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4 Rescued workers die ASHA workers

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## IN BRIEF

### 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 а 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



Injured people being evacuated to Joshimath for critical medicare via helicopters form the avalanche site, in Mana of Chamoli district, Uttarakhand on Saturday.

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snowfall.In

Deharadun, Mar 1 (UNI) : Four out of 55 rescued construction workers, who avalanche at remote Mana village in Uttarakhand, have died, informed V K Suman, secretary of Disaster these, one worker has 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

have been rescued so far. an update on relief and Out of which, 26 workers resuce operations from who were undergoing secretary of Disaster were caught in a massive treatment at Badrinath Management, Vinod Kumar Mana, three have died this Suman, and District 42,752 ASHA workers in evening while 23 are safe Magistrate-Chamoli, Andhra Pradesh. and healthy. Apart from Sandeep Tiwari. He has

reportedly died at AIIMS, instructions to conduct a Rishikesh.The search for massive search and rescue other five workers has been operation for missing four workers.On instruction of darkness and continous the CM, relief and rescue operation was conducted development, one of five for missing four workers.

missing workers from Kangra in Himachal Pradesh reconnaissance is being years of service. This has has reached his home safely done by Army, ITBP, NDRF on Saturday and rescue team and SDRF.Search operation is searching for other four. will resume on Sunday Out of 55 workers who morning with help of GPR, were caught in an avalanche thermal imaging and victim of these, 43 workers were near the border village location cameras.Suman rescued on the same day Mana, 50 have been rescued said that on Saturday, 24 on Saturday said that Chief with the help of Army while so far. Now, the rescue and workers were brought to Minister Chandrababu 17 others were rescued on relief team is working on war Joshi Math for treatment Naidu discussed the issue

#### get gratuity Vijayawada, Mar 1 (UNI) For the first time in the country, the Accredited days ago. Social Health Activists (ASHAs), will get gratuity

in Andhra Pradesh as the Government has approved the payment of gratuity to them besides other retirement benefits. Showering boons on

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Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has granted several benefits meeting the aspirations of ASHA workers, who act as an important link between the people and healthcare system. The decision of the Chief Minister benefits

The Chief Minister has given directed the payment of gratuity as per the Act to ASHA workers, the first of such benefit to the health workers in the country. This amounts to providing a sizable retirement benefit of Rs.1.50 lakh to each Intensive ASHA who puts in 30 been a major demand of health workers in the State, No other State/Union Territory is paying gratuity to ASHA workers.

Officials sources here

Health Satya Kumar Yadav and senior officials a few

The Chief Minister directed the officials to examine the benefits being extended to ASHA workers in various States including the wages, post retirement benefits etc. before giving direction to pay gratuity on Friday. Payment of gratuity was not among the demands of ASHAs.

The Chief Minister also approved extending 180 days of paid Maternity Leave for the first two deliveries of eligible health workers and also increasing their retirement age from the present 60 years to 62 years meeting the long standing demands of ASHAs.

In 2018, the then Naidu headed State government extended to these health workers benefits like providing Smart Phones, giving preference to ASHAs with ANM qualification in the recruitment of ANMs who are above ASHAs, extending the benefit of Chandranna Bima Yojana, providing white ration cards, extending the benefit of Dr.NTR Vaidya Seva and allowing ASHA workers to retire at the age of 60 years with eligibility for old age pension.

Monthly remuneration

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#### 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.

(See on page 4)

### **Union Minister J P Nadda offers** prayer at Vaishno Devi Shrine



BJP National President and Union Minister for Health, Chemicals and Fertilizers, JP 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

society." Students should give more importance to self-study as education is a lifelong process, added Dhankhar.

#### Nitish-BJP govt ruined two generations in

## 20 yrs: Tejaswi

Patna, Mar 1 (UNI) Leader of the opposition in Bihar Assembly Tejaswi Prasad Yadav alleged that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and BJP government ruined two generations during their 20 years of rule.

Comparing the NDA government with that of an old "khatraara" vehicles which were not allowed to ply in Bihar as they emit lots of smoke and hazardous pollutants in the atmosphere, Yadav, in his scathing remark questioned here on Saturday that why will the 20 year old "Khatara" government of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) continue with its manipulations?

Yadav alleged that unemployment, corruption, crime and migration which increased during 20 years of rule of Kumar completely ruined the two generations.

Saturday morning. They footing to search for other from Army hospital in of demands of ASHAs in undergoing treatment.

have been admitted to Army four workers with help of Mana.Condition of two of these pursuance of fulfilling the hospital where they are Army sniffer dogs.Late this workers is little serious and they pre-election assurances A total of 50 workers Pushkar Singh Dhami took hospital, sources said.

evening, Chief Minister have been referred to AIIMS given to them in a review

meeting with Minister of

being paid to the ASHA workers, voluntary health workers in Andhra Pradesh of Rs.10,000 per month is the highest in the country.

at Katra, the base camp of the Shrine, (See on page 2)

#### 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. (See on page 5)

#### 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. (See on page 7)

# State budget lacks substance: Ex-MP alleges

#### (Standard Post Bureau)

Rajamahendravaram, Mar 1 : Former YSRCP MP Margani Bharat criticized the state government's budget for favoring rhetoric over substance.

Bharat highlighted the unfulfilled pledges, including the 'Annadata Sukheebhava' scheme, where Rs 20,000 promised to farmers remains unpaid. He estimated Rs 11,000 crore is needed for 50 lakh farmers and demanded allocation details.

Under the 'Talliki Vandanam scheme', supporting 87 lakh students requires Rs 12,000 crore, but only Rs. 9,400 crore was allocated in the budget, raising shortfall concerns, the Ex-MP pointed out.

The YSRCP senior leader questioned the lack of unemployment allowances for 20 lakh jobless youth and funds for the Aadabidda Nidhi scheme for 1.2 crore women over 18. Bharat also cited unmet promises like Rs 10,000 honorariums for 2.5 lakh volunteers and pensions for BCs above 50, criticizing TDP leaders for not securing special status from the Centre.

The former MP accused the government of financial mismanagement, noting a Rs 2,17,000 crore income against a Rs. 3,24,000 crore budget, implying over Rs 1 lakh crore in loans to mislead the public.

He slammed the Rs. 40,000 crore capital expenditure allocation, doubting its adequacy for development and welfare. On investments, he challenged the government's Davos claims, contrasting it with Maharashtra's 61 MoUs and Telangana's 20 MoUs, securing Rs. 1,61,000 crore.

For infrastructure, Bharat claimed credit for proposing flyovers like Diwan Cheruvu, accusing MP Purandeswari of taking undue credit. He urged her to bring mega-projects like a Godavari rail-cum-road bridge, noting railway projects launched by PM Modi are being repackaged. The Ex-MP cited securing Rs 100 crore for ESI Hospital upgrades and Rs 88 crore for the NRCB project, pressing for their completion, and demanded funds for the approved Rajamahendravaram Outer Ring Road from Diwan Cheruvu to Pottilanka.

## YSRCP slams TDP's false propaganda on State debt

(Standard Post Bureau) administration looted the state's debt grew at a much Former Finance Minister burdened the public with Rs administration, Buggana Rajendranath 10 lakh crore in debt, highlighted.He questioned Reddy has issued a launching yet another how Naidu could unjustly statement in response to attack on the YSRCP claim that the YSRCP Chief Minister Chandrababu government. However, the imposed a Rs 10 lakh crore Naidu's remarks during his reality contradicts these debt burden when the TDP's tour of Gangadhara Nellore claims. In the first budget own budget contradicts this in Chittoor district, where presented by the TDP narrative. Moreover, in this Naidu accused the previous coalition in November 2024, year's budget, the TDP YSRCP government of the state's debt was government deviated from engaging in false officially recorded at Rs 6.46 the long-standing tradition propaganda regarding the lakh crore. Of this, Rs 3.10 of disclosing debt details in state's debt.

asserted that if the Chief assumed power in 2019, decades."By withholding Minister genuinely wishes meaning the debt accumulated these figures, the for the public to know the during their term was far lower government has avoided truth about the state's than the exaggerated figures transparency, raising borrowings, he should cited by Naidu. These numbers questions about its release the debt details in were explicitly mentioned in intentions," Rajendranath Volume-6 (Budget in Brief) the TDP's own budget noted and argued that of the budget document, as document. The ex-Finance releasing these details has been the practice every Minister emphasized that would reveal the actual debt year. The TDP-led coalition the YSRCP has repeatedly incurred under each government consistently misinformation about the issue. During Chandrababu YSRCP regime since its Naidu's tenure from 2014 to coalition of deliberately inception, alleging that the 2019, the Compound Annual concealing this information state's debt soared to Rs 14 Growth Rate (CAGR) of debt to continue blaming the lakh crore during the growth was 19.54 percent, YSRCP and mislead the YSRCP's tenure, an outright while under the YSRCP public, though he added that falsehood.During his government from 2019 to the truth would eventually Chittoor tour today, Chief 2024, it was significantly emerge through the Minister Naidu further lower at 15.61 percent. This Comptroller and Auditor claimed that the previous demonstrates that the General (CAG) report.

Vijayawada, Mar 1 :: state like "wild boars" and higher rate during Naidu's Rajendranath Reddy inherited when the YSRCP a practice followed for

has provided evidence-based administration, dismantling spread clarifications on the debt the TDP's false propaganda.

lakh crore was the debt Volume-6 (Budget in Brief),

The ex-FM accused the

## 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 Department to submit Bawankule said that the information regarding the

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

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

#### 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

Revenue Department Rajesh Kumar, Director

General of Yashda Niranjan

Sudhanshu were present

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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

## 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 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 College and University 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 vandalized the windscreen 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): spared at all, he to women, Nitish pointed out."We noticed that there

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.

## **BJP** engaged in fooling people of country: Ram Gopal

## 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.

# **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 Management from 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, International Union of

and Railway 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.He succeeds Mr Arvind Srivastava who got superannuation on 28.02.2025.

## J&K Govt tightens noose on illegal mining, initiates action against Joint Director

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

the Head of Asia office of

He has also worked as

Solutions.

Jammu, Mar 1 (UNI): In a decisive move aimed at tackling the menace of illegal mining in the Union Territory, the Jammu and Kashmir government has attached Joint Director, Geology and Mining, Jammu, H L Langeh, with the Administrative Department, ceasing all powers vested in him with immediate effect.

The order, issued by the Mining Department comes in the wake of directives received from the office of the Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, reinforcing the administration's commitment towards ensuring transparency and accountability in the mining sector, an official spokesman said on Saturday.

He said that the government has taken this step in response to rising concerns over unauthorized mining activities that have

irrespective of their position, would face strict legal consequences.

Choudhary also urged the public to actively participate in reporting any illegal mining operations, emphasizing that community vigilance plays a crucial role in safeguarding the region's natural resources.

Illegal mining has been a longstanding issue in Jammu and Kashmir, with unregulated extraction causing extensive damage to riverbeds, groundwater levels and local ecosystems.

The government has reiterated its commitment to sustainable and legal mining practices, ensuring that all mineral extraction activities are conducted within the ambit of law and environmental norms.

Efforts are being intensified to



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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

added."Crime control should be on top of priority is a feeling of happiness of the police administration among poor families 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

#### 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.

## **ED** finds embezzlement of Rs 2.5 cr Govt fund by forest officials in Odisha

Bhubaneswar, Mar 1 (UNI) : The to divert large sums of money and Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bhubaneswar Zonal Office, conducted search operations at the offices and residences of forest range officials of Jaipatna Range in Odisha's Kalahandi district.

The raids were conducted in connection with the alleged misuse and diversion of government funds meant for afforestation. compensatory Investigations revealed that approximately Rs.2.5 crore from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) during 2023-24 was transferred to mule accounts.

According to ED sources, the raids were carried out on Friday based on an Operational Analysis Report related to Money Mule Accounts, which was received from the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

Preliminary investigations indicated that certain forest department officials were involved in using multiple mule accounts

misappropriate funds allocated for various government schemes.

The probe further revealed that officials, including forest guards and rangers, were involved in opening 121 mule accounts under different names. These accounts received funds via NEFT transfers from the range office, followed by immediate withdrawals through ATMs. Notably, many of these accounts were linked to the same mobile numbers.

ED sources suspect that the total diversion of Forest Department funds exceeds ?2.5 crore. The funds were transferred from the Jaipatna Range Office to mule bank accounts via National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) and were immediately withdrawn using ATMs.

During the search operations, ED seized various ATM cards linked to mule accounts, mobile phones, withdrawal slips, digital devices, incriminating documents, and an illegal suspected tiger skin.

Further investigation is underway.

Etawah (UP), March 1 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party's (SP) national chief general secretary Prof Ram Gopal Yadav on Saturday said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is engaged in fooling the people of the country.

While talking to journalists on the occasion of the inauguration of a private hospital in his home district Etawah, Ram Gopal said that the people of the BJP government have neither any policy nor any development agenda. "The BJP has nothing to do except fooling the people of the country. Inflation is at its peak in the country, apart from this unemployment is increasing continuously," he said.

He said that the law and order of the country and the state has collapsed, the BJP is stating foolish things to divert the attention of the people of the country.

On Samajwadi leader IP Singh's statement regarding the resignation of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the SP general secretary said that we do not want to comment on the words of such fools. He said that whatever has before the come countrymen regarding the government-sponsored

Maha Kumbh is raising many questions in itself.

He said that there is no need to tell how the government hid whatever happened in Kumbh Mela. "The public knows and understands this very well. The government itself has come under fire for the event because the religious questioned

sitting in the government have already started claiming that the BJP government will be formed in UP once again in 2027 but they do not know what the picture of the elections will be by the time the polls are held.He said that the deeds of the government are enough to bring the Samajwadi government to power in UP in 2027, so the socialists should start from now itself in reaching out the flaws of the BJP to the people and prove helpful in forming the SP government in 2027.

been causing severe environmental degradation and revenue loss to the state exchequer.

In light of this, the Director of Geology and Mining, J&K, has been directed to submit a comprehensive report addressing complaints related to illegal mining and the issuance of disposal permits, allowing authorities to initiate further scrutiny and take necessary corrective measures. The officials have been instructed to ensure strict compliance with mining regulations to prevent any further unlawful extraction of mineral resources, he added.

Surinder Choudhary, while addressing the matter, underscored the government's firm stance against illegal mining, stating that the administration would not tolerate any misconduct or negligence in the execution of duties.

He affirmed that illegal mining not only endangers the environment but also deprives the government of rightful revenue, impacting developmental initiatives.Stressing the need for stringent enforcement mechanisms, the Deputy Chief Minister assured that those found complicit in unauthorized mining activities,

introduce advanced monitoring technologies, including satellite surveillance and digital tracking to curb unlawful mining operations, he said.

The action against the Joint Director of Geology and Mining serves as a strong message that the government will not hesitate to take stringent action against any official found to be negligent or complicit in illegal activities, said the spokesman.

The government has urged all stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, regulatory bodies and local communities to work in unison to eliminate illegal mining, he added.

The spokesman said that with a clear emphasis on accountability and legal enforcement, this move signals a renewed effort to protect Jammu and Kashmir's natural wealth while fostering responsible economic growth. The citizens are encouraged to report any instances of illegal mining through designated helplines and online grievance portals, reinforcing the administration's objective of public participation in governance and environmental conservation.

## **Congress activists gherao CM's residence** to protest rising atrocities against Women

Bhubaneswar, Mar 1 (UNI) : Activists from various frontal wings of the Odisha Congress staged a protest demonstration outside Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi's official residence on Saturday, condemning the rising atrocities against women in the state. Led by newly elected

party President Bhakta Charan Das, members of the District Congress, Mahila Congress, Youth Congress, as many as 54 rape cases

and Chhatra Congress marched from the party office to the Chief Minister's residence, carrying placards and posters.When Congress members attempted to breach the police barricade to reach the CM's house, security forces intervened, preventing the agitators from advancing and forcefully detaining some Congress leaders in a police van.Das alleged that

had been reported in Odisha during the past eight months of BJP rule, exposing the failure of the so-called "double-engine government" to curb crimes against women.

He further stated that gang rape cases had been reported from various districts, and three minor girls giving birth to babies in government-run schools indicated a complete breakdown of law and order in the state.

#### leaders themselves have the government's intentions," he said.Ram Gopal said that the government is busy taking credit for the Maha Kumbh Mela but everyone is well aware of the reality.

"Whenever it will be reviewed, the government's deeds will come out in the open," he said. He said that the people

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## **505 students graduate from ISB Hyderabad campus**

#### (Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Feb Mar 1: A total of 505 students of programmes various graduated from the Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad campus on Saturday.

Mahesh Kolli, Founder and Group President, of Greenko Group, who was the chief guest at the event, urged the graduates to embrace the transformative opportunities that lay ahead of them.

He emphasised the importance of cultivating strong beliefs, identifying megatrends, and fostering sustainable partnerships as

## 23 public servants arrested by ACB

Hyderabad, Mar 1 (UNI) : The Anti corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday said that it has trapped/ arrested 23 public servants, including two outsourcing employees, in 17 cases registered during the month of February in Telangana.

They were remanded to Judicial Custody.Of the total cases during last month, 15 are trap cases and two cases of Disproportionate assets, ACB said in a release here.

The Bureau got conviction in one trap case.

G M Sudarshan, Panchayat Secretary of Kotagiri Village in Nizamabad District, who had been trapped in 2014 was convicted recently.

Around Rs 7.60 lakhs amount was seized in trap cases of BC Welfare, Energy, Home, Forest, Agriculture and Cooperation, Eduction, Social Welfare, Panchayat and Rural Raj Development, Revenue, MA and UD and Transport, R and B departments. In two disproportionate assets cases, ets worth about Rs 4.13 crore have been unearthed.

essential pillars for but also to create impactful careers and entrepreneurial success. Kolli underscored that

sustainability is not merely environmental an necessity, but a powerful economic opportunity, capable of driving growth through innovation.

Congratulating the graduating classes on their remarkable achievement of completing rigorous programmes, ISB Dean Prof. Madan Pillutla,

urged graduates to reflect on the knowledge and skills gained at ISB and use them not only for professional success, meaningful impact in their industries and

communities. He also emphasised the need to be lifelong learners to stay relevant and achieve great success. He reaffirmed ISB's pride in their accomplishments. pledging the school's

continued support as they move forward in their journeys.

ISB celebrated academic and leadership achievements, wherein Scholar of Excellence awards were presented to outstanding students from each programme.

addressing on the occasion,

shared insights into the

current political landscape,

discussing challenges and

AIMIM's strategic vision

and its commitment to

addressing the aspirations

attended by prominent

leaders, including MLAs,

MLCs, corporators, and

out a bike rally organized

from various parts of the old

city to the party

headquarter in the city,

symbolizing solidarity and

enthusiasm among party

with a renewed pledge to

uphold the principles of

justice, equality, and

representation, which have

been the cornerstone of

AIMIM's philosophy since

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## **AIMIM celebrates 67th Foundation** day in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Mar 1 (UNI) : All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) has celebrated its 67th Youm-e-Tasees (Foundation Day) with a grand public meeting at the party headquarters in

Darussalam, here on Saturday. Delivering a special address after hoisting the party flag, symbolizing the party's enduring legacy and unity, AIMIM President and Hyderabad Lok Sabha MP Asaduddin Owaisi highlighted the present political scenario of the country reflecting on the party's journey and its future aspirations and commitment to the welfare

marginalized of communities.

Owaisi reiterated the party's dedication to advocating for justice and equality, particularly for marginalized communities, underscoring AIMIM's role in the nation's sociopolitical landscape.

No fuel for vehicles older than 15 years in Delhi after Mar 31: Minister

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New Delhi, Mar 1 (UNI) : To control pollution in the National Capital, the Delhi government took a big decision on Saturday that vehicles older than 15 years will not get fuel.

The announcement was made by Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, after a meeting with senior officials of the the government.He said the government's initial focus will be on heavy vehicles entering Delhi and teams will check whether the laiddown rules are being followed.Announcing several other anti-pollution measures, Sirsa said that the newly formed BJP government is taking stringent steps to curb vehicular emissions and pollution. Restrictions on older vehicles, mandatory anti-smog measures, and the transition to electric public transport were among the issues discussed. The Minister said, "We don't have information about vehicles coming from outside but we have decided to stop giving fuel to vehicles older than 15 years after March 31, 2025. A team will be set up to identify such vehicles". "We are going to make

it mandatory for all big hotels, office complexes, airports, commercial complexes and construction sites in Delhi to immediately install antismog guns to control pollution" he told reporters.

Sirsa also announced that nearly 90 per cent of the public CNG buses in Delhi will be phased out and replaced by electric buses by December 2025.He said that the BJP government will get permission from the Centre to implement cloud seeding and induce artificial rain whenever air

## Industry needs to march along with changing times to meet challenges: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad, Mar 1 (UNI) :IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu on Saturday said digital innovation is moving at a rapid pace and the industry needs to march along with the changing times to meet challenges.

Inaugurating the GROWTH X 2025 Summit organized by the ICT Committee of the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry(FTCCI) with the theme "Go Digital Grow Business", Sridhar Babu said We need to transform our industries with a special focus on how to leverage Technology for GROWTH in the disruptive

era of AI The traditional approaches will not work. At the same time, there are challenges in this journey,

especially for MSMEs and SMEs. The MSMEs and SMEs have manv limitations, shortage of capital, fear of change, and lack of awareness. He said until and unless MSMEs and SMEs harness new technologies, they will lose

out on their competitiveness. They can't sustain in the long run.

The state Government's ambition is to make Telangana a one trillion US \$ economy. We will work with the FTCCI and ICT committee for the common good of the industry and the state, the Minister said.

He said the state is progressing well at the same speed as national growth or even more. The state's software exports growth registered at 17.98 trajectory. It is top of mind

# **Complete land acquisition for** ongoing development projects by Mar 15: UP CM

Lucknow, Mar 1 (UNI): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday directed the officials that the process of land acquisition and distribution of compensation for the ongoing development projects of central and state governments in various districts be completed by

March 15. During a review meeting to assess development projects under the central and state governments, the CM emphasised that adherence to timelines is crucial for development projects of public importance, as they not only enhance the lives of common citizens but also

adherence to quality administration to conduct standards and timely regular reviews of land execution. Yogi directed acquisition and that the construction of a compensation distribution 350-bed hospital by ESIC in for development projects, Greater Noida and a 100-bed ensuring consistent hospital in Gorakhpur communication with should progress within a affected farmers and set time frame. families.

Yogi directed the District Magistrates to conduct a weekly review, while the Commissioner should review progress every 15 days and submit a report to senior officials in the CM's Office, Chief Secretary's Office and the relevant departments.

The Chief Minister said that common citizens aspire for development and should be made aware of its positive outcomes. "They should also be informed in

percent against the national average growth of 8 percent.AI (Artificial Intelligence) is taking control across industries and individuals from all walks of life. If 'we don't harness and integrate AI into our industries, and businesses, we will lose efficiency, growth trajectory, and profitability,'

"Our Chief Minister Mr.

the changing

emerging

The

Revanth Reddy has a very

clear vision to keep pace

technology", he said that

the CM feels very strongly

that all stakeholders of the

state must also keep pace

Government of Telangana

sees AI as the first and

foremost technology to be

embedded in its growth

the Minister said.

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technologies.

of the state leadership. The recently held Global AI summit was a step towards that direction, the Minister added.On the occasion, the Minister unveiled the "Thought Capital Report" brought out by EY, the knowledge partner of GrowthX2025.

Speaking on the occasion, FTCCI President Dr Suresh Kumar Singhal, said MSMEs make a significant contribution to the Indian economy, yet they are hesitant to adapt technology. They must embrace technology to stay competitive. More than 450 participants comprising decision makers/CXOs, FTCCI Members, IT, Policy Makers, Investors, and Startups participated in the summit. An Expo Zone was also organised along with the summit.

## Bangladeshi smuggler killed, BSF jawan injured in Tripura border

Agartala, Mar 1 (UNI): A Bangladeshi smuggler was killed, and a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan sustained serious injuries in a violent clash along the India-Bangladesh border in Tripura's Sepahijala on Friday night, an official said.

BSF claimed the on duty jawans had to open fire when the smugglers pelted stones targeting them during an attempt to smuggle sugar to Bangladesh in the darkness.

The deceased identified as Alamin, resident of Putia village of Comilla district in Bangladesh. His bullet riddled body was recovered inside border. He was taken to Bishalgarh sub-divisional hospital, where the attending medical officer declared him dead.

Party floor Leader are also held in various Akbaruddin owaisi, while district units in the state.

pollution levels spike in the National Capital.

# Pre-judging event held on eve of 58th **Statesman Vintage & Classic Rally on Sunday**

New Delhi, Mar 1 (UNI) : A day before classic cars from bygone era take over the streets of Delhi as part of the 58th Statesman Vintage and Classic Rally, a pre-judging event took place on Saturday in the capital's Modern School at Barakhamba Road.

Over 100 vintage and classic cars have been meticulously assessed over the past two days, celebrating the rich heritage and craftsmanship of automotive history.

The grand rally will kick off on Sunday (March 2) from Statesman House, Connaught Place. Undertaking a 44-kilometre journey and driving past some of the city's key landmarks along the route, rare gem," Thakore challenge to keep the

the participants in the rally will reach the National Stadium where the rally will conclude. A prize distribution ceremony will be held at the destination.

Among this year's most striking entry in the rally is Daman Thakore's 1950 MG convertible, YT affectionately known as

"Lal Pari" within his family. Thakore, a businessman

from Gujarat, recounted his incredible 73-day journey from Ahmedabad to London in 2023. Covering 12,000 kilometres across 12 countries-including Croatia, Italy, and Turkeyhis car even made a historic

visit to Abingdon, Oxfordshire, the birthplace of MG cars."This car is a

remarked."Only 900 were manufactured, and today, only around 150-200 remain globally," he added.

Another entry adding to the rally's grandeur this time is Gurpreet Singh's 1928 Rolls Royce Phantom 1 Open Tourer, originally owned by the Maharaja of Bhavnagar.

"This is more than just a car; it's a piece of India's rich automotive heritage," he said, expressing his satisfaction at preserving car's original the registration with the Gujarat Commissionerate of Transport.

While many people remain enthusiastic about vintage automobiles, it is increasingly becoming a

classic car legacy rolling. Judge Gyan Sharma stressed the need for governmental support to sustain the vintage car culture.

"With increasing driving restrictions and rising maintenance costs, fewer young enthusiasts are joining the movement. It was once a thriving hobby, but now only a dedicated few continue to pursue it. The Statesman deserves credit for keeping this tradition alive," he noted.Discussing the evaluation process, judge Pramod Bhasin elaborated that vehicles were assessed based on originality, upkeep, paint quality, upholstery, and

authenticity of parts.

## Delhi court allows withdrawal of sedition case against JNU student leader Shehla Rashid

New Delhi, Mar 1 (UNI): A court here has allowed the withdrawal of a sedition case filed against former Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student leader Shehla Rashid.

It is alleged that in August 2019, Rashid in his tweets had alleged misconduct by the Indian Army in Jammu and Kashmir. It is alleged that Rashid in his tweets had claimed that the Indian Army violated the human rights of locals by entering houses at night and torturing residents of Kashmir.Advocate Alakh Alok Srivastava made a complaint against Rashid and subsequently an FIR (first

information report) was registered against him under Section 153A of the Indian Penal Code.Assistant Public Prosecutor moved an application under section 321 of Criminal Procedur.Code (CrPC) before court for granting permission to withdrawal of the case against Rashid by submitting that the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi had revoked the sanction to prosecute Rashid.Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Anuj Kumar Singh, after hearing the application on behalf of Prosecution, allowed the prayer of the Assistant Public Prosecutor for withdrawal of the sedition case against Rashid.

contribute to employment generation.

He said that project delays often necessitate cost revisions, which adversely impact revenue. He directed the district

**BJP slams Omar Abdullah for** 'peace is not organic' remark

Srinagar, Mar 1 (UNI) : Senior BJP leader Altaf Thakur on Saturday launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his remarks that "peace is not organic" in Kashmir

and said that he lacks sufficient powers to govern effectively. Thakur, who is also

party's Jammu and Kashmir spokesperson, dismissed Omar's claims, asserting that the BJP-led central government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has made peace a "permanent feature" in Kashmir since the abrogation of Article

370 in 2019. He said people are reaping the dividends of

stability, and the region has witnessed unprecedented development over the past five years.

"Had there been no peace, Kashmir would not have seen the massive development that has taken place post-2019. The fact is that Kashmir

has never been this peaceful in the past seven decades," Thakur said in a statement.

Two days ago, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah while addressing a event in New Delhi had described the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir as "not normal," stating that "normalcy has been forced in Kashmir, it's not organic."

He cited the authorities' decision to disallow the funeral of Hurrivat leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq's father-inlaw at Srinagar's Jamia Masjid as evidence of the abnormality.

"If everything is normal, why wasn't the funeral allowed today?"the CM questioned

Taking a dig at Omar, the Senior BJP leader Thakur questioned why the CM contested elections if he believed he would have limited powers.

"Was he not aware of the governance structure before the polls? The

timely completion.The Chief Minister reiterated advance about the circle that development and rate for compensation," he employment generation said.He emphasised that remain top priorities, urging nodal officers must be deployed for all initiated officials to work with a zero pendency approach. projects, ensuring strict

The CM said, "Any

arising challenges should

be promptly resolved. The

Greater Noida hospital is

expected to generate

around 1,000 direct and

2,000 to 3,000 indirect jobs."

officials to identify those

obstructing development

projects and take strict

action against them. He

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National Conference

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positive changes in J&K,

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and no amount of political

transformed the region,

blame game can deny

that," the Senior BJP

Thakur also

highlighted that unlike in

separatist activities and

terror incidents disrupted

daily life, today's Kashmir

is witnessing record-

infrastructure growth,

and improved law and

order. He challenged

governance instead of

breaking tourism,

Omar to focus on

playing victim.

leader added.

the past, when

Yogi directed the

With all formalities, and hoisting a flag meeting, BSF is scheduled to hand over the body to the deceased's family on Saturday, police said.

According to police, a reality is that he is failing group of Bangladeshi smugglers attacked BSF to deliver on the ground patrol party at Sonamura and is now looking for an escape route," Thakur border, which left a jawan injured when BSF tried to He further accused the prevented the smuggling

attempt. At around 7.30 pm, BSF jawans posted at Putia village noticed a smuggling attempt by a group of 20 to 25 Bangladeshi smugglers and they intruded into the Indian side. When alerted by a BSF patrol party, they attacked the party, in which one BSF jawan got seriously injured.

Subsequently, again the party was attacked and miscreants tried to snatch BSF personnel's weapons and in order to protect his own life, a BSF jawan fired one round of PAG (non lethal) for self defense, resulting the death of Alamin.Allegedly, after the incident, all Bangladeshi miscreants escaped to their country in presence of Border Guard of Bangladesh (BGB). The incident sparked tension along the border and BSF made extra deployment to maintain peace.

# **Celebrate Strength, Resilience and Brilliance**

# Where's Kejriwal as Atishi struggles on Delhi roads

**STANDARD POST** 

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 Parvesh 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.

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

(Standard Post Bureau)

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.

Shah

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 make 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 Dhyan Ashram



(Standard Post Bureau) references to the cow

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

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 highlevel 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



Smt. Priyadarshini Gaddam joins **NMDC Board as** 

Our coming generations have a strong western bias and firmly believe that the vedic culture is mubojumbo and there is no science behind the worships 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

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

mankind

manifold. across cultures - the Various cultures egyptians worshipped her describe the immense as hathor, the goddess of benefits of preserving and fertility, those from this side serving this animal. It is of the indus called her the said that if you regularly kamdhenu and nandi, feed cows and they lick greeks knew her as lo and your head then your hidden the nordics as audhumbla, mental abilities fructify -this the primeval cow who was true for the great saint licked ice and brought kabir, his poetic abilities into manifested only once he existence...What is it about was licked by a cow on his the cow that caused it to be head. Massaging the cows revered across cultures and 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 selling leader of the Indian EV market with over 2 Lakh creating the category. 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 an unwavering focus on

solidified the company's innovation, infrastructure, and market development, leadership as the highest TATA.ev is shaping the 4-wheeler future of mobility and manufacturer in the EV space, since effectively contributing to India global EV aspirations, one milestone after the next. As With over 8,000 EV a part of this 45 day bumper users surpassing 1 lakh celebration, TATA.ev has KM, TATA.ev's product portfolio proves its strong unveiled a range of benefits for both new and existing value proposition for the customers looking to discerning customer. In purchase their favorite Tata addition to this, TATA.ev is actively investing in EV. These include an developing the ecosystem exchange bonus, lifetime that makes EV technology battery warranty, and 100% more accessible to a mass on-road finance options. In an effort to enhance audience. It recently announced efforts to charging convenience, the double India's public company is extending the charging infrastructure by free charging benefit of 6 installing over 400,000 months at any Tata Power charging points by 2027. By charging station, and is now consistently pushing providing free installation of a boundaries and maintaining 7.2 kWAC Fast home Charger

with the purchase of an EV.

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.

## 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.

#### Sunday, March 2, 2025

### 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 threestage 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.

# **Zelenskyy says his ire with Trump** began after negative comments

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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.

Vance accused Zelenskyy "The reaction is that, of being "disrespectful," where is our friendship the Ukrainian leader said between Ukraine and "no.""I respect the United States?" president, and I respect the American people," he said.

Zelenskyy said it was important that Ukraine, the

something bad." US and Europe maintain their great partnership in Zelenskyy noted again the face of Russian that security guarantees, President Vladimir Putin's which caused the blowup aggression.

not an issue he can But when asked if he feels he should apologize disregard because the threat of another Russian for the heated discussions invasion is too great. that erupted in the Oval Zelenskyy also Office, which began after

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.

## **European leaders** defend Zelensky after fiery White House meeting

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

Zelensky and his country.

the bravery of the

Ukrainian people. Be

strong, be brave, be

fearless. You are never

Parliament President

Roberta Metsola said on

social media platform X,

adding, "We will continue

working with you for a just

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."

help Ukraine and sanction

Russia three years ago, and

to continue to do so,"

Emmanuel Macron said,

calling for respect for those

who have been fighting

Donald Tusk said: "Dear

Ukrainian friends, you are

Natasa 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

Polish Prime Minister

Slovenian President

since the beginning.

French

not alone."

diplomacy."

"We were all right to

President

"Nobody wants peace

and lasting peace."

European

alone,"

"Your dignity honors

Charter, fairness and above all ... decency." Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala said: "We stand

Ukraine. With respect for

international law, UN

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 Nauseda, Moldovan President Maia Sandu, Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

Zelensky 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 Zelensky were scheduled to sign the U.S.-Ukraine minerals deal was canceled, "We stand firmly in following the stunning

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

"I'm not sure that we did

London, March 1 (UNI) Ukrainian president told the : UK Prime Minister Keir UK Prime Minister he was embraced happy his country had Ukrainian President "such friends", in the wake Volodymyr Zelensky on of the disastrous White Saturday and told him he House meeting with US has "full backing across the President Donald Trump. United Kingdom" as the The two leaders two met in Downing Street, embraced outside No 10

a day after the blowout at the White House with US President Donald Trump.

Starmer

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

"And as you heard from defence - while Zelensky the cheers on the street will meet King Charles III at outside, you have full the request of the UK backing across the United government. Those Kingdom," Starmer told meetings are set to be Zelenskyy. "We stand with you, with Ukraine, for as long as it may take."The

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 before heading inside to European defence, after discuss efforts to bring the having a cordial meeting Russia-Ukraine war to an with Trump a day before end.Starmer will host a Zelensky'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

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

> In a statement, he said us to have President Trump's support. He wants

Oval Office spat.

Following the

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

> to end the war, but no one wants peace more than we do."We are the ones living

in the Oval Office Friday, are

"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 growthoriented structural reforms, including strengthening governance, the IMF said.

## 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.

overshadowed by events in Washington and concerns about a hardening of to withdraw following the

summit of European leaders

on Sunday on the matter -

as well as wider European

Ukrainian

world gasping.

efforts to convince Trump

to continue supporting

Scottish National Party MPs have called on the PM

this war in Ukraine. It's a fight for our freedom, for our very survival."

support of Ukraine's sovereignty," continued. "It is time for ended with Zelensky Europe to take the lead on

clash between the two she inside the Oval Office which leaving the meeting.

## **European leaders set SL Navy drives infrastructure** to meet in London devt for annual Kachchativu fete

London/Washington, Ukraine. The spat in the March 1 (UNI) : European Oval Office in front of the media has called into leaders are set to meet on Sunday for an emergency question whether that support will continue, and summit on Ukraine, amid the fallout from the bust-up if the United States will between US President proceed with a dramatic Donald Trump and rapprochement with Russia's Vladimir Putin. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at Most European countries the Oval Office.France's came out in support of President Emmanuel Ukraine, breaking with Macron, Poland's PM Washington as differences in the trans-Atlantic Donald Tusk, German alliance built over the past Chancellor Olaf Scholz, UK 80 years burst into public PM Keir Starmer and EU view."Today it became clear chief Ursula von der Leyen that the free world needs a new immediately threw their support behind the leader. It's up to us, Europeans, to take this challenge," Ukrainian president after European Union foreign the White House shocker. They are meeting on minister Kaja Kallas said, NBC

Sunday, March 2, in News reported. Friday's meeting at the London for a summit on Ukraine organized by White House was meant to Starmer. Meanwhile, jump-start talks on a deal Zelenskyy is meeting with over Ukraine's critical British Prime Minister Keir minerals, but degenerated confrontation. Starmer Saturday, a day into Zelenskyy's "dignity honors after the tense verbal exchange between the US the bravery of the Ukrainian people," President, his Vice President JD Vance and Commission President Ursula Zelenskyy, which left the von der Leyen posted on X. "Be strong, be brave, be Britain's Starmer and fearless. You are never alone, dear President President Emmanuel Zelenskyy. We will Macron of France have led

European

continue working with you

for a just and lasting peace."

Colombo, Mar 1 (UNI): infrastructure 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 development

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.

## **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.

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The device landed inside the premises, causing injuries to the cops, and 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**

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# 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.

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 is 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

The most important task

just need to home in on 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,'

Recruitment as a

areer

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

#### 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 choices and are not led by others alone. Highlight team activities you have undertaken - it shows your ability to collaborate.

- Elaborate on situations that make you feel proud - it shows confidence and self-motivation.

- Discuss instances when you have helped others - it is a sign of empathy. Finally, in a positive way, share instances of personal challenges that brought you where you are today - it exhibits strength of character. - Speak about your career vision. When

fits in the grand picture of

your career, the interviewer is most

likely to choose you because it

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

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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.

exploring. If that is the case, go for

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.



creates certainty.

Looking for a career post 40? Maybe you can turn to recruitment.

# option after 40

#### Being authoritative is

"Knowledge is power" ~ Francis your peers, supervisors or direct 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.

within the organization (such as 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.

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 mentor ing the careers f 0 people w h o

#### 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.

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 comina across as too

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.

bossy.

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

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



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 vour 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

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.

In conclusion, it pays to remember that power is

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.

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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 peopletalent 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

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 а 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

Mulheim an der Ruhr

(Germany), Mar 1 (UNI) :

India's Dhruv Kapila and

German Open 2025

Friday.

Dubai, Mar 1 (UNI): The Kohli's masterclass against Pakistan ensured the archrival'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 Bangladesh before Virat 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 matchwinning 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 25year-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.

seeded Toma Junior Popov.

## Markram leaves field due to hamstring

discomfort

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)

Heinrich 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 tabletoppers of Group B, while England bowed out of the tournament with their third defeat, capping off a disappointing campaign.

composed 72\*

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 Rassie van der Dussen's bat first, England's innings and never gained momentum as Klaasen's 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.

## **Budding stars train with** professionals at tennis clinic

Bengaluru, Mar 1 (UNI) allowing the young athletes Director Sunil Yajaman : More than 60 budding to engage with experienced emphasised tennis players in Bengaluru professionals. Participants significance of such 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 medallists 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.

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

Kapila and Crasto made a blistering start, surging to badminton tournament after defeating the People's an 11-2 lead in the opening Republic of China's Gao Jia game. Although Gao and Xuan and Wu Meng Ying Wu staged a brief in straight games at the comeback to reduce the Westenergie Sporthalle on deficit to 13-10, the Indian pair swiftly reasserted their

Paris 2024 Olympian dominance to close out the Tanisha Crasto and her 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.

**Dhruv-Tanisha storm into German Open SFs** 

Meanwhile, in men's singles, India's Tharun Mannepalli, 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-

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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

**DCW** secure playoff spot with win against **RCBW** 

Bengaluru, Mar 1 (UNI) Delhi Capitals Women

singles section. Ramraj went down 12-21, 12-21 against fourth-seeded Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark, while Mir retired against Nguy?n 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.

# Karun Nair century puts Vidarbha on brink of Ranji Trophy glory

Nagpur, Mar 1 (UNI): Kerala was bowled out for Shorey (5) - cheaply with discipline, struggled to find Karun Nair's stellar century 342 in first innings after just 7 runs on the board. breakthroughs on a pitch



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

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

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.

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 wellsupported 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 Perrv.

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.

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,

favourable both openers - Parth

Vidarbha made 379 in its first However, a crucial lapse in innings.Vidarbha weathered an early setback but soon found stability through the resolute partnership between Nair and Danish Malewar. The well-compiled century. duo stitched a vital 182-run stand for the third wicket, frustrating Kerala's bowlers on a pitch that remained for batting.Earlier in the day, Kerala had sniffed an opportunity after dismissing

offering little assistance.

the field saw Akshay With only one day left Chandran drop Nair when in India's domestic season, he was on 31. The missed Vidarbha hold the upper hand, needing to bat out a opportunity proved costly as the experienced batsman portion of the final day to capitalised on it to reach his all but seal the prestigious Ranji Trophy title. Kerala, 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 this high-stakes encounter.

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

## Rekhade (1) and Dhruv Top seed Chandrasekar-Ho clinch **Bengaluru Open doubles title**

Bengaluru, March 1 Open is an ATP Challenger (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

The Indo-Taiwanese

duo put on a dominant

display to claim their sixth

ATP Challenger title,

further cementing India's

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

(KSLTA), the Bengaluru

Association

Saturday.

Tennis

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, strong doubles tradition at 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.

In the singles category, seventh-seeded Japanese player Shintaro Mochizuki booked his place in the final with a hard-fought 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 win over Australia's James McCabe. The 2019 Wimbledon boys' singles champion dominated the first set, breaking McCabe

thrice, before the Australian

responded with key breaks in the second set to level proceedings.

Mochizuki regained control in the decider, breaking in the opening game. Though McCabe fought back in the sixth, the Japanese star struck again to seal victory in two hours and 23 minutes.

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# **Tanisha-Dhruv exit in semifinals**

India's German Open run ends as

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 26thranked 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.

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

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 1 Ashwini Vaishnaw, 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 Vaishnaw on reaching Ahmedabad station, conducted inspection of the station. He also reviewed the progress of the ongoing station redevelopment work. Thereafter, Mr Vaishnaw 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 and requirements 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 Vaishnaw informed that since 2014, more than 1000 Rail Over Bridges & Rail Under Bridges have been constructed in Gujarat. Also, 3,144 km has been

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 Vaishnaw interacted with the workers and applauded them for their contribution to nation building and he also took selfies with them. Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw,

Hon'ble MR visited Locomotive Rolling Stock Workshop located at Dahod. MR conducted inspection of the Factory, including the Simulator at electrified since 2014. The the Workshop and

prototype Loco is ready and the trials are underway. advanced including

The Locomotive is Make in India and is equipped with features KAVACH technology. Soon, the Locos 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 Vaishnaw was accompanied by Hon'ble MPs, MLAs, public representatives from the respective constituencies. Senior officials of Western Railway, NHSRCL, etc. were also present on the occasion.

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

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#### 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 produce60slabs 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 nearly46000J-slabs.

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

Stacking Capacity:

## **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)

Sub-Division, a team of Ganeshpuri Kalyan/Vasai/Palghar, Junior Engineers Abhishek registered a case and March 1 : An incident of Belsare of Ambadi Branch arrested the accused. 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 Dinesh Hoge's house due to arrears and the meter was removed, and the theft of electricity was found. When the team was going elsewhere after completing the formalities, the accused abused the team and obstructed their work. The mobile phone of Janamitra Mahesh Rajput of the team

police

work of KAVACH is also progressing at a rapid pace. The work of Dedicated Fright 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

inspected the newly developed prototype of 9000 HPWAG Locomotive. MR inspected all aspects of this Locomotive which is one of the most powerful locomotives (9000 HP) being manufactured in Dahod workshop. Mr Vaishnaw while addressing the media representatives mentioned that the

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.

# **Central Railway's Mumbai Division** ensures safe and comfortable travel

Ulhasnagar, Vangani and

(Automatic Ticket Vending

Machines) have been

installed on 86 stations of

Process

procurement of 226 more

ATVMs has already been

enabling passengers to be

free of long queues at ticket

Facilities to Divyangjan:

ATVMs provide fast

Mumbai Division.

initiated.

ticketing

windows.

**Passenger Ticketing:** 

575 new ATVMs

for

solutions

Neral stations



#### **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 no1 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, Divyagjans, 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



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 Divyagjan passengers especially the visually challenged to locate the place earmarked for Divyagjan.

Central Railway has always been at the forefront towards providing safe, efficient, affordable and customerfocussed 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.

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 Avinash Katakwar of Wada

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. "---

#### Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet **Train Project**

Engineer

was snatched from his hand

and he was beaten up.

Based on the complaint

filed by Deputy Executive

regarding this incident, the

Katakwar

(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 27<sup>th</sup>Feb 2025) Viaduct construction is

in full swing Viaduct construction:

272 km Pier works: 372 km Pier Foundation: 386 km Girder Casting: 305km 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) five PSC bridges have been completed

Noise barriers have been installed over 130 km Progress of 112km 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

Sevenmountain tunnels are under construction in Palghar district, Maharashtra through NATM

Structural work is Six steel bridges and completed forsix 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