

## IN BRIEF

### Fire breaks out at fireworks warehouse in Nagpur

Nagpur, April 9 (UNI) : A fire broke out at a fireworks warehouse in Vaishalinagar area here on Wednesday, creating panic in the neighbourhood.

The fire was so intense that continuous explosions shook entire area and created an atmosphere of panic.

Nine fire engines of the Municipal Corporation Fire Department were pressed into service to bring fire under control.

Fearing explosions, police immediately sealed the area around the warehouse.

The sources in Fire Department informed that the fire is under control now, but the work of extinguishing the fire is still going on.

Fortunately, there was no loss of life.

The cause of fire has yet to be ascertained, they added.

### Blackbucks arrive in Mumbai Zoo

Mumbai, April 9 (UNI) : A set of three new blackbucks has arrived at the Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Botanical Garden, popularly known as the Byculla zoo or Rani Baug, which were donated by the Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park, Katraj, Pune, said an official from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Wednesday.

After almost six years they arrived in Mumbai zoo which will be available for public viewing as they are in quarantine since after April 3 when they arrived.

"It is part of our routine procedure to allow them to adjust to the new environment and for us to ensure they are free of diseases. Once the doctors give a go-ahead, we will open them for public viewing," officials added.

According to an animal lover, blackbuck was once the most abundant hoofed mammal in India and Pakistan, but their populations have been greatly reduced through excessive hunting and loss of habitat. In 1975 the population in Nepal had been reduced to just nine. Conservation efforts have increased that number to 200.

With continued local and international efforts, this number should continue to rise and these striking animals be saved from extinction.

## ‘Temporary disruption in services due to update of ‘Aaple Sarkar’ portal

Mumbai, April 9 (UNI) : The Department of Information Technology, Government of Maharashtra state, will carry out scheduled maintenance and hardware update work on the ‘Aaple Sarkar’ portal from April 10-14th, temporarily affecting all its services during the period.

During the above period, all services and systems on the ‘Aaple Sarkar Seva Portal’ will remain unavailable for some time, according to an official media statement on Wednesday. Since most of the days between April 10 and 14 are public holidays, the Department of Information Technology, Government of Maharashtra has appealed to the citizens, employees running ‘Aaple Sarkar Seva Kendras/Setu Kendras, Gram Panchayats and employees of various government departments to plan their service related work in advance, the statement added.

## Strengthen health institutions in State in collaboration with ADB: CM

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 9 : Directing to prepare a detailed project to strengthen various health institutions ranging from health sub-centres to referral service hospitals in Maharashtra, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday ordered to implement this project as a ‘mission’ in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Speaking at a meeting organised here to review the projects of the Medical Education and Public Health Department in collaboration with ADB, he asked the Medical Education and Public Health Department to prepare a detailed project report to strengthen health institutions.

Innovative measures should be adopted to provide quality health services to citizens, he suggested.

The Chief Minister also gave instructions to build separate hospitals in places

with high population and patient load.

He said the need for a separate hospital of the Medical Education Department should be verified in the district where the government medical college has been started.

A detailed planning plan should be prepared by classifying the hospitals required for medical education and public health departments, and the places where new hospitals need to be built, added Fadnavis.

## Rahul slams PM Modi on US tariffs



Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and other leaders during the All India Congress Committee (AICC) session at the Sabarmati Riverfront Event Centre, in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

Ahmedabad, April 9 (UNI) : Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Wednesday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump on Indian imports. Addressing the AICC session here, Gandhi asked, "Where is Modi hiding? Who used to boast about his friendship with Donald Trump?"

Moreover, Gandhi also slammed BJP-RSS alleged polarising agenda.

He quoted the recent incident in Rajasthan involving the CLP leader Tika Ram Jully's visit to a temple, which was later washed by one of the BJP leaders, because Jully belongs to the Dalit

community. Gandhi also said that the Waqf Bill passed recently by the BJP government in the Parliament was an attack on the freedom of religion.

"The Waqf Bill is anti-Constitution and against the freedom of religion," he remarked, while warning that even the Sikhs were in line to be targeted by the BJP.

The Congress leader maintained that it was the battle of ideologies between the BJP-RSS on one side and the Congress on the other side. He said only the Congress can defeat the BJP-RSS, as the Congress has an ideology, which is enshrined in the Constitution of the country.

He accused the BJP government of attacking the

## Trump orders 90-day pause on new tariffs, but raises rates for China to 125 pc

Washington, April 9 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced a 90-day pause on new tariffs which went into effect at midnight, but making an exception for China, raised the rates for imports from the Asian economic giant to an astounding 125 percent.

Taking to his microblogging site Truth Social., Trump said over 75 countries have called US representatives for negotiating a solution to issues like trade, tariff and trade barriers.

He also noted that there countries have not "at my strong suggestion", retaliated against the US after Washington slapped reciprocal tariffs on them.

"Based on the fact that more than 75 Countries have called Representatives of the United States, including the Departments of Commerce, Treasury, and the USTR, to negotiate a solution to the subjects being discussed relative to Trade, Trade Barriers, Tariffs, Currency Manipulation, and Non Monetary Tariffs, and that these Countries have not, at my strong suggestion, retaliated in any way, shape, or form against the United States, I have authorized a 90 day PAUSE," Trump posted.

He also announced a substantially lowered reciprocal tariff during this period, of 10%, also effective immediately.

At the same time, further escalating his trade war with Beijing, Trump raised the tariff on imports from China to 125 per cent.

"Based on the lack of respect that China has shown to the World's Markets, I am hereby raising the Tariff charged to China by the United States of America to 125%, effective immediately.

At some point, hopefully in the near future, China will realise that the days of ripping off the U.S.A., and other Countries, is no longer sustainable or acceptable," he wrote.



## Global institutions now looking towards India because of ...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that the global institutions are now looking towards India because of its progress, which opens pathways for others. Inaugurating the Navkar Mahamantra Divas at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, he underscored that the world's trust in India is deepening, with India's efforts and results becoming a source of inspiration.

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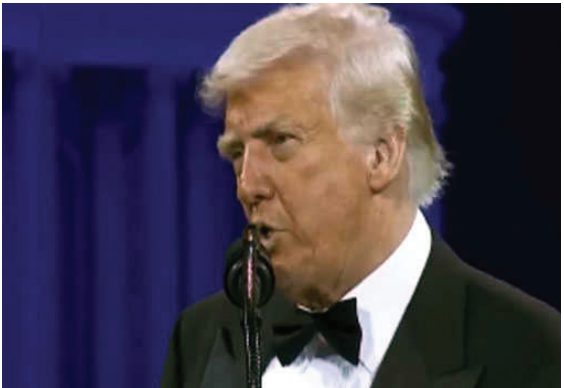
## Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan's India visit ....



The visit of the Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence Sheikh Hamdan to India comes as the two friendly countries approach the third anniversary of the implementation of their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which came into effect on May 1, 2022, the UAE Trade Minister said.

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## Trump says pharma imports will be hit with 'major' tariffs ....



:US President Donald Trump has said that pharmaceutical imports will soon be hit with “major” tariffs as part of his efforts to drive manufacturing back to the US, a move that could hit India, a leading global pharma producer, hard.

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## Those who joined hands with BJP responsible for prevailing ...



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that those who allied with the BJP are responsible for the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir. “Those who are accusing me for clicking a picture with the Union Minister once sat in the lap of the BJP and talked about milk and toffees,

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## RBI cuts repo rate by 25 basis points to 6 pc, lowers GDP growth forecast for FY26

Mumbai, April 9 (UNI) : Delivering second straight cut in key interest rate in the wake of softening retail inflation, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on Wednesday decided to cut policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 6% with immediate effect.

"After a detailed assessment of the evolving macroeconomic and financial conditions and outlook, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted unanimously to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 6% with immediate effect," RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said while announcing the first bi-monthly monetary policy of the current fiscal. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate under the liquidity adjustment facility shall stand adjusted to 5.75% and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate shall stand adjusted to 6.25%. The MPC also decided to change the stance from

'neutral' to 'accommodative'. Besides relief for homebuyers and other borrowers, the repo rate cut is expected to boost economic growth which faces multiple headwinds especially trade disruptions and sluggish private investment. On rationale of the monetary policy decision, Malhotra said that the MPC noted that the inflation is currently below the target.

"It is supported by a sharp fall in food inflation. Moreover, there is a decisive improvement in the inflation outlook. As per projections, there is now a greater confidence of a durable alignment of headline inflation with the target of 4% over a 12-month horizon," he said.

Marking the first rate cut in nearly five years, the central bank had in February this year reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25%. One basis point is equivalent to

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# Karni Sena has got CM Yogi's protection: Akhilesh Yadav



Lucknow, April 9 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday alleged that Karni Sena is like Hitler's troopers who are being protected by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

While addressing party office-bearers at the SP state headquarters, Akhilesh warned that if any incident happens with SP MP Ranji Lal Suman, the CM will be responsible for it.

He said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) indulges in conspiracy and plotting. "It spreads hatred in the society. Spreading hatred and mutual animosity is the

agenda of BJP. Its government is giving protection to anarchist elements. BJP and its affiliated organisations have thrown the state into anarchy. People have started fearing the BJP government. Crimes are not stopping due to the rapid increase in criminals under the BJP government," he alleged. The SP chief said that people are very much suffering, sad and humiliated by the BJP government. "SP is with the suffering, sad and humiliated people and will help them. BJP will not be able to stand in front of the power of SP's PDA," he

said.He said that the law and order of the state is in shambles under the BJP government. "Incidents of crime against women are increasing very fast. Rapes and murders are happening every day. The life and dignity of women is not safe in this government. BJP is a land mafia party. BJP people are looting lands at various places across the state," he alleged.Akhilesh said that the registrations of lands done under the BJP government in Gorakhpur, Ayodhya, Lucknow, Kanpur should be made public. "It will be known who has looted and occupied how much land," he said.

# Restoration of Partially Cancelled and Rescheduled Trains : SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 9 : Southern Railway has notified the restoration of the following trains, which were earlier partially cancelled and rescheduled due to Fixed Time Corridor Blocks for safety and maintenance works in the Chennai Division. The details are as follows:

1. Train No. 66550 KSR Bengaluru – Jolarpettai MEMU, journey commencing on April 9, 11, 14 & 16, 2025, which was earlier partially cancelled between Somanayakkanpatti and Jolarpettai, will now run as per its scheduled path.

2. Train No. 66549 Jolarpettai – KSR Bengaluru MEMU, journey commencing on April 9, 11, 14 & 16, 2025, which was

earlier partially cancelled between Jolarpettai and Somanayakkanpatti, will now originate from Jolarpettai and run as per schedule.

3. Train No. 16520 KSR Bengaluru – Jolarpettai MEMU, journey commencing on April 9, 11, 14 & 16, 2025, which was earlier partially cancelled between Somanayakkanpatti and Jolarpettai, will now run as per schedule.

4. Train No. 22601 Dr. MGR Chennai Central – Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express, journey commencing on April 9 & 16, 2025, which was earlier rescheduled from its originating station and regulated over Southern Railway, will now run as per its original schedule.

# Summer Special Express Trains between Hubballi-Vatva : SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 9 : South Western Railway has decided to run Summer Special Express trains between SSS Hubballi and Vatva (Gujarat) to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the summer season. Train No.

07333 SSS Hubballi to Vatva will run every Sunday from April 13 to June 15, 2025. The train will depart from SSS Hubballi at 19:30 hrs and reach its destination, Vatva at 18:45 hrs on Mondays.Train No. 07334 Vatva to SSS Hubballi will operate every Monday from April 14 to June 16, 2025. The train will depart from Vatva at 21:45 hrs and arrive at SSS

Hubballi at 19:45 hrs on Tuesdays.

Each train will make stops at the following stations in both directions: Dharwad, Alnavar, Londa, Belagavi, Gokak Road, Ghatprabha, Raybag, Kudachi, Miraj, Sangli, Pune, Lonavala, Kalyan, Vasai Road, Boisar, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, and Anand.

The train will consist of 21 coaches including: 1-AC First cum AC Two-Tier, 1-AC Two Tier, 3-AC Three Tier, 8-Sleeper Class, 5-General Second Class and 2-Second Class Luggage-cum-Brake Vans.

# HP: HC seeks clarity on food safety compliance in institutional canteens

Shimla, April 9 (UNI) : In a significant move aimed at safeguarding public health, the Himachal Pradesh High Court has directed the state government to confirm whether canteens and messes in educational and healthcare institutions under the Health Department are functioning in compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.The directive came during proceedings in the case Court on its own motion versus State of Himachal Pradesh and others, which initially emerged from a complaint about exorbitant mess charges raised by the Student Nursing Association. However, the court has since broadened the scope of the case to address food safety concerns in public institutions.A recent communication from six students — Aakriti Sharma, Riya Kutahria, Ishita Bhardwaj, Kanchan Sharma, Shreya Jaswal, and Kritika Thakur — claiming to be new office bearers of the Student Nursing Association, sought to withdraw the petition.

# Global institutions now looking towards India because of its progress: PM Modi

New Delhi, April 9 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that the global institutions are now looking towards India because of its progress, which opens pathways for others.

Inaugurating the Navkar Mahamantra Divas at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, he underscored that the world's trust in India is deepening, with India's efforts and results becoming a source of inspiration.

He connected this to the Jain philosophy of "Parasparopagraho Jivanam," emphasizing that life thrives on mutual cooperation. PM Modi noted that this perspective has raised global expectations from India, and the nation has intensified its efforts.

The Prime Minister remarked that in today's world of information, knowledge is abundant, but without wisdom, it lacks depth. He emphasized that Jainism teaches the balance of knowledge and wisdom to find the right path.

He highlighted the importance of this balance for the youth, saying where technology must be

complemented by human touch, and skills must be accompanied by the soul.

Modi stated, "The Navkar Mahamantra can serve as a source of wisdom and direction for the new generation."

Addressing the pressing issue of climate change, he identified sustainable lifestyles as the solution and highlighted India's launch of Mission LiFE.

He remarked that the Jain community has been living the principles of simplicity, restraint, and sustainability for centuries. Referring to the Jain principle of Aparigraha, he emphasized the need to spread these values widely.

The Prime Minister urged everyone, regardless of their location, to become flag bearers of Mission LiFE. During the event, the Prime Minister unveiled "nine resolutions" and asked the gathering to take these gatherings aimed to promote sustainability for a healthy nation.

The first resolution being 'Water Conservation', he recalled the words of Buddhi Sagar Maharaj Ji, who predicted 100 years ago that water would be sold in shops.

The PM emphasized the need to value and save every drop of water.

The second resolution is to 'plant a tree in Mother's Name' and highlighted the planting of over 100 crore trees in recent months and urged everyone to plant a tree in their mother's name and nurture it like her blessings.

Modi mentioned 'cleanliness mission' as the third resolution. 'Vocal for Local' being the fourth resolution, he encouraged the promotion of locally made products, turning them global, and supporting items that carry the essence of Indian soil and the sweat of Indian workers.The fifth resolution is to 'explore India' and he urged people to explore India's diverse states, cultures, and regions before traveling abroad, emphasizing the uniqueness and value of every corner of the country.

'Adopting Natural Farming' being the sixth resolution, the Prime Minister referred to the Jain principle of One living being should not harm another and called for freeing Mother Earth from chemicals, supporting farmers, and promoting

natural farming.

He also proposed 'Healthy Lifestyle' as the seventh resolution and advocated for a return to Indian dietary traditions, including millets (Shri Anna), reducing oil consumption by 10%, and maintaining health through moderation and restraint.

He proposed 'Incorporating Yoga and Sports' as the eighth resolution and emphasized making yoga and sports a part of daily life, whether at home, work, school, or parks, to ensure physical health and mental peace.

Highlighting the importance of assisting the underprivileged, whether by holding a hand or filling a plate, as the true essence of service, he proposed 'Helping the Poor' as the ninth and final resolution.

He emphasised that these resolutions align with the principles of Jainism and the vision of a sustainable and harmonious future."These nine resolutions will infuse new energy into individuals and provide a fresh direction to the younger generation. Their implementation will foster peace, harmony, and compassion within society," he added.

# Govt favouring industrialists, increasing social inequality, alleges Mallikarjuna Kharge

Ahmedabad, April 9 (UNI) : Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday said that a "dictatorial" atmosphere is prevailing in the country, and national assets are being "handed over" to select industrialists, which is widening the gap between the rich and the poor.

While addressing delegates on the final day of the Congress session, Kharge stated, "Common people are facing oppression, Opposition is being targeted, and Dalits are being subjected to discrimination — something that cannot be forgiven."He stated that

former Congress president Sonia Gandhi believes the education system is the biggest issue facing society. She emphasizes the urgent need for reform to ensure that children from poor and Dalit communities are not denied access to education and have the opportunity to pursue higher studies.

Calling the tribal the original inhabitants of the country, Kharge said that the BJP is referring to them as Vanvasis, attempting to marginalize them by giving a new term. He added that incidents of atrocities against Dalits are happening regularly, yet they are largely ignored.

The media turns a blind eye to these issues, fearing that highlighting such incidents could take their owners to jail.

Alleging that a monopoly is gradually being created in the country's economy, Kharge said, "Public assets are steadily being handed over to private hands. The sale of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) is resulting in the loss of lakhs of government jobs and undermining reservation benefits for SC, ST, and OBC communities. Instead of providing more opportunities and reservations for Dalits and backward classes, the Modi

government is systematically handing over PSUs to its close associates. If this trend continues, there's a fear that one day, Narendra Modi might end up selling the entire country".

Kharge emphasized that the Congress party needs dynamic and energetic individuals to move forward, and it is only with their support that the party can progress.

He urged all members to stay active and work towards strengthening the organization. Delivering a clear message to the party workers, he said that those unwilling to take responsibility should retire,

and those not contributing should take a break.

The Congress president accused the BJP government of encouraging communalism and attempting to divide society by racking up old issues.

He further alleged that freedom of expression is being suppressed in the country, with individuals losing their rights to dress and speak freely. Marginalised communities are being denied their rightful entitlements.

He termed communalism as a toxic force that is contaminating society and stressed the urgent need to eradicate it.

# Ram Darbar likely to be installed on Akshaya Tritiya: Champat Rai


Ayodhya (UP), April 9 (UNI) : General Secretary of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirtha Kshetra Trust Champat Rai has expressed hope that Shri Ram Darbar will be placed in the grand Ram temple on the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiya on April 30.Rai said, "On the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, April 30, the Ram Darbar will be ceremoniously placed in the sanctum sanctorum on the first floor. A three-day Pran Pratishtha ceremony is scheduled for June, during which sacred rituals like Jalavas, Annavas, Aushadhipavas and Shanyavas will be performed in the presence of all trust members."

He said, "Following this, work on the Sheshavatar Temple will begin, which requires the removal of the tower cranes currently in place. Once cleared, construction of the northern and southern sections of the temple rampart will begin. The entire construction of the Ram Temple is projected to be completed by October," he said.

The General Secretary said that the construction of Shri Ram Temple is progressing swiftly under the Yogi government's active supervision and has now entered its final phase. He said that the Ram Darbar will be enshrined on the first floor of the temple, while six additional temples within the parkota will house idols of Surya, Bhagwati, Annapurna, Shivling, Ganpati, Lord Hanuman and Lakshman. He said, "In the Sapt Mandap section, idols of revered figures such as Maharishi Valmiki, Vashishtha, Vishwamitra, Agastya Muni, Nishad Raj, Shabari and Ahalya will also be installed. All these idols are being crafted

from pristine white Makrana marble and their sculpting work is nearly complete. Preparations are in full swing for the deities' decoration, attire and ornamentation."Rai said that the statue of Tulsidas has already been installed and can be seen by devotees at the Yatri Suvidha Kendra pavilion.

"Starting April 15, transporting the idols from Jaipur to Ayodhya will begin. As they arrive, the idols will be placed at their designated locations. Renowned construction firm L&T oversees the installation of all 18 statues," he said.He said that four grand entrance gates are being constructed, including the Northern Gate, Crossing-11 Gate, Crossing-3 Gate and the Main Entrance of Ram Janmabhoomi. "These gates will be named after the great spiritual traditions of Ramanujacharya, Shankaracharya, Madhvacharya and Ramanandacharya, symbolising India's spiritual unity," he said.



**निविदा सूचना**

महाराष्ट्र राज्य विद्युत वितरण कंपनीच्या संचालन व सुव्यवस्था विभाग, अलिबाग कार्यालयाअंतर्गत विभागीय, उपविभागीय कार्यालये, स्टोअर साठी गाड्या भाडेतत्वावर घेणेसाठी ३ वर्षांच्या करारासाठी (अंदाज पत्रकीय रक्कम प्रत्येकी ११.४८४ लाख) आणि विविध अवजड कामांकरिता हायड्रा क्रेन सेवा भाडेतत्वावर घेणेसाठी १ वर्षाच्या करारासाठी (अंदाज पत्रकीय रक्कम ०५.०० लाख) नोंदीकृत ठेकेदारांकडून ई-निविदा मागविण्यासाठी ई-निविदा क्रमांक टी-०५, टी-०६, टी-०७, टी-०८, टी-०९, टी-१०, टी-११, टी-१२/०४-२०२५ एकूण ८ निविदा महावितरण कंपनीच्या <https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/> संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध करण्यात आल्या आहेत. सदर निविदा विक्रीसाठी दि.०९.०४.२०२५ ते २१.०४.२०२५ (रात्री ११.५० वा.) पर्यंत उपलब्ध राहतील. निविदा भरण्याची अंतिम तारिख दि. २१.०४.२०२५ ला रात्री ११.५९ वाजेपर्यंत आहे. निविदेच्या आवृत्तीत / शुद्धीपत्रातील कोणताही बदल यापुढे आमच्या संकेत स्थळावर प्रकाशित केला जाईल.

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CENTRAL RAILWAY					
SOLAPUR DIVISION					
TENDER NOTICE					
Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms/ contractor for the following works.					
Tender Notice No.	Name of Work	Approximate Cost of the work	Earnest Money	Completion period of the work	Maintenance Period
06-2025-SrDENS	1-improvement of C&W old and new shed at Wadi station under ADEN/KLBG, 2-Improvement to TTE rest house at Wadi station under ADEN/KLBG, 3-Replacement of PPGI sheet and valley gutter of COP on PF NO-1 and repairs of booking office toilet block at SUR station.	Rs. 2,80,77,325.26	Rs. 2,90,400.00	09 Months	12 Months
Last date & Time of uploading quoted tender on <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> website.			30.04.2025 upto 15:00 hrs		
Date & Time of Opening of tender on <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>			30.04.2025 at 15:30 hrs		
The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigendum issued for this tender. Website: <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> .					
Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur					
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**CENTRAL RAILWAY**

VARIOUS WORKS IN MUMBAI DIVISION

Open e-tender notice No.CR-DRM(W)BB-2025-08 of 07.04.2025

**Sr.No.1.** Name of the work- Rag picking of track in suburban section under Sr DEN South Approximate Value Rs. 572.52 lakhs EMD Rs.436300 Completion period -24 months.

**Sr.No.2.** Name of work - Supplying and stacking of 65 mm machine crushed Ballast at Karjat Depot under ADEN (N) LNL. Approximate Value Rs.632.27 Lakhs EMD Rs.486100 Completion period -12 months.

**Sr.No.3.** Name of the work - CSMT-Structural repairs to WS 8 line and minor repairs to WS 7 line at CSMT. Approximate Value Rs.41.60 Lakhs EMD Rs.83200 Completion period -3 months.

**Sr.No.4.** Name of Work - Part A : Mankhurd: Desilting of Culverts/bridges/Drains and removal of garbage, muck, debris, katchra & night soil etc. thrown by outsiders and collecting the same at nominated places as per direction of site-in-charge between CHF-MNKD & CLA Goods Yard in SSE (P.way) MNKD section under ADEN (M)MNKD-YEAR 2025-26 & 2026-27 (Deposit work for MCGM). Part B : Wadibunder: Desilting of Culverts/Bridges/Drains and removal of garbage, muck, debris, katchra & night soil etc. thrown by outsiders and collecting the same at nominated places as per direction of site-in-charge between MSD to CLA section in SSE(P.way) Wadibunder section under ADEN (M)MNKD - for Year 2025-26 & 2026-27 (Deposit work for MCGM). Approximate Value Rs.326.40 Lakhs EMD Rs.313200 Completion period -24 months.

**Sr.No.5.** Name of Work -MTN/Workshop - Construction of the balance work of AC sheets replacement o gable ends, sid sheeting in EMU LUF shop, ML LUF hop, Trolley shops, Paint shops and store etc. in Matunga Workshop. Approximate Value Rs.134.87 Lakhs EMD Rs.217400 Completion period - 9 months.

**Sr.No.6.** Name of Work - NRL-MAE -Proposal for Replacement of corroded & unsafe steel girders by PSC slabs of Br.No. -93/5, 94/2, 94/3, 95/12, 96/5, 96/8, 96/15, 97/5, 100/1 (09 nos) on NRL-MAE section under ADENT/KYN. Approximate Value Rs.571.17 Lakhs EMD Rs.435600 Completion period - 12 months.

**Sr.No.7.** Name of Work - Construction of Boundary Wall from Byculla - Parel, Dadar - Kurla and Kuria Vikhroli. Approximate Value Rs.354.96 Lakhs EMD Rs.327500 Completion period -12 months.

**Sr.No.8.** Name of Work- Conducting aerial survey along all three lines using unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) for 2 years in KJT-LNL (SE), NRL-MAE & KYN-IGP (NE) ghat section. Approximate Value Rs.8.42 Lakhs EMD Rs.16900 Completion period - 24 months.

**Sr.No.9.** Name of Work - Construction of proposed RUB (pedestrian Subway of Size 1/3.00 m x 2.50 m RCC Box) at CH: 48320 in lieu of LC No.2 at km 47/13-16 on DW-PNVL Section. Approximate Value Rs.359.55 Lakhs EMD Rs.329800 Completion period - 06 months.

**Sr.No.10.** Name of Work - Thane - Miscellaneous annual maintenance work of quarters in lieu of zonal work under SSE(Wks)TNA. Approximate Value Rs.145.90 Lakhs EMD Rs.223000 Completion period -12 months.

I) Tender closing date & time of aforesaid tender: Up-to 11.00 hrs. of Sr.No.1,7,8 & 9 on 05.05.2025, Sr.No.2 & 3 on 25.04.2025, Sr.No.4 & 5 on 28.04.2025, Sr.No.6 on 30.04.2025, Sr.No.10 on 06.05.2025, will be opened after 11.00 hrs. II) The prospective tenderers are requested to visit the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for details of tenders & corrigendum, if any. III) Tenderer may participate in above e-tender electronically through website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) or by submission of manual offers against e-tender is not allowed. Manually, if submitted shall neither be opened nor considered. IV) The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. V) For further enquiry, may contact: Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, Central Railway on phone, 022- 67455323. VI) This tender complies with Public Procurement Policy Order 2017 dated 16-9-2017. Complete details of tenders are available at the website "www.ireps.gov.in". The complete details of tenders are available in the "Notice Board" of the Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, Mumbai CSMT.

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Activists of All Assam Minority Students Union (AMSU) stage a protest against the passage of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill by Parliament, in Guwahati on Wednesday.

## Nagpur-based journalist Prashant Koratkar granted bail

Kolhapur, April 9 (UNI) : The district and sessions court here on Wednesday granted bail to Nagpur-based journalist Prashant Koratkar in case of threatening renowned historian Indrajeet Sawant and making insulting remarks against Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his son Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. The court, which

had reserved its decision on April seven, granted bail to accused Koratkar, who was in judicial custody from March 30. Koratkar's lawyer Saurabh Ghag had filed first bail application on March 30 but the court rejected it on April one. Later, Adv Ghag filed second bail application. Koratkar was arrested from Telangana on March 24 for allegedly threatening

renowned historian Indrajeet Sawant over his comments on the Brahmin community while participating in a televised debate on Hindi blockbuster movie 'Chhava' based on life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj and also for making insulting remarks against Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his son Sambhaji Maharaj.

## No action against citizen for reposting comedian Kunal Kamra video : Govt

Mumbai, April 9 (UNI) : The government on Wednesday informed Bombay High Court that no vindictive action has been taken against members of the public who have reposted video clips or re-sung parody songs from comedian Kunal Kamra's standup comedy show. A division bench consisting of chief justice Alok Aradhe and Justice MS Kamik disposed of the criminal PIL, filed by city-based law student Harshavardhan Khandekar, urging the court to recognize

stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra's controversial act as protected under Article 19 of the Indian Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech and expression. The plea, also argues that Kamra's statements fall within the realm of satire and political criticism, a right safeguarded by Article 19(1)(a). Kamra has been booked for cracking an allegedly objectionable joke on Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on the show.

## State to observe Water Management Action Fortnight from April 15

Mumbai, April 9 (UNI) : To increase water literacy among the citizens, Maharashtra's Water Resources Department will celebrate 'Water Management Action Fortnight' from April 15 to 30, an official said on Wednesday. The official said the Water

Management Action Fortnight aims to raise public awareness about the proper use of water in society. Water Resources (Godavari and Krishna Basin Development Corporation) Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil and Water Resources (Vidarbha, Tapi and Konkan Basin Development Corporation) Disaster Management Minister Girish Mahajan have appealed to all agencies and stakeholders to activate people-orientated initiative being implemented in the form of a special campaign.

## Ahilyadevi Holkar's statue to be spruced up for her tercentenary

Mumbai, April 9 (UNI) : Ahilyadevi Holkar's statue near the Churchgate station and its surroundings will be spruced up on the occasion of her tercentenary, a minister said on Wednesday. Ahilyadevi Holkar's

**WESTERN RAILWAY**  
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Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Engg., Deptt., Mumbai Central - Mumbai - 400008, invites **Sr. No.:1. Tender Notice No.: BCT/25-26/04, Date: 07.04.2025. Work and Location: Bandra Terminus:** (1) Repairs to compressor room and hall with Kitchen at coaching depot at. (2) Repairs to surface of platform no.1 at. **Approx. cost of work:** ₹ 1,77,61,567.68. **EMD:** ₹ 2,38,800/-. **Sr. No.:2. Tender Notice No.: BCT/25-26/05, Date: 07.04.2025. Work and Location:** (1) Jageshwari / Ram-Mandir, Goregaon and Malad Railway Stations: Need Based Repair on day to day basis by outsourcing for 730 days. (2) Santa Cruz, Vile Parle and Andheri Railway Stations: Need based Repair on day to day basis by outsourcing for 730 days. (3) Kandivali and Borivali: Need based Repair on day to day basis by outsourcing for 730 days. **Approx. cost of work:** ₹ 3,20,27,448.95. **EMD:** ₹ 3,10,100/-. **Date & Time of Submission of both tenders:** Till 02.05.2025, 15:00 Hrs. **Date & Time of Opening of both tenders:** On 02.05.2025 at 15:30 Hrs. For further details please visit our website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) **0019**  
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## Women's Commission orders Pune CP, Medical Council to take action against Dinanath hospital

Pune, April 9 (UNI) : Maharashtra State Women's Commission on Wednesday ordered city police commissioner and Medical Council to take action against Dinanath Mangeshkar hospital, where a pregnant woman died after being denied admission over advance payment.

The hospital had made public the report of internal investigation in victim Tanisha Bhise's death, in which the personal information of the deceased Tanisha and Bhise's family was made public without their permission. Taking a serious note of this issue, the Women's Commission has ordered Pune Police chief and Maharashtra Medical Council to take action. Meanwhile, NCP-SPMP from Baramati Supriya Sule protested in front of the Pune district collector's office for various demands. While, interacting with reporters, Ms Sule alleged that "The doctors of Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital are at fault, and I still say that this is murder. Four to five members of the hospital management are also involved in this."

## Interfaith dialogue essential to achieve goal of developed nation: Governor

Mumbai, April 9 (UNI) : Stating that the goal of a developed nation cannot be achieved without an atmosphere of peace and harmony in the society, Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan asserted on Wednesday that an interfaith dialogue will help in removing prejudices towards each other and resolving conflicts in society. Speaking at a seminar on topic 'World

## Govt positive about demands of journalists: CM

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, April 9 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Wednesday that the state government is positive about demands of journalists in the state and directed to submit a new proposal regarding changes in the Acharya Balshastri Jambhekar Journalist Honour Scheme for senior journalists. Presiding over a meeting held here regarding pending issues of journalists from the

Mantralaya and Legislative Correspondents' Association, he said that a new proposal should be submitted after seeking suggestions of various journalist associations in the state regarding the conditions of this scheme. The journalist association has demanded that the experience requirement for the Acharya Balshastri Jambhekar Journalist Samman Yojana for senior journalists be lowered from

30 years to 25 years and also the age requirement from 60 years to 58 years. He said that a housing scheme is being implemented in Kandivali for journalists and asked MHADA to find a suitable solution for reducing the rates charged for these flats. Also, consideration will be given to increasing the amount of assistance up to Rs one lakh provided to journalists in case of illness from the Shankarrao Chavan Golden Jubilee

Welfare Fund. Furthermore, a positive decision will be taken regarding reimbursement of diseases other than the listed diseases by linking the health scheme of journalists with the Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana. The Chief Minister also directed the ST Corporation to take appropriate decision on providing concessions to accredited journalists in Shivneri and Shivai buses of the ST Corporation, he added.

## Mudra Yojana has strengthened economic backbone of nation: IAC president

(Standard Post Bureau) Pune, April 9 : Hemant Patil, National President of India Against Corruption (IAC) and OBC leader, today praised the Mudra Yojana, and said the scheme has strengthened the economic backbone of the country. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is always trying to build a strong financial system that meets international standards and norms. Keeping in mind the goal of social harmony, the 'Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana', which is being implemented by the Central Government to provide an opportunity for economic and social progress to the lowest strata of society, has completed 10 years. He said the central government has disbursed more than 52 crore collateral-free loans worth

more than Rs 33 lakh crore to the beneficiaries in a decade. It is commendable that the government has given 70 percent of these loans only to women, while 50 percent to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes, thereby empowering them financially. Patil said that this shows the Modi government's commitment to the development of the disadvantaged. The performance of the scheme in employment generation is also noteworthy, he added. The government was successful in creating more than one crore jobs in the first three years of the scheme's launch. States like Bihar are at the forefront of the scheme, he added. The government has made a provision of Rs 10 lakh crore to empower those

starting businesses for the first time. This flow of assistance will continue in the future as well. In particular, along with small businesses, the government has created a

source of self-employment and self-reliance for the common people in semi-urban and rural areas through the successful implementation of the scheme, he claimed.

## RBI cuts repo rate by 25 basis points to ....

(Contd from page 1) 0.01%. While announcing the monetary policy, the RBI Governor said that the current financial year has begun on an anxious note for the global economy. "The global economic outlook is fast changing. The recent trade tariff related measures have exacerbated uncertainties clouding the economic outlook across regions, posing new headwinds for global growth and inflation," Governor Malhotra said. He, however, noted that the Indian economy has made steady progress towards the goals of price stability and sustained growth. Amid ongoing trade tariff war and its potential impact on India, the RBI has cut India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year 2025-26 to 6.5% from 6.7% growth projected earlier. "Real GDP growth for 2025-26 is now projected at 6.5%, with Q1 at 6.5%; Q2 at 6.7%; Q3 at 6.6% and Q4 at 6.3%," Malhotra said. He said that the downward revision

essentially reflects the impact of global trade and policy uncertainties. Noting that the outlook for food inflation has turned decisively positive, the RBI has projected headline inflation for 2025-26 at 4%, with Q1 at 3.6%; Q2 at 3.9%; Q3 at 3.8%; and Q4 at 4.4%. Commenting on the MPC decisions, Indranil Pan, Chief Economist at Yes Bank said, "Given projections by the Skymet of a normal monsoon, the risks to food inflation are likely reduced. At the other end of the spectrum, global growth risks have unleashed a sharp softening in crude oil and other commodity prices, and this is also a positive for India's inflation dynamics." "Overall, the confidence that inflation would remain aligned to the 4% target has magnified. Given a 4% inflation target, the scope of pushing repo rate down to 5.50% in this cycle has opened. Consequently, we expect the RBI to cut in June and also in August," he added.

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In accordance with the provision under section 8 (3) (C) of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection & Preservation of Trees Act 1975 (As modified upto 24th January 2021), **01** Proposal from **‘K/East’ Ward & 01** proposal from **H/East Ward in Zone - III**, Total **02** Proposals are received for getting approval of Municipal Commissioner/Chairman, Tree Authority for removal of tree under sub section 8 (6) of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection & Preservation of Tree Act 1975. (As modified upto 24th Jan 2021).  
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STANDARD POST

India's data centre capacity set to surge 77 pc to reach 1.8 GW by 2027

India's data centre industry is poised for robust growth, with capacity projected to surge 77 per cent by 2027, reaching a staggering 1.8 GW, a report showed.

This remarkable expansion comes on the heels of the industry surpassing the 1 GW milestone in 2024, demonstrating a robust 24 per cent CAGR since 2019.

Driven by cloud service providers' demand and the burgeoning AI sector, this growth positions India as a rising powerhouse in the global digital infrastructure landscape, according to the report by JLL.

Mumbai has emerged as the undisputed leader in India's data centre market, commanding 52 per cent of the country's total capacity. This dominance highlights Mumbai's critical role in India's digital infrastructure and its position as the nation's data hub.

Chennai follows at a distant second, hosting 21 per cent of India's data centre capacity. Interestingly, established tech hubs like Bengaluru, often called India's Silicon Valley, and Hyderabad each account for 7 per cent of the country's data centre capacity.

“The India AI mission will foster AI adoption across sectors, contributing to the \$1 trillion digital economy goal. India is expected to add a new data centre new supply of 785MW (IT load) with \$5 billion in investments for the digital and real estate infrastructure,” said Rachit Mohan, APAC Lead (Data Centre Colocation Leasing) and Lead (Data Centre Transactions and Leasing), India, JLL.

"The future demand growth is expected to be impacted by headwinds of US diffusion policy which restrict transfer of advanced technology,” Mohan added.

BFSI (banking, financial services, and insurance) and technology sectors follow closely, contributing 18 per cent and 12 per cent, respectively, of the total occupancy.

The Indian data centre industry experienced remarkable growth in H2 2024 (July-December). Supply increased by 51 per cent year-on-year, reaching 114MW.

“The Indian data centre industry is poised for unprecedented growth, driven by technological advancements and supportive government policies,” said Samantak Das, Chief Economist and Head of Research & REIS, India, JLL.

The Digital Personal Data Protection Act and its accompanying rules are set to transform the data protection landscape, impacting colocation data centre operators.

History of Rowing in Hyderabad and Undivided Andhra Pradesh



(Standard Post Bureau)

Rowing in Hyderabad traces its roots back to 1982, thanks to the pioneering efforts of Mr. Rafeeq Ahmed. He is widely recognized as the architect of the sport in the region. A dedicated sportsman and serviceman, Mr. Ahmed was selected to represent the National Defence Academy (NDA) during the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi, reflecting his commitment to both nation and sport.

At that time, Andhra Pradesh was still undivided and rowing had little to no infrastructure in place. Rising to the challenge, Mr. Ahmed initiated the manufacturing of rowing boats within Hyderabad

itself, establishing a local boat-building unit—a visionary step given the complete absence of such facilities in the state.

The First Rowing Team: The original rowing team from undivided Andhra Pradesh included: Aijaz Khan, Ali Arif, Asif Rehan, Pervaiz Ahmed, Pervez Khursheed Hasan, Mohammed Istiyaq Khan, Mohammad Shamsuddin, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Dildar Dubey, Ashok Kumar Goud, Ravinder Singh, Wahajuddin Ahmed, M a r a h a b Johnson, Ms. Safia, Ms. Rajni Totaram

A major milestone for the team came when Mohammad Shamsuddin and Istiyaq Mohd Khan

represented Osmania University and won the prestigious Dinghy Regatta Doubles Championship, defeating the elite team from the EME (Electronics and Mechanical Engineers), a wing of the Indian Army. The victory was celebrated with great enthusiasm, and the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University personally presented the trophy with landmark wins against one of the toughest rowing contingents in the country.

Participation in National Games: Rowers from Andhra Pradesh proudly represented the state in numerous national competitions, including two National Games held shortly after the 1985 Asian

Games in New Delhi. The athletes also took part in the 1987 National Games in Kerala, further cementing Andhra Pradesh’s growing reputation in the sport.

Coaching and Training: Recognizing the talent and potential of local rowers, the Andhra Pradesh Rowing Association selected Mohammad Shamsuddin and Irfan Alvi for an intensive two-month training camp under Russian coach Mr. Birovko Boris in Alleppey, Kerala. This international-level coaching brought in advanced techniques and boosted the state’s presence in the national rowing circuit.

Birth of Canoeing and Kayaking (1988): The success and momentum of rowing led to the introduction of canoeing and kayaking in the state in 1988. The pioneering team in these disciplines included: Adil K u n d a m a r i , A h m a d Khan, Ali Arif, Mohammed Ali, Bharati Rajvani , Aruna Gamani, Fatima, Padma, in kerala National Games Andhrapradesh won the silver in K2, represented by Mohammad Shamsuddin and Ali Irani.

This marked a new chapter in water sports for the region, as athletes diversified and took on new challenges.

Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan's India visit underscores importance of CEPA agreement: Minister

Abu Dhabi/New Delhi, April 9 (UNI) : The visit of the Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence Sheikh Hamdan to India comes as the two friendly countries approach the third anniversary of the implementation of their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which came into effect on May 1, 2022, the UAE Trade Minister said.

Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, said that the UAE and India share a strong mutual commitment of elevating their strategic partnership across all sectors. This cooperation, he noted, is aligned with the ambitious development goals of both nations and contributes to sustainable economic growth and shared prosperity for their peoples, he told WAM news agency

Al Zeyoudi emphasised that the reciprocal visits by the leaders of both countries reflect this joint vision and help strengthen strategic collaboration. These high-level engagements continue to create opportunities for building deeper partnerships, especially in trade and investment between the business communities and private sectors of both nations.

The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) is the first of its kind signed by the UAE under its CEPA programme and the first to be implemented—highlighting the long-standing and robust ties between the UAE and India, he added.

Al Zeyoudi pointed out that the UAE and India continue to reap tangible benefits from the CEPA, which over the past three years has led to significant growth in bilateral trade and investment flows. Non-oil trade between the two countries grew by 20.5%, reaching over AED240 billion in 2024, compared to AED199.3 billion in 2023. This growth underscores the vast opportunities in trade and investment between the two nations. India also ranked as the top destination for UAE’s non-oil exports in 2024, accounting for 13.5% of total non-oil exports—a remarkable year-on-year increase of 75.2% compared to 2023. He further explained that both nations play a vital role in each other’s economies. India is the UAE’s second-largest global trading partner after China, while the UAE is India’s third-largest trading partner, following China and the U.S.

Geoquest the new name for Terre Armée marks a New Era of Innovation and Growth

(Standard Post Bureau)

Terre Armée, a global leader in soil-structure interaction, geotechnical engineering, has announced its rebranding to Geoquest. This strategic name change reflects the company’s evolution, diversification, and commitment to providing cutting-edge solutions across its global operations.

Over the past decades, the company has expanded its expertise beyond its traditional Reinforced Earth® solutions, integrating geosynthetics, advanced construction materials and geohazards solutions into its portfolio.

The transition to Geoquest signifies a unified global identity across continents,

reinforcing the company’s mission to expand, diversify, and innovate in the field of geotechnical, geohazards and hydraulic engineering.

A name that reflects expertise and vision The new name, Geoquest, embodies the company’s core strengths. The prefix ‘Geo’ highlights its expertise in geotechnical engineering, geosynthetics and geohazards, while the suffix ‘quest’ represents its relentless pursuit of excellence by providing innovative solutions to build and maintain long term infrastructure assets. As the company embarks on a new strategic plan focused on expanding its offerings and market reach, adopting a name that aligns with its global



vision is a natural step forward.

Commitment to excellence remains unchanged

Despite the name change, the company remains deeply committed to its legacy of expertise, innovation, and excellence. Its dedication to delivering high-quality, forward-thinking solutions remains unchanged, with the proven Terre Armée® solutions continuing to be a cornerstone of the Retain, Cross, Protect, and Strengthen segmentation portfolio.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Somnath Biswas, Managing Director of Geoquest India, said, “The decision to adopt the name of Geoquest is a significant

milestone in our company’s journey. As we continue to expand our expertise and diversify our solutions, it is essential that our identity reflects our forward-thinking approach and global ambitions.

This change represents more than just a new name—it underscores our commitment to innovation, excellence, and sustainable solutions. While we embrace this evolution, our core values, technical expertise, and dedication to delivering high-performance solutions remain unwavering. Geoquest is a name that signifies both where we are today and the ambitious path we are charting for the future.”

'Tap water' reaches more than 24K villages in UP

Lucknow, April 9 (UNI) : Uttar Pradesh has reached a significant milestone in rural water supply as a total of 24,576 villages in the state now have 100 per cent household access to clean tap water, sources said here on Wednesday.

Sources said that through 79,44,896 new connections, nearly 4.86 crore villagers are benefiting from this initiative. "Mirzapur district leads the way, with 1,769 villages achieving full tap water coverage. The Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department continues to

drive this success, ensuring safe drinking water reaches every household across the state," they said.

Sources said that under the leadership of the Yogi Adityanath government, the long-standing water crisis in Bundelkhand and the Vindhya region has been resolved, bringing a transformative change to these areas. "UP has now achieved another milestone by ensuring pure drinking water supply through taps to every household in 24,576 villages for the first time. Efforts are also underway

to extend this facility to the remaining villages at an accelerated pace," they said.

Sources said that along with this the Rural Water Supply and Namami Gange Department is generating employment in these villages.

"In every village, five women are engaged in FHTC connections, while 13 individuals are being trained and employed as plumbers, fitters and electricians. As a result, 18 people per village are gaining livelihood opportunities, benefiting thousands across 24,576 villages," they said.

A Memorable Reunion after 34 Years

(Standard Post Bureau)

After 34 years, a heartfelt reunion took place as Mr. Rafeeq Ahmed, the pioneering rowing coach and mentor—now residing in Texas, USA—returned to Hyderabad.

On a memorable day in



April, he met with Mohammed Ali and Mohammad Shamsuddin, a multi-sports promoter and key figure from Sports Village. The meeting was held at the prestigious Jubilee Hills International Centre, symbolizing not only a reunion of old teammates but also a celebration of the legacy and growth of rowing in Andhra Pradesh.

The event was captured and covered by Snaps India, preserving the moment for history Pix Snaps India



At least 29 killed by Israeli attack on eastern Gaza City: Hamas

Gaza, April 9 (UNI) :At least 29 Palestinians were killed and more than 50 others injured on Wednesday in an Israeli airstrike that hit a residential block in the Shuja'iyya neighborhood, east of Gaza City, Hamas said in a statement.

Mahmoud Basal, a spokesperson for Gaza Civil Defence, told Xinhua that rescue teams were still searching for survivors and bodies trapped under the rubble.Palestinian security sources said the strike targeted eight adjacent homes, destroying the entire area with multiple missiles.The Israeli military has not commented on the incident.

The airstrike came as health authorities in Gaza reported that hospitals had received 36 bodies and 41 injured individuals in the past 24 hours.According to Gaza-based health officials, the number of Palestinians killed since Israel resumed military operations on March 18 has risen to 1,482, with 3,688 wounded.

In a separate incident in the central Gaza Strip, two Palestinians were killed and one injured when Israeli forces struck a residential house in the city of Nuseirat, Basal said. In the south, an Israeli attack on a tent sheltering displaced people in Khan Younis killed an elderly man and a woman, he added.Gaza's Civil Defence warned that several victims remain trapped under debris or on the streets, unreachable by emergency teams due to ongoing hostilities.Since the start of the Israeli military campaign on Oct 7, 2023, a total of 50,846 Palestinians have been killed and 115,729 wounded, according to Gaza health authorities.

Ahead of Ishaq Dar's visit, Pak High Commissioner meets Bangladesh Information Advisor

Dhaka/Islamabad, April 9 (UNI) :Ahead of the arrival of Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar in Dhaka, the Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Syed Ahmed Maruf met with the country's Information and Broadcasting Advisor Md Mahfuj Alam at the latter's office at the Secretariat.

During the meeting, the Pakistan envoy expressed his keenness in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Bangladesh Television (BTv) and Pakistan Television (PTV) and Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), according to Business Standard BD.

During the meeting, the Bangladesh Information Adviser raised the issue of Islamabad's cooperation in broadcasting Bangladeshi channels in Pakistan. Press Counselor of the Pakistan High Commission Fasiha Ullah and Private Secretary to the Information Adviser Syed Enamul Kabir, among others, were present during the meeting.Ishaq Dar is set to visit Dhaka from April 22 to April 24, in the first visit by any Pakistani Foreign Minister since 2012.

He is scheduled to meet Chief Advisor Mohd Yunus and hold talks with Bangladesh's Foreign Advisor Touheed Hossain and other cabinet members and officials. Both sides are set to ink several MoUs during this meet, focusing on enhancing trade, commercial ties, and people-to-people connections.

Hina Rabbani Khar was the last foreign minister to visit Bangladesh in 2012.Relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh remained strained during the 15-year term of Sheikh Hasina. The Awami League leader never reciprocated attempts by Pakistan to mend ties as she was aligned with India.However, after her ouster in August last year, the army-backed Interim Government led by Yunus has been cosying up to Islamabad, citing "brotherly ties", forgetting the 1971 Liberation War and the Pakistani atrocities that led to the breakaway of East Pakistan to form Bangladesh.

US, China tariff war escalates as China imposes fresh 84 pc tariff

Beijing/Washington, April 9 (UNI) :The tariff war between the US and China escalated as Beijing imposed a retaliatory 84 percent tariff on American goods today, and declared it wouldn't back down from a trade war.

Lashing out against President Donald Trump's tariffs, China's State Council Tariff Commission said in a statement: "The US escalation of tariffs on China is a mistake upon mistake, severely infringing upon China's legitimate rights and interests, and seriously damaging the multilateral trading system based on rules."In addition to the tit-for-tat tariffs, China's Commerce Ministry also retaliated against Trump's tariffs by imposing export controls on 12 American companies and added six more US firms to its "unreliable entity list", the CNN reported.Companies on that list are banned from trading or investing in China.Meanwhile, China also filed a complaint with the World Trade Organization over the latest US tariffs, according to the Commerce Ministry.Chinese President Xi Jinping took the harsh decision after the US imposed 104 percent duty on Chinese goods.This has rattled the global market and triggered fear of recession.Both countries appear rigid in their stand and are not ready to find an amicable solution to the tariff issue that has caused upheaval in the world market.

Meanwhile, US stock futures tumbled Wednesday after China announced significant retaliation against President Trump's enormous "reciprocal" tariffs that went into effect Wednesday, upending global trade.

China's new tariffs on US goods stand at 84%, matching the additional tariff the Trump administration placed on the world's second-biggest economy.

Trump's reciprocal tariffs, America's largest in a century, place massive across-the-board import taxes, some as high as 50%, on dozens of nations. China, an extreme outlier, now faces a US tariff of at least 104%, compounding the new tariffs with ones already in place.

Adani Ports and SEZ commences operations at Colombo West Terminal

Colombo, April 9 (UNI) : Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has officially commenced operations at the Colombo West International Terminal (CWIT), days after the Sri Lanka visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Notably, CWIT is the first fully automated deep-water terminal in Colombo.

Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group, called the commencement of operations a momentous milestone in regional cooperation between India and Sri Lanka.Meanwhile, according to reports, the shares of APSEZ surged 3.6% to their intraday high of Rs 1,151.95 on the BSE on Tuesday after the company officially commenced operations at the CWIT.

Located at the Port of Colombo, the terminal is being developed under a public-private partnership involving Adani Ports, Sri Lanka's John Keells Holdings PLC, and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. Construction of the CWIT had begun in 2022.The CWIT project represents an \$800 million investment and features a 1,400-metre quay length and a depth of 20 metres, enabling it to handle approximately 3.2 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) cargo annually.

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Yemen's Houthis claim to have shot down another US MQ-9 Reaper drone

Sanaa, April 9 (UNI) :Yemen's Houthis on Wednesday claimed to have shot down another US MQ-9 Reaper drone, the 18th since the start of the war in Gaza.

"Our air defenses shot down a US MQ-9 drone in the airspace of Al-Jawf province, using a locally manufactured surface-to-air missile," the group's spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in a televised statement aired by Houthi-run al-Masirah TV.

"This is the 18th US drone shot down by our air defenses since October 2023," Sarea said, referring to the timeframe when his group began launching attacks against Israeli targets to show solidarity with Palestinians a few days after the outbreak of war in Gaza on October 7, 2023.

The last MQ-9 was reportedly shot down by the Houthi forces on Thursday over the Red Sea port city of Hodeidah.

This type of drone has become well-known for Yemenis because it has been hovering overhead across northern Yemeni provinces almost daily since October 2023. The Reaper drone is designed for intelligence,

surveillance, reconnaissance, and strike missions.

"We will continue to support the Palestinian people until the aggression on Gaza stops and the siege is lifted," the spokesperson said, vowing also to continue launching attacks against US warships in the northern Red Sea in response to the ongoing US airstrikes against Houthi positions.

The Houthi statement came a few hours after the US military conducted 50 airstrikes late Tuesday against Houthi targets in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa, Hodeidah, and the provinces of Marib, Dhamar, and Ibb, according to the Houthi television.

The death toll from Tuesday's airstrikes on Hodeidah's residential neighborhood rose to six, including of a pregnant woman, with 16 others wounded, mostly children and women, according to a statement by local health authorities.

On March 15, the US military resumed airstrikes on Houthi targets in a bid to deter the group from targeting Israel, following the collapse of the Israel-Hamas ceasefire deal.

Trump says pharma imports will be hit with 'major' tariffs; could impact India's pharma sector

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"We're going to be announcing very shortly a major tariff on pharmaceuticals," he said at a dinner of the National Republican Congressional Committee on Tuesday.

Amid ongoing US-China trade war, Beijing mulls over potential ban of Hollywood films

Beijing, April 9 (UNI) :After US President Donald Trump's imposition of 34 percent 'reciprocal tariffs' on China and the threat of a 104% increase after Beijing's retaliation, the Asian giant is mulling over a potential ban of Hollywood films in China.

So far, the US film industry has avoided the repercussions of the ongoing trade war between the two economic superpowers, though Trump's escalation may lose Hollywood its second biggest customer -the Chinese market.

With trade relations between Washington and Beijing spiralling out of control, two widely followed Chinese bloggers posted an identical set of measures that local authorities are said to be mulling in response to

major tariff on pharmaceuticals," he said at a dinner of the National Republican Congressional Committee on Tuesday.

"And when they hear that, they will leave China. They will leave other places because they have to sell — most of their product is sold here and they're going to be opening up their plants all over the place," Trump said, CBS news reported.Domestic drug manufacturing has shrunk dramatically in recent decades. Most production of active pharmaceutical ingredients has moved to

China and other countries, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Trump announced global tariffs of 10 percent on hundreds of countries on April 2 and additional reciprocal levies are scheduled to start Wednesday, including a minimum 104 percent tariff on Chinese imports.

Trump gave no details on the pharmaceutical tariffs.

India's pharmaceutical industry, with its robust global footprint, is the fifth-largest contributor to India's manufacturing GVA.

Death toll from night club ceiling collapse rises to 98



Santo Domingo, April 9 (UNI) : The death toll from the roof collapse at an iconic night club in Santo Domingo has risen to 98.

Relief and rescue operation are going on in

full swing and rescuers are trying to bring out people from under the rubble."We continue clearing debris and searching for people" said rescue operators. The ceiling of the night club

collapsed on Tuesday when there were hundreds of people inside.Among the victims are the governor of north-western province of Montecristi, Nelsy Cruz, the sister of baseball star Nelson Cruz.

Chinese researchers advance AI model using quantum computer

Beijing/Hefei, April 9 (UNI) :Chinese researchers say they have achieved a global first in using a real quantum computer to fine-tune an AI model with one billion parameters, showing the potential of quantum computing to help better train large language models.Using their indigenously developed Origin Wukong, China's third-generation superconducting quantum computer with 72 qubits, a team in the city of Hefei has

achieved an 8.4 per cent improvement in training performance while reducing the number of parameters by 76%, the state-owned Science and Technology Daily reported, according to the South China Morning Post.

"This is the first time a real quantum computer has been used to fine-tune a large language model in a practical setting. It shows that current quantum hardware can begin to support real-world AI

training tasks," said Chen Zhaoyun, a researcher at the Institute of Artificial Intelligence under the Hefei Comprehensive National Science Centre.The improved AI model also reportedly delivered better results on specific tasks. When trained on mental health conversation data, it made 15 per cent fewer mistakes and in a maths problem-solving test, its accuracy rose from 68 to 82%, the newsletter reported. Working on fine-tuning its AI model, researchers from Origin Quantum – a Hefei-based start-up that developed the Origin Wukong computer – worked with various collaborators to create a new method called quantum-weighted tensor hybrid parameter fine-tuning. Blending classical and quantum techniques, the quantum part identifies complex patterns in the data, while the classical part compresses the model to use less computing power, as well as advance the model's learning and efficiency.On the Wukong chip, a single batch of AI training data can trigger hundreds of parallel quantum tasks, demonstrating the chip's ability to handle intensive workloads, according to Dou Menghan, vice-president of Origin Quantum.

drugs and vaccines to developing countries and regulated markets like the US, UK, and EU, according to reports.The US President unleashed a sweeping slate of tariffs on friends and foes alike last week, sending stocks plunging and roiling the global economy.

He's doubled down in the days since.The president used his speech to Republican lawmakers promote his economic agenda, a wholesale realignment of trade with the ultimate vision of bringing factories and investment back into the country.

Video of China's enigmatic tailless sixth gen 'J-36' aircraft captures global attention

Beijing, April 9 (UNI) :A video and images of an enigmatic tailless Chinese stealth aircraft, dubbed the 'J-36', called China's prototype for a sixth-generation aircraft - has captured the attention of aviation and military experts globally.The images were taken from a small video footage (only 6 seconds long) captured from a car, as the mysterious aircraft was spotted flying over the city of Chengdu.It's unclear when the images, which are taken from a video, were shot, but they appeared on Chinese social media sites on Monday and show the aircraft flying over a highway near the runway of Chengdu Aircraft Industry Group, the factory in Sichuan province where the new jet is believed to have been made, according to CNN.

Indian Assistant HC says India has issued more visas to Bangladeshi nationals

Dhaka/New Delhi, April 9 (UNI) :The Indian Assistant High Commissioner to Bangladesh in Rajshahi, Manoj Kumar said that India has issued more visas to Bangladeshi nationals compared to other countries, and is working to resolve the complexities related to visa issuance.Kumar also said that bilateral ties between the two countries will strengthen in the future, with the current relationship reflecting the aspirations of the people of both nations.Adding that there exists a strong commercial bond between the two countries, he said: "However, I would like to request that with your cooperation, the existing bilateral ties can be further strengthened in the days ahead," Dhaka Tribune reported.

He made the remarks during a discussion at the Hili Land Port conference room with Clearing and Forwarding agents, import-export traders and customs officials today.

He said: "So far, we have issued more visas to Bangladeshi nationals compared to other countries. Nonetheless, we are working to resolve the complexities related to visa issuance. Additionally, there are certain internal issues, including staff shortages, which we are striving to overcome to streamline the visa process."

Earlier at noon today, the Indian official arrived at the Hili border check-post gate, where he exchanged greetings with the on-duty members of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) before entering Indian territory.There, Kumar attended a one-hour meeting inside the Hili customs area with Indian customs officials and local business representatives, before attending a meeting at the check post with BSF officials.



Beauty



1. Cucumber, Rose Water and Lemon Juice:

While lemon acts as natural bleach, cucumber and rose water acts as cooling agents. In a small bowl take a table spoon each of cucumber juice, lemon juice and rose water and mix in well. Apply the mix with cotton on tanned areas and

3. Oat Meal and Butter Milk:

While butter milk is an excellent source for soothing skin and healing

# Homemade face packs for tan Removal

keep it for about 10 minutes. Then wash it off with cold water. Apply this pack every day after you get back home from the sun.

2. Gram flour and turmeric mix:

Mix two tablespoons of gram flour with a pinch of turmeric, a tablespoon of milk and a table spoon of crushed orange peel in a bowl with cold rose water. Apply the mix on clean face and let it dry for about 15-20 minutes. Once the pack dries, slowly remove the pack by scrubbing gently in clockwise and anti-clockwise direction; the exfoliation effect will help in removing the tan.

blisters and oatmeal is a great natural scrub. In a bowl mix two tablespoon of oatmeal with three-four tablespoons of butter milk and apply on tanned areas. Gently massage in circular motion; let it stay for 15-20 minutes and cleanse with water.

4. Milk and strawberry:

Not only is this combination a healthy one, it also helps in improving skin complexion and reduction of dark spots, freckles and even pigmentation. Take four-five crushed strawberries and mix it with two tablespoons of milk cream and apply it on face. Let it stay for about 20-30 minutes. Rinse it with fresh water.

# Age-proof your Hands

A good hand cream is important for softer and younger looking skin. Here's what to keep in mind when buying one



Look for moisturising properties

The second general rule of a hand cream is to check for it's moisturising properties. A hand cream is generally used to keep your hands nourished for a long duration of time. No matter what season it is, the more moisturisation it offers, the better it is.

Opt for a product with SPF

Most hand creams these days contain sun protection factor. If you are looking for one that can be used during the day, this is your best bet. Not only will it keep your hands moisturised through the day, it will also protect them from the harmful UV rays of the sun.

One for the night

Apart from a day hand cream, one should also invest in one that can be used during the night. A hand cream for this time of the day should contain retinoid and Vitamin E, that will keep your hands soft and supple. Retinoid protects your hands from ageing and Vitamin E eases out fine lines and wrinkles.

Should have anti-inflammatory properties

Your sore hands can be treated with a hand cream that contains anti-inflammatory properties. Choose creams that do not contain parabens.

Choose one that does not contain fragrance

A hand cream should be selected on the basis of its benefits and not smell. The ones that have fragrance in it are not advised because they contain ingredients that may have damaging effects on your skin.



Sure you have waited for long to go for that vacation and enjoy a little tanning session.

But then when you come back home you realise that the little tan sessions went too ahead leaving you with tanned hands, face and practically the whole you. So here are certain home remedies which will help you to get rid of tanned skin.

## How to make natural lavender mask



To make your own soothing mask at home, here's what you need.

A lavender face mask is a great way to reduce stress and feel relaxed when you are worked up. It always soothes you especially if you've been going through a troubled phase. However, getting hold of something from the market is pretty tedious, since you may not know whether it is available easily or not. Here's how you can make one at home and store it for a long duration of time.

**What you need** - ¼ tbsp organic honey  
4 drops of essential lavender oil

1 tbsp yogurt  
½ tsp olive oil (optional)

**How to make it** - Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl and keep it overnight in a refrigerator. Before applying the pack, wash your face well with normal tap water, pat it dry. Make sure that the pack is not too watery and not too thick. Apply it evenly on your face and neck. Keep it on for 20 minutes and wash it off with normal water. You can also take a few drops of lavender oil and massage it on your face and leave it overnight.

## Here are office makeup looks for the season



Corporate lunch

A hint of peachy blush will add freshness to a dull afternoon. Outline your lips with a lip pencil in a corresponding shade and fill it in with a creamy matte lipstick in the same shade. You can choose from colours like light pink, peach, nude or even a lighter shade of brown. Thinly outline the eyes. Don't go too high on your eye makeup.

Dinner party

An office party or post-work drinks allow one to bring a little drama to your look. Do a winged cat-eye and keep the liner thick on the lower inner rims as well. Use a pink lip gloss to finish off.

Boardroom presentation

Highlight one of your features, either the lips or eyes. For instance, your lips bright and let your eyes have the bare minimum of colour. If red is too bright for you, pick lip

colours like plum or burgundy.

Dos and don'ts

- Stick to neutral colours for a corporate office environment
- Don't overdo the colours and compact
- Opt for blushers in colours like rose and apricot. For Indian women, indigo blue, browns and grey are great in eye shadows and liners.
- Don't wear yellow-tinged colours like coral and fuchsia, since they could make your teeth appear yellow
- Keep the foundation to a minimum
- For an alert look, don't forget the mascara and curl your lashes with an eyelash curler before stepping out
- Air-conditioned environments are dehydrating on the skin. So, always keep lip balm and hand lotion handy in your bag



# Inter Departmental Sports mela kicks of : ECoR



(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, April 9 : The month-long Inter-Departmental Sports Mela (IDSM-25) of Waltair Division was inaugurated today (08.04.2025) at the Waltair Railway Cricket Stadium by Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra. The event, organized by the East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA) of Waltair, saw participation from employees of 13 departments.

The inauguration ceremony began with great enthusiasm as DRM Shri Lalit Bohra ceremoniously lit the Olympic Torch, marking the official start of this prestigious sports event. A group of international sportsmen and sportswomen, led by Dhyanchand awardee Smt. N. Usha, carried the torch around the venue. The torch was then passed to

the DRM, who lit the main flame, signifying the commencement of the games.

The inaugural function was attended by key dignitaries, including Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo, ADRM (Operations); Shri E. Santharam, ADRM (Infrastructure); Shri Praveen Bhati, Sports Officer; Shri B. Avinash, Joint Sports Officer (DEE); Branch officers; executive members of ECoRWWO & ECoRSA; and Reddy Srinivasa Rao, General Secretary of ECoRSA.

In his address to the gathering, DRM Shri Lalit Bohra highlighted the immense sporting talent within the Waltair Division, noting that it excels in both professional work and sports. He emphasized that the Sports Mela fosters a sense of team spirit and enthusiasm, driving the division to reach new

heights. DRM Shri Lalit Bohra also noted the remarkable participation of women employees, who are eager and energetic in engaging in various sports. He acknowledged that such a sports festival is organized in only a few divisions of Indian Railways. DRM extended his best wishes to all participants and praised the media for their extensive coverage.

On the inaugural day, DRM Bohra also officiated the toss for the first cricket match.

Results from the Opening Day: (Cricket-Super Knock out)

In the first cricket match, the RPF team defeated the Commercial team by 50 runs.

In the second match, ELECTRICAL (Operations) defeated the ELECTRICAL ELS team by 6 wickets.

## Jitesh Sharma echoes Dinesh Karthik's legacy

Bengaluru, April 9 (UNI) : Royal Challengers Bengaluru's rising middle-order batsman Jitesh Sharma is beginning to turn heads this IPL season with his inventive shot-making and fearless finishing — qualities that bring to mind glimpses of Dinesh Karthik, though any comparison would be premature at this stage. Speaking ahead of RCB's home clash against Delhi Capitals, Jitesh credited former India wicketkeeper and now RCB mentor Dinesh Karthik for his transformation into a more versatile batsman. "He [Karthik] believes I can play all around the 360 degrees. I have never tried these shots before, but to execute them now feels very satisfying," Jitesh said.

The strokes — late dabs, scoops, and angled lofts — may remind fans of Karthik's repertoire, but Jitesh remains a work-in-progress, still shaping his identity in the IPL's high-pressure cauldron.

After enduring a disappointing 2024 season with Punjab Kings, where he recorded five single-digit scores in 12 innings, Jitesh has flourished at RCB, stepping into the finisher's role vacated by Karthik himself. His 19-ball 40 not out against Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede, including 24 runs off eight balls from Trent Boult at the death, proved decisive in RCB's narrow win.

"Last year's performance was mostly a mental issue. I was not in the moment and was thinking too much about the future. Dinesh bhai helped me understand that such phases are human. He gave me clarity," Jitesh said. Statistically, Jitesh now ranks among the most effective Indian T20 batsman, with a strike-rate of over 150 in all T20s and a blistering 192.07 in IPL death overs (16–20). But the 31-year-old says his confidence is process-driven. "My confidence doesn't depend on scores. It comes from how I train. If I focus on results, the variables keep changing. So I keep my process strong," he remarked.

Jitesh also praised RCB's game awareness and role definition. "We are playing smart cricket. Everyone has a role based on matchups. For me, I know whom to target. It's not about hitting every bowler — it's about hitting the right ones at the right time," he said.

With RCB's batting unit clicking and Jitesh evolving into a game-changer, the team appears well poised as the IPL season heats up.

# Sudarshan 82, Prasidh 3/24 sets up GT victory

Ahmedabad, April 9 (UNI) : Sai Sudharsan's dazzling 82 off 53 balls and a brutal lower-order assault from Rahul Tewatia and Rashid Khan powered Gujarat Titans (GT) to a commanding 58-run win over Rajasthan Royals (RR) in the 23rd match of the IPL 2025 at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Wednesday.

After being put into bat by Rajasthan skipper Sanju Samson, GT recovered from an early jolt — when captain Shubman Gill was bowled by Jofra Archer for just 2, to post a mammoth 217 for 6. Sudharsan anchored the innings with a fine array of strokes, weathering Archer's probing spell and then accelerating with elegance and authority. His knock, laced with eight boundaries and three sixes, set up the platform.

Jos Buttler, promoted to open, chipped in with a fluent 36 off 25 balls. Later, Shahrukh Khan (36 off 20), Rahul Tewatia (24\* off 12), and Rashid Khan (12 off 4) added crucial runs, particularly in the last five overs, where GT smashed over 70 runs. Tewatia's final over blitz against Sandeep Sharma, which included a six and two fours, propelled Gujarat past the 200-mark.



Rajasthan's bowling faltered under pressure, barring Archer (4-0-30-1) and Theekshana (4-0-54-2), while Tushar Deshpande (4-0-53-2) was expensive. Fazalhaq Farooqi and Sandeep Sharma also failed to contain the late onslaught.

Chasing 218, Rajasthan lost Yashasvi Jaiswal early for 6 as he sliced Arshad Khan straight to deep point. Nitish Rana soon followed, falling to Mohammed Siraj at deep third man in the third over, leaving RR reeling at 12/2.

Samson and Riyan Parag attempted to counter-attack. Parag lit up the powerplay with audacious strokes, including a flicked six off Siraj and a towering hit over mid-on, while Samson delighted with a punchy 41 off 28 balls, including a 93-metre six over cover and successive

safely pouched. Hetmyer tried to soldier on, bringing up his fifty with a delightful drive through extra cover, but fell next ball, caught at deep backward square by Sai Kishore, which all but ended the contest.

Ravisrinivasan Sai Kishore mopped up the tail in style. He first had Tushar Deshpande caught at deep midwicket by Rashid Khan, and then fittingly took the final wicket of Theekshana, who lofted one to long-off where Sudharsan completed a fine catch.

Rajasthan were bowled out for 159 in 19.2 overs, crashing to a 58-run defeat. Prasidg Krishna starred with figures of 4-0-24-3, while Rashid (4-0-37-2) and Kishore (2.2-0-20-2) chipped in with key strikes. GT's clinical allround display keeps them firmly in contention in the IPL 2025.

Brief Scores: Gujarat Titans: 217/6 in 20 overs (Sai Sudharsan 82, Shahrukh Khan 36, Tewatia 24\*; Theekshana 2/54, Deshpande 2/53) Rajasthan Royals: 159 all out in 19.2 overs (Hetmyer 52, Samson 41; Prasidh 3/24, Rashid 2/37, Sai Kishore 2/2) Result: Gujarat Titans won by 58 runs.

## Juicy tactical battle on cards as Molina

Kolkata, April 9 (UNI) : The stage is set for a high-stakes tactical showdown as Mohun Bagan Super Giant take on Bengaluru FC in the final of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 season. The summit clash will unfold at the iconic Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK) here on April 12, with kick-off at 7:30 PM IST. At the heart of this clash are two Spanish masterminds — Jose Molina (MBSG) and Gerard Zaragoza (BFC) — both no strangers to the big occasion. Molina, who led ATK to the title in 2016, returns to the ISL finale in his first season back with MBSG. Zaragoza, formerly the assistant to Carles Cuadrat during BFC's 2018-19 championship run, now gets his moment in the spotlight as head coach.

There are quite a few facets where Molina and Zaragoza's fates align here. Besides their Spanish heritage, it is their first full season with the club.

While Zaragoza had joined Bengaluru FC midway through 2023-24, Molina entered the MBSG setup in the summer preceding this season.

The two tacticians have had successful previous spells in the league,

suggesting that they were well-acquainted with the setup and structure, easing their transition and enabling them to hit the ground running immediately. Molina, who has won 23 of his 43 games in the ISL so far, with his victory percentage of 53.5% being the third highest such rate for any head coach in the competition (min. 10 games) behind only Albert Roca (66.7%) and Des Buckingham (57.4%), is refraining from calling out the favourites for the final, despite the game occurring in their home turf, where MBSG have been unbeaten this season. "I think in the finals, nobody is a favourite. Anything can happen. Of course, we believe in ourselves. We trust in ourselves and in what we are doing. We think that if we are at our best, we are going to get the trophy," he remarked in the buildup to the match. Zaragoza's men began the season with five consecutive wins and clean sheets, and looked in strong contention to at least finish in the top-two until about December. January came as a surprise for the Blues though, with the side losing four of their five matches, even dropping out of the top-six momentarily.

## Mott hails Axar's shared leadership

Bengaluru, April 9 (UNI) : In a tournament often defined by power-packed performances and dominant personalities, Delhi Capitals skipper Axar Patel is quietly crafting his own brand of leadership — one built on humility, inclusion, and shared wisdom.

Far from being the only voice in the dressing room, Axar actively seeks inputs from seasoned campaigners KL Rahul and Faf du Plessis, revealed assistant coach Matthew Mott on Wednesday. "He doesn't come across as someone who wants to be the only voice," Mott told reporters on the eve of DC's clash with Royal Challengers Bengaluru. "He wants to leverage the experience around him and bring the best out of everyone."

With three wins in as many matches, Delhi's flying start to IPL 2025 has mirrored Axar's calm and collected presence. Mott believes that the captain's balanced perspective on cricket and life has played a major role in keeping the squad grounded and spirited. "He makes sure the players are enjoying themselves, staying involved, and smiling. Even when things don't go our way, he keeps the message positive," said the Australian coach.

Turning attention to vice-captain Faf du Plessis, Mott confirmed that the veteran South African will be assessed by the physios ahead of the RCB game. "He's moving well and looks refreshed after the break. We'll make a decision closer to match time," he said. As the tournament gathers momentum, DC will be eager to maintain their perfect run one that is being driven as much by strategy as by spirit.

## Scotland stun West Indies despite Matthews heroics in women World Cup qualifiers

Lahore, April 9 (UNI) : Scotland stunned West Indies by 11 runs in their opening match of the Women's World Cup qualifiers despite a herculean performance from opposing captain Hayley Matthews. Matthews reduced Scotland to 69-3 by the 16th over but Sarah Bryce with 55 off 56 balls gave the innings fresh impetus and Megan McColl (45), Katherine Fraser (25 not out) and Priyanaz Chatterji (15 off 10) helped push Scotland to 244 all out in 45 overs. Matthews took 4-56 with the ball in Lahore then turned her attention to chasing down Scotland's total.

She made an unbeaten 114 off 113 balls despite being forced to retire hurt twice with cramp and exhaustion - once being taken off on a stretcher before returning.

# Late goals give Botafogo win over Carabobo

Rio De Janeiro, April 9 (UNI) : Patrick de Paula and Matheus Martins struck late as defending champion Botafogo secured a 2-0 home victory over Venezuela's Carabobo in their Copa Libertadores group stage clash.

Midfielder De Paula broke the deadlock in the 86th minute with a 30-yard free-kick that took a deflection before flying past the stranded Carabobo goalkeeper Lucas Bruera on Tuesday.

The hosts doubled the lead in the 98th minute through Martins, who combined with Jefferson Savarino before sending a composed finish into the far corner.

It was no less than Botafogo deserved after the Brazilian team controlled more than 70 percent of possession and had 18 shots on goal compared to Carabobo's

seven. "We were impatient in the first half even though we created scoring opportunities," Botafogo manager Renato Paiva told reporters after the match.

"Afterwards, we corrected the situation without being passive. Sometimes, patience is confused with passivity but that's not what happened.

"We ended up opening up the opponent. The more we tried, the more they retreated. We have to be careful not to fall into the temptation of crosses. I'm very proud of my players because they didn't give up on the game plan of how to dismantle such a difficult low block."

The result at Rio de Janeiro's Olympic Stadium leaves Botafogo third in Group A with three points from two games while Carabobo is last, having yet to pick up a point.

# Sciver-Brunt needs strong deputy to lead England

London, April 9 (UNI) : All-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt is the "obvious choice" to replace Heather Knight as England skipper but will require a strong vice-captain, says her former team-mate Lauren Winfield-Hill.

England are yet to appoint a successor to Knight after she stepped down following this winter's dismal 16-0 Ashes defeat. Charlotte Edwards was appointed coach last week and said she wants to make the decision "pretty quickly", with Sciver-

Brunt, 32, arguably England's most important player, the leading contender, the BBC reported. "She has got a massive workload so the vice-captain is so important to take some of that load off her," Winfield-Hill told BBC Sport.

"You want them to be your blind spots in a way.

"Nat isn't hugely expressive or animated. She's very calculated, just goes about her business quite consistently and calmly. "So that's where you want your vice to be

revving the girls up and being more forward and a bit more energetic, bit more ruthless." Around that, Nat is the calm head you need."

At her unveiling, Edwards said she wanted her captain to be "someone who leads from the front in everything they do, someone who has the respect of the current playing group".

Sciver-Brunt was part of the team that won the 2017 World Cup and has played 259 times for England across formats. She averages 46.47 in Tests,

45.91 in one-day internationals and 28.45 in T20s while also taking 181 international wickets. Sciver-Brunt is one of two players to express interest publicly in replacing Knight. Charlie Dean admitted she would not turn it down if approached.

"For me she is the best player in the world at the minute, there are probably only a handful of other players in her category," said Yorkshire captain Winfield-Hill, who played 98 times with Sciver-Brunt

for England including at the 2017 World Cup.

"There has been some talk about not wanting to burden her with it. But on the flipside, you think we'll give her a chance, see what she can do." Sciver-Brunt's served as Knight's vice-captain but her results when stepping up were mixed.

She was in charge on the field when England exited the T20 World Cup at the hands of West Indies in shambolic fashion last year after Knight was injured while batting. She also took

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# Central Railway Recovers Over Rs 87 Lakh Worth of Railway Property Under, RP(UP) Act in Financial year 2024 - 25

**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Mumbai, April 9 : Central Railway has made a significant impact in curbing the theft and unlawful possession of railway property under the RP (UP) Act during the financial year 2024–25. Through enhanced patrolling, surveillance, and focused operations, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has achieved notable success in curbing theft and illegal possession of railway property

A total of 430 cases were registered and 974 offenders arrested in 2024–25, compared to 534 cases were registered and 1,272 offenders arrested in the previous year 2023–24. This reflects improved operational efficiency with a reduction in cases while maintaining a high recovery rate.

The RPF successfully recovered railway property worth Rs 87,42,388, underscoring Central Railway's unwavering commitment to safeguarding national assets.

**Division - wise Achievements:**  
Mumbai Division: 179 cases registered, 345 criminals arrested, Rs 23,79,619 recovered  
Bhusawal Division: 77 cases, 171 arrests, Rs 7,42,718 recovered  
Nagpur Division: 84 cases, 243 arrests, Rs 33,07,988 recovered  
Pune Division: 71 cases, 159 arrests, Rs 18,91,771 recovered  
Solapur Division: 16 cases, 56 arrests, Rs 4,20,292 recovered

These results highlight the dedication of RPF personnel across divisions in safeguarding railway property and maintaining law and order.

## Central Railway, Solapur Division’s Commendable Performance in Ticket Checking during FY 2024-25



**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Solapur, April 9 : The Solapur Division of Central Railway has demonstrated exceptional performance in ticket checking during the Financial Year 2024-25 (April 2024 to March 2025), recording a remarkable revenue of Rs 11.83 crore through sustained efforts and intensive checking drives.

A total of 10,987 ticket checking drives were conducted throughout the year, including 850 Special Intensive Drives, 64 Spot Checks and 36 each of Ambush, Cross-Country, and Fortress Checks. A total of Rs 11,82,86,960 were realised from 2,51,030 cases as follows:

- Passengers without Tickets: Rs 6,61,15,809 from 1,22,131 cases
- Irregular Travel: Rs 4,75,11,921 from 1,05,577 cases
- Unbooked Luggage: Rs 42,05,730 from 22,161 cases
- Littering: Rs 4,21,900 from 1,003 cases

- Smoking in Prohibited Areas: Rs 31,600 from 158 cases

**Outstanding Performers:** The division's success was driven by a dedicated team. The Top 3 performers are:

1. Mobin Shaikh – Rs 27,60,280 from 4,860 cases
2. Sanjay A. Ubale – Rs 21,48,195 from 2,684 cases
3. S. J. Shinde – Rs 20,65,485 from 3,858 cases

**Commendable Work Beyond Duty:** Several staff members have gone above and beyond in their duties, contributing significantly. The year also witnessed inspiring acts of vigilance and public service by ticket checking staff:

- Lekhram Meena received the General Manager’s Safety Award for reporting abnormalities in coaches S3 and S4 of 12115 Siddheshwar Exp.
- Jeevan Ingle identified a hot axle on Train 11020 Konark Express, helping avert a potential mishap.
- Rahul S. Kamble reported a hot axle on Train 12116 Siddheshwar Express, ensuring safe operations.
- Santosh N. Prashad played a crucial role in rescuing two minor girls on Train 12627 Karnataka Express.

This exceptional ticket checking performance is a result of continuous guidance and support from Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Shri Yogesh Patil and the leadership of Assistant Commercial Manager (Ticket Checking) Smt Kalpana Bansode and her proactive ticket checking team. “The Solapur Division remains committed to ensuring safe and lawful travel across its network. The impressive figures for FY 2024-25 reflect not only stringent ticket checking but also the proactive role of staff in safeguarding passengers and railway property.

## WR to provide stoppage at Surat Station to Mumbai Central - Kanpur Anwarganj special train

**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Mumbai, April 9 : Due to the redevelopment work at Udhna station and for the convenience of passengers, Western Railway will provide stoppage at Surat Station to Train No. 09185/09186 Mumbai Central - Kanpur Anwarganj Special Train instead of Udhna station.

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

Train No. 09185 Mumbai Central -

# Few trains to be affected on the intervening night of April 11 to 14 re-gidering of bridge No. 20

**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Mumbai, April 9 : Western Railway will undertake a major block of 09:30 hrs on the intervening night of 11th/12th April, 2025 (Friday / Saturday) and 12th/13th April, 2025 (Saturday / Sunday) in connection with regirdering of Bridge No. 20 between Mahim and Bandra stations. On 11th/12th April 2025, the block will be from 23:00 hrs to 08:30 hrs on UP & Down Slow lines and from 00:30 hrs to 06:30 hrs on Down Fast line. Similarly, on 12th/13th April 2025, the block will be undertaken from 23:30 hrs to 09:00 hrs on UP & Down Slow and Down Fast lines and from 23:30 hrs to 08:00 hrs on UP Fast line.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, during the execution of work a few suburban services as well as Mail/ Express trains will be affected. Details of the same are as below: -

**Repercussions on Suburban Services on 11th /12th April 2025 (Friday/ Saturday):**  
All Slow services departing Churchgate after 22:23 hrs to 23:58 hrs on Friday, will run on Fast Line between Mumbai Central & Santacruz and hence will not halt at Mahalaxmi, Lower Parel, Prabhadevi, Matunga Road, Mahim and Khar Road stations.

Similarly, some of the Slow services departing from Virar, Bhayandar and Borivali will be run on the Fast line between Santacruz and Mumbai Central, hence will not halt at Khar Road, Mahim, Matunga Road, Prabhadevi, Lower Parel and Mahalaxmi stations.

The last slow service on Friday from Churchgate will depart at 22:23 hrs for Bhayander.

The last fast service on Friday from Churchgate will depart at 23:40 hrs for Virar

The local train departing from Churchgate at 23:58 hrs for Virar will run on Fast Line between Mumbai Central & Santacruz and hence will not halt at Mahalaxmi, Lower Parel, Prabhadevi, Matunga Road, Mahim and Khar Road stations.

**Those who joined hands with BJP responsible for prevailing situation in J&K: CM Omar**

Jammu, April 9 (UNI) Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that those who allied with the BJP are responsible for the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

“Those who are accusing me for clicking a picture with the Union Minister once sat in the lap of the BJP and talked about milk and toffees, misled the youth by distributing cricket bats and forced them to the Home Minister's program,” Abdullah told reporters in the Legislative Assembly.

The Chief Minister, who did not attend the House proceedings for three days, interacted with the media after the Legislative Assembly was adjourned Sine Die by the Speaker. “

**During the block period,** on Saturday night/ Sunday morning, all UP local train services originating from Dahanu Road, Virar, Nallasopara, Vasai Road, Bhayandar and Borivali will run up to Andheri.

**Services between Goregaon and Bandra/ Mahim will be operated on Harbour lines.**

The last slow service on Saturday from Churchgate for Virar will depart at 22:53 hrs.

The last fast service on Saturday from Churchgate for Virar will depart at 23:05 hrs.

The last harbour line service on Saturday from Mahim will depart at 00:11 hrs for Goregaon (CSMT departure: 23.:46 hrs).

The last service on Saturday from Bandra to Virar will depart at 01:30 hrs.

The last slow service on Saturday from Borivali to Churchgate will depart at 22:49 hrs.

The last fast local train service on Saturday from Virar to Churchgate will depart at 22:24 hrs.

The last local train service on Saturday from Virar to Bandra will depart at 00:05 hrs.

During the block period, local train services between Churchgate and Dadar will be operated on Fast lines.

During the block period, local train services between Goregaon and Bandra will be operated on Harbour lines.

The local train services between Virar and Andheri will be operated on both Slow & Fast lines.

The first slow local train service on Saturday from Borivali to Churchgate will depart at 08:03 hrs

The first Fast local train from Churchgate will depart at 06:14 hrs for Borivali and will run on Fast Line between Mumbai Central & Santacruz and hence will not halt at Mahalaxmi, Lower Parel, Prabhadevi, Matunga Road, Mahim and Khar Road stations.

The first Fast local train from Churchgate to Virar will depart at 06:15 hrs

The first Slow local train from Churchgate to Borivali will depart at 08:03 hrs

**Repercussions on Suburban Services on 12th /13th April 2025 (Saturday / Sunday):**  
During the block period, services between Churchgate and Dadar will operate on Fast lines.

**Repercussions on Mail / Express Trains:**  
**Short Termination/ Origination of Trains:**

1. Train No. 09052 Bhusaval- Dadar Special of 12th April, 2025 will short terminate at Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Borivali and Dadar.
2. Train No. 12927 Dadar – Ekta Nagar Superfast Express of 12th April, 2025 will short originate from Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Dadar and Borivali.
3. Train No. 19003 Dadar – Bhusaval Khandesh Express of 13th April, 2025 will short originate from Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Dadar and Borivali.
4. Train No. 19015 Dadar – Porbandar Saurashtra Express of 13th April, 2025 will short originate from Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Dadar and Borivali.
5. Train No. 22946 Okha – Mumbai Central Saurashtra Mail of 12th April, 2025 will short terminate at Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Borivali and Mumbai Central.
6. Train No. 12902 Ahmedabad – Dadar Gujarat Mail of 12th April, 2025 will short terminate at Palghar and remain partially cancelled between Palghar and Dadar.
7. Train No. 59024 Valsad – Mumbai Central Passenger of 13th April, 2025 will short terminate at Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Borivali and Mumbai Central.
8. Train No. 59045 Mumbai Central – Vapi Passenger of 13th April, 2025 will short originate from Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Mumbai Central and Borivali.
9. Train No. 19016 Porbandar – Dadar Saurashtra Express of 11th April, 2025 will short terminate at Borivali and remain partially cancelled between Borivali and Dadar.
10. Train No. 12268 Hapa - Mumbai Central Duronto Express of 12th April, 2025 will be regulated by 01 hour 30 minutes.
11. Train No. 12952 New Delhi - Mumbai Central Rajdhani Express of 12th April, 2025 will be regulated by 50 minutes.

Passengers are requested to kindly take note of the same.

## In Kalyan and Bhandup Circles Pre-monsoon maintenance and repair works of power distribution system accelerated

**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Kalyan/Bhandup, April 9 : Pre-monsoon maintenance and repair works of power distribution system have been accelerated in Kalyan and Bhandup Circles. These works will help reduce the intensity of power supply interruptions during pre-monsoon storms and the beginning of monsoon. Maintenance and repair works are being carried out in those areas by sending advance messages to the registered mobile phones of the electricity consumers of the concerned areas and Mahavitaran has appealed to cooperate for these works.

Maintenance and repair works help in increasing the efficiency and standard of living of the power distribution system. Therefore, every year, before the monsoon, the power distribution system works are generally carried out in the months of April and May. Accordingly, despite the temperature exceeding forty degrees Celsius this year in Kalyan and Bhandup circles, employees of Mahavitaran, contract workers and contractor (agency) workers have carried out maintenance and repair works in the scorching sun. Department-wise in-paneling agencies (contractors) have been appointed for maintenance and repair works. Regular employees of Mahavitaran, external (contract) workers and agency workers are jointly carrying out maintenance and repair works.

Maintenance and repair works include work on power distribution poles (DP), substations as well as high and low voltage power lines, as well as pruning of tree branches that obstruct the power distribution system. After the survey, the necessary works are selected and the information about the relevant works and parts is entered in the automated NDM system.

