

IN BRIEF

Two teens on motorcycle die in road accident

Sangli, Mar 3 (UNI) Two teenagers were killed after a speeding truck collided head-on with their motorcycle near Jat tehsil town on Sangola highway in the district on Monday morning.

The duo was on way to Shegaon near Jat (about four km from Jat) on a motorcycle, when a truck coming at speed from opposite direction collided head-on with their motorbike, police said. The impact of collision was so severe that pillion rider was killed on the spot while the motorbike rider was seriously injured. He was rushed to Jat rural hospital but was declared brought dead.

The deceased were identified as Devdatta Dilip Shinde (20) and Yashraj Nana Shinde (15), both of Shegaon in Jat tehsil of the district.

After the incident, the driver of the truck fled from the spot. Jat police are carrying out further investigation, sources added.

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan to embark on official visit to Australia

New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI) Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan will embark on a four-day official visit to Australia, reflecting the deepening ties between both the countries in the realm of defence cooperation.

During his visit from 4-7 March, he will engage in wide-ranging discussions with senior officials from the Australian Department of Defence and military leadership of the Australian Defence Force, including Australia's Chief of Defence Force General Admiral David Johnston, their Secretary of Defence Greg Moriarty, and the Chiefs of the three services, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The CDS will visit the Force Command Headquarters to gain insights into Australia's operational command structure and discuss potential avenues for joint operations. General Chauhan will also interact with the Australian Fleet Commander and the Joint Operations Commander. In furtherance of India's commitment to professional military training and education, the CDS is set to visit the prestigious Australian Defence College, where he will address senior officers on strategic challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.



In this image by @CMOMaharashtra via X, Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan addresses a joint session on the first day of the state Assembly's Budget session, in Mumbai.

Governor focuses on Maharashtra-Karnataka border row, investments and welfare schemes in his address

Mumbai, Mar 3 (UNI) The budget session of the Maharashtra Legislature commenced here on Monday, with Governor C P Radhakrishnan in his address to the joint session of both houses focusing on key issues, including the Maharashtra-

Karnataka border dispute, investments and welfare schemes.

In his address, the Governor reaffirmed the state government's commitment to resolving the Maharashtra-Karnataka border row, stating that expert

advocates have been appointed to represent Maharashtra in the Supreme Court.

He also emphasised the state's focus on the welfare of Marathi-speaking people in the border areas through various educational and

healthcare schemes.

Highlighting Maharashtra's position as a leading industrial state, the Governor noted that the state contributes over 14 percent of India's total GDP and remains a top destination for foreign direct investment.

Govt tables supplementary demands worth Rs 6,486 cr in Assembly

Mumbai, Mar 3 (UNI) On first day of the budget session of the Maharashtra Assembly on Monday, the state government tabled supplementary demands worth Rs 6,486 crore.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who also holds the Finance portfolio, will present the budget on March 10.

Today, Minister Pawar presented the supplementary demands in the lower house, which are additional funds sought by the government over the budgetary allocation.

Of the demands worth Rs 6,486 crore, Rs 2,133.25 crore were for schemes sponsored by the Centre.

The supplementary demands include Rs 3,006.28 crore for the Rural Development department, Rs 1,688.74 crore for the Industry, Power and Labour departments and Rs 590.28 crore for the Urban Development department.

The state government has sought Rs 313.93 crore for the Cooperative, Marketing and Textile departments and Rs 412.36 crore for the Higher & Technical Education department.

Ex Sebi Chairperson, 5 others move Bombay HC against special court order directing FIR

Mumbai, Mar 3 (UNI) A day after the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Mumbai asked the ACB to file an FIR against former Chairperson of SEBI and five others to investigate into alleged irregularities pertaining to listing of a company, Ms Madhabi Puri Buch and others moved the Bombay High Court, seeking to quash the order against them for alleged stock market fraud.

In her petition, former SEBI Chairperson Ms Buch challenged the special court

order passed on a complaint made by a journalist alleging that SEBI officials had allowed the listing to proceed without adhering to the SEBI Act, 1992, as well as key regulatory frameworks such as the SEBI (ICDR) Regulations, 2018, and the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

The complainant has accused the officials of facilitating market manipulation, insider trading, and artificial inflation of share prices, leading to significant

investor losses. The petition was mentioned before Justice S.G. Dige this morning seeking urgent hearing which he agreed to it and listed the matter for hearing on Tuesday.

The SEBI also had said that the applicant is known to be a frivolous and habitual litigant and thus would initiate legal steps to challenge this order.

The application in ACB sought directions for the Police to register an FIR and investigate into the alleged

irregularities in granting listing permission to a Company on the Bombay Stock Exchange in 1994, without complying with the provisions of the SEBI Act, 1992, SEBI (ICDR) Regulations, 2018, and the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

Even though these officials were not holding their respective positions at the relevant point of time, the court allowed the application without issuing any notice or granting any opportunity to SEBI to place

the facts on record, the SEBI statement said, adding that it would be initiating appropriate legal steps to challenge this order and remains committed to ensuring due regulatory compliance in all matters.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta appeared through Video Conferencing on behalf of the SEBI officials implicated in the matter, while Senior Advocate Amit Desai appeared for the two Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) officials named in the case.

Haryana police arrest suspect, claim victim strangulated

Chandigarh, Mar 3 (UNI) The Haryana police have arrested a suspect in Congress activist Himani Narwal's murder, an officer said on Monday, claiming she was strangulated with a mobile charger cable.

Rohtak Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Krishna Kumar Rao told media persons that Sachin - a resident of Jhajjar town - has been arrested. The suspect ran a mobile phone shop. Himani's body was found in a suitcase near Sampla bus stand in Rohtak district on Saturday. Rao said after Himani was identified by her parents, police formed an SIT and within 36 hours Rohtak police "solved the case".

He said the accused Sachin was in touch with Himani since last one and half years and also used to visit her Vijaynagar house.

On February 27, Sachin visited Himani's house in the evening and after an altercation, killed her by strangling her with the help of a mobile charger cable, claimed Rao.

After committing the murder, Sachin fled with Himani's phone, laptop and jewellery. However, he returned later to dispose of her body. He put Himani's body in a suitcase along with a blood-soaked blanket and carried it in a three-wheeler to Sampla bus stand and left the suitcase there. Police said further investigation was on.

State council by-election for five seats slated for March 27

Mumbai, March 3 (IANS) The Election Commission of India on Monday announced time schedule for the by-election to five seats of the Maharashtra Legislative Council. The by-election was necessitated following the election of those five members to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly held in November last year.

The polling will take place on March 27, a day after the conclusion of the ongoing budget session of the state legislature as per the time period finalised by the Business Advisory Committees of the state assembly and the council.

Of the five state council members, who were elected to the lower houses, three belonged to BJP comprising

Praveen Datke, Gopichand Padalkar and Ramesh Karad while Rajesh Vitekar from NCP-SP and Amisha Padvi from Shiv Sena. The state assembly members will participate in the polling for the upcoming by-election slated for March 27.

Padvi's term in the Legislative Council was till July 7, 2028, Rajesh Vitekar's term is till July 27, 2030, Praveen Datke's term is till May 13, 2026, and MLAs Ramesh Karad and Gopichand Padalkar's term is also till May 13, 2026.

As per the ECI's time schedule for the upcoming by election, the notification will be issued on March 10, last date of filing nominations March 17, scrutiny of nominations March 18, last date of

withdrawal of nominations March 20, date of poll March 27 (during 9 am and 4 pm), counting of votes March 27 at 5 pm. The by-election needs to be completed before March 29.

In the 78-member Maharashtra Legislative Council, the ruling Maha Yuti has 32 members and Maha Vikas Aghadi 17 members. The party-wise strength is BJP 19, Shiv Sena 6, NCP 7, Congress 7, Shiv Sena UBT 7, NCP-SP 3 and independents 3. Of the 78 members, currently there are 52 sitting members while 26 seats are vacant as the local and civic body elections have yet to take place. These members will be elected from the members of the elected members of the local and civic bodies.



Rajnath calls upon people to contribute to the welfare of ...

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday called upon the people to contribute whole-heartedly to the welfare of the soldiers and their families, terming it as the national duty of every citizen. Addressing the Armed Forces Flag Day Corporate Social Responsibility (AFFD CSR) Conclave here, he stated that India's soldiers always stand firm, vigilant and ready at the borders in difficult conditions to protect the country from all kinds of threats with courage and promptness, a Defence Ministry statement said.

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Iranian Vice Prez Zarif resigns for 2nd time since appointment



Iranian Vice President Mohammad Javad Zarif resigned Sunday night for the second time since his appointment in August last year. In a post on social media X on Monday, Zarif said he met with Iran's judiciary chief on Sunday and had accepted his recommendation to return to university.

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Australia add Cooper Connolly in squad ahead of India ...



All-rounder Cooper Connolly comes in place of the injured Matthew Short in Australia's ICC Men's Champions Trophy squad, media reports said. Cooper Connolly will replace Short, who suffered an injury during the Afghanistan encounter in the Champions Trophy, and was seen struggling on the field, according to an ICC report.

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Advice to work 90 hours a week impractical: Akhilesh Yadav



Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Monday termed the advice of working 90 hours a week as impractical and said that those who are giving this advice to the youth should introspect and tell why this idea did not come to them when they were young and even if it came to their mind, why did they not do it.

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Belgium to add military attache to its embassy in India, says Defence Minister Francken

New Delhi, March 3 (UNI) Belgium's Defence Minister, Theo Francken, announced on Monday that a military attaché will be added to the Belgian Embassy in India following his meeting with his Indian counterpart, Rajnath Singh, in New Delhi.

This will be the first time that the Belgian Embassy in India has a military attaché. "This region is very important, and China is becoming more aggressive," noted Francken. He emphasised the need for increased cooperation with India in defence matters. "Europe requires more weapons and ammunition, and we will look to India for this," the

Brussels Times quoted him as saying.

Francken said he aims to accelerate the defence budget to reach 2% of the gross domestic product (GDP). "This is absolutely necessary," he stated. "I believe Belgium is finally waking up to geopolitical realities."

Francken envisions a "credible Defence budget by the NATO summit in June, which would enhance our country's credibility and the prestige of our Prime Minister."

On Monday, Francken also paid tribute to Indian soldiers who fought in the First World War, particularly in Flanders.

Accompanied by a few

Indian soldiers, he laid a wreath and observed a minute of silence at the War Memorial. He then visited India Gate, a monument inscribed with the names of over 13,000 soldiers who died in various wars.

Earlier, the Belgium Defence Minister and Princess Astrid of Belgium held talks with Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi today, during which the two sides discussed the possibility of defence engagements in the Indo-Pacific, particularly in the maritime domain. They also discussed ways and means to enhance defence industrial cooperation between the two countries.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 3: The release ceremony of the inspiring book "From Action to Progress" by renowned author Rekha Kore was held with great enthusiasm at Rishivan Resort, Khopoli. Many dignitaries from the social, educational and administrative sectors attended the event.

The release ceremony was presided over by Hon. Shri. Shashikant Birajdar (Hon. Deputy Mayor, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation). The chief guests were Shri. Subhash Sonawane (Retired District Collector), Shri. Amol Nale, Shri. Suhas Kore (Entrepreneur, Publisher), Shri. Ganesh Kisanrao Shete (Deputy Commissioner, Urban



Development, Konkan Division), Shri. Avinash Patne (Retired Assistant Commissioner, GST) and Shri. Amol Nale and other dignitaries were present.

The program was effectively coordinated by

Dr. Bhausaheb Nannaware. The launch ceremony was witnessed by distinguished members of Khopoli branch, invitees, family members and journalists. The book "Kritiuthun Pragati Kade" is based on the ideology of

Mahatma Basaveshwara and provides the necessary inspiration and guidance for a successful journey in life. Author Rekha Kore expressed her feelings about the experience and goal of

writing this book.

At the end of the program, all the dignitaries and guests present appreciated the book and wished the author-publisher all the best for their future journey.

EAM Jaishankar holds talks with Belgium's Princess Astrid, Dy PM and FM Maxime Prevot

New Delhi, March 3 (UNI) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today met Princess Astrid of Belgium, who is leading an economic mission to India, and also held talks with the Belgium Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Maxime Prevot.

In posts on X, the EAM voiced confidence that the visit of the Belgium delegation will foster greater collaborations for

stronger ties between India and Belgium and with the European Union.

Oh his meeting with the Belgium Princess, he posted: "Delighted to meet HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium, leading an economic mission to India."

"Confident that her visit will foster greater collaborations for a stronger India - Belgium and India - EU partnership."

On his bilateral talks

with the Belgium DPM and FM, he wrote that the two sides held comprehensive discussions on advancing the bilateral partnership in trade, investment, clean energy, pharma, semiconductors, digital, and defence.

"A pleasure meeting DPM & FM @prevotmaxime of Belgium this morning in New Delhi."

"Held comprehensive

discussions on advancing our bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, clean energy, pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, digital, mobility and defense. Highlighted new opportunities for 'Make in India, Design in India and Research in India'.

"Also spoke about furthering our EU and multilateral cooperation, as well as global and regional developments."

Rajnath calls upon people to contribute to the welfare of soldiers and their families

New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday called upon the people to contribute whole-heartedly to the welfare of the soldiers and their families, terming it as the national duty of every citizen.

Addressing the Armed Forces Flag Day Corporate Social Responsibility (AFFD CSR) Conclave here, he stated that India's soldiers always stand firm, vigilant and ready at the borders in difficult conditions to protect the country from all kinds of threats with courage and promptness, a Defence Ministry statement said.

"While the Government is committed to strengthening India's security apparatus and ensuring the welfare of its soldiers and their families, it is the nation's collective responsibility to come forward and support them in every way possible," Singh said.

Rajnath asserted that CSR is not about two percent contribution it is a matter of heart-to-heart connection with the brave soldiers and their dependants. "Whatever contribution you make, it will not be ordinary. You should take full care that tomorrow, when your real balance sheet is ready, it has more assets of satisfaction and happiness than liabilities," he told the top corporate heads present on the occasion.

The Minister reiterated his Government's commitment to enhance the participation of the private sector, stating that the goal of Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat can be achieved through the concerted efforts of all stakeholders. He exuded confidence that with the growing private sector participation, India will find a place among the top-three economies of the world by 2027.

Prayagraj Maha Kumbh gives new identity to religious tourism in UP

Prayagraj, Mar 3 (UNI) Maha Kumbh, the biggest cultural, spiritual, and religious congregation in the world in Prayagraj, has paved the way for new possibilities in religious tourism in Uttar Pradesh, official sources said here on Monday.

Sources said that Maha Kumbh is a confluence of faith and a grand cultural spectacle. "Various states showcased their unique traditions and heritage through dedicated pavilions, attracting millions of visitors. Among them, the UP Darshan Mandapam emerged as the most visited pavilion, displaying the diverse cultural and tourism aspects of the state," they said.

Regional Tourism Officer of Prayagraj Aparajita Singh said more than one lakh people visited the Mandapam daily during regular days of the Maha Kumbh, while this number surged beyond two lakhs during major bathing festivals. "Throughout the 45-day event, more than 65 lakh visitors explored the UP Darshan Mandapam, making it the most frequented pavilion of Maha Kumbh," she said.

She said that the significance of Maha Kumbh extends beyond the event itself as it has laid the groundwork for a well-connected religious tourism circuit in UP. "Recognising the immense potential of this sector, the state government has developed five major spiritual corridors that seamlessly link Prayagraj with other prominent

religious sites," she said.

The Prayagraj-Vindhyachal-Kashi Corridor connects Prayagraj to the temples of Vindhyachal Devi Dham and Kashi. At the same time, the Prayagraj-Ayodhya-Gorakhpur Corridor links Prayagraj to the sacred cities of Ayodhya and Gorakhpur. Another key development, the Prayagraj-Lucknow-Naimisharanya Corridor, establishes a direct connection between Prayagraj, the state capital of Lucknow, and the spiritual hub of

Naimisharanya. The Prayagraj-Rajapur-Chitrakoot Corridor extends religious tourism to the legendary site of Chitrakoot, and the Prayagraj-Mathura-Vrindavan-Shukirtha Corridor connects Prayagraj with the Krishna circuit, including Mathura, Vrindavan, and the holy site of Shukirtha.

The Regional Tourism Officer said that these corridors are expected to provide devotees with a structured and convenient experience while boosting local economies through increased tourism activity.

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महाराष्ट्र मुंबई प्रांतिक महानगरपालिका अधिनियम १९४९ चे कलम ४६९ अन्वये जाहिर नोटीस खालील मालमत्तेच्या हस्तांतरण संबंधाने वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती (ई) कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे प्राप्त झालेल्या मालमत्ता धारकांच्या प्रकरणपरत्वे नोटीसीनुसार सदर हस्तांतरण संदर्भाने कोणत्याही हितसंबंधाने हरकत अगर आक्षेप असल्यास ही नोटीस प्रसिध्द झाल्यापासून ७ दिवसांच्या आत हितसंबंधाच्या व हरकतीच्या लेखी पुराव्यासह वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती (ई) कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे लेखी स्वरूपात हरकत नोंदवावी अन्यथा करवसुलीच्या सोयीसाठी सदर हस्तांतरण करून महानगरपालिका दफ्तरी याबाबतची नोंद घेतली जाईल.					
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१.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/३०	६३१९	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	अजयकुमार माडण्डेय यादव / बिनु अजयकुमार यादव
२.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/५५	६३१४	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	राजेश रमेश पाटील / माधुरी राजेश पाटील
३.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/४९	६३१६	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	दिनेश प्रदिप गोवरे / प्रिया दिनेश गोवरे / प्रिया
४.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/६१	६३१८	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	कुणाल कुशल गुरव / सुप्रिया कुणाल गुरव
५.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/५३	६३१७	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	लोचन शांताराम तांबे व नेहा लोचन तांबे
६.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/४९	६३०२	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	ओमप्रकाश सुभाष हाडे / सुभाष हाडे
७.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/३४	६३१२	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	मयुरी विठबो तोरस्कर
८.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/४३	६३११	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	मनाली विजय धामरुम व विजय नथुराम धामरुम
९.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/५७	६३०४	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	बबन रघुनाथ कांबळे
१०.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/४४	६३०६	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	स्वाती राकेश पवार / राकेश रामदास पवार
११.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/५८	६३०८	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	पुष्पलता रामप्रसाद शुक्ल
१२.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/४२	६३१५	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	देवेश पंढरी शिरोडकर
१३.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/५७	६३०५	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	शिवकृपा शिवशंकर माली/ शिवशंकर रामप्यारे माली
१४.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/३६	६३०७	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	आकाश अंकुश राणे/णाली दत्ताराम सखनकर
१५.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/४५	६३१०	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	सदाशिव प्रभाकर सालकर / प्रभाकर सालकर
१६.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/३७	६३०९	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	ममता सचिदानंद कांबळी
१७.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/५२	६३०९	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	द्वारकानाथ रामकेदार यादव/ गौतमी देवी यादव
१८.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/३९	६३१३	साई विद्या कॅन्स्ट्र.	तेज सिंह राठोर / रेखा कबर राठोड
१९.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/२८९/९३	६३३१	सिध्दी कॅन्स्ट्र.	धनजी जिवाभाई बारीया / जयधनजी बारीया
२०.	निळेमोरे-७	NL३०/३९०/६	६३६४	नितीन भास्कर पालकर	आलोक ब्रिज बिहारी भुषन
सही /- (अश्विनी मोरे) सहायक आयुक्त प्रभाग समिती (ई) नालासोपारा वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका					

BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

TREE AUTHORITY

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

In accordance with the provision under section 8 (3) (C) of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection & Preservation of Trees Act 1975 (As modified upto January 2018) **01** proposal from "R/Central' Ward & **02** proposals from "R/South' ward i.e. **Total 03** proposals in **Zone - VII** are received requesting approval of Maharashtra State Tree Authority/BMC's Tree Authority/Municipal Commissioner, Chairman, Tree Authority (BMC) for removal of trees.

The information of the trees for cutting/ Transplanting in above mentioned proposals is available on BMC website → <https://mcgm.gov.in> → About us → Wards /Department → Department manuals → Gardens & Tree Authority → Tree Authority → Advt. 7 Days - W.S. - Z - VII - 65.

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

You can also submit your suggestions / objections in prescribed format on dysg.ta@mcgm.gov.in this email-ID. Your suggestions/Objections in prescribed format received in stipulated time will be noted. Emails or written suggestions / Objections received after the said date will not be entertained. Hearing for objections/ suggestions obtained will be given on **12-03-2025 at 04.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.** at the office of Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer. Those who find it necessary to attend this hearing can remain present with a copy of their e-mail, suggestions/ objections.

Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer
Office of Supdt. of Gardens & Tree Officer,
2nd Floor, Humboldt Penguin Building,
Veeramata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan & Zoo
Sant. Savta Mali Marg,
Byculla (East), Mumbai - 400 027.
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WESTERN RAILWAY- RATLAM

PROVIDING OF S&T ROOMS FOR CENTRAL OPERATION

W/623/51/INIT. Date : 28.02.2025. The Divisional Railway Manager (W/A) Ratlam invites "Open Tender" through e-tender on website www.ireps.gov.in the details are as under- E-tender No. RTM-2024-25-144. Name of Work : Nagda - Bhopal Section - Station of Maksi, Pir Umrod and Berchha station - Providing of S&T rooms, SM office for central operation at Each Station in connection with replacement of over aged indoor and outdoor signaling equipment on 'D' Special route including with electrical work. Approx value : ₹5,25,83,831.02/- Earnest Money to be deposited in : ₹4,13,000.00/- Completion period : 24 Months. Similar type of work : Construction of any Building work. Date of uploading on website : 28.02.2025. Date of opening of Tender : 28.03.2025. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions are available at Website www.ireps.gov.in. cost of tender form is NIL.

Divisional Railway Manager (W/A)
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Members of All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) during a strike demanding the resignation of Education Minister Bratya Basu, at Jadavpur University, in Kolkata. Two students were injured when a car in the convoy of Basu grazed past them during a melee in Jadavpur University on March 1.

Shiv Sena calls for stronger safety measures for women in public transport

Mumbai, March 3 (IANS) : Shiv Sena leader Manisha Kayande on Monday wrote a letter to Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik, presenting a list of demands to enhance women's safety in public transportation.

The move comes in response to the recent Pune bus rape case, which has sparked outrage over security lapses in the state's transport system.

A 26-year-old woman was raped inside Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) bus at the Swargate depot in Pune last week, leading to mass anger and outrage. After days of public outcry over the horrifying episode, the accused Dattatray Gade was arrested on Friday, after being on the run for almost a week.

Addressing the incident, Kayande called for immediate reforms to prevent such crimes in the future, stating, "After the Swargate incident, people were furious that such an act could happen inside a

bus stand and in dilapidated buses."

"Regardless of the situation, our demand is clear -- every woman should be safe. CCTV cameras should be installed in all state transport buses, security guards should be stationed at every depot, and outdated buses should be phased out," she told IANS. She emphasised the importance of surveillance in crime prevention, stating, "Installing CCTV cameras will make it easier to catch offenders with perverted mindsets. This will aid in their arrest, prosecution, and rehabilitation. All these measures are crucial for ensuring women's safety in public transport." Kayande also commented on the molestation case involving Union Minister of State Raksha Khadse's daughter, calling it an "unfortunate" incident. However, she maintained that Maharashtra remains relatively safe for women.

"It is unfortunate that such incidents take place. The Union Minister herself was present and

immediately filed a complaint, leading to swift police action. No matter who the accused are, strict action will be taken against them," she added. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Minister Shamburaj Desai condemned the molestation case, assuring that all accused would soon be apprehended.

"The Chief Minister has given strict orders to local police officers to take action. Minister Raksha Khadse's daughter is like our daughter, and any harassment against her is completely unacceptable. We strongly oppose such acts," he told IANS.

He further stated that many suspects have already been arrested, and police teams have been deployed to track down the remaining accused. "Soon, all of them will be in custody," he said.

The Jalgaon police have so far arrested three individuals and detained a minor in connection with the harassment and molestation of Minister Khadse's daughter.

Pedestrian killed in road accident in Nashik

Nashik, Mar 3 (UNI) A pedestrian was killed on the spot after being hit by a truck on the Manmad-Pune highway near the crematorium in Manmad city of the district on Monday.

According to police, a poor worker was walking on foot when he was hit by a goods truck from behind.

Other pedestrians present at the scene immediately contacted the sub-district hospital and sent the body immediately to the hospital.

After the accident, the driver of truck tried to flee from the scene, however, the police at Manmad Chauphuli promptly chased him, stopped the truck and arrested the driver. A case of accidental death has been registered at the Manmad police station in this regard, sources added.

NCP (SP) MLA enters Assembly in shackles

Mumbai, Mar 3 (UNI) : On first day of the budget session of Maharashtra Assembly on Monday, NCP (SP) MLA Jitendra Awhad reached the Vidhan Bhavan in shackles to his hands.

Speaking to media in the premises, he alleged that the freedom of expression is being attacked, saying that the voices of the opposition are being silenced by filing cases against its leaders.

"The Constitution has given us the right to freedom of expression," he said while protesting by wearing the shackles.

Dhananjay Munde denies marriage with woman named Karuna who claims to be his 1st wife

Mumbai, Mar 3 (UNI) Maharashtra minister Dhananjay Munde on Monday denied marrying a woman who identified herself as Karuna Munde and claimed to be his first wife. Munde has filed an appeal in the sessions court here challenging the order of the local court directing him to pay maintenance to a woman, who claims to be his first wife.

The NCP leader, in his appeal, contended that the local court "didn't apply his mind and passed an arbitrary order giving interim maintenance.

He is aggrieved by the order primarily on the ground that the local court erroneously passed it on the basis that the appellant (Dhananjay Munde) and the respondent number 1 (woman) are married to each other and thus there is domestic relationship between them.

Govt sanctions 4 new Railway Police stations in MMR

Mumbai, Mar 3 (UNI) To boost the security of passengers across the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), the Maharashtra government on Monday sanctioned the setting up of four new police stations under the Railway Police in Mumbai.

The new police stations will come up at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT), Bhayander, Ambarnath and Asangaon railway stations as per a Government Resolution (GR) issued by

the Home Department.

The state government approved the new police stations following the Government Railway Police (GRP) had earlier sent a proposal to the government to set up the new police stations.

Railway Police officers said the decision to create new police stations was also taken amidst increasing passenger load in Mira Road-Bhayander and on the Mumbai suburban railway network, and rise in

crimes reported on these stretches.

Majority of the crimes reported within the Railway Police's jurisdiction pertain to mobile and luggage or article thefts and pickpocketing.

Also, there have been instances of sexual harassment of women at railway stations.

The existing Railway Police stations are located far away discouraging passengers from reporting crimes, said officers.

Legislative Council witnesses big uproar over Kokate issue

Mumbai, Mar 3 (UNI) On first day of the budget session of Maharashtra Assembly on Monday, noisy scenes were seen in the Legislative Council between Leader of the Opposition Ambadas Danve and the members of the ruling party over the government's stance on state Agriculture minister Manikrao Kokate.

Notably, Kokate and his

brother Vijay Kokate were recently sentenced to two years in prison and slapped a fine of Rs 50,000 each for cheating the Maharashtra government by fraudulently acquiring flats for low-income groups from government quota by submitting forged documents.

Amidst a big uproar in the upper house, Danve demanded Kokate's resignation and also

demanding that the government should make its stand clear on the Kokate case.

On this, Chairman of the Council Ram Shinde said Kokate is a member of the Legislative Assembly, therefore, this issue will be discussed in the lower house.

"However, if you want to speak on this issue, you can speak on Tuesday (tomorrow)," he added.

ED seizes incriminating documents after raids in Rs 4,500 crore investment fraud case

Mumbai, March 3 (IANS) : The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Mumbai Zonal Office, said on Monday that it conducted search operations at four premises in Mumbai and Delhi on February 28, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 and seized incriminating materials.

According to ED, the raids were part of an ongoing investigation into a massive investment fraud involving M/s Pancard Clubs Limited (PCL) and others, in which more than 50 lakh investors were allegedly defrauded of over Rs 4,500 crore through a Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) in violation of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Act, 1992, read with SEBI (CIS) Regulations, 1999.

During the searches, the ED discovered incriminating documents detailing overseas assets allegedly linked to the family members of Late Sudhir Moravekar, the former director of M/s Pancard Clubs Limited.

"These assets, which are still under their

control, have reportedly been generating lease rental income," ED said in a statement.

ED officials believe that these assets form a crucial part of the Proceeds of Crime (PoC).

The ED's probe was initiated based on an FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Mumbai, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, and the Maharashtra Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act, 1999 (MPID Act).

The complaint was

filed against M/s Pancard Clubs Limited and its directors for allegedly orchestrating an investment fraud that lured lakhs of investors.

Investigations revealed that M/s Pancard Clubs Limited and its directors floated multiple investment schemes with durations ranging from three to nine years. Investors were enticed with promises of hotel discounts, accidental insurance, and high returns on deposits, in blatant violation of SEBI and RBI norms.

The search operations

also unearthed documentary evidence indicating that co-accused persons and family members had made attempts to dispose of assets suspected to be linked to the Proceeds of Crime. In addition to physical documents, digital records containing crucial financial details were also seized during the operation.

The ED has stated that further investigations are underway to trace additional assets linked to the accused, recover misappropriated funds, and identify other beneficiaries of the fraud.

CENTRAL RAILWAY

Provision of Cubical Partition

Tender No.: BB.TRO.BVT Cubical Partition Name of Work: Provision of Cubical partition at LNL/BVT running room Location: Mumbai Division Estimated Cost: Rs. 17,94,297.71 Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 35,900/- Cost of Tender Form: Rs. 1,000/- Completion Period: 3 Months Address of the Office: Sr. DEE (TRSO) BB, 2nd floor, Annexe building, Above Reservation center, Central Railway, Mumbai CSMT Tender Closing Date: 21.03.2025, At 15:00 Hrs. Tender should be accepted only in E-Tendering format through the website: www.ireps.gov.in Tender document is available in the website.

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Gujarat ATS and Haryana STF nab teenager with suspected terror links

Ahmedabad, March 3 (UNI) : The Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and the Haryana Special Task Force (STF) in a joint operation arrested a teenager, suspected to have links with a terrorist organisation, from Faridabad in Haryana, ATS sources said on Monday.

Two hand grenades were seized from him, the sources said.

The joint team of the two forces raided a house in Pali area of Sohna Road and arrested 19-year-old Abdul Rahman.

Rahman is suspected to have links with a terrorist organisation.

FIR against 2 youths for their objectionable posts on Shivaji Maharaj, Sambhaji Maharaj

Mumbai, Mar 3 (UNI) Maharashtra police have registered cases against two individuals for allegedly posting objectionable WhatsApp statuses against Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.

The incidents were reported at Bhoiwada and Malvani police stations.

The Bhoiwada police have arrested a man named Anas Qureshi, who had posted a WhatsApp status in support of Aurangzeb and against Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.

While, Shakir Beg from Malvani has been booked for posting an objectionable status about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on WhatsApp.

The police have registered cases under charges of hurting religious sentiments against the duo and are carrying out further investigation into the matter.

E-Tender Notice

Following Tender is invited in prescribed Tender forms for following Works/Items from reputed E-registered contractors with MSEDCL for following work.

Tender Number	Name of Tender	Tender Amount (Lakhs)	Tender Fees	Last submission date
EE/VS/1/2024-25/ Mobile App Reading/ T-24	Monthly Meter Reading of LT consumers up to 20kW (Excluding AG consumers other than Ag metered Urban LT consumers coming under Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Nagar Parishad and Nagar Panchayat.) under Vasai Rd (E) sub division to be done using Mahavitaran Mobile App, IR/RF HHUs, Bill Printing and Bill distribution upto consumer /consumer premises for 1 year i.e. 2025-26.	251.50	5000/- +GST @18%	14.03.2025
EE/VS/1/2024-25/ Housekeeping/ T-25	E-tender for Annual contract for carrying out sweeping, cleaning and grass cutting of MSEDCL switching station and MSEDCL offices under (O&M) division, Vasai for year 2025-26.	10.00	1000/- +GST@ 18%	07.03.2025

The tender documents are available at our website <https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/> from 03.03.2025. For updates visit to our official website of MSEDCL.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, VASAI DIVISION

BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

(HYDRAULIC ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT)

e-Tender Notice

Tender Document No.	2025_MCGM_1156261_1
Subject	Electrical works of Leak detection & ward water maintenance chowky near Bhupesh Garden in M/E ward under AEOC (TM) division.
Cost of E-Tender	Rs.5,29,829.44 (including 18% GST)
Tender Fee & Processing Fee	Rs.3894.00 + (Rs 3300/- + 18% GST) & Rs 500
Bid Security Deposit / EMD	Rs. 5,300/- (to be paid online)
Date of Issue and sale of tender	04-03-2025 from 11.00 Hrs
Last date & time for sale of tender & Receipt of Bid Security Deposit	10-03-2025 upto 16.00 Hrs
Submission of Packet A B & Packet C (Online)	10-03-2025 upto 16.00 Hrs
Opening of Packet A & B	11-03-2025 after 16.05 Hrs
Department Name	Deputy Hydraulic Engineer (Maintenance)
Website	mahatenders.gov.in
Contact Person	Shri A. D. Hatwar Assistant Engineer (Outside City) Trunk Main
Contact No.	7977608419
Email ID	ae01dyhemaint.he@mcgm.gov.in

This tender document is not transferable.

The BMC reserves the right to accept any of the application or reject any or all the application received for above subject without assigning any reason thereof.

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Executive Engineer
(Head Works) Water Works

STANDARD POST

Important period for investors to focus on long-term opportunity

Despite the short-term sell-off, the combination of strong macro fundamentals, robust earnings growth, and attractive valuations makes this an important period for investors to focus on the long-term opportunity rather than the immediate volatility, according to market watchers.

On the macro front, conditions remain stable. Fiscal deficits are under control, tax cuts are expected to boost consumption, inflation is low at 4.31 per cent, and rate cuts have started, which should support economic growth.

“Domestic investors continue to pump money into mutual funds, offsetting some of the foreign selling pressure. While it is impossible to predict an exact market bottom, excessive negativity often signals a turning point,” said Krishna Appala at Capitalmind Research.

The GDP growth accelerated to 6.2 per cent in the third quarter (October-December) of 2024-25, up from a revised figure of 5.6 per cent in the second quarter of the financial year.

The GDP growth rate for the financial year 2024-25 is now estimated at 6.5 per cent while the economic growth rate for 2023-24 has been revised to a 12-year high of 8.2 per cent.

India's Q3 FY25 GDP data met expectations, with a slight upward revision to 6.5 per cent for the fiscal year, according to experts.

The agriculture sector posted steady growth in Q3, indicating a likely improvement in the kharif crop, which could support rural consumption.

“Investors will be closely watching key upcoming events, including the tariff policy, U.S. Core PCE Price Index, and jobless claims. In the near term, market conditions are expected to remain weak, with a gradual recovery anticipated as earnings improve from Q1 FY26 and global trade policy uncertainties subside,” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. Markets do not move in a single direction forever, experts added. Meanwhile, the confluence of a favourable fiscal policy that supports both capex and consumption and easing monetary policy across all its levers — rates, liquidity and regulations and robust services exports — that augur well for the job market outlook are likely to aid the growth momentum for India, a Morgan Stanley report has said.

IRCTC, IRFC get Navratna status, Railway Minister Congratulates

All Railways listed PSUs got Navratna status after 2014

(Standard Post Bureau) Government has approved the upgradation of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) & Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) as Navratna companies. IRCTC has become 25th & IRFC 26th #Navratna company among CPSEs. Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw congratulated team IRCTC and IRFC on their feat of being upgraded to the Navratna status. Minister says- we are happy to share that all the 7 listed PSUs of Railways are now Navratna status and this has happened after 2014. CONCOR: July 2014, RVNL: May 2023, IRCON and RITES in Oct 2023, Railtel: Aug 2024 and now IRCTC and IRFC. This is a major achievement and this reflects our Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi ji's very focussed attention on transforming Railways. He also thanked Hon'ble Finance Minister on this occasion.

IRCTC: IRCTC is a Ministry of Railways CPSE with an annual turnover of ₹ 4,270.18 Cr, has a Profit after Tax, ie PAT of ₹ 1,111.26 Cr and a net worth of ₹ 3,229.97 Cr for FY 2023-24. IRFC is also a



Ministry of Railways CPSE with an annual turnover of ₹ 26,644 Cr, PAT of ₹ 6,412 Cr and a net worth of ₹ 49,178 Cr for FY 2023-24.

The Navratna recognition marks a momentous achievement as IRCTC is celebrating 25 years of excellence in catering, tourism, and online ticketing services in 2025. This is a testament of the operational excellence of the Corporation in the Hospitality, Travel & Tourism Sector achieved over the years.

Navratna PSUs play a crucial role in nation building by driving economic growth through enhancing India's position in the global competitive market. The upgraded status allows IRCTC to expand its footprint and enhance its service offerings in the

travel, tourism and hospitality sectors.

IRFC:

Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), a key financial institution under the Ministry of Railways, has been awarded the prestigious Navratna status by the Government of India. This recognition marks a significant milestone in IRFC's journey as one of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) supporting India's railway infrastructure.

Established on December 12, 1986, as a 100% government-owned entity, IRFC has been instrumental in financing the expansion and modernization of Indian Railways. With a revenue of over ₹ 26,600 crore and a profit after tax exceeding ₹ 6,400 crore as of March 31, 2024,

IRFC is now the third-largest government NBFC in India.

Benefits of Navratna Status:

Navratna PSUs enjoy several advantages, such as:

Financial Autonomy

- They can form joint ventures, subsidiaries, and enter into mergers or acquisitions without needing direct government intervention.

Operational Freedom

- They can make independent business and investment decisions, enabling them to compete with private sector companies.

- They have greater flexibility in HR management, including hiring professionals at market-linked salaries.

Global Expansion

- They can enter international markets, form strategic alliances, and expand globally without strict bureaucratic constraints.

Better Market Position

- Navratna companies are considered financially stable and attract more investor confidence.

- Their strong financial performance allows them to generate better returns for shareholders.

Delhi Budget will fulfill aspirations of people : CM

New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI) Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday said that the upcoming Delhi budget will be a "people's budget" which will fulfill the aspirations of the people.

Addressing a press conference here, she said the budget would focus on the development of Delhi as per the poll promise.

The Chief Minister also invited public suggestions which will be included in the budget.

Citing the poll promises, She said ₹2,500 monthly to the poor women, expansion of healthcare, transport services, Yamuna cleaning, and the welfare of senior citizens and added their target is to make a budget that fulfills pledges. “We will seek the people's suggestions and include them in the budget,” Gupta said.

She gave an email (viksitdelhibudget-25@delhi.gov.in) and a phone number (9999962025) and invited people to submit their suggestions for the budget. The Chief Minister said there is a website for the people's suggestions.

Rekha Gupta said that women's organizations have been invited on March 5 so that they can give their suggestions. On the same day, people associated with the education world have also been invited for suggestions.

Apart from this, people from business organizations have been invited for suggestions on March 6.

She said that preparations are being made to present the Delhi budget between March 24 and March 26 and added that the budget of developed Delhi will be presented by incorporating suggestions from all sections. The Chief Minister said that he will have budget dialogues with people from all areas and take suggestions from them. On that basis, he will prepare the budget for the development of Delhi. Rekha Gupta said that all the promises made in the manifesto will be fulfilled. She said that all the department officials have been instructed to take suggestions from all sections and include those in the budget. The Chief Minister said that all the MLAs and Ministers will go to the public to know their views on the upcoming budget. “We are committed to fulfilling all the promises made in our manifesto”, she added.

'Public, pvt sectors should work together to increase IAF capacity'

New Delhi, March 3 (UNI) The Empowered Committee for Capability Enhancement of the Indian Air Force (IAF) has asked the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), DPSUs and private sector to work together to achieve the desired goal with enhanced 'Aatmanirbharta'.

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh presented the report to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh here on Monday, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The committee has identified key thrust areas and made recommendations for implementation in the short, medium and long term to achieve the desired capability enhancement goals of the IAF optimally.

The report also underscores the need for an impetus to enhance 'Aatmanirbharta' in the Aerospace domain with the private sector complementing the efforts of DPSUs and DRDO. The Defence Minister appreciated the work of the committee and directed that the recommendations be followed up in a time-bound manner.

Tata Motors Celebrates 27 Years of Tata Safari

(Standard Post Bureau)

Tata Motors, India's leading SUV manufacturer, proudly celebrates 27 iconic years +of the Tata Safari with the launch of the exclusive, limited STEALTH Edition—a bold and sophisticated embodiment of luxury, power, and exclusivity. Limited to just 2,700 units, this premium edition will be available in both the Harrier and Safari redefining exclusivity and finest SUV aesthetics. With sleek, monotone finishes leading the charge, this STEALTH lineup sparks a fresh wave of desirability showcasing the evolving customer preferences of owning a vehicle which is one its kind. With just few units on sale, the bookings for the STEALTH edition opens starting today, both online and at our dealerships across the country.

The STEALTH Edition amplifies the looks with an all-new STEALTH Matte Black finish, exuding an undeniable road presence that is not just seen but felt. More than a mere design statement, this edition is a testament to dominance and exclusivity, offering an enigmatic aura that sets it apart on the road. The matte car paint delivers a unique, stylish finish, enhancing the SUV's distinctive appeal. Its non-reflective surface lends the vehicle a sophisticated, elegant look, accentuating the SUV's body lines and contours, making it appear exceptionally premium. The subtle sheen reduces glare under harsh sunlight, ensuring the vehicle's bold stance remains uninterrupted in any lighting condition. Priced at ₹ 25.09 lakh, Ex-showroom Delhi for the Harrier STEALTH and at a starting price of ₹ 25.74 lakh, Ex-showroom Delhi for the Safari STEALTH (available in both 6 and 7 seater), these limited edition SUVs seamlessly blend prestige, performance, and cutting-edge technology, making an unmissable statement of excellence.

Nubella Centre for Women's Health and Lighthouse Counselling Centre Announces

(Standard Post Bureau)

With a motive to empower women and prioritize their physical and mental wellbeing, Nubella Centre for Women's Health and Lighthouse Counselling Centre announced the launch of its state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence for Women's Health. This revolutionary initiative, was unveiled just ahead of International Women's Day, and is dedicated to addressing a wide spectrum of ailments and health concerns unique to women, offering comprehensive, compassionate, and cutting-edge care under one roof.

The centre was inaugurated in the presence of Dr Geeta Shroff Founder Director of Nubella Centre for Women's Health and Co-Founder, Lighthouse Counselling Centre. With the launch of this dedicated Centre of Excellence, the organization reaffirms its commitment to providing holistic healthcare solutions (both physical and mental health) tailored to the unique needs of women at every stage of life.

The launch of the Centre of Excellence is a fitting tribute to women everywhere as the world prepares to celebrate World Women's Day on March 8. This initiative highlights the importance of prioritizing women's health and wellbeing, recognizing that healthy women are the foundation of strong families, communities, and societies.

Speaking at the launch event, Dr Geeta Shroff Founder Director of



Nubella Centre for Women's Health and Co-Founder, Lighthouse Counselling Centre, said, “Women often put their health on the back burner while caring for others. With the Centre of Excellence, we aim to change that narrative. Our goal is to provide women with the care, support, and resources they need to lead healthier, happier lives. This International Women's Day, we celebrate the strength and resilience of women and reaffirm our commitment to their health and empowerment.”

The Centre of Excellence is a one-stop destination for women's

health, addressing reproductive concerns like PCOS, fibroids, and infertility. It offers pregnancy, postpartum, and menopause care, along with cancer screening, mental health support, and personalized nutrition plans. Advanced diagnostics ensure comprehensive treatment for menstrual and overall well-being. Having a team of highly skilled and empathetic healthcare professionals, including gynecologists, endocrinologists, oncologists, nutritionists, and mental health experts, the centre is equipped with the latest medical

technology and diagnostic tools, the centre ensures accurate diagnoses and effective treatment plans.

The Lighthouse Counselling Centre will provide a range of services including individual counselling, group therapy sessions, workshops on mental wellness, and guidance on managing anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. Additionally, it will also cater to unique needs such as post-partum support, grief counselling, and coping strategies for work-life balance.

In addition to clinical care, the centre will also focus on education and awareness, hosting regular workshops, seminars, and community outreach programs to empower women with knowledge about their health.

The Nubella Centre for Women invites women from all walks of life to experience the transformative care offered at the Centre of Excellence. To mark the launch, the centre is also offering free health screenings and consultations throughout the month of March.



One killed in Haifa knife attack: Israel Ambulance Service

Tel Aviv, Mar 3 (UNI) : One person was killed as a result of a knife attack on a bus station in the city of Haifa, Israel's Magen David Adom ambulance service said on Monday. Earlier in the day, the Israel Police reported a terrorist attack involving a shooting in the city and later specified that it was a knife attack. The MDA, in turn, reported about five people injured.

"MDA EMTs and Paramedics have pronounced a 70 year old male dead, and are treating 4 patients: 3 in serious condition - male and female in their 30s, and a 15 year old male, and a 70 year old female in moderate condition," the MDA wrote on X.

Ukraine still ready to sign minerals deal with U.S.: Zelenskyy

London, Mar 3 (UNI) : Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday that he is still "ready to sign" a minerals deal with the United States.

Despite a fractious meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump last week, he is still willing to have a "constructive dialogue" with the United States, Zelenskyy told BBC following a summit with Western leaders in London. Zelenskyy's statement came after his meeting with Trump on Friday turned into a heated exchange, leading to the cancellation of an anticipated bilateral raw materials agreement.

The draft deal, as U.S. media reported, included the establishment of a fund to be jointly owned by Ukraine and the United States, to which Ukraine will contribute 50 percent of its revenues from the future monetisation of natural resources, including critical minerals, oil and gas. After the Sunday summit, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said that leaders at the summit had agreed on a four-step plan to guarantee peace in Ukraine and that Britain will allow Ukraine to use 1.6 billion pounds (2 billion U.S. dollars) of British export finance to purchase more than 5,000 air defence missiles.

Avalanche kills 2 miners

Bazarak, Afghanistan, Mar 3 (UNI) : Heavy snowfall and an avalanche claimed the lives of two emerald miners in eastern Afghanistan's Panjshir province on Sunday, provincial director for Mines and Petroleum Mohammad Qasim Amiri said Monday.

The ill-fated miners were busy extracting the precious gem, the emerald, in the Hisa-e-Awal district when the natural disaster occurred and killed both on the spot, the official added. At least half a dozen people have lost their lives due to snowfall and avalanches in Afghanistan over the past month.

Parts of Afghanistan have experienced heavy snowfall and freezing weather over the past couple of days, which led to hours of closure of some highways linking the capital city of Kabul to the northern and central provinces of the country.

Maldives shuts govt offices as record rainfall triggers severe flooding

Colombo, Mar 3 (UNI) : Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu ordered the closure of government offices and institutions on Sunday in response to severe flooding caused by the highest daily accumulated rainfall in the country's history, PSM News, the official state media of the Maldives, reported.

The Maldives Meteorological Service, in a post on X, said it recorded 296 millimetres of rainfall in the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. The president's decision follows continuous rainfall, which has resulted in significant hardship to the people, PSM News said.

PSM News said heavy rains on Saturday led to extensive flooding in Male City, including Male, Hulhumale, and Hulhule, which is home to Velana International Airport, and several outer islands.

The Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) and other agencies have been mobilised to mitigate the impact of floodwaters on households and properties in the capital, it said. A total of 17 pumps were deployed by the MNDF across six locations to remove floodwater, with an estimated 17,000 tonnes of water already pumped out, PSM News said. The MNDF has also provided assistance to 131 properties and supplied 976 sandbags to help control and mitigate the flooding, PSM News said. The Maldives Meteorological Service said it expects more torrential rain and thunderstorms with gusty winds on Sunday.

Israeli army kills 4 Palestinians across Gaza: Sources

Gaza, Mar 3 (UNI) : The Israeli army killed at least four Palestinians across the Gaza Strip on Sunday, according to Palestinian health authorities and medical sources. "The Israeli army killed two Palestinians by attacking a group of locals with a military drone in the town of Beit Hanoun in the north of the Gaza Strip," Gaza-based health authorities said in a press statement.

The Israeli army said in a press statement that its forces had spotted several individuals engaging in "suspicious activities" near military positions in northern Gaza, alleging that they were planting an explosive device.

The statement added that the Israeli Air Force launched an attack to "eliminate the threat" and reiterated the military's commitment to removing any perceived dangers to Israeli soldiers and citizens.

Meanwhile, local sources and eyewitnesses reported a mass displacement of hundreds of families from the eastern areas of Beit Hanoun due to the airstrikes. In a separate incident, medical teams recovered the body of a woman and treated two wounded people following an Israeli bombardment on the town of Al-Farahin, east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza, according to Gaza-based health authorities.

Gaza ceasefire essential to prevent renewed regional devastation: ICRC

Gaza, Mar 3 (UNI) : A collapse of the Gaza ceasefire agreement could lead to renewed devastation in the region, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) warned Sunday. The ceasefire has "saved countless lives and provided a glimmer of hope amid immense suffering" and "is essential to prevent the region from plunging back into despair," ICRC President Mirjana Spoljaric said in a statement. "As a neutral humanitarian mediator, the ICRC has worked week after week to advance the ceasefire by implementing safe and critical releases



at the request of the concerned parties," she said, voicing the ICRC's unwavering commitment to facilitating the safe return of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners.

She urged all sides to make every effort to sustain the ceasefire, allow humanitarian aid to continue entering Gaza, and prevent further hostilities.

Earlier, on Saturday, the 42-day initial phase of the three-stage agreement between Hamas and Israel expired, with no breakthrough announced for its next phase.

Iranian Vice Prez Zarif resigns for 2nd time since appointment

Tehran, Mar 3 (UNI) : Iranian Vice President Mohammad Javad Zarif resigned Sunday night for the second time since his appointment in August last year.

In a post on social media X on Monday, Zarif said he met with Iran's judiciary chief on Sunday and had accepted his recommendation to return to university.

He hoped that by stepping aside from his post, "the excuses for throwing a wrench" in the path of the administration's success would be removed.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian received Zarif's resignation letter on Sunday night but has not responded to it yet, the official news agency IRNA reported Monday.

The semi-official Fars news agency reported that by Iran's law on sensitive occupations, appointing Zarif as vice president was considered a clear violation of the law because two of his children have U.S. citizenship.

A number of Iranian lawmakers had been following up on his "illegal" appointment to the post since the beginning of the administration's term, said the report. In August last year, Pezeshkian appointed Zarif, a former foreign minister, as vice president for strategic affairs and head of the Center for Strategic Studies. Zarif resigned 10 days after his appointment because he was "not satisfied with the result of his work" as head of the steering council that selected the new Iranian administration's cabinet members. He later withdrew his resignation after Pezeshkian's "prudent" follow-ups and consultations.

Also on Sunday, Iranian lawmakers impeached Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance Abdolnaser Hemmati and voted in favour of his removal due to the country's economic problems, such as high inflation and the depreciation of the national currency.

UK PM announces new 1.6- bln-pound deal for Ukraine to buy missiles

London, Mar 3 (UNI) : British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced on Sunday that Britain will allow Ukraine to use 1.6 billion pounds (2 billion U.S. dollars) of British export finance to purchase more than 5,000 air defence missiles.

"This will be vital for protecting critical infrastructure and strengthening Ukraine," Starmer told a press conference following a summit with Western leaders in London.

The goal is "to put Ukraine in the strongest position" so the country can negotiate from a position of strength, he added.

Western leaders, including more than a dozen European heads of state and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, gathered in London on Sunday for a defence summit aimed at advancing a peace plan for Ukraine.

Starmer said leaders at the summit had agreed on a four-step plan to guarantee peace in Ukraine: to maintain military aid to Ukraine while the conflict

continues and increase economic pressure on Russia; to ensure that any lasting peace guarantees Ukraine's sovereignty and security, with Ukraine at the table for any negotiations; to deter "any future invasion by Russia" in the event of a peace deal; and to establish a "coalition of the willing" to defend Ukraine and uphold peace in the country.

The leaders also agreed to meet again soon to sustain the momentum behind these efforts, Starmer said.

The prime minister reaffirmed Britain's commitment to supporting the peace plan with "boots on the ground, and planes in the air."

"Europe must do the heavy lifting," he said, emphasizing that the agreement needs U.S. backing.

"Let me be clear, we agree with Trump on the urgent need for a durable peace. Now we need to deliver together," he said.

Earlier on Sunday before the summit, Starmer announced that Britain, France and Ukraine will work on a ceasefire plan to

present to the United States. He named three essential points to achieve "lasting peace" -- a strong Ukraine, a European element with security guarantees, and a U.S. backstop, with the last one being the subject of "intense" discussion.

The summit took place amid diplomatic tensions, following a heated exchange earlier this week between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and U.S. President Donald Trump at the White House, which led to the cancellation of an anticipated raw materials agreement between the two countries.

On Saturday, Zelensky met with Starmer at 10 Downing Street, where the British prime minister reaffirmed the UK's "unwavering determination" to achieve lasting peace in Ukraine.

Following the meeting, Ukrainian Finance Minister Serhiy Marchenko announced that Britain and Ukraine had agreed on a loan of 2.26 billion pounds to support Ukraine's defence capabilities. (1 pound = 1.26 U.S. dollar).

No alternative to maintaining good ties with India: Bangladesh CA Mohd Yunus

Dhaka, March 3 (UNI) : Bangladesh Interim Government Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus has said there is no alternative to maintaining good ties with India, even as he said that there have been "some clouds" in the relationship due to "propaganda".

"Some conflicts had been seen in the midway. I would say some clouds were seen. These clouds mostly came through propaganda. Others will judge the sources of those as propaganda," Yunus told BBC Bangla in an interview published on Monday.

The comments come as the interim government is set to complete seven months, since it was formed following the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5 last year by a so-called "student-led" protest.

Yunus' remarks also come as UNB quoted

diplomatic sources to say that there might be a possible first ever in-person meeting between Chief Adviser Yunus and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok on April 4, 2025. Responding to a specific question, Yunus said the relations between the two neighbours are in very good shape and there has been "no deterioration". He said, there had been some misunderstandings. "We are trying to overcome those misunderstandings. There is no problem in our basic relationship," Yunus added. The Chief Adviser said he had always explained that the relations between Bangladesh and India are so deep, still the relationship is in good shape and it will remain good in the future. "There is no alternative to maintain good relations between the

two countries," said Yunus said. He said the relationship between Bangladesh and India is "historically, politically and economically" very close and they "cannot deviate" from this. He also referred to huge "interdependencies" on each other. Yunus said there is continuous communication between the two countries.

After the Interim Government was formed Prime Minister Modi sent a message to Chief Adviser Yunus, later they had a telephone conversation, and Modi invited Prof Yunus to join the third Voice of Global South Summit hosted virtually by New Delhi on August 17 last year. On January 1 this year, Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain made it clear that maintaining good relationships with three big countries - India, China and the United States - is among the priorities in 2025. He stressed that Dhaka's ties

France and UK have proposed one-month truce in Ukraine: President Macron

London/Paris, March 3 (UNI) : France and Britain have proposed a one-month truce in Ukraine "in the air, on the seas, and in energy infrastructure", President Emmanuel Macron of France told Le Figaro. Ahead of the summit on Ukraine in London on Sunday, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced that Paris and London were working on a "plan" to stop the fighting.

President Macron explained that one advantage of such a truce is that "it can be measured" given the vast front, "equivalent to the Paris-Budapest line", the Brussels Time reported.

Initially, the cessation of hostilities would not include ground combat, as "it would be very difficult to verify that the front is respected" in the case of a ceasefire, Macron said.

The deployment of European troops, in which France and Britain are ready to participate, would come only at a later stage, he added.

There will be no European troops on Ukrainian soil in the coming weeks," Macron told Le Figaro. He stressed the need to use this time to negotiate a truce.

"We want peace, but not at any price, without guarantees," he said. French officials are also trying to re-establish dialogue between US President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who had a sharp confrontation in the Oval Office on Friday.

"In the coming days, we

should manage to re-engage," Macron said, after returning from the London summit. Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed his willingness on Sunday to sign the mineral agreement negotiated with the United States, delayed due to his altercation with Donald Trump on Friday.

"Once all parties are ready, the agreement on the table will be signed," said Zelenskyy in an interview with British journalists before leaving London.

"If we agreed to sign the mineral agreement, then we are ready to sign it. We are constructive," he added, following Washington's suggestion that the Ukrainian leader might need to step down if he did not change his behaviour.

However, Zelenskyy stated on Sunday evening that replacing him would "not be so easy." Speaking to the press in London, he emphasised that substantial support for him made a simple replacement difficult. He has consistently worn military fatigues since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2023. Zelenskyy argued that removing him, as Moscow wishes, would require more than just organising elections; it would also necessitate preventing his candidacy, a much more complicated task.

He also mentioned seeking security guarantees for Ukraine in the event of a ceasefire and reiterated his earlier offer to resign if Ukraine could join NATO.

37 injured in NW Turkiye bus crash

Istanbul, Mar 3 (UNI) : A tour bus travelling from Greece veered off the road in northwestern Turkiye's Canakkale province on Monday, injuring 37 passengers, it is reported.

The accident occurred at 6 a.m. local time (0300 GMT) when the bus driver, carrying 42 passengers to the western port city of Izmir, lost control of the steering wheel, the state-run Anadolu news agency reported.

Air India resumes flights to Israel after 7-month hiatus

Jerusalem, Mar 3 (UNI) : India's flagship carrier Air India resumed its flights to Israel on Sunday after a suspension of seven months.

The operations resumed with a direct flight that took off from Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi and landed Sunday evening at Ben Gurion Airport outside Tel Aviv.

Air India will now operate five weekly flights between Delhi and Tel Aviv, becoming the sole airline offering direct services between the two nations.

Following the outbreak of Israel's multi-front conflict, most foreign airlines temporarily suspended their flights to Tel Aviv amid heightening tensions in the Middle East region.

Beauty

Must-have exfoliating tools for Your skin

Cleansing and exfoliation are integral steps to any basic skincare routine.

They create a healthy foundation for products like moisturisers and serums and help in efficient absorption, allowing them to work effectively, and giving you that radiant-to-die-for skin. Here are some skincare tools that you can use during cleansing/ exfoliation to



complement your at-home

skincare regime...

Cleansing brush There are two types of cleansing brushes available in the market — manual and mechanical (battery-operated). Both provide a deep cleanse and are great tools to add another level of exfoliation to your cleansing routine.

Mechanical cleansing brush Avni Amlani, international skincare professional says, "The most popular type of

cleansing brushes use sonic (sound) frequencies. The resulting flexing action works to loosen dirt and oil, removing deep-seated impurities from pores and priming skin to better absorb moisturisers, masques and serums. It is suitable for all skin types and cleanses the skin six times better than hands."

Manual exfoliating brush If you cannot go for a mechanical brush, use an ultra-gentle brush to gently exfoliate surface debris and impurities for effective cleansing. Aesthetician Ritu Singh Tanwar says, "Exfoliating brushes with a long handle are great for a back scrub." Adds consultant dermatologist and aesthetic physician, Dr Madhuri Agarwal, "Use a long-handled, natural bristled brush for dry brushing before bathing to reduce dead cells."

Sponge cloth Damp sponge cloth is a gentle tool that can thoroughly remove makeup and debris without irritating your skin. Avni says, "Select one that is made from biodegradable, bacteria-resistant fabric, can be easily rinsed clean and dries quickly. Sponge cloths can be used to remove cleansers, exfoliants and masques."

Buffing cloth This hygienic, microbial exfoliating cloth can be used to buff and polish the body. Use this with a body wash to clean and exfoliate rough and dull skin in hard-to-reach areas. Opt for one made from extra-durable nylon fiber that can easily be rinsed clean and dries quickly. This is a great tool to experience an exfoliating power cleanse at home.



Stretch marks selfies are the latest fad!



marks selfies

Gone are the days when post pregnancy stretch marks and bodies were kept secret. Now, besides tracing the progress of the baby in the womb, there are photoshoots that exclusively take place post the delivery. Stretch mark selfies are another 'proud mom' movement and speak of women empowerment.

No makeup selfie

While the Ice Bucket Challenge brought awareness to ALS, the no makeup selfie was started by the Cancer Research Institute in UK. Gradually, it transformed into a phenomenon of flaunting the makeup-free look all over the world and women, including some B-town beauties, put up selfies sans cosmetics.

ThighReading

This movement started last month when a microblogging site user posted a picture of her thighs, captioning it #ThighReading. Derived from the idea of palm reading, it

picked up. As a result, girls posted pictures of their thighs — with scars, cellulite, spider veins, stretch marks, freckles and hair.

At ease with body hair

Be it the unthreaded hair on the upper lip or unwaxed arms, body hair has been a big no-no for ages, but that's changing now. The play Vagina Monologues has tapped the issue. 'Hairy feminists', as the term goes, are widely supporting it, some are even making documentaries on the same.

JustATampon

Similar to Kiran's endeavour is the #JustATampon campaign in which people posed for pictures holding a tampon to immunise the shock value that is still associated with menstruation. There are games like Tampon Run and Tampon Dodge based on it, where instead of bullets, tampons are fired and dodged. Then again, there are comics that tell readers everything about periods.



In April, Kiran Gandhi, a Harvard Business School graduate, who ran a race with blood running down her legs, made headlines. Her reason for doing this was to tell women to not be ashamed of their periods and to raise awareness about feminine products. This is not the only instance where women tried to bring focus to sensitive issues, there have been other similar initiatives. Here's taking a look at some...

Post Pregnancy photoshoot And stretch



Well, looking beautiful has more to do with taking care of your skin and hair and less to do with hoping for a magical transformation.

And to help you out in your sojourn of beauty, we bring to you five affordable beauty and hair care tips every woman must know.

- If your skin is prone to acne, you should use an oil-free product that is non-comedogenic. Try looking for the word on the label of the product you're planning to pick up. A non-comedogenic product is formulated in a way that it does not cause blocked pores.

- When using a hair colour for the first time, do conduct a 24 hour patch test. Apply some colour behind your ear or the inside fold of your elbow. Allow the colour to remain on the test area for 24 hours to check if your skin is not allergic to the product.

- Hassled by the idea of removing a long lasting lipstick? Try cleaning it with some sweet almond oil dabbed on a cotton ball.

5 beauty tips every woman

must know

There isn't a woman, who's not beautiful but sadly, the beauty standards fixed by the world have started determining the attractiveness of a woman these days. But then, who said you can't match those high standards and be the epitome of beauty?

- For enviable hair, massage your mane with some coconut oil. Shampoo the hair post ten minutes of the comforting massage and see how different your hair seem.

- Hate green tea? Well, your feet will love it! Try throwing in a few tea bags into a tub along with some cold water and believe us your feet with thank you for the exercise.



For those enviable thick and long fingernails

People judge you by the way you carry yourself. As much as you take care of your face, your hands and nails too need equal attention.

Chipped and peeling fingernails are a problem faced by one and all. Nails can peel off due to several reasons. Climate changes, dietary issues, yeast infections, too much exposure to water and vitamin deficiency are some of them. Here are a few tips to take care of your nails.

- Cold, dry weather can cause layers to separate and flake off. So moisturise your hands and nails every morning and evening.
- Lack of biotin, sulfur or vitamin B can result in flaky nails. A good

supplement, as well as raw vegetables and fruits, will prevent the chipping.

- If you're suffering from a yeast infection, it can adversely affect your nails. If you've been given a prescription ointment or cream for what's on your skin, try rubbing it on your nails, too.

- Water has a drying effect on your nails, leading to flaking and peels. If your nails are exposed to water for too long, wear gloves wherever possible, and

moisturise at least twice a day.

- Biotin helps our body to process fatty acids and proteins. Two and a half milligrams of biotin supplement is recommended daily to strengthen nails. Or you can take vitamin B complex daily. Add enough protein in your diet. You should have at least several servings of meat, dairy or nuts every day.

- Do not use your nails in removing tags, pulling out staples etc. Get the right tool instead.

While applying nail polish: Before applying nail polish, file and buff your nails in one direction only and remove all ridges that can cause chipping. Always apply two coats of nail polish and a clear top coat at the end to seal the nail.



France defeated India 10 - 8

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, March 3 : France defeated India 10-8 in the World Arena Polo Championship 2025, and Edwin Robineau, a member of the winning team, was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the Telangana Tourism Cup, which was hosted by Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club.

Edwin Robineau, who scored four goals in the finals, including the crucial ones that ensured France's triumph, was primarily responsible for the team's success in winning the championships.

Edwin was a member of the French squad that defeated the United States of America in the 2023 World Championship-Arena Polo, which was played in Argentina.

Throughout the competition, Edwin Robineau showed remarkable talent, agility,



and sportsmanship, all of which were vital to the victory of the French team.

He was the most significant player in the competition because of his ability to dominate the game, make calculated plays, and score goals.

A fitting end to an exciting season, the prize was given out in front of distinguished guests, polo fans, and supporters.

Rahane named KKR captain

Kolkata, Mar 3 (UNI) : Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on Monday announced Ajinkya Rahane as the Captain and Venkatesh Iyer as the Vice-Captain for the upcoming 2025 season of the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL). KKR CEO Venky Mysore expressed confidence in the leadership duo, stating, "We are delighted to have someone like Ajinkya Rahane, who brings his experience and maturity as a leader.

Also, Venkatesh Iyer has been a franchise player for KKR and brings a lot of leadership qualities. We are confident that they will combine well as we start the defence of our title." Rahane, who has previously captained Rajasthan Royals in the IPL, welcomed the opportunity to lead KKR. "It's an honour to be asked to lead KKR, which has been one of the most successful franchises in the IPL.

Australia add Cooper Connolly in squad ahead of India semi-final clash

Dubai, Mar 3 (UNI) : All-rounder Cooper Connolly comes in place of the injured Matthew Short in Australia's ICC Men's Champions Trophy squad, media reports said.

Cooper Connolly will replace Short, who suffered an injury during the Afghanistan encounter in the Champions Trophy, and was seen struggling on the field, according to an ICC report.

Short injured his calf while fielding and appeared hampered when making a quickfire 20 at the top of Australia's batting order before rain saw the match with Afghanistan in Lahore being abandoned.

"I think he'll be struggling," Australia captain Steve Smith had said of Short's injury status. "I think we saw tonight he wasn't moving very well, and I think it's probably going to be too quick between games for him to recover."

According to reports, Connolly has thus far featured in six internationals for Australia, of which three have been ODIs. He's a left-handed batter, who bowls left-arm spin as well.

Australia squad: Steve Smith (c), Sean Abbott, Alex Carey, Cooper Connolly, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Aaron Hardie, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Marnus Labuschagne, Glenn Maxwell, Tanveer Sangha, Adam Zampa.

Congress leader's remarks on Rohit's fitness sparks row

New Delhi, March 3 (UNI) A political controversy erupted on Monday after Congress spokesperson Shama Mohamed made remarks about Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma's fitness and leadership ahead of India's crucial Champions Trophy semifinal against Australia.

Taking to social media, Shama criticised Rohit's physical fitness, calling him 'fat' and a 'mediocre captain'. The now-deleted post also compared Rohit unfavourably with former captains MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, and Sachin Tendulkar.

Facing backlash from multiple quarters, Shama defended her remarks, stating that they were observations rather than body-shaming. "It was a generic tweet about the fitness of a sports person. It was not body-shaming," she clarified on Monday.

Reacting to the controversy, Congress distanced itself from Shama's comments. Party leader Pawan Khera stated that she had been asked to delete the post and exercise greater caution in the future. Congress MP Rajani Patil also disapproved of the remarks, asserting that body-shaming anyone, particularly a sports person representing the country, was inappropriate.

Meanwhile, the BJP took the opportunity to attack the Congress, with party leader Shehzad Poonawalla mocking the opposition. "Those who

have lost 90 elections under Rahul Gandhi's captaincy are calling Rohit Sharma unimpressive! Winning the T20 World Cup isn't impressive, but losing elections is?" he remarked.

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya also weighed in, urging political leaders to refrain from commenting on sports persons' professional lives. "Such comments undermine the hard work and sacrifices of our athletes," he posted on social media.

TMC MP Saugata Roy supported Shama's critique, questioning Rohit's performance in recent matches. However, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi defended the Indian captain, stating that his leadership had brought India to great heights despite criticisms about his physique. BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia condemned Shama's remarks, calling it "unfortunate" that such statements were made at a critical juncture in the tournament.

Shama, however, stood by her comments, citing Rohit's strategic decisions in past tournaments, including the Test series against Australia and the World Cup final in Ahmedabad, which India lost. "I have the right to express my opinion in a democracy," she asserted.

The controversy comes at a crucial time for Indian cricket, with Rohit set to lead the team in a high-stakes semifinal match against Australia.

Goalkeeper Bernd helps Fulham to knock Man United out of cup

Manchester, Mar 3 (UNI) : Fulham goalkeeper Bernd Leno was the hero with two saves in the penalty shootout to knock Manchester United out of the FA Cup.

After three precise spot-kicks from both sides, Leno denied Victor Lindelof, then, after skipper Antonee Robinson had extended Fulham's perfect record, the German also kept out Joshua Zirkzee's effort to send the Cottagers into the quarterfinals, media reports said.

Fulham had taken the lead in first-half stoppage time when Calvin Bassey was left free at the far post to head in from close range after Rodrigo Muniz had flicked on a corner, the BBC reported.

But days after former United captain Roy Keane had condemned the influence of current skipper Bruno Fernandes, the Portuguese dragged his side level with a superb equaliser, driving home a low shot from the edge of the area after Diogo Dalot had found him with a pass from the touchline.

Both sides could have won it without the need for penalties. Emile Smith Rowe, denied superbly by Andre Onana before the home side levelled, was repelled by the Cameroon international again before the tie went to extra time, the report said. Then, 17-year-old United substitute Chido Obi flicked a shot towards goal that Leno kept out with an outstanding reaction save.

India's road to Champions Trophy 2025 semi-finals

Dubai, Mar 3 (UNI) : It's been relative smooth sailing for India at the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 thus far, with the side unbeaten through three fixtures heading into the knockout phase, media reports said.

Three victories from as many encounters has India in fine form ahead of their knockout semi-final against Australia in Dubai on Tuesday, the ICC reported.

We take a look at their three matches so far.

India defeated Bangladesh by six wickets: India's tournament opener saw them prevail in a tight contest against Bangladesh in Dubai, registering a sizzling six-wicket victory to begin their campaign on a winning note.

Pacer Mohammed Shami's impressive 5/53, combined with three scaps

from Harshit Rana and two from Axar Patel, restricted Bangladesh to 228.

Shubman Gill's unbeaten 101*, combined with stylish knocks from Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul, ensured smooth sailing for India as they reached the Tigers' total with 21 balls to spare.

India defeated Pakistan by six wickets: In their high-voltage clash against arch-rivals Pakistan, India displayed their all-round prowess by chasing down 241 runs with six wickets in hand yet again.

Kuldeep Yadav weaved his magic for the Indian side by taking three crucial wickets to bundle out Pakistan for 241 in 49.4 overs.

Shubman Gill (46) and Shreyas Iyer (56) came in handy with some crucial knocks, but the age-old rivalry was marked primarily

by a Virat Kohli masterclass that saw him score an unbeaten 100 to steer India to victory. India defeated New Zealand by 44 runs: A different challenge for Rohit Sharma's side in the form of New Zealand, with the winner staying unbeaten at the tournament and earning top spot in Group A.

New Zealand's bowlers did well to restrict India's batting line-up, with Shreyas Iyer (79) and Hardik Pandya (45) leading the way as the Asian side posted a competitive total of 249/9 after they were sent in to bat first.

It was the Varun Chakravarthy show in reply, with the spinner claiming an impressive five-wicket haul to help bowl New Zealand out for just 205 in reply as India progressed through to the final four with their unbeaten record intact.

Rohit dismisses claims of one-venue advantage

Dubai, Mar 3 (UNI) India captain Rohit Sharma on Monday rejected suggestion that his team has enjoyed an unfair advantage by being allowed to play all their ICC Champions Trophy matches here, while other teams have had to shuttle between multiple venues across Pakistan and the UAE.

India, the only team to remain in a single location throughout the tournament, gained crucial insights into conditions at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. However, Rohit downplayed the significance of the perceived edge, insisting that the playing surfaces in Dubai have varied significantly.

"There are four or five surfaces being used, and each one has its own characteristics," Rohit said ahead of Tuesday's semifinal against Australia.

"The pitches might look the same, but they behave differently. You cannot assume that just because you played on one pitch yesterday, today's surface will be

identical. This is not our home, this is Dubai. We don't play so many matches here. This is new for us too," he told reporters on the eve of semifinal clash with Australia.

India had refused to travel to Pakistan due to strained political relations, resulting in the International Cricket Council (ICC) stationing them in Dubai.

Despite remaining unbeaten in the tournament, India face a formidable challenge against Australia. The last time the two teams met in an ICC event was in the 2023 ODI World Cup final, where Australia emerged victorious. Rohit anticipates a hard-fought contest against a team with a rich history of excelling in crunch matches.

"Australia have been such a great team over the years," Rohit remarked. "We expect a strong fightback and some nervy moments in the middle. But that's what knockout cricket is all about."

India's middle order

has been reinforced by Axar Patel's promotion to No. 5, a move that Rohit credits for adding stability and depth to the batting lineup. The all-rounder has delivered impactful performances, most notably his 42 off 61 balls against New Zealand, which proved crucial in India's 44-run win.

"We gave Axar a clear message at the start of the England series that no matter what the situation is, he will bat at No. 5," Rohit explained. "He has worked on his batting tremendously over the last year, and his improvement has been fantastic to watch."

Axar's attacking mindset was on full display during the T20 World Cup final, where his aggressive knock helped India recover from a precarious position. "He likes to take the game on and play his shots. When you are in trouble, having someone who can counter-attack is a huge advantage," Rohit added.

Against New Zealand, Axar stitched together a crucial 98-run partnership with Shreyas Iyer (79), while Hardik Pandya chipped in with a brisk 45. India's total of 250 proved competitive, with spinners dominating the second innings to seal a commanding victory.

"Our middle order is experienced, but getting time in the middle and putting up a fighting total was crucial," Rohit noted. India had successfully chased targets in their first two matches, making their decision to bat first a deliberate test of their adaptability.

With the semifinal against Australia looming, Rohit reiterated the need to stay flexible, given the unpredictable nature of Dubai's pitches.

"We don't know which pitch will be used, but whatever happens, we have to adapt quickly," he said.

India will now look to settle scores with Australia and book a place in the Champions Trophy final, hoping to overturn the result of their last ICC knockout clash.

Manika Batra calls on Delhi CM Rekha Gupta

New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI) : Indian table tennis star Manika Batra on Monday called on Delhi's newly appointed Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to discuss key issues related to sports development in the national capital.

The meeting centred around future sports policies in Delhi, with a strong emphasis on nurturing grassroots athletes and improving the welfare of state athletes.

Following the meeting, Batra took to social media to express her appreciation for the Chief Minister's commitment to strengthening the city's sporting ecosystem.

"Had the honour of meeting the newly appointed Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Rekha Gupta ji, today. We had a productive discussion on the new sports policies

in Delhi, focusing on the development of grassroots athletes and the welfare of athletes from the state," Manika said. "It was encouraging to see the commitment towards enhancing sports infrastructure, providing better opportunities for young athletes, and strengthening grassroots programmes to create a more robust sporting culture in Delhi. A big thank you to Hon'ble CM Rekha Gupta ji for this insightful conversation and for championing the cause of sports development," she added.

The meeting comes as part of Delhi CM's broader initiative to reform sports policies in the capital, ensuring that young talents receive the necessary support to excel at national and international levels.

Kumble open to govt, BCCI tieup for MAHE-TENVIC initiative

Bengaluru, Mar 3 (UNI) : Former Indian cricketer and TENVIC Sports Co-Founder Anil Kumble has emphasised the importance of involving key stakeholders, including the government and major sports organisations like the BCCI, in a new initiative aimed at integrating sports with academics.

"Our idea is to first launch courses and I will be open to anyone because, at TENVIC, we have world-class infrastructure, not only on the MAHE campus but across multiple locations. We aim to build on these resources and attract athletes who can train at these facilities while integrating into academic courses of their interest," he told reporters in a press conference here on Monday.

"Over time, we plan to develop a structured set of courses that individuals can choose from. Our goal is to make these opportunities accessible to all aspiring athletes and professionals in the sports ecosystem,"

Kumble added. Earlier, the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and TENVIC Sports signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch a comprehensive academic and infrastructural initiative aimed at strengthening India's sports ecosystem.

Adding to this vision, Vasanth Bharadwaj, TENVIC Sports Co-Founder and India's former table tennis player, highlighted the financial aspects of the programme, stating that both institutions recognise the significant investment required for such a venture.

Fortunately, with the necessary infrastructure already in place across multiple locations, the initiative is well-positioned to support its target audiences. These include competitive athletes needing academic support, recently retired athletes or those considering retirement, and students aspiring to be part of the sports ecosystem.

Providing further insight, MAHE Vice-Chancellor and Retired Lt. Gen. M.D. Venkatesh elaborated on the funding sources, explaining that the university would provide initial funding, particularly for sporting infrastructure, academic staff—including professors and associate professors—and specialised fields such as physiotherapy, exercise medicine, sports management, and sports nutrition. "We are at an advanced stage of launching new programmes," he said.

Venkatesh also shed light on the scale of investment, revealing that the university has already spent approximately ₹250 crore on its sporting infrastructure and an additional ₹300 crore on world-class facilities at Manipal. "This year alone, ₹15 crore is being allocated for a state-of-the-art, fully illuminated, multidisciplinary athletic stadium. While major investments in infrastructure may not be required moving forward, operational costs will still need to be managed," he noted.

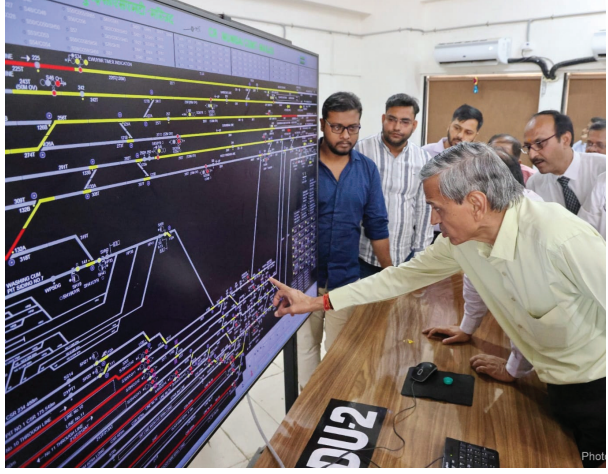
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GM, Central Railway, Dharam Veer Meena Inspects Extended Platforms 12/13 at CSMT



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Mumbai, March 3 : Mr Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, inspected the recently completed Non-Interlocking (NI) works and extension of platforms 12 and 13 at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT). The extension of these platforms marks a significant upgrade to accommodate 24-coach

trains, enhancing passenger convenience and operational efficiency. The platforms have been extended by 305 meters, making the total length 690 meters.

Central Railway executed special blocks for Pre & Post Non-Interlocking (NI) works from the midnight of February 28/March 1, 2025, to March 2/3, 2025. The commissioning involved

modifications to the existing Siemens-made Electronic Interlocking system and was accomplished in a record time of just 10 hours—from 23:15 hrs on March 1, 2025, to 09:15 hrs on March 2, 2025.

Key Highlights of the Extension and Upgradation Work:

Infrastructure Enhancement: Yard remodelling carried out and a washing apron was added for improved maintenance and extended life.

Track and Signal Modifications:

Turnouts: 2 dismantled, 1 newly inserted.

Signals: 3 signals shifted, 2 shunting signals converted to main signals, and 1 new shunting signal added.

Operational Efficiency: Routes increased from 278 to 285.

Safety Measures: Dual detection track circuits introduced for enhanced safety. The timely completion of these critical infrastructure enhancements reflect Central Railway's commitment to providing a safer, faster and more efficient travel experience for passengers.

Public servants honored on Tuesday in Kalyan and Bhandup circles

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kalyan/Bhandup, March 3 : Like food, clothing, and shelter, electricity has become a basic necessity in our lives today. It is impossible to imagine living without electricity, electricity has such exceptional importance. To properly honor the work of the public servants, i.e. linemen, who are the backbone of the electricity distribution system, March 4 is being celebrated as 'Lineman Day' across the country. On this occasion, various programs have been organized in Kalyan and Bhandup circles to honor the work of the public servants.

If the power supply is interrupted even for a minute, consumers wait for it to start. During this, no one knows what and how the engineers and public servants of Mahavitaran have to do day and night, facing various obstacles and in what conditions. But if we understand the struggle and tireless efforts of engineers and public servants to provide electricity service even in the most adverse conditions, it will be like doing justice to their efforts to perform their duty. After the generation of electricity, electricity is supplied to the doorstep of the consumers in stages such as transmission and distribution. To ensure smooth power supply to all types of consumers from metropolitan cities to villages, engineers and public servants of Mahavitaran have to be vigilant. Electricity is not visible. No matter how many years of experience one



has in working in the power system, one cannot be friends with electricity. Therefore, even an unintentional mistake at any moment can cost one's life. After the power supply is interrupted, engineers and public servants have to perform their duty to ensure smooth power supply in extremely adverse conditions and dangerous challenges at night and day.

The heat of the sun, the heated power system, the increased demand for electricity, followed by storms, unseasonal rains and the subsequent continuous monsoon rains, floods. The male and female technical staff of Mahavitaran are responsible for maintaining 24-hour power supply and providing various other customer services. Along with this, they have to perform important tasks such as recovering overdue electricity bills, disconnecting power supply to defaulters, and taking action against power theft

Advice to work 90 hours a week impractical: Akhilesh Yadav

Lucknow, Mar 3 (UNI) Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Monday termed the advice of working 90 hours a week as impractical and said that those who are giving this advice to the youth should introspect and tell why this idea did not come to them when they were young and even if it came to their mind, why did they not do it.

In a statement issued here, Akhilesh questioned whether those who are advising employees to

work for 90 hours are talking about robots instead of humans because humans want to live with emotions and family. He said that those giving advice forgot that the entertainment and film industry also adds billions of rupees to the economy.

He said that these people probably do not know that entertainment makes people feel refreshed, revived, and re-energised, which improves the working quality. He said that these people should not forget

that the youth not only have hands, legs, or body, they also have a heart that wants to live freely and it is not about working for hours but about working wholeheartedly.

The SP Chief said, "Quality of work is most important, not quantity. The truth is that the people sitting at the top get the maximum benefit of the hard work of the youth without doing anything, that is why some such people give impractical advice like 'working for 90 hours'."

MANUU to conduct Job Mela for Education and Training students

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, March 3 : The Training and Placement Cell of Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is conducting Job Mela/Fair for Education & Training final year & passed out students (Open to All) at MANUU Polytechnic Hyderabad on March 16, 2025.

According to Dr. Mohd. Yousuf Khan, Director, Training & Placement, this Job Fair will help the institutions to get competent teachers / human resources for their schools/institutions and a good number of reputed Schools/Institutions are expected to participate in the Job Mela/Fair.

The interested Colleges/Schools/Institutions who have faculty requirements/vacancies are requested to participate with a registration fees of Rs. 10,000/- by March 13, 2025. The registration fee payment receipt is to be emailed to placements@manuu.edu.in to confirm participation.

For more details contact Dr. Mohd. Yousuf Khan (9848171044), Mr. Gufran Barkati, Assistant Professor, E&T (9044145228) and Mr Sameer Pasha, Corporate Consultant, T&PC, MANUU (9700064077).

Leopard's body found hanging on tree in Lalitpur

Lalitpur (UP), Mar 3 (UNI) The body of a Leopard was found hanging on a tree with the help of an iron wire in Balabehat area of Lalitpur district in Uttar Pradesh on Monday. Forest Department sources said here. Sources said that the body of the leopard was found hanging on a tree with a wire noose under suspicious circumstances in the forest of Richha Maholi in Rasoi village under Gauna Forest Range. "When the villagers saw it, they informed the Forest Department officials," they said. On receiving the information, regional Forest Range Officer Subhash Verma reached the spot with his team and took the carcass of the leopard to his possession.

SRUCC meeting held at Western Railway headquarters Churchgate



Prakash Butani, Additional General Manager of Western Railway & Chairman of SRUCC is seen interacting with the SRUCC members at the meeting.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 3 : The Suburban Railway Users Consultative Committee (SRUCC) Meeting of Western Railway was held recently at Headquarters Building, Churchgate, Mumbai to discuss various matters related to the suburban railway timetable as well as passenger amenities.

According to press

release issued by Public Relations Department of Western Railway, Mr Prakash Butani, Additional General Manager of Western Railway & Chairman of SRUCC presided over the proceeding of the meeting. The meeting was attended by prominent members of SRUCC. Principal Heads of Various Departments, Divisional Railway

Manager of Mumbai Central Division and other senior railway officers of WR were also present.

The key topics discussed in the meeting included additional local train services, expediting construction of Foot Over Bridge (FOB), and installation of escalators at various suburban stations. A fruitful and constructive discussion took place,

where the achievements made in fulfilling passengers' expectations were highlighted, and future plans were also discussed.

Western Railway remains committed to providing efficient and convenient suburban services, and valuable suggestions from SRUCC members play a crucial role in further enhancing these services.

WR headquarters cultural team scores second position at the Inter Railway Cultural Dance competition

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 3 : Western Railway Headquarters Cultural Team displayed a brilliant dance performance and bagged Second position in the recently concluded Inter Railway Cultural Dance Competition organized by the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, the Cultural Team from WR HQ performed the energetic DIVLI dance, which is a folk



dance of Goa. Their enthralling and lively performance was applauded by everyone. The competition saw participation of 18 Teams, both from Zonal Railways as well as Production Units.

Mr Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager of

Western Railway congratulated the winning Team for their outstanding feat and encouraged them to bring more such laurels for the organization. He stated that this win is a testament to the team's hard work, dedication, and passion for cultural

activities.

The participants of this vibrant performance were Sukanya Nagda, Urvi Suki, Rukmini Iyer, Lekhashree Mestry, Daksha Sonawane, Gargi Raut, Nina Mer, Rajendra Patil, Mitesh Mane and Vishal Kamble. Western

Railway encourages and supports its employees in pursuing their cultural interests and participating in various competitions. This achievement is a proud moment for the railway and will motivate others to excel in their respective fields.

MANUU Civil Academy Students Secure Second Place

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, March 3 : The Students from Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), representing Civil Services Examination-Residential Coaching Academy (CSE-RCA), participated in the prestigious National Science Quiz, competing against participants from around 45 colleges and universities across the country. The MANUU team, comprising Dr. Minhaj Ahmed, Md. Nazeer, and SD. Sohail, secured second place in the competition.

A series of science-based competitions were



organized at Rashtrapati Nilayam, Secunderabad, on February 27 and 28 on the occasion of National Science Day 2025.

Dr. Mahtab S. Bamji, Director of ICMR, New Delhi, and a renowned

Indian scientist; J A Chowdary, founding director of Software Technology Parks of India; and Dr. K. Rajani Priya, Director of Rashtrapati Nilayam the closing ceremony. The MANUU

team was felicitated with the award by these esteemed dignitaries.

In a separate event, MANUU Model School Class-9 student Habeeba Begum got 1st prize in Essay writing competition

organized by Telangana Science Fair Academy to celebrate National Science Day-2025 at Madina Education Centre, Nampally. Mahek Begum from Class-11 student got 3rd prize in poster presentation whereas the science project work of Mirza Zoya Begum & Sadia Begum (from class-11) got a place in Souvenir published by TSFA.

Mr Waseem Uddin Md, PGT-B i o t e c h n o l o g y, MANUU Model School, Hyderabad guided these students. Dr. Kafil Ahmad, Principal I/c congratulated the winners.