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IN BRIEF

CM urges Union Govt to allocate fair share of Krishna river water to Telangana

Hyderabad / New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI) Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday evening requested Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil to allocate a fair share of Krishna river water to Telangana.

Since the Krishna basin covered 70 percent of Telangana and 30 percent of Andhra Pradesh, the Chief Minister made an appeale to Patil to allocate 70 percent of Krishna river water to Telangana.

Revanth Reddy, who meets Jal Shakti minister C R Patil in New Delhi, pleaded with the Union minister to take a decision on AP projects only after finalization of share of Godavari river water to Telangana.

The CM along with State Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy met with Jal Shakti Minister and also requested to safeguard the interests of Telangana in sharing of Krishna and Godavari river water.

Five injured in



AP leads Green Hydrogen

Revolution in India: CM

(Standard Post Bureau) Vijayawada, Mar 3 : Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Monday virtually inaugurated Hero Future he noted. Energies' first-of-its-kind Green Hydrogen blending highlighted the State

in Tirupati. carbon emissions. The hydrogen production. initiative aligns with Andhra

adoption. Congratulating Hero crude oil imports," he Minister observed. Future Energies and revealed. Rockman Industries on this

"With our vast coastal plant at Rockman Industries Government's commitment advantages, deep-sea ports,

"The successful He acknowledged that in demonstration of hydrogen groundbreaking Green October 2024, the State blending at Rockman Hydrogen Plant, the Chief introduced the Integrated Industries is just the Minister said that with its Clean Energy (ICE) Policy, beginning, and we look strong industrial base and with a vision to add over 160 forward to scaling up these positioned to lead India's investments worth continue to support clean energy Rohtak police "solved the case". green hydrogen revolution. approximately ?10 trillion projects, ensuring a prosperanother step towards our next five years. This policy Chief Minister maintained.

Municipal workers stage 'dharna' demanding regularization of contract staff

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AP Municipal workers

Later, a delegation of the

the

Kakinada, Mar 3(UNI): employees without further A large number of municipal delay. They also demanded contract workers owing regularization of services of allegiance to AP Municipal the workers appointed by Workers Union staged a the APCOS. 'dharna' in front of the

Collectorate here on union state honorary Monday, in support of their president Kirla Krishnarao, long pending demands, district unit general especially regularization of secretary Thokala Prasad the service of contract addressed demonstrators. They workers.

They also demanded demanded the minimum hydrogen-powered mobility, payment of wages to the besides sanctioning of contract workers directly to surrender leaves and DA the municipal administration arrears pending for the department itself, instead of permanent workers for the abolition of APCOS.

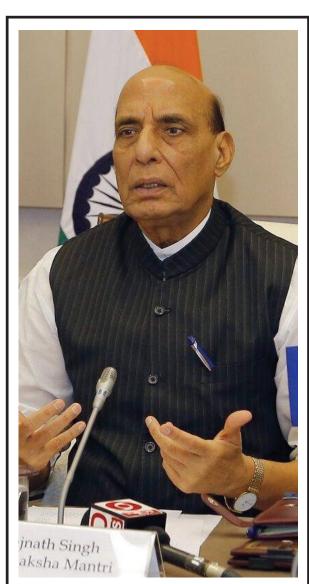
Their other demands protesters called on the include immediate clearance Collectorate administrative of the DA, wage and other officer and presented a arrears to the permanent memorandum of their demands.

Haryana police arrest suspect, claim victim strangulated

Chandigarh, Mar 3 (UNI) The Haryana police have security while reducing transformation," the Chief 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 progressive energy policies, GW of renewable energy efforts. I assure all investors district on Saturday. Rao said after Himani was identified Andhra Pradesh is well- capacity and attract that Andhra Pradesh will by her parents, police formed an SIT and within 36 hours



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

state's clean energy future, also focuses on developing leveraging our abundant green hydrogen production, renewable resources and electrolyser manufacturing, growing industrial demand," and infrastructure for entrusting the job of wage be hiked to Rs 38,000 The Chief Minister mentioned.

in leading India's green and robust logistics private agencies in case of past three years. This project pioneers the energy revolution, aligning network, Andhra Pradesh is blending of green hydrogen with its Swarnandhra Vision uniquely positioned to with PNG/LPG for industrial 2047, which aims to make the become a hub for green furnace applications, state a global hub for hydrogen exports, catering significantly reducing renewable energy and green to both domestic and global markets. Projects like Hero "Our government is Future Energies' green Pradesh's Swarnandhra determined to reduce hydrogen blending initiative Vision 2047 and the state's dependence on fossil fuels, reinforce the state's commitment to becoming a supporting India's Net-Zero reputation as an investorglobal hub for green by 2070 goal and friendly destination for hydrogen production and contributing to energy sustainable industrial

explosion in transport office godown, 1 held

Kakinada, Mar 3 (UNI): Five people were injured after being hit by splinters following explosion of firecrackers while unloading the parcels from a lorry at a transport godown on Wharf road here on Monday.

The injured were immediately rushed to government general hospital where their condition is stated to be out of danger. One person, who had placed orders for the parcels loaded at Hyderabad, was taken into custody and being interrogated, police said.

SP Bindu Madhav rushed to the spot with police dog squad and ballistic experts and ordered search of the entire area.

It was found that one of the parcels contained firecrackers called 'plastic onion bombs' while being unloaded fallen down and exploded and their splinters hit the workers, injuring them seriously.

transport The was sealed godown pending further investigation, police added.

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 Legislative Assembly in Pradesh tourism High Court, seeking to quash the order against them for both Telugu states will elect 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 announced by the ECI, 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. e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Party (YSRCP). 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.

He said the accused Sachin was in touch with Himani "This project marks (Rs\$118.95 billion) over the ous, greener future for all," the since last one and half years and also used to visit her Vijaynagar house.

Notifications issued for elections to 10 MLC seats in Telangana, AP

Telangana Assembly.

issued notifications for November 2023. biennial elections to five Andhra Pradesh.

the MLCs on March 20.

nominations can be filed till nominations will be taken up on March 11. The deadline for withdrawal nominations is March 13.

The 10 MLCs are retiring on March 29. In Telangana, the retiring MLCs are Mahmood Ali, Satyavathi Rathod and Seri Subash Reddy of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Mallesham Congress from BRS last year the Council chairman and Mirza Riyazul Hassan following his rebellion Effendi of All India Majlis- against the YSR Congress (AIMIM).

to be seen if Congress With 164 MLAs, the TDP from YSRCP.

Hyderabad/Amaravati, leaves a seat to AIMIM, coalition is set to bag all five March 3 (IANS) :The which became a friendly seats. The TDP may leave Election Commission of party after Congress three seats for its partners -India (ECI) on Monday wrested power from BRS in two seats for Jana Sena and one for the Bharatiya Janata

The AIMIM has seven Party (BJP). Among the Legislative Council seats seats while Congress ally prominent aspirants for each in Telangana and CPI has one seat and their MLC tickets from NDA is support will be crucial for actor Nagendra Babu, Members of the the ruling party. Andhra brother of Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena

The BRS, which has 28 President Pawan Kalyan. MLAs, is likely to retain Chief Minister N. As per the schedule former minister Satyavathi Chandrababu Naidu has Rathod and name a new face already announced that for the other seat. The BJP Naga Babu, as Nagendra March 10 while scrutiny of has seven members in Babuis popularly known, will be inducted into the

In Andhra Pradesh, Cabinet. The TDP may of Duvvarapu Rama Rao, nominate two leaders who Paruchuri Ashok Babu, B. withdrew from the Assembly election last year for the Tirumala Naidu and candidates of alliance Yanamala Rama Krishnudu of the Telugu Desam Party partners. SVSN Varma, who (TDP) are retiring on March withdrew from the 29. The seat of Janga Pithapuram constituency for Krishna Murthy has been Pawan Kalyan, is likely to be vacant since May 15, 2024, nominated to the Council as Yegge, who defected to after he was disqualified by per the promise made by Chandrababu Naidu.Andhra Pradesh tourism

> The TDP may also reward senior leader former

Devineni The TDP-led National minister The ruling Congress Democratic Alliance (NDA) Umamaheswara Rao, who party is likely to secure three in Andhra Pradesh is likely withdrew from the seats while the remaining to sweep the elections, Mylavaram constituency in two may go to the main given its huge majority in favour of V. V. Krishna opposition BRS. It remains the 175-member Assembly. Prasad, who had defected to recommendation to return to university.

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Australia add Cooper Connolly in squad aheadof 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 (See on page 7) report.

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 Indian soldiers, he laid a 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 World First War, particularly in Flanders. Accompanied by a few

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.

"From Action to Progress" Book Release Ceremony Celebrated with Enthusiasm

(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

Rajnath calls

upon people to

contribute to the

Dr. Bhausaheb Nannaware. The launch ceremony was witnessed by distinguished members of Khopoli branch, invitees, family members and journalists.The book "Krituthun 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

At the end of the program, all the dignitaries

writing this book.

and guests present appreciated the book and wished the authorpublisher 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 HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium, leading an

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

On his bilateral talks

Women borrowers show 42 pc Year-Over-Year Growth: **NITI Aayog report**

New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI) Hailing growing financial awareness among women, Government's think tank NITI Aayog on Monday said more women in India are seeking credit and monitoring their credit score.

with the Belgium DPM and FM. he wrote that the two sides held comprehensive

posted:"Delighted to meet economic mission to India.

and defence. "A pleasure meeting DPM & FM @prevotmaxime of **Belgium this morning in**

> New Delhi. "Held comprehensive

> > Etawah (UP), Mar 2

(UNI) Kusma Nain, who

illness at Sanjay

Superintendent

was serving life

sentence in Etawah

Bhimrao Ambedkar

condition due to TB

disease.

admitted to the Doctor

Government Hospital in

Etawah headquarters on

February 1 in a critical

He said that from

there, she was sent to

University for better

doctors there referred

her to SGPGI Lucknow

where she died during

treatment on Saturday

treatment, but the

afternoon. Mortal

remains of Kusma

of Jalaun district,

Nain's were taken to

village in Sirsa Kalar

Saifai Medical

District Jail, was

discussions on advancing

the bilateral partnership

in trade, investment,

clean energy, pharma,

semiconductors, digital,

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."

Bandit Queen' Kusuma Nain dies due to illness



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 committed is 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. Singh commended the corporate houses for their generous contributions towards AFFD Fund and felicitated top CSR donors on the occasion. Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Secretary (Ex-Servicemen Welfare) Niten Chandra and other senior officials attended the conclave.

Prayagraj Maha Kumbh gives new identity to religious tourism in UP

seamlessly link Prayagraj

with other prominent

Vindhyachal-Kashi

Prayagraj to the temples of

Vindhyachal Devi Dham

Prayag-

connects

religious sites," she said.

The

Corridor

development,

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 was 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 connection Aparajita Singh said more Prayagraj, the state capital than one lakh people visited

groundwork for a wellprovide devotees with a structured and convenient connected religious tourism circuit in UP. experience while boosting "Recognising the immense local economies through potential of this sector, the increased tourism activity. state government has She said that in addition developed five major spiritual corridors that

to developing these corridors, the UP government has focused on rejuvenating key religious sites in Prayagraj. The construction of temple corridors and the revitalisation of historic temples are set to have a lasting impact on religious tourism.

and Kashi. At the same time, the Prayagraj-Ayodhya-Among the significant Gorakhpur Corridor links projects, the Hanuman Prayagraj to the sacred Temple Corridor near the cities of Ayodhya and Sangam has been Gorakhpur.Another key developed to accommodate the the growing number of Prayagraj-Lucknowdevotees. The Akshaya Vat Temple and Saraswati Koop Naimisharanya Corridor, establishes a direct Corridor, as well as the between Nagvasuki and Alop Shankari Devi Corridor in of Lucknow, and the Daraganj, have further enhanced the accessibility of and spiritual significance of The these revered sites. Other notable developments include the Bhardwaj Ashram Corridor and the revitalisation of Shringverpur Dham, both offering devotees an enriched religious experience. Besides, the creation of Shivalaya Park and Triveni Pushp Parmarth Niketan adds a serene and spiritual dimension to the

NITI Aayog launched the report titled "From Borrowers to Builders: Women's Role in India's Financial Growth Story" saying as of December 2024, 27 million women were monitoring their credit, marking a 42 percent increase from the previous year, signaling growing financial awareness.

The report, launched by NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, has been published by TransUnion CIBIL, Women Entrepreneurship Platform's (WEP) of NITI Aayog and MicroSave Consulting (MSC).

During the launch, Subrahmanyam highlighted the critical role of access to finance in empowering women entrepreneurs. He stated, "the government recognizes that access to finance is a fundamental enabler for women's entrepreneurship. The Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) continues to work towards building an inclusive ecosystem that fosters financial literacy, access to credit, mentorship, and market linkages.

"However, ensuring equitable financial access requires a collective effort. The role of financial institutions in designing inclusive products tailored to women's needs, along with policy initiatives that address structural barriers, will be instrumental in accelerating this momentum. To achieve this goal under the aegis of WEP, Financing Women Collaborative (FWC) has been constituted. We seek more financial sector stakeholders to join FWC and contribute to this mission," he added.

Anna Roy, Principal Economic Advisor, NITI Aayog and Mission Director WEP, said "Encouraging women entrepreneurship is one way of ensuring employment opportunities for women entering the workforce in India. It also serves as a viable strategy for accelerating equitable economic growth. Promoting women's entrepreneurship could create employment opportunities for 150 to 170 million people while driving greater participation from women in the labour force."

The report highlighted that women's share of the total self-monitoring base increased to 19.43 per cent in December 2024, up from 17.89 percent in 2023. More women from non-metro regions are actively self-monitoring their credit compared to those in metro areas, with growth of 48 percent in non-metro regions and 30 percent in metro areas.

In 2024, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana accounted for 49 per cent of all self-monitoring women, with the southern region leading at 10.2 million.

Northern and central states, including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh, saw the highest compounded annual growth rates (CAGR) in active women borrowers over the past five years.

where she was cremated.

was once the notorious Kusma, who was 'bandit queen' of Chambal suffering from TB Valley spread over Uttar disease for about two Pradesh and Madhya months, was serving Pradesh, died due to sentence in Etawah **District Jail for about** Gandhi Postgraduate 20 years. Notorious **Institute of Medical** dacoit Ramasare alias Sciences (SGPGIMS) in Fakkad, who was Lucknow on Sunday, a synonymous with terror jail official said here. in UP and MP, and his **Etawah District Jail** entire gang, including his associate former Kuldeep Singh said that dacoit beauty Kusuma dacoit Kusma Nain, who Nain, surrendered at the Rawatpura outpost of Damoh police station in Bhind district of MP

> on June 8, 2004. All the members of the gang surrendered unconditionally before the then

Superintendent of Police of Bhind, Sajid Farid Shapoo. While **UP** police had declared a reward of Rs 1 lakh, MP police had declared Rs 15,000 on Fakkad Baba.

UP had declared a reward of Rs 20,000 and Madhya Pradesh had declared Rs 15,000 on Kusuma Nain.

The gang had her native village Tikri committed more than 200 crimes in UP and 35 crimes in MP.

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

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

The Regional Tourism Officer said that these event itself as it has laid the corridors are expected to city's tourism landscape.

SP leader Abu Azmi faces backlash for calling Aurangzeb 'not a cruel ruler'

Mumbai, March 3 (IANS) : Maharashtra Shivaji's army had several Muslims." Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Abu Azmi has come under fire for his remarks defending Mughal ruler Aurangzeb Alamgir, stating that he was "not a cruel leader". His comments have sparked controversy, drawing sharp criticism from political leaders across party lines. Azmi made the statement while speaking to reporters in Mumbai at the commencement of the Maharashtra Assembly session.

During the interaction, he was asked about Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's recent comparison of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Aurangzeb.

Responding to this, Azmi said, "Aurangzeb got several temples built. In Varanasi, he saved a Hindu girl child from a priest who had an evil eye on her. He had the priest trampled by elephants."

asserted, "I don't consider Aurangzeb a cruel ruler. During that era, power struggles were about politics, not about Hindus versus Muslims. Aurangzeb's army had many Hindus, and similarly, Chhatrapati

He also claimed that during Aurangzeb's reign, "our territorial boundaries extended up to Afghanistan. Today, he is being vilified by invoking Hindu-Muslim divisions."

However, Azmi's comments were met with strong opposition. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde condemned his remarks, calling them unacceptable and demanded an apology.

Shinde stated, "He must apologise for this because Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj was a patriot and a true nationalist. Aurangzeb was responsible for the brutal 40-day torture and execution of Sambhaji Maharaj. Glorifying Aurangzeb's rule is a serious offense, and for this, Abu Azmi must apologise. By speaking against a patriot, he has positioned himself as anti-national."

Maharashtra NCP leader and former MP Expanding on his views, Azmi further Anand Paranjpe refuted Azmi's claims. He told IANS, "Aurangzeb divided Hindus and Muslims, destroyed many temples, and considering the brutal execution of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, he was indeed a cruel ruler."

NAREDCO Andhra Pradesh Applauds Key Urban Development and Revenue Reforms

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(By Ravi Kumar Boppana)

Vijayawada, March 3 : NAREDCO Andhra Pradesh has welcomed the series of transformative reforms introduced by the state government, aimed at streamlining urban development and revenue processes. These policy changes, focused on ease of doing business, faster approvals, and regulatory transparency, are expected to boost the real estate and infrastructure sectors. The press meet, held at MALAXMI Chambers, Vijayawada, highlighted the impact of these reforms on the industry. Gadde Chakradhar, State President of NAREDCO Andhra Pradesh, emphasized that the reduction of the minimum road width requirement from 40ft to 30ft will help regulate unauthorized layouts and promote better planning. He also lauded the approval of Podium Parking, which will reduce the financial burden on developers who previously had to invest heavily in constructing cellar parking."

Highlighting government's commitment to efficiency, Chakradhar welcomed the upgradation of DPMS software, which will speed up approvals and minimize bureaucratic delays. He also praised the

about the growth potential in Andhra Pradesh's real estate sector, Chakradhar stated, "Now is the ideal time to invest in residential properties or layout plots in Andhra Pradesh. With the government's state visionary development policies and initiatives, the real estate sector is poised the for significant growth." He further added, "Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu garu,

introduction of a new transparent TDR process, allowing developers to utilize TDR on the same site where land is lost due to road widening. Speaking Pradesh's growth story."

Andhra Pradesh is witnessing unprecedented

development, making it an attractive destination for investors and homebuyers alike. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of Andhra

Kiran, State Executive Vice President, emphasized the need for further policy adjustments to create a more developer-friendly environment. He pointed out that removing floor height restrictions for nonhigh-rise buildings will provide better internal space utilization and ensure improved efficiency in planning. He further stressed the importance of setback relaxations for smaller sites adjacent to bigger roads, stating, "Developers are losing

significant land due to setback regulations. A more balanced approach will ensure that smaller plots are not unfairly disadvantaged while still maintaining urban planning standards."Kiran also highlighted the financial challenges faced by developers and welcomed the proposal to allow payment of fees in installments. He remarked, "This step will ease the financial burden on developers, allowing them to execute projects more efficiently without excessive upfront costs."" Seetaramaiah, State

Secretary General, emphasized the need for between

departments to improve approval processes. He pointed out that the government is working on a single-window system, integrating MAUD, Fire, Revenue, and Airports departments, a move that aligns with the goal of streamlining governance. He also commended the modernization of fire safety policies, which will replace outdated requirements with globally accepted standards Ramesh Babu, State Treasurer, highlighted the financial relief provided by these reforms. He welcomed the proposal to allow fee payments in installments, reducing financial stress on developers. He also noted

will now be allowed from 500 sq mt plots, optimizing land utilization.

Sandeep Mandava, President (Central Zone), addressed key concerns in the Revenue sector. He called for reforms in land mutation processes, updates to registration software, and uniform charges for family partition deeds. He particularly welcomed the government's decision to repeal the NALA Act at the request of NAREDCO Andhra Pradesh, stating that this move will significantly accelerate real estate project launches despite revenue losses for the government. The NAREDCO Andhra Pradesh leadership reiterated its support for the government's initiatives and expressed confidence that these reforms will drive urban development, governance efficiency, and economic growth. They reaffirmed their commitment to collaborating with the state government in shaping a more sustainable and investment-friendly real estate sector. PV Krishna, Treasurer (Central Zone), and Vamsi participated in the press meet, further emphasizing the importance of these

The MLC highlighted the drastic fall in prices from Rs. 27,000 per quintal last year to below Rs. 10,000 now, pushing farmers into distress sales amid unpaid debts.Appi Reddy criticized the State Government for not releasing funds and delaying action, alleging a conspiracy to benefit middlemen by seeking trader details two months

Vijayawada, Mar 3 :

YSRCP MLC Lella Appi

Reddy on Monday

accused the Andhra

Pradesh Government of

failing to deliver the

promised Rs 11,781

minimum support price

(MSP) to chilli farmers.

after sales began. He also questioned whose interests the coalition government serves, contrasting the previous YSRCP regime's Rs. 3,000 crore Price

Stabilization Fund with the

current Rs. 300 crore

government's apathy deplorable. He accused Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu of indifference, warning that such neglect threatens farmers' livelihoods and the state's agricultural legacy.

3 women siblings, an infant killed as car collides with auto

Anantapur, Mar 3 (UNI) : In a tragic road accident, three women siblings and a three-month-old infant were killed and three others were injured when the auto rickshaw in which they were travelling was collided by a car at Kammuru village in Kuderu mandal on Sunday.

Police said that one of the deceased Saraswati (32) gave birth to a baby girl three months ago. She, along with her infant daughter Vidyasri, accompanied by her two elder sisters Leelavathi (42) and Yegeswari (40), was going to her mother-in-law's house Rayampalli in Uravakonda mandal from her parents' house when the mishap took place. All the four deceased, including the infant, were killed instantaneously.

The car was going to Anantapur from Uravakonda and the ill-fated auto rickshaw was going towards Uravakonda. The car, while overtaking an RTC bus, collided with the auto rickshaw. The auto rickshaw driver and two students were critically injured in the accident and they were admitted to the GGH. Heart wrenching scenes were witnessed at the GGH here with grieving family members inconsolably as three sisters and an infant were killed. The accident created a great tragedy in three families. The Kuderu police registered a case, removed the two vehicles from the road and cleared the traffic.

Hyderabad airport records 22 pc growth promoted among people: CM in cargo during 2024

Hyderabad, March 3 from Hyderabad. (IANS) : The Hyderabad International Airport Hyderabad vear 2024.

According to GHIAL. cargo recorded 22 per cent cargo established a direct growth during the calendar connection to the African a digital literate thus market with Ethiopian transforming the entire Airlines operating two weekly freighters services between Hyderabad and Addis Ababa. In late October 2024, Lufthansa Cargo transitioned to operating its own Boeing 777F freighters from Hyderabad, enhancing its direct cargo operations in the Indian market. Additionally, passenger flight frequency increased from five to six weekly. Qatar Airways and Turkish Airlines operate scheduled freighter services to their respective hubs (Doha and Istanbul) using wide-body freighters. Qatar Airways is increasing its freighter frequency from February 2025, on the Hyderabad-Doha route from two to three weekly using B777F aircraft looking at the growing potential at Hyderabad. Exports from Hyderabad Airport reached destinations worldwide, including the US, Europe, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, Australia, and China.

Vijayawada, Mar 3 WhatsApp governance (UNI): Chief Minister, extensively.

Chandrababu Naidu, on All the District Monday directed the Collectors should take this officials to make every responsibility and initiate effort to make every citizen steps to bring awareness of WhatsApp use governance on a large scale. Complete awareness should be created among the people in their respective areas through the secretariats and the staff members of the

Minister said and felt that if digital literacy increases among the people the utilization of WhatsApp governance too will go up.

The officials are also among the people in their told to take steps to provide respective districts to make the facility to the people to WhatsApp utilise governance through QR Code and complete the process of establishing data lake and interlinking data at a faster pace by adopting the best available standards being followed

brought to the notice of the Chief Minister the people's perception that the people are expressing total satisfaction with the quality of food being supplied at Anna Canteens. More than

reforms and their positive seamless coordination impact on the industry. various that basement construction **Digital literacy should be widely**

earlier amount, calling it a

shameful neglect of

farmers.Ex-Chief Minister

YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's

visit to the Guntur chilli

yard has prompted the

government's limited

response, which included

review meetings and a letter

to the Centre, but no

concrete relief, the YSRCP

leader said and slammed

the government for

politicising farmers' issues

despite a Legislative

Council motion, urging it to

Guntur's significance, with

its Rs. 10,000 crore annual

chilli trade and 150 cold

storage units holding 1.3

crore bags, making the

Appi Reddy emphasized

prioritize their welfare.



The airport handled 1,80,914 tonnes of cargo, an increase of 22 per cent compared to 2023.

Airport operator GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) announced on Monday this robust that performance was driven by 36 per cent surge in international cargo to 1,08,520 tonnes and a five per cent growth in domestic cargo to 72,395 tonnes.

Hyderabad airport continues to be a leading airport for handling highvalue pharma cargo in India and has witnessed a strong growth in movement of electrical and electronic items along with engineering goods in the last one year.

Pradeep Panicker, CEO, GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited, said they remained dedicated to developing world-class infrastructure, optimising processes, and enhancing capacity to serve diverse cargo needs.

Hyderabad cargo sustained its growth momentum, operating to more than 20 international destinations through a robust network of passenger and freighter flights.It facilitated exports to top global markets, with high-value pharmaceutical shipments comprising 72 per cent of the total exports. The US and Europe remained the largest export regions, accounting for 51 per cent of the total exports

The cargo infrastructure at Hyderabad also undergoing is significant expansion to meet growing demand.

The existing Cargo Terminal 1 is being upgraded and, upon completion, will feature a state-of-the-art domestic terminal, an international courier/express terminal, and a dedicated export perishables terminal.

State as a total digital literacy State.

Holding a review meeting at the State Secretariat on people's perception and RTGS (Real Time Governance Society), the Chief Minister said that the State Government is providing an opportunity to the people to make use of WhatsApp governance so easily and to get all kinds of services through it

without making rounds to the government offices. Expressing the opinion that the people are yet to get fully accustomed to WhatsApp governance, Chandrababu Naidu directed the officials to initiate steps so that the people can make use of

The Chief Minister made it clear that people can not only get public services but also make complaints and appeals through WhatsApp governance and told the officials to explain this to the people. A facility will soon be provided to the illiterates to bring their complaints to the Government's notice through WhatsApp governance by posting their voice, the Chief

secretariats, he added.

across the globe. The Secretary (IT and Real Time Governance), Bhasker Katamaneni, informed Chandrababu that till now 200 services are being provided to the public through WhatsApp, and 150 more such services will be provided by the end of this month. By the next phase the total services will reach 500 and the first phase data lake will be completed by May, he added.The officials

94 percent of those who are consuming food at Anna Cantees are completely happy with the quality and maintenance of canteens

under a clean atmosphere. The Chief Minister said that wherever people expressed a sort of dissatisfaction steps should be taken for proper maintenance.

The Minister for Municipal Administration, P Narayana, Minister for Agriculture,K Atchen Naidu, Home Minister, Vangalapudi Anitha, Minister for Forests, Kondapalli Srinivas, Chief Secretary, Vijayanand, secretaries to the Chief Minister, Muddada Ravi Chandra, and other senior officials were present.

Conveyor beit repair expedited to remove debris

Hyderabad, March 3 (IANS) : Authorities have expedited the repair work on the conveyor belt to remove debris from the accident site in the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel in Telangana's Nagarkurnool district as the rescue operations continued for the 10th day on Monday.

The fate of eight persons, who were trapped in the tunnel after a portion of the roof collapsed on February 22, is still unknown.Disaster Management Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar, Nagarkurnool District Collector Badavath Santosh, and other officials conducted a review meeting at the tunnel inlet office to assess the ongoing rescue operations. The conveyor belt repairs have been expedited to facilitate the removal of debris from the SLBC accident site.

Officials have confirmed

that the dewatering process is progressing swiftly.

Telangana State Southern Power **Distribution Company** Limited Chairman and Managing Director Musharraf Ali, Nagarkurnool District Superintendent of Police Vaibhav Gaikwad Raghunath, Colonel Parikshit Mehra, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) officer Prasanna, and representatives from HYDRAA, Singareni Mines Rescue, SDRF, Fire Services, and South Central Railway, participated in the meeting.Disaster Management Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar analysed the challenges encountered in the rescue operations and discussed them with the teams involved. Authorities are continuously reviewing the rescue efforts with teams from 12 different agencies.

BSP supremo Mayawati expels nephew Akash Anand from party

Lucknow, Mar 3 (UNI) A day after relieving Akash Anand from all responsibilities, including that of National Coordinator, of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), party supremo Mayawati on Monday expelled him citing the interest of the party and the movement.

In a series of posts on 'X', Mayawati wrote, "In the all-India meeting of BSP yesterday, Akash Anand was relieved from all responsibilities, including that of National Coordinator, due to his continuous influence under his father-in-law Ashok Siddharth, who was expelled from the party, for which he (Akash) was expected to show maturity by expressing remorse."She said, "But on the contrary, the lengthy response given by Akash is not indicative of his remorse or political maturity, but rather mostly selfish, arrogant and non-missionary, influenced by his father-inlaw, from which I have been advising and punishing all such people in the party to refrain."

The BSP supremo wrote, "Therefore, in the interest of the self-respect and dignity movement of the most revered Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, and while upholding the tradition of discipline set by the Kanshiram Ji, Akash Anand, like his father-in-law, is expelled from the party in the interest of the party and the movement."

The decision came in response to Akash's statement claiming that he was a cadre of Mayawati and would continue to work with full devotion for the party and the mission and would fight for the rights of my society till his last breath. Taking to X, Akash wrote, "I am a cadre of the most revered sister Mayawati ji and under her leadership, I have learned unforgettable lessons of sacrifice, loyalty, and dedication, all these are not just an idea for me, but the purpose of life.

Every decision of the respected sister is like a line of stone for me, I respect her every decision and stand by that decision."He said, "The decision of sister Mayawati to relieve me from all the posts of the party is personally emotional for me, but at the same time it is a big challenge now, the test is difficult and the fight is long.

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 congratulatedteam 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 1 4,270.18 Cr, has a Profit after Tax, ie PAT of 1 1,111.26 Cr and a net worth of ¹3,229.97 Cr for FY 2023-24. IRFC is also a



Ministry of Railways CPSE with an annual turnover of ¹26,644 Cr, PAT of ¹ 6,412 Cr and a net worth of ¹49,178 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

Nubella Centre for Women's Health and

Lighthouse Counselling Centre Announces

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 Rs 26,600 crore and a profit after tax exceeding Rs 6,400 crore as of March 31, 2024,

IRFC is now the thirdlargest 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.

technology and diagnostic

tools, the centre ensures

accurate diagnoses and

effective treatment plans.

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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

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

(Standard Post Bureau)

empower women and

prioritize their physical and

mental wellbeing, Nubella

Centre for Women's Health

With a motive to

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 healthcare holistic 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



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

addressing health, 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, of

the centre is equipped with latest medical the

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 worklife 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.



provide a range of services recommendations for implementation in the short, medium and long term to achieve the desired capability enhancement goals of the lAF 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

country. The STEALTH Edition amplifies the looks with an all-new STEALTH Matte Black finish, exuding an undeniable road presence

dealerships across the

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 Rs 25.09 lakh, Exshowroom Delhi for the Harrier STEALTH and at a starting price of Rs 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.

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engage," Macron said, after

returning from the London

summit.Meanwhile,

Volodymyr Zelenskyy

expressed his willingness

on Sunday to sign the

negotiated with the United

States, delayed due to his

altercation with Donald

ready, the agreement on the

table will be signed," said

Zelenskyy in an interview

with British journalists

the mineral agreement, then

we are ready to sign it. We

are constructive," he

Washington's suggestion

that the Ukrainian leader

might need to step down if

he did not change his

stated on Sunday evening

that replacing him would

"not be so easy." Speaking

to the press in London, he

substantial support for him

made a simple replacement

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

However, Zelenskyy

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"If we agreed to sign

before leaving London.

"Once all parties are

Trump on Friday.

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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

Gaza ceasefire essential to prevent renewed regional devastation: ICRC

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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

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

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. hostilities.

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

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.

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

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 critical protecting 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 heavy lifting," he said,

London, Mar 3 (UNI): 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 state and Canadian Prime emphasizing that the

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

London/Paris, March 3 should manage to re-(UNI) : France and Britain have proposed a onemonth 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 coming days, we

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.

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 in the Oval Office on Friday. Downing Street, where the British prime minister reaffirmed the UK's

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.

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.

Minister Justin Trudeau, gathered in London on backing. 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 work on a ceasefire plan to

agreement needs U.S. "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

"unwavering determination" to achieve lasting peace in Ukraine. Following the meeting, Serhiy

Ukrainian Finance Minister 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 good relations between the

diplomatic sources to say that there might be a possible first ever inperson meeting between been "no is no alternative to maintain

two countries," said Yunus said said.He 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 up its mind what kind of relationships with three big relationship it wants with countries - India, China and New Delhi, stressing that the United States- is among the two neighbours share a the priorities in 2025. He very special history that

stressed that Dhaka's ties

with Delhi will advance beyond a single issue.

Adviser Hossain recently had a meeting with Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Muscat, Oman and invited him to visit Bangladesh as part of the Foreign Minister-level mechanism that the two countries have. Hossain said both Dhaka and New Delhi agreed to have "good working relations" by removing the remaining problems.He said businesses have already picked up and apparently reached their previous level but there are still some issues like visa related problems.Meanwhile, Jaishankar in a separate program in New Delhi said Bangladesh needs to make

goes back to 1971.

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 higtus

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.

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 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

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-diefor skin. Here are some skincare tools that you can use during cleansing/ exfoliation to

> compl e m e n t 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

(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."

cleansing brushes use sonic

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Beauty

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-toreach areas. Opt for one made from extradurable 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

stretch marks and bodies were kept secret.

Gone are the days when post pregnancy 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

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 and hair care tips every woman must know.

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

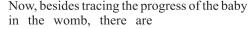
beauty tips And to help you out in your sojourn of every woman beauty, we bring to you five affordable must know

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?

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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



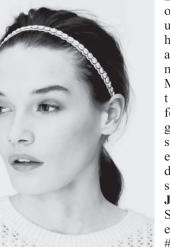
photoshoots that exclusively take place post the delivery. Stretch mark selfies are another 'proud mom' movement and speak of women empowerment.

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



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.

- 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.



- 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 supplement, as well as raw vegetables and

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

fruits, will prevent the

- 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

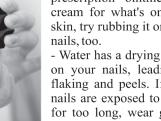
moisturise at least twice a day.

- 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.

chipping.



Goalkeeper

Bernd helps

Manchester United out of

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

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

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

won it without the need for

penalties. Emile Smith

Rowe, denied superbly by

Andre Onana before the

Both sides could have

from the touchline.

But days after former

Fulham had taken the

After three precise spot-

the FA Cup.

said.

reported.

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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,

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 knockout phase, media reports said.

Three victories from as many encounters has India in fine form ahead of their Tuesday, the ICC reported.

We take a look at their three matches so far.

India defeated Bangladesh by six wickets: India's tournament opener

contest Bangladesh in Dubai, wickets to bundle out Chakravarthy show in reply, registering a sizzling sixwicket victory to begin their overs. campaign on a winning note.

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

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

knockout semi-final against by six wickets: In their high-Australia in Dubai on voltage clash against archhand yet again.

saw them prevail in a tight his magic for the Indian side against by taking three crucial

India defeated Pakistan rivals Pakistan, India displayed their all-round prowess by chasing down 241 runs with six wickets in

Kuldeep Yadav weaved Pakistan for 241 in 49.4

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 with the spinner claiming an

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 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

Australia add Cooper **Connolly in** squad ahead of India semifinal clash

Dubai, Mar 3 (UNI): Allrounder 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

Champions

Tendulkar.

It was not body-shaming,"

she clarified on Monday.

while fielding and appeared hampered when making a quickfire 20 at the top of Kohli, and 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

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

(UNI) A political controversy erupted on Monday after Congress T20 World Cup isn't spokesperson Shama Mohamed made remarks about Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma's

Mansukh Mandaviya also fitness and leadership weighed in, urging political ahead of India's crucial leaders to refrain from Trophy semifinal against Australia commenting on sportspersons Taking to social media, professional lives. "Such Shama criticised Rohit's comments undermine the physical fitness, calling him hard work and sacrifices of 'fat' and a 'mediocre our athletes," he posted on captain.' The now-deleted social media. post also compared Rohit

TMC MP Saugata Roy unfavourably with former supported Shama's critique, captains MS Dhoni, Virat questioning Rohit's Sachin performance in recent matches.However, Shiv Facing backlash from Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka multiple quarters, Shama Chaturvedi defended the defended her remarks, Indian captain, stating that stating that they were observations rather than his leadership had brought India to great heights body-shaming. "It was a despite criticisms about his generic tweet about the physique.BCCI Secretary fitness of a sportsperson. Devajit Saikia condemned Shama's remarks, calling it "unfortunate" that such Reacting to the statements were made at a controversy, Congress critical juncture in the distanced itself from

Shama's comments. Party Shama, however, stood leader Pawan Khera stated by her comments, citing that she had been asked to Rohit's strategic decisions delete the post and exercise in past tournaments, greater caution in the including the Test series future. Congress MP Rajani 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

home side levelled, was repelled by the Cameroon international again before the tie went to extra time, the report said. Then, 17year-old United substitute Chido Obi flicked a shot towards goal that Leno kept out with an outstanding reaction save.

Fulham to knock **Man United** out of cup New Delhi, March 3 have lost 90 elections under Manchester, Mar 3 Rahul Gandhi's captaincy (UNI): Fulham goalkeeper are calling Rohit Sharma Bernd Leno was the hero with two saves in the unimpressive! Winning the penalty shootout to knock

impressive, but losing elections is?" he remarked. Union Sports Minister

tournament.

cricket, with Rohit set to lead the team in a highstakes semifinal match against Australia.

Kolkata, Mar 3 (UNI): recover."

Patil also disapproved of the remarks, asserting that body-shaming anyone, particularly a sportsperson 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

Manika Batra calls on Delhi CM Rekha Gupta

New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI): Indian table tennis star Manika in Delhi, focusing on the development of grassroots Batra on Monday called on Delhi's newly appointed Chief athletes and the welfare of athletes from the state," Manika Minister Rekha Gupta to discuss key issues related to said."It was encouraging to see the commitment towards



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

Dubai, Mar 3 (UNI)

India captain Rohit

Sharma on Monday

allowed to play all their

ICC Champions Trophy

teams have had to shuttle

between multiple venues

across Pakistan and the

India, the only team to

remain in a single location

the Dubai International

Rohit downplayed the

significance of the

in Dubai have varied

surfaces being used, and

each one has its own

characteristics," Rohit

semifinal against

Australia.

said ahead of Tuesday's

"The pitches might

look the same, but they

behave differently. You

cannot assume that just

because you played on

today's surface will be

one pitch yesterday,

significantly.

throughout the

UAE.

impressive five-wicket haul to help bowl New Zealand Shubman Gill (46) and Shreyas Iyer (56) came in out for just 205 in reply as India progressed through handy with some crucial to the final four with their knocks, but the age-old

Rohit dismisses claims of one-venue advantage

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.

Against New Zealand,

Axar stitched together a

with Shreyas Iyer (79),

while Hardik Pandya

crucial 98-run partnership

chipped in with a brisk 45.

India's total of 250 proved

competitive, with spinners

"Our middle order is

experienced, but getting

putting up a fighting total

was crucial," Rohit noted.

first two matches, making

their decision to bat first a

With the semifinal

against Australia looming,

Rohit reiterated the need

to stay flexible, given the

unpredictable nature of

"We don't know

which pitch will be used,

but whatever happens, we

have to adapt quickly," he

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chased targets in their

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dominating the second

innings to seal a

commanding victory.

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

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 involving of 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 worldclass 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 Memorandum а Understanding (MoU) to launch a comprehensive academic infrastructural initiative aimed at strengthening India's sports ecosystem. Adding to this vision,

Bharadwaj, Vasanth 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 of sources, explaining that the university would provide initial funding, particularly and 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

launching

programmes," he said.

stage

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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identical. This is not our home, this is Dubai. We don't play so many matches here. This is new rejected suggestion that his team has enjoyed an for us too," he told unfair advantage by being reporters on the eve of semifinal clash with Australia. India had refused to matches here, while other

travel to Pakistan due to resulting in the International Cricket Council (ICC) stationing

Despite remaining tournament, gained crucial unbeaten in the insights into conditions at tournament, India face a formidable challenge Cricket Stadium. However, an ICC event was in the perceived edge, insisting that the playing surfaces victorious. Rohit anticipates a hard-"There are four or five

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

strained political relations, them in Dubai.

against Australia. The last time the two teams met in 2023 ODI World Cup final, where Australia emerged fought contest against

added.

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

unbeaten record intact.

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

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

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





(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 3 : Mr Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, inspected the recently completed Non-Interlocking (NI) works and (CSMT). The extension of these platforms marks a

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

Central Railway extension of platforms 12 executed special blocks for and 13 at Chhatrapati Pre & Post Non-Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Interlocking (NI) works from the midnight of February 28/March 1, 2025, significant upgrade to to March 2/3, 2025. The accommodate 24-coach commissioning involved

modifications to the existing Siemens-made Electronic Interlocking and system 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, 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.

MANUU to conduct Job Mela for **Education** and Training students

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(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 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, Professor, E&T (9044145228) and Mr Sameer Pasha, Corporate Consultant, T&PC, MANUU (9700064077).

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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.

DRM, Lalit Bohra conducted **Visakhapatnam station inspection : ECoR**

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, March 3: Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair Division Mr Lalit Bohra led a comprehensive inspection of Visakhapatnam station today (03.03.2025). **Divisional Railway** Manager inspected the Computerized Reservation Office at the station, Platforms, Catering stalls, Parcel office etc.

DRM Shri Lalit Bohra reviewed the infrastructure works in progress at the station with senior officials. He checked the various facilities at the station towards Gnanapuram side during the inspection at Visakhapatnam station. Later, he inspected the New Coaching Complex, Visakhapatnam and enquired about the various activities.



Short - Termination, Short orignation of coaching trains

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, March 3 : Due to safety related modernization works for remodeling of Bacheli-Kirandul station yards in connection with doubling over Jagdalpur- Kirandul section in KK Line, the following trains will be short terminated at Dantewara.

1. The train No. 58501 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul Passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on from 07.03.2025 to 15.03.2025 will be short terminated at Dantewada.

The train No. 58502 Kirandul-Visakhapatnam Passenger will start from Dantewada from 08.03.2025 to 16.03.2025 instead of Kirandul.

3. The train No. 18515 Visakhapatnam- Kirandul Night Express leaving Visakhapatnam from 07.03.2025 to 15.03.2025 will be short terminated at Dantewada.

4. The train No. 18516 Kirandul- Visakhapatnam Night Express will start from Dantewada from 08.03.2025 to 16.03.2025 instead of Kirandul

Ensure Water Arrangements and Fire Safety Precautions In View of the Ensuing Summer Season : Arun Kumar Jain



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



Assistant Leopard's body

found hanging Lalitpur

programs have been organized in Kalyan and Bhandup circles to honor the work of the public servants.

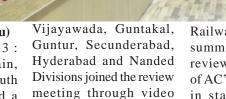
If the power supply is interrupted even for a minute, consumers wait for it to start. During this, no one knows what and how the engineers and public servants of Mahavitaran have to do day and night, facing various obstacles and in what conditions. But if we understand the struggle and tireless efforts 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

(Standard Post Bureau) Hyderabad, March 3 : Mr Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Central Railway held a detailed meeting on measures to be undertaken in view of the ensuing summer season and safety of train operations today i.e., 03rd March, 2025 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri Neeraj Agrawal, Additional General Manager, SCR participated in the meeting along with Principal Heads of Departments. Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs)

of all the six divisions viz.,



conference. Mr Arun Kumar Jain advised all the divisions to take up necessary measures to ensure adequate water arrangements at stations, trains, railway colonies etc. before the summer season begins. He also instructed to observe all fire safety precautions including fire safety audits, maintenance of equipment etc to prevent any fire incidents in Railway premises during summer. He advised to review the maintenance of AC's and water coolers in stations and trains, any defects found should be repaired immediately without

The General Manager

also held a detailed review

on smooth running of train

operations. He stated that

Safety, Punctuality and

Loading are the three most

important parameters of

Indian Railways and all due

effort must be made to

maintain the same. He

instructed the divisions to

delay, he said.

examine the delays in some trains and rectify them so as to further improve the punctuality of train operations.

The General Manager reviewed the status of various safety drives being carried out across the zone. He advised the officials to adhere to all guidelines and strictly observe all safety measures to ensure smooth running of trains. He informed the officials to continue carrying out regular safety drives to educate on-field staff to avert untoward incidents or unsafe conditions.

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 reenergised, 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 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. Sohel, secured second place in the competition.

based competitions were Delhi, and a renowned

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

Dr. Mahtab S. Bamji, A series of science- Director of ICMR, New Indian scientist; J A founding Chowdary, director of Software Technology Parks of India; and Dr. K. Rajani Priya, Director of Rashtrapati Nilayam the closing ceremony. The MANUU

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.

organized by Telangana

Mr Waseem Uddin PGT-Md, Biotechnology, MANUU Model School, Hyderabad guided these students. Dr. Kafil Ahmad, Principal I/c congratulated the winners.



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