

IN BRIEF

Dhaka-bound Qatar flight makes emergency landing at RGIA

Hyderabad, Mar 5 (UNI) A Qatar Airways flight bound to Dhaka from Doha made an emergency landing at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Shamshabad near here in the early hours on Wednesday after a woman passenger suffered a health issue.

A woman passenger onboard the flight QR 642 from Doha to Dhaka in Bangladesh, complained of uneasiness, following which the pilot sought for an emergency landing, according to airport authorities here.

After getting clearances from departments concerned, the ATC gave permission to the crew after which the flight landed at the Shamshabad airport at 3.25 am. Upon landing, the woman was rushed to a medical facility at the airport where she was pronounced dead. The flight later took off at 3.42 am to reach Dhaka. The reason behind the death of the passenger was yet to be known.

SI commits suicide inside his barrack in Rampur

Rampur (UP), Mar 5 (UNI) : A 50-year-old Sub-Inspector (SI) allegedly hanged himself in his barrack and committed suicide in Suar area of the district in Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday, police sources said here.

Police sources said that Nayab Khan, who was posted at Suar Kotwali of the district, hanged himself in his barrack room in uniform.

"Nayab Khan was SI of 1994 batch and was posted in Halka number one, although he had been transferred. He was due for promotion," they said. Police sources said that it is being said that he had two wives.

"He was originally from Kampil in Farrukhabad. His family lives in Bareilly. On Wednesday at around 1 pm, his family called him repeatedly, but he did not pick up the phone, after which they contacted Rampur police," they said.

Police sources said that when the police went to the barrack, it saw that the body of the SI was hanging from the latch. SP Vidya Sagar Mishra said that the reason for the hanging is yet to be ascertained.

Rahul Gandhi interacts with coolies at NDLS, pledges to fight for their rights

New Delhi, March 5 (IANS): Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday expressed deep concern over the rising number of stampedes at railway stations after interaction with coolies who helped passengers during the February 15 tragedy.

Saddened by their plight, Rahul Gandhi said he would fight for their rights with all his might.

In a post on X, he highlighted the tragic consequences of such incidents, stating, "The increasing number of stampedes at railway stations and other public places is a matter of great concern. Many innocent people lose their lives or suffer injuries in these unfortunate events. We need to come together and find ways to prevent such tragedies".

Gandhi also sought public participation in addressing the issue, urging



people to share their suggestions on improving crowd management and enhancing security at railway stations.

"If you have any ideas to improve crowd management, strengthen security, or suggest any other measures, please share them. We will listen to the voice of India!" he added.

Along with his post, the Congress leader shared a video of his interaction with

coolies at New Delhi Railway Station, acknowledging their critical role in assisting passengers during emergencies. He met with them to personally thank them for their courageous efforts during the February 15 stampede, which claimed 18 lives.

During their discussion, the coolies recounted the chaotic scene on that fateful night when a massive crowd gathered at platforms 14 and

15, leading to the deadly stampede. They spoke of their struggle to rescue trapped passengers, despite the dangers to their own lives.

Beyond their heroic actions that day, the porters also shared the harsh realities of their daily lives with Gandhi. Many of them revealed that they often struggle to afford a single meal, having to choose between sending money

home or feeding themselves.

Gandhi remarked: "Our Porter brothers are forced to live in such hardship. They risk their lives to help others, yet their voices remain unheard."

He vowed to take up their cause at the highest level, asserting: "During the stampede at New Delhi Railway Station, these workers put their own lives at risk to save others. But their struggles go unnoticed. I will bring their demands before the government and fight with all my strength for their rights!"

At least 18 people, including five children, were killed and over a dozen were injured in a stampede at New Delhi Railway Station on February 15, which was caused by a sudden surge of passengers waiting to board trains for Prayagraj, where the Maha Kumbh Mela was held.

Indian Army continues its support for rescue operations at SLBC tunnel collapse

Hyderabad, Mar 5 (UNI) : In order to trace the eight workers who have been trapped for the past 12 days, the Indian Army, in coordination with multiple agencies, continued its dedicated efforts in Operation Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel to facilitate critical restoration work.

A night shift team, along with other agencies, proceeded to the tunnel yesterday evening and is expected to return shortly, a defence release said here on Wednesday. Meanwhile, the morning shift team commenced operations at 07:50 am today to sustain momentum in the ongoing efforts. The Engineering

Task Force (ETF) is actively assisting in key operations, including dewatering, desilting, removal of debris, erection of conveyor belts, cutting of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), and shifting of TBM parts and other heavy equipment. The Indian Army has deployed two excavators to support these crucial tasks.

The Indian Army remains committed to ensuring the success of this operation in collaboration with all stakeholders involved.

Even as rescue operations continued at SLBC Tunnel on Wednesday, officials were unable to locate the eight trapped workers so far.

BJP wrests MLC seat from Congress in Telangana

Hyderabad, March 5 (IANS) : In a setback to the ruling Congress party in Telangana, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) wrested Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar graduates' segment.

BJP candidate Chinnamail Anji Reddy emerged the winner by over 5,000 votes over his nearest competitor V. Narender Reddy of the Congress party during the counting of second preference votes.

At the end of the counting, Anji Reddy polled 97,880 votes. Narender Reddy finished second while Prasanna Harikrishna of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) was in third place.

Out of 56 candidates, 53 were already eliminated in the second preference round.

The counting of second-preference votes was taken

up after no winner emerged in the first-preference votes.

The MLC election was held on February 27 in the preferential voting system through ballot papers.

The seat was held by senior Congress leader and former minister T. Jeevan Reddy. Due to the big size of the ballot paper, it took more than a day for the counting staff to sort the votes. A large number of invalid votes also delayed the process of counting.

Out of 2,52,100 votes (including postal ballots) polled, about 28,000 were declared invalid.

A total of 2,50,106 voters cast their ballots in the Graduates' MLC polls on February 27, sealing the fate of 56 candidates.

BJP won two out of three MLC seats for which elections were held on February 27. BJP-backed

candidate Malka Komaraiah won the election from Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar teachers' constituency.

He won the seat with a margin of more than 5,700 first preference votes against his nearest rival Vanga Mahender Reddy of the PRTU (TS).

PRTU (TS) bagged the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda seat. It's candidate P. Sripal Reddy emerged winner in second-preference votes. He secured 13,969 votes. Sitting MLC Narsi Reddy of UTF finished second.

Meanwhile, Union Minister for Coal and Mines and state BJP president G. Kishan Reddy has congratulated Anji Reddy on winning Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar graduates' seat.

Trump targets India over 'high' tariffs, says reciprocal tariffs to kick-in from April 2

Washington/New Delhi, March 5 (UNI) : In another attack on Indian tariffs, US President Donald Trump said that "India charges US auto tariffs higher than 100 percent", which he termed as "not fair", and announced that reciprocal tariffs would kick in from April 2. President Trump, who had raised the issue of high Indian tariffs during his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the White House last month and even during their phone call after his swearing-in, clubbed India along with China, and the European Union as among countries that charge "tremendously higher tariffs" on US products.

In his address to the joint US Congress, Trump said:

"If you don't make your product in America; however, under the Trump administration, you will pay a tariff, and in some cases, a rather large one. "Other countries have used tariffs against us for decades, and now it's our turn to start using them against those other countries. On average, the European Union, China, Brazil, India, Mexico and Canada, have you heard of them? And countless other nations charge us tremendously higher tariffs than we charge them."

"It's very unfair. India charges US auto tariffs higher than 100%."

He said that China's average tariff on US products "is twice what we charge them. And South

Korea's average tariff is four times higher. Think of that four times higher."

"But that's what happens. This is happening by friend and foe. This system is not fair to the United States and never was." He announced the slapping of reciprocal tariffs from April 2. "And so on April 2nd, I wanted to make an April 1st, but I didn't want to be accused of April Fool's Day. That's what one day would cost us, a lot of money, but we're going to do it in April. I'm a very superstitious person. April 2nd reciprocal tariffs kick in and whatever they tariff us, and whatever they tariff us, other countries, we will tariff them. That's reciprocal back and forth. Whatever they tax us, we will tax them."

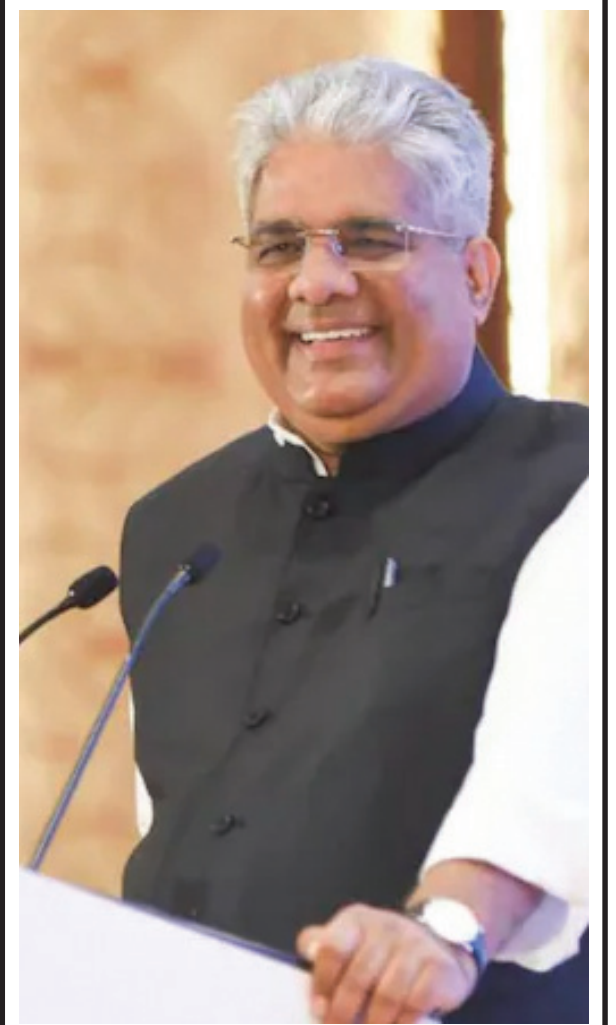
He continued:

"If they do non-monetary tariffs to keep us out of their market, then we will do non-monetary barriers to keep them out of our market. It's a lot of that too. They don't even allow us in that market. We will take in trillions and trillions of dollars and create jobs like we have never seen before."

"I did it with China and I did it with others and the Biden administration couldn't do anything about it because there was so much money. They couldn't do anything about it. We've been ripped off for decades by nearly every country on Earth, and we will not let that happen any longer."

On Tuesday, the Trump administration announced

its high 25 percent tariffs on neighbouring countries and on Canada and Mexico. The US also doubled tariffs on Chinese goods from 10 percent to 20 percent on Tuesday, citing lack of action from China on its alleged role in fentanyl production. India has a growing trade surplus with the US. Over the last decade, India's goods trade surplus with the US has doubled to \$35 billion, driven by strong exports in electronics, pharma, and textiles, all of which could now be vulnerable to reciprocal tariff measures. India's imports from the US include petroleum crude, pearls, precious stones, electrical machinery, aircraft parts, and military equipment.



'Developed countries must honour their financial and technological commitments

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhopendra Yadav reiterated that the developed countries must honour their "financial and technological commitments" especially in fulfilling their obligations under the Paris Agreement. Addressing the World Sustainable Development Summit 2025, organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), The Minister said the Global South, including India, is essential in "shaping climate discourse" despite facing the brunt of climate change. "Emphasizing the need to increase climate adaptation finance,

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SC awards Rs 9.64 cr compensation to family of ...



The Supreme Court has awarded a compensation of 9.64 crore to the family of Lakshmi Nagalla, a US-based software engineer who died in a road accident in 2009 due to the rash and negligent driving of a state transport bus. A bench comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra overturned a Telangana High Court judgment reducing the compensation from Rs 8.03 crore.

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Smith vows 'inexperienced' Australia will grow from ...



After India ended Australia's ICC Champions Trophy 2025 charge, stand-in captain Steve Smith promised his team will be "bigger and better" next time. Australia's captain has assured the cricketing world that their ODI team will remain stacked with talented players ready to maximise their potential, according to an ICC release.

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EAM Jaishankar calls on UK PM Starmer, holds talks with FS ...



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar called on British Prime Minister Keir Starmer at 10, Downing Street and discussed taking forward the bilateral and economic cooperation. The EAM also held talks with his UK counterpart David Lammy. In posts on X, he wrote that the UK PM also shared Britain's perspective on the Ukraine conflict.

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Bar and Bench are two side of a coin meant for only one goal, quest for justice : Justice Suryakant



(Standard Post Bureau)

New Delhi, March 5: Supreme Court judge Justice Surya Kant on Tuesday said that Bar and Bench are two sides of a coin meant for only one goal -- quest for justice.

Speaking at a felicitation event for four apex court judges Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Justice R. Mahadevan, Justice Manmohan and Justice K. Vinod Chandran, organised by the All India Senior Advocates Association, Justice Kant said while judges do their best to ensure that no injustice is done to the litigants, equal responsibility also lies on the Bar to provide quality assistance. "Bar and Bench are two sides of a coin

meant for only one goal, i.e., the quest for justice. Our endeavour is to find the truth in every matter. As judges, we do our best to ensure that no injustice is done. But equal responsibility also lies on the Bar, which assists us to provide quality assistance.

I am sure the enlightened Bar which India has is a huge wealth as far as judiciary is concerned. The Bar will continue to contribute and assist us and will be part of the mission and vision to provide affordable justice to the last man standing," Justice Kant said.

Union Minister of Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal while congratulating the newly appointed Supreme Court

Judges said that the judges have achieved this position as they led very pious and clean life. International Council of Jurists President Dr. Adish C Aggarwala vouched that judges of Indian Supreme Court are the most hardworking judges in the world and that is the reason that the disposal rate in the Indian Supreme Court is the highest in the world.

Attorney General and AISAA Chairman R Venkataramani, former Law Commission Chairman and Supreme Court Judge Dr. B.S. Chauhan, AISAA President and Member of Parliament P. Wilson, and its Vice President and Member of Parliament Vivek Tankha also spoke at the event.

BJP legislators walk out after Speaker expunges remarks of LoP

Jammu, Mar 5 (UNI) Amidst uproar in the House, the BJP legislators on Wednesday staged walkout when the Speaker Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Abdul Rahim Rather expunged the "derogatory remarks" of Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma used for those killed on July 13, 1931.

BJP LoP Sunil Sharma objected to the speech of PDP MLA Waheed-ur-Rehman Para in the House, when he demanded restoration of public holiday on July 13 (Martyrs Day) and December 5 (birth anniversary of NC founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah). Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather announced expunging of the "derogatory remarks" when the House witnessed noisy scenes for Sunil Sharma's remarks on 1931 martyrs.

The members from the CPI (M), Congress and PDP also demanded an apology from the BJP MLA.

All 28 BJP MLAs, however, later walked out of the House. The Lieutenant Governor headed administration scrapped these holidays from the calendar after the Article 370 abrogation that led to the bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

Free medical check-up: Anmol Sagar Saheb



(Standard Post Bureau)

Bhiwandi, March 5: As per the Government of Maharashtra's decision dated 13/01/2025, a 100-day action plan has been implemented in the Municipal Corporation, as per the instructions of Bhiwandi N.S. Municipal Corporation's Commissioner and Administrator Anmol Sagar Saheb, and Additional Commissioner Mr. Devidas Pawar Saheb, Vitthal Dake Saheb and also Chief Medical Officer Smt. Bushra Sheikh Madam as per the guidance and Smt. Dr. Swati Singh (Chairman) Sai Seva Sanstha and under the supervision of Mr. Joint Commissioner Shri.

Surendra Bhaskar Bhoir, Red Light (Body Trade) Area Hanuman Tekdi under the jurisdiction of Ward Committee No. 3, Shri. A camp was organized in the office of Sai Seva Sanstha to provide free medical check-up, Abha Card, Ayushman Card etc. services regarding health, education, cleanliness and environment. In this program, the Office Superintendent of Ward Committee No. 3, Kishore Pawar, Assistant Office Superintendent, Sarvesh Chavan, Bit Inspector Shri Suraj Gaikwad and Narayan Patil, Sujit Bhoir, Indrapal Jadhav, Jayesh Jadhav, were present. The program was successfully carried out.

'Suspension' on rein of truth is childishness'

Lucknow, Mar 5 (UNI) Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday came to the rescue of his MLA Abu Azmi, who has been suspended from the budget session of Maharashtra assembly, over his controversial remarks praising Mughal emperor Aurangzeb and said that to think that 'suspension' can put a rein on truth is 'childishness'. Taking to X, Akhilesh wrote, "The basis of suspension, if it starts being influenced by ideology, then what difference will remain between freedom of expression

and subservience. Be it our legislators or parliamentarians, their fearless wisdom is unparalleled. If some people think that 'suspension' can put a rein on the tongue of truth, then this is the childishness of their negative thinking." It may be noted that on Wednesday SP MLA Abu Azmi was suspended from the Maharashtra Assembly on Wednesday over his controversial remark praising Mughal ruler Aurangzeb. He has been suspended till the end of Maharashtra legislature's ongoing budget session, which is set to conclude on March 26.

'Developed countries must honour their financial and technological commitments

New Delhi, Mar 5 (UNI) : Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav reiterated that the developed countries must honour their "financial and technological commitments" especially in fulfilling their obligations under the Paris Agreement.

Addressing the World Sustainable Development Summit 2025, organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), the Minister said the Global South, including India, is essential in "shaping climate discourse" despite facing the brunt of climate change.

Emphasizing the need to increase climate adaptation finance, he referenced the UNEP Adaptation Gap Report, which highlights the urgent need to scale up adaptation efforts to cope with rising climate impacts.

He called for more

robust financial support for adaptation, ensuring that the most vulnerable regions are able to implement solutions that build resilience and safeguard livelihoods.

Highlighting India's progress Bhupender Yadav outlined India's long-term vision to become a Viksit Bharat by 2047, with a target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

He highlighted India's progress, including the 36% reduction in emission intensity of GDP between 2005 and 2020 compared to the 45% target for 2030.

The Minister called for reforms in global governance, urging the international community to place equity and justice at the heart of climate negotiations.

The theme "Partnerships for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions."

Speaking at the event, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil, Marina Silva stressing the urgency of global cooperation in tackling climate change.

"As we move towards COP30, we must accelerate the implementation of the commitments made in Dubai and Baku. We must advance on our transitions from fossil fuels while stepping up on climate finance" she added.

Mark Phillips, Prime Minister of Guyana, also underscored the pivotal role of international partnerships in addressing sustainability challenges.

He stated, "Guyana stands as a testament to leadership, partnerships, and convergence in the pursuit of sustainability. In Guyana, growth does not come at the expense of environmental sustainability."

Dr Vibha Dhawan,

Director General, TERI, in her address she emphasized the importance of collaboration and innovation in addressing climate challenges.

She said "Every citizen is affected by climate change, though the extent of the impact varies, particularly in developing countries. Therefore, we believe global collaborations will be crucial".

The 24th edition of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS), organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), commenced today in New Delhi.

The conference brings together global leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and other stakeholders to foster collaborations and drive solutions for some of the most pressing environmental challenges.

Police bust US-based drug smuggler's network, seize RS 161 cr worth Heroin

Chandigarh, March 5 (UNI) In a major blow to trans-border smuggling, Punjab Police have busted a network operated by a US-based drug smuggler by seizing 23 Kg Heroin worth Rs 161 crore from a village in Amritsar, the state's top cop said on Wednesday.

State Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said the Amritsar Rural Police made the drug haul from Devi Daspura village under Jandiala police station, with preliminary investigation revealing the

consignment is linked to a smuggling network operated by USA-based smuggler Jasmit Singh alias Lucky. The Attari border between India and Pakistan is located in the Amritsar district. In this case, a manhunt is on for the alleged accused Sahilpreet Singh alias Karan of Devi Daspura village, who retrieved the consignment. Multiple police teams are actively working to arrest him. The DGP said further investigation is on to trace both backward and forward linkages in the smuggling

network. Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Border Range Satinder Singh accompanied by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Amritsar Rural, Maninder Singh, while addressing a press conference said cops during a Naka Bandi received reliable input that the alleged accused Sahilpreet has retrieved a consignment of Heroin from across the border. Acting swiftly, teams from Jandiala police station launched an intelligence operation and

recovered 23 packets of Heroin, each weighing 1 kg, kept in a jute bag from a pinpointed location in village Devi Daspura, he said. The consignment is worth Rs 161 crore in the international market. The DIG said the probe revealed that the accused Sahilpreet was in direct touch with US-based smuggler Jasmit Singh, who arranged the consignment. According to the information, Jasmit has a criminal background and cases pertaining to the Arms Act and attempt to murder are registered against him.

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Adv.No. TMC/AD-12/2025	POSITIONS AVAILABLE	18.02.2025	
Tata Memorial Centre(TMC) invites applications for the following posts :			
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1	MEDICAL OFFICER 'F' (NUCLEAR MEDICINE)	54	ATTENDANT
2	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (URO ONCOLOGY)	55	TRADE HELPER
3	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (NEURO SURGERY)	LOCATION : TMH, MUMBAI	
4	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (NUCLEAR MEDICINE)	1	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY)
5	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY) (ADULT HEMATO LYMPHOID)	2	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (HEAD & NECK ONCOLOGY)
6	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY) (SOLID TUMOR)	3	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (PATIENT NAVIGATION)
7	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (RADIODIAGNOSIS)	4	LOWER DIVISION CLERK
8	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (RADIATION ONCOLOGY)	5	STENOGRAPHER
9	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (ANESTHESIOLOGY)	6	NURSING SUPERINTENDENT II
10	MEDICAL PHYSICIST 'E'	7	ASSISTANT NURSING SUPERINTENDENT
11	MEDICAL PHYSICIST 'D'	8	FEMALE WARDEN
12	MEDICAL PHYSICIST 'C'	LOCATION : ACTREC, NAVI MUMBAI	
13	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'E' (CANCER CYTOGENETIC LAB)	1	PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
14	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'C' (PATHOLOGY)	LOCATION : HBCH & RC, MUZAFFARPUR	
15	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'C' (BIOCHEMISTRY)	1	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (SURGICAL ONCOLOGY)
16	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'SB' (BIOCHEMISTRY)	2	MEDICAL OFFICER 'D' (ANESTHESIOLOGY)
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19	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'SB' (LIBRARY)	5	DEPUTY CONTROLLER OF ACCOUNTS
20	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'SB' (MEDICAL RECORD)	6	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
21	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'SB' (CLINICAL RESEARCH)	7	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTS OFFICER
22	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'C' (NUCLEAR MEDICINE)	8	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER III (STORES)
23	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'C' (RADIATION ONCOLOGY)	9	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (PURCHASE AND STORES)
24	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (RADIATION ONCOLOGY)	10	UPPER DIVISION CLERK
25	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (DOSIMETRY)	11	ASSISTANT SECURITY OFFICER
26	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (BIOCHEMISTRY)	LOCATION : BBICI, Guwahati	
27	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (MICROBIOLOGY)	1	MEDICAL OFFICER 'G' (RADIODIAGNOSIS)
28	ASSISTANT DIETICIAN	2	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (SURGICAL ONCOLOGY)
29	TECHNICIAN 'C' (NETWORKING)	3	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (PLASTIC SURGERY)
30	TECHNICIAN 'C' (RADIATION ONCOLOGY)	4	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY)
31	TECHNICIAN 'C' (ENDOSCOPY)	5	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (NUCLEAR MEDICINE)
32	TECHNICIAN 'B' (ELECTRICAL)	6	MEDICAL OFFICER 'E' (RADIODIAGNOSIS)
33	TECHNICIAN 'B' (PHLEBOTOMY)	7	MEDICAL PHYSICIST 'C'
34	TECHNICIAN 'A' (ICU/OT)	8	TECHNICIAN 'A' (ENDOSCOPY)
35	TECHNICIAN 'A' (MULTISKILLED)	9	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER III (PURCHASE)
36	TECHNICIAN 'A' (CENTRAL STERILE SERVICE DEPARTMENT)	10	ACCOUNTS OFFICER II
37	TECHNICIAN 'A' (HOUSEKEEPING)	11	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
38	NURSING SUPERINTENDENT I	12	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTS OFFICER
39	ASSISTANT NURSING SUPERINTENDENT	13	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (PURCHASE AND STORES)
40	NURSE 'B'	14	UPPER DIVISION CLERK
41	NURSE 'A'	15	LOWER DIVISION CLERK
42	DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (HRD)	16	DEPUTY CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER
43	ACCOUNTS OFFICER II	17	ASSISTANT SECURITY OFFICER
44	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	18	ATTENDANT
45	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTS OFFICER	19	TRADE HELPER
46	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (PURCHASE AND STORES)	LOCATION : HBCH & RC, PUNJAB	
47	ASSISTANT	1	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
48	UPPER DIVISION CLERK	2	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTS OFFICER
49	LOWER DIVISION CLERK	Last date for online application is 21.03.2025 (upto 05.30 PM ; IST)	
50	DEPUTY CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER	For details, please visit our website: http://tmc.gov.in and click "Careers"	
51	ASSISTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER	Adv. No.12/2025	
52	ASSISTANT SECURITY OFFICER	CBC 48149/12/0003/2425	
53	COOK - 'A'		

CM to release Mahila Shakti Policy on Mar 8

Hyderabad, Mar 5 (UNI) : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will release the 'Mahila Shakti policy' at Mahila Sadassu to be held at parade ground here on March 8. The CM will also flag off the buses which are to be handed over to the Mahila Samaikhyas.

Chief Secretary Santhi Kumarim who conducted a meeting here on Wednesday with officials and reviewed the arrangements to be made for the Mahila Sadassu, said expected to participate large number of women in the programme, directed the officials to make proper arrangements for entry, alighting and exit of the women from the venue.

The Chief Secretary informed us that the programme will be held on Saturday evening.

The police were asked to make foolproof bandobust, security and traffic arrangements for seamless traffic movement, an official release said here.

Stating that buses coming from the districts will be parked at the Bison Polo grounds, she directed that proper lighting arrangements should be made in the parking areas.

Similarly, proper sanitation arrangements, including mobile toilets should be set up in sufficient numbers. Drinking water, butter milk should be arranged. The electricity department officials were told to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

R&B officials informed that works relating to stage erection, barricading, lighting, parking, seating etc have already begun.

Om Birla launches third phase of Suposhit Maa Abhiyan in Bundi

Bundi (Rajasthan), Mar 5 (UNI) : Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday launched the third phase of Suposhit Maa Abhiyan here.

Addressing the public at a function organized in the Police Parade Ground in Bundi, he said "This campaign is dedicated to the empowerment of the mother power and protection of health of pregnant mothers and newborns".

Mentioning that Suposhit Maa Abhiyan is not just a campaign but it has also taken the form of a mass movement, the Lok Sabha Speaker said that if the mother is healthy, the child will be healthy and only a healthy child will build a strong society".

"This campaign is an attempt to lay the foundation of a healthy and self-reliant society by making the mother power aware" Om Birla added.

He noted that mother is not only a life-giver, but is also the epitome of compassion, affection and sacrifice.

During the event, the Speaker inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development works worth Rs 17.13 crore.

He also presented nutrition kits to pregnant women.



Members of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee stage a protest against Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, in Amritsar on Wednesday.

Endogamy - a major cause for health disparity in India: CSIR-CCMB study

Hyderabad, Mar 5 (UNI) Persistent practice of endogamy—marrying within small communities—is the primary cause of population-specific diseases in India, according to a recent study led by Dr. K. Thangaraj, CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad. Earlier studies have shown many population-specific hereditary diseases, and such diseases are most often associated with novel genetic mutations.

However, in the recent study findings published in the Journal of Genetics and Genomics, 281 high-coverage whole exome sequences from four anthropologically distinct populations were analysed.

We examined several key factors, such as the

extent of inbreeding and novel genetic variants in populations. We also looked at pharmacogenomic markers that influence drug metabolism to understand why different drugs seem to work differently in different populations," said Dr. Pratheusa Machha, lead author of the study.

One of the key findings of this study was the identification of the widespread prevalence of ankylosing spondylitis, a type of arthritis that causes inflammation in the joints and ligaments of the spine, linked to the HLA-B*27:04 risk allele, a genetic variant that increases the likelihood of developing a disease.

"We found a high incidence of ankylosing spondylitis disease in the Reddy community, who dwell in a specific

geographical region of Andhra Pradesh," said Dr. Sarath Chandra Mouli Veeravalli, rheumatologist from Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Hyderabad, and one of the authors of this study.

In addition, the authors found a significant number of disease-causing genetic variants, many of which are unique to specific populations.

This study also uncovered novel genetic variants associated with drug metabolism, with implications for personalised medicine, especially in response to some of the common drugs, such as tacrolimus (an immunosuppressive drug) and warfarin (an anticoagulant drug).

"We observed genetic variations in the genes that alter the drug response,

which differ across populations, and hence provide an opportunity for developing targeted drugs and improving health outcomes," said Dr. Divya Tej Sowpati, co-author of the study. Dr. Thangaraj highlighted that, "Our study forecasts the impact of endogamy in causing population-specific genetic diseases and drug responses. This emphasises the need for appropriate genetic screening, counselling, and clinical care for the communities that are vulnerable to various health conditions." Dr. Vinay K. Nandicoori, Director, CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, said, "This study reveals a major step towards our understanding of the genetic underpinnings for India's unique genetic architecture.

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Lucknow, Mar 5 (UNI) : Both the houses of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature were adjourned sine die on Wednesday after passing a budget of more than Rs 8.08 lakh crore for the financial year 2025-26.

The budget session of the state legislature, which began on February 18, concluded in 10 working days in which the proceedings of the assembly lasted for 73 hours and 19 minutes. During this, the House was adjourned for three hours and 36 minutes due to some reasons, while its proceedings lasted for 69 hours and 43 minutes.

During the session, the government tabled a budget of Rs 8.08 lakh crore in the House on February 20.

During the session, Governor Anandibhan Patel had organised a dinner for all the members on February 25.

Revanth Reddy indirectly supporting BJP, alleges MLC

Hyderabad, March 5 (IANS) :Member of Telangana Legislative Council Teenmaar Mallanna, recently suspended from the Congress for anti-party activities, claimed on Wednesday that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was indirectly supporting the BJP. Addressing a press conference here, the MLC alleged that the Chief Minister is destroying the Congress in the state by indirectly helping the BJP.

He blamed Revanth Reddy for the defeat of the Congress at the hands of the BJP in Mahabubnagar and Malkajgiri Lok Sabha constituencies last year.

Mahabubnagar is the home district of Revanth Reddy and he was elected from the Malkajgiri constituency in 2019.

The MLC said: "If the Chief Minister had performed well in the first six months, the BJP would not have won eight seats in Telangana and thus the Narendra Modi government

would not have retained power at the Centre." "The Backward Classes (BC) leader lashed out at CM Reddy's loyalists for questioning his political existence and claimed that it was because of him that Revanth Reddy was occupying the chair of the chief minister. Mallanna asked Revanth Reddy to introspect why there was so much resentment among people against the Congress government within a year. The MLC was suspended from Congress on March 1 after he failed to respond to the show-cause notice issued by the party's disciplinary committee for his act of burning the report of the government's BC caste survey. Mallanna had used highly objectionable words against the report and the Congress government. He also continued to attack the party on various platforms despite warnings by the leadership. Mallanna said despite the suspension, he would continue his

movement for uplifting the BCs. He reiterated that the caste survey conducted in the state is full of "inaccuracies". The MLC alleged that the survey report exaggerated the population of upper castes while trying to suppress the BCs. He said the caste survey should have been a model for the entire country. "I had hoped that the survey would make Rahul Gandhi walk with his head high. The survey will be a model only if it is conducted transparently," he said and threw a challenge for a debate on the survey report.

"If what I said about the caste survey report is wrong, why the state government has given more time to people to give their details for the survey," he asked. Mallanna, whose real name is Chintapandu Naveen, runs a YouTube channel and has been a strong critic of former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao when the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) was in power.

Delhi court reserves order on application of Engineer Rashid to attend Parliament Session

New Delhi, Mar 5 (UNI) A Delhi Court on Wednesday reserved the Order on the application of Jammu and Kashmir MP Engineer Rashid seeking custody parole to attend the second part of the Budget session of Parliament to begin on March 10. Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Chander Jit Singh after hearing arguments on behalf of Prosecution and Defence Counsel reserved his order for pronouncing on March 7. The Counsel for Rashid moved

an application on February 27 by seeking custody parole on the grounds that as he was a parliamentarian and to fulfil his public duty he need to attend the second session. Engineer Rashid @ Sheikh Abdul Rashid, defeated Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll in Baramulla. He was arrested by the NIA under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in 2017 terror funding case and lodged in Tihar Jail.

Sirsa launches beautification, infrastructure projects in Rajouri Garden

New Delhi, Mar 5 (UNI) Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa on Wednesday inaugurated several beautification and infrastructure renovation projects worth over Rs two crore in Rajouri Garden, marking a significant step towards improving the locality's overall development.

Speaking on the occasion, Sirsa said, "We are dedicated to enhancing Delhi's cleanliness, beauty, and development. Today's renovation projects will address long-pending demands from residents and substantially improve the local infrastructure."

He assured that the pace of development will accelerate in the future across the Rajouri Garden Vidhan Sabha, aiming to further uplift the area, a Delhi government statement said.

Local residents expressed their appreciation for the government's focused efforts, which they believe will greatly enhance both the infrastructure and quality of life in the Rajouri Garden constituency.

Key infrastructure upgrades also include the installation of new pipelines by the Delhi Jal Board in areas like Hari Mandir Chand Nagar, Guru Nanak Dairy, and Shyam Nagar Extension.

These pipelines will ensure a steady supply of the clean water and better water pressure, benefiting residents with improved access to essential services.

Playback singer Kalpana denies suicide attempt at her Hyd home

Hyderabad, March 5 (IANS) Popular playback singer Kalpana Raghavendar on Wednesday denied that she attempted suicide at her Hyderabad residence.

Kalpana Raghavendar told police that she took an overdose of insomnia tablets at home as she was unable to sleep due to differences with her daughter over her education.

According to KPHB police, Kalpana Raghavendar and her husband have been staying at a house in Nizampet in KPHB for the last five years.

Kalpana Raghavendar told police that differences cropped up between her and her daughter Daya Prasad on March 3 over her education as she wanted her child to study in Hyderabad but she refused.

Police quoted Kalpana Raghavendar as saying that she arrived from Ernakulam on Tuesday (March 4) and despite all the efforts was unable to sleep. "I took eight tablets but was still unable to sleep. I took another 10 tablets and fell conscious. I don't know what happened after that," she said. According to police, Kalpana's husband Prasad alerted colony welfare members after she did not answer his phone calls. The colony welfare members informed the police, which rushed to the colony. They broke open the door and found her lying

unconscious in the bedroom. She was shifted to a nearby hospital after that. Police said the singer regained consciousness and told them that she did not attempt suicide. She also told police that no one was involved in this incident and that she took too many sleeping pills after a dispute with the daughter over her education.

Kalpana's daughter told media persons at the hospital that her mother did not attempt suicide but she took a slight overdose of insomnia tablets because of stress.

"Please do not manipulate any information. Our family is perfectly fine. My mom and dad are happy. I am happy. My mom is perfectly fine. She will be back in a few days," Daya Prasad said.

Kalpana, who who started her career as a singer at the age of five, has recorded over 1,500 songs in various languages, including Malayalam, Telugu and Tamil.

Daughter of famous playback singers TS Raghavendra and Sluochana, Kalpana worked with leading music directors and singers like MS Viswanathan, Iiyaraja, AR. Rahman, SP Balasubrahmanyam and KS. Chithra. She is known for winning the fifth season of popular music reality show 'Star Singer'. She was also seen in the first season of Big Boss Telugu, hosted by Jr NTR.

ConfirmTkt introduces 'Travel Guarantee' with up to 3X refund on unconfirmed train tickets

Hyderabad, Mar 5 (UNI) ConfirmTkt, a leading online train-utility and ticketing-focused platform on Wednesday introduced 'Travel Guarantee', a feature designed to offer greater security and flexibility for passengers with waitlisted tickets.

If a ticket remains unconfirmed at the time of chart preparation, the passenger is eligible for up to 3x fare refund, enabling them to book last-minute alternatives such as flights or buses, a release said here.

This feature ensures a smoother travel experience, even in uncertain situations.

High train travel demand often results in long waitlists during peak travel seasons, leaving travelers with expensive last-minute options when tickets remain unconfirmed.

'Travel Guarantee'

helps mitigate this by offering a refund of up to three times the ticket fare, allowing users to seamlessly rebook their journey while minimizing the impact of sudden fare hikes. The higher compensation provides greater flexibility, ensuring smoother last-minute travel arrangements.

Passengers can opt for the 'Travel Guarantee' feature at a nominal charge for select trains and classes booked via ConfirmTkt and the ticket remains waitlisted at the time of chart preparation.

1X of the ticket fare will be credited to the original payment mode while the remaining amount is issued

as a 'Travel Guarantee Coupon' based on your selected travel mode.

Speaking on the launch, Dinesh Kumar Kotha, CEO, ConfirmTkt & ixigo Trains said, "Travel Guarantee" tackles the uncertainty of waitlisted tickets by offering up to 3X the refund on unconfirmed bookings, giving travelers the flexibility to secure alternative transport without the burden of last-minute fare hikes.

We also launched this feature on ixigo Trains sometime back and the response has been phenomenal, reaffirming the need for innovative solutions that enhance travel convenience."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that Veterinary Council of India will be using NEET (UG) - 2025 Merit List for admission of students to B.V.Sc & A.H. Degree course for the Academic Year 2025 - 26 for filling up of seats in recognized Veterinary Colleges under 15% All India Quota (AIQ) Students desirous to take admission to B.V.Sc & A.H. Degree course under 15% All India basis are hereby advised to appear in NEET (UG) - 2025 to be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) on 4th May, 2025 (Sunday).

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Secretary, VCI (Addl. Charged)
Dated : 05-03-2025

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Tender Notice No: CAQ/CN/BN/78/2025
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The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
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STANDARD POST

Kenya battles wildfires in major wildlife parks amid severe drought

Kenyan emergency teams, comprising defence forces and volunteers, have intensified efforts to contain fires sweeping across some of the country's largest wildlife sanctuaries and protected areas. An update from the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), released late on Friday in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, said that the raging infernos in multiple wildlife parks and other biodiversity hotspots are linked to a severe dry spell.

Active firefighting efforts are ongoing at Nairobi National Park, where two fires erupted on Thursday, KWS said, adding that water bowsers are on-site to help extinguish the flames. In Aberdare National Park, located in central Kenya, wildfires were reported earlier this week, prompting KWS to deploy helicopters and ground teams to respond to the disaster, which has been linked to extremely dry weather in the country.

The Mount Kenya ecosystem in central Kenya, home to iconic species such as elephants, rhinos and buffaloes, has also been engulfed in widespread fires, aggravated by strong winds and dry vegetation.

"While the exact causes of the fires remain under investigation, human activities, including discarded cigarettes, arson, honey harvesting, and extreme dry conditions, are suspected contributors," KWS said.

Devastating fires have also been reported at Ruma National Park in Homa Bay County, the South Island National Park in Marsabit County, northern Kenya, and Mount Elgon National Park in western Kenya, near the Ugandan border, KWS said.

"Rangers remain on high alert, coordinating further firefighting efforts to prevent flare-ups," KWS said. The state agency in charge of managing wildlife resources said it has enhanced aerial and ground patrols in biodiversity hotspots prone to fire outbreaks, Xinhua news agency reported. Additionally, KWS said that it has strengthened collaboration with local communities, devolved governments, and civil society partners to improve responses to fire outbreaks in wildlife sanctuaries.

According to KWS, robust inter-agency coordination has helped suppress fires in ecologically fragile wildlife reserves, while the agency intensifies vigilance and community engagement to mitigate the risk of wildfires as the dry season in the country reaches its peak.

All zonal railways will make a calendar for the examination

(Standard Post Bureau)

Today, a high level meeting was conducted by the Railway Board. It has been decided that all departmental promotion examinations will be done by RRB / centralised examination through CBT.

All zonal railways will make a calendar for the examination. All the examinations will be conducted on the basis of a calendar only.

This has been decided after a long experience of transparent, fair, and highly appreciated examinations conducted by RRB in recent years.

"How RRB used to conduct examination without any complaints, with all the transparency : From 2015 to till date more than 7 crores candidates have been examined through computer based tests without any Paper leakage, Impersonation, Remote Log-in, and use of Spy devices.

How was it possible? Selection of exam conducting agency

Open tender

Criteria QCBS

ISO certifications, financials, CERT-IN certifications, CMMI certification "Minimum eligibility criteria - number of centers, past experience, "Examination centre

auditing by Railway team
Auditing checklist for all the available facilities - bathroom outside not allowed, 100% CCTV coverage and recording starts 2 hours pre-exam and 1 hour post exam

IP based CCTV surveillance for better resolution, reliable and uninterrupted connection.

Isolation from commercial and other residential area, minimum 250 nodes capacity centers are being taken.

Infrastructure with power backup

"Technical specification Server: CPU speed should be 1.5 GHz or higher, RAM should be 4 GB or higher, screen resolutions should be 1024x768

Nodes: RAM should be 2 GB or higher, rest same as server, USB disabled, proxy disabled, internet disabled and keyboard disabled after login "Proprietary Operating System

All mouse and key clicks to be recorded with time stamp for audit purpose "Information about city of exam is disclosed about ten days before the actual date of examination.

Venue/centre of examination is made available only four days before the exam. "Exam centre is allotted through a

computerized randomized generation avoiding manual intervention.

Inside the centre, the allotment of lab and the nodes including buffer nodes, all are automated, randomized generated.

Conducting team and the centre people get the information about the candidate just two hours before the examination.

In the examination centers, checking & frisking of candidates is done with Hand-held metal detectors

Biometric attendance (both LTI and digital) is taken before entry & mid of exam and after every bio break. Also a handwriting sample is taken. This process is repeated at all the stages of examination and at the time of document verification.

Aadhaar based Authentication is done at exam centre.

N:N comparison - comparison of across shifts, across events for identifying solvers gangs

Question paper is in highly encrypted form (256-bit encryption). Last minute decryption happens only when the candidate actually logs in.

No two candidates get the same sequence of questions and options for each question. Everything is randomized and shuffled.

"There is a complete log maintained for each activity performed by the candidate which determines how he has attempted the questions.

"Three separate layers of Invigilation:

ECA team invigilation, Railway invigilation by Officers and Supervisors

Surprise check by Railway vigilance team

1st and 2nd teams are shuffled periodically between labs and centers. "As a result, a number of candidates involving in some kinds of malpractice/ unfair means are being regularly caught.

Eligibility criteria: all the critical data of eligibility e.g. caste, certificate number, mobile number, marks of identifications, photograph and signature, date of birth, and qualification clearly defined and captured

Application will have QR code to detect fake applications.

Admit cards will have a barcode to establish the genuineness of the candidate. "In Computer Based Tests (CBTs), candidates are shown their Question paper, Answer Booklets along with correct Answer Keys. They are also given an opportunity to raise objection regarding correctness of questions and answer keys, if any

SC awards Rs 9.64 cr compensation to family of US-Based Software Engineer died in accident

New Delhi, Mar 5 (UNI) The Supreme Court has awarded a compensation of ₹9.64 crore to the family of Lakshmi Nagalla, a US-based software engineer who died in a road accident in 2009 due to the rash and negligent driving of a state transport bus.

A bench comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra overturned a Telangana High Court judgment reducing the compensation from Rs 8.03 crore, as fixed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT), Secunderabad, to ₹5.75 crore. Shyam Prasad Nagalla and others, the husband and daughters of the deceased, filed the appeal. The matter pertains to an accident on June 13, 2009, when Lakshmi Nagalla, aged 43, was travelling with her family in a Honda Car from Annavaram to Rajahmundry when a bus owned by the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation collided with their car near Prathipadu. Lakshmi died on the spot, while other passengers sustained injuries.

In their claim petition before MACT, her family sought ₹9 crore in compensation, citing her Master's Degree in Computer Science from Southern College of Technology, University of Georgia (USA), and stable income of USD 11,600 per month as a software engineer at K-FORCE Services Corporation, USA, and as a real estate commission salesperson in Georgia.

The tribunal held the transport corporation liable and granted ₹8.03 crore (USD 16,88,960) plus interest at 7.5% per annum. The deceased's monthly salary was considered after tax deductions, and a 30% increase was granted for future prospects.

The transport corporation appealed to the High Court, arguing that the tribunal erred in applying a multiplier of 14 and wrongly held the vehicle responsible. The Telangana High Court upheld the deceased's monthly income. Still, it reduced the multiplier from 14 to 10, citing the Supreme Court's ruling in United India Insurance Co Ltd & Ors Vs Patricia Jean Mahajan (2002), which deals with income in foreign currency. The revised award was ₹5.75 crore.

Stock Market-No need of panic, recover Soon



(By Satish Singh)

After the crash of both Sensex and Nifty on 28th February, there is panic among small investors, because Sensex has been declining for the last 5 months, and Nifty has also been declining continuously for a few days after 1996 i.e. after 29 years. This has created a fear in the minds of investors that their money is not safe in the stock market and the selling spree is continuing.

A total of 30 companies are listed in the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) index Sensex and 50 companies are listed in NSE or Nifty. In the stock market, Indian, foreign institutional investors, individual foreign investors etc. invest in listed companies. Both the indices are very sensitive. When the shares of a particular company among the listed companies are continuously sold, then the investors' trust in that company decreases and the price of the shares of that company decreases, due to which the investors have to suffer losses. For example, if someone has bought 1 share of X company for Rs 100 and when the price of that share falls to Rs 80, then the said investor

suffers a loss of Rs 20.

There are many reasons for the fluctuations in the price of shares. For example, poor financial performance of the company or the company getting involved in some controversy, political instability, government policies, weakening of rupee against the dollar, global uncertainty, fear of trade war, geopolitical crisis, policies adopted by the US central bank Federal Reserve, etc.

SEBI is the regulator of the stock market, but despite the presence of SEBI, some cases of artificially bringing down the price and then raising it have been seen. This is done to benefit a few special people, in which the biggest loss is suffered by small investors. Harshad Mehta scandal can be mentioned in this case. There is a need to be alert and understand the market to detect the disturbances in the market. Potential losses can be avoided by keeping a constant eye on the movement of the stock market. It is important that one should not try to make investment in the stock market a means of livelihood and avoid excessive greed.

Foreign institutional investors have invested a large amount in the Indian stock market, in which the US is in the first place, while Luxembourg and Canada are in the second and third place. On February 28, foreign institutional investors sold shares worth Rs 11,639 crore, while this year foreign institutional investors have sold shares worth

more than Rs 1 lakh crore. On the other hand, domestic investors sold shares worth about Rs 8 lakh 88 thousand crore on February 28, the 6 biggest reasons for which are, the announcement by US President Mr. Donald Trump to impose 25 percent tariff on Canada and Mexico and 10 percent additional tax on Chinese goods, which may lead to a global trade war, weakness in the stock markets of Asian countries such as Hong Kong, China and Japan, the current stance of the Federal Reserve Bank of US, decline in quarterly profits of some listed companies due to decrease in economic activities, the persistence of geopolitical crisis, the rupee being continuously weak against the dollar, etc. Apart from these, overvaluation of shares and psychological reasons are also important factors for the stock market crash. There is a tradition in India to follow the crowd. After seeing some people selling, others also started imitating them. It seems so because on February 28, selling was recorded in shares of all sectors like IT, telecom, health, banking, FMCG etc. Therefore, there does not seem to be any scope for tampering with the market.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has increased to 6.2 percent in the third quarter of FY 2024-25 from 5.6 percent (revised estimate) in the second

quarter. In addition, the GDP growth rate forecast for FY 2024-25 has been raised from 6.4 percent to 6.5 percent. These figures show that the pace of growth is accelerating.

Due to reduction in prices of food items, the retail inflation rate based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) came down to 4.31 percent in January, which is the lowest in the last 5 months. It was at 5.22 percent in December, while it was at 5.1 percent in January 2024. Earlier in the month of November, the inflation rate was at 5.48 percent.

To boost economic activities, the Reserve Bank of India reduced the repo rate by 0.25 percent in the monetary policy review conducted on February 7, bringing it down from 6.50 percent to 6.25 percent. It is worth noting that the repo rate has been reduced after about 5 years. The central bank was avoiding reducing the repo rate till now mainly due to inflation.

After loan growth between 14 percent and 16 percent in the last two years, overall credit growth has been slowing down for the last few months and in December 2024 it has come down to 11.2 percent. A major reason for this is the high lending rate. Right now, banks do not have cheap capital. Therefore, they are forced to lend at expensive rates and due to the availability of loans at expensive rates, common people and businessmen are avoiding taking loans.

Because of this, companies are short of capital, due to which they are not able to produce at full capacity.

By cutting the repo rate by 0.25 percent by the Reserve Bank of India, banks will get capital at a cheaper rate and they will be able to lend at a cheaper rate and when loans are available at a cheaper rate, both common people and businessmen will take loans, which will accelerate both investment and savings and consumption will increase as well as economic activities will also increase.

In the budget, the government has clearly stated that its aim is to accelerate development. With the GDP growth rate being 6.2 percent in the December quarter, the hope of accelerating the pace of development has increased. Also, to further increase the growth rate, the Reserve Bank of India has cut the repo rate. Due to the reduction in inflation in the month of January, the way has been cleared for cutting the repo rate in the upcoming monetary reviews, which will boost the pace of development of the country and when the economy becomes strong, there will be less scope for selling in the stock market and it will be possible for investors to get attractive returns on their investments. Therefore, there is no need for investors to panic, instead they need to avoid unnecessary selling.

Nitish Kumar will not become CM even after NDA wins Bihar assembly polls : Prashant

Bettiah, Mar 5 (UNI) Founder of "Jan Suraaj" Prashant Kishor on Wednesday predicted that Nitish Kumar would not be made Chief Minister of Bihar even after NDA winning the next state assembly election.

Kishor told media persons here that under no circumstances BJP would allow Nitish Kumar to become Chief Minister of Bihar even after winning next state assembly election, to be held in October-November this year. If Prime Minister Narendra Modi was so impressed with Kumar and he was his so confidant, then Modi should publicly declare Kumar as CM face of NDA during his next visit to Bihar, he added. "If Kumar is made CM face of NDA, BJP will lose all seats in Champaran", the Jan Suraaj leader said adding that BJP was using Kumar as its mask only to get votes in next state assembly election. BJP would make its own party leader as Chief Minister replacing Nitish Kumar, if NDA won next electoral battle, Kishor felt.

"Chief Minister always makes 'U' turn after elections and he has always been contesting elections as alliance partner of BJP except in 2015 Bihar assembly election", he said, adding that Nitish had been using resources of BJP to contest elections. In next assembly election, JD(U) would win very few seats and Kumar would not be in position to become Chief Minister even after joining hands with any party, the Jan Suraaj Founder pointed out.

Travel

10 enchanting beaches in Odisha

With a coastline of 485 km along the Bay of Bengal, Odisha is home to some of the best beaches in India. From Balasore to Ganjam, these pristine and beautiful beaches have everything to offer to a visitor from a clean sea bed to turquoise blue waters to golden sparkling sand. Travellers can lie back and witness sea waves crashing melodiously on the shore or engage in fun-filled activities, including fishing with the local fishermen, besides uninterrupted sunbathing. Many of the beaches are surrounded by casuarina vegetation and palm trees, which add to the beauty. Almost all the unspoilt beaches are perfect destinations for travellers looking for tranquillity as well as adventure. Here's a look at the most scenic beaches of Odisha.

Paradip Beach

Paradip Beach in Jagatsinghpur district offers a gorgeous view of the Bay of Bengal. In fact, the beach is located on the confluence of the Mahanadi River and the Bay of Bengal. It has clear blue water, large stones on the shore and a good marine drive road. The place is ideal for a family trip, where one can go swimming or enjoy a stroll by the shimmering water. It is 94 km from Cuttack and 125 km from Bhubaneswar and connected by good roads. Although beautiful, the beach is rough many a times, particularly the two km stretch from Hanuman Temple to Sandakhuda in Paradip and the one km shoreline at Siali. These beach stretches have been identified as Scritically-vulnerable zones and are very risky for sea bathing. There is a lighthouse near the beach, which is armed with the latest differential global positioning system. There are several other attractions nearby. Visitors can relax at the sylvan gardens of Smurti Udyan, a place dedicated to the people who lost their lives in the 1999 Super Cyclone. The musical fountain inside the park is worth a watch. Odisha's biggest aquarium, the Paradip Marine Aquarium, is also located in the Paradip city. It has 28 tanks with different species of fish. Paradip is also famous for its port, one of the oldest in the world. It stands testimony to the rich maritime heritage of the region.

Gopalpur Beach

Situated 16 km away from Berhampur, Gopalpur-on-Sea is a splendid retreat for avid beach lovers. From golden sands to clear blue waters, the beach has everything that can entice visitors. Besides a sun-kissed beach, Gopalpur-on-Sea offers glimpses of its past glory as a commercial port. The crumbling walls and pillars of an ancient jetty can still be found on the beach. In fact, Gopalpur was once a bustling maritime zone in Odisha and a sea port through which early settlers of Southeast Asia sailed off. Established during the British rule, the port stopped functioning in 1942 during the Second World War. There are ruins of several bungalows and mansions belonging to the European merchants, which give it a colonial look. A red-and-white striped lighthouse also stands on the popular beach. Commissioned in 1871, it is one of the oldest lighthouses in the state. Every year during Kartika Purnima, people sail tiny boats made of banana stems and paper, with lamps, betel leaves, crackers, fruits and coins in them, to mark the rich maritime history of Gopalpur-on-Sea. The beach is well connected by an excellent all-weather road which branches off from NH-5 on the outskirts of Berhampur. Regular bus services, taxis and auto rickshaws are also available.

Astaranga Beach

Astaranga Beach is another popular beach resort near Puri. The beach offers an enchanting view of the horizon which becomes uncommonly colourful during sunset. In fact, the name Astaranga is a combination of two Odia words—asta (sunset) and ranga (colourful)—and this is why it's also called a photographer's delight. The beach is also a popular fishing destination for Puri district.

Puri Beach

This destination certainly needs no introduction. This beach in the pilgrim city of Puri is the most popular beach in Odisha and the largest in the country. The splendid beach stretches up to seven km and is a round-the-year destination for both domestic and international travellers. Visitors can enjoy both the sunrise and the sunset, sunbathe, sit back on the beach and watch local fishermen pulling their catch or mending their nets play with the waves, along with listening to the melodious rendition of the striking waves. Compared to other beaches in the country, the Puri Beach is

13th-century Sun Temple at Konark, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. According to historians, the ships took the Sun Temple as a reference point in the sea during the maritime trade between Odisha (Kalinga), Bali, Java and Sumatra. Later, a lighthouse was constructed on Marine Road in 1967 to guide the ships. As there are several mythological tales associated with the beach, a week-long Chandrabhaga Mela is organised here every year to honour the Sun god. Every year during December and January, the Tourism Department of the Government of Odisha hosts an annual International Sand Art Festival on the sidelines of the popular Konark Dance Festival at the World Heritage Site. The Chandrabhaga Beach can be visited anytime during the year and there are a lot of luxury and budget accommodations near the beach and the Sun Temple. There are also many restaurants and refreshment stalls near the beach. Visitors can purchase beautiful seashell handicrafts from stalls on the beach at

affordable prices. People can hire taxis from Bhubaneswar or Puri to reach the destination.

Baliharchandi Beach

Swaying casuarina trees, an unending stretch of golden sand and the turbulent sea form the picturesque landscape of Baliharchandi Beach. Located 27 km away from Puri, the beach is a popular round-the-year picnic spot. A swim in the tumultuous sea is a delight for those seeking adventure.

Besides the clean blue sea, the beach is famous for the temple of goddess Harachandi. The temple's sanctum sanctorum houses an asta bhujia (eight-armed) Mahisamardini Durga, who is worshipped as goddess Harachandi. She is regarded as the goddess of water and navigation who protects fishermen. All tourists coming to the beach make it a point to pay obeisance to the deity. A small river flows into the sea just 200 m away from the temple, and can be crossed in a boat for just Rs 5. On the other side of the river, there is a massive sandy dune with casuarina trees that makes for an ideal picnic spot for travellers.

While the summer in Baliharchandi is extremely humid and hot, the beach experiences a tropical monsoon climate. The best time to plan a visit to Baliharchandi Beach is between the months of October and March. The beach is accessible with good roads, with the nearest railway station at Puri.

Balighai Beach

Situated eight km on the north-eastern side of Puri, Balighai is a pristine beach that remains relatively undiscovered. It is situated at the mouth of the Nuanai River, off the Konark-Puri Marine Drive road. The beach is also a nesting site for the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles who visit the beach every year from December to January for mass nesting. Migratory birds can be seen here during the winter months. In the evening, one can also

enjoy deep fried seafood at shacks on the beach. Other attractions near the beach are the Balihirana Deer Sanctuary, where visitors can spot the endangered Balihirana antelope and Indian blackbucks; the Sea Turtle Research Centre, and small temples like Barahi, Lakshminarayan and the Amareshra. In fact, the temple of goddess Barahi dates back to the 9th century and is related to early forms of tantric worship. There are very few accommodations in the area, except for some luxury resorts in the Konark-Puri Marine Drive road. Visitors can stay in Puri and hire a taxi to reach the beach. The best time to visit the beach is between October and March.

Aryapalli Beach

Far from the hustle and bustle of city life, the silvery, quiet beach of Aryapalli is ideal for unwinding. At a distance of 30 km from Berhampur, the golden beach is surrounded by casuarina plantations and crystal-clear blue waters. While the weather is a little humid in the noon, it is pleasant towards early morning and evening. During the sunrise and the sunset, the azure sky offers an amazing colour play. Unlike other beaches, Aryapalli does not have many vendors on the shore to hound visitors. After sunbathing at the beach, visitors can go round the hamlets nearby, inhabited by Telugu-speaking fishermen, and know the socio-cultural aspects of their lives. The Sand Mineral Project lies in the vicinity, and is another attraction that cannot be missed. The area near the beach has a number of resorts and sea-facing hotels that are equipped with all amenities. The ideal time to visit Aryapalli is between the months of October and June, when the weather is at its best. Travellers can reach Aryapalli beach through a taxi or an auto-rickshaw after getting down at the Chatrapur railway station in Ganjam district. The beach is just eight km from the railway station. One can also hire a taxi from Berhampur city as the National Highway passing through the beach is also well-maintained.

Chandipur Beach

Chandipur beach in Balasore district is the only beach in the eastern India where the sea recedes up to five km daily at low tide and returns during high tide, offering a truly unique sight. Adding to the beauty are the casuarina trees dotting the area. When the tide returns, fishermen rush to collect the small fishes that the waves leave behind at the shore. The beach is replete with small red crabs that emerge from tiny holes on the sea bed and rush towards the vanishing water during low tide. It is equally captivating to watch the sunrise and sunset at the beach. Touted as one of the finest beaches of Odisha, Chandipur is just 16 km east of Balasore and easily accessible by road. A visit to the beach is not complete without a stroll on the dry sea bed with a packet of jhalmuri and coconut water in hand. After reaching Balasore, visitors can hire an auto-rickshaw or taxi to reach Chandipur. There are plenty of accommodations near the beach. The Tourism Department of Odisha has a Pantha Nivas. Other places of interest like Remuna, Panchalingeswar, Aradi and Chandaneswar also lie close by.

Balaramgadi Beach

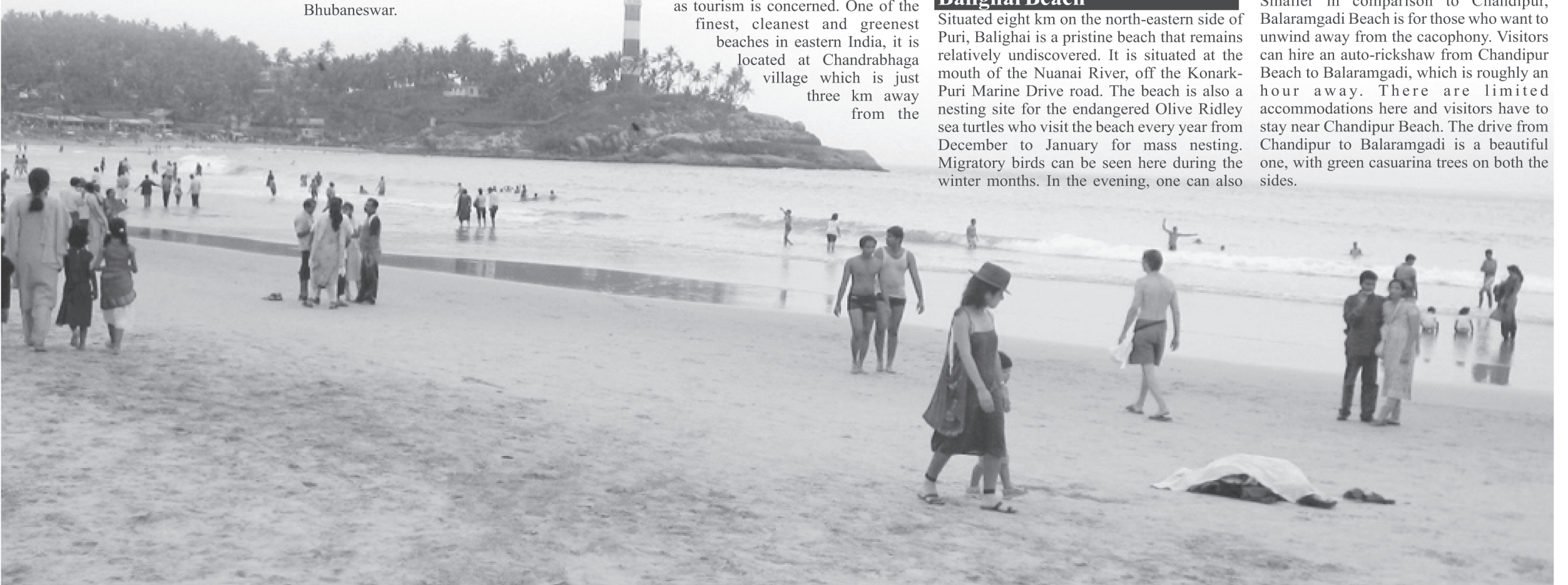
Soak up the sun at the wonderful beach of Balaramgadi, which lies at the convergence of the Budhabalanga River with the Bay of Bengal in Balasore district. Calm and clean, the beach is just two km away from Chandipur Beach. Here, a tourist can enjoy the sun, surf and the sand amidst casuarina plantations. While a walk on the beach in the evening is rejuvenating at any time of the day, the sunrise and sunset cast an especially magical spell. Besides swimming in the turbulent yet clean waters, one can take part in adventure sports, fishing and boat rides. Visitors wishing to fish in the sea can seek the help of local fishermen who will readily volunteer to take their boat for a small price. Smaller in comparison to Chandipur, Balaramgadi Beach is for those who want to unwind away from the cacophony. Visitors can hire an auto-rickshaw from Chandipur Beach to Balaramgadi, which is roughly an hour away. There are limited accommodations here and visitors have to stay near Chandipur Beach. The drive from Chandipur to Balaramgadi is a beautiful one, with green casuarina trees on both the sides.



A small fishing market operates on the beach every morning, where fishermen immediately sell their catch to vendors. There is a shrine of Pir Jahania near the long, sandy beach, which is frequented by both Hindus and Muslims. They come to take the blessings of Pir Jahania and offer a chadar. Apart from the magnificent sea view, visitors can watch the nesting of Olive Ridley turtles during winter. There's also a mangrove path near the mouth of the Devi River. Although a beautiful beach, many areas are muddy or have quicksand and visitors need to take guides when venturing into unexplored areas on the beach. There are no accommodation options near the beach and the travellers need to put up at Puri, Konark or Bhubaneswar. By road, the Astaranga Beach is 90 km from Puri and 19 km from Konark. It is also well-connected to Bhubaneswar.

Chandrabhaga Beach

Known for its mesmerising sunset, the Chandrabhaga Beach is considered to be one of the biggest assets of the state as far as tourism is concerned. One of the finest, cleanest and greenest beaches in eastern India, it is located at Chandrabhaga village which is just three km away from the



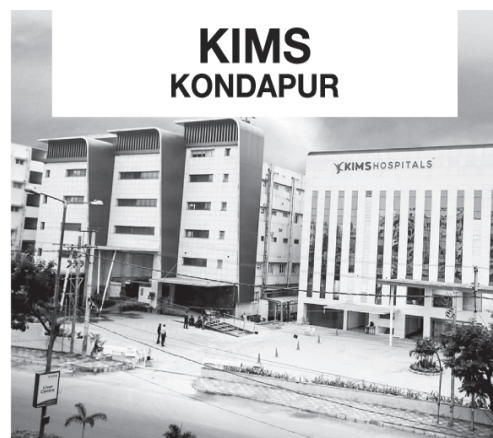
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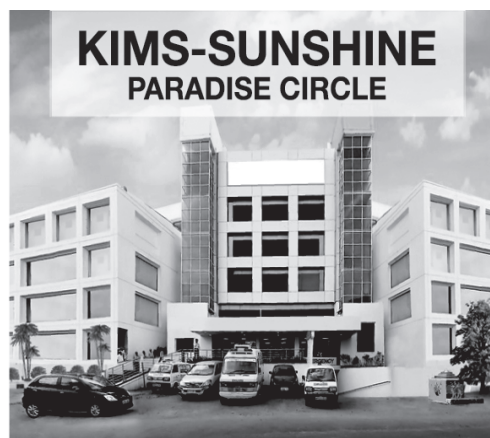
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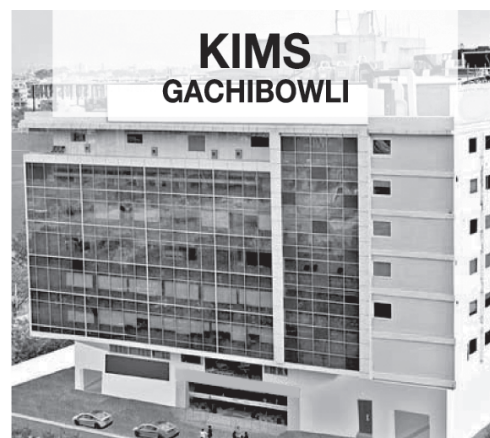
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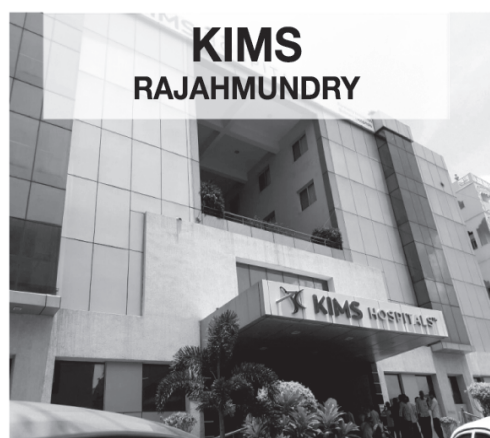
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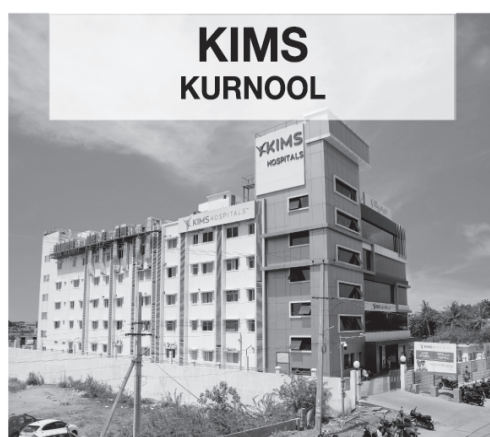
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Indian TT icon Sharath Kamal announces retirement with WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025 being the swansong

Chennai, Mar 5 (UNI) : Ace paddler, Padma Shri and Khel Ratna awardee, Sharath Kamal on Wednesday announced his retirement as India's most successful table tennis player, with the WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025, to be held later this month, being his swansong.

The Indian TT icon announce his retirement with final showdown at WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025.

At a special press conference inaugurating the WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025 here, the India's most decorated table tennis player announced his retirement from the sport, declaring that the tournament which is slated to take place from March 25 will be his last as a professional player.

The Khel Ratna recipient, in an emotional message, said he had begun his career in Chennai and will end it here with the prestigious Star Contender serving as his swansong. Competing amongst a roster of global stars, the WTT Star Contender Chennai, co-organized by Stupa Sports Analytics and Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT), will



serve as a fitting farewell for Sharath, who has redefined India's stature within the sport and inspired countless others.

The Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee will be one of four players in the Men's singles leading India's charge. Sharath will also partner with Snehit SFR in the men's doubles, starting in the qualifying round.

"For over two decades, I have lived my dream representing my country, feeling the weight of the flag on my chest and giving my all on the table. It all started in Chennai in a small hall, with nothing but a racquet and a dream. I never imagined this journey would take me to places I had only dreamed of. This

is it, this is the last time I'll be stepping onto the court as a competitor and the

WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025 will be my final tournament as a professional player," Sharath, later said in a video message. Sharath's journey has been decorated with 13 Commonwealth Games medals, among them seven golds, and bronze medals at the Asian Games and Asian Championships. No Indian table tennis player has graced the Olympics more times than Sharath (5), culminating in the honor of being

India's male flag-bearer at Paris 2024. A 10-time national champion, he was the first Indian to win an ITTF Pro Tour title,

breaking barriers for Indian TT, and will now look to do the same on home soil at the WTT Star Contender Chennai.

"I couldn't have done this all alone; to my coaches, my family, and most importantly, to you, the fans who believed in me even when I doubted myself.

Thank you for every cheer, every chant, every message of your support. You have made this journey unforgettable. This is not the end, the game has always been a part of me, and I will always be a part of the game," Sharath added.

Sharath's final career act unfolds in Chennai, completing his journey. His

legacy persists through Tamil Nadu's grassroots programs and growing sports infrastructure, as noted by Mr Atulya Mishra, who praised the state's rich table tennis heritage and the importance of WTT Star Contender Chennai, attracting top players from nearly 20 countries.

"Tamil Nadu is doing very well in table tennis; There are 3000 competitive table tennis players in the state, one of the largest numbers anywhere in the country. At the WTT Star Contender, we'll have some of the best players from all over the world. The best players from India will be here.

It will be a huge spectacle," he said. "Our honorable Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister are interested in building a very strong sports infrastructure here. We are also planning to put up a Center of Excellence for table tennis with the help of Sharath."

Sharath leaves table tennis in good hands, his farewell coming at a time when Indian table tennis continues to grow, with Stupa and UTT bringing world-class WTT competition to the country and

Excited athletes eagerly waiting to participate in Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg

Srinagar, Mar 5 (UNI) : The picturesque ski resort of Gulmarg is all set to host the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) with the athletes excited and eagerly waiting to participate in the mega event.

Gulmarg has transformed into a winter wonderland following recent heavy snowfall, prompting authorities to reschedule the mega event to March 9. Around 1,000 athletes from across India will compete in various winter games.

The event, originally scheduled from February 22 to 25, had to be postponed due to a lack of snow in Gulmarg. However, the recent snowfall has set the perfect stage for the much-anticipated winter games.

"Gulmarg is ready! With fresh snowfall and full preparedness, the J&K administration and Sports Council are set to host the 2nd leg of #KIWG2025 from 9th to 12th March. A world-class winter experience awaits!," J&K Sports Council said in a statement.

Coldplay to pick 2026 World Cup final half-time acts

London, Mar 5 (UNI) : The 2026 World Cup final will stage a Super Bowl-style half-time show for the first time, with Coldplay helping to pick a "list of artists" to perform. The tournament, which will be co-hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico, concludes with the final on 19 July 2026 at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, the BBC reported.

Though pre-match performances at showpiece occasions such as the Champions League final have become commonplace, there has never been a half-time show at a World Cup final.

Half-times in the regular NFL season last around 15 minutes but they are extended up to 30 minutes at the Super Bowl in order to accommodate a half-time show. Fifa president Gianni Infantino says Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin and band manager Phil Harvey will help to establish a set of artists to perform in the 15-minute break at next year's final. "I can confirm the first ever half-time show at a Fifa World Cup final in New York New Jersey," Infantino wrote on Instagram. "This will be a historic moment for the Fifa World Cup and a show befitting the biggest sporting event in the world." Rap artist Kendrick Lamar headlined this year's Super Bowl half-time show in New Orleans, which drew record audience figures of 133.5m across the United States. The performance surpassed the long-standing record set by Michael Jackson in 1993. The likes of Rihanna, Beyonce and Lady Gaga have also performed in recent years, while Coldplay headlined in 2016. Between 25 to 30 minutes are allocated for Super Bowl half-time shows so that the various stages and equipment can be built and dismantled.

The athletes are excited and eagerly waiting for the four-day mega event which was earlier postponed due to insufficient snowfall at the Gulmarg which now boasts ideal conditions for the thrilling competitions.

The Athletes have already started training on different slopes, gearing up for intense snow sports events including- ski mountaineering, alpine skiing, snowboard, and Nordic skiing.

Many athletes expressed joy and relief after the official confirmation of the event as their spirits are high, and they are ready to showcase their skills on the snow-covered slopes of Gulmarg.

An athlete Rajesh Punia from Mumbai was excited after seeing the heaps of snow on the slopes of Gulmarg.

"We were disappointed when the dates for the commencement of the Khelo Games were postponed earlier due to insufficient snow at Gulmarg. The recent heavy snowfall not only has

ignited a new passion in the athletes but also brought more ski lovers to the wonder land Gulmarg," he said.

"I am quite happy that the event is now happening" a local athlete Shabir Ahmad said and added "that after the fresh snowfall the athletes are enjoying practicing on the slopes to prepare for the main event".

Zahoor, another local athlete while expressing happiness said that "it is a great opportunity for all the athletes of the country who are participating in the event to showcase their talent".

Naima, a local athlete also expressed happiness about the commencement of winter games at Gulmarg and hoped that she would also win a medal during the event. The athletes from all across the country will start arriving from March 7 to participate in the event.

The first leg of the 5th edition of Khelo India Winter games was held in the Union Territory of Ladakh in January.

Virat Kohli reveals what helped him steer India to victory in Champions Trophy semi-final

Dubai, Mar 5 (UNI) India's legendary batter produced yet another special ODI innings, helping his side edge out Australia to make the Champions Trophy Final.

Virat Kohli has come up clutch yet again, as India qualified for a third straight Champions Trophy Final, the ICC reported.

After Australia set India a target of 265 for victory on a tricky Dubai deck, Kohli stepped up to anchor their batting innings. His knock of 84 off 98 balls contained just five boundaries, but that was part of its charm.

"I was not feeling desperate, and I was pretty happy knocking ones around," he said after India sealed the win.

"And when, as a batter, you start taking pride in hitting those singles into the gaps, that is when you know you are playing good cricket and know you are in for a big partnership.

"It settles down the nerves. That was the most pleasing factor for me today."

The Dubai wicket has proved difficult for batters right throughout the Champions Trophy, prompting teams to deploy spin-heavy lineups and name only a couple of recognised quicks. India's spinners answered the call yet again, allowing them to maintain the lion's share of control in the match and sustain pressure on Australia's hitters in the first innings.

Restricting Aussies to 264 all out in the final over worked perfectly into India's hands, as Kohli stepped up to play the foundational role his team needed.

"For me it is about understanding the conditions, preparing my game accordingly, rotating strike," he continued. "Big partnerships on this pitch are the most important thing and my effort today was to string enough partnerships [together]. The pitch tells me how the cricket needs to be played and then I just switch on and play accordingly.

"This game is all about pressure, especially semis and finals. When you go deep into the innings with enough wickets in hand, the opposition usually gives in, and the game becomes easier."

While Kohli was unable to reach a record-extending 52nd ODI century, but he was quick to dismiss that as something that had fueled him out in the middle.

"I am never focused on those things [milestones]," he said. "When you do not think of those milestones, they happen along the way towards victory."

Harendra Gupta emerges halfway leader with day's best 67

Ahmedabad, Mar 5 (UNI) : Chandigarh golfer Harendra Gupta emerged halfway leader as a result of his second round of five-under 67 at the Ahmedabad Open being played at the Kensville Golf & Country Club near here on Wednesday.

The 40-year-old Harendra (70-67), a winner of 10 titles, shot the day's best score in round two to total seven-under 137 and move up two spots from his overnight tied third place. He leads the field by one shot.

Sri Lankan N Thangaraja (65-73), the overnight leader, struck a 73 on Wednesday to drop down to second position at six-under 138. Mysuru's Yashas Chandra (70) and Italy's Michele Ortolani (74) were tied third at two-under 142.

The cut was declared at seven-over 151. Fifty-

six professionals made the cut.

Harendra Gupta climbed up the leaderboard early in his round, thanks to his consistent putting, as he sank four birdies from a range of six to 10 feet on the first 13 holes.

Gupta then drained a 40-footer for eagle on the Par-5 14th to consolidate his position further. A double bogey followed for him on the 15th, but Harendra limited the damage with a birdie on the 17th.

N Thangaraja made two birdies and three bogeys on day two as he struggled with his putting especially the short putts.

Varun Parikh (73) was the only Ahmedabad-based player to make the cut. He ended the day in tied 10th place at two-over 146.

Smith vows 'inexperienced' Australia will grow from Champions Trophy campaign

Dubai, Mar 5 (UNI) : After India ended Australia's ICC Champions Trophy 2025 charge, stand-in captain Steve Smith promised his team will be 'bigger and better' next time.

Australia's captain has assured the cricketing world that their ODI team will remain stacked with talented players ready to maximise their potential, according to an ICC release.

Australia were forced to put together a largely inexperienced bowling attack following the well-publicised absences of several key contributors.

Ultimately, the team fell short of their hopes and dreams, beaten by India in the Champions Trophy's first semi-final.

But the Aussies will be buoyed as they review their campaign, highlighted by an impressive win over England and a display of quality cricket in the group stage, when rain didn't wreak havoc. The pace trio

of Spencer Johnson, Nathan Ellis and Ben Dwarshuis filled in admirably for Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood, a testament to the cricketing powerhouse's depth.

In what could prove to be the start of a transitional phase for the Aussies, Smith sang the praises of their 'generation next' attack. "I thought the bowlers did a really good job," he said after Australia's campaign-ending loss to India.

"The way we've come together (is the most pleasing thing about Australia's campaign). The bowling attack was quite inexperienced, (but) I thought they did a wonderful job throughout. There were some glimpses tonight of some really good stuff. "Some really good cricketers (are) in that changeroom and they're going to continue to get bigger and better." Smith took responsibility, along

with his batting unit, for Australia's semi-finals loss. Ultimately, their total of 264 all out proved tough for his attack to defend. "(They were) not the easiest batting conditions, that is why the scores were what they were," he continued.

"Having said that, I think we could have probably put a few more on. We lost a couple of wickets at crucial times. If we got 280-plus, things could have been different. It always felt like we were one wicket too many down at each stage of the game. If we were able to drag one of those partnerships out, that is probably where we get to 280 and then there is a little but more pressure on the game." The next major event on Australia's calendar is the ICC World Test Championship final against South Africa at Lord's in June, followed by a tour of the West Indies, which will feature three Tests and five T20 Internationals.

Azmatullah Omarzai claims top in ODI ranking

Dubai, Mar 5 (UNI) : Afghanistan star Azmatullah Omarzai has completed his climb to the top of the ICC's all-rounder rankings.

Here are the notable rises, across all disciplines.

The emergence of world-class talent Azmatullah Omarzai has been fast and furious.

The Afghanistan all-rounder, who will turn just 25 later this month, is now in uncharted waters, moving to the top of an ICC Rankings list, according to a ICC media release.

Following a blistering

ICC Champions Trophy 2025 campaign, which included a maiden five-wicket haul against England and a 50 against Australia, Omarzai has become the world's top-ranked all-rounder.

He also dethroned teammate Mohammad Nabi in the process, who drops to second on the list. The right-armed rose two spots and claimed a career-high rating points total of 296.

India's Axar Patel was the other big all-rounder to rise, moving up 17 spots to 13th and registering a career-high 194 ratings points.

Omarzai was also one of the key climbers in the latest ODI batter rankings, off the back of his 126 total runs in the Champions Trophy. He moved up 12 spots to 24th (598 rating points).

Afghanistan's Champions Trophy campaign allowed a number of their stars to blossom, as Ibrahim Zadran also made a bold climb up the batting rankings. The 23-year-old smashed 177 runs against England in Lahore, moving up 13 spots into 10th (676 rating points).

Australia's Steve Smith also collected a

good dose of rating points, climbing six spots to 16th after his batting contributions at the Champions Trophy.

Another high-profile veteran, Kiwi Kane Williamson, also made a move, climbing eight spots to 29th.

India opener Shubman Gill remains in No 1 ranking for ODI batters, with teammate Virat Kohli moving up to fourth following his Player of the Match heroics against Australia in the Champions Trophy semi-final in Dubai.

New Zealander Matt Henry has been rewarded

for his superb tournament, rising three spots and onto the podium of the bowling rankings.

Henry is now in third (649 rating points), behind Sri Lankan spinner Maheesh Theekshana (first) and South Africa tweeker Keshav Maharaj (second).

The resurgence of Indian seamer Mohammed Shami at the Champions Trophy sees him move up three spots to 11th (609 ratings points), while South Africa's Marco Jansen (up nine spots to 18th) and England's Jofra Archer (up 13 spots to equal-19th).

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WR to run Bi-weekly superfast AC special trains between Mumbai Central and Delhi

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 5 :For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the Holi festival & Summer season, Western Railway will run Bi-Weekly Superfast AC Special Train on Special fare between Mumbai Central and Delhi.

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

Train No. 09003/09004 Mumbai Central – Delhi (Bi-Weekly) Superfast AC Special [14 Trips]

Train No. 09003

Mumbai Central – Delhi Superfast Special will depart from Mumbai Central every Tuesday & Friday at 10.30 hrs and reach Delhi at 10.00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 7th to 28th March, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09004 Delhi - Mumbai Central Superfast Special will depart from Delhi every Wednesday & Saturday at 13.05 hrs and arrive Mumbai Central at 13.30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 8th to 29th March, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt Borivali, Vapi, Valsad, Udhna, Vadodara, Sabarmati, Mahesana,

Palanpur, Abu Road, Pindwara, Falna, Marwar, Beawar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Bandikui, Alwar, Rewari, Gurgaon and Delhi Cantt station in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier coaches.

The booking for Train No. 09003 will open from 6th March, 2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. The above trains will run as Special Train on Special Fare. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

WR collects More than Rs 135 crore as fine during intensive ticketed checking drives during April to February 205



(Standard Post Bureau)

In order to ensure hassle-free, comfortable travel & better services to all bonafide passengers over Western Railway, intensive ticket checking drives are being carried out continuously over Mumbai suburban local services, Mail/Express as well as passenger trains & holiday special trains so as to curb the menace of ticketless/irregular passengers. The

highly motivated ticket checking team under the supervision of senior commercial officers of Western Railway organized several ticket checking drives during the months of April 2024 to February, 2025, thereby recovering an amount to the tune of Rs. 134.28 Crore, which also includes Rs. 42.74 Crore from Mumbai Suburban section. According to a press release issued by

Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, during the month of February, 2025, an amount of Rs. 16.74 crore was recovered through detection of 2.55 lakh ticketless/irregular passengers, including unbooked luggage cases. Also, in the month of February, WR realized fines amounting to Rs. 4.64 crore through detection of 94 thousand cases over Mumbai Suburban section. To prevent unauthorized entry in AC local trains, frequent surprise ticket checking drives are carried out. As a result of these drives almost 57,000 unauthorized passengers have been penalized from April 2024 to February, 2025 and almost Rs. 190 lakhs collected in fines. Western Railway appeals to the general public to travel with proper and valid tickets.

India Achieves Milestone with Successful High-Altitude Trial of Indigenous Integrated Life Support System for LCA Tejas

(Standard Post Bureau)

New Delhi, Defence Bio-Engineering & Electro Medical Laboratory (DEBEL), the Bengaluru based laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out a successful high altitude trials of Indigenous On-board Oxygen Generating Systems (OBOGS) based Integrated Life Support System (ILSS) for LCA Tejas aircraft.

The On-Board Oxygen Generating System (OBOGS) based ILSS is an advanced system designed to generate and manage breathable oxygen for aircrew during flight, eliminating the need for traditional Liquid Oxygen Cylinder based systems. The system with appropriate modifications can also be used in MiG 29K and other series of Aircrafts. This was possible due to synergetic efforts of DEBEL, ADA, HAL, CEMILAC, NPTC, DGAQA and IAF.

ILSS was flown in LCA-PV-3 Aircraft of HAL/ADA and the systems was subjected to stringent conditions as per well-established Aero-medical standards in addition to varied flight conditions that includes altitudes of up to 50,000 feet AMSL and high g forces. Performance parameters of ILSS viz. OBOGS O₂ concentrations, demand breathing, availability of 100 per cent O₂,

aerobic maneuvers at required altitudes for full functional testing of Anti – G Valve, BOS ON during taxiing, Take off, Cruise, G turns and rejoin approach & landing were conducted after obtaining flight clearance from CEMILAC. The system has met all the specified parameters.

Apart from OBOGS, ILSS has 10 other Line Replaceable Units (LRU) like LPBR, BOS, EOS, Oxygen Sensor, Anti-G valve, PEC, ECU etc. which enables the continuous real-time generation of breathing oxygen for pilots during the flight.

The system was manufactured by M/s L&T as DePP, showcasing a successful collaboration between DRDO and Indian defence Industries in developing state of the aerospace system which constitutes 90 per cent of indigenous content.

Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh complimented DRDO, IAF, PSUs, and industry for the milestone achievement of successful High-Altitude Trial of Indigenous Integrated Life Support System for LCA Tejas and said that the development reaffirms the nation's steadfast commitment to self-reliance in cutting-edge defence technologies and reinforcing the goal of "Viksit Bharat 2047". Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO congratulated the entire DRDO team, Users and the industry partners for the Successful High-Altitude Trial of Indigenous Integrated Life Support System for LCA Tejas.

WR to provide additional stoppage to Mumbai Central Khatipura, special train at Rani Station

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 5 :For the convenience of passengers, Western Railway will provide additional stoppage at Rani Station to Train No. 09001/09002 Mumbai Central - Khatipura Superfast Special Train.

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

Train No. 09001 Mumbai Central – Khatipura Superfast Special has been provided with additional halt at Rani Station with immediate effect. The train will arrive Rani Station at 10.33 hrs and depart at 10.35 hrs.

Similarly, Train No. 09002 Khatipura – Mumbai Central Superfast Special has been provided with additional halt at Rani Station with immediate effect. The train will arrive Rani Station at 00.50 hrs and depart at 00.52 hrs.

For detailed information, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in. The All India Major Ports Hockey Tournament, 2024-25 was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Mr Rahul Singh

National Conference on Contemporary Business Practices

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 5 :The Department of Management and Commerce, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is organizing a two day national conference

"Contemporary Business Practices in the Context of Viksit Bharat and SDGs". The inaugural session will be held on March 06, 2025 at 10.30 am.

According to Prof. Mohammed Abdul Azeem, Head Department, Dr. Mohammad Abdul Khuddus, Former Central Civil Servant, Ex-Director, State MSME, GoI will be the chief guest and Prof. S Sreenivasa Murthy, Director, Institute of Public Enterprises the guest of honour for the inaugural session.

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, MANUU is the chief patron and Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar is the patron.

Prof. A Vidyadhar Reddy, Former Dean, Faculty of Business Management, OU is the chief guest and keynote speaker of the valedictory session whereas Mr. Sriphani Vissam Raju, Founder and Managing Trustee, iCapCarbon and Prof. Mohammed Razaullah Khan, Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education, MANUU are the guests of honour.

International Women's Day celebrated on Central Railway - Women Employee Achievers felicitated

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 5 : Central Railway celebrated International Women's Day with enthusiasm and jubilation on 5.3.2025 . A function to felicitate Women Employee Achievers of Central Railway was organised at CSMT under the aegis of Central Staff Benefit Fund (CSBF).

Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway and Chief Guest of the function , in presence of Smt. Asha Meena, President, Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (CRWVO) and Guest of Honour, felicitated and presented the " Sashakt Naari Puraskar" to 24 Women Employee Achievers of Central Railway from different departments and divisions including Technicians, Engineers, Office Superintendents, Train Managers, Assistant Loco Pilots, Nursing Superintendents, Translators and Office Assistants.

In addition Sewing machines were presented to 10 Dependent Spouse (female) / Daughters and Bicycles were presented to 13 Dependent Unmarried Daughters of Railway Employees as part of the Women Empowerment Activities.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager and Chief Guest of the function said that, Indian culture & tradition has great respect for Women. Central Railway has women in various posts at all levels, right from Officers



to Track maintainers.

Central Railway has the distinction of having the First All Women managed station on Indian Railways, viz Matunga, followed by Ajni and Amravati. "Asia's First Woman Loco Pilot Smt. Surekha Yadav is Central Railway's pride." Central Railway's RPF Inspector, Smt Rekha Mishra has rescued around 2000 lost and runaway children and has been felicitated by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. Central Railway also runs Ladies

special trains for Women. " Women empowerment is absolutely essential for development of the Organisation and the Country and they have a big role to play in the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of a Viksit Bharat.

Dr. Sushma Matey, Medical Director, Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Byculla graced the occasion as Guest Speaker and urged women to stay active, have a balanced diet and take care

of themselves, since the Family is healthy if the Woman is healthy.

Earlier Shri Saharsh Bajpai, Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Central Railway and Chairman, CSBF presented the welcome address. "

Shri Pratik Goswami, Additional General Manager, Principal Head of Departments, Senior Officers of Central Railway, Office bearers of CRWVO and representatives of recognised Unions were also present during the occasion.

Central Railway to run 34 Unreserved Holi Special Trains between Dadar-Ratnagiri and Daund-Kalaburagi

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, March 5 : Central Railway will run 34 Unreserved Holi Special train services between Dadar-Ratnagiri and Daund-Kalaburagi for the benefit of passengers travelling for Holi festival. The details are as follows:

1) Dadar-Ratnagiri Unreserved Special - Tri-Weekly (6 trips)

01131 Unreserved Special will leave Dadar at 14.50 hrs on 11.03.2025 (Tue), 13.03.2025 (Thu) & 16.03.2025 (Sun) and will arrive Ratnagiri at 23.40 hrs same day. (3 trips)

01132 Unreserved Special will leave Ratnagiri at 04.30 hrs on 12.03.2025 (Wed), 14.03.2025 (Fri) & 17.03.2025 (Mon) and will arrive Dadar at 13.25 hrs

same day. (3 trips)

Halts: Thane, Panvel, Pen, Roha, Mangaon, Veer, Khed, Chiplun, Savarda, Aravali Road and Sangameshwar"

Composition:, 14 General Second Class and 2 Second Class-cum-Luggage-cum Guard's Coach

2) Daund-Kalaburagi Unreserved Special – 5 days a week (20 trips)

01421 Unreserved Special will leave Daund at 05.00 hrs from 10.03.2025 to 22.03.2025 (except on 13.03.2025, 16.03.2025, & 20.03.2025) and will arrive Kalaburagi at 11.20 hrs same day. (10 trips)

01422 Unreserved Special will leave Kalaburagi at 16.10 hrs from 10.03.2025 to 22.03.2025 (except on 13.03.2025,

16.03.2025, & 20.03.2025) and will arrive Daund at 22.20 hrs same day. (10 trips)

Halts: Bhigwan, Parewadi, Jeur, Kem, Kurduwadi, Madha, Mohol, Solapur, Tikekarwadi, Hotgi, Akalkot Road, Boroti, Dudhani and Ganagapur.

Composition:, 10 General Second Class and 2 Second Class-cum-Luggage-cum Guard's Coach.

3) Daund-Kalaburagi Unreserved Special – Bi-Weekly (8 trips)

01425 Unreserved Special will leave Daund at 05.00 hrs on 09.03.2025, 13.03.2025, 16.03.2025 & 20.03.2025 (Thursday & Sunday) and will arrive Kalaburagi at 11.20 hrs same day. (4 trips)

01426 Unreserved

Special will leave Kalaburagi at 20.30 hrs on 09.03.2025, 13.03.2025, 16.03.2025 & 20.03.2025 (Thursday & Sunday) and will arrive Daund at 02.30 hrs next day. (4 trips)

"Halts: Bhigwan, Parewadi, Jeur, Kem, Kurduwadi, Madha, Mohol, Solapur, Tikekarwadi, Hotgi, Akalkot Road, Boroti, Dudhani and Ganagapur.

Composition:, 10 General Second Class and 2 Second Class-cum-Luggage-cum Guard's Coach "

Tickets for unreserved special trains on normal charges can be booked through UTS.

For detailed timings and halts of these Special Trains, please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or download NTES App.

EAM Jaishankar calls on UK PM Starmer, holds talks with FS David Lammy

London/New Delhi, March 5 (UNI) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar called on British Prime Minister Keir Starmer at 10, Downing Street and discussed taking forward the bilateral and economic cooperation. The EAM also held talks with his UK

counterpart David Lammy. In posts on X, he wrote that the UK PM also shared Britain's perspective on the Ukraine conflict. "Delighted to call on Prime Minister @Keir_Starmer at @10DowningStreet today. "Conveyed the warm greetings of PM

@narendramodi. "Discussed taking forward our bilateral, economic cooperation and enhancing people to people exchanges. "PM Starmer also shared UK's perspective on the Ukraine conflict." On his meeting with

David Lammy, he wrote: "Thank you FS @DavidLammy for this extremely warm welcome at the Chevening House. "Look forward to our discussions." He also met Chevening Scholars from India along with the UK Foreign Secretary.