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CM, Fadnavis inaugurates Water

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Twelve BJP

leaders in

leader

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI)

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader

Anand Dubey claimed on

Tuesday that some BJP

leaders are in touch with

will join his party soon.He

said, "More than 12 leaders

of Maharashtra BJP are in

Mahayuti government. But

currently our doors are closed

for them."Dubey indicated that

people will soon see a rout in

BJP and a rebellion in the

Mahayuti, he added.

touch with us due to

dissatisfaction with the

IN BRIEF

Construction worker dies after falling from fourth floor of building, case registered

Pune, April 15 (UNI) 43-year-old construction worker died after falling from the fourth floor of the building here on Tuesday.

A case has been registered against the construction contractor and three others by Kale Padal police station.

The name of the deceased has identified Raju Sopan Avachar, resident of Adarsh ??Nagar, Urali Devachi, near here.

A case has been registered against three persons in this connection.

Police said construction of a building is underway behind the JSPM College in the Kale Padal area of ??Hadapsar. The deceased Avchar was working as a labourer. He lost his balance while working on the fourth floor and suffered a serious head injury, said police.

He was admitted to a nearby hospital for treatment but died during treatment, said police.

Liquor worth



Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday inaugurated the 'Water Management Action Fortnight', organised by the Water Resources

Department, in the

presence of Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, at Mantralaya. The 'Water Management Action

Fortnight' has been organised to increase water every Guardian Minister to

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

New Delhi, April 15 (AJL), the publisher of the (UNI) : The Enforcement now-defunct National Directorate (ED) on Herald newspaper, at a custody of a prisoner, Tuesday filed its significantly undervalued recovery of property tax Abhay Yojana for partial regarding the interest rates prosecution report against price. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi

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

This is in line with legal

Rahul Gandhi is

literacy, emphasise importance of water conservation and implement sustainable water management measures, among people. Fadnavis appealed

programmes of the Water Management Action Fortnight and get the work done.The Water Management Action Fortnight will be observed from April 15 to 30.

actively participate in the

Cabinet takes 7 major decisions

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) policy for providing Councils, government, under the death in custody of a Towns by majority. chairmanship of Chief prisoner as per the Minister Fadnavis, took seven major Human Rights Commission. Councils, decisions in the Cabinet meeting held here at decisions about approval of Towns Act, 1965. Mantralaya on Tuesday. changes in the rules for

include partial waiver in properties in Municipal 30(3), 72 and 80 of the Right property tax penalty, Councils, Municipal to Fair Compensation and establishment of courts for Panchayats and Industrial compensation for death in Towns. arrears and land acquisition. waiver of penalty on to be charged on delayed

and some other Congress directed court staff to verify Court, Junior Judicial Councils,

Municipal The Maharashtra compensation in cases of Panchayats and Industrial

> The decision to amend Devendra directions of the National the Maharashtra Municipal Municipal The Cabinet also took Panchayats and Industrial

Decision to amend the The major decisions transfer of immovable provisions of Sections-

Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation Decision to implement and Resettlement Act, 2013 Special Judge Gogne The decisions of a Civil property tax in Municipal payment of land acquisition compensation.

The decision to start



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.

(See on page 4)

Defence Secy holds talks with Italian Defence Minister to



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. (See on page 2)

Rs 43.20 lakh seized in Kolhapur, 2 held

Kolhapur, April 15 (UNI) The officials of State Excise Department (SED) Kolhapur division seized Indian

made foreign liquor worth Rs 43.20 lakh from a truck at Aadur village in Karveer tehsil of the district while illegally being transported in Maharashtra from neighbouring Goa on Tuesday and arrested two people in this connection.

Acting on a tip off, a flying squad of SED swung into action and laid a trap at Aadur village and stopped a truck on suspicion.

During search of the vehicle, the team found total 750 boxes of IMFL made in Madhya Pradesh worth Rs 43.20 lakh, which were seized along with the truck, with a collective value of seizure worth Rs 56.30 lakh.

They arrested two people -- identified as Saidbhai Daud Khalifa and Vikram Mansing Bariya (both from Gujarat) -- in this connection, a press release said here.

and register the complaint leaders in a local court in the alleged money laundering and ensure all supporting case related to the National documents are properly Herald.The complaint was paginated.He also instructed submitted before Special the ED to provide a readable Judge Vishal Gogne, who soft copy of the complaint has scheduled the matter for and annexures in OCR the next hearing on April 25, format by the next date of 2025, to decide whether to hearing.

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.

investigated by the CBI) be The ED has acted under moved to Judge Gogne's Sections 3 and 4 of the court.

Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), requirements that both the which deal with the offence money laundering case and the related original offence of money laundering and its punishment. The agency has be heard by the same court. alleged that Young Indian, a reportedly currently the Leader of company controlled by the Gandhis, Opposition in the Lok Sabha

acquired assets of while Sonia Gandhi is a Associated Journals Limited member of the Rajya Sabha.

SC to hear petitions against new Waqf law today

New Delhi, Apr 15 (UNI) A large number of petitions (UNI) : Senior RJD leader Patna where both the parties President further said that filed against the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 are slated to Tejashwi Yadav met will move forward forming a the the alliance will work to be heard by the Supreme Court tomorrow.

Over a dozen petitions have been filed by various Mallikarjun Kharge and strong strategy. During the opportunistic alliance. "Youth, political leaders, parties and public figures, alleging that Leader of Opposition in Lok meeting Kharge said, "This farmers, labourers, women, the new law enacted earlier this month is discriminatory towards the Muslim community and violates fundamental rights. Chief Justice of India Justice Sanjiv Khanna has strengthening their alliance former Deputy Chief assured that the batch of petitions concerning the Waqf and contesting the Minister of Bihar Tejashwi Amendment Act will be taken up for hearing on April 16, 2025. Prominent among the petitioners are AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, defeating the NDA. actor-turned-politician and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam president Vijay, and the YSR Congress Party. The petitioners Congress in-charge Krishna election the leaders Bihar State Congress have argued that the amendments severely dilute the Allavaru said that Today's discussed to give the people President Rajesh Kumar, autonomy of Waqf institutions and give the government meeting was the beginning of Bihar a strong, positive, RJD leader Manoj Jha excessive control over Muslim endowments.

Magistrate First Class Court will be established at and Industrial Towns for tax engineering degree courses Chikhloli-Ambernath, collection District Thane and posts approved accordingly.

from the academic year 2025-The approval of 26 in Puranmal Lahoti

provisions for removal of Government Technical The approval of the Mayors of Municipal College, Latur was also taken.

ED questions Robert Vadra in alleged land grabbing case in Haryana

Municipal Panchayats

New Delhi, April 15 walked to the ED office from government or even if I think (UNI) : The Enforcement his residence along with his of joining politics, they use Directorate (ED) on supporters, who raised agencies against me". questioned slogans against the Tuesday businessman Robert Vadra, government.

husband of Wayanad MP sources said.

Vadra, the brother-in-law issues of the people, about

Talking to reporters, he summoned 15 times and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra here, accused the government of have sat for more than 10

in an alleged land grabbing misusing the agencies hours every time and have case in Haryana, official against him and said, submitted "Whenever I talk about the documents.

They are now again of Leader of Opposition in the minorities, about the asking for all the 23,000 Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi incompetence of the documents," Robert said.

23,000

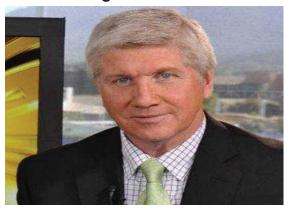
Tejashwi meets Kharge and Rahul, discuss strengthening of alliance

Congress Tuesday and discussed on Bihar. Today, we met the Bihar unitedly with a goal of strengthening

and on April 17 another just and welfare-oriented among other

New Delhi, April 15 meeting will take place in option. The Congress President consensus and with a free Bihar from BJP and its Sabha Rahul Gandhi here on time change is certain in backward, and people of all other sections of the society want the Mahagathbandhan government in Bihar," Kharge upcoming Assembly polls in Yadav and discussed the said. Present in the meeting of meeting were Congress leader Mahagathbandhan".He KC Venugopal, Bihar Congress Talking to media, Bihar said that in the upcoming in-charge Krishna Allavaru,

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. (See on page 7)

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. (See on page 8)

"There is nothing new in the case. I have been

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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

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. and bike rally was

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

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

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 cochaired 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.

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.

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,

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.

and the Federation of

The Defence Secretary was accompanied by a high-level delegation,

Ahead of PM Modi's J&K visit, **Kashmir IGP** chairs highlevel security

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 highlevel security review to meeting assess preparedness and ensure coordinated action among security agencies.

A police spokesman

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

importance of synergy intelligence wings, IGP Kashmir called for robust comprehensive and emergency preparedness.

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

Former MLAs Sanjay Ghatge, Pandurang Barora join BJP

review meet

The meeting held at the

Police Control Room, Kashmir was attended by senior officers from multiple forces.

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

Highlighting the among all security and inter-agency coordination

Concluding the

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 thousands of workers who Hire, former Mayor of have joined BJP. Shrirampur Sanjay Fund joined the party at the BJP respect for the late Baliram state office. He was Hiray, who has competently





(By Rajesh Undi)

Devendra

Ravindra Chavan Thane, April 15 welcomed everyone.r :Thousands of workers Higher and Technical from Ubatha, Congress, Education Minister Sharad Pawar and NCP Chandrakant Dada Patil, have joined the Bharatiya Water Resources Minister Janata Party to support Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Prime Minister Narendra A. Seema Hiray, former Modi's 'Developed India' Union Minister Kapil Patil, and Chief Minister former MP Ranjitsinh Naik Fadnavis' - Nimbalkar, State General 'Developed Maharashtra' Secretary Vijay Chaudhary, concept. BJP State Media Department Head President and Revenue Navnath Ban, Ahilyanagar Minister Chandrashekhar North District President Bawankule expressed Nitin Dinkar etc. were confidence on Tuesday present."On this occasion, that the number of BJP Mr. Bawankule said that members will increase by the party will get strength another 50 lakh due to the in Kolhapur and Thane new members joining the districts due to the entry of BJP. Former Kagal MLA 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

We have utmost

held the post of Health and

Education Minister and led

the assembly constituency

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.

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

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.

The Defence Secretary particularly in the past few years through progressive stressed on closer

reforms. defence collaboration He said that these especially in technology reforms have been marked and armament production, by the creation of a which is a priority area for conducive environment India. He also brought out for the growth of the that the Government of Indian Industry through India is proactively transparency, building an ecosystem for predictability and Ease of defence production and Doing Business. innovation within the An MoU between country through

Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)

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

Procedure, 2017. New Delhi, April 15

by

Committee

May

form will not be entertained.

bench comprising Justice

Bela M. Trivedi and Justice

S.C. Sharma, concerning

the proper recording of

advocates' appearances in

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

Emphasizing adherence

court proceedings.

1, 2025.

(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

conscious policy

initiatives. India has

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

Advocate-on-Record for each arguing counsel may Suggestions are to be be recorded, as per Form 30 sent via email only to the at prescribed under the SC reg.admnmaterial@sci.nic.in Rules

The Court noted that Submissions in hard copy the integrity of the court's records must be preserved This move comes and cautioned against the shortly after a significant casual or symbolic listing judgment delivered by a 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.

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 cm," 87 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. speaking on this occasion. Mr. Bawankule and Executive President

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."

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Congress to

'Sadbhavana

Shanti March

in Nagpur on

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

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 brickladen 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.

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 passenger conditions.

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

forecast from April 19 to 22,

postponed," they said.

visit has been

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,

operate smoothly in cold

weather, down to minus 20

Vande Bharat will run on the

world's highest railway

arch bridge and Anji Bridge

constructed on the river

The train is designed to

The Katra-Srinagar

and automatic doors.

degrees celsius.

Srinagar rail link inauguration by PM Modi postponed

the

Jammu, April 15 (UNI): due to the bad weather The inauguration programme of the muchawaited 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 Chenab in Reasi district. programme at Katra.

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

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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

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.

announced by Ghanshyam Managing Director of the 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 and the meeting Entrepreneurs' Conference at Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, Thane. Amit Ghaisas is the

This appointment was

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,

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

Mumbai, April 15 (UNI) FIRs (first information YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia and comedian Samay Raina on Tuesday appeared before the Maharashtra Cyber Cell in Mumbai in connection with

EAST

Udyog

stating, "We will enter your house and

kill you," and also threatened to plant a

the Bishnoi gang by name, its tone was

reportedly similar to previous threats

Galaxy Apartments in Mumbai's Bandra

and is on the radar of Lawrance Bishnoi

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.

While the message did not mention

The actor resides with his family at

This is the fifth such threat given to

bomb in Salman Khan's car.

received by the actor.

gang.

April 16 renowned Yashprabha Group in Pune and has Mumbai, April 15 (previously served as the UNI): To uphold social Vice President of Laghu harmony and peace in the Bharati's state, Maharashtra 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.

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 Coin-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 Ganjpeth, before culminating at Rajwada Palace, the statement added.

the India's Got Latent row. According to the sources, police had issued Got Latent, hosted by multiple summons to Ranveer Allahbadia but he

quickly triggered outrage, 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

leading to FIRs being filed two states in Maharashtra and Assam. While the show was intended for a limited audience, clips went viral, intensifying the backlash.

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 "wellreasoned 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.

"The Prime Minister was scheduled to visit Chenab Rail Bridge and Anji Khad Bridge, for which two helipads were readied, but Kashmir in the coming days.

Cong demands special session of **Parliament to** discuss inflation

New Delhi, April 15 including Delhi, Kerala, (UNI) : The Congress on Tuesday expressed grave concern over the rising prices of domestic gas cylinder and overall inflation and called for special session 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 Department has issued yellow and orange alerts predicting light to moderate rains and snow in Jammu and

Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh,

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

April 17-19, she herself will

be a part of the protest

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".

against inflation in Bihar.

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to Rs 15.80," Lamba said.

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impenetrable. Modern equipment is used for security. The belongings of every devotee are checked, a drone-resistant plant is also installed," he said.

failed to appear. Podcaster Ranveer

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.

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As criticism mounted, **PUBLIC NOTICE** 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.

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Punjab, Goa, Haryana, Puducherry we have taken to the streets and have voiced our concerns against inflation".On the fuel prices, Lamba said that of 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

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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 enddemand share, the report states. According to the report, major tech companies are evaluating the relocation of their supply chains the ongoing tariff amid 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.

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

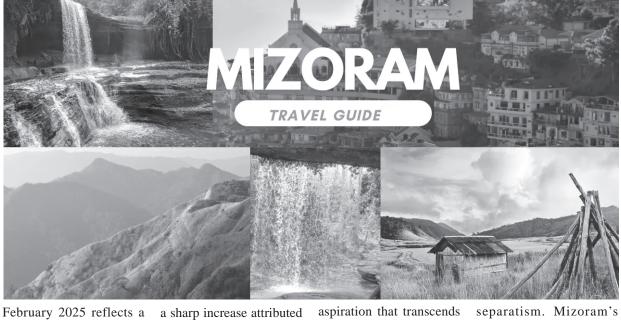
Singbul Network) : The northeastern states of India have long been a complex tapestry of ethnic diversity, historical grievances, and geopolitical significance. Among them, Manipur and Mizoram—two states sharing borders with Myanmar—have recently drawn attention for their roles in the evolving security 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.

Imphal, March 6, (Waari

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 valleydwelling Meiteis and the

hill-based Kuki-Zo tribes. The state's proximity to the Triangle—a Golden notorious drug-producing region spanning Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand—has also fueled a narcoeconomy, with poppy cultivation and drug trafficking exacerbating local instability. The Manipur government's "War on Drugs" has made strides in curbing this reportedly menace, reducing drug transit through the state to near



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. Manipur'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

to

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

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.

staging ground for Lalduhoma's stance is transnational militancy, drawing parallels to the not mere political posturing. It aligns with a state's historical role during broader, decades-long the Mizo insurgency of the 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

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 strengthens also 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

In conclusion, while Manipur wrestles with its demons, Mizoram's quiet

a whole."

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.

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, the central and government's imposition of President's Rule in

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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,

Manipur

Indian insurgent the to groups-a scenario Assam Zokhawthar-Kolasib axis in Mizoram, turning the latter Rifles officers have into a preferred transit hub repeatedly flagged as a "larger danger. heroin, Zo State Advocacy: A

weapons being redirected

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

1960s and 1970s.

hosting of over 12,500

individuals from Manipur

and 40,000 refugees from

Myanmar and Bangladesh

further fuels this narrative,

creating a demographic and

political base for Zo

Democratic Outfits: 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

entanglement with anti-

junta forces across the

legitimize Mizoram as a

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Tipping Point?

Kuki-Zo

displaced

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

going to be afraid."

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 History which prevents progress, assembly polls: Keshav Maurya should remain history: Akhilesh

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 join the strongly 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

have ended." he said.

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

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.

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Beauty rituals from around the world

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

vour 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.

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 undereve 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.

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

Home remedies to cure dry, Flaky skin

Hair care becomes a difficult and timeconsuming 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 ome easy home remedies

Home remedies for hair-care in onsoon

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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.

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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 wash your hair. Methi is day and use this water to 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

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 o n e

Removing makeup is a must before Oberoi explains. 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

Use the right makeup

Dr Sama Rais, dermatologist and cosmetologist, advises using makeup that is 'non-comedogenic' or 'nonacnegenic' - 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 vour 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.

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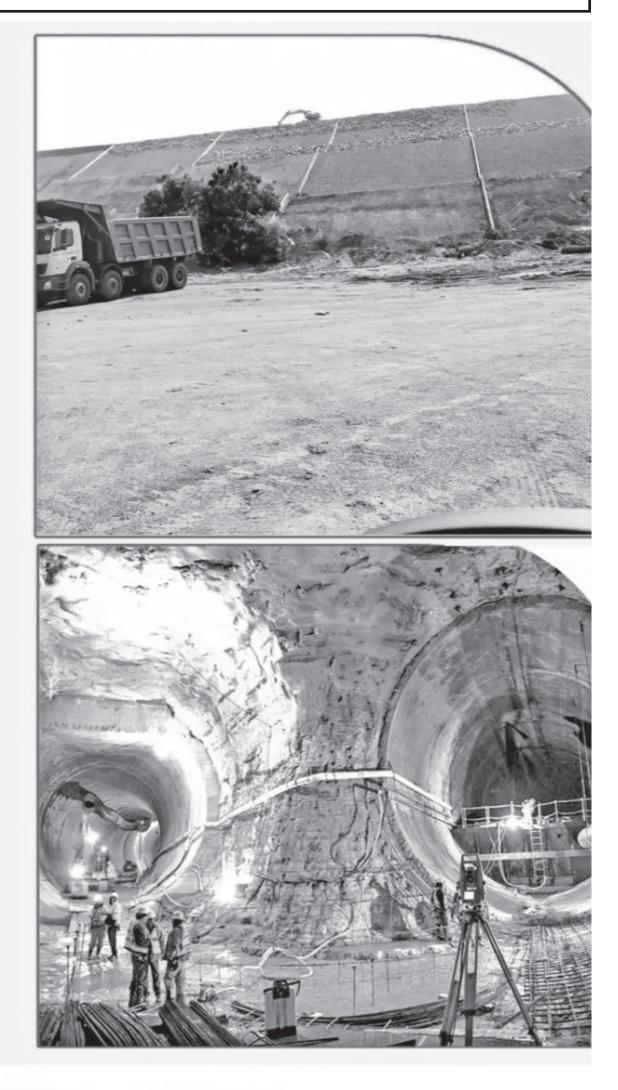
that blends well with the skin and doesn't feel heavy.

<u>Use concealers</u> 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

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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.

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.

Preity 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

Delhi's Sachin Baisova.

last week, who is also

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

Mirabai Chanu elected IWLF **Athletes** Commission chairperson

New Delhi, April 15 development for Indian save from 15 feet on the 17th weightlifting, Olympic where he had found trouble medalist Mirabai Chanu with his first two shots. has been elected as the Chandigarh-based 15-Chairperson of the year-old amateur Neil Jolly Athletes' Commission of shot a 68 to be the highestthe Indian Weightlifting placed among the amateurs Federation (IWLF).

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

boundaries. But his twowicket 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

into opportunities for

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 selfbelief shone brighter.

Namibia to host Junior Africa hockey qualifiers Lausanne (Switzerland), and Zimbabwe competing

April 15 (UNI) : The best for the final three spots junior men's and women's available in the FIH Hockey hockey teams from Africa Women's Junior World Cup will compete in Windhoek, Chile 2025. 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 Chile (men's) and (women's), with an expanded competition format that will feature 24 teams in each competition for the very first time. the In 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 JuniorWorld 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.

Argentina, Canada and Chile have qualified from the Americas. Pakistan, China, Bangladesh, Japan, Malaysia and Thailand

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

(UNI): Ludhiana's Pukhraj Kochhar, another Singh Gill, Gurugram's Honey Baisoya struck Badal Hossain, Delhi's pitching and extremely though was a great parscores 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

Parth Jindal injured due

to firecracker bursting

during ISL final: BFC

Tapendra Ghai and Delhi's along with Bangladesh's great driving, accurate highlight of his round (UNI) : In a significant

New Delhi, April 15 holes, as well as Karandeep his maiden title, then added out on two eagle five more birdies on the opportunities from a Chandigarh golfer, front-nine thanks to his distance of 10 feet. The

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



Kapil Kumar and Kolkata's Shankar Das. Twenty-eightyear-old Pukhraj Singh Gill, who was also the firstround 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

consistent short to mid distance putting.

Honey Baisoya and Tapendra Ghai, both of whom hail from the DLF Golf & Country Club, were co-leaders with Pukhraj on as he was tied 23rd. day one. While Honey had а bogey-free round, the winner in Ahmedabad Tapendra signed for eight

birdies and two bogeys. currently placed second on Honey made two birdie the PGTI Order of Merit, conversions from a range of 12 to 15 feet but also missed

returned a 73 to be tied 95th. **Bihar to host** Women's Kabaddi

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 а formal complaint with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Football Sports Development

Limited (FSDL), urging that strict and exemplary action be taken.

World Cup 2025 New Delhi, April 15 (UNI) : The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has confirmed that the Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 will take place at Rajgir in Bihar, from June 1 to 10. This will be the second time Bihar will host the prestigious tournament, with the first edition held in 2012 at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna.Kabaddi, one of the oldest and most traditional Indian sports, has a rich history of over 4000 years. The sport was showcased as an exhibition event at the Berlin 1936 Olympics, marking a significant moment in its global recognition.

The Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 will be organised by the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) in collaboration with the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI). A total of 14 teams, including participants from Africa and Latin America, will compete in this 10-day tournament. The confirmed teams include India, Iran, Bangladesh, Netherlands, Japan, Poland, Uganda, Kenya, Hungary, Thailand, Nepal, Germany, and Argentina.

The inaugural Women's Kabaddi World Cup saw 16 teams compete, with 31 matches played over four days. The tournament followed a round-robin format before the knockout stage, and the format for the upcoming 2025 edition is yet to be confirmed. India, the defending champions, will be looking to retain their title after defeating Iran 25-19 in the final of the inaugural edition. Japan and Thailand shared the third position after both lost in the semifinals.

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.

In the women's competition, it will be Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia

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.

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.

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.

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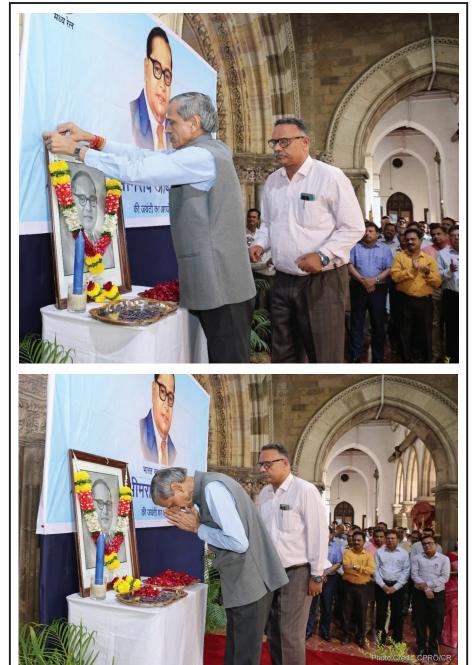
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Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb **Ambedkar's Birth Anniversary Celebrated on Central Railway**

(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.

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MANUU pays rich tributes to Prof. Najmus Saher

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(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. Razaullah 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 nationbuilding.

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. Ambedkarprincipal architect of the Indian Constitution.

The programme with a floral mmence



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., 15th 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 also instructed that to 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 authorities for water water from the train supply if needed. The watering stations. He also General Manager advised to put a dedicated team of staff for ensuring of water filling and fire safety precautions including fire safety monitoring of water audits, maintenance of related issues. He equipment etc to prevent instructed the officials to any fire incidents in trains ensure proper maintenance of watering / railway premises during

system like pumps / summer. The General piping system etc. and to Manager also held a check the availability of detailed review on smooth water sources well in running of train advance to overcome any operations. He stated that lapses in emergency. He Safety, Punctuality and Loading are the three coordinate with NGOs to most important provide support to ensure parameters. He instructed sufficient water supply to all the divisions to examine the passengers in enroute the delays in some trains stations. He suggested the and rectify them so as to officials to coordinate with further improve the State Governments / District punctuality of train operations. The General instructed to observe all

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.

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

society. part of the As 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.

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- 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 event was attended by all branch officers, staff, and office bearers of recognised unions and associations.

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.