaddi World Cup in Bihar this June," she added.

Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI) Secretary-elect Jitendra Pran Singh Thakur lauded the team's achievement, calling it a significant milestone ahead of the Women's Kabaddi World Cup. "This victory reinforces India's dominance in kabaddi and highlights the growing strength of our women athletes on the international stage. The AKFI remains committed to supporting their participation in upcoming tournaments," he stated.

TT icon Sharath Kamal announces retirement

Chennai, Mar 11 (UNI) : Indian table tennis icon Aachanta Sharath Kamal on Tuesday announced his retirement from professional play, marking the end of a remarkable 22-year international career.

The 42-year-old athlete will make his final appearance at the WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025, scheduled from March 25 to 30 at the Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai.

Reflecting on his journey, Kamal remarked, "Having represented India for nearly 22 years and dedicated almost 38 years to the sport, I feel I have contributed to the best of my ability as a player. Now, it's time to give back as an administrator, mentor, and coach."

He added that concluding his career in Chennai is fitting, as his international journey began there in 1999 during the Junior Asian Championships.

Kamal's career is marked by an array of achievements, solidifying his status as one of India's greatest table tennis players.

He won 13 medals across five Commonwealth Games, including seven golds, with a standout performance in 2006 when he clinched gold in both men's singles and team events. His historic

contribution to Indian table tennis includes leading the national team to a bronze medal at the 2018 Asian Games, the country's first in the sport at the event in 60 years. On the domestic front, Kamal dominated as a ten-time national champion, while also making an impact internationally by reaching a career-high world ranking of 30 in 2019. His consistency and ability to challenge top players on the global stage have been instrumental in raising India's stature in table tennis.

His contributions to the sport have been recognized with several prestigious awards, including the Arjuna Award in 2004, the Padma Shri in 2019, and the Khel Ratna Award in 2022.

Beyond his on-table achievements, Kamal has played a crucial role in promoting table tennis in India. He serves as the Co-Chair for the ITTF Athlete's Commission alongside Chinese legend Liu Shiwen and is an ambassador for the ITTF Foundation, focusing on grassroots development of the sport.

As he transitions from player to mentor and administrator, Sharath Kamal's legacy will continue to inspire future generations of Indian table tennis players.

Wrestling Stars Tease major announcement for India Speculation grows as WXM builds

New Delhi, Mar 11 (UNI) Speculation is mounting in the pro-wrestling industry as Wrestling Xtreme Mania (WXM) appears poised to make a major entry into the Indian market.

While no official announcement has been made, industry insiders suggest that a large-scale pro-wrestling platform featuring global talent and high-end production is in the works.

The speculation gained traction after former WWE star Jeet was seen involved in what is believed to be a significant pro-wrestling initiative. The development has led to discussions that WXM could emerge as a serious competitor in the

international pro-wrestling landscape.

Further fueling interest, celebrities such as Rannvijay Singha have shared cryptic social media posts hinting at an upcoming pro-wrestling event.

Meanwhile, teaser videos released on WXM's digital platforms suggest a production standard comparable to leading international platforms, you can watch them on WXM's Instagram (@official_WXM).

Adding to the speculation, well-known international pro-wrestlers, including Raj The Maharaja (Jinder Mahal), Kalisto, and Axel Tischer, have

announced their arrival and are arriving for WXM around March 20. The timing has raised industry expectations of a major development in the Indian pro-wrestling scene.

India has a substantial

pro-wrestling fan base, with 163 million viewers following the sport. Despite the dominance of cricket and kabaddi, pro-wrestling continues to attract a dedicated audience.

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Railways to run 8 Holi Special Trains between LTT Mumbai-Gorakhpur

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 11 : Railways will run 8 Holi Special trains between LTT Mumbai and Gorakhpur to clear the extra rush of passengers as under:
LTT Mumbai-Gorakhpur Holi Specials (8 trips)
05326 special will depart LTT Mumbai at 10.20 hrs on Thursday and Monday from 13.03.2025 to 24.03.2025 and arrive Gorakhpur at 20.00 hrs next day. (4 trips)
05325 special will depart

Gorakhpur at 19.00 hrs on Tuesday and Saturday from 11.03.2025 to 22.03.2025 and arrive LTT Mumbai at 06.50 hrs on third day. (4 trips)
Halts: Thane, Kalyan, Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Rani Kamalapati-Bhopal, Bina, Virangana Lakshmi Bai-Jhansi, Orai, Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Ayodhya, Mankapur and Khalilabad.
Composition: 4 AC-3 Tier, 8 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class and

2 Luggage cum Guard's Brake Vans.
Reservation: Bookings for trips of special train No. 05326 on special charges will open on 12.03.2025 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.
Passengers are requested to avail the special train services.

Capacity increase of the transformer at Mahatransco's Anandnagar substation

Appeal to consumers in Ulhasnagar, Ambarnath and Badlapur to use electricity wisely



(Standard Post Bureau) Kalyan, March 11 : The work of increasing the capacity of one of the three 50 MVA transformers at Mahatransco's 220/22 KV Anandnagar substation to 100 MVA has been undertaken since Tuesday (11 March) morning. This work is expected to be completed by the midnight of 20 March. The capacity increase work has been started as unanimously decided in a joint meeting of various industrial associations and consumers, Mahatransco and Mahavitaran.

Power supply to industrial consumers on 13 express feeders in Anandnagar MIDC has been planned in a circular manner through the remaining two 50 MVA capacity transformers at Mahatransco's Anandnagar substation. It is also planned to continue

uninterrupted power supply to other consumers supplied from this substation. Meanwhile, until the work is completed, all electricity consumers under Ulhasnagar Sub-Division 4 and 5, Ambarnath East and West, Badlapur East and West are appealed to use electricity wisely by Mahatransco and Mahavitaran.
Mahatransco's Anandnagar Sub-Station supplies electricity to consumers in Ulhasnagar, Ambarnath, Badlapur areas including Mahavitaran's Anandnagar Industrial Estate.

The entire load of Mahavitaran's Kharwai and Poddar Sub-Stations, which are supplied with electricity from Anandnagar Sub-Station, has currently been diverted to Mahatransco's 100/22 kV Morivali Sub-Station. Badlapur East is supplied with electricity from Kharwai

and Poddar Sub-Station. Badlapur West is supplied with electricity from Mahavitaran's Sonivali Sub-Station. Currently, the load of some parts of Badlapur West has been diverted to Mahatransco's 220/22 kV Jambhul Sub-Station.
The above planning has been made jointly by Mahatransco and Mahavitaran to ensure that the power supply of the consumers in the concerned areas is not disrupted until the capacity expansion work is completed. This too may lead to power supply disruption due to increased load or unavoidable technical reasons.

Therefore, Mahavitaran has appealed to use electricity as little as possible during this period and to cooperate in this work. The capacity expansion work will enable better service to be provided to all the electricity consumers in the area.

WR to provide additional stoppage to Dadar - Bhusaval Special train at Palghar Station

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 11 : For the convenience of passengers, Western Railway will provide additional stoppage at Palghar station to Train No. 09051/09052 Dadar-Bhusaval Special Train.

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

Train No. 09051 Dadar - Bhusaval Special has been provided with additional halt at Palghar station w.e.f journey commencing Ex Dadar on 15th March, 2025. The train will arrive Palghar station at 01.29 hrs and depart at 01.31 hrs.

Similarly, Train No. 09052 Bhusaval - Dadar Special has been provided with additional halt at Palghar station w.e.f journey commencing Ex Bhusaval on 15th March, 2025. The train will arrive Palghar station at 03.17 hrs and depart at 03.19 hrs.

For detailed information, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Holi special trains Between Visakhapatnam and Patna

(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, March 11 : In order to clear extra rush of passengers, East Coast Railway has decided to run special trains between Visakhapatnam and Patna for 3 trips as detailed below.

The train No. 08537 Visakhapatnam - Patna Holi special will leave Visakhapatnam on Sundays at 19.30hrs on 16.03.2025, 23.03.2025 and 30.03.2025 which will reach Patna on the next day at 21.00hrs

In return direction the train No. 08538 Patna-Visakhapatnam Holi special train will leave Patna on Mondays at 22.30hrs on 17.03.2025, 24.03.2025 and 31.03.2025 which will reach Visakhapatnam on the early hours of Wednesday at 03.50hrs.

Stoppages: These pair of trains will stop at Vizianagaram, Bobbili, Parvathipuram, Rayagada, Muniguda, Kesinga, Titlagarh, Balangir, Bargarh Road, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Hatia, Ranchi, Muri, Bokaro Steel City, Chadrapura, Gomo, Koderma, Gaya, Jehanabad between Visakhapatnam and Patna.
Composition: 2nd AC-3, 3rd AC Economy-4, Sleeper Class-7, General Class-4, Second class cum Luggage/ Divyangjan Coach-1, Generator Motor Car-1.

People are requested to make use of these special train services.

Commissioning of Bachel - Kirandul section doubling significant milestone : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, March 11 : Waltair Division of East Coast Railway achieved a significant milestone today (09.03.2025) with the commissioning of the 9.143kms Bachel - Kirandul section doubling, authorized by Commissioner of Railway Safety (South Eastern Circle) Shri Brijesh Kumar Mishra. The inspection was conducted under stringent security measures, underscores a major enhancement in railway infrastructure vital for the region's development.

Accompanied by Mr Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager Waltair; Shri Gautam Srinivas, Chief Administrative Officer (Construction); Shri K Dhanunjaya Rao Chief Engineer (Track); Shri Gourishankar Rao, Chief Engineer (Construction); Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction) Shri Manjit Singh Sansanwal; Chief Signal and Telecom Engineer (Construction)



Shri KS Varma; Deputy CRS Shri Asutosh Kumar and other Senior Officials, Commissioner of Railway Safety oversaw comprehensive inspections and trials crucial for operational safety and efficiency. The inspections included track assessments on motor trolleys, evaluations of Bachel and Kirandul Railway stations, scrutiny of new signalling systems, and examination of the newly constructed

bridges. Further, speed trial was successfully conducted on the newly laid line, affirming readiness for operational deployment.

The completion of this doubling project in the Bachel-Kirandul region of Chhattisgarh is a strategic advancement for the Waltair Division. This segment, challenged by security reasons, now boasts enhanced capacity to facilitate the smooth

transit of iron ore from Bailadila Mines to various parts of the country. The upgraded infrastructure not only supports increased traffic demands but also fortifies connectivity crucial for regional economic growth.
The successful commissioning of the 9.143kms section doubling underscores our commitment to enhancing rail connectivity and operational efficiency in the region.

Steps afoot to mitigate floods, says Meghalaya CM

Shillong, Mar 11 (UNI) Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Tuesday said that steps were afoot to mitigate the impact of floods caused by heavy rainfall in the plain areas in the State.

Replying to queries during the Question Hour in the assembly, Sangma said that the government was working on a weather forecasting system integrated with new technologies to better predict major flash floods or

cloudbursts. "Multiple steps are being taken. Wherever interventions are possible, whether through the water resources department, the soil and water conservation department or the forest department, various measures have been implemented in different areas. Of course, these are not completely foolproof, as weather conditions today are quite unpredictable," he said.

"More importantly, we are developing a weather

forecasting mechanism that incorporates new technologies, satellite imagery, and other advanced tools. This allows us to predict major flash floods or cloudbursts in advance, though not with absolute certainty. With advancing technologies, we are now able to issue weather warnings in most situations," the Chief Minister further informed.

Sangma also informed that the Disaster Response

Fund stood at Rs 322 crore, while the Disaster Mitigation Fund was Rs 81 crore over the past five years. "Last year alone, the government spent Rs 71 crore out of the Rs 322 crore DRF to assist disaster-affected areas. We have amended the rules to allow Deputy Commissioners to provide housing materials, if necessary, for affected households. Additional funds have also been placed at their disposal.

Two of WR's women ticket checking staff achieve outstanding performance WR salutes the indomitable spirit of Narishakti

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 11 : Indian Railways has been at the forefront of empowering women, providing them with opportunities to showcase their skills and strengths. The role of Nari Shakti (Women Power) in railways is multifaceted and vital to the organization's growth and success. In this sequence, the women ticket checking employees of Western Railway have shown significant strides in dealing with ticketless travel. Smt. Nayana Patel, Chief Ticket Inspector/ Surat and Smt. Malliga, Dy. Chief Ticket Inspector/Dadar are two such staff, who have displayed such exemplary performance. They both



have accomplished in securing the highest earnings in ticket checking over non-suburban and suburban section respectively. According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, women in railways have broken stereotypes and proven themselves. Smt. Nayana



Patel, a Chief Ticket Inspector, demonstrated exceptional service and performance in 2024, showcasing her determination and ability to work independently with great enthusiasm. Her tireless efforts led to record-breaking ticket checking earnings of around Rs. 33 lakhs by detecting more than 4,470 unauthorized travellers on

Western Railway's non-suburban section, while Smt. Malliga, Dy. CTI/ Dadar, who oversees the suburban section of Western Railway, achieved impressive results from January to December 2024, detecting almost 7,820 cases of ticketless travel and collecting more than Rs. 21.50 lakhs in fines in the calendar year 2024.

Shri Vineet informed that Smt. Nayana Patel and Smt. Malliga's exceptional dedication, vigilance, and commitment to revenue protection and passenger compliance have set a remarkable example for other lady employees to follow, inspiring them to emulate their outstanding performance and work ethic.

4 Stations of Solapur Division of Central Railway to have Halts for Mumbai-Nanded Holi Special Trains

(Standard Post Bureau) Solapur, March 11 : Indian Railways will run 4 Holi special train services between LTT Mumbai and Hazur Sahib Nanded. These special trains will halt at 4 stations of Solapur Division of Central Railway, namely: Kurduwadi, Barsi Town, Osmanabad and Latur. LTT Mumbai - Hazur

Sahib Nanded Weekly Specials (4 trips)
- Train no.01105 Weekly special will leave LTT on 12.03.2025 & 19.03.2025 (Wednesday) at 00.55 hrs and will arrive Nanded at 21.00 hrs same day.
- Train no. 01106 Weekly special will leave Nanded on 12.03.2025 & 19.03.2025 (Wednesday) at 22.30 hrs and will arrive

LTT at 16.05 hrs next day.
Halts: Thane, Kalyan, Lonavala, Pune, Daund, Kurduwadi, Barsi Town, Osmanabad, Latur,, Latur Road, Parli Vajinath, Gangakher, Parbhani and Purna.
Composition: 1 First AC, 1 AC II-Tier, 5 AC III-Tier, 8 Sleeper Class, 4 Second Seating, 1 Pantry Car, 1 Generator Van and 1 Second Class cum

Guard's Brake Van. (22 Coaches)
Reservation: Bookings for special trains 01105/ 01106 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.