

IN BRIEF

Kolhapur police detain INDIA front leaders ahead of CM

Kolhapur, Mar 6 (UNI) : Ahead of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' visit to historic Panhala Fort in the district this evening, the district police on Thursday detained leaders and office-bearers of opposition INDIA front, who had warned of staging a black flag agitation before Fadnavis for their demand of immediate arrest of Prashant Koratkar for allegedly threatening historian Indrajeet Sawant.

District police swung into action in the morning and detained Shiv Sena (UBT) city organiser Harshal Surve, Sanjay Pawar, Congress party's city leaders and Maratha community leader Vasant Mulik and many other activists of INDIA front to foil their proposed agitation against Fadnavis.

INDIA front had warned of staging a black flags agitation near BJP's district office in Nagala Park area of the city this afternoon where Fadnavis was due to arrive in the evening.

Rs 19.7 lakh IMFL seized from tempo in Palghar; 2 held

Palghar, Mar 6 (PTI) Police have seized Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) valued at Rs 19.7 lakh being transported illegally in a tempo in Maharashtra's Palghar district, officials said on Thursday.

Two occupants of the tempo have been arrested, they said.

A police patrolling team spotted a tempo near Khambala on Wednesday and intercepted it on the basis of suspicion.

The police initially found the vehicle empty and its occupants claimed to be on way from Silvassa in the neighbouring Dadra and Nagar Haveli Union Territory, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Jawhar division) Ganpat Pingle said.

Sensing something amiss, the police again checked the tempo thoroughly and found two cavities made at the bottom of the vehicle in which the IMFL was kept, he said. The police seized the liquor of different brands, collectively valued at Rs 19,70,120, the official said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being welcomed during a visit to Harsil, in Uttarakashi district on Wednesday.

Double engine govt working together to make Uttarakhand developed state: PM

New Delhi, Mar 06 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the double engine government is working together to make Uttarakhand a developed state.

Addressing a public function in Harsil, Uttarakhand, he expressed confidence that the tourism sector will witness rapid growth in the coming years, which will boost local employment opportunities.

The Prime Minister said, "Winter tourism is a significant step in this direction, aiding in harnessing Uttarakhand's economic potential."

Talking about this year's budget, he said, "Provision has been made to develop 50 tourist destinations. This

will increase facilities for tourists and will also boost local employment."

He shared that before 2014, an average of 18 lakh pilgrims visited the Char Dham Yatra annually, which has now risen to approximately 50 lakh pilgrims each year.

The Prime Minister announced that this year's budget includes provisions to develop 50 tourist destinations, granting hotels at these locations the status of infrastructure.

"This initiative will enhance facilities for tourists and promote local employment opportunities," he said.

Recounting the recent cabinet decision of approving the Kedarnath

Ropeway Project and the Hemkund Ropeway Project he noted that the Kedarnath Ropeway will reduce the travel time from 8-9 hours to approximately 30 minutes, making the journey more accessible, especially for the elderly and children.

Modi emphasized that thousands of crores of rupees will be invested in these ropeway projects.

Emphasising the government's efforts to ensure that border areas of Uttarakhand also benefit from tourism, the Prime Minister said, "villages once referred to as the 'last villages' are now being called the 'first villages' of the country".

He highlighted the launch of the Vibrant Village

Program for their development, under which 10 villages from this region have been included.

He added that the government has worked to ensure the erstwhile emptied villages of Mana and Jadung in 1962, have been restored.

"As a result, the number of tourists visiting Uttarakhand has increased significantly over the past decade," he added.

During the visit, Narendra Modi participated in the Winter Tourism Program after flagging off a trek and bike rally at Harsil, Uttarakhand.

He also performed pooja and darshan at the winter seat of Maa Ganga in Mukhwa.

Rahul Gandhi arrives in Mumbai

Mumbai, Mar 6 (UNI) : Senior Congress leader and MP, Rahul Gandhi, arrived here on Thursday in order to review the party's position in Maharashtra ahead of upcoming local bodies elections, said the party sources.

His visit is considered strategically important for the Congress ahead of elections to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC).

Rahul Gandhi is likely to meet top Congress leaders during the day today, when he may discuss upcoming local bodies elections and organisational issues.

He will also take stock of Dharavi development project today and will stay overnight at Trident Hotel in Bandra-Kurla Complex in western suburb of Bandra, before

proceeding to Ahmedabad on Friday (tomorrow), where he will hold a series of meetings with Gujarat Congress leaders and party members, said a Congress leader here.

Rahul Gandhi's visit is considered strategically important for the Congress, as his presence in Mumbai can strengthen the party at the local level, while it can create new energy for the Congress in Gujarat, which is constantly weakening, he added.

'Govt to accelerate redevelopment of dangerous & old buildings in Mumbai'

Mumbai, Mar 6 (UNI) : Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Thursday gave an assurance in the Maharashtra Assembly that a meeting will be held with the public representatives for rapid redevelopment of dangerous, old and dilapidated cessed buildings in Mumbai city and redevelopment of these buildings will be accelerated by removing the obstacles in it.

Responding to questions of member Amin Patel in the lower house, he said that if the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation or the competent authority declares a building dangerous, the building owner is first given an opportunity to redevelop.

If the owner does not submit a proposal within six months, this opportunity is given to the cooperative housing society of the occupants or tenants. If they also do not submit a proposal within six months, then a provision has been made for land acquisition and redevelopment through the Mumbai Building Repair and Reconstruction Board. As per this process, the Mumbai Building Repair and Reconstruction Board has issued notices to 854 building owners. Out of these, 67 owners have submitted redevelopment proposals, out of which 30 owners have been given No Objection Certificate (NOC), said Shinde.

The state government will soon bring in a new housing policy, which it will ensure that affordable houses are available to the common citizens.

Shinde also said that the government is committed to bringing back Mumbaiers who have moved out of Mumbai due to the stalled redevelopment and to speed up the stalled housing projects in Mumbai and to provide housing to the common citizens, he added. Speaking on redevelopment project in Khar (East) of Mumbai raised by member Varun Sardesai in the lower house, the Deputy CM said that the government is deciding on housing projects by considering the general population as the focal point.

Amid linguistic controversy, CM Fadnavis says Marathi is language of Mumbai and Maharashtra

Mumbai, March 6 (IANS) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Thursday that Marathi is the language of Mumbai and Maharashtra, after Shiv Sena-UBT legislator Bhaskar Jadhav sought his intervention on RSS leader Bhaiyyaji Joshi's remarks.

The Chief Minister said those who respect their mother tongue should not disrespect any other language. Jadhav said: "The Centre has recently accorded the Classical Language Status to Marathi. Against this backdrop, I would like the chief minister to make the government's stand on the statement made by RSS veteran Joshi."

CM Fadnavis told the House that he had not seen or read what Joshi said, adding that he would certainly see that.

"Marathi is the language of Mumbai and Maharashtra. There will be no disrespect to other languages. Those who respect their mother tongue do not disrespect any other language," the Chief Minister said.

RSS leader Joshi on

Wednesday said: "There is no need for those coming to Mumbai to learn Marathi. Different languages are spoken here. The language of Ghatkopar area in Mumbai is Gujarati. There is no single language in Mumbai. Many languages are spoken here." Shiv Sena-UBT legislator Aadiya Thackeray strongly criticised the RSS leader for his statement.

"Every Marathi person should listen to Joshi's statement. He has insulted Maharashtra and the Marathi language. The state government has also cancelled the Marathi Bhavan proposed at Marine Drive and gallery in Girgaon. They (state government) said the Marathi language has been given classical status. Marathi is the language of Mumbai and Maharashtra. Action should be taken against Bhayyaji Joshi," Thackeray said.

Shiv Sena-UBT MP Sanjay Raut slammed Joshi, saying: "Who gave him this right? Can you go to Kolkata and say that Bengali isn't their language? Can you go to Lucknow and say in front of Yogi (Adityanath) that

Hindi isn't their language? Can you go to Chennai and say their language isn't Tamil?"

Congress legislator Nana Patole said the RSS and the BJP were diverting attention from issues like farmers and employment by igniting such debates on languages.

"Today, farmers' crops are drying up in Maharashtra. Can't the RSS give suggestions to the government on this? Is the RSS not concerned about unemployment in Maharashtra? RSS and BJP are diverting attention from the main issues by creating such debates," Patole claimed. NCP-SP spokesman Amol Matele also criticised the RSS veteran, saying he attempted to hurt Marathi pride which will not be tolerated.

BJP legislator Ram Kadam downplayed the RSS leader's remarks, saying "Joshi is a respectable person. His statement was shown in bits and pieces. Without understanding the sentiment behind Joshi's statement, some people are taking it to extremes."



Govt stands with every needy person: Yogi

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday held a 'Janata Darshan' on Gorakhnath Temple premises during which he listened to the concerns of around 250 people. The CM reassured the public that their issues would be resolved promptly and directed the officials to address them promptly. During the interaction, a woman sought financial assistance to treat a family member. In response, he advised her to obtain a treatment estimate, assuring the government would extend the necessary support.

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Indian youth will pioneer innovation, research on



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday asserted that the dynamic and visionary youth of India will spearhead groundbreaking innovations and lead the charge in research across the world.

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West Ham get success to draw ...



Manchester City's hopes of playing Champions League football next season were dealt a blow by a late West Ham equaliser. Khadija Shaw thought she had sealed victory with a close-range finish after coming off the bench, but West Ham substitute Manuela Pavi clinched a well-deserved point for the hosts in the first minute of added time.

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MoS Margherita receives top Barbados award on behalf of ...



In a ceremony held in Bridgetown, Barbados, Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita received the prestigious 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' Award bestowed upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi in recognition of his strategic leadership and valuable assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Stock market extends gains for 2nd day; Sensex rallied 610 points

Mumbai/New Delhi, Mar 6 (UNI) India's benchmark indices continued the positive momentum and ended on a strong note as the BSE Sensex on Thursday added another gain of about 610 points at 74,340.09 mainly due to cooling of crude and potential negotiations on US tariffs improved global sentiments and fueled this rebound.

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) rose 207.40 points at 22,544.70. The selling off by the Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) continued as they sold equities in the cash segment worth Rs 2895 crore while the Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought equities to the tune of Rs 3,370.6 crore in the trading session yesterday, according to data available.

Though oscillation was seen during the day, the equity market remained strong for another day. The Sensex opened firm at 74,308.30, up 578 points. It rose 660 points during intra-day to touch day's high of 74,390.80, before closing at 73,340.09, advancing 609.86 points from its previous close.

The Nifty registered day's high at

EAST COAST RAILWAY
 Notice No. eT-North-WAT-05-2025, Dt.: 27.02.2025

NAME OF THE WORK : REBUILDING OF BRIDGES BY PROVISION OF RCC BOXES IN THE PLACE OF EXISTING PIPE BRIDGES (BR. NO.620 AND 715) AND STONE SLAB BRIDGE (BR. NO. 654) TO IMPROVE ORN RATING AND CONVERSION OF STONE STAB BRIDGES INTO RCC BOXES IN 2 NOS OF BRIDGES (BR. NO.768, 825) IN RAIPUR - VIZIANAGARAM LINE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/RAYAGADA OF WALTAIR DIVISION.

Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1,53,38,848.82, EMD: ₹ 2,26,700/-
 Completion Period of the Work : 12 (Twelve) Months.
 Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1500 Hrs. of 25.03.2025.

No manual offers sent by Post / Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be rejected summarily without any consideration. Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website: www.ireps.gov.in

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Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) / PR-1043/P/24-25 Waltair

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VARIOUS WORKS
 No. W/623/5/1/NIT Date: 04.03.2025

The Divisional Railway Manager (WA) RATLAM for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through e-tender on website www.ireps.gov.in the details are as under:

Sr. No.	E-Tender No. & Name of Work	Approx. Value	Earnest Money to be Deposited
1	RTM-2024-25-135 RTM & UJN- Provision for complete Improvement in type I, II, III, IV at UJN and Multistory type III at RTM.	₹ 2,00,71,560.91/-	₹ 2,50,400.00/-

Approx. Quantity: As per tender schedule Completion Period: 18 Months Similar Type of Work: Any Civil Engineering Work Date of Uploading on Website: 04.03.2025 Date of Opening of Tender: 27.03.2025 Detailed tender Notice, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions are available at Website: www.ireps.gov.in

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Smt. Veera Nagotkar
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 Date : 7 March 2025
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 This is to inform to the general public that original Share Certificate No. 38 for 5 shares of distinctive Nos. 186-190 held by Mr. VIJAYKUMAR H MODI OWNER OF FLAT NO. B/302 Akurli Indraprastha Co Operative Housing Society Limited Lokhandwala Township, Kandivali (east) Mumbai 400101 is lost/misplaced/untraceable and other original documents issued by Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority addressed to 1st owner Mr. Arun Suvarna and hence the application is received by the society for the issue of duplicate share certificate. The society hereby invites claims and objections, if any, for the issue of duplicate share certificate within 14 (fourteen days) from the date of publication of this notice along with relevant proofs and documents supporting the claim in the Society Office or at Advocate office as per address given below. If no objections are received within above mentioned time, Society will be free to issue duplicate share certificate in the manner prescribed in the bye-laws.

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The CM reassured the public that their issues would be resolved promptly and directed the officials to address them promptly.

During the interaction, a woman sought financial assistance to treat a family member. In response, he advised her to obtain a treatment estimate, assuring the government would extend the necessary support.

Yogi handed over the applications to the officials, directing them to expedite the estimation process and forward it to the government for timely assistance.

Emphasising the government's commitment, he asserted that addressing public grievances remains a top priority and urged officials to act swiftly and diligently.

Besides, the CM shared a warm moment with children visiting the temple. He inquired about their studies and blessed them with wishes for a bright future, distributing chocolates and toffees as a gesture of affection.

India protests heckling of EAM by Khalistanis during London visit

New Delhi, Mar 6 (UNI) : India today condemned the breach of security during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's London visit when a group of Khalistani separatists heckled him and tried to block his car. On Wednesday evening, EAM Jaishankar was heckled by a group of Khalistani supporters who were shouting anti-India



Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta along with senior officials from PWD, DDA, MCD, DUSIB, and others during a visit at Ward-55, Shalimar Bagh, in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Govt launches New Credit Assessment Model for MSMEs

New Delhi, Mar 6 (UNI) The government on Thursday launched the New Credit Assessment Model based on the scoring of digital footprints of MSMEs wherein the Public sector banks (PSBs) will build their in-house capability to assess MSMEs for credit, instead of relying on external assessment. Launching the model at Vishakhapatnam, the Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman and Minister of State, Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said PSBs will develop a new credit assessment model, as announced in the Budget, based on the scoring of digital footprints of MSMEs in the economy. This credit assessment model will leverage the digitally fetched and verifiable data available in the ecosystem and devise automated journeys for MSME Loan appraisal using objective decisioning for all loan applications and model-based limit assessment for both Existing to Bank (ETB) as well as New to Bank (NTB) MSME borrowers, Ministry of Finance said in a statement.

The digital footprints used by the model may include Name and Pan authentication using NSDL, Mobile and

email verification using OTP, API fetch of GST data through service providers, Bank Statement Analysis using account aggregator, ITR upload and verification, API enabled commercial and consumer bureau fetch and due diligence using CICs, fraud checks, Hunter checks through APIs, among others.

The benefits to MSMEs by use of this model includes submission of application from anywhere through online mode, reduced paperwork and Branch visit, instant in-principle sanction through digital mode, seamless processing of credit proposals, end to end straight through process (STP), reduced turnaround time (TAT), Credit decision based on objective data/ Transactional behaviour and credit history, no Physical collateral securities for loans covered under CGTMSE, among others.

The credit assessment model for MSMEs based on digital footprints is expected to be a significant improvement over the traditional assessment of credit eligibility based only on asset or turnover criteria. That will also cover MSMEs without a formal accounting system.

remained at the venue when he left, with the local police standing by quietly.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said: "We have seen the footage of a breach of security during the visit of EAM to the UK. "We

condemn the provocative activities of this small group of separatists and extremists. "We deplore the misuse of democratic freedoms by such elements. "We expect the host government in such cases to fully live upto their diplomatic obligations. "In the past too,

the London police have been quiet bystanders when Khalistani activists clambered on to the balcony of the Indian High Commission and attempted to replace the Indian national flag with the Khalistani flag. India had strongly protested the action.

Budget Session: Who is stopping you from getting POJK back? : J&K CM

Jammu, Mar 6 (UNI) Reacting to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's statement that Pakistan vacating Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) would resolve the Kashmir issue in its entirety, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said that Kargil was an opportunity to get back the part of POJK but who is stopping the government now from getting it back?

"Who is stopping the Government of India from taking back the Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK)?" Abdullah questioned while speaking during the Motion of Thanks on Lieutenant Governor's address in the House in the ongoing Budget Session of the Legislative Assembly here. "Maharaja Hari Singh gave you a map of Jammu and Kashmir as inheritance and part of it is with Pakistan, Okay, fine and the Foreign Minister has said that we will get it back. Who has stopped you?" Abdullah said. "We did not stop you. We always said bring it back if you want to," he said adding, "During the Kargil war, you had a chance to take POJK back, but you failed and if you could not make it at that time, you bring it now, who is stopping you? We are not objecting to it?" "But if you see the map of Jammu and Kashmir, one part is with Pakistan, but one part is also with China," said Abdullah while taking a dig at the Government of India. "Why doesn't the BJP government talk about taking back Jammu and Kashmir occupied by China? Why no mention is made anywhere on that part," he said.

BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
 (Sewerage Operation Department)
e-Tender Notice

Tender ID	2025_MCGM_1157362
Name of the Organization	BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Subject	Work of Design and Installation of extended structural protective measures for plant and machinery at the workshop of E.E. Mech (M.S.) E.S. section in the premises of Old Ghatkoper Pumping Station.
Tender Security Fee	Rs 3,300/- (+ 18% GST) = 3,894
Cost of E-Tender (Estimated Cost)	(Item Rate Tender)
Bid Security Deposit / EMD	Rs. 17,700/-
Date of Issue and sale of tender	07-03-2025 from 11.00 Hours
Last date & time for Submission of Packet A, B & Packet C Online & (Receipt of Bid Security Deposits)	12-03-2025 up to 16.00 Hours
Opening of Packet A & B	13-03-2025 after 16.10 Hours
Opening of Packet C	After evaluation of Packet 'A' & 'B'
Address for Communication	Dy. Ch. E. (S.O.) P&MS Subs, Versova Pumping premises, Junction J.P. Road and Relief road, Andheri (W), Mumbai - 4000053.
Venue for opening of bid	E.E. Mech. (M.S.) E.S., Old Ghatkoper Pumping Station, Near Shoppers Stop, Ghatkoper - Mahul Road, Ghatkoper (East), Mumbai - 400089.
Mahatender Portal	https://mahatenders.gov.in
E-mail address	aempl.me@mcgm.gov.in
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Name of Work: Electrical TRD portion of the work in connection with the proposed subway at km 1) 278/5-6 between Borbial-Malthan, 2) 301/0-1 between Jinti Road-Bhigwan, 3) 322/3-4 between Washimbe-Parewadi, 4) 324/2-3 between Pophlaj-Washimbe, 5) 370/2-3 between Kurduwadi-Dhavlvas and 6) 439/6-7 between Pakni-Bale in Daund Solapur section. Estimated cost: ₹ 74,04,529.77 Bid Security: ₹ 1,48,100.00 Completion Period: 12 Months Validity of offer: 60 Days Date & time of tender closing on website: 31/03/2025 at 15.00 hrs.

Sr. Divisional Elect. Engineer (TRD)
 Central Railway, Solapur
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WESTERN RAILWAY-RATLAM DIVISION E-Tender Notice

E-Tenders are invited by Divisional Rail Manager (S&T), Ratlam, Western Railway, for and on behalf of the President of India for the following Signalling & Telecom work: Tender No.: SnT_RTM_24_15_R_Signal Date: 03.03.2025

Name of Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Automatic fire detection and alarm system on Ratlam Division for the period of 3 years. Approximate Cost of Work: ₹2,51,36,424.00/- (Rs Two Crore Fifty One Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Four only) Cost of Tender Document: NIL Earnest Money Deposit: ₹2,75,700.00/- Completion Period: Thirty Six (36) Months Time & Date for closure for submission of e-Tender Documents: 15.00 Hrs. on 24.03.2025 Time & Date for opening of e-Tender: After 15.30 Hrs. on 24.03.2025 Validity of Offer: 60 days from opening of tender. The tender can be viewed online at E-Tender Portal www.ireps.gov.in and offer must be submitted on same E-Tender Portal.

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STANDARD POST

90 pc of rural women entrepreneurs in India save a portion of their monthly income

A whopping 90 per cent of rural women entrepreneurs in India save a portion of their monthly income, according to a new report on Thursday, ahead of International Women's Day.

The report by DBS Bank India, in collaboration with Haqdarshak, is based on a survey of 411 women entrepreneurs across rural districts in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan, with 402 being members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Of the 90 per cent, 57 per cent save less than 20 per cent of their monthly income, while 33 per cent save between 20 per cent and 50 per cent, said the report. About 5 per cent save more than 50 per cent of their income, while the remaining respondents are unsure about the portion of their income saved, suggesting a need for improved financial literacy and planning.

The report noted that 56 per cent of rural women entrepreneurs opt for bank deposits, 39 per cent participate in SHG savings programmes, and 18 per cent set aside cash without investing it in any instruments.

Fixed Deposits (FDs) and Recurring Deposits (RDs), as well as investments in gold, were found to be less common, with only 11 per cent and 5 per cent opting for these methods, respectively. Approximately 64 per cent reinvested their business profits into their enterprises, reflecting a strong orientation towards business expansion and growth.

"Our report offers valuable insights to inform programmes aimed at accelerating women's entrepreneurship and addressing growth barriers," said Azmat Habibulla, Managing Director and Head of Group Strategic Marketing and Communications at DBS Bank India.

"We aim to drive meaningful dialogue and build actionable solutions that bridge knowledge gaps, ensuring these women have improved access to social protection and financial services, ultimately fostering a more equitable economy," added Aniket Doegar, Co-Founder and CEO of Haqdarshak.

Noting a shift towards greater financial autonomy, the report stated that 18 per cent of rural women entrepreneurs make financial decisions independently, while 47 per cent make financial decisions jointly with their husbands.

About 24 per cent stated that their husbands make all financial decisions, and the remaining 11 per cent consult their immediate or extended family members.

This distribution highlights both progress and persistent traditional norms.

Mizoram: An Emerging National Security Threat in India's Northeast

Imphal, March 6, (Waari Singbul Network) : The northeastern states of India have long been a complex tapestry of ethnic diversity, historical grievances, and geopolitical significance. Among them, Manipur and Mizoram—two states sharing borders with Myanmar—have recently drawn attention for their roles in the evolving security landscape of the region. While Manipur has been embroiled in ethnic violence since May 2023, grappling with internal strife between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities, Mizoram has quietly emerged as a more insidious national security concern.

Manipur: A Visible Crisis Contained Within Borders

Manipur's challenges are stark and immediate. The ethnic violence that erupted in May 2023 has claimed over 258 lives and displaced more than 60,000 people, according to official figures as of November 2024. The conflict, rooted in tensions over land rights, affirmative action, and illegal immigration from Myanmar, has exposed deep ethnic fault lines between the valley-dwelling Meiteis and the hill-based Kuki-Zo tribes. The state's proximity to the Golden Triangle—a notorious drug-producing region spanning Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand—has also fueled a narco-economy, with poppy cultivation and drug trafficking exacerbating local instability. The Manipur government's "War on Drugs" has made strides in curbing this menace, reportedly reducing drug transit through the state to near negligible levels by late 2024, thanks to aggressive enforcement and central government support.

Yet, Manipur's crisis, while severe, remains largely an internal affair. The violence has not overtly spilled beyond its borders, and the central government's imposition of President's Rule in



February 2025 reflects a decisive effort to contain and address the situation. The state's security challenges, tied to ethnic rivalries and narcotics, are being met with a combination of military presence, administrative oversight, and diplomatic measures like border fencing along the Indo-Myanmar frontier. Mizoram's threats, though significant, are visible, localized, and—at least for now—manageable within India's federal framework.

Mizoram: A Quiet but Growing Menace

In contrast, Mizoram presents a subtler but potentially more dangerous threat to India's national security. Historically a conduit for cross-border trade and migration due to its 510-kilometer porous border with Myanmar, Mizoram has recently seen a dramatic spike in narcotics and explosives trafficking. The unrest in Manipur since 2023 has diverted drug routes from the Moreh-Sugnu axis in Manipur to the Zokhawthar-Kolasib axis in Mizoram, turning the latter into a preferred transit hub for heroin, methamphetamine, and cannabis originating from Myanmar. Data from 2023 indicates that Mizoram's security forces seized contraband worth over ₹78 crore in just over a month,

a sharp increase attributed to the shifting dynamics of the regional drug trade. Meanwhile, the state's Governor, in February 2025, highlighted the arrest of 600 drug traffickers and the seizure of 429 kilograms of narcotics in the current financial year alone—a testament to the scale of the problem.

More alarmingly, Mizoram has emerged as a smuggling hub for explosives. In 2024, Assam Rifles intercepted over 2,000 kilograms of explosives, 60,000 detonators, and 13,000 gelatine sticks, with seizures continuing into 2025 at an accelerated pace. These materials, often destined for anti-junta forces in Myanmar or insurgent groups in Bangladesh, underscore Mizoram's role as a logistical lifeline for regional instability. The porous border, combined with lax oversight of licensed explosives dealers, raises the specter of these weapons being redirected to Indian insurgent groups—a scenario Assam Rifles officers have repeatedly flagged as a "larger danger."

Zo State Advocacy: A Separatist Undercurrent

Compounding these material threats is Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma's vocal advocacy for a unified Zo state, an

aspiration that transcends India's national boundaries. The Zo people—encompassing the Mizo, Kuki, Zomi, and Chin communities across India, Myanmar, and Bangladesh—share ethnic and cultural ties that Lalduhoma has leveraged to push a narrative of reunification. In September 2024, speaking to the Kuki-Zo diaspora in the United States, he declared that the Zo people "do not accept boundaries between countries" and envisioned a future where they rise "under one leadership to achieve our destiny of nationhood." This rhetoric, echoed by his predecessor Zoramthanga during the Manipur crisis, directly challenges India's territorial integrity and has drawn sharp rebukes from Manipur's Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who warned against interference in his state's affairs.

Lalduhoma's stance is not mere political posturing. It aligns with a broader, decades-long agenda speculated by some observers to carve out a "Kuki-Chin nation" from contiguous areas of Myanmar, India, and Bangladesh. This vision involves illegal immigration, land acquisition, and the establishment of autonomous zones—steps that could culminate in

separatism. Mizoram's hosting of over 12,500 displaced Kuki-Zo individuals from Manipur and 40,000 refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh further fuels this narrative, creating a demographic and political base for Zo unification efforts.

The Pact of Pro-Democratic Outfits: A Tipping Point?

The recent signing of a pact by pro-democratic outfits in Mizoram, reported in February 27, 2025, marks a critical escalation. While details remain sparse, this agreement—purportedly involving armed rebel groups advocating for democratic reforms and fighting government forces in Myanmar—signals Mizoram's growing entanglement with anti-junta forces across the border.

Such alliances could legitimize Mizoram as a staging ground for transnational militancy, drawing parallels to the state's historical role during the Mizo insurgency of the 1960s and 1970s.

Unlike Manipur, where militant groups like the Kuki National Army operate within a domestic context, Mizoram's pact risks internationalizing its security challenges, potentially inviting foreign actors—such as China, which views India's Act East policy with

suspicion—into the fray. "Why Mizoram Outweighs Manipur as a Threat"

Manipur's crisis, while devastating, is a fire that burns brightly but within a confined space. Its ethnic violence and narco-issues are being addressed through direct intervention, and its leadership has reaffirmed its commitment to India's unity. Mizoram, however, is a slow-burning fuse with far-reaching implications. Its transformation into a narcotics and explosives hub not only undermines India's internal security but also strengthens destabilizing forces in a volatile region. The state's leadership, by championing Zo reunification, flirts with separatism at a time when India is fortifying its northeastern borders against external threats.

The central government's reimposition of the Protected Area Regime in December 2024, requiring foreigners to obtain permits to enter Mizoram, Manipur, and Nagaland, is a belated acknowledgment of these risks. Yet, it may not suffice.

Mizoram's trajectory demands a more robust response: stricter border controls, enhanced intelligence operations, and a clear disavowal of separatist rhetoric from its leaders. Failure to act decisively could see Mizoram eclipse Manipur as the epicenter of India's northeastern security woes, threatening not just the region but the nation as a whole.

In conclusion, while Manipur wrestles with its demons, Mizoram's quiet metamorphosis into a narcotics-explosives hub and a potential separatist stronghold poses a deeper, more insidious challenge.

The stakes are high, and the time to confront this emerging threat is now—before the fuse burns down to its inevitable, explosive end.

"Contemporary Business Practices in the Context of Viksit Bharat and SDGs" National Conference inaugurated at MANUU



(Standard Post Bureau)

The two day national conference "Contemporary Business Practices in the Context of Viksit Bharat and SDGs" was inaugurated today at the Department of Management and Commerce, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU).

Speaking as the chief guest, Dr. Mohammad Abdul Khuddus, Former Central Civil Servant, Ex-Director, State MSME, GoI, presented an overview of the Indian economy.

In his keynote address, Prof. S Sreenivasa Murthy, Director, Institute of Public Enterprises pointed out the role of the corporate sector in the field of business values, while highlighting the goal of sustainable development.

Padma Shri Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, MANUU delivered the presidential address and also

released the souvenir of the conference. Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar MANUU highlighted the importance of achieving Sustainable Development Goals and Viksit Bharat.

Prof. Badiuddin Ahmed, Dean, School of Commerce and Business Management emphasized the need for economic stability in today's business activities and the modern business environment. Prof. Mohammed Abdul Azeem, Head of the Department delivered a welcome address.

Dr. Syed Khaja Safiuddin, Conference Convenor briefed about the aims and objectives of the conference. The Assistant Professors - Dr. Nissar Hussain convened the session and Dr. Md. Rashid Farooqi proposed vote of thanks.

Indian youth will pioneer innovation, research on global stage: Om Birla

New Delhi, Mar 6 (UNI) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday asserted that the dynamic and visionary youth of India will spearhead groundbreaking innovations and lead the charge in research across the world.

He also celebrated the unparalleled strength and resilience of Indian women, noting that women are at the forefront of India's growth and evolution, an official statement said. While addressing students at the Business Conclave hosted by Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University, here, Om Birla observed that women today are seizing vast opportunities and leading in diverse fields, and hoped that they will soon emerge as the true torchbearers of the nation's future. Reflecting on the significance of cultivating clarity of vision from an early age, the Lok Sabha Speaker emphasised the indispensable role of youth in propelling the nation's progress. He emphasised that it is the youth and women of India who will drive the transformative changes across the globe, shaping the future with their intellect and dedication. Drawing from his own personal journey, Birla nostalgically referred to student life as the "golden phase" in one's life, a time brimming with boundless opportunities and potential. He further underscored the importance of resilience, urging students not to allow the absence of resources to hinder their progress. Adversity is a stepping stone toward opportunity, the Lok Sabha Speaker remarked.

Beauty



The bride Looks lovely Face ..

Marriage is the most beautiful moment of life. How to stress about it .. now its supervision of the entire personality to lift such a way that the bloom ..

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- Full sleep for good health. Good sleep not only for health, but is also beneficial to the skin.
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- Drink plenty of water. At least eight of the day - must drink ten glasses of water. This skin is improving.
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- Hair Week two - three days to massage course. Or a mild herbal shampoo massage afterwards to wash the hair.
- To clean teeth, good morning



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Face masks you can Make at home



We suggest some simple and natural remedies for your face

Tips to soothe your tired Feet



By the end of the day, our feet often scream for some attention after all they are put through — long working hours, constantly being on the move, bad weather, ill-fitting footwear, wearing high heels, etc. Often the resulting foot pains and aches occur due to the imbalance of pressure on the feet. Also, many are unaware that tired legs affect your quality of sleep. Therefore, after a long, tiring day, it is a good idea to pamper your feet.

- Avoid wearing uncomfortable and tight pair of footwear, and get a pair that is more comfortable. Ill-

fitting footwear and wearing high heels for extended periods of time are some of the main reasons for pain in the feet.

- Get a pedicure at the salon at least once a month, especially if you suffer from cracked heels, cuts, etc. These are signs that say you need to care more for your feet.
- Get a reflexology foot massage done by professionals. Doing so will relax your feet and loosen the tension in them.
- After a long exhausting day, soak your feet in a tub of

warm water with some epsom salts for relief.

- Soothe your weary legs by massaging them with some anti-inflammatory cream.
- A fun way to ease the pain from aching feet is to roll a tennis ball or a rolling pin, or even a plastic cold drink bottle under your feet in a back and forth motion. Doing this will provide a good massage of sorts for the soles of your feet and tends to increase flexibility in joints and muscles. In fact it's a tip yoga instructors have shared with the who's who of Hollywood.

Vinegar

It's not just a cooking ingredient, vinegar's use as a skin toner probably dates back to the time of Helen of Troy! For a glowing and gorgeous complexion, follow this small tip before you go off to bed: wash your face with one tablespoon of apple cider vinegar combined with two cups of water. It will cleanse and tighten your skin.

Lemon

Lemon is a natural exfoliator and cleanser. For fresh-looking skin, try this: Mix some lemon juice with olive oil or sweet almond oil and apply it on your face every alternate day.

Egg

Eggs make for great face packs. So, if you have dry skin, use an egg paste to moisturise. Separate the egg from the yolk and add a little lemon juice or honey to it. If you have oily skin, use only egg whites. If you are blessed with normal skin, use the entire egg. Keep the paste for 30 minutes and rinse it off.

Note: Do not use a face wash after rinsing it off.

Milk

Want to look fresh without spending too much effort and money? Try this: Make a paste of milk and honey and apply it on your face. Make sure that

the paste is thick. Let it dry completely and then rinse with warm water. It will make your face fresh and rejuvenated.

Yoghurt

One of the best ways to brighten your skin — and also remove tan — is by using a face pack that contains yoghurt. If you are looking for a quick fix to tighten the pores, apply plain yoghurt on your face. Keep it on for 20 minutes and wash it off. For a revitalizing mask, mix yoghurt with some orange juice and aloe vera. Leave the mixture on your face for five minutes before washing it off.

Bananas

Who needs Botox when bananas can do the trick? Bananas moisturise your skin and leave it feeling and looking softer. Mash up a medium-sized ripe banana and smoothen it into a paste. Apply this gently on your face and neck. Keep it on for 10-20 minutes before you wash it off with cold water. If you want, add some honey and rose water to the mixture.

Mayonnaise

Why waste money on expensive serums when you can get the same results using mayonnaise? Gently apply a teaspoon of eggless mayonnaise on your face and keep it on for 20 minutes. Let it dry; then wipe it off and rinse with cool water. This will keep your skin clean and smooth.



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Super Cup 2025 set for Bhubaneswar from April 21

Bhubaneswar, Mar 6 (UNI) The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has announced that the Super Cup 2025 will be played in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, commencing from April 21.

The tournament, featuring a knock-out format, will see 16 teams vying for the coveted title. The competition will include 13 clubs from the Indian Super League (ISL) and three from the I-League. A major highlight of the tournament is that the winners will secure a berth in the 2025-26 AFC Champions League 2 (ACL2) Playoffs, adding further significance to the competition.

The Super Cup, which was first held in 2018, has been dominated by ISL teams. Bengaluru FC clinched the inaugural title in 2018, followed by FC Goa in 2019, who defeated Chennaiyin FC in the final.

The tournament was not held between 2020 and 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic but returned in 2023 with Odisha FC emerging victorious over Bengaluru FC. In 2024, East Bengal FC lifted the trophy.

With all past four editions being won by ISL clubs, the 2025 edition promises to be an intense battle as teams vie for both the championship and the ACL2 qualification.

Bilateral cricket between India-Pakistan depends on Indian Govt: Rajeev Shukla



Lahore, Mar 6 (UNI) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Vice President Rajeev Shukla has reaffirmed that any decision regarding bilateral cricket between India and Pakistan remains in the hands of Indian government.

"When it comes to cricket between the two countries, it's very straightforward and clear that the decision rests with the Indian government. Our actions will align with the Indian government's decision," Shukla told reporters on the sidelines of the second semifinal of the ICC Champions Trophy here on Wednesday.

Acknowledging Pakistan's efforts in hosting

an international tournament after a long gap, he added, "Pakistan is hosting an international tournament after quite a while, and it's great to see how well they've organized it."

Commenting on the highly anticipated India-Pakistan contests, Shukla noted that while fans from both nations eagerly await such matches, both the BCCI and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) maintain that these encounters should take place on home soil rather than a neutral venue.

"This has always been the BCCI's stance. There's also an ICC regulation that involves government approval, which is a crucial

factor. Countries would obviously want to host an India-Pakistan match, but the decision rests with the government."

He further elaborated, "We present our perspective to the government, but the final call is made after considering various factors. It's ultimately their decision."

Addressing concerns over India playing all its matches at a single venue, Shukla dismissed suggestions of an unfair advantage. "The ICC's decision clearly stated that India's matches would be held in Dubai, while the rest would take place in Pakistan. So, the issue of fairness doesn't come into

play here. The Indian doesn't rely on pitch conditions and even in Dubai, the tracks are different. The players rely on their strengths, not the pitch conditions."

On the venue for the final, he remarked, "If Australia had won yesterday, then yes. But since they lost, the final has to be in Dubai."

Regarding the scheduling of the Asia Cup, Shukla assured that everything would proceed as planned.

"As per the current arrangement, things will proceed as expected. I had attended the Asia Cup as well, and both Roger Binny and Jay Shah have been fully supportive throughout."

N Thangaraja pulls ahead into imposing five-shot lead in round three

Ahmedabad, Mar 6 (UNI) Sri Lanka's N Thangaraja found his way back to the top of the leaderboard and made his good putting form count as he pulled ahead into an imposing five-shot lead in round three in the Ahmedabad Open being played at the Kensville Golf & Country Club near here on Thursday.

The 43-year-old Thangaraja (65-73-69), the round one leader who had slipped to second place, one behind the lead on day two, struck a solid three-under 69 to regain his lead and move his total to nine-under 207 thus opening up a huge gap over the rest of the field. Thangaraja, now the hot favourite, will be searching for his fifth PGTI title and his first win since 2023 come Friday.

Thandigarh's Harendra Gupta (70-67-75), the halfway leader, carded a 75 in the penultimate round to drop down to tied second place at four-under 212.

Mysuru's Yashas Chandra (72-70-70), the only player to have not returned an over-par score in the tournament so far, came up with a second straight 70 to gain one spot and join Gupta in tied second position.

Ahmedabad's Varun Parikh (69) was in tied fifth place at one-under 215.

Former PGTI Order of Merit winner Manu Gandas of Gurugram carded the day's best score of 67 to be placed tied 10th at two-over 218.

N Thangaraja, who had a poor day with the putter in round two, produced a contrasting third round having turned around his putting form.

Thanga made four birdies all of which came as a result of conversions from six feet. He dropped a lone bogey.

Yashas Chandra made three birdies and a bogey during his round of 70 while Harendra Gupta conceded three bogeys during his 75.

West Ham get success to draw with Man City

London, Mar 6 (UNI) : Manchester City's hopes of playing Champions League football next season were dealt a blow by a late West Ham equaliser.

Khadija Shaw thought she had sealed victory with a close-range finish after coming off the bench, but West Ham substitute Manuela Pavi clinched a well-deserved point for the hosts in the first minute of added time.

The draw meant City remain fourth in the Women's Super League table, but third-placed Arsenal have a point advantage and game in hand, the BBC reported.

Gareth Taylor made six changes to his side, but they struggled to get going as West Ham stifled their opponent's build-up play and created the better chances in the first half.

The visitors struggled to cope with West Ham's pressing and only a brilliant Ayaka Yamashita save denied Seraina Piubel, after Jill Roord was dispossessed in midfield, before she denied the home side's Swiss striker twice more following City turnovers.

West Ham began the second half much as they ended the first, but the introduction of striker Shaw on the hour mark sparked City into life.

The WSL's leading goalscorer this season forced Kinga Szemik into a smart save with her first touch, before attempting an audacious overhead kick moments later.

City debutant Laura Wienroither crashed a close-range effort against the crossbar after Shaw proved a nuisance at a set-piece, before the Jamaican striker gave City an 80th-minute lead after Mary Fowler's deep cross was flicked on by fellow substitute Vivianne Miedema. But ninth-placed West Ham's spirited performance was rewarded in the final moments when Pavi gathered the ball on the left of the box and curled a strike into the bottom far corner.

City now turn their attention to a FA Women's Cup quarter-final meeting with Aston Villa on Sunday, while West Ham are not in action until they host Tottenham on 23 March.

Women's Boxing Nationals from March 21

New Delhi, Mar 6 (UNI) The 8th Elite Women's National Boxing Championship, set to be held at Gautam Buddha University in Greater Noida from March 21 to 27, will serve as a key event in India's Olympic preparation cycle, providing a crucial platform for identifying and grooming future champions.

Organised in association with the Uttar Pradesh Boxing Association, the championship will be conducted under the competition guidelines of World Boxing and the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). The event will feature around 300 top women boxers from across the country.

The competition is open to boxers born between January 1, 1984, and December 31, 2005. Each state unit can field a maximum of 10 boxers. The deadline for entry by numbers is March 10, while final name confirmation must be completed by March 15.

The championship will officially begin with the arrival of participants on March 20, followed by the draw and technical meeting. The opening rounds will take place from March 21 to 24, leading up to the quarter-finals on March 25, semi-finals on March 26, and the grand finale on March 27. As the first

national-level event in the new Olympic preparation cycle, the championship will play a pivotal role in shaping India's future boxing stars. It will provide a competitive platform for elite boxers and contribute to the selection and development of athletes for international competitions over the next three years.

The matches will follow a three-round format, with each round lasting three minutes and a one-minute rest interval. The ten-point must-scoring system will be used in accordance with the World Boxing Technical & Competition Rules. Additionally, daily weigh-ins will be conducted for the boxers.

More than 100 coaches and support staff will be present at the event, alongside 60 technical officials who will oversee the smooth conduct of the competition.

The Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) enters the tournament as the defending champion, having secured five gold medals, one silver, and two bronze medals in the previous edition. Haryana, which finished second last time, bagged seven medals, including three golds, three silvers, and one bronze. With the stakes high and India's top boxing talents in action, the championship promises to be a thrilling contest, paving the way for future champions.

Angad Bir Singh shines on senior team debut

Bhubaneswar, Mar 6 (UNI) : Angad Bir Singh became an overnight sensation after scoring a stunning 'double jalebi' goal during a shootout for the Vedanta Kalinga Lancers against Tamil Nadu Dragons in the recently concluded Hero Hockey India League.

His extraordinary feat came against one of the world's best goalkeepers, David Harte, earning him widespread acclaim and a call-up to the Indian Senior Men's Team for the FIH Pro League 2024/25.

Making his Senior Team debut against Ireland in Bhubaneswar, the 22-year-old forward reflected on the momentous occasion. "I

was absolutely thrilled before the match. It felt like the culmination of everything I had worked for," Angad said. He recalled the pre-match announcement by Chief Coach Craig Fulton, which heightened his anticipation. "When the coach announced my debut in front of the team, it felt like something special was about to happen. That moment filled me with excitement." The young forward, who previously secured Gold at the 2022 Sultan of Johor Cup, Bronze at the 2023 edition, and another Gold at the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023, admitted to initial nerves but quickly settled into his rhythm. "For the

first minute or so, I was a bit cautious, trying not to make any mistakes. But then I told myself, 'This is just another game. Play your game, be confident.' And after that, I was fully in the flow." Angad expressed gratitude for the support from senior players, including Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, and Sanjay. "They were incredible, always encouraging me to play without pressure. Manpreet and Hardik were by my side throughout the match, and Sanjay, who plays right half, helped me stay grounded," he said.

Praising Fulton's approach, he highlighted how the coach's calm and

supportive demeanour eased his transition. "Before the match, Fulton told me, 'Just play your game and enjoy this moment. Don't worry about mistakes, I've got your back.' That really stuck with me." On the difference between junior and senior hockey, Angad remarked, "There's a huge difference. At the junior level, it's more about the basics. But in senior hockey, everything is tactical. The game is faster and much more strategic, so I'm constantly learning and adapting."

Looking ahead, he is determined to improve with every game and has set his sights on the biggest prize in world hockey. "The

ultimate dream is to win Gold at the Olympics. Watching our team win Bronze medals in Tokyo and Paris was incredible, but now I want to be part of the squad that goes all the way and brings home the Gold medal." Angad's debut was also a proud moment for his family. "It was a dream come true for my father to see me play in the Indian team. My entire family and relatives gathered to watch my debut match together, and their pride and joy made the moment even more special for me." As Angad Bir Singh embarks on his journey with the Senior Team, his meteoric rise signals a promising future for Indian hockey.

AIMJ President Maulana Razvi's remarks on Shami sparks row

Lucknow, Mar 6 (UNI) : All India Muslim Jamaat (AIMJ) President Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Bareilvi on Thursday sparked controversy by criticising India cricketer Mohammed Shami for drinking water during a match while fasting in the holy month of Ramadan.

Maulana Shahabuddin stated, "Roza is compulsory. A healthy person not observing it is a big crime. Shami drank water during a match, sending a wrong message. He will have to answer to God."

Maulana Khalid Rashid Farangi Mahli countered, "The Quran allows travellers and the unwell to skip Roza. Shami is travelling, so it is his choice. No one should question him." Maulana Khalid also stated that fasting is a personal matter between an individual and God, and no religious leader has the authority to interfere. He added that Shami was fulfilling his national duty, which Islam permits, and accused Maulana Razvi of creating unnecessary controversy.

Shami's cousin, Dr Mumtaz from Amroha, said it was unfair to target the cricketer when many Pakistani players also choose not to fast while playing. He urged Shami to ignore the controversy and prepare for the March 9 final match. His childhood coach, Badaruddin Siddiqui, defended Shami, asserting that representing the nation takes precedence over personal matters. He appealed to the public to stand by the India team and not let such debates distract from the game.

Proteas captain vows to learn from semi-final heartbreak

Lahore, Mar 6 (UNI) Disappointed South Africa captain Temba Bavuma didn't shy away from revealing how his side will learn from their semi-final's mistakes at the ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

South Africa's ICC silverware drought won't be ending just yet, after another promising tournament ends with the team falling agonisingly short of glory.

It's a trend the Proteas are bravely trying to confront head on, demonstrated by their captain Temba Bavuma's willingness to reveal exactly what they need to work on for when they're next in a position to strike.

It comes as New Zealand claimed their Champions Trophy semi-final match-up with South Africa by 50 runs in Lahore. It was the Proteas' only defeat of the tournament, according to an ICC media release. "It's just those

moments," Bavuma explained post-game.

"Just being a little bit more decisive in those moments (was what went wrong), not giving the opposition a chance to get back into the game. Be ruthless and really go for the game."

"So, I think for me, personally, we'll obviously have a chat as a team and see what the other guys think. But just taking care of those key moments in the game."

Bavuma also took personal accountability, after he was unable to turn a solid innings into a big one—a problem a couple of the Kiwi top-order batters didn't have, after both Rachin Ravindra and Kane Williamson scored centuries at better than a run-a-ball. "From a batting point of view, we just weren't able to (build) those partnerships," he continued. "There were one or two partnerships there,

but I think (we) probably needed either myself or Rassie van der Dussen to go on and emulate what (New Zealand's) top four batters did. A little bit of a soft dismissal from my (perspective)."

"Ideally, (we) would've wanted both of us to keep going, at least to the 30th over, we know how destructive our middle order can be. (But) unfortunately we weren't able to set that foundation for them. That just left a little too much for our middle order to do in the end." (New Zealand's total of 362/6) was always going to require someone to play well, and we had David (Miller) that did that, but we probably needed someone else as well."

South Africa coach Rob Walter agreed with Bavuma's assessment, pointing to how the middle overs of each team's batting innings proved to be the difference in the

contest. "We just lost a few key wickets in the middle," Walter told the media post-game. "If we managed to maintain a strong partnership there, I think it would have been a pretty tight finish. Yes, we could bemoan our execution a little bit, certainly you'll never question the effort of the guys, and we sort of threw whatever we could at them but unfortunately, we couldn't break that partnership, which really set them up to push towards the end."

Walter also agreed with the Kiwis' decision to bat first on the Lahore deck, which proved to be a strong batting wicket. South Africa also had every intention to set the total, as New Zealand opted to. Asked directly, Walter said, "yeah, we would have batted first."

The toss proved pivotal, allowing the Black Caps to mount serious scoreboard pressure on the Proteas.

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WR commences International Women's day 2025 celebrations with Great fervour and Enthusiasm



Women's Day Celebration at HQ office, Churchgate

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 6 : Western Railway has commenced the celebrations for International Women's Day 2025 with a series of engaging and inspiring events aimed at honoring the contributions of women and fostering a spirit of inclusivity and empowerment at Headquarter as well as at all Divisions and Workshops of WR.

According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of

Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, the Women's Day celebrations started over WR on 6th March, 2025 with an event titled "Dil Se" ('Straight from the Heart'), featuring poetry and storytelling sessions by women officers and staff. This was followed by karaoke music which was well received by the attendees. A Health Awareness session was also conducted by Dr. Jyothi Inba who motivated the women to take care of their health. The event was held at Western Railway

Headquarters, Churchgate. The celebrations will continue on other days with Fun Fair featuring exciting games, DJ music, etc. A Wellness Program promoting physical and mental well-being of women will be held on 8th March 2025. The session will be conducted by Smt. Kavita Bhadke alongwith Dr. Jancy Shekhar of Jagjivan Ram Hospital, Mumbai Central.

Mr Vineet further added that, the celebrations will culminate on 10th March, 2025, featuring a Cultural

Program. Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager of WR will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Smt. Kshama Misra, President of Western Railway Women Welfare Organization will be the Guest of Honour. Western Railway takes immense pride in celebrating the achievements of women and reaffirms its commitment to fostering gender equality and empowerment. All women employees are encouraged to participate and to make these events a grand success.

MoS Margherita receives top Barbados award on behalf of PM Modi for valuable help during Covid

Bridgetown/New Delhi, Mar 6 (UNI) In a ceremony held in Bridgetown, Barbados, Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita received the prestigious 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' Award bestowed upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi in recognition of his strategic leadership and valuable assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The award announcement was made by Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Amor Mottley, S.C., M.P., during a meeting with Prime Minister Modi on November 20, 2024, held on the sidelines of the 2nd India-CARICOM Leaders' Summit in Georgetown, Guyana.

Prime Minister Mottley acknowledged the vital role played by Prime Minister Modi in strengthening international cooperation and support during the unprecedented situation during COVID19 pandemic, a statement said.

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Lineman holds the rope of the state's progress!



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Kalyan/Bhandup, March 6 : Janmitra i.e. lineman is a very important element in the system of Mahavitaran. Janmitra of Mahavitaran provides uninterrupted service for smooth power supply to the customers in very difficult conditions like heat, wind, rain, natural and man-made disasters and many other occasions. In fact, the axis of the state's progress is in their hands, said Shri. Dilip Jagdale, Joint Managing Director of Konkan Regional Division of Gaugodgar Mahavitaran."

He was speaking at the main program of Lineman Day organized for the third consecutive year on Tuesday (March 4) in Kalyan Circle to express gratitude towards the lineman who is the backbone of the power distribution system. Chief

Engineer of Kalyan Circle Chandramani Mishra, Superintendent Engineers Deepak Patil, Dilip Bhole, Mohan Kaloge were prominently present on the platform. Mr. Jagdale said that the public needs to follow the three principles of safety, self-respect and service in their daily work. They should increase the respect of the uniform through their work. Since training helps a lot in avoiding possible future dangers, they should actively participate in the training organized from time to time. He appealed to the public to prioritize safety at work by keeping their future generations in mind.

At the beginning of the program, tributes were paid to the electricity workers who sacrificed their lives while performing their duties. Also, the 'Linewoman' statue erected

in the premises of the small training center was unveiled by the dignitaries. Lineman Day was celebrated with enthusiasm by organizing bike and cycle rallies, blood donation camps, etc. at various departments and sub-departments under Kalyan and Bhandup Circles. 48 blood bottles were collected in the blood donation camp organized by the Kalyan East Department.

Janamitra was honored at a program organized in Kolshet Sub-Division in the presence of Sunil Kakade, Chief Engineer of Bhandup Circle. Experts provided guidance on stress-free living as well as diet and health. Meanwhile, at the Eternity Sub-Center under Thane Circle, guidance on financial planning was organized by Superintendent Engineer Jitendra Phule of the head office.

Western Railway to run 7 more pairs of Holi and Summer Special Trains

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, March 6 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the Holi festival & Summer season, Western Railway will run 7 more pairs of Special Train on Special fare to various destinations.

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

1. Train No. 09189/09190 Mumbai Central-Katihar (Weekly) Special [08 Trips]
Train No. 09189 Mumbai Central - Katihar Special will depart from Mumbai Central every Saturday at 11.00 hrs and will reach Katihar at 07.30 hrs, on Monday. This train will run from 8th March to 29th March, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09190 Katihar - Mumbai Central Special will depart from Katihar every Tuesday at 00.15 hrs, and arrive Mumbai Central at 18.40 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 11th March to 1st April, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Udhna, Bharuch, Vadodara, Ratlam, Ujjain, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Vidisha, Bina, Virangana Lakshimbai Jhansi, Orai, Kanpur Central, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn, Mirzapur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria and Naugachia station in both directions. This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

2. Train No. 04714/04713 Bandra Terminus -

Bikaner (Weekly) Special [08 Trips]
Train No. 04714 Bandra Terminus - Bikaner Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Friday at 16.00 hrs and reach Bikaner at 14.30 hrs the next day. This train will run from 7th to 28th March, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 04713 Bikaner - Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Bikaner every Thursday at 15.00 hrs and arrive Bandra Terminus at 13.40 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 6th to 27th March, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Udhna, Vadodara, Anand, Nadiad, Sabarmati, Mahesana, Bhildi, Raniwara, Marwar Bhimnal, Modran, Jalor, Mokalsar, Samdari, Luni, Jodhpur, Merta Road, Nagaur and Nokha station in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

3. Train No. 04828/04827 Bandra Terminus - Bhagat Ki Kothi (Weekly) Special [08 Trips]
Train No. 04828

Bandra Terminus - Bhagat Ki Kothi Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Sunday at 10.30 hrs and will reach Bhagat Ki Kothi at 04.30 hrs the next day. This train will run from 9th to 30th March, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 04827 Bhagat Ki Kothi - Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Bhagat Ki Kothi every Saturday at 11.30 hrs and arrive Bandra Terminus at 07.25 hrs the next day. This train will run from 8th to 29th March 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Udhna, Bharuch,

Vadodara, Sabarmati, Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Pindwara, Jawai Bandh, Falna, Rani, Marwar, Pali Marwar & Luni station in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC 3-Tier (Economy), Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

4. Train No. 04826/04825 Bandra Terminus - Jodhpur Superfast (Weekly) Special [6 Trips]
Train No. 04826

Bandra Terminus - Jodhpur Superfast Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Tuesday at 11.15 hrs and will reach Jodhpur at 04.00 hrs the next day. This train will run from 11th to 25th March, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 04825 Jodhpur - Bandra Terminus Superfast Special will depart from Jodhpur every Monday at 17.00 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 09.30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 10th to 24th March, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Udhna, Bharuch, Vadodara, Sabarmati, Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Pindwara Jawai Bandh, Falna, Rani, Marwar, Pali Marwar & Luni station in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 3-Tier and Sleeper Class Coaches.

5. Train No. 03418/03417 Udhna - Malda Town (Weekly) Special Train [4 Trips]
Train No. 03418 Udhna

- Malda Town Special will depart from Udhna on Tuesday & Monday at 12.30 hrs & will reach Malda Town at 02.55 hrs the third day. This train will run on 18th & 24th March, 2025. Similarly,

Train No. 03417 Malda Town - Udhna Special will depart from Malda Town on Sunday & Saturday at 12.20 hrs & will reach Udhna at 00.45 hrs the third day. This train will run on 16th & 22nd March, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Chalthan, Vyara, Navapur, Nandurbar, Dondaicha, Amalner, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Pipariya, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheeki, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patna, Bakhtiyarpur, Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur, Sultanganj, Bhagalpur, Kahalgaon, Sahibganj, Barharwa and New Farakka station in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

6. Train No. 09417/09418 Ahmedabad - Danapur Special (Weekly) [08 Trips]
Train No. 09417

Ahmedabad - Danapur Special will depart from Ahmedabad every Monday at 09.10 hrs & will reach Danapur at 20.30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 10th to 31st March, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09418 Danapur - Ahmedabad Special will depart from Danapur every Tuesday at 23.50 hrs & will reach Ahmedabad at 12.15 hrs, on Thursday. This train will run from 11th March to 01st April, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Nadiad, Chhayapuri, Ratlam, Dakaniya Talav, Gangapur City, Hindaun City, Bharatpur, Mathura, Kasganj, Farrukhabad, Kanpur Central, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn, Mirzapur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar and Ara station in

both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

7. Train No. 09425/09426 Sabarmati - Haridwar (Bi-Weekly) Special [14 Trips]
Train No. 09425

Sabarmati - Haridwar Special will depart from Sabarmati every Thursday & Sunday at 17.20 hrs and reach Haridwar at 17.00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 9th to 30th March, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09426 Haridwar - Sabarmati Special will depart from Haridwar every Friday & Monday at 21.00 hrs and reach Sabarmati at 22.30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 10th to 31st March, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Pindwara, Falna, Marwar, Beawar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Bandikui, Alwar, Rewari, Gurgaon, Delhi Cantt, Delhi, Ghaziabad, Meerut City, Muzaffarnagar and Roorkee station in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The booking for Train No. 04714 is open & for Train Nos. 09189, 09417, 09425 & 03418 will open from 7th March, 2025, while for Train Nos. 04828 & 04826 will open from 8th 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.

ECoR, DRM Waltair Lalit Bohra inspects Waltair marshalling Yard

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, March 6 : Mr Lalit Bohra, the Divisional Railway Manager of Waltair, today conducted inspection of the Marshalling Yard, an important hub for goods transportation in the Waltair Division. During his visit, he reviewed several important aspects of the yard, including the Reception Yard, Dispatch Yard, and Ore Exchange Yard, all of which play an integral role in the smooth and efficient movement of goods.

Accompanied by senior railway officials, Shri Lalit Bohra began the inspection from the Reception Yard, followed by a visit to the Dispatch Yard and Ore Exchange Yard. These yards are central to the Marshalling Yard, which is the heart of the goods transportation network in the region. DRM focused



on ensuring that the operational systems, infrastructure, and safety measures in place were up to the highest standards.

Following the yard inspections, Shri Lalit Bohra, DRM moved on to inspect the Electronic Interlocking Cabin of the Reception & Dispatch Yard, to review the traffic operations related to the port side, which play a vital role in managing the movement of trains and goods efficiently and safely.

During his inspection, DRM interacted with the staff working at various points in the Marshalling Yard. He engaged with the staff to have firsthand feedback on their working skills, challenges, and gathered valuable feedback on the day-to-day operations. DRM also reviewed the technological advancements implemented in the yard, particularly in the field of electronic interlocking systems, which have significantly contributed to the safety and operational efficiency of the yard's operations.