

IN BRIEF

"Ask AI Holobox" at Symbiosis for information about the Constitution, Ambedkar

Pune Mar 5 (UNI) : The Government of India's Ministry of Culture has installed an "Ask AI Holobox" at Symbiosis Society's Ambedkar Museum and Memorial to provide information about the Constitution of India and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

The Ministry has installed six "Ask AI Holoboxes" at strategic locations across India for one month, and Symbiosis Society's Ambedkar Museum and Memorial has been selected as one of the locations.

These holoboxes are designed to engage students and the public through life-like interactions and voice responses to questions related to the Constitution and the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar.

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.

CM Fadnavis directs BMC for faster completion of Mumbai Infra Projects



(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, Mar 5 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis directs the Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC) to complete infrastructure projects in Mumbai at a faster level, an official said here on Wednesday.

CM has also reprimanded civic officials for the delays in completing key infrastructure projects and questioned why the municipal corporation takes years to finish projects while the central government

completes similar works in two to three years. The meeting held at the Vidhan Bhavan secretariat and was attended by BMC Commissioner Bhushan Gagrani and other senior officials.

Fadnavis instructed the

civic body to expedite major projects like the Goregaon-Mulund Link Road and the Versova-Bhayander Coastal Road.

One of the key areas of concern was the Bridges Department, which has a poor track record, often taking six to eight years to complete a single project. Additional Municipal Commissioner (Projects) Abhijit Bangar has now started making regular site visits to speed up progress.

When asked for specific deadlines, BMC assured Fadnavis that Andheri's Gokhale Bridge would be completed by April 30, the Vikhroli East-West Bridge by May 31, the Carnac Bridge by June 10 and the Vidyavihar East-West Bridge by December 31.

Dy CM assures to slap MCOCA on perpetrators of Kailas Borade in Jalna

Mumbai, Mar 5 (UNI) : Terming incident of alleged assault on Kailas Borade, a youth from Dhangar community, in Bhokardan of Jalna district as 'unfortunate' and 'a disgrace to humanity', Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced in the Maharashtra Legislative Council on Wednesday that he will discuss issue with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and ask him to impose stringent MCOCA on the perpetrators. He made this announcement when issue of assault on Borade at Bhokardan was raised in the upper house by member Shashikant Shinde. While making a statement on it, Deputy CM said, "I have spoken to the Superintendent of Police of Jalna in this regard. The Guardian Minister of Jalna will visit the place. The assault on Borade is very inhuman. The video of that incident makes you feel shocked."

Injured Borade was admitted to a private hospital for medical treatment, he informed and said that he spoke to Borade on phone and assured him that the government is behind him.

The perpetrators in this incident will not be spared at all, Shinde said, adding, the process of imposing MCOCA (Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act) on them will be done through the Home department.

AI could contribute lakhs of crores to Indian Economy: PM Modi

New Delhi, Mar 5 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed hope that the Artificial Intelligence could contribute lakhs of crores to the Indian economy and in this direction, we have allocated Rs 500 crore for AI-driven education and research in the budget.

Addressing a post Budget webinar on Employment, the Prime

Minister said, "To unlock AI's potential, India will set up a National large language model".

He noted that our private sector also needs to stay one step ahead of the world...adding the world is waiting for a reliable, safe and democratic country that can provide economical solutions in AI". Speaking about the decision taken in

the Budget 2025-26 to boost the job opportunities in the country, Modi said "We have started, PM Internship Scheme will provide new opportunities and practical skills to the youth". He informed that in this year's budget, we announced 10,000 additional medical seats, with a target of adding 75,000 seats in the medical

field over the next 5 years. On the economy front, the PM quoting IMF report said in the 10 years between 2015 and 2025, the Indian economy has registered a growth of 66%. "India has now become a 3.8 trillion dollar economy. This growth is more than many big economies. The day is not far when India will become a 5 trillion dollar economy" he added.

Minister, Aditi clarifies CM Fadnavis' statement on Ladki Bahin Yojana

Mumbai, March 5 (IANS) : Minister of Women and Child Development Aditi Tatkare on Wednesday informed the state council that the Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had not said that the government will give monthly aid of Rs 2,100 from the present level of Rs 1,500 to the eligible women beneficiaries of the flagship Ladki Bahin Yojana from the upcoming budget for 2025-26. "The MahaYuti government had launched the Ladki Bahin Yojana from July 6 last year with the monthly financial aid of Rs 1,500. The MahaYuti in its Assembly election manifesto did announce to

increase the monthly aid to Rs 2,100. However, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had never said that the revised aid will be announced in the upcoming budget. The election manifesto is for five years," she said.

She reiterated that the chief minister had never made a statement that the government will give Rs 2,100 from the upcoming budget. The issue was raised in the upper house by the Shiv Sena UBT legislator Anil Parab who asked the minister when the government will start paying Rs 2,100 to eligible women beneficiaries of the Ladki

Bahin Yojana. "We talk about the Ladki Bahin Yojana every day. How many sisters are going to be disqualified or why were the criteria not set earlier?" asked Parab.

He further asked, "Has the necessary provision been made for this scheme? But how many women have been now excluded? Some women are taking the benefits of both the Namu Shetkari scheme and Ladki Bahin Yojana. This means the government is being cheated."

Parab asked when the government will take action against those who took the benefits under two schemes. "What action will you take

against the officials who have wasted government money by giving both the benefits?" he asked.

In her reply, the minister Aditi Tatkare said: "When the registration started in July last year, there were 50 lakh women whose accounts were not Aadhaar seeded. Their seeding process has also been started. As Aadhaar seeded accounts are being made, benefits are being distributed to their accounts. This scheme is for women between 21 and 65 years of age. Every month, many women drop out of the 65 age group, due to which the number of beneficiaries will change. Some women get married and move to

other states, due to which the number of beneficiaries also changes."

The minister said that in August, the government distributed the first instalment to 1.59 crore beneficiaries, in September more than 2.20 crore, in October, 2.33 crore and in November-December 2.45 crore.

She added that there has been no cut in the number of eligible applicants. Tatkare said that the government will disburse the financial aid to beneficiaries for the month of February and March (together Rs 3,000) on March 8, which happens to be the International Women's Day.

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

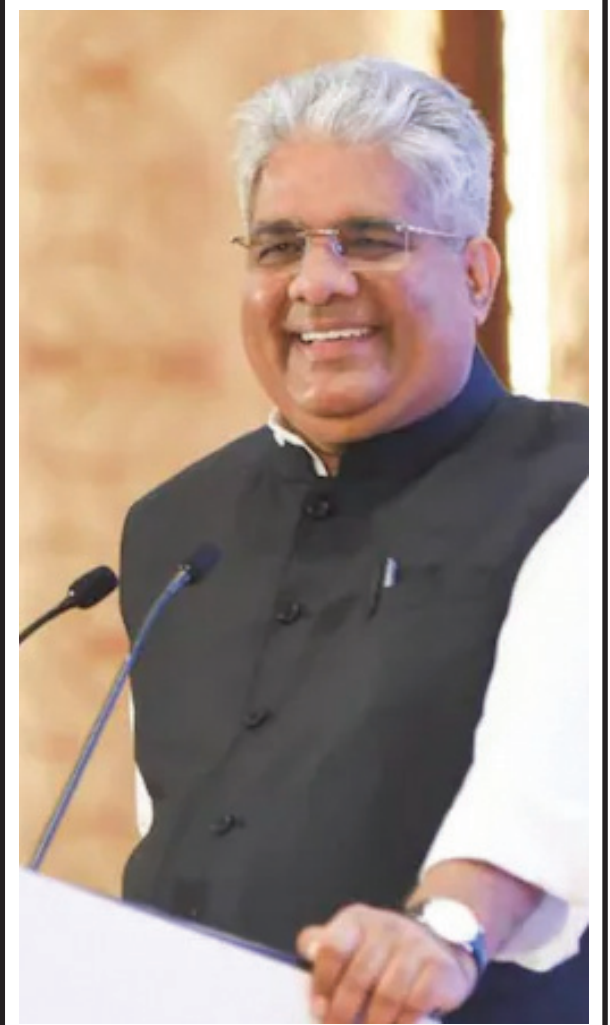
rather large one. "Other countries have used tariffs against us for decades, and now it's our turn to start using them against those other countries. On average, the European Union, China, Brazil, India, Mexico and Canada, have you heard of them? And countless other nations charge us tremendously higher 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, other countries, we will tariff them. That's reciprocal back and forth. Whatever they tax us, we will tax them."



'Developed countries must honour their financial and technological commitments

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,

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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.

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NOTIFICATION WALK IN INTERVIEW
JAGJIVANRAM HOSPITAL ON 11-03-2025.
For the Post of House Surgeon(Plain Post) on Contract basis.

Venue: 7th Floor, Auditorium, Jagjivanram Hospital, Western Railway, Maratha Mandir Marg, Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008.
Registration Time: 9.00 hrs to 12.00 hrs in Room No.22, Ground Floor, Establishment Officer, Jagjivanram Hospital, Mumbai Central. Application after stipulated time will not be considered.

Sr.No.	Department	Vacancy
01	General Surgery	04
02	OBGY	02
03	Ophthalmology	01
04	Radiology	01
Total		08

Reservation: Reservation is as per extent rule.
Age Limit: 35 Years
Educational qualification: MBBS (Degree Should be MCI Recognized) Candidates must be registered with MCI/MMC.
Remuneration: ₹76600/- per month.

Selection Criteria

- Selection will be through the process of walk in interview. Candidates who fulfill all eligibility conditions should attend for walk in interview.
- SC/ST & OBC Non Creamy Layer Certificate should be in the Central Government Format and the OBC Non Creamy Layer certificate should be upto the period December 2024.
- The vacancies indicated above may vary and the post indicated here may be kept unfilled at the discretion of Railway Administration.
- If more number of candidates attend for walk in interview the process of interview will be continue on next working day also.
- For House Surgeon(Plain Post) walk in interview will be held on every 1st Tuesday of every month till the notified vacancies gets filled up.
- Please bring the filled in application form of House Surgeon(Plain Post) download form downloadable from the above railway web site, with two recent passport size photographs. All information in Block Letters should be filled in the application without fail.
- For more information visit www.indianrailways.gov.in under News and Recruitment Section.

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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' (RADIO DIAGNOSIS)	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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18	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'SB' (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY-COMPUTER PROGRAMMER)	4	MEDICAL OFFICER 'D' (MICROBIOLOGY)
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 : BBCL, Guwahati	
27	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (MICROBIOLOGY)	1	MEDICAL OFFICER 'G' (RADIO DIAGNOSIS)
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' (RADIO DIAGNOSIS)
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	Advt. No.12/2025	
52	ASSISTANT SECURITY OFFICER	CBC 48149/12/0003/2425	
53	COOK - 'A'		

Second phase of e-textile portal to bring digital revolution for textile industry: Minister

Mumbai, Mar 5 (UNI) : The Department of Textiles has developed the second phase of e-textile portal with an aim to strengthen subsidy management for the textile industry, said Textiles Minister Sanjay Savkare on Wednesday.

Speaking after inaugurating the mobile app of the second phase of the e-textile portal and unveiling of the Texconnect magazine in Mantralaya here, he predicted that this phase will be a digital revolution for the textile industry.

He further said that through this portal, the grant process will now be speeded up and more transparency and extended services will be provided. With the inauguration of the second phase, the e-textile portal will now promote all major textile sectors including technical textiles, handloom and silk industry.

With this expansion, every stakeholder in the textile sector in Maharashtra will benefit from a fast, transparent and effective digital platform, added Savkare.



Delhi Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma takes a boat ride during inspection of the cleanliness efforts at Yamuna ghats, in New Delhi on Wednesday.

SMEs to get boost due to Vadhvan port, Navi Mumbai airport: Governor

Mumbai, March 5 (IANS) : Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan on Wednesday said that Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) from the state will get a boost to their growth after the commencement of the operations of the Rs 76,000 crore Vadhvan port, and the Navi Mumbai International Airport.

He said this while speaking at the Maharashtra Industries & SME Summit jointly organised by the Maharashtra Industry Development Association (MIDA) and SME Chamber of India in Mumbai.

Highlighting the important role of SMEs in achieving the vision of 'Viksit Bharat', the Governor commended the efforts of

MIDA and the SME Chamber of India in empowering SMEs, manufacturing industries, and startups. He emphasised their contribution to transforming India into a \$5 trillion economy under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Radhakrishnan expressed confidence that the economy of Maharashtra will be transformed after the commencement of the Vadhvan Port and the Navi Mumbai airport.

The Governor's statement comes three days after he, at the joint session of the state legislature, said that Maharashtra is a preferred destination for Foreign Direct Investment and the

state contributes over 14 per cent to the country's total GDP, being one of the leading industrial states in the country. He further added that the government has decided to develop 10 Integrated Industrial Parks and Integrated Logistics Parks to enhance industrial growth, improve supply chain efficiency and create a world-class business ecosystem. Further, the state government has approved to launch the "Maharashtra Technical Textiles Mission" to strengthen and expand the state's textile sector.

Maharashtra has become the first state in the country to launch such a mission aligned with the Central government's National Technical Textiles Mission, reinforcing its

leadership in the textile industry.

The Vision/ Mission Statement of the National Technical Textiles Mission by the Textiles Ministry reads "positioning India as a Global Textiles manufacturing hub by developing a \$250 billion Textile Industry and attaining \$100 billion in Global Textile Exports by 2030 by focusing on high-tech and high-growth product segments, leveraging inherent strengths, developing large scale plug and play infrastructure, keeping sustainability at the core, while ensuring large-scale livelihood opportunities, providing impetus to traditional sectors and becoming Atmanirbhar in raw material value chain".

Road ahead for Dhananjay Munde full of challenges

Mumbai, Mar 5 (UNI) : After having resigned as Maharashtra's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Minister, the road ahead for senior NCP (AP) leader Dhananjay Munde is now full of challenges.

The 49-year-old leader, who also faces health issues, will perhaps have to wait for some time to make a comeback.

Besides, the proverbial Sword of Damocles also hangs over him, as the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi is in full force and

even as a section of the ruling Maha Yuti-NDA is demanding that Munde be booked in the Beed sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh murder case.

This is the biggest crisis that the NCP leader is facing currently.

Popularly known as Dhanu Bhanu by his followers and DM among close friends, Munde is a grassroots worker with mass appeal and a powerful orator.

Dhananjay's close aide Walmik Karad, who is known as his Man Friday, has been named as prime accused in the Santosh Deshmukh murder case and a Rs two crore extortion bid from a windmill company.

Dhananjay is son of late Pandit Anna Munde, who was active in Beed politics and nephew of late Gopinath Munde, the BJP stalwart and former Deputy Chief Minister.

Dhananjay's cousin and BJP MLC Pankaja Munde is the state's Environment, Climate Change and Animal Husbandry Minister.

The Mundes hail from the Vanjari-OBC community - a powerful and politically influential bloc.

Munde learnt the first lessons of politics from his uncle, who called the shots for BJP in Maharashtra along with late Pramod Mahajan. In his early 20s, Munde had shot into limelight and became the president of Bhartiya Janata Yuva Morcha. He entered the Beed Zilla Parishad and became the Vice President as well.

The BJP made Dhananjay an MLC, however, Gopinath Munde in 2009 fielded his daughter Pankaja from Parli.

In 2012, he revolted and joined the undivided NCP led by Sharad Pawar. Though Pawar was not keen, Ajit Pawar ensured his entry. The NCP too made him an

MLC and rose to become Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council.

In 2019, he defeated Pankaja Munde, the then Rural Development Minister, from Parli and established control over the seat.

He was the first one to side with Ajit Pawar when he attempted to form a government with Devendra Fadnavis in November 2019.

Eventually, he became the Social Justice Minister in the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government and then the Agriculture Minister in the Eknath Shinde-led Maha Yuti dispensation.

Ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the Munde cousins patched up. The BJP, however, replaced Dr Pritam Munde and offered the Lok Sabha ticket from Beed to Pankaja, who lost the polls owing to the Maratha reservation issue and the OBC resistance. However, Dhananjay won the Vidhan Sabha polls by a handsome margin.

Dhananjay's personal life too had been under scrutiny. He is married to Rajshri Munde and they have three children. However, Dhananjay was accused of rape by a Mumbai-based singer Renu Sharma, with whose sister Karuna Sharma he had a long relationship and sired two children. Renu, however, withdrew the complaint.

Court rejects bail plea of Ambadas Mankape in Adrash Co-op Credit Society scam

Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, Mar 5 (UNI) A special court here on Wednesday rejected the bail application of Ambadas Abaji Mankape, the main accused in the case of embezzlement of crores of rupees in Adarsh Nagari Cooperative Credit Institution.

Special Public Prosecutor Komal Kandaharkar told the court that the audit report has revealed that crores of rupees were embezzled in the credit institution for three consecutive financial years from 2019 to 2022.

During the course of investigation, it was found that the chairman and the board of directors of the credit institution took huge loans by guaranteeing each other. Some directors and their family members embezzled loans worth crores of rupees to nine institutions owned by themselves.

In some cases, the guarantor turned out to be fake and the loan was disbursed on the basis of forged documents.

So far, 12 accused have been arrested in this financial misappropriation case and search is on for some more absconding accused.

After hearing the Public Prosecutor's arguments, Special Judge Shaikat S Gorwade rejected his (Mankape) bail application.

Abu Azmi suspended till end of Assembly Budget session

Mumbai, Mar 5 (UNI) Samajwadi Party (SP) leader and MLA Abu Azmi was suspended from the Maharashtra Assembly on Wednesday over his controversial remark praising Mughal ruler Aurangzeb.

Azmi has been suspended till the end of Maharashtra legislature's ongoing budget session, which is set to conclude on March 26.

State minister Chandrakant Patil had on Tuesday introduced the motion for suspension of Azmi in the lower house.

Treasury bench members argued that praising Aurangzeb was an insult to Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his son Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.

The motion was approved through a voice vote.

Azmi had apologised for it after making the remark.

Multiple FIRs (first information reports) have also been registered against him in Mumbai and Thane.

Reacting to his suspension for entire duration of ongoing budget session of Maharashtra Assembly over his remarks on Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, Samajwadi

Party MLA Abu Asim Azmi on Wednesday denied saying anything wrong about any community while expressing disappointment over his suspension.

He said, "To ensure that the House functions, I spoke about withdrawing my statement. I did not say anything wrong. Still, there is a controversy, and proceedings of the House are being stalled. To ensure that the House functions and some work is done during Budget Session...I withdrew the statement that I made outside the Assembly, not in the House. Still, I have been suspended."

Azmi also got the support of Samajwadi Party chief and former UP chief minister Akhilesh Yadav who claimed that the suspension was the violation of the freedom of expression.

"If the basis of suspension starts getting influenced by ideology, then what difference will there be between freedom of expression and subjection? Whether it is our MLAs or MPs, their fearless wisdom is unmatched. If some people think that by 'suspension' one can rein them in, then this is the childishness of their negative thinking," Akhilesh Yadav added.

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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

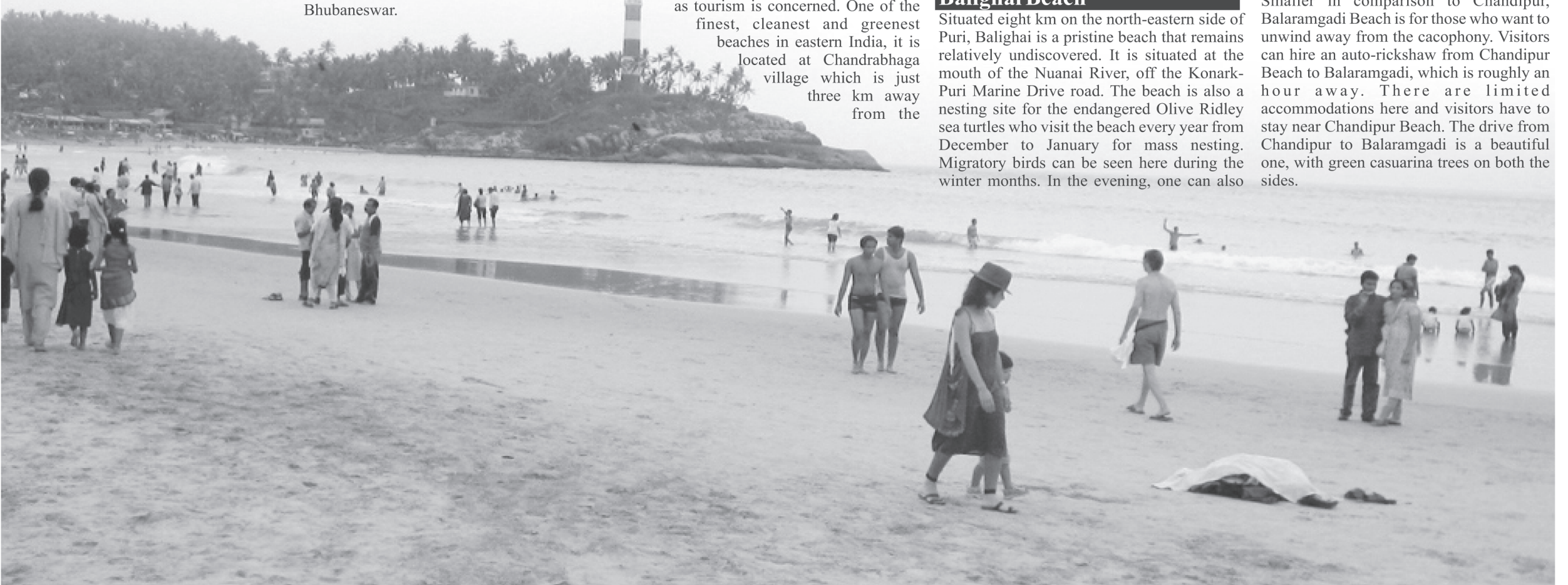
Soak up the sun at the wonderful beach of Balaramgadi, which lies at the convergence of the Budhabalanga River with the Bay of Bengal in Balasore district. Calm and clean, the beach is just two km away from Chandipur Beach. Here, a tourist can enjoy the sun, surf and the sand amidst casuarina plantations. 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



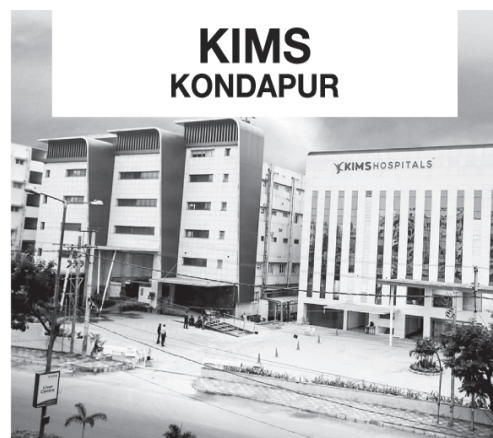
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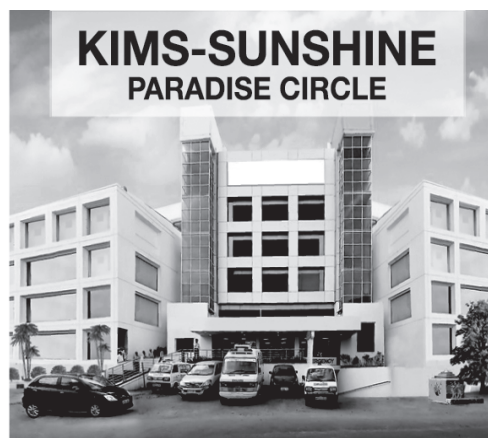
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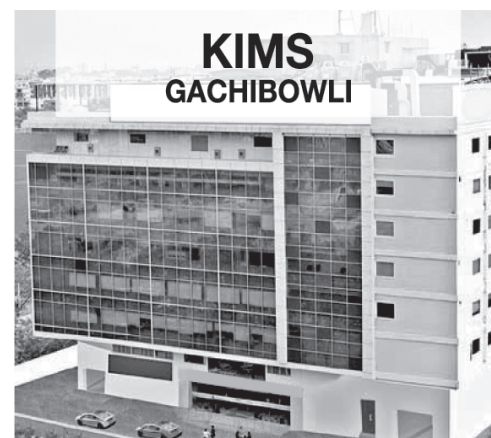
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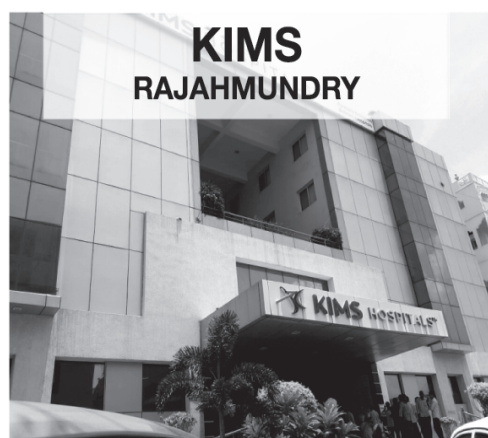
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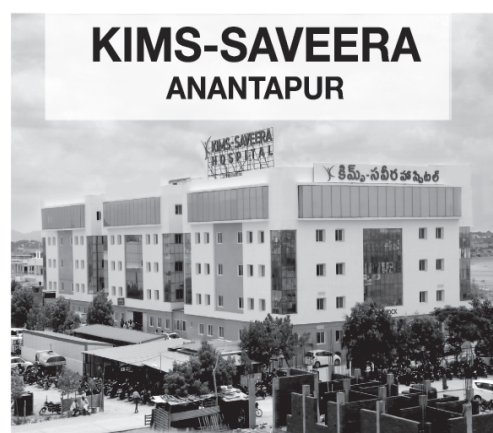
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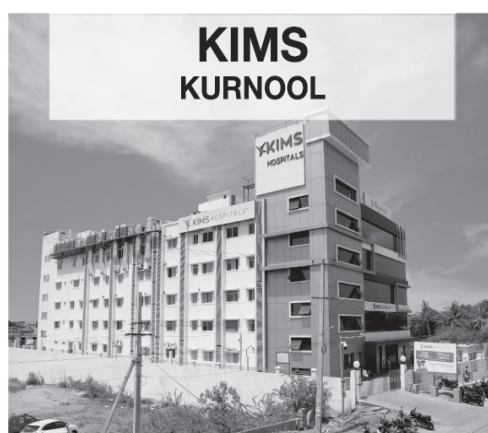
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Indian TT icon Sharath Kamal announces retirement with WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025 being the swansong

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 tweaker 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.