

IN BRIEF

Govt to introduce water taxi in Mumbai region shortly : Nitesh Rane

Mumbai, April 16 (UNI) : The government plans to introduce water taxi services across the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) , said state Ports Minister Nitesh Rane.

Talking to media persons on Wednesday, he said a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has already been prepared, with eight to nine routes identified for this innovative transport system.

He further said these vessels will not only help decongest the roads but also reduce pollution in the region.

Existing wooden boats will continue to operate, giving commuters the freedom to choose their preferred mode of water transport, much like road-based aggregator services.

"We have seen the success of the Mumbai Metro. On those lines, we will be starting water taxis in the MMR," he added.

Six-year-old boy sexually assault near Mumbai railway track

Mumbai, April 16 (UNI) : A six-year-old boy was allegedly abducted and sexually assaulted by a 22-year-old man, police said here on Wednesday.

According to police, the victim was abducted and was sexually assaulted in the bushes near BPT railway tracks adjacent to Wadala Railway Station in south Central Mumbai between 1:05 PM and 3:15 PM on April 15, and on the same night an offence was registered under Sections 137(2), 115(2), and 351(3) of BNS along with Sections 4, 6, and 8 of the POCSO Act.

The accused, identified as Gulfraz Jiul Alam (22), who worked as a labourer alongside the victim's father, is a resident of Katihar, in Bihar, and was immediately arrested after the offence was registered, police further said.As per the complaint, the accused forcibly took the minor without the consent of the boy's parents, undressed him, and sexually assaulted him. When the child screamed, the accused slapped him multiple times and threatened to kill him if he told his parents about the assault.

First flight from Mumbai to Amravati takes off from Mumbai



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 16 : The first commercial flight from Mumbai to the newly constructed Amravati Airport successfully landed on Wednesday.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, minister Grish Mahajan, Chandershekhar Bawankhule and others were on board the historic flight operated by Alliance Air (Flight 9I633), which received a grand water cannon salute upon arrival.

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Implementation of various schemes will change farmers' lives: CM

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Amravati, April 16 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday asserted that the implementation of various schemes will bring about a change in the lives of farmers in the state.

He was speaking at a programme organised by the Vidarbha Baliraja Project-Affected Struggle Organisation at Sant Dnyaneshwar Cultural Hall in Amravati on today.

Fadnavis said,the project-affected farmers were treated "unfairly" as they received less compensation for the land acquired through direct purchase for irrigation projects in Vidarbha between 2006 and 2013.

To remove this injustice, the state government has approved the distribution of Rs. 831 crore 67 lakh ex-

gratia grant for 16,633 hectares of area at the rate of Rs. 5 lakh per hectare for the area acquired through direct purchase during this period and this amount will be deposited directly into the bank accounts of the farmers.This has given great relief to the project-affected farmers and will continue to bring about a change in the lives of farmers through the effective implementation of various agricultural schemes, he said.

The Chief Minister distributed ex-gratia grant cheques to the project-affected farmers of Amravati division in a representative manner.

Chief Minister Fadnavis further said that between 2006 and 2013, the then government had given very little compensation to the farmers for the land acquired through direct purchase for

irrigation projects in Vidarbha. Whereas after 2013, four times the compensation for the land acquired was given to the project victims.To remove this huge difference, the project victim farmers staged many protests under the leadership of the President of Vidarbha Baliraja Project Victims' Struggle Organization, Manoj Chavan. MLA Pratap Adsad also followed up on this continuously.The new government established in 2014 sought legal advice in this regard to provide justice to the farmers who were wronged. Efforts were made in the meeting to find a way out of this. Since the legal channels were closed, the important decision of Sanugrah grant was taken unanimously to provide justice to the farmers who were wronged.

Govt increases document handling charges for sale, purchase of property

Mumbai, April 16 (UNI) : The government has approved a hike in document handling charges for the sale or purchase of properties in the state, officials said here on Wednesday.

Following this, citizens will have to pay more when registering an agreement -- from the earlier Rs 20 to now Rs 40 per page of the agreement.

registration.The state revenue department, while issuing the government resolution (GR), has said that the current charges of Rs 20 were fixed in 2001 when the state government approved a BOT (build, operate and transfer) based project for the registration of documents. The charges since 2001 have remained unchanged, and now a revision is necessary, given the increasing costs of software development, as well as the costs for the data centre and server infrastructure for the web-based system.

The hike is also necessary due to the support system developed for the efficient working of the registration system along with the increased costs of software, hardware, network, and server, it said.

Cong holds protest against ED action in National Herald case

New Delhi, April 16 (UNI) : The Congress on Wednesday held a protest here against the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for filing chargesheets against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders in connection with the alleged money laundering case related to the National Herald.

Talking to reporters, party general secretary Sachin Pilot said that there was no substance in the National Herald case and called it "politically motivated".

He alleged that the Modi government does not have any proof and merely attempting to tarnish the image of the Opposition.

Moreover, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinatne labeled the entire matter a "conspiracy" orchestrated by the BJP.

She claimed that the BJP, driven by fear, was engaging in "vindictive and dirty politics," and asserted that the grand old party would "challenge the BJP's propaganda in court."

Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav said that the Modi government cannot intimidate Rahul Gandhi or the Congress party by filing "false chargesheets."

Even if I die, I will not abandon Hindutva: Uddhav Thackeray

Nashik, April 16 (IANS) : Shiv Sena UBT President Uddhav Thackeray said on Wednesday that he has left the BJP and not Hindutva, adding, "Even if I die, I will not abandon Hindutva."

In his address at the Nirdhar Shibir, Thackeray slammed the BJP for its Saugat-e-Modi initiative in which gifts were distributed to 32 lakh Muslims from Bihar in the run-up to the upcoming Assembly elections and asked the latter, "Where did your Hindutva go at that time?" "That is, BJP's policy of 'Batenge To Katenge' (will be slaughtered if divided)" in Maharashtra, but in Bihar it is 'Batenge To Bachenge' (if you distribute sweets, you will survive)," he claimed. He further said that when he was the Maharashtra chief

minister, he did not discriminate, and because of that, Muslims supported him, and they (the BJP) got scared.

"BJP is a party with a fake narrative. In Bihar, they went with Nitish Kumar. In Andhra, they went with Chandrababu. That is why we have left the BJP, not Hindutva," he claimed. Thackeray strongly defended Shiv Sena's move to oppose the Waqf Amendment Bill, saying that it had nothing to do with Hindus.

"The AIADMK from Tamil Nadu opposed the Waqf Amendment Bill. But within two days, Amit Shah went to Tamil Nadu and formed an alliance with them.

Because MK Stalin is sitting in there with a firm grip. The BJP people were sitting with Chandrababu, Nitish Kumar, and

Mehbooba Mufti. Their Hindutva is rotten. We did not go to Pakistan and cut Nawaz Sharif's birthday cake," he said.

"Today, those who are teaching us Hindutva have come out. PM Modi says that Congress should make a Muslim president. State Congress president Harshvardhan Sapkal said that the RSS should make a leader from the Dalit community as the Sarsangchalak. They should do it. The RSS is completing 100 years in the coming year.

The Congress is completing 125 years. Make a list of the Sarsangchalaks and Congress chiefs of the Sangh so far. Find out who was a Dalit and who was a Muslim and put it in front of the people," said Thackeray while taking a swipe at the BJP.



US VP JD Vance, wife Usha Vance, kids to visit India

US Vice President JD Vance, accompanied by Second Lady Usha Vance and their three children, will visit India early next week. He will meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday.The US Vice President, who will also be accompanied by senior members of the US administration, will be on an official visit to India from April 21-24.The Vice President and his delegation are also to visit Jaipur and Agra before departing for Washington, on April 24.

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SP demands NSG security for party president Akhilesh



Samajwadi Party (SP) on Wednesday demanded the central government restore National Security Guard (NSG) security for party president Akhilesh Yadav.In a letter sent to the Union Home Minister, the party's state spokesperson, Fakhruul Hasan Chaand, has said that SP is the third largest party in the country,

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Team China dominates 2nd day at ITTF World Cup



Eight out of nine Team China players secured victories on the second-day group stage of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Cup Macao 2025. In men's singles matches, world No. 1 Lin Shidong of China swept Australia's Bae Hwan 4-0 on Tuesday.

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JK Medical Council signs MoU with Asia Pacific Division



The Jammu and Kashmir Medical Council (JKMC) on Wednesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Asia Pacific Division and the Department of Education, International Chair in Bioethics (UNESCO Chair).

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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Item of work	Approx. Value
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New Waqf law against federal structure, INDI should oppose: Mamata

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Name of Work: COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF
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BOARDS, PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN
CONNECTION WITH PASSENGER AMENITY AT
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KOTTAVALASA JUNCTION, VIZIANAGARAM AND
RAYAGADA OF WAT DIVN FOR 01 (ONE) YEAR.

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EMD: Rs. 33,360/,-, **Tender Doc. Cost:** Rs. 2,360/,-,
Completion Period: 12Months, **Bidding Start Date:** 17.04.2025

Tender closing Date & Time: At 1700 hrs. on 01.05.2025

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IRCTC to Operate Uttar Bharat Devbhoomi Yatra with Guru Kripa

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मुख्य कार्यालय विरार

दुरध्वनी क्रं. १२२५० - २४०२१७९/२४०२५६३

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जाहिर नोटीस

महाराष्ट्र मुंबई प्रांतिक महानगरपालिका अधिनियम १९४९ चे कलम ४६९ अन्वये जाहिर नोटीस खालील मालमत्तेच्या हस्तांतरण संबंधाने वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती (ई) कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे प्राप्त झालेल्या मालमत्ता धारकांच्या प्रकरणांमध्ये नोटीसीनुसार सदर हस्तांतरण संदर्भाने कोणत्याही हितसंबंधाने हरकत अगर आक्षेप असल्यास ही नोटीस प्रसिध्द झाल्यापासून ७ दिवसांच्या आत हितसंबंधाच्या व हरकतीच्या लेखी पुराव्यासह वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती (ई) कार्यालय नालासोपारा येथे लेखी स्वरूपात हरकत नोंदवावी अन्यथा करवसुलीच्या सोयीसाठी सदर हस्तांतरण करून महानगरपालिका दफ्तरी याबाबतची नोंद घेतली जाईल.

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१.	गास-५	GS०५/३१३१/१३	-	ओमसाई बिल्डर्स अँड डेव्ह.	निलेश सुदर्शन गिरी / सुदर्शन लक्ष्मी गिरी
२.	गास-५	GS०५/३१६५/९३	८३४	शहनाज खान	मोहम्मद सरफराज खान
३.	गास-५	GS०५/३२११/१०	८४४	ढोलिया मेहजबीन इब्राहिम / रुकसाना	रुबी
४.	गास-५	GS०५/२९९१	८४६	शेख आसिफ इकबाल मो. शकीर	हसीना जफर
५.	गास-५	GS०५/३१८१/३	८४८	पूनम सरवजीत माली	मोहम्मद जीशान शेख
६.	गास-४	GS०४/१९९	८५०	सुभाष सोपान करे	सोनू गिरधारीलाल वर्मा
७.	गास-४	GS०४/१९७	८५२	सविता रमेश वर्मा	नितेश मोतीराम खैरे/निता नितेश खैरे
८.	गास-५	GS०५/३१६५/६९	८५४	याझमीन पत्नी	मो. अदनान आरीफ पटनी व झोया मो. फकी हजोज
९.	गास-५	GS०५/३१३२/३६	८५६	डेल्टा बिल्डर्स अँड डेव्ह.	मनसुर जुझार पाटनवाला
१०.	गास-५	GS०५/३१३२/२३	८५८	डेल्टा बिल्डर्स अँड डेव्ह.	जमालुद्दीन शेख
११.	गास-४	GS०४/३६०/३६	८६०	ओमसाई बिल्डर्स डेव्ह.	सोनू रमेश गौड
१२.	गास-५	GS०५/३१३२/११	८६३	डेल्टा बिल्डर्स अँड डेव्ह.	हेजिफा ताहिर भाईगोर
१३.	गास-५	GS०५/९३२	८६७	शाबा मसुरअली शेख	शेजीना नूरजेमाल मॉडल / नूरजमाल मॉडल
१४.	गास-५	GS०५/१५९४	८६९	अन्सारी नुझरुल इस्लाम ओझेर	सलमा फरदान मेमन
१५.	गास-१	GS०१/१११/२	८७८	पॉल जॉन डिसोजा	फ्लेवियन पॉल डिसोजा / स्टीव्हनसन पॉल डिसोजा
१६.	गास-१	GS०१/१११/१	८८०	रोजी पॉल डिसोजा	स्टीवनसन पॉल डिसोजा
१७.	गास-४	GS०४/१८६	८७६	विनोद दाजी कालेलकर व वैशाली	दिव्या गोपाल दास
१८.	गास-५	GS०५/३१६४/१३	८६५	उसमान अहमद	अब्दुल राजीक खलील पटेल

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E-Tender Notice

Tender Document No	2025_MCGM_1171081_1
Name of Organization	Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation
Subject	Hiring of Operational staff to operate Hearse vehicle provided to Bhagwati Hospital in RN Ward.
Tender Fee	Rs. 3,600/- + 18% GST
Bid Security Deposit / EMD	Rs.11,000/-
Date of Issue and sale of tender	17-04-2025 from 11:00 Hours
Last date & time for sale of tender & Receipt of Bid Security Deposit	24-04-2025 upto 16:00 Hours
Submission of Packet A, B & Packet C (Online)	24-04-2025 upto 16:00 Hours
Opening of Packet A & B	25-04-2025 after 16:05 Hours
Opening of Packet C	Will inform later
Address for communication	Office of the Executive Engineer (Tr) W.S., Opp. Milan Mall, Milan Subway Road. Off S.V.Road, Santacruz (West), Mumbai - 400054.
Venue for opening of bid	Office of the Ex. Engineer (Tr.) W.S.

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Nagpur civic commissioner tenders "unconditional apology" to HC

Mumbai, April 16 (UNI) : The Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) commissioner offered an "unconditional apology" to the Bombay High Court on his lack of knowledge in connection with order of the Supreme Court regarding demolition of alleged illegal portions of the houses of the accused in recent communal violence case.

Kamlesh Chavan, executive engineer (Slums), NMC, on Tuesday filed the affidavit before a division bench, led by Justice Nitin Sambre, stating that it was unaware of the Supreme Court's ruling as neither the Maharashtra government nor the Nagpur civic body has issued the mandatory guidelines as directed by the Supreme Court.

The affidavit was filed in response to a petition filed by Zahirunnisa Shamim Khan, mother of prime accused Fahim Khan in the recent communal violence. Khan has challenged the demolition of her house, stating that the same was a violation of apex court guideline.

"At the outset, I am tendering an unconditional apology to this Court to observe that the authorities have acted against the petitioner's unauthorised construction in contravention to the judgment of the Supreme Court," the affidavit stated.

The affidavit further stated that neither NMC nor its officers would ever intentionally disobey the

orders of the HC or the Supreme Court or even the lower courts.

The civic body claimed to be "unaware" of the directions of the Supreme Court issued on November 13, 2014, wherein a bench, headed by Justice Bhushan Gavai, had held that the executive cannot demolish the houses / properties of persons only on the ground that they are accused or convicted in a crime.

Further, the affidavit stated that the police authorities had on March 21 sought details from the NMC regarding the properties of the rioters and had asked the civic authorities to take action against the properties of the rioters, if the same are illegal. Thereafter, the civic

authorities noted that the petitioners could not submit the "sanctioned plan" of their houses, which they (NMC officials) prima facie, found that the petitioners did not construct the structures as per a sanctioned plan from the NMC. Therefore, a show-cause notice was issued to them giving a deadline of a day to respond to the show-cause notice. "I say and submit that in the present case, me and my officers had not acted with any malafide intention against the petitioners or their properties but acted in accordance with the prevailing situation and strictly in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Slums Act, 1971," the affidavit stated.



Leader of the Opposition in Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation with counselors and residents stages a protest over drinking water supply and other issues, in Ahmedabad.

‘Govt should resolve issues of non-teaching employees’

Pune April 16 (UNI) : Pune-based social activist Balasaheb Agawane demanded here on Wednesday that the benefit of Assured Progress Scheme should be given to non-teaching employees of aided schools and colleges in the state.

All government employees in the state of Maharashtra have been given the benefit of the Assured Progress Scheme. But the state government is reluctant to give the benefit of the scheme to non-teaching employees of schools and colleges in the state.

He also said that the employees of Class D in the fourth-grade cadres of

schools and colleges are being given a washing allowance of Rs. 250 as per the circular. Similarly, the employees of schools and colleges should also be given a washing allowance of Rs. 250. Also, the encashing of earned leave at the time of retirement should be given as per the Seventh Pay Commission; Instead, the earned leave encashment is being allowed as per the sixth salary. The state government should also improve this, he said.

He said representations have been given to the Higher Education Minister Chandrakant Dada Patil, by the organisation many times. But the Education

Minister, Higher Education Department does not pay serious attention to the issues of these employees. Therefore, the state Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde should immediately pay attention to the issues of non-teaching employees, give justice and remove their dissatisfaction. Now the state government should take immediate steps to resolve these issues and issue orders to the Director of the Education Department and the Finance Department regarding revised salaries and resolve the issues of non-teaching employees, said Agawane.

Aaditya Thackeray criticises Mahayuti govt

Mumbai, April 16 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray on Wednesday criticised the ruling Mahayuti government, alleging that BJP-led Mahayuti government has not done a single good work in their 100 days. Talking to reporters here, he said that 100 days have passed for this government and the 100 days are reconsidered the honeymoon period. Whatever the Chief Minister does during this period, he is generally praised, he noted.

However, not a single good plan has been brought for anyone in these 100 days and this is the achievement of the Mahayuti, Thackeray Junior taunted.

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Collection Pick-up of Cash Instruments
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE NO AC/TA/CASHPICKUP/2025/1 dated 09.04.2025 D.Y.FA&CAO(T) Traffic Accounts, Central Railway, 2nd Floor, Mumbai CSMT - 400 001. for and on behalf of the President of India, invites Open e-Tenders, through website www.ireps.gov.in from the Accredited Bank of RBI and eligible Schedule Commercial Banks in list of RBI for carrying out the following work :- **Open E-Tender Notice No. AC/TA/CASHPICKUP/2025/1 dated 09.04.2025. Name of the Work:** Collection pick-up of Cash Instruments, Sealed Bags/Packets/Covers(Containing vouchers) from various stations/ Goods Sheds/ sidings of Mumbai, Pune, Solapur, Bhusawal and Nagpur divisions of Central Railway and remittance of Cash/Instrument into Central Railway's accounts with RBI/CAS/NGP. Submission of Sealed Bags/Packets/Covers to Cash Office located at CSMT and return Empty bags to the respective stations/sidings. **Cost of Tender Document:** Rs.10000/- (Ten Thousand), **Contract Period:** TWO (02) YEARS, **Estimated Value :** 17,52,96,833/-, **Earnest Money to be Deposited :** 10,26,500/-, **Last Date and Time of submission of Tender :** Date 30.04.2025 Time : 15:00 hrs. **Date and Time of Opening of Tender:** date 30.04.2025 Time: after 15:00 hours. **Validity of Offer:** Ninety Days (90) from the date of opening of Tender. **Minimum Eligibility Criteria:** Accredited Banks of RBI authorized to do Govt. business or other Scheduled Commercial Banks in the list of RBI which have an arrangement with Accredited Banks of RBI., (Necessary MOU/Agreement with the accredited Bank of RBI executed prior to the date of opening of Tender). **For other details and eligibility criteria and corrigendum if any, etc.,** Tenderers are requested to visit the website address www.ireps.gov.in
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BJP criticises Congress

Mumbai, April 16 (UNI) : The BJP on Wednesday strongly opposed the Congress' agitation over National Herald's property, terming the agitation as 'illegal' and claimed that their agitation was for grabbing National Herald's property.

Talking to reporters here, senior BJP leader and former Union minister Raosaheb Danve said the Congress has the right to protest but it does not have the right to loot anyone's land and funds, he claimed. While presenting the reality of National Herald case, he recalled that this newspaper and the related company, which was started by 5,000 freedom fighters in 1937 with a noble purpose, were never owned by the Nehru and Gandhi families.

There is no record anywhere mentioning that the Gandhi family owned the National Herald newspaper or its property, he claimed.

The Congress had hatched a conspiracy to swallow huge property of the National Herald

and formed a company, called 'Young India', and misused the property, alleged Danve.

In fact, it is illegal to give party funds to any private organisation, but the Congress gave funds to this entity, he added.

He pointed out that BJP leader Subramanian Swamy had filed a petition in the year 2012, accusing Congress leaders of 'financial fraud' of Rs 90.25 crore. As per the court order, the government machinery has investigated this matter and further action is now underway, stated Danve.

IAC president praises Mahayuti govt

Pune, April 16 (UNI) : India Against Corruption national president and OBC leader, Hemant Patil, on Wednesday showered praise on the Devendra Fadnavis-led Mahayuti government in Maharashtra over its recent decision on prisoners.

Reacting on this, he said that the Cabinet's recent decision regarding prisoners in the state shows sensitivity of the government.

This government is very sensitive towards farmers, labourers, victims and the exploited and gives priority to policy making keeping their interests in mind, he claimed.

He said that by fixing the compensation policy in cases of deaths of prisoners in custody and by deciding to take action against the police officers found guilty in death cases, malpractices taking place at many places will be curbed, he noted.

As per the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission, the Fadnavis government has approved a policy to provide compensation of Rs five lakh to the heirs of prisoners in case of unnatural death in prison cells.

The step taken by the government to curb corruption in the system is very positive and important, added Patil.

Meanwhile, addressing the Nirdhar Mela in Nashik, Aaditya Thackeray once again criticised the Mahayuti government, alleging that the first 100 days of the Chief Minister, which are called

'honeymoon period', have passed but this government has not brought out a single good scheme for farmers and youths.

Similarly, the monthly installment to women beneficiaries under Ladki Bahin scheme was reduced from Rs 2,100 to Rs 500, he alleged and indicated that the scheme will be closed through the court.

This government is sitting with the blessings of the Election Commission, he claimed.

Aaditya Thackeray charged that the work of creating disputes and establishing power had been done since 2013 in the states of Haryana, Delhi, Manipur, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and now attempts are being made to create riots, agitations and caste disputes in Maharashtra.

An attempt is being made to turn the state into Manipur, he claimed.

The riots that took place in Nagpur were also going in the same direction, he alleged and claimed that an attempt was being made to create a riot in Nashik.

Also, the gang war that was completely destroyed on direction of Shiv Sena Bal Thackeray has raised its head again, he further claimed.

FORM NO. INC-19
Notice

[Pursuant to Rule 22 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
1. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of sub-section 4 of Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), an application has been made to the Regional Director, Western Region, Mumbai, for conversion of IT Disaster Recovery Management Council of India, a Company registered under Section 8 of the Act into a private limited company.
2. The principal objects of the Company post conversion shall be as follows:
1. To carry on the business of business continuity and disaster recovery across government and non-government bodies, agencies, Companies and other form of organization that rely heavily on IT to carry out their services.
2. To carry on the business of data protection and recovery, Information security, maintenance of data privacy of any kind in India carrying out research and dissemination of information.
3. A copy of the draft Memorandum and Article of Association of the Company post conversion of the Company, may be seen at the Registered Office of the Company on any working day except public holidays, Saturdays and Sundays between 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
4. Notice is hereby given that any person, firm, company, corporation or body corporate, objecting to this application may communicate such objection to the Regional Director, Western Region, within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice, by a letter addressed to the Regional Director, Western Region, Everest 5th Floor, 100, Marine Drive, Mumbai 400002, Maharashtra, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Applicant at Unit no. 123, Plot no. C-56/1 Turbhe -I, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, 400710.
For and on behalf of
IT Disaster Recovery Management Council of India
Sd/-
Narayan Patankar
(Director)
DIN- 07686615

Date: 16.04.2025
Place: Mumbai

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SHRI HARILAL BHAGWATI MUN. GEN. HOSPITAL, BORIVALI (W), MUMBAI - 400103
No.HO/4406/ BH Date 16-04-2025
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Chief Medical Officer, Shri Harilal Bhagwati Mun. Gen. Hospital, Borivali (W), Mumbai - 400103. Invites Three Stage Bid E-Tender for following work.
Details regarding - E Tender notice will be available on website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.
The Details of the e-Tender is as follows:

Sr. No.	Description	E-Tender No.	Tender Fee	EMD Rs.	State Date and Time of Online Bid Downloading	End Date and Time of Online Bid Submission
01	Supply of Compostable Garbage bags use for various departments of Shri Harilal Bhagwati Mun. Gen. Hospital, Borivali (W).	2025_MCGM_1170663_1	Rs 3630/- + 18 % GST	EMD Rs. 40,000/-	17-04-2025 till 11.00 Hours	24-04-2025 at 15.00 Hours

Note:-Last date payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) online is on before due date and time prescribed.
- Corrigendum if any will be published on BMC & Mahatender website only.

The Municipal Commissioner reserves the right to reject all or any of the E-Tender without assigning any reason at any stage.
Sd/-
Chief Medical Officer
PRO/134/ADV/2025-26
Shri Harilal Bhagwati Mun.Gen. Hospital ., Borivali (W), Mumbai - 400103.
Avoid self medication.

STANDARD POST

Study finds common genetic variants linked to drug-resistant epilepsy

Certain common genetic changes may explain why some people with focal epilepsy become less responsive to seizure medications, finds a new global study.

Focal epilepsy is a condition where seizures start in one part of the brain. It is the most common type of epilepsy.

Antiseizure medication is usually prescribed for people with the condition. However, for one in three people with epilepsy (around 20 million individuals worldwide), current antiseizure medications are ineffective. This means that people will continue to have seizures despite taking medication -- a condition called "drug resistance."

It is associated with additional significant health risks in epilepsy, including a higher risk of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy, alongside substantially higher healthcare costs.

Researchers at the University College London in the UK and the University of Texas-Health Houston in the US found the reason in some specific common genetic variants in two genes: CNIH3 -- which helps control how certain brain receptors function; and WDR26 -- which is involved in various cell processes.

The study, published in the journal EBioMedicine showed that people with genetic variants in CNIH3 and WDR26 had a higher risk of having drug resistance in focal epilepsy. The variants also determined a person's response to antiseizure medications.

"The findings of our study offer new insights about why some people have seizures that are resistant to existing antiseizure medications," said Professor Sanjay Sisodiya from UCL's Queen Square Institute of Neurology.

"Recognising these genetic variants, which are frequent in the general population yet strongly influence treatment outcomes, underscores the need to expand genetic testing and future therapies to address polygenic epilepsy (a type of epilepsy that is influenced by multiple genes)," added Costin Leu, Assistant Professor at UTHealth Houston).

For the study, the researchers examined data on 6,826 people with epilepsy. They compared the genomes of those who had drug-resistant epilepsy (4,208 individuals) with those whose seizures were successfully controlled with antiseizure medications (2,618 individuals).

The findings are particularly important as these genetic signatures can be determined at the onset of epilepsy, rather than after several antiseizure medications have been tried without success. This could eventually help to predict which individuals with epilepsy are likely to develop drug resistance and avoid unnecessary exposure to ineffective medications and their associated side effects, said the team.



(By Kalpana Pandey)

Phule," directed by National Award-winner Ananth Mahadevan—renowned for films such as "The Storyteller," which combine sensitivity, depth, and artistic merit—has become embroiled in controversy even before its release. Originally scheduled to premiere on April 11, 2025, the film was postponed to April 25, 2025, following objections from certain Brahmin organizations in Maharashtra accusing it of promoting casteism.

At the heart of "Phule" is the pioneering work of Jyotirao and Savitribai Phule—founders of the first school for girls in India and champions of so-called "backward" castes—whose efforts for education and social justice are chronicled against the backdrop of nineteenth-century India. Pratik Gandhi portrays Jyotirao Phule, while Patralekha plays Savitribai Phule. The film documents their tireless struggle against caste and gender discrimination, including the establishment of India's first girls' school in 1848. Ananth Mahadevan's aim is to foreground the Phules' crusade for equality and to bring their fight against caste and gender injustice into the mainstream.

In response to the Brahmin groups' objections, the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has recommended cuts and modifications: removing or altering caste-specific terms such as "Mang," "Mahar," and "Peshwai," and changing the dialogue "three thousand years of slavery" to "many years of slavery." These suggestions effectively dilute the harsh historical realities of caste oppression central to the Phules' movement. Such cuts undermine the integrity of the Phules' ideological legacy and do a disservice to the historical struggles of marginalized communities. Various social organizations have criticized the CBFC's decision as hypocritical and

inconsistent.

First, are the certification standards in our country applied uniformly? Controversial films with provocative statements—such as "The Kerala Story" and "The Kashmir Files"—were granted CBFC approval without significant cuts, whereas a film about social reformers Jyotirao and Savitribai Phule, whose work directly confronted Brahmanical and casteist values, is being asked to make numerous changes. Given that Jyotirao Phule was born on April 11, it is also significant that the film's intended release date coincided with his birth anniversary, suggesting that commercial considerations may be at play. The delay and suggested edits—ostensibly to protect box-office prospects—reveal that the CBFC does not enforce its guidelines evenly. Films endorsing certain viewpoints face fewer obstacles, while those addressing challenging subjects encounter hurdles. This selective approach calls the CBFC's impartiality into question and imposes constraints on artistic freedom and the truthful depiction of history.

The second point is that caste remains an extremely sensitive issue in India, and discrimination based on caste persists even today. Films like "Phule," which confront these questions head-on, have been obstructed in various ways. If one examines the names and backgrounds of the members of the censor board, it becomes clear—without needing further explanation—that the CBFC's actions are being taken under political pressure or in the name of maintaining social stability. Imposing stringent rules on a film like "Phule" demonstrates that the CBFC wishes to control films advocating social reform while granting leeway to divisive narratives.

The third significant point is that the denial of timely certification for "Phule" is largely due to complaints from certain Brahmin organizations.



These groups contend that the film—based on the lives of Jyotirao and Savitribai Phule—depicts the Brahmin community unfavorably, portraying Brahmins as villains or subjecting them to unfair criticism. In response to these objections, the CBFC has questioned the film's release, taken exception to certain scenes and dialogues, and recommended changes, thereby delaying its certification. However, filmmakers assert that the film is historically accurate, includes sympathetic Brahmin characters who support the Phules' work, and has no intention of defaming any community. Nevertheless, the CBFC prioritized the Brahmin organizations' complaints, insisting on altering caste-related terms or episodes while disregarding the filmmakers' claims of historical fidelity. This selective deference casts doubt on the CBFC's impartiality, suggesting that it values the sentiments of one group over artistic integrity and the filmmakers' creative vision. Consequently, one must ask whether the CBFC is making independent decisions or acting under external pressure. If the CBFC coerces changes to historical truths or artistic perspectives, the filmmakers' original message is weakened and

the audience's right to informed understanding is compromised. It is therefore both natural and necessary to question the CBFC's procedures and credibility.

The fourth issue concerns artistic freedom. Since the Phules' mission fundamentally involved reforming an exploitative social order, significant opposition and social conflict were inevitable. These mandated cuts undermine the film's historical accuracy and do a disservice to the filmmakers' artistic vision and the audience's right to information. This struggle represents a collision between the artistic expression of social trauma grounded in historical fact and the constraints imposed by the current political establishment.

Regardless of whether the film is ultimately approved or blocked, one thing is certain: "Phule" holds up a mirror to our social history by bringing its painful realities to light. It portrays the woman who fought for girls' education, the teacher who shattered caste barriers, the Hindu social order rooted in Brahminical supremacy, the horrors of social ostracism and religious terror—indeed, the life and work of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule himself.

Mahatma Phule's work could not have been

accomplished without the contributions of his wife, Savitribai Phule. He educated a young, married girl who had received no formal schooling and empowered her to become India's first woman teacher. She, in turn, stood firm against social exclusion and kept the flame of education burning bright. Together, the Phules tore down the walls of a caste-based educational system, establishing separate schools for the untouchable, Dalit, and Shudra children. In those schools, caste was never asked—a revolutionary act for its time. Through writings such as "Gulamgiri," the Phules exposed the realities of the caste system and launched a direct attack on Brahminical rule, declaring, "Until society is educated, it will remain enslaved."

Mahatma Phule's social movement was a direct challenge to the ruling caste hierarchy, and as a result he faced immense opposition from society. His family severed ties with him, and he was ostracized by his community. The insults and filth hurled at Savitribai did not deter them. They endured religious intimidation as well, and even questioned the nature of gods, religion, and rituals—declaring plainly, "God is not the creator of man; man is the creator of God." For these views they were branded "atheists" and "enemies of religion," yet they never abandoned their convictions.

Mahatma Phule's work extended far beyond education. By founding the Satyashodhak Society, he opened a new path toward social equality. He wrote and acted on a range of issues—widow remarriage, women's right to abortion, the necessity of girls' education, exploitation in agriculture, and the dominance of the Brahmin priestly class. He never ceased his struggle, establishing the Satyashodhak Society with the core aim of securing intra-caste equality and opposing Brahminical supremacy.

Under the Satyashodhak banner, religious ceremonies—

marriage, naming, funerals—were performed without Brahmin priests. The Society initiated traditions of communal dining and public gatherings without regard to caste. People of all castes came together and identified themselves as "Satyashodhaks." For the first time, Dalits, Shudras, and women found a social platform where they truly belonged, and the movement brought education into the community.

Though his health declined with age, Mahatma Phule's energy for social work never waned, and the Satyashodhak movement continued after his death. Leaders such as Shahu Maharaj, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and Periyar were later inspired by Satyashodhak ideas. Even today, murders are committed in the name of caste, blind faith grows under the guise of religion, and the rights of women, Dalits, and OBCs are still under assault.

Director Ananth Mahadevan has defended his film unequivocally: "My film has no hidden agenda. It is a sincere cinematic tribute to the social reformers who changed the face of Indian society." He states that the film's purpose is not to provoke but to educate and inspire. Phule's legacy is not confined to a single film; it is the deep-seated unrest surrounding India's caste discourse. Although Mahatma Phule's contributions are academically celebrated, attempts to portray his social-change vision in the media continue to face resistance.

By challenging caste inequality and empowering Dalit and oppressed communities, the Phules engaged in an unbroken struggle. The intellectual battle they began remains profoundly relevant today. Every step toward education, equality, and justice is guided by Mahatma Phule's inspirational legacy.

The "Satyashodhak" path shown by Jyotirao and Savitribai Phule still underpins the beliefs of many.

SP demands NSG security for party president Akhilesh

Lucknow, April 16 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party (SP) on Wednesday demanded the central government restore National Security Guard (NSG) security for party president Akhilesh Yadav.

In a letter sent to the Union Home Minister, the party's state spokesperson, Fakhrul Hasan Chaand, has said that SP is the third largest party in the country, whose president has been openly threatened with deadly attacks in the past few days, on which the state government has not taken any action.

"Since the party president keeps visiting other states besides UP, it is necessary to provide him with Z-plus category security along with NSG cover," he said.

Kathakki and Nrityangan Cultural Academy's 4th Annual Celebration - Vasant Manjari 2025

(Standard Post Bureau)

The 4th Annual Vasant Manjari 2025 organized by Kathakki Aur Nrityangan Cultural Academy was a spectacular celebration of music and dance, featuring an exquisite amalgamation of various Kathak gharas by renowned Kathak dancers. The program was a lively amalgamation of tradition, rhythm and expression, which left the audience mesmerized.

The evening began with an enthralling performance by renowned choreographer Aditi Bhagwat representing Jaipur Gharane. Aditi performed traditional thatt, toda and paran with grace and precision, drawing applause from the audience. Particularly noteworthy was his unique portrayal of cricket and Diwali ki fulzadi through Bhavang, which left the audience



mesmerized. Her thumri rendition of "Yehi Thaiyaan Motiya Herayi Gayi Re" received a standing ovation, a testament to her emotional depth and mastery.

The duet performance by Sangeetcharya (Dr.) Rupali Desai and her daughter and senior disciple dancer Disha Desai reflected the grandeur of

the Banaras house. Beginning with a soulful Ganesha stuti, he followed the Kathak tradition with that, amad, toda, paran and chalan in the zapatal. Pandit Mukundaraja Dev and his disciple and son Rohit Dev accompanied the padhant and tabla, creating a powerful rhythmic harmony.

Disha Desai's special paran ki rendition composed by her mother caught everyone's attention, which was appreciated by all. His quick and energetic witticisms on cricket were both entertaining and innovative. The pair concluded their performance with a beautiful Thumri - "Kanha Khelo Kahan Aisi Hori Guinya" composed by Pandit Bindadin Maharaj Ji, depicting the joyous celebration of Holi between Radha and Krishna.

Through a poignant story and complex emotions, he depicted Krishna's playful antics, in which Krishna disguised himself as Radha and teased him, followed by their colorful union in the festival. What made this performance truly remarkable was that this thumri, a classic in Kathak's repertoire, had never been performed as a duet before, making it a unique and refreshing experience for the audience. Seeing this work presented as a couple added new dimensions of emotion and artistry, which left an indelible impression.

In the closing ceremony, Vidushi Saswati Sen ji concluded the ceremony with her performance. He enthralled the audience with a performance of Pandit Birju Maharaj Ji's unique composition "Panchatva", which depicts the five elements of life.

Beauty

Get rid of whiteheads to prevent Acne

Whiteheads are caused due to build-up of oil, serum and dead skin that plugs up your pores. They clog your skin's pores and result in pimples.



A repeated occurrence of whiteheads can cause a serious problem of acne. But the good news is that whiteheads can be treated effectively at home. With a little effort and a regular skincare routine, you can keep whiteheads at bay. Follow these steps to get flawless skin:

Wash your face regularly. It makes skin oil-free, which would otherwise result in whiteheads. For best results, use a non-oily face wash and not the one that has glycerine as one of its contents.

Make sure that your hair is washed. Often greasy hair contributes to more oil on the surface of your skin. Dandruff is also one of the major causes of whiteheads and acne. Use an anti-dandruff shampoo once a week to keep your scalp clean.

Avoid oily makeup and lotions as they clog the pores the most. They make matters worse and lead to breakouts. Before buying a cosmetic, check out its oil content. Clean your face with a cleanser every day before going to bed.

Dab on a little tree tea oil before going to bed. Tea tree oil prevents whiteheads, blackheads and acne. This oil, surprisingly, does not clog pores. It also prevents breakouts. Scrub your face once a week. Because using a face wash alone won't be enough. To get rid of the sebum that accumulates in pores, gently scrub your face and wash it off with cold water.

Here's how to protect your skin this Summer

Summer is a time to wear all those dresses, shorts and skirts that you had put away during winter. The sun is out and is shining bright, inviting you to soak it up over Sunday brunches and early evening walks. But the increased exposure to sun brings with it skin problems. Here's how to keep your skin healthy and radiant during this season...



Exfoliate: You may think that exfoliating your skin is something that is done only during winter, but it is equally important in summer. Your body sheds skin cells regardless of the weather, so it is vital to scrub them off to avoid making your skin look dull and dry .

Hydrate: Moisturize, even if you have oily skin. As the temperature rises, swap your heavy body lotions for lighter ones.You could also use gels and purees as they absorb better into your skin.

Sunscreen: This is perhaps the most important tool to help fight sun issues during summer. Pick a sunscreen that is SPF 50 and above to protect yourself against the harmful effects of the sun.

De-tan: Even with sunscreen, your skin is likely to get tanned.But don't fret. If you are the type that doesn't fancy a tan, then just mix gram flour with yogurt and a few drops of lemon, and use this as a facemask to get rid of an uneven tan.

Water: Increase your water intake at this time of the year as you tend to get dehydrated quicker during summer. If it is not given enough water, your body tends to sap moisture from your hair and skin, leaving both dry and listless. So, drink up.

Toner: Use a toner to keep your pores closed and your skin cool. If you don't want to use chemicals, you could opt for rose water instead. Rose water's natural cooling properties make it ideal to soothe irritated and over-exposed skin.

Go bananas for Beauty!



While it is known that this humble fruit may have a host of health benefits, bananas also offer several beauty benefits. Available throughout the year, bananas are a powerhouse of nutrients and are great for your skin and hair as well. Here are some benefits...

- The fruit contains generous amounts of vitamin C and B6, which ensure that your skin remains supple and elastic. Apart from that, bananas also have antioxidants that protect your skin from premature ageing.
- The water content present in bananas keeps your skin well hydrated so that it doesn't get flaky and dry. It works as a great moisturiser as well. This is because it comprises vitamin A, which helps your skin recover the moisture it has lost.
- One of the best ways to moisturise your skin is to use a mashed banana and liberally rub it all over your face and neck. After leaving the pulp on your face for about half an hour, wash it off.
- You also treat pigmented skin with bananas. Simply add a tablespoon of honey to banana pulp and apply it on your skin.
- Have to go to an important function and don't have time to visit the parlour? Simply take a banana and add yogurt, honey and almonds to it. Make a paste and apply it all over your face. Not only will this moisturise your face but also remove excess oil and add a glow to your skin.
- For those who want to get rid of marks and scars left on the skin due to acne and pimples, bananas are a helpful aid. The vitamin C they contain lightens blemishes caused by skin aggravation.
- Bananas also work as great exfoliators. Simply mix jaggery and mashed bananas together and use the paste as a scrub on your face and neck.
- Is the skin on your hands and heels dry, flaky or cracked? Let a banana come to your rescue. Simply mix mashed banana with some rose water and apply on the affected areas.

Of course wallet is a must-carry in your handbag, but apart from the regular stuff, one must have a mini summer kit in their handbag this summer. Check if you have these following things in your handbag before you step out in this scorching heat.

Summer kit for your Handbag



Small umbrella

Try to carry a mini-umbrella in your kit. This will help you to protect your skin from sun tan and dehydration.

Compact

One cannot maintain the freshness of

the face all day this summer. But, a compact will help to an extent. Compact powder not only removes excess oil on your face, but also hydrates the skin and makes you look clean and fresh.

Wet wipes

If you feel tired or look a bit dull, just wipe your face with wet wipes and refresh yourself.

Hairpins and hair bands

In this hot sun, leaving the hair loose is not a comfortable option. Even if you do so, you may need a hairpin or a hair band to tie it up some time during your travel. So, always put a few hair pins and hair bands in your bags for an instant hair-do. Also, hair tends to be frizzy this season, so hairstyles do not hold for long and hence you will definitely need these.

Sanitizer

It is better to be safe and avoid picking up infections.So, pin up a small sanitizer in your handbag and clean your hands as often as you need to.

Water bottle

Always carry a small water bottle in your bag. You will not know when you may need one during the day .Since parched throat might cause dehydration, this is a must-carry .

Deo

Summer means frequent sweating and deos are a must-carry to keep you fresh. Sweat also can make you stink and staying odourfree is important. Always carry a fragrant deo to smell good this summer.

Small towel

Keep a small towel in your handbag. You may wash your face and hands quite often at your work place this season, and having a small towel could come in handy in drying yourself.

Sunglasses

Don't forget to take your sunglasses. They might be worn as a style statement during other seasons, but during summer, they help you escape the heat. Also choose glasses, preferably wraparound ones, that offer complete UV protection.

Stole

Just keep a stole, preferably made of cotton, in your handbag as this might help you cover your head when you have to walk in the sun. It also helps to protect your hair.

Safe ways to colour your hair during Pregnancy

Don't stop yourself from colouring your hair during pregnancy. Here's what to keep in mind.



Pregnancy makes a woman glow with health and beauty and it shouldn't stop her from enhancing her hair with additional colour. Most bleaches and hair dyes contain harmful chemicals, which when absorbed through the scalp, can enter the bloodstream. So the general tendency is to take a break from hair colour when you are expecting if you want to play it completely safe. Since you are going through crazy hormonal changes, your mane also gets affected and may not take to hair colour. However, don't stop yourself from a colour job or from dyeing your roots. Covering greys is a must, whether you are pregnant or not, and infusing colour will give a fresh change to your usual look.

Keep these tips in mind:

- Pick ammonia-free hair colour. If you are colouring at home, buy hair colour that doesn't contain any ammonia. For salon-based colouring, ask your stylist to do the same. It might not give you the intense colour that others would, but it's safe.
- Go ombre instead of global colouring. The ombre (or dip-dye) technique refers to colouring only the hair tip so the product doesn't touch your scalp.
- Dilute the colour to make it more tolerable to your scalp. Effective and non-toxic options to dilute the hair dye are water or almond, sunflower or jojoba oil.
- Always do a patch test before colouring.
- If you feel an irritation, develop a rash or get nauseous from the fumes, wash off the dye immediately.

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

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, April 16 :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 crorepatris. 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 16 (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 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 16 (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 16 (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.

US judge blocks Trump administration from deporting Indian student

Washington/New Delhi, April 16 (UNI) :AUS federal judge has barred the Trump administration from deporting an Indian undergraduate student whose student visa was cancelled on April 4, just weeks before he was set to graduate.

In a ruling on Tuesday in the Madison court, US District Judge William Conley ruled that Krish Lal Isserdasani, 21, a UW-Madison international student, could not have his student visa terminated and that the Trump administration could not take any legal action against him as a result, including deportation.

The request for a temporary restraining order on the Trump administration's deportation move was brought by Madison

attorney Shabnam Lotfi after Isserdasani's record was terminated in the government's Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVIS) database.

In his 12-page order, Judge Conley wrote the Trump administration had wrongly terminated Isserdasani's visa one month before he was set to complete his bachelor's degree in computer engineering and had robbed him of any form of due process to contest the visa cancellation, wiscnews reported.

"Given the amount of Isserdasani's educational expenses and potential losses from having to leave the United States without obtaining his degree, the court concludes that Isserdasani credibly demonstrates that he faces irreparable harm for which

he has no adequate remedy at law in the absence of injunctive relief," Conley wrote. Isserdasani is one of at least 26 international students and recent alumni at UW-Madison, and 40 across all Universities of Wisconsin campuses, whose visas have been abruptly cancelled.

UW-Madison has not been informed of the visa cancellations by the Trump administration; instead, staff have been finding the visa cancellations as they search databases every few hours, every day, to learn which of their students have been impacted.

The Trump administration has cancelled the visas of more than 1,000 international students nationally since January.

When entry visas are cancelled, students are

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

Hyderabad, April 16 (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 Minister 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 16 (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.

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.

Set your house in order or resign: Badal to Mann

Chandigarh, April 16 (UNI) : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Singh Badal on Tuesday said either Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann should set his house in order or he should resign immediately.

Badal, in a social media post, alleged that instead of controlling the law and order situation, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and Mann were "threatening" opposition. Even leader of opposition Partap Singh Bajwa was "intimidated" with "false" cases.

"We condemn attempts to suppress the opposition's voice by registering false cases against them or subjecting them to repeated police questioning," he wrote.

Badal also cited attack on SAD's Ajnala in-charge Jodh Singh Samra, where one of his petrol pump employees was shot dead and another was injured.

He alleged that these incidents made it clear that the democracy was in danger in Punjab and the

Both Coach and Captain reflect on Hockey Punjab’s National Championship 2025 title win



Jhansi, April 16 (UNI) : Hockey Punjab lifted the coveted 15th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2025 title as they defeated Hockey Madhya Pradesh 4-1 in the final here in Uttar Pradesh. Hockey Punjab won the tournament in 2023, however, in the last edition, they were knocked out in the Quarter-Finals by Hockey Maharashtra. This time, led by Captain Hardik Singh and Coach Rajinder Singh, Hockey Punjab have claimed the championship again.

Hockey Punjab finished

Kaul sets Qutab Golf Course on fire

New Delhi, April 16 (UNI) : Delhi’s Kshitij Naveed Kaul fired a sensational course record of 10-under 60 to move into a one-shot lead at a total of 12-under 128 at the halfway stage at the Calance Open being played at the Qutab Golf Course here. Twenty-four-year-old Kshitij (68-60), a winner of four titles, who was four shots off the lead in tied 23rd place after round one, put together an eagle and eight birdies on Wednesday, to rise 22 spots and claim the second-round lead. The legendary Mukesh Kumar of Mhow had registered an 11-under 59 at the DDA Open staged on Wednesday. Kshitij’s extraordinary effort of 10-under 60 will thus count as the new course record.

Chandigarh’s Karandeep Kochhar followed up his first round of 65 with an even better 64 in round two to move up two spots to second position at a total of 11-under 129. Yuvraj Sandhu, another Chandigarh-based professional, shot a second straight 65 to gain one spot and end the day in third place at 10-under 130. Gurugram’s Tapendra Ghai (67) and Ludhiana’s Pukhraj Singh Gill (67), both overnight joint leaders, slipped to tied fourth place as their total stood at nine-under 131. The halfway cut went at even-par 140. Sixty professionals made the cut.

Kaul collected four birdies on the front-nine as he landed it within a foot of the flag on two occasions. Kaul’s top-notch driving, pitching, chipping and putting from long range helped him accumulate an eagle on the 16th and four more birdies on the back-nine. Twenty-five-year-old Karandeep Kochhar, a multiple winner on the PGTI and a regular on the Asian Tour, made four birdies against a lone bogey on the back-nine. Kocchar then pushed ahead with three more birdies on the front-nine.

their Division 1, Pool A second in the standings, three points behind Hockey Madhya Pradesh, who dealt them their only defeat in the tournament. In the Quarter-Final, Hockey Punjab earned a 3-2 win over Hockey Haryana, followed by a 4-3 victory against Uttar Pradesh Hockey in the Semi-Final. Despite their earlier loss, Hockey Punjab ensured they learnt from their mistakes and defeated Hockey Madhya Pradesh comfortably in the final. Jugraj Singh was in top form for Hockey Punjab

BCCI seeks head physiotherapist, S&C coach for Women's Team

Bengaluru, April 16 (UNI) : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Wednesday announced the opening of two prestigious positions at the Centre of Excellence (COE) in Bengaluru: Head Physiotherapist and Strength and Conditioning (S&C) Coach for Team India (Senior Women). These roles are crucial to the Sports Science ad Medicine (SSM) team, dedicated to enhancing player performance and implementing cutting-edge injury management and prevention strategies. Both positions will be based at the state-of-the-art COE, with the successful candidates also required to travel with the Senior Women's team for matches and tournaments. The BCCI is seeking highly skilled

Rohit reveals toughest Australia bowler he faced Down Under

Mumbai, April 16 (UNI) : India skipper Rohit Sharma has labelled facing Scott Boland in the Border-Gavaskar series as his 'toughest challenge in Australia'. Boland played a key role in Australia's comeback win Down Under, taking 21 wickets in just 3 matches as they overturned a 1-0 deficit to win the series 3-1. “Boland was the toughest to face in those conditions. When we checked his pitch map, 90% of his deliveries were just on the spot - no width, no full balls, maybe a few, but not many,” Rohit told Michael Clarke on the Beyond23 Cricket Podcast. The right-hand batter had a a forgetful series against Pat Cummins-led Australia, managing just 31 runs in five innings. His struggles with the bat culminated in the skipper dropping himself for the final test in Sydney and

having finished the tournament as the second-highest goalscorer with five goals and even recorded a crucial brace in the final. Young sensation Araijeet Singh Hundal also played a crucial role in the attack and claimed three goals to his name. Reflecting on the tournament, Hockey Punjab coach Rajinder Singh stated, “It was a very good tournament for us, and we gave a solid performance overall. The loss against Hockey Madhya Pradesh was truly a turning point for us. We

professionals with significant experience in sports science and injury management, particularly those with a background in working with elite athletes. The Head Physiotherapist will be responsible for providing physiotherapy services on match days, diagnosing injuries, and creating tailored treatment plans. Additionally, they will collaborate with medical teams, monitor athletes' training loads, and devise injury prevention strategies. Applicants must hold a postgraduate qualification in Sports or Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy, with at least 10 years of experience, preferably with high-performance athletes.

handing the reins to Jasprit Bumrah, who had led India to a thumping 295-run win in the series opener in Perth. “I had to be honest with myself - I wasn’t hitting the ball well, and I didn’t want to play just for the sake of it. A few others were struggling too, and we really wanted Gill to play. He’s such a good player and had missed the previous Test, so we felt he deserved a chance.” Rohit said. “I mean, I was like, okay, if I’m not hitting the ball well, there’s no point forcing it. I spoke to the coach and the selector—who was on the tour as well - and they kind of agreed, kind of didn’t,” he said. “You try to put the team first, look at what the team needs, and make the decision accordingly. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn’t, that’s just how it goes. Every decision you make, there’s

knew we were a strong side but after that loss, we regrouped and ensured we didn’t take the rest of the matches lightly.”

Talking about the team’s strategy, Rajinder said, “Since we didn’t have a lot of time to train together before the tournament, so I left it upon the players to naturally settle and play since we have a few national players in the squad. After the loss in the Pool stage, we changed our strategy a little and shifted from zonal-marking to man-marking which worked out better for us.”

In the final, Hockey Punjab conceded a goal first but made a brilliant comeback in the second half to seal the match. After the final, Captain Hardik Singh said, “The plan was to attack from the start and the boys executed well. Though I still feel we missed a couple of chances, we are extremely happy with the win. It’s always great to perform in the domestic circuit, overall the competition was good and it feels good to win the gold medal.”

The S&C Coach will manage fitness services on match days, including warmups and fitness testing, and will design personalised fitness programs. They will also monitor training workloads, develop injury prevention strategies, and implement recovery programs. Candidates should possess a qualification in Strength and Conditioning or Sports Science, with a minimum of seven years of experience in the field. Both roles report to the Head of Sports Science and Medicine at the COE and the Head Coach of Team India (Senior Women). The term for both positions is two years. Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications by 5:00 PM on April 30, 2025.

no guarantee of success or that it’s the right one. You just do what feels best for the team,” Rohit said. Having recently captained India to ICC Champions Trophy 2025 success, Rohit also opened up on the upcoming assignment with the national team - a five-match Test series against England away from home, where the visitors will be aiming to reign over the Three Lions once again. The series will also mark the beginning of the new World Test Championship 2025-27 cycle. “Absolutely, last time we played these guys, it was 2-2 in the series,” he said. “Yeah, we need some of these guys to be 100% fit. We’ll have a great series, and I know the kind of cricket these guys are playing these days. It’ll definitely be a good challenge for us,” Rohit added.

Alexander-Arnold returns to Liverpool training

London, April 16 (UNI) : Liverpool defender Trent Alexander-Arnold has returned to training before their Premier League fixture with Leicester City on Sunday. The 26-year-old England international has been absent since he sustained an ankle injury in Liverpool's Champions League last-16 defeat by Paris St-Germain in March. Reds boss Arne Slot previously said he expected Alexander-Arnold to be back before the end of the season, but did not put a specific timeframe on when he might be available, the BBC reported. Alexander-Arnold's return from injury comes as uncertainty over his future at Anfield continues.

Sources have previously told BBC Sport that Alexander-Arnold, who is out of contract at the end of the season, is in advanced talks with Real Madrid over a free transfer to the Bernabeu. Premier League leaders Liverpool are currently 13 points clear of second-placed Arsenal with six matches of the season remaining.

They could win their 20th top-flight title with a win at Leicester, but would need Arsenal to lose to Ipswich earlier on Sunday.

Manchester United's Andre Onana to start against Lyon: Amorim

London, April 16 (UNI) : Manchester United goalkeeper Andre Onana will be recalled for the side's Europa League quarter-final second leg against Lyon, manager Ruben Amorim has said. The Cameroon international was left out of United's squad for the 4-1 defeat by Newcastle in the Premier League on Sunday, with Turkey international Altay Bayindir deputising. The 29-year-old was labelled "one of the worst goalkeepers in Manchester United's history" by former player Nemanja Matic before the first leg as the Lyon midfielder reacted furiously to the stopper saying the Premier League team were "way better" than the French club, the BBC reported. Onana was then to blame for the two goals that United conceded in their 2-2 draw in France. But Amorim says the former Inter Milan goalkeeper will be recalled for the tie at Old Trafford on Thursday (20:00 BST). "As a coach and former player first of all I try to do things that can help a player in this situation," said Amorim.

"We speak about managing players physically but we also have to manage them also mentally." "We had one weekend where I felt it was better for Andre Onana not to play and a good thing for Altay [Bayindir] to play. "He (Onana) will play tomorrow."

Team China dominates 2nd day at ITTF World Cup

Macao, April 16 (UNI) : Eight out of nine Team China players secured victories on the second-day group stage of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Cup Macao 2025. In men's singles matches, world No. 1 Lin Shidong of China swept Australia's Bae Hwan 4-0 on Tuesday. Wang Chuqin defeated Australia's Aditya Sareen with the same scoreline. Tomislav Pucar of Croatia earlier beat Sareen 4-0, meaning Wang and Pucar will face off for a knockout stage place. Wang said after the match that there will be a tough battle on Wednesday. In women's singles, defending champion and world No. 1

Sun Yingsha smashed Canada's Zhang Mo 4-0. Wang Manyu faced a tougher challenge against Sweden's Linda Bergstrom, holding her ground to win 3-1. "Today's match was quite difficult," Wang said afterward. "My opponent had a unique playing style and a powerful forehand, which made things even more challenging. I'm relieved to come through with the win." Other Team China players who notched victories included Chen Xingtong, Lin Gaoyuan, Kuai Man, and Liang Jingkun. Wang Yidi was upset 3-1 by France's Yuan Jia Nan. This year's World Cup features 48 male and 48 female players and runs Monday through Sunday.

Rahane calls on KKR to learn from defeat

Chandigarh, April 16 (UNI) : Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) captain Ajinkya Rahane has called on his team to learn from their narrow 16-run defeat to Punjab Kings in a thrilling low-scoring encounter at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday night. Despite a valiant bowling effort that saw Harshit Rana pick up three wickets, and Sunil Narine and Varun Chakaravathy each take two, KKR faltered in their chase of a modest 112. Rahane reflected on the loss, admitting that the team's batting performance lacked the necessary game awareness to adapt to the challenging conditions. "We didn't bat well and didn't have the awareness to play according to what the situation demanded, but we learn from it," Rahane said after the match. "T20 cricket is not only about hitting sixes... it's about reading the situation and having the game awareness as a batsman and then taking the game forward. That's what we lacked today," he added. KKR's bowlers had done their job, restricting Punjab Kings to a total of just 111 runs, but the batting side failed to capitalise on the manageable target. Rahane admitted that the conditions were not conducive to aggressive batting, saying, "It wasn't a belter or a flat wicket, there was something for the bowlers. So, we had to grind it out. It is not about hitting sixes every time and getting that net run rate up." Rahane emphasised that in T20 cricket, sometimes it is necessary to play a more measured innings, with lower strike rates, to successfully chase down targets in challenging conditions. "We need to learn how to grind out results in certain situations. Even though sometimes you have to play a maiden over in T20 cricket or play at a strike rate of 70-80, it's okay. But you have to grind it out," Rahane said. Looking ahead to the rest of the league stage, Rahane stressed that there is no room for complacency as KKR have seven more matches to play. "We are halfway through the tournament and there are seven matches to go in the league stage. It's always about coming back with good intent, while still looking to learn and improve as a batsman and take it on in the next game," he concluded. With KKR sitting on three wins in the tournament so far, Rahane remains confident that his experienced squad will bounce back and learn from this setback to push for a strong finish in the ongoing IPL season.

Chirgaon Champs strike gold in Thailand

Shimla, April 16 (UNI) : Two young athletes from Chirgaon, Shimla—Dikshita Shilal and Sanika Laltwan—have brought immense pride to their district, state, and the country by winning medals at the First Thailand Kickboxing World Cup held in Bangkok from April 7 to 12, 2025. Dikshita won a silver medal, while Sanika secured a bronze in the -56 kg Full Contact category. Deputy Commissioner Anupam Kashyap congratulated and felicitated both players, praising them for their outstanding achievements. He emphasized that their success not only uplifts the region but also sets an example for other young people to pursue sports and stay away from negative influences like drugs. The administration plans to involve both athletes in its anti-drug campaign to inspire youth

through their journey. Sanika Laltwan, daughter of Shamsher Singh from Sandhadi village, began her martial arts journey with Wushu in 2016, later transitioning to Taekwondo and Kickboxing. She has earned several medals, including gold at the 2023 Khelo India Games and the 2025 International Kickboxing Championship in Delhi. A graduate of Sanjauli College, Sanika credits her

Beijing's Water Cube to host World Aquatics Diving World Cup Super Final

Beijing, April 16 (UNI) : The World Aquatics 2025 Diving World Cup Super Final will be held at the National Aquatics Center, known as "Water Cube" in Beijing, from May 2 to 4. The diving event will see a participation of some 70 divers from 16 countries and regions, the organizing committee told a press conference on Wednesday. "The Super Final represents the highest level of diving competitions in the world. Top Chinese divers will try to perform their best for home audience," said Li Jun, deputy director of the Swimming Management Center of the General Administration of Sport of China.

The 2025 Diving World Cup consists of three legs. Before the Super Final to be staged in Beijing, Chinese divers pocketed a total of 15 gold medals in the first two World Cup events in Guadalajara, Mexico and Windsor, Canada. There will be 9 golds on offer in the Super Final, including the men's 3m springboard, women's 3m springboard, men's synchronized 3m springboard, women's synchronized 3m springboard, men's 10m platform, women's 10m platform, men's synchronized 10m platform, women's synchronized 10m platform, and the mixed team.

According to the organizers, the tickets of the Super Final will be on sales since Thursday, and more than 20 licensed products will provide a better experience for the audience to enjoy the event during the five-day Labor Day holiday starting from May 1. Zhang Yun, deputy director of Beijing Sports Competitions Administration and International Exchange Center, said, "The 'Water Cube' is a symbolic 'dual Olympic' venue in Beijing with excellent facilities. The organizing committee will strive to present a grand diving event with integrated development of sports, culture and tourism."

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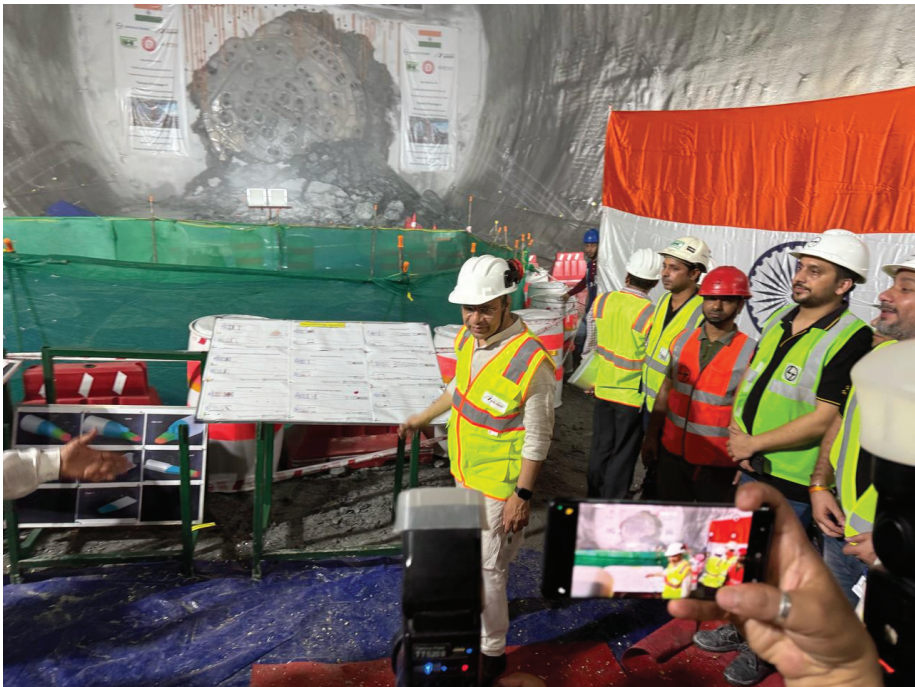
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Bharat’s longest transport tunnel of Rishikesh - Karnaprayag project tunnel braking ceromany by Minister Ashwini Viashnav

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, April 16 : Today’s Bharat’s longest transport tunnel Tunnel no 8 of Rishikesh - Karnaprayag project tunnel braking ceromany witnessed by Mr Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister of railways ,IT & Meity , CM Uttarakhand and Local MP Shri Anil Balono ji“Tunnel No. 8 having length 14.58 km in Rishikesh- Karanprayag Railway Project is going to be the longest transport tunnel in India.

Presently Rail Tunnel – 12.75 Km between Khari and Sumer Stations on Katra-Banihal Section of Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL)“Road Tunnel- 9.02 Km- Atal tunnel regarded as longest road tunnel in Manali-Leh Highway.

Salient features
12 stations, 19 major bridges , 38 minor bridges
Total length of project : 125.20
83 % of this is tunnel (104km)
14.72 % is open cutting embankments (18.4 km)
2.21 % is important bridges (3.07 Km)
Total length of main tunnel 104 km and no of tunnel is 16
“Total tunnel length of the project is 213.57 km (16 Main tunnel of 104 km , 12 escape tunnel of 97.72km and 7.05km cross passage)
Longest Tunnel : 14.58
Bridge length : half a Km Srinagar Bridge no 09
Bridge height 46.9 m
Gauchar Bridge 15
Longest span bridge : 125 m Devprayag bridge 06
Tunnel:
Beyond km 6.00, the alignment is in tunnels. 16



tunnels have been divided in 10 packages. DD&PMC contracts completed the design work in all the packages.“Tunnelling works of all tunnels started simultaneously.

Present Tunnelling progress (including Main Tunnel, Escape Tunnel, Adits & Cross passage) is 195 km against a total scope of 213km.
Eight Adits in various tunnels were identified for creating additional work faces of tunnel excavation for facilitating early completion of long tunnels and were completed before the start of Main Tunneling work.

Tunneling and T-08 tunnel IR has total tunnel length till 2014 was 125 km and since 2014 tunneling done is 468.08 km ie 3.7 times
This is first successful TBM use in tunneling in Himalayan geological terrain and first in IR
TBM single shield 9.11 meter excavation dia has tunneled 10.4 km NATM has tunneled 4.11 km.
First 600 mt from portal 01 was done by NATM to launch TBM . From portal 2

Janasu end NATM worked continuously .

Geological Setting:
Formation: The tunnel predominantly traverses the Chandpur Formation of the Jaunsar Group.

Rock Type: The principal rock unit is Chandpur Phyllite, which includes:“Quartzitic and Schistose Phyllite with Intercalations of Quartzite Rocks“Presence of Quartz Veins

Rock Mass Characteristics:
Structure: Closely to very closely jointed and Foliated

Weathering & Strength: Slightly to moderately weathered and Moderately weak to moderately strong rock mass

Geological Variability: High variability in rock mass conditions along the tunnel alignment.

Investigation Constraints:
Access Difficulty: Challenging access due to rugged Himalayan terrain, leading to limited geological data.

Geological Investigations: Initial

Boreholes: 7 nos., total length 1196 m. Additional Boreholes: 2 nos., total length 1077 m.

Overburden: Maximum Overburden: 800 m (Approx 1 KM), Minimum Overburden: 70m

Tunnel Behaviour: Squeezing, very high Squeezing behaviour anticipated, especially under average to high overburden conditions due to weak rock mass conditions and depth.

Key Challenges in TBM Tunnel Construction

1. Geological Complexity: Presence of heterogeneous rock conditions—ranging from poor to medium and hard rock—poses significant challenges for excavation and support.“Squeezing ground conditions in approximately 20% of the tunnel route, requiring uninterrupted TBM operation except at designated stops.“Medium to high overburden and deep seated landslides could involve large deformations/movements.

2. TBM Operation & Constraints:

Need for non-stop TBM progress along with ongoing geological and geophysical investigations during construction.

Risk of TBM entrapment in squeezing zones.

TBM must navigate through difficult terrain and varying ground conditions without unscheduled stoppages, demanding high system reliability and responsive support.

3. Water Ingress:

Significant water inflow identified in two major zones, with a maximum inflow rate of 2000 lpm, posing risks to equipment, safety, and progress rates. Probable water in Nallas locations.

4. Other Challenges: Logistics & Transportation:

Continuous transport of materials and segments along a 30 km national highway, complicated by Monsoon season impacts (e.g., landslides, road closures) and Yatra (pilgrimage) season traffic congestion

Material and segment delivery must remain uninterrupted, placing pressure on logistics and supply chain reliability.

Backfill Grouting System: GROUT pipeline system spans over 11 km, requiring frequent cleaning and maintenance; Adaptation to different mix designs across tunnel segments due to varied geological and structural conditions

Parallel Construction Activities:

Simultaneous execution of multiple construction activities: Cross passages, Tunnel excavation and TBM operation logistics

Efficiency and Excellence shine at Western Railway’s 70th Railway Week celebrations

GM conferred 26 Efficiency Shields to Divisions/Units in various categories



In the 1st photo, Mr Ashok Kumar Misra - General Manager, Western Railway & Smt. Kshama Misra – President of Western Railway Women Welfare Organization is seen lighting the ceremonial lamp. In the 2nd photo, Shri Ashok Kumar Misra is addressing the gathering.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 16 : Western Railway’s 70th Railway Week Award function was held on Wednesday, 16th April, 2025 at Yashwantrao Chavan Auditorium, Nariman Point. This award function is held every year to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of WR’s team of officers and employees who are always ready to face challenges. During the Railway Week, Efficiency Shields are presented to Divisions/ Units in various categories. On this momentous occasion, General Manager, Shri Ashok Kumar Misra conferred 26 Efficiency Shields to the Divisions & the Units which have been adjudged the most efficient in various fields, including

Vadodara & Mumbai Central Divisions, while the Operating Shield has been bagged jointly by Mumbai Central & Ahmedabad Divisions. Mumbai Central Depot won the Shield for Best Maintained Mail/ Express Train, for Train No. 12953/54 August Kranti Rajdhani Express. Lower Parel Workshop of Mumbai Central Division and Dahod Workshop of Ratlam Division are the joint winners of the Best Workshop Shield (Mechanical).

Mr Vineet further informed that Vadodara Division bagged the Best Loading Efforts & the Scrap Mobilization Shields. The Civil Engineering Shield has been won jointly by Vadodara & Ahmedabad Divisions. Ahmedabad

Inter Divisional Shield for Track Machines (Civil Engineering).

The Personnel Shield has been jointly bagged by Bhavnagar & Rajkot Divisions, while the Energy Efficiency Shield and the Rail Madad Shield has been bagged by Rajkot Division. The Shields were awarded by Shri Ashok Kumar Misra to respective Divisional Railway Managers, Chief Works Managers and Depot Incharges.

On this occasion, Smt. Kshama Misra – President of Western Railway Women Welfare Organization (WRWWO), Addl. General Manager of W.Rly along with Principal Heads of Departments, and senior officers were present. In his address, Shri Misra extended his greetings on

CR Glorious 172 Years of Pioneering Journey



(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, April 16 : Indian Railways completed 172 glorious years. The first train in Asian subcontinent (and India) which ran between Mumbai and Thane on April 16, 1853 was flagged off from Boribunder (the place where CSMT presently stands). As the years passed, the Great Indian Peninsula Railway which ran the first train merged with the Indian Midland Railway Company in 1900 and extended its frontiers from Delhi in the North, Kanpur and Allahabad in the North-east and Nagpur in the East to Raichur in the South-east.

On 5 November 1951, Central Railway was formed by integrating Nizam State, Scindia State and Dholpur State Railways. Presently Central Railway with its 5

divisions i.e. Mumbai, Bhusaval, Nagpur, Solapur and Pune has a network over 4322.55 route km in the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka. CR serves these states through 492 stations.

From the first train in April 1853 to the most modern train of India, Vande Bharat Express, Railways have successfully expanded its network in last 172 years. Presently Central Railway runs 10 Vande Bharat Express trains, viz. CSMT-Sainagar Shirdi, CSMT-Solapur, CSMT-Madgaon, CSMT-Jalna, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Nagpur-Indore, Nagpur – Secunderabad, Kalaburgi – Bengaluru, Pune – Hubli and Pune - Kolhapur Vande Bharat.

Central Railway is also at the forefront with achievement of many firsts.

Some notable achievements among them are: first Shatabdi Express, first Jan Shatabdi Express, first Tejas Express to name a few. It has definitely come a long way with some of the oldest trains like Punjab Mail still running and popular among its passengers even after 100 years.

Running the first electric train service in India between Bombay VT and Kurla Harbour on 3rd Feb 1925 laid the foundation of Electrification of Railways.

Today, Central Railway has achieved 100% electrification and the suburban network has also steadily increased. Presently Central Railway has five suburban corridors. The suburban services which started from 3 coaches have gradually increased to 9 coaches, 12 coaches even services with

15 coaches. AC suburban services have also been introduced to make travel more convenient and comfortable. From today onwards 14 more AC services have been introduced taking the total number of AC Services to 80 on Mumbai suburban.

The originating loading which was 16.58 million tonnes at the time of formation, has now increased to 82.52 million tonnes in the year 2024-25. Apart from this, infrastructure works like construction of new railway lines, doubling, construction of bridges, and 80 stations being upgraded under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS).

The Neral-Matheran Light Railway has also completed its glorious 118 years. The Neral-Matheran railway construction started in 1904 and the two feet gauge line finally opened to traffic in 1907. As a precautionary measure, the line used to be closed during the monsoons, however, shuttle services between Aman Lodge and Matheran were introduced from 29.9.2012, to run even in monsoon. Central Railway has undertaken several infrastructural works on this section to ensure a safe and comfortable ride to its passengers and services on Neral – Matheran NG line.

JK Medical Council signs MoU with Asia Pacific Division and UNESCO Chair

Srinagar, April 16 (UNI) : The Jammu and Kashmir Medical Council (JKMC) on Wednesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Asia Pacific Division and the Department of Education, International Chair in Bioethics (UNESCO Chair).

The MoU aims to foster collaboration in bioethics and medical ethics training across medical institutions in the region. The MoU establishes a framework for joint initiatives, including curriculum development, research, faculty development, and the integration of ethical training into undergraduate and postgraduate medical programs. A statement by JKMC said the MoU also outlines the use of innovative teaching and assessment methods, encouraging academic exchange, and the organization of joint conferences, seminars, and workshops. Further, JK Medical Council in collaboration with the global network for medical, health professions and bioethics education, Melbourne, Australia conducted one-day J&K Medical Council - Medical Faculty Training program in Ethics and Medical Education at Government Medical College, Srinagar today.



Mr Ashok Kumar Misra - General Manager, Western Railway presenting the GM’s Overall Efficiency Shield for 2024 - 25 to Ahmedabad Division for its outstanding overall performance.

the prestigious & coveted General Manager’s Overall Efficiency Shield for the year 2024-25. Ahmedabad Division bagged GM’s Overall Efficiency Shield for 2024 - 25 for best overall performance. The Best Improvement Shield was awarded to Rajkot Division.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, Mumbai Central Division bagged the Traction, Environment and House keeping Management (EnHM), Medical and Safety Shields. The Rolling Stock Shield has been jointly bagged by

Division bagged the Commercial, Security Shields as well as Inter Division Shield for Best Road Safety Works Performance towards Elimination of Level Crossing (Civil Engineering). The Survey & Construction Shield has been jointly bagged by Ahmedabad & Ratlam Divisions

The Running Room at Ujjain (Ratlam Division) has been adjudged as the Best Maintained Running Room. Ratlam Division bagged the Stores Shield (Dahod District), Accounts, Rajbhasha, Signal & Telecom Shields as well as

the occasion of 70th Railway Week. He mentioned that, WR has achieved several milestones, inspite of many challenges. He also enumerated the various accomplishments over Western Railway in the year 2024-25 and encouraged the workforce to give their optimum to achieve the organizational goals.

On this occasion, an entertaining cultural programme was also held. At the outset, Principal Chief Personnel Officer of WR welcomed the guests and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Deputy General Manager (General).

Bandra Terminus - Barauni Express diverted

(Standard Post Bureau)

Ratlam., April 16 : Train No. 19037 Bandra Terminus - Barauni Express running through Western Railway Ratlam Division was decided to run on diverted route on journey start date 19.04.2025 and 20.04.2025 due to block in North Eastern Railway Varanasi Division. Keeping in mind the

convenience of the passengers, the said route change has been canceled and now the trains of the said dates will run on their regular route. There is no change in the arrival departure time, stoppage etc. of this train. For updated information about the arrival /departure time of trains, passengers can please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.