

IN BRIEF

Give priority to sports along with education, Maha minister to students

Shirdi, Mar 1 (UNI) : Relief & Rehabilitation Minister Makarand Jadhav-Patil on Saturday exhorted students to give priority to sports along with education in order to keep the body and mind fit.

Addressing annual convocation and sports prize distribution of Padmashree Dr Vitthalrao Vikhe-Patil Institute of Technology and Engineering (Polytechnic) at Pravaranagar, he said that students who play sports regularly not only help to keep their body and mind fit but also they learn to handle both victory and defeat.

"Good things require courage, with courage comes success. So, the youth should face the struggle with courage," he said.

Jadhav-Patil also said that earlier, quality education was mainly limited to big cities but now it is available even in small villages, he added.

Fire breaks out in Mumbai high-rise residential tower, no injuries reported

Mumbai, Mar 1 (UNI) : A fire broke out in the fifth floor of a high rise residential tower in Ghatkopar area of city suburb on Saturday afternoon and at least 35 people were safely rescued.

The incident occurred around 12.45 pm at Vikas Apartment, located behind Pant Nagar police station in Ghatkopar East.

According to fire brigade officials, the blaze was swiftly brought under control, and no injuries were reported.

A fire engine and a water tanker were dispatched to the site to carry out the firefighting operation and the flames were completely doused by 1:20 pm.

The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses during the NXT Conclave, in Delhi on Saturday.

Budget 2025-26 focuses on strengthening the agriculture sector: PM

New Delhi, Mar 1 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the Union Budget 2025-26, saying it focuses on strengthening the agriculture sector and boosting the rural economy.

Addressing the post-budget webinar on agriculture and rural prosperity, Modi said, "We consider agriculture as the primary engine of development and our aim is to ensure that no farmer is left behind"

"We are working towards two major goals, first, the development of the agricultural sector and second is the prosperity of villages".

Sharing some data on the Agriculture sector, he said, PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi was launched 6 years ago, and approximately Rs 3.75 lakh crore has been directly transferred to the bank accounts of 11 crore farmers.

"We have created a farmer-centric digital infrastructure so that the benefits of this scheme can reach farmers across the country" the PM added.

Modi said today, India's agricultural production is at a record level."Agricultural production which was around 265 million tonnes 10-11 years ago, has now increased to more than 330 million tonnes" he said.

The Prime Minister informed that Horticulture production has exceeded 350 million tonnes and this achievement is a result of our Government's efforts through initiatives like the 'Beej Se Bazar Tak' program. He said, we have announced 'PM Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana' in the budget."Under this, focus will be laid on the development of the 100 districts with the lowest agricultural productivity in the country," Modi said.

The PM noted that the government has launched the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana in 2019, which has significantly improved production, productivity, and post-harvest management. Investment in this sector has increased, and today, fish production and exports have doubled, he added.

JP, Nadda emphasizes grassroots connect, pro-people governance

Jammu, Mar 1 (UNI) Bharatiya Janata Party National President JP Nadda on Saturday emphasised grassroots connect and pro-people governance.

Addressing the BJP MLAs Training Workshop at Katra Nadda underscored the imperative for elected representatives to prioritize constituency development and maintain deep connections with citizens.

He highlighted the importance of "Karyakarta Nirman" and urged MLAs to rise above the allure of political posts. Drawing from his own experience as an MLA and Leader of the

Opposition, he stressed that "posts are transient, but the trust of the people is enduring."He advised legislators to proactively engage with communities through platforms like Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Asha workers' meetings, and parent-teacher interactions in government schools. Nadda further emphasized the need for MLAs to be "good listeners" to effectively resolve public grievances and regularly visit SC/ST communities to ensure inclusive development. The day commenced with a welcome address by Sat Sharma, BJP

Place emphasis on low carbon emissions for environmental conservation: Minister Shelar

Mumbai, Mar 1 (UNI) : IT Minister Ashish Shelar on Saturday urged public to lay emphasis on low carbon emissions for conservation of environment.

Speaking at a state-level Maharashtra Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry, enabled 'Saksham 2024-25: Clean Environment through

Green and Clean Energy' programme held at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre here, he said, "We have to import mineral oil from other countries. It becomes more expensive due to increase in transport costs. Gas-powered vehicles like autorickshaws, taxis reduce carbon emissions. If carbon

emissions are reduced, the oxygen content in atmosphere will be rectified..."

Saksham programme is an environmental protection programme that empowers the family and country, he said and urged public to focus on reducing carbon emissions.

Transform rural areas through education & technology: Dhankar

Mumbai, Mar 1 (UNI) : Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday called for transformation of rural areas with the help of technology, saying that education and technology are important factors that bring about social transformation.

Addressing the gathering at Amrit Mahotsav programme of K P B Hinduja College held at

Yashwantrao Chavan Centre here, he said that 'developed India' is not just a dream but a definite achievement.

The Vice President further said, "Our country is moving towards an economic superpower. The youth power of the country is our biggest strength. We are a leader in the field of advanced education. Planning is the core of development. Education

and technology are the factors that bring about social transformation and in future the industry sector should invest in education sector and contribute to quality education along with infrastructure. Research in any field is necessary to be useful to the society." Students should give more importance to self-study as education is a lifelong process, added Dhankhar.

4 Rescued workers die

Deharadun, Mar 1 (UNI) : Four out of 55 rescued construction workers, who were caught in a massive avalanche at remote Mana village in Uttarakhand, have died, informed V K Suman, secretary of Disaster Management, here on Saturday night.

He told by tonight a GPR radar is also reaching Jolly Grant airport from Delhi by a special plane.

Notably, 55 workers engaged in road construction work were trapped due to avalanche near Mana, the last village situated on the high ranges of Himalayas on India-China border under Chamoli district at 6 am on Friday. Out of these, 43 workers were rescued on the same day with the help of Army while 17 others were rescued on Saturday morning. They have been admitted to Army hospital where they are undergoing treatment.

A total of 50 workers

have been rescued so far. Out of which, 26 workers who were undergoing treatment at Badrinath Mana, three have died this evening while 23 are safe and healthy. Apart from these, one worker has reportedly died at AIIMS, Rishikesh. The search for other five workers has been stopped for now due to darkness and continuous snowfall. In latest development, one of five missing workers from Kangra in Himachal Pradesh has reached his home safely on Saturday and rescue team is searching for other four.

Out of 55 workers who were caught in an avalanche near the border village Mana, 50 have been rescued so far. Now, the rescue and relief team is working on war footing to search for other four workers with help of Army sniffer dogs. Late this evening, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami took an update on relief and

rescue operations from secretary of Disaster Management, Vinod Kumar Suman, and District Magistrate-Chamoli, Sandeep Tiwari.

He has given instructions to conduct a massive search and rescue operation for missing four workers. On instruction of the CM, relief and rescue operation was conducted for missing four workers.

Intensive reconnaissance is being done by Army, ITBP, NDRF and SDRF. Search operation will resume on Sunday morning with help of GPR, thermal imaging and victim location cameras. Suman said that on Saturday, 24 workers were brought to Joshi Math for treatment from Army hospital in Mana. Condition of two of these workers is little serious and they have been referred to AIIMS hospital, sources said.

'Take effective measures to prevent human-wildlife conflict'

Chandrapur, Mar 1 (UNI) : District Guardian Minister, Dr Ashok Uike, said on Saturday that as the human-wildlife conflict is on rise, the Forest department should take more effective measures to prevent this conflict.

Speaking at a review meeting of the Forest department here, he said that the name of Chandrapur district has reached the global level due to the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Project. The number of tigers in Maharashtra today is around 450, of which there are around 225 tigers in Chandrapur district alone while there are 95 to 100 tigers in Tadoba Tiger Reserve, he informed.



Shah instructs authorities to ensure free movement of ...

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday chaired a high-level review meeting on the security situation in Manipur here and instructed the authorities to ensure the free movement of people on all the roads in the state from March 8. During the meeting, he directed that strict action should be taken against anyone attempting to create obstructions. Shah also directed that the fencing work on both sides of the designated entry points along Manipur's international border should be completed at the earliest.

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Union Minister J P Nadda offers prayer at Vaishno Devi Shrine



BJP National President and Union Minister for Health, Chemicals and Fertilizers, J P Nadda on Saturday visited the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and paid obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum. He was accompanied by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. Upon their arrival at Katra, the base camp of the Shrine.

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Air defenses destroy 48 Ukrainian drones over Russian



This night, air defenses intercepted and destroyed 48 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions, the Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement. "This past night, air defense systems on duty intercepted and destroyed 48 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles," the ministry said.

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India's German Open run ends as Tanisha-Dhruv exit in ...



India's campaign at the German Open 2025 came to an end as Paris 2024 Olympian Tanisha Crasto and her mixed doubles partner Dhruv Kapila bowed out in the semifinals here on Saturday.

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Land records to be updated by expanding the village area : Minister Chandrashekhar



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 1 : The village area has not been expanded in the state for the last several years. Therefore, Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule said that the

land records will be updated by expanding the village area. For this, Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule directed the Town Planning Department to submit information regarding the

matters to be included as per the Town Planning Rules. A meeting was held in the Ministry regarding the implementation of the ownership scheme for properties outside the village area. Additional Chief Secretary of the

Minister B Basu escapes unhurt after allegedly attacked by SFI activists

Kolkata, Mar 1 (UNI) : West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu escaped unhurt on Saturday after being attacked allegedly by SFI activists of Jadavpur University but his car was vandalized, official sources said. Basu was rescued by his security personnel and drove straight to the SSKM Hospital where he was given first aid.

"I am fine, I have no problem but my car in which I was sitting in front was vandalized the windscreen broke and the car tyres are deflated," Basu told reporters after coming out from the SSKM Hospital.

He said security men took him to the back seat to escape further attacks. Basu went to the JU campus to address a meeting of the West Bengal Professors Association (WBCUPA). As soon as he began to speak, the ruckus broke out and the SFI activists attacked him. His security personnel immediately escorted him to his car, which was vandalized.

"I do not know why the TMC people are not allowed on the campus and why WBCUPA can not hold meetings in JU," asked Basu. The student protest

began when Basu began addressing the SFI activists demanding for holding a student union election.

During vandalization, some students were also injured after the convoy car dashed against a student, whose head was bleeding, the students alleged.

Some FIRs were also lodged with the Jadavpur Police station, sources added. Denouncing the incident, Trinamool Congress leader and the party's state General Secretary Kunal Ghosh said, "We are shocked. They planned and attacked Bratya Basu. We will not tolerate such hooliganism."

CM reviews implementation of liquor ban in Bihar

Patna, Mar 1 (UNI) : Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday reviewed performance of Excise and Prohibition department to assess how effectively prohibition was being implemented in the state.

Kumar during review meeting, directed the officials to ensure that liquor ban could be implemented effectively in all parts of the state. Those found involved in violation of liquor ban should not be spared at all, he added. "Crime control should be on top of priority of the police administration and there should be strict vigil on those trying to create disturbance and violence in the society", the Chief Minister said, adding that there was need to be extra alert to maintain law and order during the festivals.

Liquor ban had greatly helped in checking crimes and also domestic violence causing much harassments to women, Nitish pointed out. "We noticed that there is a feeling of happiness among poor families whose income are now being saved due to liquor ban and it is now being utilised to arrange important needs like education of children and facilities of comforts." Kumar noted. People should be made aware about ill effects of liquor ban. It would help in successful implementation of liquor ban, he remarked.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

1) Tender Notice No. VSKP-ELG-TL-AC-24-25-WC-19, Dt. 22.02.2025

NAME OF THE WORK : COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE OF AC PACKAGE UNITS OF VARIOUS MAKE FITTED ON LHB TYPE AC COACHES OF ROOF MOUNTED DESIGN OUT OF WARRANTY FOR THREE YEARS.

Tender Value (₹): 11,05,43,335.73, Bid Security (₹) : 7,02,700.00, Cost of Tender Document (₹): 5,900.00

2) Tender Notice No. VSKP-ELG-TL-AC-24-25-WC-18, Dt. 22.02.2025

NAME OF THE WORK : COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE OF AC PACKAGE UNITS OF VARIOUS MAKE FITTED ON LHB TYPE AC COACHES OF ROOF MOUNTED DESIGN UNDER WARRANTY FOR THREE YEARS

Tender Value (₹): 1,45,54,045.20, Bid Security (₹) : 2,22,800.00, Cost of Tender Document (₹): 5,900.00

3) Tender Notice No. VSKP-ELG-TL-AC-24-25-WC-15, Dt. 22.02.2025

NAME OF THE WORK : COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE OF AC PACKAGE UNITS OF VARIOUS MAKE WITH CONTROL PANEL FITTED ON SG TYPE AC COACHES OF ROOF MOUNTED DESIGN OUT OF WARRANTY FOR 3 YEARS

Tender Value (₹): 1,27,42,744.30, Bid Security (₹) : 2,13,700.00, Cost of Tender Document (₹): 5,900.00

Completion period : 36 Months (For all the tenders)

Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1330 Hrs. of 17.03.2025, Date and Time of opening of Tenders : At 1600 Hrs. of 17.03.2025 (for all the tenders).

The tender documents complete details available at : <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

The tenderers are required to watch the website for any corrigendum issued for this tender.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G), PR-1031/P/24-25

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WESTERN RAILWAY VARIOUS WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008, invites Sr. No:1. E-tender Notice No: BCT/24-25/296 dt. 27.02.2025. Work and location: Marine Lines, Charni Road, Grant Road, Lower Parel, Prabhadevi:-

Upgradation of stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. (Phase-I) (Balance quantity). Approx. cost of work : ₹ 25,38,57,022.72. EMD: ₹ 14,19,300/- . Sr. No:2. E-tender Notice No: BCT/24-25/297 dt. 27.02.2025. Work and location: Lower Parel workshop : Repairs to present RCC Overhead Tank to stop leakage & increase its structural strength by Special Repairs at Lower Parel Workshop. Approx. cost of work : ₹ 81,34,737.23. EMD: ₹ 1,62,700/- . Both of above Tenders, Date & time of submission: Till 25.03.2025, 15:00 hrs. Date & time of opening: On 25.03.2025 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers will not be considered. 1133

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Union Minister J P Nadda offers prayer at Vaishno Devi Shrine

Jammu, Mar 1 (UNI) : BJP National President and Union Minister for Health, Chemicals and Fertilizers, J P Nadda on Saturday visited the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and paid obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum. He was accompanied by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. Upon their arrival at Katra, the base camp of the Shrine, the dignitaries were received by Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. The CEO briefed the Union Ministers about the various initiatives undertaken by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, including the upcoming Medical College being set up at Kakryal.

The CEO highlighted the Board's efforts to upgrade and expand the existing infrastructure to

provide enhanced facilities and services to the ever-increasing number of pilgrims visiting the Holy Shrine.

Nadda expressed appreciation for the endeavors of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board aimed at facilitating the journey and holy Darshans of the pilgrims.

He commended the Board's commitment to ensuring a smooth, safe, and spiritual experience for all devotees visiting the Shrine.

Revenue Department Rajesh Kumar, Director General of Yashda Niranjani Sudhanshu were present on the occasion. While Jamabandi Commissioner Suhas Diwase, Director of Town Planning Mr. Patil participated through the video system.

Revenue Minister Mr. Bawankule said that in the first phase, the village area will be expanded and its records will be prepared. Due to this, the income generated from it will be available to the Gram Panchayats. After that, a separate decision will be taken regarding the development of this area in the second phase. For this, initially, some village stations will be expanded as a pilot project, he also said on this occasion.

Russian cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev meets PM Modi

New Delhi, March 1 (UNI) : Russian cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev, participant of three ISS expeditions, had a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, on the sidelines of the NXT Conclave here. Oleg Artemyev presented PM Modi with the flags of the two countries that had been onboard the ISS, as well as the book 'On the Moon' by outstanding Russian theoretical space scientist Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, a Russian Embassy statement said. PM Modi highly praised the level of international cooperation in space exploration, and specifically noted the bilateral collaboration between Russia and India on space projects, including Russia's contribution to the national manned space mission 'Gaganyaan', it said.

Mukul Saran Mathur takes over as GM, SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 1 : Mr Mukul Saran Mathur took over charge of General Manager, South Western Railway on 1st March 2025. He is an Indian Railway Traffic Officer of 1988 batch and holds a Law Degree from Delhi University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management from Management Development Institute, Gurgaon. Before joining the present assignment, he was Additional Member Commercial Railway Board.

In his career spanning more than over three decades he has served on Central Railway, Northern Railway, East Coast Railway, West Central Railway & Railway Board in various capacities.

Previously he had held important assignments of PED/Infrastructure, Principal Chief Operations Manager/West Central Railway, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager/Waltair, and



Executive Director/PPP, Railway Board, among others. He has handled key infrastructure projects including Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects, High Speed Rail Project and Port and Mine Connectivity Projects. Also he has contributed towards enhancing passenger experience through Digital Solutions.

He has also worked as

the Head of Asia office of International Union of Railway and has contributed to rail developments in the Asia-Pacific region. For his works in the past, he has been awarded by Railway Minister MR Award in 2005, Change Agent Award in 2018 by Railway Minister and Leadership Excellence Award in 2019 by Hon'ble Railway Minister.

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BTPS
E-Tender Notice No. 50/2024-25

Online Tenders are invited from Bhusawal Thermal Power Station for the following supply/works.

Sr. No.	(e-Tender) Rfx No. / Section Name	Tenders Specification	Estimated value of tender / EMD (Rs.)
1.	RFX- 3000055440 Coal Handling Plant	AMC for operations & Monitoring of coal Handling plant 1x660MW, Bhusawal TPS.	Rs. 2,98,29,661/- Rs. 3,01,800/-
2.	RFX- 3000055285 Coal Handling Plant	Work of repair and upgradation of old air cooling system to energy efficient air cooling system for main control room and wagon tippler control room with respective MCC Panel room of CHP 210MW BTPS.	Rs. 1,85,69,350/- Rs. 1,89,200/-
3	RFX- 3000055286 Coal Handling Plant	Work of installation and commissioning of coal flow establishment / De-blocking system coal transfer chutes at CHP 2x500MW BTPS.	Rs. 78,52,000/- Rs. 82,000/-
4	RFX- 3000055346 Coal Handling Plant	AMC for maintenance of Railway Track in Bhusawal TPS in CHP 210MW Premises at BTPS Deepnagar.	Rs. 54,90,993/- Rs. 58,400/-

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

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

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६	ई.टी.एच. तळमजल्यावरील सभागृहात संविधान मंचाच्या उद्घाटन समारंभाच्या संदर्भात दरवाजा, खिडकी, दगड साफ करणे, पॉइंटिंग, टॉयलेट, प्लास्टर, पेंटिंग आणि परिसर स्वच्छता करणे. (भाग - १,३,३)	७,३९,७४८/-	८,४००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
७	एल.टी. मार्ग मुंबई सी.पी. क्राइम ४था मजला अॅडमिन बिल्डिंग, सी.पी. ऑफिस कंपाउंड, अतिरिक्त जे.टी. येथील अॅटो चेंबरचे नूतनीकरण करणे.	७,४६,५६५/-	७,५००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
८	जुन्या कस्टम हाऊसच्या फोर्ट प्लास्टर, पेंटिंग, फ्लोअरिंग आणि दादो, दरवाजे आणि खिडक्या, आणि ग्राउंडवर जॅट्स टॉयलेट ब्लॉक्सची सॅनिटरी फिटिंग, नूतनीकरण करणे.	८,०३,१५०/-	८,१००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
९	जुने कस्टम हाऊस, फोर्ट, मुंबईच्या ग्राउंडवर लेडीज टॉयलेट ब्लॉक्सची प्लास्टर, पेंटिंग, फ्लोअरिंग आणि दादो, दरवाजे आणि खिडक्या, पाणी पुरवठा आणि सॅनिटरी फिटिंगची दुरुस्ती आणि नूतनीकरण करणे.	५,९९,८३१/-	६,०००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
१०	कुलाबा, मुंबई येथील कुलाबा ऑफिस क्वार्टरचे पेकर ब्लॉक आणि टेरस वॉटरप्रूफिंग प्रदान करणे.	७,९३,३७३/-	८,०००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
११	एन.डी. रोड, मुंबई निलिमा बिल्डिंग, स्वच्छता आणि प्लंबिंग पाईप लाईनची दुरुस्ती करणे.	८,४१,९८२/-	८,५००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
१२	उच्च न्यायालय मुंबई येथे उच्च न्यायालयाच्या आवारात छत. एम.टी.सह वॉटर कुलर प्लॅटफॉर्मचे बांधकाम दुरुस्ती करणे.	४,९०,०००/-	४,९००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
१३	शहोद भगतसिंग मार्ग, मुंबई येथे जुन्या कस्टम हाऊस, टाऊन हॉल परिसर प्लास्टर, रंगकाम, दरवाजा, खिडक्या दुरुस्ती करणे.	८,१०,०१६/-	८,२००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
१४	नवीन प्रशासकीय इमारत, मॅडम कामा रोड, मुंबई येथे १० व्या मजल्यावर सध्याची खराब झालेली पाईप लाईन आणि खिडक्या, दारे फिक्स्चर आणि फास्टनिंग, टॉयलेट ब्लॉक रूमची दुरुस्ती करणे.	८,३१,५२८/-	८,४००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
१५	नवीन प्रशासकीय इमारत, मादम कामा रोड मुंबई येथे ११ व्या ते २०व्या मजल्यावर टॉयलेट ब्लॉक रूम खराब झालेले विद्यमान पाईप लाईन आणि खिडक्या, दरवाजे फिक्स्चर आणि फास्टनिंगची दुरुस्ती करणे.	८,३०,२२३/-	८,४००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
१६	आल्ड सेक्रेटरीएट एनेक्स बिल्डिंग, मुंबई मधील फ्लो प्लोअरिंग, विभाजन आणि विविध काम प्रदान करणे आणि निश्चित करणे.	८,४०,६७७/-	८,५००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ५९०/-
१७	कक परेड मुंबई येथील १३ मजल्यावरील एमडॅगारसी कार्यालय रथे फ्लॉस सिलिंगचे काम करणे.	१,०५,५९१/-	१,१००/-	४ महिने	ब-१	रु. ३३६/-

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कार्यकारी अभियंता यांचे कार्यालय
इलाखा शहर विभाग, २ रा माळा,
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Five get lifer in 11-yr-old murder case in Farrukhabad

Farrukhabad (UP), Mar 1 (UNI) : Five people, including real brothers, were sentenced to life imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 15,500 each by a court here on Saturday in an 11-year-old murder case, prosecution sources said here.

Sources said that on January 16, 2003, Mukhran, a resident of Tudiapur village under Nawabganj police station, was killed by Jai Singh, his two brothers Ram Besh, Faddan, Shiv Kumar and his brother Satish in connection with a case of ongoing litigation.

Prosecution sources said that after investigation, the Nawabganj police filed the charge sheet against the accused in the court.

"On the basis of evidence available on record, the court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Meraj Ahmed held the accused guilty and sentenced Jaisingh, Ramvesh, Faddan, Shiv Kumar and Satish to life imprisonment and a fine of Rs 15,500," they said.

Ayodhya witnesses massive influx of devotees during Maha Kumbh

Ayodhya (UP), March 1 (UNI) During the 45-day long Maha Kumbh, Ayodhya, the city of Lord Ram, also witnessed a massive influx of pilgrims with more than one crore devotees visiting the pilgrimage to seek blessings.

A member of the Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust Anil Mishra said that more than 1.25 crore devotees visited the Ram Temple over 45 days. "The count was tracked using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and door metal detectors. Devotees also contributed donations of around Rs 15 lakh daily," he said. For the first time, the doors of Shri Ram Lalla's temple remained open until 1 AM to accommodate the continuous flow of devotees eager for darshan. The pilgrims expressed immense appreciation for the development works and administrative arrangements facilitated by the Yogi government.

The influx of devotees began on Makar Sankranti and continued unabated until Maha Shivratri. From January 26 onwards, it seemed as if the spiritual fervour of

Prayagraj had seamlessly merged with Ayodhya. Every day on an average around 10 to 12 lakh devotees thronged the city, not only to seek spiritual solace but also to experience Ayodhya's evolving tourism landscape. Under the directives of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the district administration ensured a warm welcome for every visitor, providing full security and seamless arrangements for temple visits and rituals. The primary centers of devotion for the arriving pilgrims remained the Shri Ram Lalla temple and Hanuman Garhi. The massive footfall boosted Ayodhya's economy, with increased sales of fruits, flowers, and prasad. Hotels, restaurants, and homestays saw a surge in bookings, benefiting residents. Homestays near the temple were fully booked, reflecting the success of the Yogi government's initiative to employ this scheme. To accommodate the crowd, the district administration arranged shelters for 25,000 people, along with sanitation, drinking water, and cleanliness facilities. Traffic diversions and holding areas at city borders helped manage the influx.

NC asks GOI to honour democratic mandate of people

Srinagar, Mar 1 (UNI) : The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Provincial President Showkat Mir Saturday called on the Government of India to honour the democratic mandate of the people by fulfilling its promise to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

He made these remarks

during an interaction with party functionaries at the party

headquarters, Nawa-e-Subha, in Srinagar.

Mir emphasized the crucial role of the National Conference (NC) in restoring normalcy and peace in Jammu and Kashmir after 1996.

He highlighted the sacrifices made by the party to bring the region back on the path of development and progress. Mir expressed gratitude for the people's continued trust in the party and urged New Delhi to honor the

mandate by promptly restoring the promised statehood.

"New Delhi must recognize the significance of this mandate and act swiftly to fulfill their promise," he said.

In a statement Mir highlighted the government's efforts under Omar Abdullah's leadership to reestablish connections with the people after a six-year absence.

"In the past, government officials

'Sunday on Cycle' initiative on March 2

Latur, Mar 1 (UNI) : Under the Feet India initiative of the Khelo India scheme of the Ministry of Youth Welfare of the central government, the 'Sunday on Cycle' activity will be organised on March 2 under the office of the District Sports Officer, Latur. The 'Sunday on Cycle' campaign will be implemented across the country on March 2 to convince public about importance of regular physical exercise and sports in building a healthy nation. Accordingly, on March 2, all sports lovers, citizens, various cycling clubs, students and athletes in schools and colleges of Latur district should participate in the 'Sunday on Cycle' initiative, appealed District Sports officer Jagannath Lakde in a media statement here on Saturday.

Dr Bhavalkar gets Janseva award

Sangli, Mar 1 (UNI) : Renowned literary writer and president of the 98th Marathi Sahitya Sammelan, Dr Tara Bhavalkar, was conferred the Janseva award on behalf of Rajmati Patil Trust here on Saturday.

Speaking at award function, she said that it was not a single person's achievement to get classical status to Marathi language but was gained only during the time of a person who has the government in hands.



She said that getting the presidentship of 98th Marathi Sahitya Sammelan was an accident and with support of all.

Drama was her first

choice, and she started drama movement and drama competition for children on behalf of Amature institution, Dr Bhavalkar added.

Court allows to add senior doctor as accused in Dr Tadvi suicide case

Mumbai, Mar 1 (UNI) : A sessions court here has allowed a plea of prosecution to add the name of a senior doctor of B Y L Nair Hospital in Mumbai as an accused in abetment of suicide case of post-graduate medical student Dr Payal Tadvi, a lawyer said here on Saturday.

Senior doctor Dr Yi Ling was the unit head of the gynaecology department when the incident occurred on May 22, 2019. Three post-graduate students, who were seniors of Tadvi, are facing charges, including that of abetment of suicide, for allegedly harassing her, leading her to take the extreme step in her hostel room.

Special public prosecutor Pradip Gharat

made an application under Section 319 of the Criminal Procedure Code (power to proceed against other persons appearing to be guilty of offence), requesting that Dr Yi Ling, the then unit head be added as an accused.

In his application Gharat told the court that in the complaint filed by Tadvi's mother Abeda, she had stated that Dr Ling was informed about the harassment being caused to her daughter by the three seniors, but no action was taken and that it was omission on her part that she did not take any steps to stop the alleged harassment. The court allowed the plea to add Dr Ling as an accused in the case.

Minister Radhakrishna announces song competition for anti-drug awareness

Kolhapur, Mar 1 (UNI) : Water Resources Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil said on Saturday that the hike in irrigation water tax, which was suspended till July 2025, will be extended further until a final decision is made.

Presiding over a review meeting of Canal Advisory Committee held at the

district collector's office here, he said that the water tax was previously levied on farmers at Rs 1,122 per hectare and then it was increased 10 times and levied anew.

But the Mahayuti government has suspended the hike in water tax till July 2025, which will continue until a final decision is

taken, he informed.

Vikhe-Patil further said that since area under irrigation has been fixed, it is necessary to determine the water rate area-wise according to the prevailing water tax.

Water metres will be suitable only in places where excess water is used for agriculture, he added.

CENTRAL RAILWAY SOLAPUR DIVISION E-TENDER NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of the President of India invites online e-tenders on Railways e-procurement website www.ireps.gov.in from reputed, experienced Electrical contractors for the following works. (Two Packet System) Tender No.: SUR/TD/T/2025/08S Name of work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of new SCADA system of Bhigvan to Kalaburgi section of Solapur division for a period of 02 years. Estimated cost: ₹ 67,08,646.40 Bid Security: ₹ 1,34,200/- Completion Period: 24 Months Validity of offer: 90 Days Date & time of tender closing on website: 27/03/2025 at 15.00 hours. ANJ-43

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. NIT/01/25/10 DATED 27-FEBRUARY-25 For and on behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager, Central Railway invites e-tenders for supply of the following items:

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due Date
1.	38243378	PAD FOR SECONDARY SUSPENSION	4500 no.	17-MAR-25
2.	75251045	Paint Enamel Synthetic Exterior Finishing, Colour -White	67420 litre	17-MAR-25
3.	38253376	BALL JOINT ROLL LINK	78202 nos.	18-MAR-25
4.	27251014	Set of Items for Suspension Unit of Wheel Set	90 sets	20-MAR-25
5.	38251505	Axle Box Housing (finished machined).	79328 nos.	24-MAR-25

NOTE: All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. Principal Chief Material Manager

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 65 of 2024-25

Online E-Tenders in "B-1" Form for the following work are invited by Executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (P.W.) Division, 2nd Floor, Bandhkam Bhavan, 25th Marzhan Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 001 Tele phone No. 22016974/ 22016976 from Interior Decorator Contractors Registered in Class of the Public Works Department of Maharashtra.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimate Cost Rs.
1	Supplying Godrej Locker on Ground floor at Matron Building of Sir J.J. Group of Hospital Mumbai.	6794154/-
2	Construction of Central Strile Department & Providing & Fixing Modular Ceiling (2x2), ply panelling, Glass Film & Bed Curtain to Ward No 8 at sir J.J. Hospital Compound, Mumbai	4812728/-
3	Providing & Fixing Modular Ceiling (2x2), Extra low height partition, ply panelling, Glass Partition, Aluminium fixed window, Glass Film, Bed Curtain & Upvc 3-track window to Ward No 25 & 15 at J. J. Hospital, Mumbai.	4853357/-
4	Providing & Fixing Modular Ceiling (2x2), Extra low height partition, ply panelling, Glass Partition, Gang-saw flooring, Glass Film, Bed Curtain, Upvc 2-track window & Aluminium fixed window to Ward No 19 & 22 at J.J. Hospital, Mumbai.	4819399/-
5	Providing & Fixing Modular Ceiling (2x2), ply panelling to Ward No 41 at J.J. Hospital, Mumbai.	489332/-

(Total 05 Works included in this Notice)

Tender Available Date : Date 03/03/2025 at 10.30 hrs. to Date 10/03/2025 at 15.00 hrs.

Opening Date (If possible) : Date 12/03/2025 at 15.05 hrs.

All detail information is available on following websites.

Visit web site for details : 1. <http://mahapwd.com> 2. <http://mahatenders.gov>.

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जाहीर नोटीस

महाराष्ट्र मुंबई प्रांतिक महानगरपालिका अधिनियम १९४९ चे कलम ४६९ अन्वये जाहीर नोटीस खालील मालमत्तेच्या हस्तांतरण संबंधाने वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती बी कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे प्राप्त झालेल्या मालमत्ताधारकाच्या प्रकरण परतले नोटीसीनुसार सदर हस्तांतरण संदर्भात कोणत्याही हितसंबंधाने हरकत अगर आक्षेप असल्यास ही नोटीस प्रसिध्द झाल्यापासुन ७ दिवसाच्या आत हितसंबंधाच्या व हरकतीच्या लेखी पुराव्यासह वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती बी कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे लेखी स्वरुपात हरकत नोंदवावी अन्यथा कर वसुलीच्या सोयीसाठी सदर हस्तांतरण करुन महानगरपालिका दफ्तरी याबाबतची नोंद घेतली जाईल.

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१.	तुळीज -४	NL04/441/14	6039	आशा अशोक नवले	विवेक विठोबा राणे व करुणा विवेक राणे
२.	तुळीज -४	NL04/395/113	6040	मनेश महादेव बांडल	निधी विनोद जावले
३.	तुळीज -४	NL04/408/5	6100	-----	मुन्नीदेवी राम किशन सोनकर व रामकिशन करीमन सोनकर
४.	तुळीज -४	NL04/412/4	6101	आत्माप्रसाद माताप्रसाद गुप्ता	हिरावती विमलचंद गुप्ता
५.	तुळीज -४	NL04/372/53	6107	तबस्सुम सोहेल	तसनीम आरीफ शेख
६.	तुळीज -४	NL04/332/6/2	6158	एकनाथ सखाराम ठसाळे	नागेंद्र चौहान
७.	तुळीज -४	NL04/368/57	6160	सुरेश ना मोगविरा	ननकु राम प्रजापती
८.	तुळीज -४	NL04/162/17	6161	मनहर म. पटेल	रामप्रवेश केदारनाथ प्रसाद
९.	तुळीज -४	NL04/332/6/1	6186	ऋग्वेद एकनाथ ठसाळे	संगीता चौहान
१०.	तुळीज -४	NL04/367/24	6211	निलेश श्रीपत निर्मळ	निलेश विजयकान्त तिवारी
११.	तुळीज -४	NL04/401/16	6253	अमंत सुभाष राजूळ	होश तुकाराम लिंगम
१२.	तुळीज -४	NL04/408/23	6255	अमित रा. गाडेकर	अपर्णा अरून चिनकाटे
१३.	तुळीज -४	NL04/122/5	6271	शांता राजेश राजपूत	रीता वासुदेव गुप्ता
१४.	तुळीज -४	NL04/170/19	6330	शोशा जयप्रकाश सिंग	ओमप्रकाश शिवलाल यादव
१५.	तुळीज -४	NL04/387/7	6374	सतिष एस. राणे	साईनाथ महादेव पेडणेकर
१६.	तुळीज -४	NL04/387/6	6375	सतिष एस. राणे	स्वाती साईनाथ पेडणेकर
१७.	तुळीज -४	NL04/382/40	6380	सुनिल जीवनलाल पटेल	मंगेश विठोबा पंडित
१८.	तुळीज -४	NL04/416/21	6383	प्रताप अंकुश लाड	संगीता नथूराम गायकवाड
१९.	तुळीज -४	NL04/429/20	6408	भावेश जिवन चावडा	सौ. सेजल स्वप्नील परब
२०.	तुळीज -४	NL04/432/28	6424	सरिता रविंद्र सकपाळ	अमित किसन बाईत

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Where's Kejriwal as Atishi struggles on Delhi roads

Sometimes, it is useful to stay home and reflect on situations to find solutions to issues. Perhaps this is what AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal appears to be doing.

It's been days since he was last seen or heard. He has largely remained absent from public view after his party's crushing defeat in the Delhi Assembly elections. Kejriwal, who lost to BJP's Parvash Verma in the New Delhi Assembly seat, was last seen on February 23 at AAP's legislative party meeting, where Atishi was named the Leader of Opposition in the House. He has also not posted much politically significant on his social media handles, including the X. Interestingly, he has neither reacted nor posted on the happenings of the Delhi Assembly, where his lieutenant Atishi, the former Delhi CM, seems to be waging a lone leader's fight. He has not said a word over the suspension of 21 AAP MLAs from the Delhi Assembly.

The only significant post made by Kejriwal was on the photo controversy, which Atishi tried to rake and make into a big issue. Reposting Atishi's post on X on February 24, Kejriwal wrote in Hindi (loosely translated): "The new BJP government of Delhi removed Baba Saheb's photo and put up the photo of Prime Minister Modi. This is not right. This has hurt millions of followers of Babasaheb...I have a request for the BJP. You can put the photo of the Prime Minister but do not remove the photo of Baba Saheb. Let his photo remain there."

AAP's efforts to make it a big issue have come to a cropper as the photo matter has not created any support for AAP. Atishi has been trying badly to hit the road on the issue, but, except for her 20 co-MLAs, not a single extra AAP worker or leader can be seen joining her protest in the streets. She has even written a letter to the Speaker, objecting to the suspension of 21 MLAs and has tried to make the Assembly ruckus as AAP's fight for Ambedkar. "On 25 February 2025, during the address of the Lieutenant Governor, MLAs of the ruling party raised slogans of 'Modi-Modi,' while the opposition MLAs raised slogans of 'Jai Bheem,' respecting the views of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. It is very unfortunate that no action was taken against any MLA of the ruling party, but 21 MLAs of the opposition were suspended from the House for three days for raising the slogan 'Jai Bheem,'" she wrote.

While Atishi has been trying to keep AAP 'activism' active in Delhi, Kejriwal has gone silent. It is not that Kejriwal has no involvement in whatever Atishi is doing, but the AAP chief seems to prefer to stay low and do jobs from the backroom.

Currently, in the national capital, only Atishi and Gopal Rai seem to be handling the Delhi affairs and the rest all seem to have just vanished after massive electoral defeats. Most of the rest of the AAP leaders seem to be busy with varied activities.

Former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has also not been visible in the capital or on social media. Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh has been busy with the Haryana municipal polls. Former Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj is active mostly on X.

Kejriwal is said to be busy keeping his flock together in Punjab, where internal rifts are being reported. It is also said that he is seeking entry to Parliament through the Rajya Sabha route in order to keep his political scales up despite crushing defeat in Delhi. While he may or may not gain entry to the Upper House, his deeds of previous years are getting exposed in the Delhi Assembly.

It was quite expected for the ruling BJP to go aggressive with the 14 CAG reports that the previous AAP government in Delhi had hidden for fear of exposure. Some of them were presented to the L-G four years ago, but the then-Kejriwal government kept them under the carpet. The reports are now being tabled one by one, exposing the AAP underbelly. It was known that things were not right on the ground under the Kejriwal-led government, but the extent is now being exposed.

As per the CAG reports, everything seems to be wrong with the AAP dispensation in Delhi. These reports, including performance audits on several issues such as the cost of renovating former CM Arvind Kejriwal's residence, liquor supply in Delhi, prevention and mitigation of air pollution, functioning of the Delhi Transport Corporation, healthcare and Mohalla Clinics, gravely reflect the then Kejriwal government's working.

The coming days may not be good for Kejriwal and his party as action may ensue on the CAG reports.

He was in jail for five months last year for his alleged role in the excise policy. After the CAG expose, his legal troubles may mount. Equally distressing for him could be his political troubles.

Celebrate Strength, Resilience and Brilliance

(Standard Post Bureau)

Women' Day is celebrated to acknowledge the contribution made by women achievers in different fields. It is the day to recognize women unsung heroes who have and are making commendable contribution towards nation building in their own unique ways. On this day we celebrate 'Strength', 'Resilience', and 'Brilliance' of women around the world. Eleanor Roosevelt had once beautifully said, "A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." Indeed, God has blessed every woman with so much potential, unless she takes up the challenge and tests herself, she will not realize her fullest potential. Woman is a wonderful creation of God with a special plan and purpose.

Woman's day is not just a celebration but a reminder



that there is still a lot to be done for the welfare of women in society. It is about recognizing the contribution made by women in every segment of life. A homemaker, teacher, entrepreneur, healthcare worker, scientist, social worker, sports person, the

contribution of women is significant in every sphere. She has the capacity to wear multiple hats and balance every task with grace and fineness. The future is bright for women, and it is we women who can ensure that every other woman has the opportunity

to reach her fullest potential.

Speaking from my own personal experience, I believe that women have the power to transform society. Today, I am grateful to our Lord Jesus for His continual grace in fulfilling the vision to reach

out to the children of our nation and to the poor and needy of the society.

Being in the field of education, I am committed to empowering women through education and leadership, fostering a more inclusive and progressive society. 95% of my

workforce consists of women educators who are provided opportunities for fostering professional growth, leadership, and skill development. They are all committed to shaping young minds and driving social change through education.

"Education has opened up several avenues for women and with education as a tool in hand women can transform their family, society and generations to come.

On this day that is dedicated to all women, cheer one another and inspire fellow women to dream big. Let's inspire change to this world a better place to live in. Keep shining as there are endless possibilities to grow. You have a powerful role to play in shaping the future. Follow your Passion and always remember - "Forward ever, backward never..."

Cow, the Magical Being by Ashwini guruji of Dhyani Ashram



(Standard Post Bureau)

Our coming generations have a strong western bias and firmly believe that the vedic culture is mubo-jumbo and there is no science behind the worship and rituals. For the younger generation I would like to give certain facts about the efficacy and the global acceptability of the vedic principles.

I came across the diary of Sir Cunningham at national archives. He had sketched out a calf and a cow on the third page of the diary and discussed the scientific and logical benefits of preserving this animal. One can find

references to the cow across cultures - the egyptians worshipped her as Hathor, the goddess of fertility, those from this side of the indus called her the kamdhenu and nandi, greeks knew her as Io and the nordics as audhumbra, the primeval cow who licked ice and brought mankind into existence...What is it about the cow that caused it to be revered across cultures and also caught the attention of the learned archaeologist?

The cow is indeed a special animal, its every aspect is a boon to mankind. The vedic seers called it the mother, the

source of nourishment of creation and it lives up to the title through its various products - milk and its derivatives - ghee, curd, butter, etc form an important dietary component for us humans, the dung is a fuel and a natural fertilizer, the urine acts as a natural pesticide and has medicinal uses. In fact, there is a story in Mahabharata, where the great sage chyawan, in a barter deal with King Nahush, puts his worth as equivalent to a cow - indicating what how evolved a being it is. It is an intelligent being and the karmic implications of causing hurt to it are severe, likewise the karmic benefits of serving it are also manifold.

Various cultures describe the immense benefits of preserving and serving this animal. It is said that if you regularly feed cows and they lick your head then your hidden mental abilities fructify - this was true for the great saint kabir, his poetic abilities manifested only once he was licked by a cow on his head. Massaging the cows ensures strong and beautiful body with longevity.

Serving its calf gives the benefit of healthy relationships in your life. In no culture or religion, eating its meat is considered healthy.

TATA.ev Celebrates 2 Lakh EVs on the Road

(Standard Post Bureau)

TATA.ev, the pioneer of India's EV revolution and leader of the Indian EV market with over 2 Lakh EVs on the road, extended the celebration of this momentous milestone by thanking its customers and unveiling a set of limited period exclusive benefits for the next 45 days to not only encourage new customers to adopt sustainable and emission free electric mobility, but also allow current Tata Motors passenger and electric vehicle owners to upgrade to a new EV. TATA.ev's customer base of over 2 lakh satisfied EV adopters - who have collectively covered more than 5 bn KM in just 5 years, contributing in cutting down 7 lakh ton of CO2 emissions - has

solidified the company's leadership as the highest selling 4-wheeler manufacturer in the EV space, since effectively creating the category.

With over 8,000 EV users surpassing 1 lakh KM, TATA.ev's product portfolio proves its strong value proposition for the discerning customer. In addition to this, TATA.ev is actively investing in developing the ecosystem that makes EV technology more accessible to a mass audience. It recently announced efforts to double India's public charging infrastructure by installing over 400,000 charging points by 2027. By consistently pushing boundaries and maintaining an unwavering focus on

innovation, infrastructure, and market development, TATA.ev is shaping the future of mobility and contributing to India global EV aspirations, one milestone after the next. As a part of this 45 day bumper celebration, TATA.ev has unveiled a range of benefits for both new and existing customers looking to purchase their favorite Tata EV. These include an exchange bonus, lifetime battery warranty, and 100% on-road finance options. In an effort to enhance charging convenience, the company is extending the free charging benefit of 6 months at any Tata Power charging station, and is now providing free installation of a 7.2kW AC Fast home Charger with the purchase of an EV.

Shah instructs authorities to ensure free movement of people in Manipur from Mar 8

New Delhi, Mar 1 (UNI): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday chaired a high-level review meeting on the security situation in Manipur here and instructed the authorities to ensure the free movement of people on all the roads in the state from March 8.

During the meeting, he directed that strict action should be taken against anyone attempting to create obstructions.

Shah also directed that the fencing work on both sides of the designated entry points along Manipur's international border should be completed at the earliest.

He said that to make Manipur drug-free, the entire network involved in the drug trade should be dismantled.

The Home Minister said that the Union Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains fully committed to restore peace in Manipur and is providing all necessary assistance in this regard.

The meeting was attended by Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Union Home Secretary, Director, Intelligence Bureau, Deputy Chief of Army Staff, Army Commander of the Eastern Command, Directors General of Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Assam Rifles, Security Advisor, Manipur and senior officers of MHA, Army and Manipur administration.



Smt. Priyadarshini Gaddam joins NMDC Board as Director (Personnel)

Smt. Priyadarshini Gaddam assumed office as Director (Personnel) at NMDC on Friday. She has been appointed as a Functional Director on the Board of the company by the Ministry of Steel.

Prior to this appointment, she held the post of Chief General Manager (Personnel & Administration) and the Head of Personnel for both the NMDC Corporate Office in Hyderabad and NMDC Steel Limited in Nagarnar. Joining NMDC as an Executive Trainee in 1992, she steadily rose through the company's ranks and has emerged as a leader, paving the way for more women in leadership roles in the mining industry.

In her over three decade long service, Smt. Priyadarshini has played a defining role in shaping an ecosystem that ensures a safe workplace for women and provides equal opportunities for persons with benchmark disabilities while setting the highest standards of employee welfare at NMDC.

She has streamlined processes and procedures in Industrial Relations, Recruitment, Medical Policies and Stakeholder Management within the company. She represented NMDC in the Second Pay Revision Commission with respect to the Pay Revision of CPSEs and has since achieved milestone outcomes in negotiating wage settlements.

Smt. Priyadarshini's leadership came to the forefront at NMDC Steel Limited (NSL) where she steered the R&R Policy, advocated for skill development initiatives for the community and swiftly established the Fire Department, Occupational Health Centre, and Primary Health Centre at NSL, all of which contributed to the overall well-being and safety of the workforce.

An alumna of Osmania University, Hyderabad, she holds a postgraduate degree in Social Work (Personnel Management and Industrial Relations) along with an LLB. With Smt. Priyadarshini as the Director (Personnel), NMDC is gearing up to set higher sights of productivity and collective growth for the industry.

Air defenses destroy 48 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions : Defense Ministry

Moscow, Mar 1 (UNI) : This night, air defenses intercepted and destroyed 48 Ukrainian drones over Russian regions, the Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement.

"This past night, air defense systems on duty intercepted and destroyed 48 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles," the ministry said. It said 21 drones were shot down over the territory of the Tver Region, 11 over Crimea, five over the Bryansk Region, three over the territories of the Belgorod and Rostov regions each, two over the Smolensk and Lipetsk regions each, and one over the Kursk Region.

US approves 3 bln USD arms sales to Israel

Washington, Mar 1 (UNI) : The U.S. State Department has approved potential arms sales to Israel totaling about 3 billion U.S. dollars, the Pentagon said Friday.

The packages, notified to Congress under emergency procedures, bypass standard legislative review processes.

The U.S. State Department said it had authorized a 2.04-billion-dollar arms deal with Israel, including 35,529 general-purpose bomb bodies for 2,000-pound bombs and 4,000 bunker-busting 2,000-pound warheads.

Deliveries are estimated to begin in 2026. But there is a possibility that a portion of this procurement may come from U.S. stock, potentially allowing for immediate delivery of some munitions, according to a Pentagon statement.

The second deal on 1,000-pound bombs and guidance kits, valued at 675.7 million dollars, is scheduled to be delivered in 2028. The third one is a 295-million-dollar deal on Caterpillar D9 Bulldozers, which is scheduled to be delivered in 2027.

This marked the second emergency arms approval to Israel this month without congressional review.

U.S. arms sales followed a fragile ceasefire last month that paused 15 months of hostilities between Israel and Hamas.

An Israeli delegation proposed in Cairo extending the first stage of the Gaza ceasefire agreement for an additional 42 days, an informed Egyptian security source told Xinhua on Friday. The talks have yet to address the second stage of the deal, which seeks to end the war in Gaza, and secure the complete Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, the source said on condition of anonymity. Earlier on Friday, Hamas called on the international community to pressure Israel to enter the second phase of the Gaza peace deal immediately, with the 42-day initial phase of the three-stage agreement set to expire on Saturday.

Canada will not leave Ukraine without support : Minister

Washington, Mar 1 (UNI) : Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly held a conversation with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha, during which she confirmed Canada's readiness to continue to provide assistance to Ukraine.

"Just spoke with Ukrainian Foreign Minister @andrii_sybiha to reaffirm Canada's unwavering support for Ukraine. Canada remains committed to providing the necessary assistance to ensure Ukraine's security, sovereignty, and resilience," she said on X.

Following a spat in the Oval Office between US President Donald Trump and Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Friday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressed support to Ukraine on X.

Talks between Zelenskyy and Trump regarding the peace settlement in Ukraine failed on Friday after a spat in the Oval Office. Trump's senior officials asked the Ukrainian delegation to leave the White House and canceled a joint press conference.

IMF completes 3rd review under 48-month Extended Fund Facility with Sri Lanka

Colombo, Mar 1 (UNI) The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Board completed the third review under the 48-month Extended Fund Facility (EFF) with Sri Lanka, providing the country with immediate access to Special Drawing Right (SDR) 254 million (about 334 million U.S. dollars) to support its economic policies and reforms, the IMF said in a press release on Friday.

The International Monetary Fund said Sri Lanka's performance under the program has been strong and that all quantitative targets for end-December 2024 were met, except the indicative target on social spending.

The IMF said reform efforts are bearing fruit, and the recovery is gaining momentum. As the economy is still vulnerable, sustaining the reform agenda is critical to put the economy on a path toward lasting recovery and debt sustainability.

The International Monetary Fund said economic growth averaged 4.3 percent since growth resumed in the third quarter of 2023. By end-2024, Sri Lanka's real GDP is estimated to have recovered 40 percent of its losses incurred between 2018 and 2023. The recovery is expected to continue in 2025, the International Monetary Fund said.

The program supports Sri Lanka's efforts to restore and maintain macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability while protecting the poor and vulnerable, rebuilding external buffers, and enhancing growth-oriented structural reforms, including strengthening governance, the IMF said.

Zelenskyy says his ire with Trump began after negative comments

Washington, March 1 (UNI) : In the aftermath of an explosive Oval Office press conference with President Donald Trump, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his frustration with the administration began after it issued a series of controversial comments in the five weeks after Trump's inauguration.

"It's not about [being] mad," Zelenskyy told Fox News' on "Special Report."

"[When you hear] president, vice president or somebody or senators — doesn't matter, big politicians — when they, for example, say that Ukraine is almost destroyed, that our soldiers run away, that they are not a heroes, that Ukraine lost millions of civilians, that his president is dictator.

"The reaction is that, where is our friendship between Ukraine and United States?"

Zelenskyy said it was important that Ukraine, the



US and Europe maintain their great partnership in the face of Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression.

But when asked if he feels he should apologize for the heated discussions that erupted in the Oval Office, which began after Vance accused Zelenskyy of being "disrespectful," the Ukrainian leader said "no." "I respect the president, and I respect the American people," he said.

"I'm not sure that we did something bad."

Zelenskyy noted again that security guarantees, which caused the blowup in the Oval Office Friday, are not an issue he can disregard because the threat of another Russian invasion is too great.

Zelenskyy also reiterated he would be willing to step down as president so long as Ukraine was given NATO membership.

"We want just and lasting peace. It's true. We

want security guarantees," he said. "If [the] United States will support NATO ... I think that is enough for Ukraine."

Trump, after speaking with Putin earlier this month, began pushing the idea that Ukraine should hold elections, claiming Zelenskyy has little support among the Ukrainian public.

But under Ukraine's constitution, it cannot hold elections when Martial Law is in effect during a time of war.

British PM Starmer meets Zelenskyy, tells him he has full backing of UK, a day after Oval Office clash

London, March 1 (UNI) : UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer embraced Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Saturday and told him he has "full backing across the United Kingdom" as the two met in Downing Street, a day after the blowout at the White House with US President Donald Trump.

Zelenskyy arrived to shouts of support from people who had gathered outside 10 Downing Street.

"And as you heard from the cheers on the street outside, you have full backing across the United Kingdom," Starmer told Zelenskyy. "We stand with you, with Ukraine, for as long as it may take." The

UK Prime Minister he was happy his country had "such friends", in the wake of the disastrous White House meeting with US President Donald Trump.

The two leaders embraced outside No 10 before heading inside to discuss efforts to bring the Russia-Ukraine war to an end. Starmer will host a summit of European leaders on Sunday on the matter - as well as wider European defence - while Zelenskyy will meet King Charles III at the request of the UK government. Those meetings are set to be overshadowed by events in Washington and concerns about a hardening of

relations with the US, the BBC reported.

In recent weeks, the UK PM has sought to cast himself as a bridge between the US and Europe as it adapts to the Trump administration's desire to be less involved in European defence, after having a cordial meeting with Trump a day before Zelenskyy's.

During the Thursday meeting at the Oval Office, Starmer hand-delivered a letter from the King inviting Trump - who is fond of the Royal Family - to an unprecedented second state visit, which the Scottish National Party MPs have called on the PM to withdraw following the

Oval Office spat.

Following the acrimonious White House meeting, Zelenskyy has attempted to paper over the cracks.

In a statement, he said of Trump: "Despite the tough dialogue, we remain strategic partners. But we need to be honest and direct with each other to truly understand our shared goals." "The Ukrainian leader wrote in a string of social media posts: "It's crucial for us to have President Trump's support. He wants to end the war, but no one wants peace more than we do." "We are the ones living this war in Ukraine. It's a fight for our freedom, for our very survival."

Landslide kills 6 in southern Afghanistan's Uruzgan

Tirin Kot, Afghanistan, Mar 1 (UNI) : A landslide killed at least six people, including women and children, in southern Afghanistan's Uruzgan province, a local official reported. The disaster occurred late on Friday after heavy rain and snowfall in the Sarmory area of the province's Gizab district, said Zamir Ahmad, provincial director of culture and information. Earlier, four people lost their lives and three others were wounded after the roof of their house collapsed in Urozgan's neighboring Kandahar province on Tuesday.

At least 36 people have died and 40 others were injured in rain-related incidents throughout Afghanistan, Spokesman for the national disaster authority Mullah Janan Saeq said Wednesday.

In the last couple of days, heavy rains, snow and flash floods have impacted most parts of the poverty-stricken country.

European leaders set to meet in London

London/Washington, March 1 (UNI) : European leaders are set to meet on Sunday for an emergency summit on Ukraine, amid the fallout from the bust-up between US President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Oval Office. France's President Emmanuel Macron, Poland's PM Donald Tusk, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, UK PM Keir Starmer and EU chief Ursula von der Leyen immediately threw their support behind the Ukrainian president after the White House shocker.

They are meeting on Sunday, March 2, in London for a summit on Ukraine organized by Starmer. Meanwhile, Zelenskyy is meeting with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer Saturday, a day after the tense verbal exchange between the US President, his Vice President JD Vance and Zelenskyy, which left the world gasping.

Britain's Starmer and President Emmanuel Macron of France have led efforts to convince Trump to continue supporting

Ukraine. The spat in the Oval Office in front of the media has called into question whether that support will continue, and if the United States will proceed with a dramatic rapprochement with Russia's Vladimir Putin. Most European countries came out in support of Ukraine, breaking with Washington as differences in the trans-Atlantic alliance built over the past 80 years burst into public view. "Today it became clear that the free world needs a new leader. It's up to us, Europeans, to take this challenge," European Union foreign minister Kaja Kallas said, NBC News reported.

Friday's meeting at the White House was meant to jump-start talks on a deal over Ukraine's critical minerals, but degenerated into confrontation. Zelenskyy's "dignity honors the bravery of the Ukrainian people," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen posted on X. "Be strong, be brave, be fearless. You are never alone, dear President Zelenskyy. We will continue working with you for a just and lasting peace."

SL Navy drives infrastructure devt for annual Kachchativu fete

Colombo, Mar 1 (UNI) : The Sri Lanka Navy is working in full swing to establish infrastructure and facilities for the convenience of devotees visiting Kachchativu Island in the Jaffna Peninsula to participate in the annual two-day Saint Antony's Church festival that begins on April 14. The Sri Lanka Navy in an official statement said here on Saturday that following the directives from Commander of the Navy and overseen by Commander of Northern Naval Area, the Naval personnel were actively involved in the development of

European leaders defend Zelensky after fiery White House meeting

Brussels, Mar 1 (UNI) The open clash between U.S. President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the White House on Friday prompted an outpouring of support from European leaders for Zelenskyy and his country.

"Your dignity honors the bravery of the Ukrainian people. Be strong, be brave, be fearless. You are never alone," European Parliament President Roberta Metsola said on social media platform X, adding, "We will continue working with you for a just and lasting peace."

"Nobody wants peace more than the Ukrainians do. Therefore we are working on a common path to a lasting and just peace," German Chancellor Olaf Scholz posted on X. "Ukraine can rely on Germany -- and on Europe."

"We were all right to help Ukraine and sanction Russia three years ago, and to continue to do so," French President Emmanuel Macron said, calling for respect for those who have been fighting since the beginning.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said: "Dear Ukrainian friends, you are not alone."

Slovenian President Nataša Pirc Musar said her country "upholds the principles and respect of international law and international relations," noting "what we witnessed in the Oval Office today undermines these values and the foundations of diplomacy."

"We stand firmly in support of Ukraine's sovereignty," she continued. "It is time for Europe to take the lead on

the path to peace in Ukraine. With respect for international law, UN Charter, fairness and above all ... decency."

Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala said: "We stand with Ukraine more than ever. Time for Europe to step up its efforts."

Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said: "Croatia knows from its own experience that only a just peace can last. The Croatian government stands firm in its belief that Ukraine needs such a peace -- a peace that means sovereignty, territorial integrity, and a secure Europe."

Other European leaders rallied to defend Ukraine in similar messages, including European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, European Council President Antonio Costa, Irish Taoiseach Micheal Martin, Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda, Moldovan President Maia Sandu, Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

Zelenskyy in response quoted these posts with "Thank you for your support." But not all European leaders backed Ukraine. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban praised Trump on X, saying the U.S. president "stood bravely for peace. Even if it was difficult for many to digest."

Earlier in the day, a press conference at the White House where Trump and Zelenskyy were scheduled to sign the U.S.-Ukraine minerals deal was canceled, following the stunning clash between the two inside the Oval Office which ended with Zelenskyy leaving the meeting.

3 policemen injured in police station attack in Karachi

Islamabad, Mar 1 (UNI) : Three policemen were injured in an attack on a police station in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Saturday, officials said. Some unidentified assailants hurled a cracker explosive at the police station, and fled the scene, sources from Karachi police told Xinhua. The device landed inside the premises, causing injuries to the cops, and

infrastructure in Kachchativu, including setting up sanitation and drinking water facilities, temporary shelters, roads, jetties and ensuring electricity supply for the upcoming festival.

Apart from that, Sri Lanka Navy is set to deploy lifesaving teams and medical teams with a temporary Sick Bay for the safety and security of the devotees attending the festival, besides undertaking colour washing and repairs of the shrine, built by the Lankan Navy, and cleaning of surrounding area and roads leading to the premises.

The Navy also made all arrangements to ferry priests, officials, devotees as well as equipment needed for the festival, from Kankasanthurai and Kurikadduwan to the Kachchativu islet, it added.

Scores of Indian pilgrims, mostly fishermen participate in the St. Antony's church festival though the 275-acre uninhabited Islet was ceded to Sri Lanka by India in 1974 as a goodwill gesture. As per Indo-Sri Lanka agreement, fishermen of both countries were allowed to fish near the Islet, dry their fishing nets and offer prayers at the church.

damaging several parked vehicles.

The injured personnel have been shifted to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. Authorities have summoned the bomb disposal squad to assess the situation, while security forces have cordoned off the area and launched an investigation to trace the perpetrators.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet.

Tech & Career

Tips to crack your job Interview

The most important task before preparing for a job interview is to start with a self assessment of whether you suit the position and organization in question.

Here are a few tips on how you can sail through your first job interview. The foremost issue all organizations face is that candidates do not match up to the needs of the job. Many job aspirants look at their careers from a myopic view of brands and fancy designations coupled with fat salaries. The first five years of one's professional life are formative, which is why this period should be utilized to gather profound professional experience. This is not the time to hunt for a cozy post.

The most important task before preparing for a job interview is to start with a self-assessment of whether you suit the position and organization in question. Visualise yourself as a part of the organization:

How confident do you feel about being there? Is the work in line with your interest and natural abilities? The inner call, backed up by research, is crucial before you choose to go for the interview. There is a job for everyone; they just need to be in the right place.

- A lot of engineers may actually do well in creative positions than technical roles. If technical expertise is your area of interest and prowess, go for it. Evaluate which subject or activity you are best at. It shows your interest and natural inclination. If the inner call says, 'choose an alternative career,' please do so. Do not succumb to social pressure. It is better to succeed than to 'ape' and remain mediocre.

- The interviewer has been entrusted with the task of hiring the best in a competitive environment. It is thus your responsibility to convince him/her of your capabilities. Data and facts always help, so converge on tangible information rather than abstract points.

However, the statistics must be focused on competencies.

- Provide information on your strengths with evidence of its practical application in real life.

- Talk about your extracurricular activities and the difficult choices you made in life; it shows leadership attributes and job-fit skill sets.

- Talk about facts that show you make



brought you where you are today - it exhibits strength of character.

- Speak about your career vision. When you know how the job

fits in the grand picture of your career, the interviewer is most likely to choose you because it creates certainty. This is rare because many engineering graduates are disillusioned and openly talk about being explorers. Be clear where you wish to go. Employers would not like to waste time, money and effort on individuals who are continually

exploring. If that is the case, go for career advice or seek other professional help before interviews. In the case of engineers, interviewers' expectations are going to be specific. They look for thought leadership, precision in all you do, the ability to comprehend a problem and create solutions, an innovative mindset and critical thinking. As an engineer, your ability to lead a team will carry tremendous weight. Above all, one must "look and feel" like an engineer and not a casual person from nowhere. Lastly, understand that rejection has nothing to do with you personally. It is about an understanding that your abilities do not suit the job. So, gear up for the next opening.

Recruitment as a Career option after 40

Looking for a career post 40? Maybe you can turn to recruitment. You have been working for about 15-18 years. You have seen your role grow and expand and you have matured as an individual, but on the work front, there is a lot of operational maintenance and opportunities for growth may be getting limited both laterally and upwards.

Even if you move to another company, after the initial months of being onboarded and throwing yourself into work, you may realise that there is nothing new being added to your experience. You are in a limbo as to where your career is heading. What can you do that will keep you engaged intellectually, put to best use your network and knowledge and at the same time, give you back your zest for risk taking and FINANCIAL rewards?

Does this sound familiar?

If yes, have you considered professional executive recruit



- As a candidate, how was your experience of working with recruiters?

- Lastly, how many times did you meet work with a recruitment partner who came from a similar background and understood you and your need thoroughly and were able to meaningfully contribute to the discussions?

The truth is that there is a dearth of professional executive recruitment service providers in a vast MARKET like India. And more than ever, with the war for talent brewing in many industries, this is the right time to get into the recruitment business and start mentoring the careers of people who

lack direction. You may ask, "I don't have a recruitment HR background, how will I recruit?" So, we will let you in a little secret recruitment begins as a science. It's highly methodical you learn it by the book and over a period of time, you hone it into a fine art. And here is another open secret anybody can recruit. Not convinced yet? Here are two great reasons why recruitment becomes a choice of vocation in your 40s:

Your experience: By the time you are 40, you have gained enough experience in the MARKET - this gives you an edge over many recruiters who recruit with no industrial knowledge. You know the industry by its length and breadth, understand what talents and skills are required to fill a role, know how the remuneration cycle works within that industry and the kind of talent that is available in the market.

Your network: During your tenure with a particular industry, you've probably met all the movers and shakers within your industry and that again gives you the edge over your competitors. Aside from the connections you already have, you're decades ahead of the competition in terms of interpersonal skills. There is also movement of employers preferring to work with niche recruiters. Niche recruiters are specialists they don't cater to all sectors; they cater to the industry market that they are familiar with and confident about; and this is what makes them successful. They know the needs of their clients and understand talent in their sector and hence are able to understand the best talent for their clients.

Here's how to influence People at work

Being authoritative is not the only way in which you can exercise power within a team or an organization. Here are a few simple tips to help you influence those around you in the workplace without coming across as too bossy.

ENHANCE YOUR CREDIBILITY
"Knowledge is power" ~ Francis Bacon
It can hardly be debated that people who lack formal power can exert very little influence on others. Your recent promotion might have brought you more formal power than you had before, but it may not be enough to fulfill your high-level ambitions. If you aspire to gain access to important organizational resources or visibility with top-level executives, you must enhance your credibility and gain centrality in the organization. To achieve this, ask yourself if you have something unique to offer to your organization that will make you indispensable. Perhaps you enjoy an enviable reputation for being honest or dependable; how about your knowledge and expertise? Knowledge indeed is power. If people perceive you as someone knowledgeable, hard-working or trustworthy, they are more likely to be influenced by you.

-DEVELOP NETWORKS AND ALLIANCES
"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together" ~ Old

within the organization (such as your peers, supervisors or direct reports) as well as people outside the organization (such as customers, vendors, and competitors). You cannot demand commitment from people; you have to earn it.

One way to do this is by building networks and alliances to accomplish your goals. Create opportunities to spend time with your supervisor, peers or customers. You can do this at office as well as in less formal settings such as over lunch. Be open to being an active participant in your organization. Getting involved in community projects or other special organizational initiatives will allow you to get to know people from other divisions.

-DEVELOP AND EMPLOY ELOQUENCE
Studies have shown that people who are more expressive generally have a greater ability to lead and influence others. Why? Because they are more aware of their ideas, emotions and reactions; they, therefore, have a tendency to reach a greater audience than less expressive people. So, the final recommendation would be to develop your communication skills and eloquence. It will allow you to inspire and motivate people. However, remember, that if you don't walk your talk, an 'inspiration gap' will surface which will eventually cause you to lose credibility.

Take a situation where you have just been promoted and are now in charge of leading and motivating others. You want to drive new initiatives and will need others to agree and cooperate with you. How will you inspire action? If you think formal authority alone is enough to be persuasive, think again.

To quote Kate Blanchard, co-author of One Minute Manager, "In the past, a leader was a boss. Today's leaders must be partners with their people. They can no longer lead solely based on positional power." The authority that stems from your position as manager is just one of the many sources of power that you can rely on to get things done. Your knowledge, network, reputation, character and personal charm are other sources you can and should tap into in order to accomplish your mission. Here are some strategies to activate your other power bases that will allow you to make a difference in your organization:

-GAIN CENTRALITY AND



African proverb
When you become a manager, you don't just get formal authority but also new duties and responsibilities. You must learn to manage not only your team, but also the context within which it operates. Oftentimes, you will have far less time and autonomy than you might have imagined. This is why you need to rely on the cooperation of other people to get things done swiftly. These individuals could be people

not about having absolute control, exploiting people in selfish ways or manipulating others. The proper attitude to have towards power is to see it as a tool to influence people in an ethical way to achieve desired organizational outcomes. Staying true to your core values and beliefs and engaging others when exercising power will allow you to use it in a more authentic and responsible manner.

ment as a business opportunity? To help you understand why this could be a meaningful proposition for you, think back to your corporate life and ask yourself:

- How did you find people talent for your team?

- What were your expectations from your recruitment partners and how well were they met?

- Have you ever wished you could recruit your team members yourself, but couldn't due to paucity of time?



India, New Zealand clash for top spot in Group A

Dubai, Mar 1 (UNI) : The Champions Trophy is reaching its decisive phase, with the group stage nearing its conclusion and teams battling for supremacy. India has already sealed a semifinal berth, while New Zealand has also progressed, setting the stage for a highly anticipated Group A clash between the two sides here on Sunday.

New Zealand has consistently proven to be a formidable force in ICC tournaments, and their performances in this edition have been no exception. The Kiwis opened their campaign with a commanding victory over the hosts and followed it up with a convincing win against Bangladesh. India, on the other hand, showcased their dominance with a comprehensive win over Bangladesh before Virat

Kohli's masterclass against Pakistan ensured the arch-rival's early exit.

Both teams have executed their game plans effectively, with key players stepping up at crucial moments. Michael Bracewell played a stellar role in New Zealand's win over Bangladesh, receiving ample support from the bowling attack. India's spinners played a decisive role in dismantling Pakistan, while Kohli's magnificent century highlighted his return to form. Additionally, Rachin Ravindra made a significant impact, etching his name in the record books with a stunning hundred.

With a semifinal spot confirmed, India may opt to rest captain Rohit Sharma and pace spearhead Mohammed Shami for the upcoming encounter. However, the presence of an in-form Kohli will pose a

major challenge for New Zealand's bowling unit, led by Mitchell Santner. The former India captain's stellar knock against Pakistan reaffirmed his ability to deliver on the big stage.

Ravindra, meanwhile, has been a standout performer for New Zealand. The 25-year-old's match-winning 112 against Bangladesh underlined his ability to thrive in ICC tournaments, marking his fourth century in such events. His form will be crucial for the Kiwis as they look to challenge the Indian attack.

Both teams possess formidable bowling arsenals. While Bracewell and William O'Rourke have led New Zealand's charge, India has relied on the pace duo of Shami and Harshit Rana. The upcoming encounter will serve as a key test for both sides.

India's vice-captain Shubman Gill has been one of the tournament's standout batsmen. The 25-year-old began his campaign with a century against Bangladesh and followed it up with a crucial 46 against Pakistan. Having delivered notable performances against New Zealand in the past, including an unbeaten 80 in the 2023 World Cup semifinal, Gill remains a key player for India.

New Zealand has historically troubled India in ICC events, but the Men in Blue ended that streak with their semifinal triumph in 2023. With both teams through to the semifinals, the upcoming contest will determine the group leader. India, with its current form, holds the advantage and will aim to maintain an unbeaten run.

The match is scheduled for 2:30 pm IST on Sunday.

Markram leaves field due to hamstring discomfort

Karachi, Mar 1 (UNI) ; Stand-in South Africa captain Aiden Markram left the field due to discomfort in his hamstring during the ongoing match against England in the Champions Trophy, with Heinrich Klaasen taking over leadership duties in his absence here on Saturday. Markram was leading the side in place of regular skipper Temba Bavuma, who missed the match due to illness. The information regarding Markram's injury was relayed through the broadcast feed.

The extent of Markram's injury remains unclear, but team management confirmed that while he will not return to the field, he will bat in the second innings if required.

Dussen, Klaasen power SA past England in Champions Trophy



Karachi, Mar 1 (UNI) : Rassie van der Dussen's composed 72* and Heinrich Klaasen's scintillating 64 off 56 balls powered South Africa to a commanding seven-wicket victory over England in the ICC Champions Trophy at the National Stadium here on Saturday.

With this win, the Proteas finished as table-toppers of Group B, while England bowed out of the tournament with their third defeat, capping off a disappointing campaign.

Klaasen's knock saw him register his fifth consecutive fifty-plus score in ODIs, joining an elite list of South African batsmen, including Jonty Rhodes and Quinton de Kock.

His fluent stroke play, coupled with van der Dussen's solid anchoring, ensured South Africa chased down England's modest target of 180 with

125 balls to spare. Opting to bat first, England's innings never gained momentum as they faltered against South Africa's disciplined bowling attack. Marco Jansen struck early, dismissing Philip Salt (8) and Jamie Smith (0) within the first three overs. A brief resistance from Joe Root (37) and Harry Brook (19) was short-lived as Keshav Maharaj and Wiaan Mulder dismantled the middle order.

Captain Jos Buttler endured a frustrating stay at the crease, struggling for fluency before falling for 21 off 43 balls. Jofra Archer's valiant 25 off 31 deliveries provided some late runs, but England were bundled out for 179 in 38.2 overs.

Jansen led the bowling effort with 3/29 in seven overs, while Mulder (3/25) and Maharaj (2/35) ensured England never recovered. Lungi Ngidi (1/33) and Kagiso Rabada (1/42) complemented the attack

with disciplined spells.

In reply, South Africa's chase began shakily as Archer removed Tristan Stubbs for a duck and later dismissed Ryan Rickelton (27). However, Klaasen and van der Dussen steadied the innings, dominating the England bowlers with clinical stroke play.

Klaasen's aggression saw him reach his fifty in quick time, taking on the spinners and pacers alike. Van der Dussen, playing the anchor role, accelerated as the target approached, ensuring there were no hiccups in the chase.

Despite a late consolation wicket for England, Klaasen's form and South Africa's commanding performance sealed their spot atop Group B, making their way into the semifinals. England, on the other hand, endured a disappointing campaign, exiting the tournament on a low note.

Dhruv-Tanisha storm into German Open SFs

Mulheim an der Ruhr (Germany), Mar 1 (UNI) : India's Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto stormed into the semifinals of the German Open 2025 badminton tournament after defeating the People's Republic of China's Gao Jia Xuan and Wu Meng Ying in straight games at the Westenergie Sporthalle on Friday.

Paris 2024 Olympian Tanisha Crasto and her

mixed doubles partner Dhruv Kapila displayed a commanding performance to oust the Chinese duo 21-14, 21-17 in just 30 minutes.

Kapila and Crasto made a blistering start, surging to an 11-2 lead in the opening game. Although Gao and Wu staged a brief comeback to reduce the deficit to 13-10, the Indian pair swiftly reasserted their dominance to close out the first game. The second

game proved to be a tighter contest, with the Chinese pair putting up a spirited resistance.

However, Kapila and Crasto held their nerve to seal the victory and secure a semi-final berth.

Meanwhile, in men's singles, India's Tharun Manjappalli, ranked 59th in the world, bowed out of the tournament following a hard-fought 16-21, 21-17, 21-8 loss to France's third-

seeded Toma Junior Popov.

In the women's singles category, world No. 64 Unnati Hooda suffered a heartbreaking exit after a marathon battle against Japan's 41st-ranked Riko Gunji. Hooda claimed the first game 21-15 but squandered match points in the next two, ultimately falling 15-21, 25-23, 24-22.

India's Rakshitha Ramraj and Tasnim Mir also crashed out in the women's

singles section. Ramraj went down 12-21, 12-21 against fourth-seeded Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark, while Mir retired against Nguyen Thùy Linh of Vietnam. Mir was trailing 19-21, 21-12, 0-7 before conceding the match.

With Kapila and Crasto keeping India's hopes alive in the tournament, all eyes will be on their semi-final clash as they aim for a spot in the final.

Budding stars train with professionals at tennis clinic

Bengaluru, Mar 1 (UNI) : More than 60 budding tennis players in Bengaluru had the unique opportunity to learn from professionals at a Tennis Clinic held at the KSLTA Tennis Stadium on the sidelines of the 2025 DafaNews Bengaluru Open on Saturday.

Interacting with 38th National Games gold medalists Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha and SD Prajwal Dev, along with the current edition's doubles finalists Blake Bayldon and Matthew Christopher Romios, and USA's Brandon Holt's coach, Bo Trays, the young players gained valuable insights into the sport.

The clinic featured a Q&A session, live drills, and hands-on coaching,

allowing the young athletes to engage with experienced professionals. Participants received guidance on fitness, nutrition, training routines, and match preparation while also demonstrating their skills in volleys and baseline shots.

Reflecting on the event and the growing stature of tennis in India, Poonacha expressed his enthusiasm: "It was really nice to represent and win a medal for Karnataka in the National Games, and I've noticed the level of young players is getting higher. They are better prepared. Days after that, seeing so many kids here eager to learn, eager to improve is a great sign. This gives us a strong platform for the future." Tournament

Director Sunil Yajaman emphasised the significance of such initiatives in promoting the sport. "It's wonderful to see the enthusiasm among young players. Events like these show the excitement kids have for tennis and reflect the sport's growing popularity in India. With this kind of energy and talent, the future of Indian tennis looks very bright. We hope to see some of the kids from today's clinic at the Bengaluru Open in a few years' time," he said.

Organised by the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association, the DafaNews Bengaluru Open, an ATP Challenger 125 event, began on February 24 and will conclude on March 2 with the singles final.

DCW secure playoff spot with win against RCBW

Bengaluru, Mar 1 (UNI) : Delhi Capitals Women extended their lead at the top of the table and officially secured their place in the next round with a dominant nine-wicket victory over Royal Challengers Bengaluru Women in the Women's Premier League (WPL) match at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Saturday.

A blistering unbeaten 80 from opener Shafali Verma powered Delhi to 151/1 in just 15.3 overs while chasing a target of 148. Shafali played an explosive 43-ball knock, smashing 8 fours and 4 sixes, and was well-supported by Jess Jonassen, who remained unbeaten on 61 off 39 deliveries, striking 9 fours and a six to seal the comfortable chase.

RCB managed only one breakthrough when Meg Lanning (21) was dismissed by Renuka Singh Thakur in the third over, caught by Ellyse Perry.

However, Shafali and Jonassen's commanding 146-run stand dismantled the RCB bowling attack, leaving the hosts with no answers.

Earlier, RCB posted 147/5 in their 20 overs, with Ellyse Perry anchoring the innings with a well-crafted 60* off 47 balls, featuring 3 fours and 3 sixes.

Raghvi Bist contributed 33 off 32, while Danielle Wyatt-Hodge chipped in with 21 before falling to Marizanne Kapp.

Karun Nair century puts Vidarbha on brink of Ranji Trophy glory

Nagpur, Mar 1 (UNI) : Karun Nair's stellar century put Vidarbha in a commanding position on the fourth day of the Ranji Trophy final against Kerala at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium here on Saturday.

At stumps, Vidarbha stood at 249/4 in 90 overs in their second innings, holding a formidable lead of 286 runs. Nair remained unbeaten on 132 off 280 deliveries, laced with 10 boundaries and two sixes, guiding his team towards a dominant position. Earlier,

Kerala was bowled out for 342 in first innings after Vidarbha made 379 in its first innings. Vidarbha weathered an early setback but soon found stability through the resolute partnership between Nair and Danish Malewar. The duo stitched a vital 182-run stand for the third wicket, frustrating Kerala's bowlers on a pitch that remained favourable for batting. Earlier in the day, Kerala had sniffed an opportunity after dismissing both openers - Parth Rekhade (1) and Dhruv

Shorey (5) - cheaply with just 7 runs on the board. However, a crucial lapse in the field saw Akshay Chandran drop Nair when he was on 31. The missed opportunity proved costly as the experienced batsman capitalised on it to reach his well-compiled century.

Malewar, who had already made a significant contribution in the first innings with 153 runs, played a solid supporting role, scoring 73 before his dismissal just before the tea break. Kerala bowlers, despite maintaining

discipline, struggled to find breakthroughs on a pitch offering little assistance.

With only one day left in India's domestic season, Vidarbha hold the upper hand, needing to bat out a portion of the final day to all but seal the prestigious Ranji Trophy title. Kerala, on the other hand, face an uphill task of pulling off a miraculous turnaround.

The final day's play will resume at 9:30 am, where Vidarbha will look to extend their lead further and cement their dominance in this high-stakes encounter.

India's German Open run ends as Tanisha-Dhruv exit in semifinals

Mulheim, Mar 1 (UNI) : India's campaign at the German Open 2025 came to an end as Paris 2024 Olympian Tanisha Crasto and her mixed doubles partner Dhruv Kapila bowed out in the semifinals here on Saturday.

The Indian duo, ranked 30th in the BWF mixed doubles rankings, put up a valiant fight but fell short against the newly-formed Indonesian pair of Rehan Kusharjanto and Gloria Widjaja, losing 25-23, 10-21, 21-15.

Tanisha and Dhruv started strongly, racing to a 4-2 lead in the opening game. However, the experienced Indonesian pair, with world No. 10 Gloria Widjaja and 26th-ranked Rehan Kusharjanto, fought back to take a 12-7 advantage.

The Indian pair showed resilience, winning five consecutive points to level

the score at 12-12. They saved four game points before eventually conceding on the fifth. The Indian shuttlers came out aggressively in the second game and capitalised on their momentum to establish a five-point lead at the mid-game interval. They maintained their dominance to clinch the game comfortably, forcing a decider.

In the final game, both pairs were locked in a tense battle, with Tanisha and Dhruv holding a slender one-point advantage at the interval. However, with the score tied at 13-13, the Indonesians upped their tempo and claimed five consecutive points to secure their place in the final.

Earlier, in the quarterfinals of this BWF Super 300 event, Tanisha and Dhruv had outplayed China's Gao Jia Xuan and Wu Meng Ying in straight games.

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Top seed Chandrasekar-Ho clinch Bengaluru Open doubles title

Bengaluru, March 1 (UNI) : Top-seeded pair Anirudh Chandrasekar and Ray Ho emerged victorious at the 2025 DafaNews Bengaluru Open, defeating Australia's Blake Bayldon and Matthew Christopher Romios 6-2, 6-4 in the doubles' final at the KSLTA Tennis Stadium here on Saturday.

The Indo-Taiwanese duo put on a dominant display to claim their sixth ATP Challenger title, further cementing India's strong doubles tradition at the Bengaluru Open. With this win, at least one Indian player has now featured among the champions in seven of the tournament's nine editions. Organised by the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA), the Bengaluru

Open is an ATP Challenger 125 tournament and is India's biggest international tennis event. Chandrasekar and Ho received a cash prize of USD 9,900 and 125 ATP ranking points for their triumph.

Roared on by an enthusiastic home crowd, Chandrasekar and Ho set the pace early, combining deft net play with powerful groundstrokes. They broke their opponents in the third game, capitalising on consecutive double faults, and secured another crucial break in the seventh to take the opening set.

In the second, a stunning forehand winner by Chandrasekar in the fifth game proved decisive, as the duo maintained their composure to close out the match in just over an hour.

Minister of Railways reviewed the progress of various ongoing railway infrastructural projects in Gujarat

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 1 : Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics & Information Technology, during his visit to Gujarat on 1st March, 2025, inspected Ahmedabad, Anand & Dahod railway stations and took stock of the progress of various ongoing railway infrastructural projects at these locations.

Minister of Railways Mr Vaishnav on reaching Ahmedabad station, conducted inspection of the station. He also reviewed the progress of the ongoing station redevelopment work. Thereafter, Mr Vaishnav interacted with the media representatives. He informed that this year Rs 17,155 cr have been allocated for Gujarat state, which is 29 times of average annual outlay of 2009 - 14. The investment by Railways in Gujarat is around Rs. 1,27,000 cr including Bullet train. Giving details about Ahmedabad station redevelopment, he mentioned that the work is going on in full swing. The design has been done considering the structural requirements and integrating it aesthetically with local heritage values. A Concourse Roof Plaza have been planned over the railway tracks equipped with waiting area and passengers' facilities. The project also envisages elevated road network connecting Kalupur ROB and Sarangpur ROB which will be more than twice the surface area of existing roads and will facilitate seamless transportation by multimodal integration of railways with National High Speed Rail Terminal (Bullet Train), Metro & Bus Rapid Transport (BRT). Hon'ble Minister of Railways informed that the sequence of work has been planned in such a manner to ensure least inconvenience to passengers and with minimum train cancellation. Then, Hon'ble Minister of

Railways proceeded to Anand and conducted inspection of Ahmedabad - Anand section. Minister of Railways arrived at Anand railway station and conducted inspection of the station. He also visited the One Station One Product (OSOP) stall at the station. Talking to media representatives at Anand station, Shri Vaishnav informed that since 2014, more than 1000 Rail Over Bridges & Rail Under Bridges have been constructed in Gujarat. Also, 3,144 km has been electrified since 2014. The work of KAVACH is also progressing at a rapid pace. The work of Dedicated Freight Corridor is completed in Gujarat. This has enhanced Port connectivity in the region. He further mentioned that 87 stations in Gujarat are being re-developed under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Later, MR visited

and inspected the Track Construction Base (Rail Welding Work) of Bullet Train project followed by inspection of ongoing Anand High Speed Rail (HSR) station work. Mr Vaishnav interacted with the workers and applauded them for their contribution to nation building and he also took selfies with them. Mr Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble MR visited Locomotive Rolling Stock Workshop located at Dahod. MR conducted inspection of the Factory, including the Simulator at the Workshop and inspected the newly developed prototype of 9000 HP WAG Locomotive. MR inspected all aspects of this Locomotive which is one of the most powerful locomotives (9000 HP) being manufactured in Dahod workshop. Mr Vaishnav while addressing the media representatives mentioned that the



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prototype Loco is ready and the trials are underway. The Locomotive is made in India and is equipped with advanced features including KAVACH technology. Soon, the Loco will start being exported and it will make Dahod a global name across the world. This will in turn make, Dahod's Chandi ka Bhoriyu & Jhuldi also famous all over the world. Hon'ble MR mentioned that the work of the Workshop is nearing completion and will soon be dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister. He mentioned that this Workshop has generated employment opportunities for locals. Minister of Railways Mr Vaishnav was accompanied by Hon'ble MPs, MLAs, public representatives from the respective constituencies. Senior officials of Western Railway, NHRCL, etc. were also present on the occasion.

Track Slab Manufacturing Factory at Anand for Bullet Train Project T-3 Package

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 1 : A state-of-the-art track slab manufacturing factory has been established to support the ambitious project of India's first Bullet Train, marking a significant milestone in the country's high-speed rail infrastructure. The factory is designed to produce ballastless track slabs (J-slab) of different sizes, as required. **Till date nearly 35000 track slabs have been cast (from two factories), which are equivalent to nearly 175 track km.**

Location:

The factory is strategically located near the alignment at 436 km (will be serving for km 393 to 508). This proximity to the project site ensures efficient logistics and timely delivery of track slabs for the bullet train construction.

Production Capacity:

The pre-cast reinforced concrete track slabs are generally 2220 mm wide, 4900 mm long and 190mm thick and each slab weighs about 4 tonnes.

The track slab manufacturing factory is designed to produce 60 slabs per day, ensuring high efficiency and a steady supply of critical components for India's first Bullet Train project. The production scope of this factory is the manufacturing of nearly 46000 J-slabs.

This facility will produce track slabs for 115 route km of high speed rail track for MAHSR corridor in Gujarat & DNH (352 km)

Stacking Capacity:

To support the large production volume, the factory is equipped with an extensive **stacking capacity of 24000 track slabs**. This allows for the organized storage of produced slabs, ensuring they are ready for transportation to the construction site as needed.

Over 4,100 Firearms Surrendered in Manipur Amid Peace Efforts

Imphal, March 1 (Waari Singbul Network) : In a significant development towards restoring peace and ensuring public safety, over 4,100 firearms looted from police armouries in Manipur have been voluntarily surrendered to authorities. The initiative began on May 31, 2023, when then-Chief Minister N. Biren Singh made an appeal to the public to return firearms looted from security forces and police stations. Stressing the importance of law and order, he had warned of strict legal action against those found in illegal possession of arms and ammunition. Additionally, he urged citizens to lift road blockades to facilitate the movement of security personnel and relief materials, ensuring essential supplies reached affected areas.

Responding to Biren Singh's call, thousands of people in Manipur demonstrated their commitment to peace. Before his resignation as Chief Minister on February

9, 2025, "3,422 firearms" had already been voluntarily handed over to police stations. This milestone, reflecting the collective efforts of the state government, security forces, and the public, played a crucial role in curbing violence. "Further strengthening the initiative, Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla reiterated the appeal on February 20, 2025, urging people to surrender any illegally held firearms. His appeal yielded around 700 additional firearms, including 246 weapons surrendered by the Arambai Tenggol on February 27, marking a significant moment in the ongoing disarmament drive. "Authorities estimate that 6,020 firearms were looted from police stations and armouries during the peak of the ethnic violence.

With over 4,100 firearms now returned, this initiative underscores the power of collective action and the importance of community involvement in public safety efforts.

Manipur has been grappling with ethnic tensions since May 2023, when violence erupted between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities over long-standing issues of land, identity, and political representation. What began as protests quickly escalated into large-scale clashes, leading to hundreds of deaths, mass displacement, and the looting of police armouries. The violence fractured the state's social fabric, deepening communal divides and causing a prolonged security crisis.

The conflict drew national and international attention as security forces struggled to restore normalcy. Despite multiple rounds of peace talks and military interventions, sporadic violence and the proliferation of illicit arms continued to fuel tensions. The surrender of looted firearms marks a critical turning point, signaling a step toward de-escalation and efforts to rebuild trust among Manipur's diverse communities.

4 People who beat up a Mahavitaran team have been arrested



(Standard Post Bureau)

Kalyan/Vasai/Palghar, March 1 : An incident of beating and abusing a Mahavitaran team while taking action against a person who was using electricity illegally even though the power supply was cut off due to arrears took place on Friday (28 February) in Kunde village of Bhiwandi taluka. A case has been registered against the four people in this case at Ganeshpuri police station and the police have arrested the accused.

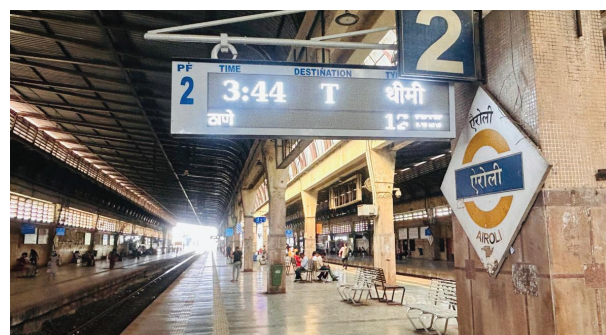
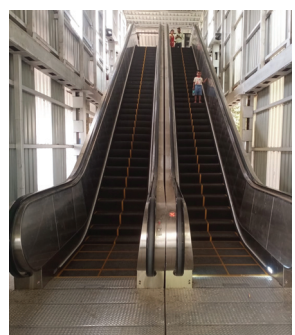
The names of the accused registered in this case are Dinesh Namdev Hoge, Naresh Agivele, Tukaram Agivele, Sharad Patil (residing in Kunde, Taluka Bhiwandi). Under the leadership of Deputy Executive Engineer Katakwar regarding this incident, the

Sub-Division, a team of Junior Engineers Abhishek Belsare of Ambadi Branch Office, Janamitra and security guards were conducting a recovery and electricity theft search operation in Kunde village since Friday morning. In this, the electricity supply was disconnected in Kunde village. On Saturday (March 01), the team again conducted a search operation under police protection and took action against five more electricity thieves. With the backdrop of the end of March, the electricity workers have only two options: either recover the electricity bill arrears or disconnect the electricity supply to the defaulters. Considering the prevailing situation, Mahavitaran has appealed to the electricity workers on duty to cooperate. "---

Ganeshpuri police registered a case and arrested the accused.

After this incident, Katakwar, without wavering, strengthened the team and took action against 13 electricity thieves in the campaign conducted on Friday in Kunde village. On Saturday (March 01), the team again conducted a search operation under police protection and took action against five more electricity thieves. With the backdrop of the end of March, the electricity workers have only two options: either recover the electricity bill arrears or disconnect the electricity supply to the defaulters. Considering the prevailing situation, Mahavitaran has appealed to the electricity workers on duty to cooperate. "---

Central Railway's Mumbai Division ensures safe and comfortable travel



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 1 : Central Railway's Mumbai Division has taken positive steps to ensure a safe and comfortable travel by providing better amenities and facilities to its esteemed passengers.

Passenger Comfort:

- Two escalators have been commissioned at platform no 1 of Karjat station at the Kalyan end Foot Over Bridge.
- One Lift for passengers has been commissioned at platform no 1 of Shelu station at

Karjat end Foot Over Bridge.

Both the escalators and lift will be beneficial to Senior citizens, Divyangjans, Pregnant Women and the sick.

Passenger Information:

- Four new GPS clocks have been installed at Sandhurst Road station.
- Old suburban train indicators have been replaced with new indicators with better visibility at Ghansoli, Rabale and Airoli stations.
- New All-in One Video Display indicators

have been provided at Ulhasnagar, Vangani and Neral stations

Passenger Ticketing:

- 575 new ATVMs (Automatic Ticket Vending Machines) have been installed on 86 stations of Mumbai Division.
- Process for procurement of 226 more ATVMs has already been initiated.

ATVMs provide fast ticketing solutions enabling passengers to be free of long queues at ticket windows.

Facilities to Divyangjan:

- A total of 170 new buzzers have been installed at various stations on Main & Harbour line for the benefit of Divyangjan passengers.

These buzzers are extremely helpful to Divyangjan passengers especially the visually challenged to locate the place earmarked for Divyangjan.

Central Railway has always been at the forefront towards providing safe, efficient, affordable and customer-focussed transportation

solutions and has taken several initiatives, strengthened processes and executed various measures for making the journey of its customers and passengers pleasurable.

All old public announcement system speakers have been replaced with new ones at Ulhasnagar station. "Installation of GPS clocks and provision of better indications and PA system will greatly enhance sharing of train running information to passengers.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 1 : Total length: 508km (Gujarat & DNH: 352 km, Maharashtra: 156 km)

There are 12 stations planned. (Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Bilimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad, Sabarmati)

Status (As on 27th Feb 2025)

Viaduct construction is in full swing

Viaduct construction: 272 km

Pier works: 372 km

Pier Foundation: 386 km

Girder Casting: 305 km

Bridges on 13 rivers completed, viz. Par (Valsad

district), Purna (Navsari district), Mindhola (Navsari district), Ambika (Navsari district), Auranga (Valsad district), Venganiya (Navsari district), Mohar (Kheda district), Dhadhar (Vadodara district), Kolak River (Valsad district), Vatrak River (Kheda district), Kaveri River (Navsari district), Kharera (Navsari district) and Meshwa (Kheda district)

Six steel bridges and five PSC bridges have been completed

Noise barriers have been installed over 130 km

Progress of 112 km of track bed construction has

been achieved so far in Gujarat

Overhead electrification work started in Gujarat

The work on 21 km tunnel between BKC and Shilphata in Maharashtra is under construction

Seven mountain tunnels are under construction in Palghar district, Maharashtra through NATM

Structural work is completed for six out of eight stations in Gujarat

Work has started on all three elevated stations, and the base slab at Mumbai Bullet Train station is being cast in Maharashtra