

## IN BRIEF

### GHMC official held for demanding bribe of Rs 70,000

Hyderabad, April 15 (UNI) :The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials caught Vipperla Srinivas, the Deputy Director, Urban Biodiversity, GHMC, Serilingampally Zone, for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 70,000 at his office in Charminar near here on Tuesday afternoon.

Srinivas allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 2.2 lakh from the complainant and accepted Rs 70,000 for showing official favour – “as a reward for clearing the check-measured bills for the supply of plant material to the Urban BioDiversity Wing, GHMC, Charminar Zone”, ACB said in a release here.

The accused officer had already accepted Rs 1.5 lakh as a bribe from the complainant.

After recovering the bribe from him , he was arrested and produced before the Pri Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases, Court at Nampally, Hyderabad .

The case is under investigation.

### GOC TASA holds protocol meeting with AP Governor & DGP

Hyderabad, April 15 (UNI) :Major General Ajay Misra, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Telangana & Andhra Sub Area (TASA), held a protocol meeting with Andhra Pradesh Governor Justice Syed Abdul Nazeer.

During the meeting, they discussed crucial aspects related to the role of Army in State & Nation Building, a defence release said here on Tuesday.

The importance of the Army's involvement in nation-building initiatives and its role in supporting state development.

Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Welfare, Key issues affecting the welfare of ex-servicemen and potential solutions to address their needs, Aspects of the Flag Day Fund, which supports the welfare of ex-servicemen and their families were discussed

The meeting aimed to foster cooperation and understanding between the Army and the state government, ultimately benefiting the people of Andhra Pradesh.

## Caste census will be a death warrant for PM Modi: CM



(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, April 15 :Chief Minister A Revenath Reddy on Tuesday said that the caste census will be a ‘death warrant’ for Prime Minister Modi.

Addressing the CLP meeting at a hotel here, Revanth Reddy said the SC categorization has become a stumbling block for Modi.

He said the Congress government in the state, on Dr BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary, issued the gazette notification along with the four GOs on rules governing implementation of the Telangana Scheduled

Castes ( rationalization of reservations) Act, 2025.

Telangana became the first state in the country to implement the revolutionary decision of “ SC Sub Categorisation.

Modi is facing trouble after the ‘ People's Government launched a slew of big schemes such as -- Solved the 100-year old problem through the caste census, enacted laws to provide 42 per cent reservation in education, employment and also provide political opportunities, SC classification; flagship

Indiramma housing scheme and Fine rice distribution, the CM said and adding “This is a testament to our transparent governance”.

“Big debates on the Telangana development model are taking place across the country”, he claimed, and said it is the reason, BJP and BRS joined together to create trouble for the Congress government in Telangana.

The opposition is spreading false propaganda using artificial intelligence on HCU ( University of Hyderabad ) lands, and believing the opposition

campaign is true, Prime Minister Modi also made bulldozer comments, he alleged.

In a sharp political attack during a public rally in Haryana on Monday, the PM – for the first time-- accused the Congress government in Telangana of attempting to ‘ bulldoze forests’ in the Kancha Gachibowli area, referring to the controversy surrounding 400 acres of land abutting the University of Hyderabad.

Revanth Reddy alleged that the BJP and BRS are jointly spreading a poisonous campaign against the people's government.

Until yesterday, Union Minister of state Bandi Sanjay Kumar and Union Coal mines Minister and Telangana State BJP president G Kishan Reddy criticized our government and Now, the Prime Minister Modi also entered the fray, he said. Why is the fine rice not being given in BJP-ruled states? he questioned and said that fine rice is our scheme, our patent, and our brand, he added.

### ED questions Robert Vadra in alleged land grabbing case in Haryana

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday questioned businessman Robert Vadra, husband of Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra here, in an alleged land grabbing case in Haryana, official sources said.Vadra, the brother-in-law of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi walked to the ED office from his residence along with his supporters, who raised slogans against the government.Talking to reporters, he accused the government of misusing the agencies against him and said, "Whenever I talk about the issues of the people, about the minorities, about the incompetence of the government or even if I think of joining politics, they use agencies against me"."There is nothing new in the case. I have been summoned 15 times and have sat for more than 10 hours every time and have submitted 23,000 documents.

They are now again asking for all the 23,000 documents," Robert said.

## ED files prosecution complaint against Sonia and Rahul Gandhi in National Herald Case

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday filed its prosecution report against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and some other Congress leaders in a local court in the alleged money laundering case related to the National Herald.The complaint was submitted before Special Judge Vishal Gogne, who has scheduled the matter for the next hearing on April 25, 2025, to decide whether to take official notice of the charges.Along with Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, the chargesheet also names Congress leaders Sam Pitroda and Suman Dubey as accused.The ED has

acted under Sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), which deal with the offence of money laundering and its punishment.The agency has alleged that Young Indian, a company reportedly controlled by the Gandhis, acquired assets of Associated Journals Limited (AJL), the publisher of the now-defunct National Herald newspaper, at a significantly undervalued price.Special Judge Gogne directed court staff to verify and register the complaint and ensure all supporting documents are properly paginated.He also instructed the ED to provide

a readable soft copy of the complaint and annexures in OCR format by the next date of hearing.

The ED also informed the court that it would file a transfer application before the district judge, requesting that the case concerning the original offence (being investigated by the CBI) be moved to Judge Gogne's court.

This is in line with legal requirements that both the money laundering case and the related original offence be heard by the same court.

Rahul Gandhi is currently the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha while Sonia Gandhi is a member of the Rajya Sabha.

## Gujarat Civil Supplies Principal Secretary hails Telangana’s e-POS system

Hyderabad, April 15 (UNI) :Gujarat Principal Secretary ( Civil supplies) Ramesh Chand Meena who visited Telangana state, on Tuesday appreciated the e-POS system adopted by the Telangana government for the distribution of essential commodities to targeted beneficiaries.

Ramesh Chand visited two Jan Poshan Kendras located at Panjagutta and A.G. Colony in the city, and commended the State's efforts in leveraging technology for transparent and efficient Public Distribution System.

He was particularly impressed with the innovative and novel policy reforms implemented in Telangana State Civil Supplies to strengthen the paddy procurement and Public distribution system.He acknowledged the Department's success in plugging loopholes ensuring a streamlined process.

Telangana Principal Secretary ( Civil Supplies) D.S. Chauhan, who provided an overview of the operations of the Civil Supplies Department, highlighted the key reforms introduced over the past year.

He emphasized the successful implementation of four flagship programs of the State Government, showcasing the department's commitment to transformation and accountability.He also lauded the Department's pivotal role in the implementation of the State Government Flagship programs such as -- Fine paddy procurement, by providing additional benefit of Rs.500 per Qtl to the farmers selling Fine paddy(Sanna paddy) at notified PPCs of the Government; Distribution of Sannabiyyam (fine rice) under the Public Distribution System (PDS), and issue of LPG cylinder distribution at subsidized rate of Rs. 500 per cylinder to eligible beneficiaries under Mahalaxmi scheme.



### SP will be wiped out in 2027 assembly polls: Keshav Maurya

Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Tuesday claimed that the Samajwadi Party (SP) will be wiped out in the Assembly elections 2027.Before leaving for Lucknow, the Deputy CM met party officials and workers at the Circuit House and advised them to strongly join the preparations for the upcoming district panchayat and assembly elections to be held in 2027.

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### Defence Secy holds talks with Italian Defence Minister to ....



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### Alan Wilkins set to rejoin IPL after beating throat cancer



Renowned sports commentator Alan Wilkins, known for his insightful commentary on cricket, announced via social media that he will be heading to India to work on the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) season.

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### SC slams UP Govt over child trafficking; Orders Fast-Track ...



While criticising the Uttar Pradesh government's handling of child trafficking cases, the Supreme Court on Tuesday laid down stringent guidelines for the prevention and expedited trial of such offences across the country.

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# Grand Procession and Bike Rally in Khopoli on Mahatma Phule Jayanti



(Standard Post Bureau)

Khopoli, April 15 : On the occasion of the 198th birth anniversary of the great social reformer Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, a grand chariot procession and bike rally was

organized in Khopoli by the "Amcham Tharlay" organization and the Mahatma Phule Jayanti Utsav Committee. The rally began from Shilphata and concluded at the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Memorial. Key participants included Mohanji Avasarmal, Rajendra Phakke, Kuldeep Shende, Dinkar Bhujbal, Surekha Khedkar, Varsha More, Dattaji Masurkar, Kishor Pansare, Mohan Kedar,

Mahesh Kajale, and other prominent social activists. Speakers highlighted Mahatma Phule's invaluable contributions to social reform and emphasized the importance of spreading his message to the new generation.

## Defence Secy holds talks with Italian Defence Minister to boost defence cooperation

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Tuesday called on Defence Minister of Italy Guido Crosetto in Rome, and both held productive discussions aimed at strengthening defence ties as a vital pillar of the strategic partnership between both countries.

During his two-day visit to Rome, Singh co-chaired the 11th India-Italy annual bilateral Joint Defence Committee meeting with his Italian counterpart, Secretary General of Defence Luisa Riccardi, a Defence Ministry statement said.

They discussed a wide range of defence, security and industrial cooperation issues including maritime

cooperation and information sharing arrangements between India and Italy with emphasis on Trans Regional Maritime Network. The situation in the Red Sea and Western Indian Ocean Region also came up during the discussions.

The Defence Secretary stressed on closer defence collaboration especially in technology and armament production, which is a priority area for India. He also brought out that the Government of India is proactively building an ecosystem for defence production and innovation within the country through conscious policy initiatives. India has

developed a vibrant innovation and industrial ecosystem.

In his keynote address during India-Italy Defence Industry Roundtable, Rajesh Kumar Singh shared his views on how the Indian defence industry has witnessed significant changes, particularly in the past few years through progressive reforms.

He said that these reforms have been marked by the creation of a conducive environment for the growth of the Indian Industry through transparency, predictability and Ease of Doing Business.

An MoU between Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)

and the Federation of Italian Companies for Aerospace, Defence and Security (AIAD) was also signed, marking a significant step toward fostering closer cooperation between the defence industries of both nations.

The Defence Secretary was accompanied by a high-level delegation, comprising senior officials from Service Headquarters, Department of Defence and Department of Defence Production. A substantial industry delegation from SIDM also accompanied the Defence Secretary to foster closer B2B connections between the Indian and Italian defence industries.

## SC seeks stakeholder suggestions for Amendments to 2013 Rules

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : The Supreme Court has initiated the process to amend the SC Rules, 2013 and has invited suggestions from stakeholders in the justice delivery system to ensure a comprehensive overhaul of existing procedures.

A circular issued by the top court and uploaded on its official website on Tuesday seeks feedback from all concerned parties.

The circular states that the Supreme Court Rules Amendment Committee is currently considering specific amendments to the 2013 Rules. In a bid to make this exercise inclusive and exhaustive, the Court has urged stakeholders to submit their views or suggestions pertaining to the Rules and/or the Handbook on Practice and Procedure and Office

Procedure, 2017.

Suggestions are to be sent via email only to the Committee at reg.admnmaterial@sci.nic.in by May 1, 2025. Submissions in hard copy form will not be entertained.

This move comes shortly after a significant judgment delivered by a bench comprising Justice Bela M. Trivedi and Justice S.C. Sharma, concerning the proper recording of advocates' appearances in court proceedings.

Emphasizing adherence to the existing Supreme Court Rules, 2013, the bench clarified that only those advocates physically present and arguing in court, namely Senior Advocates, Advocates-on-Record, or Advocates, will have their appearances recorded. Additionally, only one assisting Advocate or

Advocate-on-Record for each arguing counsel may be recorded, as per Form 30 prescribed under the SC Rules.

The Court noted that the integrity of the court's records must be preserved and cautioned against the casual or symbolic listing of names.

Reinforcing this stance, Justice B.R. Gavai recently expressed strong disapproval when the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) appeared unprepared during the final hearing of appeals in the Nithari Kand case involving the accused Surendra Koli. Justice Gavai observed that if appearances are merely for namesake, the bench may consider adopting the stricter approach which is advocated by the bench of Justice Trivedi.

## Ahead of PM Modi's J&K visit, Kashmir IGP chairs high-level security review meet

Srinagar, April 15 (UNI) : With Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to visit Jammu and Kashmir on April 19 to flag off the train from Katra to Srinagar, Inspector General of Police Kashmir V.K. Birdi on Tuesday chaired a high-level security review meeting to assess preparedness and ensure coordinated action among security agencies.

The meeting held at the Police Control Room, Kashmir was attended by senior officers from multiple forces.

A police spokesman said during the session, IGP Kashmir underscored the need for heightened vigilance given potential threats and directed officers to strengthen intelligence networks, secure vulnerable points, and maintain effective area domination.

He further emphasized intensified patrolling, enhanced visibility at key locations, and strict adherence to established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Highlighting the importance of synergy among all security and intelligence wings, IGP Kashmir called for robust inter-agency coordination and comprehensive emergency preparedness.

Concluding the meeting, he reiterated the need for unified and proactive efforts to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of high-profile events across UT.

## India to witness above normal rainfall during monsoon

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : India will witness "above-normal cumulative" rainfall this monsoon, except some areas over Northwest India, the India Meteorological Department said on Tuesday, ruling out the possibility of El Nino conditions during the entire season.

"India is likely to see above-normal rainfall in the four-month monsoon season (June to September) with cumulative rainfall estimated at 105 per cent of the long-period average of 87 cm," India Meteorological Department (IMD) chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra told a press conference here.

Forecast indicates that neutral El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions are likely to continue during the monsoon season" he added.

"The southwest monsoon seasonal (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole during 2025 is most likely to be above normal (>104% of the Long Period Average (LPA). Quantitatively, the seasonal rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 105% of LPA with a model error of  $\pm 5\%$ ," said IMD in a press release.

IMD said it sees most parts of the country to receive normal to above normal monsoon, which falls in the range of 96-105% of the Long Period Average.

# Former MLAs Sanjay Ghatge, Pandurang Barora join BJP



(By Rajesh Undi)

Thane, April 15 : Thousands of workers from Ubatha, Congress, Sharad Pawar and NCP have joined the Bharatiya Janata Party to support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Developed India' and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' 'Developed Maharashtra' concept. BJP State President and Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule expressed confidence on Tuesday that the number of BJP members will increase by another 50 lakh due to the new members joining the BJP. Former Kagal MLA Sanjay Ghatge of the Ubatha group, former Shahapur MLA Pandurang Barora of the NCP Sharad Pawar group and senior Congress leader from Malegaon Prasad Baliram Hire, former Mayor of Shrirampur Sanjay Fund joined the party at the BJP state office. He was speaking on this occasion.

Mr. Bawankule and Executive President

Ravindra Chavan welcomed everyone. Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Dada Patil, Water Resources Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, A. Seema Hiray, former Union Minister Kapil Patil, former MP Ranjitsinh Naik - Nimbalkar, State General Secretary Vijay Chaudhary, Media Department Head Navnath Ban, Ahilyanagar North District President Nitin Dinkar etc. were present. "On this occasion, Mr. Bawankule said that the party will get strength in Kolhapur and Thane districts due to the entry of former MLAs of Kagal and Shahapur. The party organization in Nashik district will be strengthened due to Prasad Baliram Hiray, who has a great political legacy, and thousands of workers who have joined BJP.

We have utmost respect for the late Baliram Hiray, who has competently held the post of Health and Education Minister and led the assembly constituency

for a long time, and we are happy about the entry of his son and other family members into BJP, said Mr. Bawankule. Mr. He said. He also mentioned that by working loyally for BJP, we will hoist the BJP flag in the entire

Nashik district. "Senior leader of Thane district Shivajibhau Deshmukh, Congress leader of Srirampur and former Deputy Mayor Srinivas Vihani along with 12 former corporators, President of Agri Kranti Sanghatana Shivaji Adhikari, Director of Thane District Central Cooperative Bank Indrajit Padwal, Former Chairman of Zilla Parishad Nikhil Barora, Former Mayor of Phaltan Dilipsinh Bhosale, Senior Journalist Ravindra Bedkihal, Tushar Gandhi, Prasad Hire's wife Mrs. Geetanjali Hire, Vice President of Nashik District Congress Bajirao Nikam, Ramrao Shewale, Rajendra Londhe, Ashfaq Sheikh, Sudhakar Bachkar are among those who have joined BJP.

## Cong calls ED chargesheet as "false", alleges political vendetta

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : The Congress on Tuesday dismissed the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) chargesheet against its party leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi as "false and fabricated" claiming it clearly reflects a "spirit of political vengeance".

Notably, the ED filed its prosecution report against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and some other Congress leaders in a local court in the alleged money laundering case related to the National Herald.

Congress leader and senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi through a video message on X said, "The proceedings which are going on regarding National Herald are not new, because when this case started, we had said that this is a very strange case."

He said that the case was initiated without any transfer of property or even a single rupee.

"A Section 8 non-profit company was established to oversee the old properties of National Herald, with Mrs Sonia Gandhi and others associated with it. This company is not permitted to distribute dividends or engage in commercial activities," he said.

He claimed that a "false and fabricated case" has been created as part of this ongoing sequence.

He further alleged that "the filing of the chargesheet is another step in this chain. Thee matter has been addressed through legal means from the very beginning."

Calling it as a "baseless and fabricated case", Singhvi said, "In the end, the court will deliver its clear judgment. It's evident that the case is being driven by political vendetta."

## Decline in campus selection in IITs and IIMs a matter of concern: Mayawati

Lucknow, April 15 (UNI) : Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati on Tuesday expressed concern over the decline in campus selection in the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and has advised the government to take concrete steps in the field of employment.

Taking to X, Mayawati wrote, "The news of the Parliamentary Committee expressing concern over the decline in campus selection in the country's 17 top central educational institutions including IIT, IIM and NIT, in the absence of permanent heads for a long time and in the ad-hoc system, raises many questions about the government's governance."

## AAP, Congress playing fixed match: Punjab BJP chief

Chandigarh, April 15 (UNI) : Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar alleged on Tuesday that AAP and Congress were playing a fixed match. In a video statement released on social media, he alleged that Partap Singh Bajwa, in his bid to become chief minister of the state at the fag-end of his career, was giving statements to garner cheap publicity and the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann was making statements for the sake of it. Claiming that everyone knows that there was no basis to the statement of Bajwa, Jakhar alleged that a drama was being created.

He said that the Union Home minister Amit Shah recently told the Parliament that though the law and order was a state subject,



# Stree Summit 2.0 ends with call to accelerate action for women empowerment : Deputy CM

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, April 15 :The day-long Stree Summit 2.0, successfully concluded here on Tuesday , drawing leading voices in government officials, law enforcement, and industry experts.

With a theme of Accelerate Action for Women Empowerment," the eminent speakers deliberated for the common good of every citizen.

The sessions were well planned with the panellists, who are not only subject matter experts but also citizens who are continuously working for the betterment of the communities; they are also influencers of good life and the betterment of individuals.

The summit began with an impactful inaugural ceremony, where C. Shekar Reddy, General Secretary of the Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC), welcomed the chief guest, Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gov. of Telangana and gave an



overview of the six HCSC verticals and their respective activities.

He invited the corporates to become HCSC members.

In his theme address, C. V. Anand, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, and Chairman of HCSC, highlighted that the girl child ratio of 942-1000 is alarming and will adversely impact the nation's growth. The discrimination against

women should end at home as well as in workplaces.

He mentioned that the Free Bus Ride scheme for women has increased women's participation in various events across the state.

He informed that more women are joining the police force and there are 7 women police stations in 7 zones and out of 19 DCP's 8 are Women. Women officers are part of patrol, blue colt, traffic police, and

3 SHO's are women officers.

In his address, Bhatti Vikramarka stated that a safe, equal and empowered society is not a dream but a destination we all should walk towards together. The Telangana government is empowering the SHG by providing them financial aid of Rs. 21000 crores apart from creating a market for their products and services.

The government has encouraged the women to get into solar power

generation with a buyback guarantee. He stated the state government has a target of making more than one crore women crorepatis.The State of Telangana is fully committed to the empowerment of women, he claimed.In her keynote address, Dr Banusri Velpandian, Senior Specialist, Governance & Research, Law Division – NITI Aayog, spoke about the initiatives of NITI

Aayog towards Women Empowerment in various sectors on its own or with other ministries.

To cover a larger section of the population and also ensure that every enterprise and community is covered, HCSC is collaborating with the Department of Women Development and Child Welfare, Telangana Government, and signed an MoU on creating awareness of the women and children-related laws and implementation of such laws.The summit featured four in-depth panel discussions addressing pivotal topics on women's safety and health.

The summit concluded with a closing ceremony recognising the significant contributions of partners, speakers, and participants.

Certificates were awarded to key contributors, and Ms Geeta Goti, Joint Secretary, Women's Forum, HCSC, delivered final remarks, calling for continued collaboration for Rights, Equality and Empowerment for all Girls and Women in building a secure future.

## Govt to provide Rs 4 lakh ex-gratia to kin of deceased in sunstroke

Hyderabad, April 15 (UNI) :Declaring Sunstroke as "state-specific disaster" the Telangana government on Tuesday issued orders to provide Rs 4 lakh ex gratia to the families of deceased persons.

The state government, having taken into consideration all the facts, has decided to declare heatwave/sunstroke as a "State Specific Disaster" henceforth for the purpose of providing relief to the families of the victims..." according to a GO issued by Special Chief Secretary to Government Arvind Kumar.Heatwaves remain a "hidden hazard" whose impacts are under-recognised due to measurement and valuation challenges. There is under-reporting of deaths and severe impact of heat waves, especially in the vulnerable sections of the population, including women, children and the old aged, it said.

According to GO, in Telangana, during the year 2024, it was observed in Telangana that except for the five districts, all the remaining 28 districts had at least 15 days of

heatwave, with Nalgonda, Mancherial, Peddapalli and Jagtial having more than 30 days of heatwave.

People, especially the construction workers and daily wagers in Hyderabad, Warangal, all the Municipal Corporations, Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration and all the Urban Local Bodies are vulnerable to heat waves and sun strokes, it said.While all the districts have prepared a district-specific heat wave action plan and have equipped vulnerable points with ORS packets and drinking water kiosks, they are issuing required advisories on dos and don'ts.In the absence of a specific ex gratia, the state until now was providing assistance of Rs.50,000 under the Apathbandhu scheme to the family of the deceased who died due to heat wave/sunstroke.

The District Collector will ensure that the appropriate authority/ authorities shall diagnose the heat-related death based on the history of exposure to high ambient temperature and the reasonable exclusion of other causes of hyperthermia, the GO added.

## K Reddy, Bandi Sanjay express shock over brutal killing of two Telangana youths in Dubai

Hyderabad, April 15 (UNI) :Union Minister for Coal G Kishan Reddy and Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Tuesday said that they have been deeply shocked by the brutal killing of two Telugu youth from Telangana in Dubai.

The youths are Ashtapu Preamsagar from Nirmal district and Srinivas from Nizamabad district.

On the 'X' platform, Reddy said, " Spoke to External Affairs Minister Shri @DrSJaishankar ji on the matter, and he has assured full support to the bereaved families and the urgent repatriation of the mortal remains."

The MEA will also work towards ensuring the delivery of speedy justice in the matter, he expressed.

"I thank Shri Jaishankar ji for his support and assistance in this matter," he added.In a separate 'X' platform , Bandi Sanjay said, " Deeply saddened by the tragic killing of Ashtapu Prem Sagar and Srinivas, both workers from Telangana, who were brutally attacked by a Pakistani national at Modern Bakery LLC in Dubai during working hours on April 11, 2025.

Spoke to Ministry of External Affairs officials today, and our MHA office remains in constant touch with them, he said.

Also spoke to Ashtapu Sandeep, brother of Prem Sagar, and assured full support as the family awaits the return of his mortal remains, he said.Through the Indian Consulate, Dubai Police have been urged to expedite the process, he said and added that he was grateful to the Ministry of External Affairs for their swift response and for pursuing the matter with urgency.

## ETHames Business School teams up with KPMG in India to offer industry relevant academic programmes

Hyderabad, April 15 (UNI) :ETHames Business School (EBS) a Hyderabad based futuristic Business Management School, on Tuesday announced that it is teaming up with KPMG in India to offer a suite of forward-thinking, industry-relevant academic programmes that bridge the gap between education and professional practice.

As part of this collaboration, KPMG in India, as academic partner will help in delivery of the programmes offered by ETHames Business School (EBS), include B.Com (Taxation), B.Com (Financial Accounting), BBA (Business Analytics), BBA (Financial Markets and Investment Banking), BCA (Data Science and AI) and BCA (Cyber Security).

These programs combine EBS's academic excellence with KPMG in India's industry expertise, thereby providing students with practical, real-world insights and a good blend of academic rigor and practical applications.

Additionally, students enrolling for these programmes will also have access to hands-on learning experiences, valuable insights and skills, mentorship from experts, directly relevant to their future careers.Speaking on the occasion, Narayanan Ramaswamy, Partner and Head of Education and Skill Development, KPMG in India, said the job market today is constantly evolving, and young professionals need to stay up to date with the latest trends and skills to stay relevant."Our future-ready programmes, developed in collaboration with ETHames Business School, are designed to prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow and propel their career forward. With a

curriculum that covers emerging industry trends, practical skills, and real-world applications, we believe, this dynamic approach can equip students with the critical thinking and technical abilities needed for long-term success in a competitive global workforce," said Ramaswamy

One third of the global workforce will be from India in future, he said. The Job requirements will change. Ethames is sensitive to marketing requirements.

This is the first time in this region , we have entered into a partnership with an institution. We have always been associated with universities, he stated.

We not only define teaching, curate content, and provide 360-degree expertise. We bring the best of KPMG to this partnership, he added.

Kali Prasad Gadiraju,

CHANGE OF NAME

I,Prateek Atasniya  
S/O Murlidhar Atasniya,  
R/o Plot No 59/A, MLA Colony Road No-12, Banjara Hills  
Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500034, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pratiik Murlidhar Atasnniya.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Satish Maddali  
S/O Venkateswara Sarma Maddali,  
R/o 7-91 Plot No-63,64 Srimata Tapoyagna Sthali, Green Valley Janwada, Shankarpally, Janwada, K.V Rangareddy  
Telangana-500075, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sarveswaraananda Giri Swami.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Chennoju Namratha ,  
W/O Chennoju Dileep R/o HNO-3-4-140,  
Kotagally, Nizambad South Mandalam, Nizambad, Kotagalli, Bheemgal, Nizamabad, Telangana-503001 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Mamidala Roja.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rama Lakshmi K. alias Beeram  
Ramalakshamma D/O Chennappa Beeram, W/O Kummthhe Chennakesavulu R/o 10-2-289/89, F No 401, Manisha Dharma Vatika Near State Bank Shanti Nagar Asifnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500028, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rama Lakshamma Beeram.

## MLAs should visit every village in their Assembly segments to explain decisions taken by Govt: CM

Hyderabad, April 15 (UNI) :Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday asked his party MLAs to reach out to the people and explain to them the important decision of the government.

It is the responsibility of everyone to reach out to people and explain to them important decisions taken by the government, the CM said.

He said all MLAs should visit every village in their respective Assembly Constituencies from tomorrow to June 2, the CM said.

Addressing the party CLP meeting, the CM said he would also allocate time to meet people from May 1 to June 2.

The meeting was attended by TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, Deputy Chief Minster Batti Vikramarka, MLAs, MLCs, and MPs.

The benefits of all welfare schemes implemented by the state Government should reach people, he said, and asked his party MLAs to prepare a report required for the development of the Assembly Constituency. The government will take the responsibility of completing those works, he assured.

The government has found permanent solutions to some problems pending for many years. He said the Sanna Biyyam ( Fine Rice ) distribution scheme is a wonderful scheme which will be remembered forever like the Rs 2 per Kg Rice scheme launched in the past.

The benefits of the newly launched Bhu Bharati Portal should reach the farmers, he said.The flagship Indiramma housing scheme is a role model for the country. The CM said the real beneficiaries at the field level should be identified and allotted Indiramma houses . The scheme should be taken to the people at the field level.

## NC has "understanding" with BJP to stay silent on Waqf: Iltija Mufti NC has

Srinagar, April 15 (UNI) : Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Iltija Mufti on Tuesday accused National Conference (NC) of having an "understanding" with the BJP to remain silent on the controversial Waqf (Amendment) Act.

She questioned why the NC did not bring a resolution against the Waqf (Amendment) Act despite the party having 50 legislators in the Assembly.

"Farooq (Abdullah) sahib should tell us about today. His son is the Chief Minister with 50 MLAs. Karnataka, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu decided to bring a resolution against Waqf. Tamil Nadu has already brought it. What was our Chief Minister doing? Why did they not bring a resolution against Waqf," Iltija said while talking to reporters on Tuesday.

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S/O Pentaiah,  
R/o 2-51, Hanman Mandir & SC Colony, Antharam, Dharur, Vikarabad, Telangana- 501121, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pedda Ratnaiah.

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I, Mahima Chaitanya D/O Vinaya Chaitanya, R/o Flat No-801, Mahadev Towers, Fort View Colony, Dmart Building Inner Ring Road, Upperalpy, Rangareddy, Telangana- 500048. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Mahima Priyamvada Chaitanya.

She said the ruling government was busy taking photo-ops with Union minister Kiren Rijiju, at Tulip Garden while critical issues like Waqf were ignored.

"They (NC) already have an understanding with BJP that we will not talk about Waqf and will not bring any resolution against it," the PDP leader alleged.

Iltija also questioned NC for not bringing a resolution against Waqf despite the fact that Jammu and Kashmir is the only Muslim majority state in India.

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STANDARD POST

India’s semiconductor industry likely to double revenue to \$108 bn by 2030

The Indian semiconductor industry's revenues are likely to double from \$54 billion to \$108 billion between 2025 to 2030, according to a report by financial services firm UBS.

The report expects India to gain amid the US-China tariff war that will put the communist giant at a disadvantage and see India emerging as a stronger alternative for global giants looking to set up supply chains.

The report sees strong growth ahead for the market, including a localisation opportunity, which is expected to generate \$13 billion in revenues in 2030.

UBS said this 15 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR) estimate is faster than our forecast for the global semiconductor end market thanks to India's favourable demographics fuelling strong electronics demand (and in turn semiconductors), rising enterprise adoption of advanced semiconductors, and favourable government policies.

India accounts for only 0.1 per cent of global wafer capacity, around 1 per cent of annual equipment spending, and a 6.5 per cent semiconductor end-demand share, the report states.

According to the report, major tech companies are evaluating the relocation of their supply chains amid the ongoing tariff uncertainties triggered by the Donald Trump administration in the US.

A few companies have already embarked on their "China plus one" strategy by diversifying their final assembly locations beyond China, the report points out.India's tech advantage lies mostly in its vast talent pool in the software and services industry, whereas mainland China's dominance is in tech manufacturing.

In semiconductors, too, India has a unique advantage, with around 20 per cent of global chip designers working in the country for multinational corporations, the report points out.

Despite these uncertainties, the US and mainland China are the top end-markets. India, at 6.5 per cent, is a solid end market for global semiconductors, with \$54 billion in revenues in 2025, the report added.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Zo State Advocacy: A Separatist Undercurrent  
Compounding these material threats is Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma's vocal advocacy for a unified Zo state, an

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The central government's reimposition of the Protected Area Regime in December 2024, requiring foreigners to obtain permits to enter Mizoram, Manipur, and Nagaland, is a belated acknowledgment of these risks. Yet, it may not suffice. Mizoram's trajectory demands a more robust response: stricter border controls, enhanced intelligence operations, and a clear disavowal of separatist rhetoric from its leaders. Failure to act decisively could see Mizoram eclipse Manipur as the epicenter of India's northeastern security woes, threatening not just the region but the nation as a whole.“

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

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

SP will be wiped out in 2027 assembly polls: Keshav Maurya

Prayagraj, April 15 (UNI) : Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Tuesday claimed that the Samajwadi Party (SP) will be wiped out in the Assembly elections 2027.

Before leaving for Lucknow, the Deputy CM met party officials and workers at the Circuit House and advised them to strongly join the preparations for the upcoming district panchayat and assembly elections to be held in 2027.

He said that SP chief Akhilesh is nervous due to the fear of his party being wiped out in the Assembly elections 2027. "Due to this, he is making a malicious attempt to break the social fabric by making baseless statements," he said.

Maurya said that the BJP is doing positive work very seriously on the mantra of 'Sabka Saath,

Sabka Vikas' under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whereas the SP always believes in 'development of its family with the support of some'. "The SP has never liked the development of the poor, backward, and Dalits," he claimed.

He said that it is certain that this policy of his (Akhilesh) will prove to be Bhasmasur for his party. "The historic public support received by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on the birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on Monday is also not being digested by the SP. It has lost its digestion. The fake PDA balloon of the SP has burst. Despite this bitter truth, it is still far away from the ground reality," he said.

In an attack on the Congress, the Deputy CM said that the history of politics is a witness that the

Congress itself has been punctured by doing the politics of Muslim appeasement for decades. "The truth is that there is no other way left for them except to drag themselves on the crutches of regional parties. Despite all this, their arrogance is as if the burden of the country is on them. Despite being in the opposition, their behaviour is like that of the ruling party," he said.

He said that the Congress, which believes in 'monarchy' under the shadow of the Gandhi family instead of democracy, has never been concerned about the Constitution. "The only change in its history is that now it has abandoned 'Gandhi's Khadi' and has started wearing 'T-shirts'. Its impact on the public is also ineffective because even after becoming an MP five times, Rahul Gandhi means impossible.

Lucknow, April 15 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday without discussing the aggressive stand of Karni Sena over the objectionable comment of party MP Ramjilal Suman on Rana Sanga said that the history which prevents progress, which is an obstacle in social harmony, unity and brotherhood, should be allowed to remain history.

On being asked about the threat being given by the people of Karni Sena during a press conference held in the party office, Akhilesh said, "These are all Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) people. They are BJP troopers. The day the central government withdrew my NSG security, I came to know about their intentions. Those who themselves have NSG security are cowards. They should also withdraw their NSG security. We are not

going to be afraid."

On being asked about Rana Sanga, he said, "We are not against kings. Kings do not have any caste. A king was just a king. In history, all kings have made decisions according to the circumstances and conditions of the time. I have said on many occasions that whatever prevents history from moving forward, which is an obstacle to social harmony, unity, and brotherhood, should be allowed to remain history."

The SP chief said that anarchy is at its peak in the BJP government. "Anarchic elements are openly threatening to kill and shoot. Is this the rule of the Constitution and law?" he questioned.

He said that if the BJP had won 400 seats in the Lok Sabha elections, swords would have been used on the streets today. "The Constitution would

have ended," he said.

Akhilesh said that the BJP is spreading hatred in society. It is spreading poison. "The BJP raises new issues to divert attention from issues like farmers' problems, jobs, employment, inflation, and unemployment. The intention of the BJP is not to give justice and rights. It is against the reservation for PDA. We have been saying from the very first day that the BJP will not give reservations. Reservation is being tampered with in all recruitment," he said.

He said that the Uttar Pradesh government's claim of zero tolerance has become zero. "Health services have been ruined. Incidents of fire are happening in hospitals. There is corruption of all kinds. The poor are not getting treatment in hospitals and medical colleges.



# Beauty



## Beauty rituals from around the world

There is wisdom in those words. Beautiful skin, hair and nails do not have to be synonymous with lighter wallets and wasting hours on end. We bring you a compilation of some amazing beauty techniques from around the world. Not only are they intriguing, but also completely natural. From soothing a flaky scalp to getting lustrous skin, there's a way to have it all.

**Spanish circles**  
You surely must have tried cucumber slices to lighten dark circles around your eyes. And there's also a range of haemorrhoidal creams to treat under-eye circles. Weird as it sounds, it is supposed to work like a dream! Not brave enough to try it? Then follow Spanish women and use very thin potato slices over your eyes. Keep them on for ten minutes. You will notice that they actually lighten the skin reducing the blueness of the veins under your eyes.

**Kiss cellulite goodbye, the Brazilian way**  
Cellulite is every woman's despair and there seems to be no way to shooing it away. Here's a thing to learn from Brazilian women, who rub sand on their bodies. When it comes to cellulite, dry brushing is the best,

natural and probably, the only way to getting rid of them. So, use sand to kiss cellulite goodbye.

**Greek TLC for lips**  
Beauty regimens need not mean spending a bomb on products or devoting a lot of time to it (unless you are greatly inspired by Cleopatra). Some of the most easily available things straight off your kitchen shelves can be used for beautifying your self. Greek and Italian women use olive oil to sooth and repair chapped lips. It is the best treatment to heal dry and irritated skin. It also conditions skin and lips while making it glow beautifully.

**Chinese anti-ageing**  
Want skin that defies age-related problems? Sip on white tea like the Chinese do. It protects your skin from free radicals and you don't need to worry about Botox, fillers, collagen and the likes.

**Australian dandruff cure**  
Suffering from dandruff? Add a few drops of eucalyptus oil or tea tree oil to your shampoo and kiss those flakes goodbye. This is a foolproof trick from down under to getting rid of dandruff. Be careful with the essential oils though. Massage your scalp with a few drops to see the change.

**Scandinavian skincare**  
They aren't called the world's most beautiful women for nothing. Scandinavian



Do not dismiss your granny the next time she gives you an earful about the virtues of a good old champi.

women are credited with flawless skin and aging gracefully. Water plays an essential role in their skincare regime, drinking lots of spring water along with treating their face to it. Steaming your face while in the shower helps open the pores and unclog all the impurities lodged in them. You can also use a hot towel to cover your face for a few minutes for this purpose. Then splash

your face with ice cold water. Cold water closes the pores and tightens the skin. It also helps eliminate puffiness. **A good 20 splashes with cold water should do the trick.**

**Dominican way to stronger nails**  
So what is the secret to the super strong nails of women from the Dominican Republic? Garlic. It is the natural way to strengthen your nails

and to ward off vampires! Want sturdy nails? Chop fresh garlic pods and add them to a bottle of clear nail polish. Leave them in there for seven to eight days. Paint your nails with this concoction. Although it will smell initially, it is a small price to pay to getting rid of brittle nails.

## Home remedies to cure dry, Flaky skin



### Banana pack -

Mash one ripe or over ripe banana until it forms a paste and mix one teaspoon of honey with it. Apply a thick layer of this mixture on face and leave it on for 20-30 minutes. Wash it off with cold water and repeat the process twice a week to get moist fresh skin.

### Almond pack -

Grind soaked almonds to make a paste. Add some cold milk, lemon juice and besan (gram flour) to this mix and apply a thick layer on the face and other dry areas. Scrub it off once dry and wash face with lukewarm water.

### Yogurt pack -

Make a pack by mixing cold yogurt, lemon juice and honey and apply on face. Leave it on for 20 minutes and wash it off with cold water.

### Aloe Vera Gel -

Apply a generous amount of Aloe Vera gel all over the face and leave it on until it dries. Wash it off with cold water. This not only provides moisture to the skin but also prevents ageing and acne.

Dry skin is a horrible problem to have. People suffer from stretchy, white looking skin that may even crack and bleed. Not only that, dry skin causes itchiness and discomfort too. Here are a few home remedies you can use to solve the problem.

Hair care becomes a difficult and time-consuming job in the monsoon season. But it is also important for healthy hair to stay away from chemicals and outside treatments as much as possible. Well, here are some easy home remedies that can answer your tress woes -

For dry, frizzy hair, apply a paste of two bananas and honey and leave it for about an hour. This will help moisturize hair and keep it soft.

Apply lemon juice on your scalp for 15 minutes and then wash it off. This will ensure an oil-free scalp. Soak fenugreek (methi) seeds in water overnight. Strain the water the next day and use this water to



wash your hair. Methi is effective for many hair

problems like hairfall, dandruff and dryness. The rains and sweatiness due to the humid weather results in an itchy scalp. Add a spoon of vinegar to water and rinse your hair with this at the end after you shampoo it. This will help you get rid of the itchiness. Mix two spoons of curd

with an egg and apply it on

## Home remedies for hair-care in Monsoon

Here are some easy home remedies for the smooth and silky hair in monsoon.

your hair for 15-20 minutes. Use this mixture as a conditioner after you shampoo your hair. It will make your hair soft and shiny.

## Be scorching hot at parties this summer

With Mumbai summer refusing to bow out, we are left to deal with a rather long stint of heat and humidity. But are you letting it affect your social life, or rather, 'look'? Here are a few tips to keep in mind when stepping out for a party this summer...

### Keep it simple

Beauty consultant Manasi Bhakade states, "Always begin day makeup with a sunblock (at least SPF 30), followed by a light oil-free foundation or BB/CC cream. Shadow and mascara on your eyes and a nourishing lip tint later, you are good to face the day." According to senior makeup artist Sonie Sarwate, should choose makeup that blends well with the skin and doesn't feel heavy.

### Use concealers

Dr Geeta Oberoi, dermatologist, says, "Use mineral-based makeup and keep your base to a minimum. Rather than using heavy foundation, use concealers to get a flawless face."

### Do a double cleansing

Removing makeup is a must before you hit the sack. "Do a double cleansing procedure to unclog pores — a cleanser followed by medicated face wash," says Dr Oberoi. If you have oily skin, do not work your skin too much because it will end up making your skin more oily.

### Close pores

You must use an alcohol-free toner after every wash to close open pores.

### If you sweat a lot...

"Use lotions containing aluminium chlorohydrate. It works as an antiperspirant. However, in some cases, it can cause skin irritation. So, ask your dermatologist first," Dr

Oberoi explains.

### Use the right makeup

Dr Sama Rais, dermatologist and cosmetologist, advises using makeup that is 'non-comedogenic' or 'non-acnegenic' — it won't clog pores or cause pimples.

### Home remedies

Dr Poonam Wadhwani, cosmetic dermatologist, suggests, "Wear dark colours that hide sweat patches. For dark circles, try home remedies like applying cool tea bags on the eyes for 15 minutes or applying cucumber juice and potato juice."

### Get this look

- Use a concealer and then apply a hydrating base that matches your skin tone.  
- Use a light-brown or coral-toned blush.  
- Apply highlighter on your brow bone, cheeks and in the inner corner of your eyes.  
- A warm eye-shadow will enlarge and brighten your peepers.  
- Line your eyes with smudge-proof kohl.  
- Curl your lashes; apply a coat of mascara.  
- Now apply a bright lipstick.





# Trial runs of Mumbai Metro line 2B to start from April 16



Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) : The Mumbai Metro is going to witness a development as the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has been planning to conduct the trial runs of Line 2B (Yellow Line) from April 16, which spans 23.643 km from D N Nagar to Mandale

through 20 stations. An MMRDA official mentioned, “Last week, we successfully electrified the overhead equipment. As a step towards making the Metro corridor open for the public, trial runs would commence from Wednesday. The line will be partially open for public use by December this year.” Sources said the

stretch with five stations—Mandale, Mankhurd, BSNL, Shivaji Chowk and Diamond Garden—has now been live charged, powering its overhead electric systems. Trial runs will begin with simple system integration, followed by loaded trials under simulated real-life passenger conditions.

## Three killed, 20 Injured in accident in Maharashtra

Buldhana, April 15 (UNI) : At least three persons were killed and 20 injured in a collision between a Madhya Pradesh Transport Corporation Bus and a brick-laden truck on Tuesday. According to the sources, the accident took place on the Khamgaon–Nandura road in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra. The collision was so severe that the front portions of both truck and bus were badly damaged.

According to eyewitnesses, both truck and bus were travelling at high speed at the time of the incident. The critically injured were hospitalised in Akola. Khamgaon police reached the spot. Further investigation was underway.

The identification of the deceased was also in progress, report added.

## HC upholds life sentences awarded to 2 Chhota Rajan gang members in 2010 Bhendi Bazar double murder case

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) : The Bombay high court on Tuesday upheld the life sentences awarded to two members of underworld don Chhota Rajan gang in case of double murder in city's famous Bhendi Bazar area of the year 2010.

While dismissing the appeal filed by convicts Mohammed Ali Shaikh and Pranay Rane, the court in its order said that the trial court's judgment was "well-reasoned and legally sound". A division bench of Justices Neela Gokhale and Revati Dere however acquitted gangster Rajan and two others for lack of evidence. "The evidence on record, when assessed in its entirety, establishes the guilt of the appellants beyond reasonable doubt," the bench said. Accused persons were arrested on October 23, 2010, after four people fired at Shakil Ibrahim Modak, who was the personal assistant of then MLC Bhai Jagtap, and Mohammed Irfan Qureshi.

# Srinagar rail link inauguration by PM Modi postponed

Jammu, April 15 (UNI) : The inauguration programme of the much-awaited Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla-Rail Project (USBRL) by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been postponed due to bad weather.

Official sources here said that the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi was scheduled to inaugurate the World's tallest Chenab Rail Bridge and Anji Khad Rail Bridge on April 19, and flag off the special Kashmir edition of Vande Bharat Express from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station to Srinagar.

He was also scheduled to address a public programme at Katra.

“The Prime Minister was scheduled to visit Chenab Rail Bridge and Anji Khad Bridge, for which two helipads were readied, but

due to the bad weather forecast from April 19 to 22, the visit has been postponed,” they said.

They said that the fresh dates for the inauguration shall be announced later, which is likely to be April end. The Katra to Srinagar Vande Bharat Express will have features like heating systems, anti-spall layers, and automatic doors.

The train is designed to operate smoothly in cold weather, down to minus 20 degrees celsius.

The Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat will run on the world's highest railway arch bridge and Anji Bridge constructed on the river Chenab in Reasi district.

The Meteorological Department has issued yellow and orange alerts predicting light to moderate rains and snow in Jammu and Kashmir in the coming days.

# Cong demands special session of Parliament to discuss inflation

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : The Congress on Tuesday expressed grave concern over the rising prices of domestic gas cylinder and overall inflation and called for special session of Parliament to discuss the issue. Addressing a press conference here, All India Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba asked the government to "release a white paper" on inflation.

Lamba said, "In 2014, prices of domestic cylinder was Rs 414, and it included a government subsidy. But now, with the subsidy removed, the price of cylinder has risen to Rs 1,103. We want to ask - BJP had promised to provide gas cylinders for Rs 450 in Rajasthan, where is promised that cylinder?"

Stating that the Congress is holding protest across the country against inflation, Lamba said, "Tired of inflation, women are joining us in the movement. In many states

including Delhi, Kerala, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Haryana, Puducherry we have taken to the streets and have voiced our concerns against inflation". On the fuel prices, Lamba said that the prices of petrol in 2014 was Rs 72 per litre but has now increased to Rs 98 to 100. The price diesel has increased from Rs 55 to Rs 88 per litre. "During the Congress government the excise duty on petrol was Rs 9.20 but today it has increased to Rs 19.90. The excise duty on diesel was Rs 3.46 which has increased to Rs 15.80," Lamba said.

She informed that from April 17-19, she herself will be a part of the protest against inflation in Bihar.

Lamba accused the government of "looting the public for the benefit of corporates" claiming the motive was to collect donations from profit-making companies into the BJP's funds".

## Investigation begins into threatening email received by Ram Mandir Trust

Ayodhya (UP), April 15 (UNI) : A case was lodged by the police on Tuesday after a suspicious mail allegedly threatening to attack the Ram temple was received by Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, police sources said here.

Police sources said that the investigation has been intensified after the matter was reported by the Janmabhoomi Trust. "Apart from the security agencies, the ID team of Ram Mandir Trust are also engaged in investigating the mail," they said.

The Trust sources said that a suspicious mail allegedly to blew up the Ram Temple was received on the email ID of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Trust on Monday night. "After this the Trust has lodged a case at Ram Janmabhoomi police station," they said.

Though the officials associated with the police and security are not ready to say anything about this, the Trust has said that the security of the temple is impenetrable, intrusion inside the premises is not possible. "A person from Tamil Nadu has warned about the security of Ram Mandir through mail," they said.

Member of the Trust Dr Anil Mishra said that the ID team of the Trust must be investigating the mail. He has no knowledge about the matter.

He said that there was no need to worry about the security of the premises. "The security of Ram Mandir premises is impenetrable. Modern equipment is used for security. The belongings of every devotee are checked, a drone-resistant plant is also installed," he said.

## Man detained for making hoax bomb call

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) : The city police has detained a man for allegedly making a hoax bomb call at Mumbai police control room, officials said here on Tuesday.

According to details, a caller had made phone call at 230 pm claiming that a bomb blast would take place in the city.

The call created panic and prompted immediate security checks at sensitive locations.

The suspected accused has been identified as Suraj Jadhav, a resident of Vakola in Santacruz.

Upon investigation, police traced the call to the Borivali area and swiftly apprehended the caller. Police confirmed that the alert was false and no explosives were found. The accused is currently being questioned to determine the motive behind the hoax, sources added.

## Shiv Pratisthan founder Sambhaji Bhide injured in dog attack

Sangli, April 15 (UNI) : Shiv Prathisthan founder, Sambhaji Bhide (also known as Guruji), was injured after being attacked by a stray dog at Mali Gali of the city on Tuesday.

While returning home from a meeting of Pratisthan, a stray dog suddenly attacked him in Mali Gali and bit on his leg.

In this incident, Bhide was injured and was immediately admitted to government hospital for treatment.

Recently, Bhide had created a controversy by strongly opposing demand of former MP Sambhajiraje Chhatrapati to remove the statue of a dog situated in front of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's 'Samadhi' (memorial) on historical Raigad fort in Raigad district.

# Amit Ghaisas appointed as Maha State President of Laghu Udyog Bharati

Thane, April 15 (UNI) : Pune-based entrepreneur Amit Ghaisas has been appointed as the Maharashtra State President of Laghu Udyog Bharati, an organisation that works for the growth of micro and small enterprises with a base of over 50,000 micro and small entrepreneurs as members across 580 districts in the country.

This appointment was

announced by Ghanshyam Ojha, National President of Laghu Udyog Bharati, in the presence of Dr. Uday Samant, Industry Minister, Government of Maharashtra, during the National Working Committee and Executive Committee meeting and the E n t r e p r e n e u r s ' Conference at Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, Thane.

Amit Ghaisas is the

Managing Director of the renowned Yashprabha Group in Pune and has previously served as the Vice President of Laghu Udyog Bharati's Maharashtra state unit. Ghaisas is also a member of the Board of Directors at Janata Cooperative Bank.

On this occasion, the new office bearers of the Maharashtra state unit of Laghu Udyog Bharati were also announced.

## Accused who sent threat message to actor Salman Khan mentally unstable, say police

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) : Accused who sent an alleged threat message to Bollywood star Salman Khan is mentally unstable, police said here on Tuesday.

Soon after the threat message was sent, police detained a 26-year-old man, identified as Mayank Pandya, from Vadodara in Gujarat, for allegedly sending a death threat to Khan via a WhatsApp message. Officials further said that the man is mentally unstable and is under treatment while police are probing the matter from different angles.

Sources further said that Pandya had sent a threatening message to the Mumbai Traffic Police's WhatsApp helpline,

stating, “We will enter your house and kill you,” and also threatened to plant a bomb in Salman Khan's car.

While the message did not mention the Bishnoi gang by name, its tone was reportedly similar to previous threats received by the actor.

The actor resides with his family at Galaxy Apartments in Mumbai's Bandra and is on the radar of Lawrance Bishnoi gang.

This is the fifth such threat given to Khan within two years. Last year, shots were fired at his house by shooters associated with the Bishnoi gang, following which the actor's security was beefed up.

## Podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia, comedian Samay Raina appear before police

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) : YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia and comedian Samay Raina on Tuesday appeared before the Maharashtra Cyber Cell in Mumbai in connection with the India's Got Latent row.

According to the sources, police had issued multiple summons to Ranveer Allahbadia but he failed to appear. Podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia facing multiple FIRs (first

information reports) for his offensive remarks on YouTube show 'India's Got Latent' was granted interim protection from arrest on February 18 by the Supreme Court. It may be recalled that during an episode of India's Got Latent, hosted by comedian Samay Raina, Allahbadia had made a crude joke that caught attention for being offensive. The remark quickly triggered outrage,

leading to FIRs being filed in two states — Maharashtra and Assam.

While the show was intended for a limited audience, clips went viral, intensifying the backlash.

As criticism mounted, Allahbadia issued a public apology, admitting that he overstepped.

In response to the controversy, Samay Raina removed all videos of the show to curb further scrutiny.

## Right time for restoration of Statehood has arrived: J&K CM

Srinagar, April 15 (UNI) : Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday expressed optimism about the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, following his recent meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Srinagar.

“We feel that the right time for restoration of Statehood has arrived as six months have now passed after the Assembly elections. Last week, Union Home Minister sahib visited both Srinagar and Jammu. I had a separate meeting with him. It was a good meeting... I am still hoping that Jammu and Kashmir will get the status of a state again very soon,” Omar told reporters in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Responding to a query on Opposition's allegation that National Conference government didn't allow the debate on Waqf Act in Assembly, Omar attributed it to procedural constraints

There has been brewing anger at J&K Speaker and ruling NC for not allowing a debate on the Waqf (Amendment) Act in the Assembly.

The Chief Minister said that legislators had attempted to raise the issue in the Assembly through an adjournment motion, which is specifically meant for matters related to the affairs of the Jammu and Kashmir government.

“Speaker sahib clarified every matter on the final day of the session. Maybe the mistake of the members was that they brought an adjournment motion. The adjournment motion is brought only for the work of the Jammu and Kashmir government because at that time the government has to answer,” Omar said

He questioned the relevance of using an adjournment motion for an issue legislated by the Centre.

“Now tell me, if this

## Congress to hold 'Sadbhavana Shanti March' in Nagpur on April 16

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) : To uphold social harmony and peace in the state, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC), under the leadership of state party president Harshvardhan Sapkal, will organise a 'Sadbhavana Shanti March' in Nagpur on April 16. An official media statement issued here on Tuesday stated that certain forces in the state were deliberately trying to incite unrest in the name of caste and religion. The religious violence that erupted in Nagpur last month was fuelled by these very elements. The Congress firmly believes in maintaining peace in the state and promoting social harmony. With this objective, the party has decided to organise Sadbhavana Shanti March. The march will see the participation of Congress in-charge Ramesh Chennithala, AICC Secretary and Co-in-charge Kunal Choudhary, along with several senior party leaders, office-bearers, and workers in large numbers. The Sadbhavana Shanti March will begin at 10 am from the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Statue Square and proceed through Gandhi Gate Mahal, Kotwali Police Station, Badkas Chowk, Chitnis Park, Devdiya Bhavan, Bhalwarpura Chowk and Ganjipeth, before culminating at Rajwada Palace, the statement added.



# MCA to rename Wankhede stands after Rohit, Wadekar, Pawar

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) : In a historic move to honour India's cricketing icons, the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) on Tuesday approved a proposal to rename three stands at the Wankhede Stadium after skipper Rohit Sharma, former India captain Ajit Wadekar, and veteran administrator Sharad Pawar. The decision was taken at the MCA's Annual General Meeting (AGM), where the resolution — initially proposed by apex council member Milind Narvekar and seconded by Jitendra Awhad — received unanimous approval from the house.

"Three stands at Wankhede Stadium will be honoured after notable figures in Indian cricket. The Grand Stand Level 3 will be named the Shri Sharad Pawar Stand, Grand Stand Level 4 will become the Ajit Wadekar Stand, and Divecha Pavilion Level 3 will be designated as the Rohit Sharma Stand," an MCA statement said.

The AGM also passed a resolution to rename the match-day office at the MCA Pavilion as the MCA Office Lounge in memory of former MCA president Amol Kale, who passed away in 2024 at the age of 47.

"Today's decisions reflect our deep respect for the pillars of Mumbai cricket and our determination to build an even stronger future. These stands and this lounge shall forever echo the legacy of those who built Mumbai's cricketing spirit — brick by brick, run by run," MCA president Ajinkya Naik said. Rohit, who recently led India to back-to-back global titles — the ICC Champions Trophy and the T20 World Cup — holds a special bond with the Wankhede Stadium. As captain of the Mumbai Indians, he has guided the franchise to a record five IPL titles, earning him the adoration of fans who chant "Mumbai cha Raja" every time he takes the field. In 11 international appearances at the venue, Rohit has scored 402 runs at an average of 36, including a century and a fifty. His T20 numbers at the ground are even more prolific, with 2,543 runs to his name, including a century.

The AGM also greenlit a major financial resolution aimed at bolstering the city's cricketing infrastructure. The corpus for MCA-affiliated clubs has been raised to ₹75 crore, with a target of ₹100 crore in the coming years to strengthen grassroots development. With this move, Wankhede adds more legendary names to its storied structure, which already includes stands named after cricketing stalwarts such as Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, Dilip Vengsarkar and Vijay Merchant.

# Pukhraj Singh, Tapendra Ghai, Honey Baisoya share first-round lead at inaugural Calance Open

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : Ludhiana's Pukhraj Singh Gill, Gurugram's Tapendra Ghai and Delhi's Honey Baisoya struck scores of six-under 64 to share the first-round lead at the Calance Open 2025 being played at the Qutab Golf Course here.

Five players were tied in fourth place at scores of five-under 65 at the Par-70 course which is playing host to a PGTI event after 15 years. The chasing pack at 65 included Chandigarh's Yuvraj Sandhu, who made birdies on his last four

holes, as well as Karandeep Kochhar, another Chandigarh golfer, along with Bangladesh's Badal Hossain, Delhi's Kapil Kumar and Kolkata's Shankar Das. Twenty-eight-year-old Pukhraj Singh Gill, who was also the first-round leader at last week's PGTI event in Ahmedabad, didn't have the best of starts on Tuesday after he made an early bogey on the 12th. However, Gill came back strong with birdies on the 15th and 16th to make the turn at one-under.

Pukhraj, searching for

# Parth Jindal injured due to firecracker bursting during ISL final: BFC

Bengaluru, April 15 (UNI) : Bengaluru Football Club (BFC) owner Parth Jindal sustained burns and bruises after a live firecracker was hurled into the stands occupied by the club's supporters during the Indian Super League (ISL) Final against Mohun Bagan Super Giant in Kolkata on Saturday.

In a strongly worded statement issued on Tuesday, BFC condemned the incident as a "reckless and cowardly" attack by a section of home fans and revealed that one supporter suffered an eye injury that required medical attention, while several others were also injured.

"Bengaluru Football Club strongly condemns the reckless and cowardly

attack on our travelling supporters by a section of the home fans, where a live firecracker was hurled into the stands during the Indian Super League Final against Mohun Bagan Super Giant, in Kolkata, on Saturday.

The incident resulted in a BFC supporter sustaining an injury to the eye that required treatment, while other supporters, including club owner Parth Jindal, suffered burns and bruises," BFC stated.

The club has also lodged a formal complaint with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), urging that strict and exemplary action be taken.

# Alan Wilkins set to rejoin IPL after beating throat cancer

London, April 15 (UNI) Renowned sports commentator Alan Wilkins, known for his insightful commentary on cricket, announced via social media that he will be heading to India to work on the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) season.

He expressed his joy and gratitude after being given the all-clear from throat cancer by Velindre Cancer Centre.

In a heartfelt message shared with his followers on Tuesday, Wilkins said, "Knowing that I am heading to India to work on the @IPL after being given the all-clear from throat cancer by @VelindreCS @VelindreTrust @Velindre makes me feel incredibly blessed. And 'young' again! Never Give Up."

The 62-year-old's resilience and positive outlook in the face of adversity have been widely praised by fans and colleagues alike. Wilkins has been an integral part of cricket broadcasting for decades, providing expert analysis and commentary for numerous international tournaments.

His return to the IPL marks a significant milestone in his recovery, and his message of hope continues to inspire many. The cricket community, along with his supporters, expressed overwhelming support for Wilkins as he embarks on this new chapter in his career.

# Chahal, Jansen, Arshdeep blast PBKS to unforgettable win

Chandigarh, April 15 (UNI) : In an electrifying night at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Stadium, Punjab Kings (PBKS) pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in IPL history, stunning Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by 16 runs in a low-scoring yet drama-laden thriller here on Tuesday.

From being pummelled early by Angkrish Raghuvanshi and Ajinkya Rahane, to scripting a scarcely believable turnaround through a dizzying collapse, Punjab bowlers stole the show — led by the guile of Yuzvendra Chahal, the pace and bounce of Marco Jansen, and the venom of Arshdeep Singh.

Pretty Zinta's radiant smile from the owners' box lit up the Chandigarh night as Jansen pierced the final nail in Kolkata's coffin — knocking over Andre Russell with a devilish short ball that took a thick inside-edge onto the stumps. As the stumps lit up, the spectators erupted, and Punjab players mobbed Jansen in euphoria. It was a moment of disbelief — and delirium.

Chasing a modest 152, KKR seemed to be cruising at 61/1 after 6 overs, thanks to a fluent opening burst by young Raghuvanshi. The 18-year-old Mumbaikar stamped his class with glorious drives and



confident flicks, racing to 37 off 28 balls. Rahane too chimed in with a classic six down the ground. By the end of the powerplay, Punjab looked out of ideas. Ricky Ponting wore a grim look in the dugout.

But what followed was sheer madness. Enter Chahal and the wily leggie turned the game on its head with a spell that will be remembered for ages. His first victim was Rahane, trapped lbw, albeit with some help from umpire Saidharshan Kumar and Rahane's own reluctance to review. The ball had pitched marginally outside off, but Rahane walked off shaking his head.

Then came Angkrish's dismissal — a tossed-up

# Mirabai Chanu elected IWLF Athletes Commission chairperson

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : In a significant development for Indian weightlifting, Olympic medalist Mirabai Chanu has been elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF).

Expressing her gratitude, Chanu thanked the IWLF for entrusting her with the prestigious role. "I express my immense gratitude to the Indian Weightlifting Federation for electing me as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the federation. I am extremely grateful to Sahdev Yadav Sir for showcasing faith in me. I also thank the committee members for unanimously voting for me," she stated. Chanu, who has been a prominent figure in Indian sports, further added, "The opportunity to represent and uphold the voice of fellow weightlifters is a matter of great pride for me." She also acknowledged the support she has received over the years from her coach, Vijay, saying, "I also wish to thank my coach Vijay Sir, for their constant support and guidance." Pledging to take her new responsibilities seriously, Chanu emphasised her commitment to advocating for the athletes' viewpoints. "I will work towards spreading the athletes' voice and viewpoints across all key channels to ensure we can continue to dedicatedly focus on the sport without being distracted by external factors," she affirmed.

delivery drawing the youngster into a false shot. He looked to loft inside out, only to skew it off the outside edge to Xavier Bartlett at backward point. Chahal pumped his fist. Punjab had hope.

The double blow that followed was surreal — Rinku Singh was done in by drift, dip and sharp turn as Josh Inglis stumped him beautifully, and the very next ball Ramandeep Singh was dismissed via an unfortunate deflection off his own forearm. Chahal was on a hat-trick and Chandigarh had erupted. From 61/1, KKR had collapsed to 76/6.

While Chahal (4/17) turned the middle overs into a minefield, Jansen returned

to wipe out the tail. Harshit Rana was castled via a thick inside edge. Then, with KKR needing 17 off 28 balls and just Russell standing in the way, Jansen bowled the delivery of the match — a short ball wide outside off that Russell attempted to pull, only for it to crash into the stumps via a thick inside-edge.

If that wasn't enough, Arshdeep Singh produced a classic Test-match style short ball to remove Vaibhav Arora, who gloved one behind to Inglis. The Punjab fans went berserk — a wicket-maiden at that stage sealed the script.

Bartlett was exceptional with the new ball, removing Quinton de Kock (2) and then seeing misfields turn

# Namibia to host Junior Africa hockey qualifiers

Lausanne (Switzerland), April 15 (UNI) : The best junior men's and women's hockey teams from Africa will compete in Windhoek, Namibia in the Junior Africa Cup 2025 from April 18 to 25, with the final three men's and women's spots up for grabs in the upcoming FIH Junior Hockey World Cups 2025, to be played in India (men's) and Chile (women's), with an expanded competition format that will feature 24 teams in each competition for the very first time.

In the men's competition, it will be Egypt, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe scrapping for the three spots available from Africa in the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup India 2025. The teams have been split into two pools, with Pool A comprising Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria and South Africa, while it'll be Egypt, Zambia and Zimbabwe competing in Pool B. Following the pool stages where each team plays the others in their pool once, the top two teams in both pools will qualify for the semi-finals.

The winning teams in the semi-finals will qualify not just for the final, but also gain entry into the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup India 2025. The losing semi-finalists will then play in the bronze medal match with the winner becoming the final entrant to the World Cup.

The FIH Junior Hockey Men's World Cup 2025 will be played in Chennai and Madurai, India. As hosts India have already qualified for the competition. Belgium, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain, Austria and Switzerland have qualified from Europe.

and Zimbabwe competing for the final three spots available in the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup Chile 2025.

The six teams have been split into two pools of three teams each, with Pool A comprising Namibia, South Africa and Uganda, while it'll be Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe competing in Pool B. Following the pool stages where each team plays the others in their pool once, the top two teams in both pools will qualify for the semi-finals.

Similar to the men's competition, the winning semi-finalists will qualify for the finals as well as the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup Chile 2025 and the losing semi-finalists will play in the bronze medal match with the winner becoming the final entrant to the World Cup.

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into opportunities for boundaries. But his two-wicket burst in the powerplay gave PBKS a sniff. Suryansh Shedge (4) and Shashank Singh (18), despite their fielding lapses, contributed key runs. Glenn Maxwell chipped in late with a handy cameo, and those extra 10-15 runs proved gold.

From needing 91 off 84 balls with 8 wickets in hand to being bowled out for 135 — KKR's unraveling was spectacular. Chandrakant Pandit, KKR's head coach, wore a haunted look as he watched from the dugout. The collapse was psychological as much as it was tactical. The pitch held up, but Punjab's self-belief shone brighter.

Argentina, Canada and Chile have qualified from the Americas. Pakistan, China, Bangladesh, Japan, Malaysia and Thailand secured qualification from Asia. Australia and New Zealand have qualified from Oceania. Following the three qualifiers from Africa, the qualification process for the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup India 2025 will be complete.

The FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2025 will be played in Santiago, Chile. Chile have qualified as the hosts of the competition. Argentina, Uruguay, United States and Canada have qualified from the Americas.

Austria, Belgium, England, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Ireland, Wales and Scotland have qualified from Europe. India, China, Japan, Korea and Malaysia secured qualification from Asia. Australia and New Zealand have secured their spot at the event from Oceania.

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# Ensure Water Arrangements and Fire Safety Precautions, In view of the ensuing Summer Season : Arun Kumar Jain, GM, SCR



**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Hyderabad, April 15 : Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Central Railway held a detailed meeting on measures to be undertaken in view of the ensuing summer season and safety of train operations today i.e., 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri Neeraj Agrawal, Additional General Manager, SCR participated in the meeting along with Principal Heads of Departments. Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) of all the six divisions viz., Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur, Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Nanded

Divisions joined the review meeting through video conference. Mr Arun Kumar Jain advised all the divisions to take up necessary measures to ensure watering of train coaches adequately on high priority basis in view of summer season. He instructed the officials, no train should be left without or insufficient water from the train watering stations. He also advised to put a dedicated team of staff for ensuring of water filling and monitoring of water related issues. He instructed the officials to ensure proper maintenance of watering

system like pumps / piping system etc. and to check the availability of water sources well in advance to overcome any lapses in emergency. He also instructed that to coordinate with NGOs to provide support to ensure sufficient water supply to all the passengers in enroute stations. He suggested the officials to coordinate with State Governments / District authorities for water supply if needed. The General Manager instructed to observe all fire safety precautions including fire safety audits, maintenance of equipment etc to prevent any fire incidents in trains / railway premises during

summer. The General Manager also held a detailed review on smooth running of train operations. He stated that Safety, Punctuality and Loading are the three most important parameters. He instructed the divisions to examine the delays in some trains and rectify them so as to further improve the punctuality of train operations. The General Manager reviewed the status of various safety drives being carried out across the zone. He advised the officials to adhere to all guidelines and strictly observe all safety measures to ensure smooth running of trains.



# Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Birth Anniversary Celebrated on Central Railway

**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Mumbai, April 15 : Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Birth Anniversary was celebrated on Central Railway at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Mumbai on 15.4.2025. "Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway garlanded the photo of Dr. Ambedkar and paid homage to the Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution and a pioneer of Social Justice. Shri Meena elucidated the contribution of Bharat

Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's timeless legacy of equality, knowledge, justice and his pivotal role in shaping modern India. He also reaffirmed Central Railway's commitment in upholding the values of equality, inclusivity and social justice envisioned by him. "Principal Heads of Departments, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Division, Officers and Staff of Central Railway also paid their homage to Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

# MANUU pays rich tributes to Prof. Najmus Saher

**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Hyderabad, April 15 : Maulana Azad National Urdu University paid rich tributes to departed colleague Prof. Najmus Saher, Professor (Education), Centre for Distance & Online Education, who passed away on April 11, 2025. She is survived by a husband and three sons. Prof. Najmus Saher joined MANUU on 08-10-2004 as Associate Professor and was promoted to Professor on 08-10-2019.

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice Chancellor expressed deep condolences to bereaved family members in a condolence meeting held today and read out the condolence resolution on behalf of the University. The Vice-Chancellor recalled the valuable services of Prof. Najmus Saher and said she will always be remembered by MANUU for her good deeds and dedicated works. Prof. Ishtiaque Ahmed, Registrar while speaking said that Prof. Najmus Saher used to work with sincerity and she even attended the office last day of her life. Prof. Razauallah Khan, Director, CDOE while recalling her commitment towards work said Prof. Najmus Saher was a hardworking teacher and her services towards education are unforgettable. Prof. Siddiqui Mohd. Mahmood, Prof. Shugufta Shaheen, Prof. P.F. Rahman, Prof. M. Vanaja and Dr. Shabana Kesar also spoke and expressed deep condolences on her sudden demise. Dr. Mohd. Mustafa Ali, PRO I/c convened the programme.

# Western Railway Observes the Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar



Mr Ashok Kumar Misra - General Manager, Western Railway paying floral tribute & lighting the memorial candle on the occasion of birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in a ceremony held at WR Headquarters at Churchgate.

**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Mumbai, April 15 : Western Railway solemnly observed the 134th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at its Headquarters in Churchgate, Mumbai. The commemorative event was held under the esteemed leadership of Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General

Manager of Western Railway, who presided over the ceremony. The occasion was graced by the presence of Principal Heads of Departments, representatives of recognized Trade Unions, members of SC/ST and OBC Associations, as well as

railway staff. All Divisions and units of Western Railway also celebrated the day. To mark the tribute, General Manager Shri Misra offered floral respects and lit the memorial candle to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. In his address, Shri Misra paid profound homage to the principal architect of the

Indian Constitution, acknowledging his unparalleled contributions to its framing. He further reflected upon Dr. Ambedkar's pivotal role in the upliftment of marginalized communities and his enduring legacy in the advancement of Indian society and nation-building.

# Solapur Division of Central Railway Celebrates 134th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with Reverence and Enthusiasm

**(Standard Post Bureau)**  
Solapur, April 15 : Solapur Division of Central Railway on the occasion of the 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, organised a solemn commemorative programme on 15th April 2025 at the DRM's Office, Solapur. The event was held to honour the legacy and immense contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar—principal architect of the Indian Constitution.

The programme commenced with a floral tribute to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait by Divisional Railway Manager, Dr. Sujeet Mishra and Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Anshumali Kumar. A collective Buddha Vandana was performed as a mark of respect and reverence.

Representatives from recognised unions and associations shared insights into Dr. Ambedkar's inspiring life journey, his relentless struggle for equality, and the profound impact of his work on Indian society. In his address, DRM Dr. Sujeet Mishra spoke about the enduring relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's vision and tireless efforts towards



creating a just and equitable society. As part of the celebrations, an essay competition on the topic "Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: The Architect of Social Justice in India" was held on 11th April 2025. The following winners of the competition were also felicitated with cash prizes and a commendation certificate.

- First Prize – Smt. Rajani L. Yemul, Assistant (C&W)  
- Second Prize – Ms. Nainal P. Dongare, Assistant (C&W)  
- Third Prize – Shri Devendra Singh Rajput, Pointsman 'B'

The program was efficiently coordinated by Smt. Shilpa Dheple, Chief Welfare Inspector of the Personnel Department. Solapur Division takes pride in commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and remains committed to promoting the values of equality, justice and fraternity that he stood for.

# SC slams UP Govt over child trafficking; Orders Fast-Track trials across India

New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : While criticising the Uttar Pradesh government's handling of child trafficking cases, the Supreme Court on Tuesday laid down stringent guidelines for the prevention and expedited trial of such offences across the country. A bench comprising Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice R. Mahadevan directed that all High Courts call for the status of pending child trafficking cases from trial courts and

issue directions to ensure that trials are concluded within six months. The top court also mandated that such cases be heard on a day-to-day basis to prevent delays in justice. The court's strong observations came while hearing a case involving a trafficked newborn who was allegedly sold to a couple in Uttar Pradesh for Rs 4 lakh. The couple reportedly desired a male child and knowingly accepted the stolen baby. While cancelling the

anticipatory bail granted to the accused, the Supreme Court criticized the Allahabad High Court and the Uttar Pradesh police for their lax approach. "This is a case of cancellation of anticipatory bail, but we delved into the larger issue of child trafficking," Justice Pardiwala remarked. Referring to a 2023 study entrusted by the NHRC to the Bhartiya Institute of Development, he added, "A detailed report was submitted with several

recommendations, which we have incorporated into our judgment." He further noted, "We were about to conclude the judgment when a Newspaper (The Times of India) published a report titled 'Stolen at birth and sold for lakhs'. We have reproduced the entire article in our verdict." The bench was particularly critical of how the High Court dealt with the bail applications. "The High Court dealt with the matter callously, leading to many accused absconding.