

IN BRIEF

Young woman kills minor daughter, later commits suicide

Mumbai, April 24 (UNI) : A 25-year-old woman allegedly strangled her six-year-old daughter to death before committing suicide by hanging herself in their flat in Ghansoli area of neighbouring Navi Mumbai, police said here on Thursday.

The deceased have been identified as Priyanka Mahadev Kamble (25) and her daughter Vaishnavi (6).

According to police, the incident is suspected to have been triggered by Priyanka's deteriorating health and resulting depression. She was reportedly undergoing treatment for high blood pressure.

Priyanka lived with her husband, Mahadev Kamble, and daughter in Mahashera wali Apartment at Chinchali, Ghansoli. The incident occurred on Wednesday night when Mahadev was not at home.

During his absence, Priyanka is believed to have strangled her daughter around midnight and then used a scarf to end her own life by hanging. Police have registered a case of accidental death and are conducting further investigation to understand the circumstances that led to the tragedy.

NCP holds silent protest to condemn Pahalgam terror attack

Mumbai, April 24 (UNI) : The NCP (AP), a constituent of ruling Mahayuti, on Thursday staged a silent protest by wearing black armbands in front of the Mahatma Gandhi's statue to condemn dastardly terrorist attack that took place in Pahalgam of Jammu and Kashmir recently.

The protest was led by state party president and MP Sunil Tatkare.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Anna Bansode, Ministers Hasan Mushrif, Narhari Zirwal, Makarand Patil, Indranil Naik, Aditi Tatkare, Women's wing state president Rupali Chakankar, former minister Anil Bhaidas Patil, MLAs Sunil Shelke, Shivajirao Garje, Idris Nayakvadi, Pankaj Bhujbal, chief spokesperson Anand Paranjpe, Youth wing state president Suraj Chavan, state spokesperson Sanjay Tatkare and many other party office-bearers and workers.

'Institutional capacity of districts must be strengthened to make economy \$1 trillion'



Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday instructed to strengthen institutional capacity in districts through the State Data Policy in each district to increase the state's Gross Domestic Product (GSDP) by 14.5 per cent every year to make the state's economy a trillion dollar.

He was speaking at the meeting of the governing board of the Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA), which was formed as a think tank on the lines of NITI

Aayog in November 2022 to provide strategic, technical, and functional direction for the state's development.

CM's directives come at a time when the state government faces capital formation challenges as Maharashtra's budget has on, y 12 per cent outlay on capital formation.

The state's gross capital formation as part of GSDP is only 23-24 per cent and raising taxes or reducing subsidies is not a viable option and other options need to be explored raising international capital and

monetisation of idle public assets. The state government is raising \$188 million from the World Bank for strengthening districts, \$500 million has been raised from Asian Development Bank for strengthening of tertiary health care, \$280 million mobilised from World Bank under SMART project, \$500 million for flood water diversion of Krishna waters to drought prone areas and \$1 billion is being raised from AIB for providing 5 lakh solar pumps to farmers.

He also directed to deepen small irrigation

projects outside the catchment area of large dams and construct new storage tanks with the financial assistance of the World Bank for flood control in Kolhapur and Sangli districts. The MITRA CEO Pravin Pardeshi made a presentation on the measures that can be taken to formulate the necessary policies to make the state's economy a trillion dollars. Also, a review of the Maha STRIDE (Maharashtrav Strengthening of Institutional Capabilities in Districts for Enabling

Growth) project and the Maharashtra Responsive Development Project was conducted.

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the preliminary project report to be submitted to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Central government was approved on this occasion.

The Chief Minister directed to present the project implemented by the World Bank and external assistance as per the time-bound program given in the SOP. Meanwhile, to speed up government work and provide training to officers and employees, MITRA today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Universal AI University in the presence of the chief minister. Also, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed among MITRA, the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai (IIT Mumbai), VoRGPedia and other organisations to increase the use of artificial intelligence in government work.

Leaders back govt's action on Pakistan after Pahalgam terror attack

New Delhi, April 24 (UNI) : Leaders of all the political parties on Thursday came together in a show of solidarity and unanimously supported the action taken by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) with regard to Pakistan, following the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam which claimed the lives of 26 tourists.

The Government had convened an all-party meeting, which was chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

All the leaders present in the meeting also unanimously expressed support for any future action the government would take to fight against terrorism.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, S Jaishankar, Kiren Rijiju, JP Nadda, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav, Sudip Bandopadhyay of TMC, BJD's Sasmit Patra, Supriya Sule of NCP-SP, AAP's Sanjay Singh among others.

Talking to media after the conclusion of the meeting, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said, "All leaders have in unanimous voice supported the action taken by the CCS with regards to Pakistan and also unanimously expressed support for any future action the government would take to fight against terrorism."

He said that the government has already explained to floor leaders that "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the government will adopt zero tolerance towards the terror activities in the country". "All the political leaders have expressed their solidarity with the government for all the action that the government is taking and the government would take in the future," Rijiju said.

The Minister said some leaders sought clarifications which were addressed by seniors officials with their presentations. He said a two-minute silence was also observed to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the heinous terror attack.

Meanwhile, Mallikarjun Kharge after the meeting said, "We all strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attack. It is very important to establish peace in Jammu and Kashmir, for which the government will have to make serious efforts."

Police release identities and sketches of 2 Pakistanis

Srinagar, April 24 (UNI) : J&K police on Thursday released sketches of three terrorists, including two Pakistani nationals, allegedly involved in the Pahalgam terror attack, and detained over 1,500 suspects for questioning as part of the ongoing investigation, top security officials said here.

In one of the deadliest terror attacks in J&K, 25 tourists and a local resident were shot dead on Tuesday at Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam. The attack plunged the nation into mourning. Police released sketches of three attackers and identified them as Adil Hussain Thokar from

Anantnag and two Pakistanis - Ali Bahi alias Talha Bahi and Hashim Musa alias Suleman.

Police have also announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh for each of the three attackers. "The three are involved in the terrorist attack on civilians in Baisaran Pahalgam," police

said. Sources said a local militant Thokar alias Aadil Guree, a resident of Bijbehara, travelled to Pakistan in 2018 on valid travel document after completing his post-graduation in Urdu. Security agencies believe that he returned last year and was active in south Kashmir.

Hours after the attack, the Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility for the attack on tourists. Meanwhile, in a major crackdown, around 1,500 suspects have been detained from several districts of the valley in the last two days for questioning.



India briefs envoys of G20 nations on Pahalgam terror attack and Pakistan's link to it

India today briefed the envoys of G20 nations and those from many other close partner nations on the Pahalgam terror attack and Pakistan's links to it. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefed the envoys and top diplomats of Estonia, Slovak Republic, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Ireland, Greece, Iceland, Malaysia, Switzerland, Germany, France, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Oman, UAE, Qatar, Norway on the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 tourists were brutally gunned down.

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Plan to set up centre for sterilisation of monkeys in ...



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Restoration of public trust important than partisan ...



Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo on Thursday said that Pahalgam terror attack is related to the country's security and the restoration of public trust through the steps taken by the central government is far more important than partisan politics and accusations-counter accusations.

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Double Olympic champion Dalilah Muhammad enthralled ...



Double Olympic champion and former 400m hurdles world record holder Dalilah Muhammad arrived in Bengaluru on Thursday to serve as the International Event Ambassador for the 17th edition of the TCS World 10K, scheduled to be held on April 27.

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BNCMC organized a program on "World Tuberculosis Day"



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Student knife attack at French school leaves 1 dead, 3 injured

Govt failed to ensure security of tourists: Akhilesh

भिवंडी निजामपूर शहर महानगरपालिका

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Pakistani Rangers arrest BSF trooper after he strays into Pak territory

CENTRAL RAILWAY
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Sr. No. 1 Name of work:- Structural Repairs and Strengthening of 192 Nos. BCFM/BCFCM1 Wagons for a period of Six Months **Approx Cost.** ₹ 1,41,37,344/- **Cost of tender form (Rs.)** NIL **EMD (Rs)** ₹ 220700/- **Completion Period** 12 months The time and date for submission of above e-tenders will be up to **15.00 hrs on 14.05.2025.** Complete details of e-tender is available at official railway website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> **Open tender notice no:- BD.WRW.02.BCFC.SR Dt:-23.04.2025**

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
Electrical Department
E-TENDER NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of the President of India invites online e-tenders on Railways e-procurement website www.irps.gov.in from reputed, experienced & licensed Electrical contractors for the following works. **Tender No. SUR/DT/2024/16R1**

Name of work: Electrical TRD portion of work in connection with Provision of safety fencing (ACB & Fixed knot fencing) along the track under 1) CPWI/DUD from SUR-AKOR 2) CPWI/DUD from AKOR-DUD 3) CPWI/KLGB Part-1 (DUD-HHD) 4) CPWI/KLGB Part-2 (HHD-HQR) 5) CPWI/SDB (Re-invitation) **Estimated cost:-** ₹ 1,29,85,304.22 Bid Security:- ₹ 2,14,900/- **Completion Period:-** 12 months **Validity of offer:-** 60 Days **Date & time of tender closing on website:-** 20/05/2025 at 15:00 hours.

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खतरनाक व विद्युत् चक्र सामान के साथ यात्रा करना दंडनीय अपराध है।



Fans celebrate Kannada actor Dr Rajkumar's 97th birth anniversary, in Chikmagalur, Karnataka on Thursday.

Couple arrested for sex in Navi Mumbai moving bus, notice issued to bus conductor

Mumbai, April 24 (UNI) : In a bizarre incident, a young couple was caught allegedly engaging in intimate act inside an air-conditioned (AC) bus operated by the Navi Mumbai Municipal Transport (NMMT). While civic authorities in neighbouring Navi Mumbai city has issued a show-cause notice to the bus conductor for his alleged failure to notice or take any action against the couple during the journey, an official said here on Thursday.

Local Kamothe police station has registered an offence of obscene act in a public place against the couple under Section 296 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Couple were arrested and later released on bail.

According to the law, an obscene act in a public place can attract a jail term of three months and / or fine of Rs 1,000. According to details, the incident occurred on Sunday evening on a bus travelling from Panvel to Kalyan when a couple, in their early 20s, were captured seating near a window in the back row. The video, allegedly recorded by a commuter from a nearby vehicle, captured the couple’s act which went viral among the netizens. The Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) has launched internal proceedings against conductor Jalendhar Jadhav.

What else will happen when atmosphere of religious hatred is created: Uddhav Thackeray's Saamana

Mumbai, April 24 (IANS) Shiv Sena (UBT) in a scathing editorial in its mouthpiece 'Saamana' has claimed that terrorism in J&K is not over yet and the Kashmir policy has failed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure. The party said this will happen when an "atmosphere of religious hatred is created in the country".

"This issue will not be resolved by threatening Pakistan. Such threats make PM Modi's devotees feel good. Pakistan's back was left to be broken. In Pahalgam, terrorists attacked the back of the fake saviours of Hindus. It further alleged that PM Modi and other leaders are giving empty threats and warnings to Pakistan to enter their homes. In reality, terrorists are entering India by crossing the border and killing innocent Hindus. Kashmir is in turmoil under the BJP rule. What else will happen when an atmosphere of religious hatred is created in the entire country?"

“Most of those killed are Hindus. Some are Muslims. After Pulwama, the Pahalgam attack was a complete failure of the intelligence agencies. Where has the National Security Advisor, who poses as James Bond, gone? Prime Minister Modi repeatedly says that this country is in safe hands. PM Modi lies. When PM Modi announced demonetization, he said, 'Now the backs of terrorists will be broken.' When Amit Shah abrogated Article 370 and made Jammu and Kashmir a Union Territory, he announced, 'Now terrorism in the valley is over'. But here, rivers of blood are flowing every day and his spit of lies is mixing with it," said the editorial while upping the criticism against the BJP-led government at the Centre.

“Terrorism in the Kashmir Valley is not over. Since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, 197 security personnel have been killed in Kashmir. 135 civilians have been killed. 700 suspected militants have been killed. This is not a sign that the violence in the Valley has ended. Hindus are being 'targeted', and the promises made by Modi for the Kashmiri Pandits in the 2014 elections have not yet been fulfilled. Not only have Kashmiri Pandits not returned home, but the remaining Hindus are also fleeing. The BJP government, which calls itself the saviour of Hindus, should be ashamed of this," the editorial said. “For the past decade, the country has been spreading the poison of Hindu-Muslim hatred and creating an atmosphere of constant riots.

Zeeshan Siddiqui death threat mail sender traced to server near US

Mumbai, April 24 (UNI) : Mumbai crime branch along with Cyber cell of the city police, probing the threat emails received by NCP leader Zeeshan Siddique, the son of former state minister Baba Siddique shot last year, have traced them to a server located in a country near the US, police sources said.

The sender does not appear to be linked to any gang, police sources on Thursday.

The sender of the mails claims to be linked to fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim's 'D Company'.

Police said prima facie the person sending the mails doesn't appear to be linked to any gang.

Police are, however, conducting a further technical probe to confirm whether the server they have tracked is the one used by the accused and not one obtained via Virtual Private Network (VPN).

The Bandra police station had earlier registered an offence after former MLA received a death threat via email.

Police resorts to lathi charge after local football match in Kolhapur

Kolhapur, April 24 (UNI) : The city police resorted to a mild lathi charge at Shahu stadium here on Thursday to disperse a mob of unruly spectators after supporters of two local football teams broke in a scuffle following victory of a team.

According to sources in police, there was a match between two local teams Shivaji Tarun Mandal (STM) and Vetalmal Talim Mandal (VTM), in which STM won by 3-0 goals in Atal Cup Football competition.

Angry over humiliating defeat of their favourite team, irate VTM supporters went berserk and started beating STM supporters, throwing stones and bottles at them.

Officers can be suspended for leaving HQ without permission: Minister, Chandrashekhar

Mumbai, April 24 (UNI) : The Revenue Department has issued a circular warning that officers found repeatedly leaving their headquarters without prior approval will face suspension and other disciplinary actions.

The department has come down hard on officers not performing their duties in public service. This directive has been issued in coordination with the General Administration Department.

According to an official media statement issued from the office of Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Thursday, it was noticed that several subordinate officers, ranging from tehsildars to newly promoted additional collectors, to officials under the inspector general of registration and controller of stamps and officials under the director of land records, were frequently absent from headquarters without proper authorisation.

Upon verification of these complaints by Bawankule, the findings were confirmed, prompting immediate issuance of the circular.

The circular instructs that if a subordinate officer is found to be leaving headquarters without prior permission, they should first receive a strict warning. If the behaviour continues, disciplinary proceedings should be initiated immediately, including suspension if necessary.

The department emphasised that in critical meetings or emergencies, such absences cause administrative hurdles. Often, the public is left waiting for services, only to find officers missing. Only

Symbiosis Skills varsity provides training, certificates to 29 employees of Avinash Cargo Pvt Ltd

Pune, April 24 (UNI) : In order to keep them abreast with technologies like Digital Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, the city-based Symbiosis Skills University has provided training and certificates to 29 managerial-level employees of Avinash Cargo Pvt Ltd on various topics.

The School of Ports, Terminal Management and Logistics at Symbiosis Skills and Professional University successfully conducted a four-month Leadership Development Programme (January–April 2025) for the managerial employees of Avinash Cargo Pvt Ltd (ACPL).

The impactful journey

Ban on only triple talaq not on Talaq-e-Ahsan

Mumbai, Apr 24 (UNI) The Bombay High Court in its order said that under the law, only instant triple talaq — known as Talaq-e-Biddat -- is banned while traditional method of divorce known as Talaq-e-Ahsan is permissible.

The order was passed recently by the Aurngabad bench of the Bombay high court, consisting of Justices Vibha Kankanwadi and Sanjay Deshmukh, quashed a 2024 FIR (first information report) filed by a woman in Jalgaon against her husband and in-laws under Section 4 of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act.

This section criminalises instant triple talaq with punishment of up to three years in jail. The court clarified that only those forms of Talaq which have an instantaneous and irrevocable effect fall under the purview of the law.

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2. Umaji Malhari Gaikwad				

Place : Mumbai
Date: 25.04.2025

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09003	MUMBAI CENTRAL - DELHI (Bi-Weekly)	Tuesday & Friday	27.06.2025
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For detailed information regarding timings, halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

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Plan to set up centre for sterilisation of monkeys in Konkan under review: Naik

Mumbai, April 24 (UNI) : A proposal to set up a centre for the sterilisation of monkeys is under consideration to curb the

large-scale nuisance caused by monkeys and apes to orchards and agricultural crops in Konkan, said Forest Minister Ganesh Naik on Thursday.

He was speaking at a meeting chaired by him regarding the problems faced by farmers in Dapoli taluka of Ratnagiri district due to wild animals.

Additional chief secretary of the forest department Milind Mhaiskar, deputy secretary Vivek Hosing, Kolhapur Chief Conservator of Forests (Regional) RM Ramanujan were present on this occasion. In Dapoli taluka, wild boars, monkeys and apes are causing a lot of damage to agriculture and now monkeys and apes are coming to the village and damaging household items as well, Santosh Mahajan said. The number of monkeys and apes has increased significantly in Konkan. Giving compensation after the damage to agriculture by wild animals cannot be a permanent solution. Long-term preventive measures are needed to prevent this damage.

For this, a proposal to set up a deworming centre in Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts is being considered for the deworming of monkeys and apes.

Forest Minister Naik said there will be no shortage of funds to implement long-term measures to prevent damage to orchards and

agriculture from wild animals.

ADDENDUM

This is in context of the earlier public notice dated ... published in ...04/04.... on ...2025... and it is hereby declared and clarified that it be read as Tal & Dist Palghar instead of Tal Vasai Dist Palghar as notified earlier

CENTRAL RAILWAY

'Out-Sourcing of cleaning of Air Handling Unit (AHU) filters, AHU air ducts and its grills in siemens EMU rakes, Qty-288 coaches'

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (EMU), 2nd floor, New Admn. Bldg., Carriage Workshop, Central Railway, Matunga, Mumbai- 19, invites open e-tender for the work of "Out-sourcing of cleaning of Air Handling Unit (AHU) filters, AHU air ducts and its grills in Siemens EMU rakes, Qty-288 coaches at Matunga workshop.",

Approx. Cost of work - ₹43,15,968.00/-, **EMD** - ₹86,300/-, **tender Document Cost** Rs. Nil, **Completion Period**— 12 months, **Closing date/time** - 23.05.2025 up to 15:00 hrs., Tender shall be accepted only in E-Tendering format through the website www.ireps.gov.in. Tender document is available in website. **Tender No.** EMUWK SPOHELECTAHU1101-25.

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खरलाक व सिस्कोक सामान के साथ यात्रा करना दंडनीय अवराज है

Mumbai on high alert after Kashmir terror attack

Mumbai, April 24 (UNI) : Mumbai, the financial capital of the country, was put on an alert following the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, which killed 28 people.

The coastal areas and all beaches around Mumbai have been put on alert, officials said here on Thursday.

Patrolling was intensified across the city, with surprise checks being conducted through the midnight, police sources said and informed that the move is a precautionary step aimed at tightening coastal surveillance and preventing any spillover risks in the aftermath of the attack, the worst since the Pulwama attack in 2019.

All senior police inspectors of respective police stations and deputy commissioners of police of various zones are instructed to remain more alert and vigilant in their jurisdictions, an official said, adding that police are conducting 'nakabandis', road blocks (security checks) at various spots in the metropolis. The Maharashtra Home Department has instructed the Mumbai Police to increase vigilance at sea and tighten security at all public places. A directive in this regard was circulated to all the departments of police. Meanwhile, the state government was in the process of collating the data about the visitors from the state who had gone to Pahalgam for tourism. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has named the two deceased from Maharashtra as Dilip Disle and Atul Mone and said that a couple of other tourists from the state were injured.

concluded with a Certificate distribution ceremony. The second batch of the programme included team leads and frontline leaders from the CRM team, Sales team, Logistics Operations and Export Operations Management, representing the second division of ACPL. A total of 29 participants received training in various subject areas. The impactful journey concluded with a Certificate distribution ceremony, said a release here on Thursday.



BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA

Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Shatabdi Municipal General Hospital, Govandi (E), Mumbai - 400 088.

No.HO/637/CHG, Dt. 23-04-2025

NOTICE

Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Shatabdi Municipal General Hospital, Govandi (E) (MGC/H/ 5810/ approval of the Municipal Commissioner dated March 20, 2025) and for 22 months (with a break of one day after 179 days) on temporary contract basis 01 Part time Registrar Assistant candidate is invited to take the above services from a local registered NGO (Mumbai Public Trustee System) in a sealed envelope.

Application form to interested NGO Shatabdi Municipal General Hospital, Govandi (E) (For 01 Part Time Registration Assistant Rs. 726/- plus Goods and Services Tax by receipt of cash or bank DD in the name of "Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation" at Municipal Civic Facility Center (CFC) from 24.04.2025 to 05.05.2025 between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM (excluding GAC holidays and weekly holidays), from the list of eligible institutions. The Chief Medical Officer will allot the work to the institutes who are successful in the lottery process as per the terms and conditions.

Interested organizations should contact the administrative office of the said hospital between 11:00 am to 05:00 am for more details, application and will etc.

The last date for the organization to apply to the said hospital is 05.05.2025 till 01:00 PM. Documents received in the said case dt. It will be opened on 06.05.2025 at 11:00 AM.

Sd/-
Chief Medical Officer (I/C)
Shatabdi Municipal General Hospital, Govandi (E).

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India proves to be high-growth market for consumer products MNCs

India is quickly shedding its reputation as a daunting emerging market and is delivering superior returns to winning global consumer products companies, a new report said on Thursday.

For some leading multinational companies (MNCs), India affiliates deliver total shareholder return of between two and six times that of their global parents.

When looking at those with Indian revenue contribution of at least \$100 million, the report by Bain & Company found that 60 per cent of the Indian affiliates’ revenues are growing at least double of their parent companies’ growth rate.

“Companies already investing in India are benefiting from accelerated growth, higher shareholder returns, and opportunities to shape globally relevant products,” said Ravi Swarup, head of Bain’s Consumer Products practice in India.

MNCs that have not entered the market must act now — or risk missing out on a vital growth engine and long-term strategic advantage, he added.

India is the third-largest contributor to consumer products growth among emerging markets over the past decade.

In the next 5-6 years, it will see the highest increase in working-age population globally and the fastest growth for income per capita among the top five consumer products emerging markets, which also include China, Brazil, Mexico, and Russia.

While India has traditionally been considered a difficult market for MNCs, it has made tremendous improvements to barriers.

Rapid digital adoption and widespread smartphone and internet penetration have enabled companies to effectively reach India’s diverse population.

According to the report, e-commerce and quick commerce have grown 2–3 times faster in value than traditional and modern trade channels, diminishing the need for an extensive traditional trade network to enter the market. Digital payments are also gaining popularity, with 45 per cent of Internet users adopting them for transactions.

Nikhil Ojha, head of Bain’s Strategy practice in the Asia-Pacific region, said that “What we are seeing is a market where both legacy players and new entrants can win, but only if they rewire their approach to be truly India-centric.”

PM Modi launches development works worth over Rs 13,480 crore in Madhubani, Bihar marking National Panchayati Raj Day

(Standard Post Bureau)

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated, laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 13,480 crore in Madhubani, Bihar today on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day. The Prime Minister appealed to everyone at the event to observe silence and pray for the departed souls in the Pahalgam attacks on 22 April 2025. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, he said that on the occasion of Panchayati Raj Day, the entire nation is connected with Mithila and Bihar. He remarked that projects worth thousands of crores of rupees, aimed at Bihar's development, have been inaugurated and foundations laid for, emphasising that these initiatives in electricity, railways, and infrastructure will create new employment opportunities in Bihar. He paid tributes to the great poet and national icon, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar Ji, on his death anniversary.

Remarking that Bihar is the land where Mahatma Gandhi expanded the mantra of Satyagraha, Shri Modi highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's firm belief that India's rapid development is only possible when its villages are strong. He emphasized that the concept of Panchayati Raj was rooted in this sentiment. “Over the past decade, continuous steps have been taken to empower Panchayats. Technology has played a significant role in strengthening Panchayats, with over 2 lakh Gram Panchayats connected to the internet in the last decade”, he added. Shri Modi pointed out that more than 5.5 lakh Common Service Centers have been established in villages, underlining that the digitalization of Panchayats has brought additional benefits, such as easy access to documents like birth and death certificates, and landholding certificates. He remarked that while the nation received a new Parliament building after decades of independence, 30,000 new Panchayat Bhawans have also been constructed across the country. He also highlighted that ensuring adequate funds for Panchayats has been a priority for the government. “Over the past decade, Panchayats have received more than ₹2 lakh crore, all of which has been utilized for the development of villages”, he said.

Highlighting that one of the major issues faced by Gram Panchayats has been related to land disputes, the Prime Minister mentioned the frequent disagreements over which land is residential, agricultural, Panchayat-owned, or government-owned. He emphasized that to address this issue, the digitization of land records is being undertaken, which has helped resolve unnecessary disputes effectively.

Shri Modi underscored that Panchayats have strengthened social



participation, remarking that Bihar was the first state in the country to provide 50% reservation for women in Panchayats. He emphasized that today, a significant number of women from economically weaker sections, Dalits, Mahadalits, backward, and extremely backward communities are serving as public representatives in Bihar, describing it as true social justice and genuine social participation. He underlined that democracy thrives and becomes stronger with greater participation. Reflecting this vision, Shri Modi noted that a law providing 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies has also been enacted. He remarked that this will benefit women across all states, giving our sisters and daughters greater representation.

Emphasising that the government is working in mission mode to increase women's income and create new opportunities for employment and self-employment, Shri Modi highlighted the transformative impact of the ‘Jeevika Didi’ program in Bihar, which has changed the lives of many women. He remarked that today, self-help groups of women in Bihar have been provided financial assistance of approximately ₹1,000 crore, noting that this will further strengthen the economic empowerment of women and contribute to the goal of creating 3 crore Lakshpati Didis across the country. He highlighted that the rural economy has gained new momentum over the past decade. He pointed out that villages have seen the construction of houses for the poor, roads, gas connections, water connections, and toilets, bringing lakhs of crores of rupees to rural areas.

The Prime Minister remarked that new employment opportunities have been created, benefiting laborers, farmers, vehicle operators, and shopkeepers, providing them with new avenues for income. He emphasized that this has particularly benefited communities that have been deprived for generations. He cited the example of the PM Awas Yojana, which aims to ensure that no family in the country remains homeless and that everyone has a permanent roof over their heads. He noted that over the past decade, more than 4 crore permanent houses

have been constructed under this scheme. He highlighted that in Bihar alone, 57 lakh poor families have received permanent houses. He remarked that these houses have been provided to families from economically weaker sections, Dalits, and backward and extremely backward communities like Pasmanda families. Shri Modi announced that in the coming years, 3 crore more permanent houses will be provided to the poor. He noted that today, approximately 1.5 lakh families in Bihar are moving into their new permanent homes. He said that across the country, 15 lakh poor families have been issued approval letters for the construction of new houses, including 3.5 lakh beneficiaries from Bihar. He highlighted that today, financial assistance has been sent to approximately 10 lakh poor families for their permanent houses, including 80,000 rural families and 1 lakh urban families from Bihar.

“The past decade has been a decade of infrastructure development for India”, said the Prime Minister, highlighting that this modern infrastructure is strengthening the foundation of a developed India. He noted that for the first time, over 12 crore rural families have received tap water connections in their homes, underlining that more than 2.5 crore households have been electrified, and those who never imagined cooking on gas stoves have now received gas cylinders. “Even in challenging regions like Ladakh and Siachen, where providing basic facilities is difficult, 4G and 5G mobile connections have now been established, reflecting the nation's current priorities”, he pointed out. The Prime Minister highlighted advancements in healthcare, noting that institutions like AIIMS were once limited to major cities like Delhi. He announced that AIIMS is now being established in Darbhanga, and the number of medical colleges in the country has nearly doubled in the past decade and mentioned the construction of a new medical college in Jhunjharpur. He emphasized that to ensure quality healthcare in villages, over 1.5 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been established across the country, including more

than 10,000 in Bihar. He remarked that Jan Aushadhi Kendras have become a significant relief for the poor and middle class, offering medicines at an 80% discount. He noted that Bihar now has over 800 Jan Aushadhi Kendras, saving its people ₹2,000 crore in medical expenses. The Prime Minister highlighted that under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, lakhs of families in Bihar have received free treatment, resulting in savings of thousands of crores of rupees for these families.

“India is rapidly advancing its connectivity through infrastructure like railways, roads, and airports”, highlighted Shri Modi, noting that metro projects are underway in Patna, and over two dozen cities across the country are now connected with metro facilities. He announced the launch of the ‘Namoharat Rapid Rail’ service between Patna and Jaynagar, which will significantly reduce travel time between the two locations, and emphasized that this development will benefit lakhs of people from Samastipur, Darbhanga, Madhubani, and Begusarai.

The Prime Minister also mentioned the inauguration and launch of multiple new railway lines in Bihar, highlighting the commencement of the modern Amrit Bharat train service between Saharsa and Mumbai, which will greatly benefit the labor families. He remarked that the government is modernizing several railway stations in Bihar, including Madhubani and Jhunjharpur. He emphasized that air connectivity in Mithila and Bihar has improved significantly with Darbhanga Airport, and the expansion of Patna Airport is underway. “These development projects are creating new employment opportunities in Bihar”, he added.

“Farmers are the backbone of the rural economy, the stronger this backbone, the stronger the villages, and consequently, the nation”, said Shri Modi. He highlighted the persistent challenges of floods in the Mithila and Kosi regions, noting that the government is set to invest ₹11,000 crore to mitigate the impact of floods in Bihar. He said that this investment will facilitate the construction of dams on rivers such as Bagmati, Dhar, Budhi

Gandak, and Kosi, adding that canals will be developed, ensuring irrigation arrangements through river water. “This initiative will not only reduce flood-related issues but will also ensure adequate water supply reaches every farmer’s field”, he added.

“Makhana, a cultural staple of Mithila, has now gained global recognition as a superfood”, highlighted Shri Modi, mentioning that makhana has been granted a GI tag, officially certifying it as a product of this region. He added that the Makhana Research Centre has been accorded national status. He also highlighted the Budget announcement of the Makhana Board, which is expected to transform the fortunes of makhana farmers, emphasising that Bihar's makhana will now reach international markets as a superfood. He noted that the National Institute of Food Technology and Management is being established in Bihar, which will support the youth in setting up small enterprises related to food processing. He further emphasized that Bihar is making consistent progress in fisheries along with agriculture, highlighting that fishermen now have access to the benefits of the Kisan Credit Card, providing advantages to numerous families involved in fisheries. He remarked that under the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, projects worth hundreds of crores have been executed in Bihar.

Expressing deep sorrow over the brutal killing of innocent civilians by terrorists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on April 22, Shri Modi remarked that the entire nation is distressed and stands in solidarity with the grieving families. He assured that every effort is being made by the government to ensure the speedy recovery of those undergoing treatment. He highlighted the profound loss suffered by families, where some lost their sons, brothers, or life partners, noting that the victims came from diverse linguistic and regional backgrounds—some spoke Bengali, Kannada, Marathi, Odia, Gujarati, and some were from Bihar. Underlining that from Kargil to Kanyakumari, the grief and outrage over this attack are shared equally across the nation, Shri Modi remarked that this

attack was not just on unarmed tourists but was a brazen assault on the soul of India. “The terrorists responsible for this attack, along with those who conspired it, will face punishment beyond their imagination”, he declared in unequivocal terms, asserting that the time has come to eliminate the remaining strongholds of terrorism. “The willpower of 140 crore Indians will now break the backbone of the perpetrators of terror”, he stressed.

The Prime Minister declared from the soil of Bihar that India will identify, track, and punish every terrorist, their handlers, and their backers, emphasising that India will pursue them to the ends of the earth. “India’s spirit will never be broken by terrorism and terrorism will not go unpunished. Every effort will be made to ensure justice is served and the entire nation is firm in this resolve against terrorism”, he stressed. He further stated that everyone who believes in humanity stands with India during these times. He expressed his gratitude to the people and leaders of various countries who have supported India in these moments.

“Peace and security are the most critical prerequisites for rapid development”, said Shri Modi, remarking that a developed Bihar is essential for a developed India. He concluded by highlighting that efforts are being made to ensure development in Bihar and to extend the benefits of progress to every section and every region of the state. He expressed gratitude to everyone for joining the program on the occasion of Panchayati Raj Day.

The Governor of Bihar, Shri Arif Mohammed Khan, Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar, Union Ministers Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Shri Giriraj Singh, Shri Chirag Paswan, Shri Nityanand Rai, Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Dr. Raj Bhushan Choudhary were present among other dignitaries at the event.

Background Prime Minister participated in the National Panchayati Raj Day programme in Madhubani, Bihar. He also presented National Panchayat Awards, recognizing and incentivizing best-performing Panchayats on the occasion.

Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of an LPG bottling plant with rail unloading facility at Hathua in Gopalganj District of Bihar worth around Rs 340 crore. This will help in streamlining the supply chain and improving efficiency of bulk LPG transportation.

Boosting power infrastructure in the region, Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for projects worth over Rs 1,170 crore and also inaugurated multiple projects worth over Rs 5,030 crore in the power sector in Bihar under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme.

Career

Top 10 fundamentals for first-time Job seekers

Some of the most successful people started off peeling stacks (and stacks) of potatoes, skinning chickens, washing dishes and clearing tables. They didn't get disheartened by the work required, as they knew that it was just a stepping-stone onto bigger and better things. As a start, here are the top ten fundamentals that all recruiters want fresh grads to know:

- It's never too early to start researching the company companies you want to work with and for the position you want. Do your background research regarding the company and the requirements for the position you want when you graduate (size, global presence, \$ value, any recent news, follow them on social media, etc.). If possible, try and talk to someone who already works there; they will be able to give you a much more accurate picture on the company's culture, work environment, etc. so that you have all the information required to make an informed decision.

- Have a professional resume and cover letter. Just ensure that both your resume and cover letter portray an accurate image of you and tell the story that you want them to tell (in the best possible way). Ensure the resume is crisp and highlights the points you want the recruiter to notice. Get second opinions when possible.

- Manage your social media effectively. Think of yourself as a brand and all your social media as advertising your "personal brand". Just as you are going to be researching the companies/employees where you are applying, they will be doing the same to you. Ensure there isn't anything online that you aren't comfortable sharing with a room full of strangers (aka employers). Where possible have restricted profile access or screen the information you share online. Ensure you have a LinkedIn profile. Even if you don't have any prior work experience, try and highlight internships, leadership positions, how you ranked in your school and your technical skills.

- When you do manage to get an interview with the company/companies that you want, apart from ensuring that your background research on the company itself is updated and accurate, try and gather as much information about the recruiters and the selection criteria process as possible. This will be invaluable in ensuring that you appear well informed and are adequately prepared at the time of the interview.

- Practice, practice, practice. Practice mock interviews with a friend/mentor where they ask you potential interview questions, ranging from predictable ones like, "Tell us about yourself" or "Why do you think you are the right person for this job" to slightly unique ones like "What classes were your favorite



Dos and don'ts for your Job application

HR professionals point out common mistakes made by those applying for their job, providing a list of dos and don'ts.



Many argue that academics fails to prepare fresh graduates in communication etiquette, necessary in the corporate world. It is thus a task for some of them to even get employed as job interviews require one to present his or her skills, while conducting oneself in a certain manner. To address these concerns, we list mistakes made by first-time job aspirants and how they can be corrected.

- Email etiquette

So, you've heard about a suitable job, managed to procure the employer's email id and decided to shoot off your resume for consideration. But when you're a fresher, your resume may not be your biggest strength. So what do you do?

"A mistake freshers make in their resume is, since there's little to speak of in terms of

professional achievement, they litter it with details about their family and their hobbies," says Srinivas Rao Katkoor, Director Human Resources - South Asia, SAS Institute (India) Pvt Ltd. Rao adds that freshers need to highlight their educational qualifications, technical skills and their college projects in their resume. "If you've done an internship, you need to mention your exact role and learning from it in your resume," adds Rao, who feels that grammar and punctuation cannot be compromised in one's CV. "A cover letter is also a must and it should briefly summarize the candidate's skills and the kind of role they're looking for, along with a reason for applying for the role and choice of company," says Rao. How one addresses the person receiving the resume is vital too. A "Hi" followed by the

person's name is seen in poor light. "It would be advisable that the candidate figures out who he is applying to and address the mail to the concerned person, making the application personalized. And one should never make the mistake of applying to multiple companies by adding several email ids in the BCC as it's seen as unprofessional," says Rao. A suitable salutation in such emails could be 'Dear Sir', 'Dear HR Manager' or 'Dear Hiring Manager'.

On a different note, the email id created to send your resume could also affect your chances of getting short-listed. "If an employer receives a resume from an id like serialkisser01@gmail.com, the reaction it would receive is obvious," laughs Ashish Arora, Managing Director, HR Anexi Pvt Ltd, who recommends short and straightforward email ids with a subject line clearly drawing attention to the role being applied for.

- Telephonic skills

You may have been talking on the phone for decades, but that doesn't necessarily mean that you're prepared for a telephonic interview. Usually the first filter in most interviews, this is the stage when employers connect employees to validate the claims made on their resume. "First-time job applicants aren't aware of etiquette to be followed in telephonic interviews. You rarely come across candidates who begin a call with a greeting like 'good morning' or 'good afternoon' based on the time of the day," says Rao, who feels that one should be frank, using this as a chance to talk about specialized skills. Doubts about the exact role can be clarified along the way.

- Face to face interview

The way to approach the final interview where one meets one's prospective employer to pitch one's skills has been much debated. What to wear, how to conduct oneself or even what to prepare for, are all grey for most freshers who make the common mistake of going ill-prepared and end up being rejected. A firm shake hand and constant eye contact during the interview are known to convey confidence and honesty but there's plenty else to learn.

"Shabby attire, reaching late for an interview, laid-back posture communicate that the candidate is unenthusiastic," says Arora. He advises that candidates speak slowly and clearly, responding to questions honestly, after having heard the entire question. "Another common mistake is asking how much one will be finally paid, early on in the interview. This is a stage when the candidate's employment has not been confirmed and it is looked at in poor taste," adds Arora.

Graduating from a professional college can be an exciting yet daunting experience. You've been inside a protected environment the past few years and are ready to forge out to change the world. Just a gentle reminder though, that the best in the business didn't start at the top and unfortunately neither will you.

and why" or "What's your favorite website" or "Who's your real life hero?" Try and make these mock interview sessions as realistic as possible with quiet locations, appropriate attire and timing the entire process.

- Prior to the interview day, get enough rest (it's not time to celebrate yet). Ensure that you are relaxed and plan to get to the venue a minimum of 30-45 minutes prior to the scheduled time (always allowing for last minute emergencies). Lay out your attire and check that you have all required paperwork, directions to the location and extra copies of your resume handy.

- First impressions matter. When introducing yourself ensure you have the right attitude, smile and a firm handshake. Expect to be evaluated (on body language, grooming, confidence and effective communication skills). Don't hand out your resume or give out all the personal details (place of birth, family background, etc., unless specifically asked).

- During the interview, be prepared with a few relevant questions when given the opportunity to ask them. Expect most interviews to last between 30 to 45 minutes and when possible try and touch upon your internship project or the various organizations that you might have worked for. Also, add the responsibilities you handled and some achievements you had over those roles. Remember to keep the answers brief, to the point and avoid winding answers. Be prepared for them to ask you to stay back longer to meet others in the company.

- Maintain eye contact always (depending upon the number of people in the panels). Prior to leaving, thank them for their time; ask them for their business card as well as the next steps in the interview process. Ensure that you are prompt and respectful in your follow up.

- As a summary, while the hiring criteria may vary depending on company, industry, etc., recruiters are typically looking for graduates who exhibit confidence (not over confidence). They are looking for consistency in your "personal brand". Do your communication skills, overall appearance, attitude and personality match your resume? They're also asking themselves if you really want to work in their company or is it just one of the many open positions that you are applying for? Does your intellect and previous success record match what they envision for this role?

Lenovo India relaxes dress code for employees

Following in the footsteps of Infosys and Hindustan Unilever, Lenovo India is the latest to relax its employee dress code. Business attire favoured at the firm so far will give way to a more casual style of dressing. Lenovo will announce the change in a mail to be sent to all employees on Friday, titled, 'Now everyday is Friday.' Employees at Lenovo offices across the country will now be allowed to wear business casuals including but not limited to shirts, T-shirts with collars, jeans for men and dresses, skirts and casual trousers for women. The mail defines business casuals as "a midpoint between

advocated, but we won't encourage shorts and flip-flops either."

The updated clothing policy is one of the many changes that Sandal who joined the firm in April hopes to bring into effect.

The new dress code will be applicable for



all 635 employees of Lenovo India, and comes into effect today.

Incidentally, Lenovo employees interviewing prospective job applicants will

also be allowed to wear business casuals, thereby promoting it as a perk of working with the firm. Corporate image and luxury brand consultant

Manjusha Maheshwari advocates formal dressing at the workplace, but admits that things are changing to address the needs of millennial workers. "It's a good idea to put employees through group sessions before instituting such changes, to help them understand the nuances of business casuals and to help define what works and what doesn't. Sloppiness in attire, if allowed to creep in, can affect the mood at the workplace."



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Double Olympic champion Dalilah Muhammad enthrals Bengaluru

Bengaluru, April 24 (UNI) : Double Olympic champion and former 400m hurdles world record holder Dalilah Muhammad arrived in Bengaluru on Thursday to serve as the International Event Ambassador for the 17th edition of the TCS World 10K, scheduled to be held on April 27.

The prestigious World Athletics Gold Label race carries a total prize purse of USD 210,000. Expressing her delight at being part of the marquee event, the 35-year-old American said, "This is my first time in India, and I'm so excited to be here for an event that celebrates running and brings so many people together. Running has given me so much, and it's amazing to see that same spirit here in Bengaluru."

Dalilah, widely regarded as the 'Queen of the Quarter Mile', recently clocked her season's best at the Botswana Grand Prix on April 12, underlining her continued presence as a top contender on the global stage. "I want to walk away knowing I could still do it. That is important to me," she stated.

She revealed that while retirement had been on the

cards post Paris Olympics in 2024, a period of rest and reflection led her to extend her farewell season into 2025. "My body just truly needed a break," she said. "I've always pushed myself to the limit, and I wanted to end my career feeling strong, not depleted."

With her eyes set on a final flourish at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo later this year, Dalilah shared her optimism: "My training is going well, and I'm looking forward to being in Tokyo. It's going to be special for me, and every step I take now is part of that preparation."

Speaking candidly about her journey through injuries and setbacks, she said, "In 2024, I really just had to take the time to slow down. Finally, now I'm in a position where I can just amp it up again. So yeah, I'm running as well as I've run in the past."

In addition to her personal goals, Muhammad lent her support to the concept of introducing 'Grand Slams' in athletics. "I absolutely love it. It's about professionalising the sport, ensuring athletes are compensated, and giving

them more chances to showcase what they can do," she said.

Known for her prowess over hurdles, she quipped, "I even love the idea of athletes running more than one event, although anyone who knows me knows I hate the 400 metres flats." Highlighting the community ethos of mass participation events like the TCS World 10K, she said, "It's so much fun when you're running together. My favourite experience in running is just when I'm running for fun and with people who want to unite and have that common goal of loving to run." Recalling her early beginnings with a local track club at the age of seven, Muhammad reminisced, "Those were my best days—walking to practice, even by myself, just because I wanted to be there with my friends. It just has such great memories when you can unite people from different backgrounds." The 17th edition of the TCS World 10K is expected to draw thousands of elite and amateur runners from across the globe, cementing Bengaluru's place on the international road running calendar.

Sunny voices nation's pain over Pahalgam attack

Bengaluru, April 24 (UNI) : In a deeply emotional and hard-hitting message, cricketing icon Sunil Gavaskar on Thursday called for an end to the cycle of violence, declaring that "for the last 78 years, not one millimetre of land has changed hands. So for the next 78,000 years, nothing is going to change." His remarks came in the wake of the horrific terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, that claimed 26 innocent lives at Baisaran meadow on Tuesday.

Appealing to the conscience of the nation and the world, Gavaskar said, "Why don't we live in peace instead, and make our country strong? That is my appeal."

Gavaskar was speaking as a sports broadcaster ahead of the IPL 2025 fixture between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Rajasthan Royals at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here.

Yesterday, the IPL match between Mumbai Indians and Sunrisers Hyderabad paid silent tribute to the victims, with players donning black armbands and the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium observing a minute's silence. No cheerleaders, fireworks, or music accompanied the game, and the sight screen bore the solemn message: "Let's all stand for peace and humanity."

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) also denounced the attack, calling it "ghastly and cowardly."

BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia expressed solidarity with the bereaved families, stating, "The cricketing community is deeply shocked and anguished... We stand hand in hand at this hour of tragedy."

North East United FC demolish Mohammedan Sporting in Kalinga Super Cup

Bhubaneswar, April 24 (UNI) : NorthEast United FC thoroughly dominated and dismantled Mohammedan Sporting 6-0 in the Kalinga Super Cup here on Thursday. The victory booked their place in the quarter finals of the tournament. With four different goal scorers — including a hat trick by striker Alaeddine Ajaraie — on the scoresheet NorthEast also issued a statement of intent for the other teams remaining in the draw.

Jithin MS (3') began the scoring early on, before Ajaraie (18', 57', 90+2') got into the act, eventually going on to score a hat-trick. Nestor Albiach Roger (42') and Guillermo Fernandez Hierro (66') scored the other two goals.

NorthEast United have had a penchant for scoring early in games this season and continued that trend, with a goal in the third minute. Jithin MS capitalised on some lacklustre Mohammedan defending to smartly volley Nestor Albiach's cross from inside the six yard box and give his side the lead.

Mohammedan slowly grew into the game and in the 12th minute Lalremsanga had the best chance for his side, after being played through on the right side of the box by a wavy Robi Hansda run.



The angle was acute and yet the winger took a shot which was parried to safety by Gurmeet in NorthEast's goal.

NorthEast United smartly got a second in the 18th minute via the boots of the ISL's top scorer, Alaeddine Ajaraie. Guillermo Hierro played a square pass to the Moroccan outside the box, and with just a body turn, Ajaraie left his marker for dead, before driving into the box and calmly finishing in the far corner. Ajaraie looked to have repaid the favour with a perfectly weighted cross delivered to Guillermo in the box. The Spaniard's header drifted just wide.

The Highlanders added a third three minutes before the break, when Jithin stole the ball off Mohammedan's

attempts to play from the back and squared a simple pass to Albiach. The

Spaniard slammed his shot low and hard into the bottom corner to ease NorthEast into the comfort zone.

North East's complete dominance extended into the second half, and just before the hour mark Ajaraie made it four. A low fizzing cross from Guillermo was directed towards goal by a sliding

Thoi Singh only for Subhajit Bhattacharjee to make a smart reflex save. Unfortunately for him, the rebound fell straight to Ajaraie who slammed it in from two yards out.

Robi Hansda almost pulled a miraculous goal back for Mohammedan, latching on to a cross 30 yards from goal and

audaciously chipping Gurmeet, who was off his line. The ball bounced off the crossbar.

NorthEast added a fifth in the 66th minute, Guillermo finishing smartly after Ajaraie had played a brilliant pass to put him through on goal. With the game effectively wrapped up, the entire focus was on whether Ajaraie would get a hat-trick, and he duly did, converting an injury-time penalty to complete the rout. Having been directly involved in four of the six goals scored, Alaeddine Ajaraie was presented the Kalinga Player of the Match award by eight-time national champion in women's cycling, Minati Mohapatra, who is the first sportsperson from Odisha and first woman cyclist to win an Arjuna Award.

15th SAFF Championship to be staged in 2026

Dhaka, April 24 (UNI) : The 15th edition of the SAFF Championship has been postponed to 2026, with the venue and the tournament format yet to be finalised, the federation announced on Thursday. Originally slated to be held this year, the biennial tournament has been deferred to next year as both the federation and the event sponsor, SportFive, felt that additional preparation time was necessary to ensure a smoother execution.

"The SAFF had decided to stage the prestigious SAFF Championship in a home or away format this year. Preparations had been made accordingly. However, SAFF, our Member

Associations, and SportFive felt that more arrangement needed to be in place to deliver the competition in a smooth manner," the SAFF press statement said. "Therefore, we have come to a decision to postpone the SAFF Championship to 2026 so that all our stakeholders and member associations have adequate time to organize the championship in a grand manner," it said.

"With 2026 being a FIFA World Cup year, enough attention has to be given to find an appropriate timeline and venue for the SAFF Championship. We urge all our stakeholders, fans, media and the member associations to bear with us so that the prestigious event will be organized flawlessly," the statement added.

Late goal keeps Fluminense top in Copa Sudamericana group stage

Rio De Janeiro, April 24 (UNI) : Nonato scored in the 93rd minute as Brazil's Fluminense salvaged a

1-1 away draw with Chilean side Union Espanola in its Copa Sudamericana group stage match. Pablo Aranguiz appeared to set the hosts on course for victory when he capitalized on a defensive error to coolly slot home after Brayan Vejar's through ball seven minutes from time on Wednesday.

But the goal spurred Fluminense into action and Nonato equalized in the 93rd minute with a 20-yard rocket that flew into the top-right corner.

Fluminense remains top of Group F with seven points from three games, a point ahead of second-placed Once Caldas. Union Espanola is third, four points further back.

Elsewhere in the Copa Sudamericana on Wednesday, Huracan was held to a goalless home draw by America de Cali, Atletico Mineiro drew 1-1 at Caracas FC and Cerro Largo prevailed 1-0 at Vitoria.

Viraj Madappa bags PGTI Players Championship at Classic

Nuh, Haryana, April 24 (UNI) : Kolkata's Viraj Madappa won his first event after his return from a long injury layoff as he bagged the Rs 60 lakh PGTI Players Championship played at the Classic Golf & Country here on Thursday. Viraj (67-73-65) shot a seven-under 65 in the third and final round, the day's best score, to move up four spots from his overnight tied fifth place and total 11-under 205 at the 54-hole event.

Twenty-seven-year-old Madappa, who didn't play a professional event for

over a year, won by a two-shot margin. Bengaluru's Trishul Chinnappa (72-64-71) carded a 71 in round three to finish as runner-up at nine-under 207.

Chandigarh golfer Ranjit Singh (69) and Kapurthala's Yuvraj Singh (68) took joint third place at eight-under 208. Viraj Madappa, an international winner, lifted his third professional trophy and first since 2021, after he signed for a flawless card that featured an eagle and five birdies.

Madappa began the day with birdies on the first two holes and then added

another birdie on the seventh to make the turn at three-under. On the back-nine, Viraj collected an eagle on the 14th and two more birdies to race ahead of the rest of the field. Madappa picked up a cheque worth INR 9,00,000 for his effort.

Trishul Chinnappa, the overnight leader by two shots, made an eagle, a birdie and two bogeys to submit a card of 71 on Thursday and take second place. Trishul earned a cheque of INR 6,00,000 for his effort that lifted him from 74th to 36th place in the PGTI Order of Merit.

London Marathon boycotts X after descent into gutter

London, April 24 (UNI) : The London Marathon will no longer post on X after its race director Hugh Brasher said the social media platform had "ceased to be a positive place". The London Marathon's official account, which has 191,000 followers, last posted on X on January 17.

British Commonwealth 10,000m champion Eilish McColgan, who is competing in her first

London Marathon on Sunday, was subjected to what her mum and coach Liz called "demeaning and abusive" body-shaming on social media in March, the BBC reported. Brasher, who described the abuse

as "abhorrent", said it was an example of why the London Marathon will no longer post on X. This year's London Marathon takes place on Sunday.

"There are some social media channels that are particularly vitriolic and are descending into a gutter," said Brasher. "It (the decision) is off the back of just looking at that channel (X) and the vitriol."

"It was ceasing to be a rational conversation. It was ceasing to be a positive place to be." X, previously known as Twitter, was bought by South African billionaire Elon Musk for \$44bn in 2022.

Imanol to step down as Real Sociedad coach

Madrid, April 24 (UNI) : Imanol Alguacil announced on Thursday that he will step down as Real Sociedad coach at the end of the season after six and a half years. The club announced the coach's decision on its official website in the wake of Wednesday night's

1-0 defeat away to Alaves in a Basque derby.

Under Imanol's tutelage, Real Sociedad qualified for Europe five times and won the 2020 Copa del Rey.

"Imanol Alguacil has informed Real Sociedad of his decision not to continue managing the team next season. The Ori-born manager, after six and a half seasons at the helm of Real Sociedad, will step down once the current season ends."

"But before that moment arrives, there's much to strive for. A sixth

European berth and putting an end to this wonderful story deserve a final effort from everyone," reads the statement.

Having played for Real Sociedad as a right-back, Imanol became the club's B-team coach before a brief spell as caretaker head coach towards the end of the 2017-18 season. He then took over on a permanent basis in December 2018 after Asier Garitano was sacked, leading the San Sebastian side through one of the most successful periods in its history. This season has been difficult for the club, and Wednesday's defeat leaves Real Sociedad ninth in La Liga with 42 points from 33 games, two points behind Celta Vigo, who is currently in a position to qualify for next season's UEFA Conference League.

Injured Alcaraz out of Madrid Open

Madrid, April 24 (UNI) : Carlos Alcaraz has withdrawn from the Madrid Open because of injury - but is hopeful of being fit for his French Open title defence.

The Spanish world number three on Thursday said he had injured his hamstring and groin during the second set of Sunday's Barcelona Open final, the BBC reported.

"In a week or two I shall return to training, but I will take it step by step," Alcaraz, who has won four Grand Slam titles, said.

"I couldn't practice the entire week. I needed to listen to my body and make the right decision."

"I don't want to get too far ahead but I hope I shall be ready for the French Open."

Alcaraz is a two-time champion in Madrid and won the Monte Carlo Masters in April.

He left court for treatment during the Barcelona final against Holger Rune and was able to resume the match, with the Dane going on to win 7-6 (8-6) 6-2.

Alcaraz said he intends to travel to Rome for the Italian Open, which begins on May 6, before the French Open starts on May 25.

Even if he is not able to play competitively before Roland Garros, Alcaraz remains confident he will still be able to challenge for the clay-court Grand Slam title.

Aston Villa to expand ground to over 50,000 capacity

Birmingham, April 24 (UNI) : Aston Villa have announced plans to take Villa Park's capacity to over 50,000 by redeveloping the North Stand. The club will completely refurbish the North Stand, increasing the number of available seats from about 5,000 to 12,000. With smaller upgrades to the other three stands, Villa say the stadium's capacity will increase to over 50,000 from 42,918.

The club, who hope to have the redevelopment finished by the second half of 2027, say the ground's current capacity will not decrease at any point during the building works, the BBC reported.

"Aston Villa fans have been electrifying Villa Park for generations, charging the atmosphere with unrivalled intensity at every home match for more than 125 years," Chris Heck, Villa's president of business operations, said.

"Thanks to the hard work and collaboration of an exceptional team, we will now be able to offer this incredible experience to thousands more, all while meeting the key challenge of executing this project without compromising matchday capacity during the process."

Villa had previously proposed to knock down the North Stand but those plans were shelved as it would have meant a temporary reduction in capacity to about 36,000. Villa Park is a host venue for the Euro 2028 tournament, which is being held across the United Kingdom and Ireland. Aston Villa's announcement of expansion plans to extend the capacity of Villa Park to more than 50,000 is another indicator of the ambition fuelling the club's revival under manager Unai Emery.

Under the ownership of executive chairman Nassef Sawiris and Wes Edens, Villa have been restored to the elite levels, reaching the Champions League quarter-finals, where they were narrowly beaten 5-4 on aggregate by Paris St Germain. Manager Emery, working alongside his long-time cohort Monchi, Villa's president of football operations, has seen his worked backed in the transfer market - as proved in January with the loan signings of Marcus Rashford from Manchester United, midfielder Marco Asensio from PSG and Borussia Dortmund's Donyell Malen on a permanent deal - by owners intent on maintaining Villa's momentum.

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Few trains to be affected due to a Major Block in connection with regirdering work : WR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 24 : Western Railway will be carrying out the regirdering work of Bridge No. 61 between Kandivali and Borivali stations for which a major block of 35 hrs from 13:00 hrs of 26th April, 2025 (Saturday) to 00:00 hrs of 27th/28th April, 2025 (Sunday/Monday) will be undertaken on the 5th line, the Carshed line & Kandivali Traffic Yard line.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet

Abhishek, during the block period, the suburban services and Mail/ Express trains running on the 5th line will be run on Fast lines. Also, a few Mail/ Express trains will be affected while some suburban services will remain cancelled. On Saturday, i.e 26th April, 2025 around 73 suburban services will remain cancelled while on Sunday, 27th April, 2025 around 90 suburban services will remain cancelled.

Repercussions on Mail/ Express Trains are as under:-
1. Train No. 19418

Ahmedabad – Borivali Express of 25th & 26th April, 2025 will be short terminated at Vasai Road and remain partially cancelled between Vasai Road and Borivali.

2. Train No. 19417 Borivali - Ahmedabad Express of 27th April, 2025 will short originate from Vasai Road and remain partially cancelled between Vasai Road and Borivali.

3. Train No. 19425 Borivali – Nandurbar Express of 26th & 27th April, 2025 will short originate from Bhayander and remain

partially cancelled between Bhayander and Borivali.

4. Train No. 19426 Nandurbar – Borivali Express of 26th April, 2025 will be short terminated at Vasai Road and remain partially cancelled between Vasai Road and Borivali.

Passengers are requested to kindly take note of the same. The details of the suburban services affected is enclosed as Annexure. The details have also been uploaded in Western Railway's official website wr.indianrailways.gov.in.

Western Railway extends trips of four Pairs of Specil aTrains

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 24 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the summer season, Western Railway has extended the trips of 4 pairs of Special trains on Special Fare.

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

Train No. 09001/09002 Mumbai Central – Khatipura Superfast (Tri-Weekly) Special

Train No. 09001 Mumbai Central – Khatipura Special has been extended up to 26th May, 2025. Similarly, Train No.

09002 Khatipura – Mumbai Central Special has been extended up to 27th May, 2025.

Train No. 09003/09004 Mumbai Central – Delhi Superfast (Bi-Weekly) Special

Train No. 09003 Mumbai Central – Delhi Special has been extended up to 27th June, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09004 Delhi – Mumbai Central Special has been extended up to 28th June, 2025.

Train No. 09007/09008 Valsad – Khatipura (Weekly) Special

Train No. 09007 Valsad – Khatipura Special has been extended up to 22nd May, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09008 Khatipura – Valsad Special has been

extended up to 23rd May, 2025.

4. Train No. 09425/09426 Sabarmati – Haridwar (Bi-Weekly) Special

Train No. 09425 Sabarmati – Haridwar Special has been extended up to 29th June, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09426 Haridwar – Sabarmati Special has been extended up to 30th June, 2025.

The booking for extended trips of Train No. 09001 & 09007 are open, and of Train No. 09003 & 09425 will open on 26.04.2025 at PRS counters and IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

Free Health check UP and Blood donation camp organised



(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, April 24 : The Medical Department of Waltair Division in association with Visakhapatnam Blood Donors Club organized a Free Health Check-up and Blood Donation Camp at the Visakha Rail Club, under the guidance of Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional

Railway Manager, Waltair.

As part of this initiative, a voluntary blood donation drive was conducted in collaboration with the Visakhapatnam Blood Donors Club, Helping Hearts, and the Rotary Blood Bank. The event aimed to raise awareness about health and wellness

among both the general public and railway personnel. The program commenced with the lighting of the sacred lamp by the Chief Guest, Shri Lalit Bohra, in the presence of Dr. Sarat Babu, Chief Medical Superintendent, Divisional Railway Hospital, Smt. Rajkumari,

Implementation of Monsoon Time Table for Select Trains

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 24 : Konkan Railway Corporation Limited has advised the implementation of the Monsoon Time Table for the following trains running over South Western Railway. The Monsoon Time Table will be in effect from 15th June to 20th October 2025, to ensure safe and efficient train operations during the monsoon season.

The revised timings will apply to trains departing from their originating stations on or after 15th June 2025.

Trains with Monsoon Timings:

1. Train No. 16595/16596 KSR Bengaluru–Karwar–KSR Bengaluru Daily Express.

“2. Train No. 16585/16586 SMVT Bengaluru–Murdeshwar –SMVT Bengaluru Daily Express.

“3. Train No. 16515/16516 Yesvantpur–Karwar–Yesvantpur Tri-weekly Express.

“4. Train No. 12741/12742 Vasco-da-Gama – Patna – Vasco-da-Gama Weekly Superfast Express.

“5. Train No. 11097/11098 Pune–Ernakulam–Pune Weekly Express.

Passengers should check the revised timings before travelling. The updated schedule will be available on the official Indian Railways websites and at railway stations.

Founder of Visakhapatnam Blood Donors Club, and other esteemed members including Kamaljeet, Chaya, Naresh, Ratnakar, Ramana Murthy, Rajesh, Ramya, Ramkrishna, Vijay, and Chetty. More than 50 units of blood were donated by enthusiastic volunteers, including DRM Shri Lalit Bohra, CMS Dr. Sarat Babu, and other railway officers. Over 200 individuals availed themselves of the free health check-up services provided at the camp. Certificates and mementoes were presented by the DRM to the donors, assisting staff, and medical professionals in recognition of their participation and support. Encouraged by the positive response, the Medical Department plans to organize similar camps in the near future.

Mahavitaran's Lucky Digital Grahak Yojana

Distribution of prizes to 200 winners of the first lucky draw for paying electricity bills online

(Standard Post Bureau)

Kalyan/Vasai/Palghar, April 24 : The first lucky draw of Mahavitaran's Lucky Digital Grahak Yojana has been conducted online on April 7. In this lucky draw, a total of 200 winners have been announced in Kalyan Circle, 40 for the first position, 80 for the second position and 80 for the third position. The information of the winning customers has been made available on the Mahavitaran website and prizes are being distributed to them. “

There are 40 sub-divisions in Kalyan Circle and one at each sub-division level. As such, 40 winning customers for the first position are being given Samsung company smart phones, 80 winning customers for the second position are being given Redmi company smart phones and 80 winning customers for the third position are being given smart watches. The next lucky draw will be held in May and June and customers in the circle have a chance to win another 400 prizes. “

Mahavitaran has launched the Lucky Digital Grahak Yojana with the aim of increasing the percentage of customers paying their electricity bills online. All low-voltage electricity customers who pay their electricity bills online are eligible for this scheme. Customers who pay three or more consecutive electricity bills online between 1 January and 31 May 2025 have the opportunity to benefit from the scheme. This scheme is for low-voltage live (LT-Live) electricity customers



who have not used the online electricity payment option between April-2023 and March-2024. “

This scheme has been launched with the aim of encouraging people to pay their electricity bills digitally, saving time, effort and money instead of standing in queues.

Online payment of electricity bills is easy and secure through the website, mobile app of Mahavitaran

through various payment wallets such as net banking, debit card, credit card, UPI, wallet, cash card, NACH, QR code, NEFT, RTGS etc. Customers who pay their electricity bills online are given a 0.25 percent discount on their electricity bills. For more information, Mahavitaran has appealed to visit the official website of Mahavitaran www.mahadiscom.in.

Additional stoppage at Dharangaon and Amalner stations to Bhavnagar - Hyd special trains : Western Railway

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 24 : Revision in timings of arrival & departure of this train at Nandurbar station

For the convenience of passengers, additional stoppage has been provided at Dharangaon & Amalner stations to Train No. 07061/07062 Hyderabad – Bhavnagar Special Train with effect from journey commencing from Hyderabad on 2nd May, 2025 and from Bhavnagar on 4th May, 2025. Accordingly, the timings of arrival & departure of this train at Nandurbar station

has also been revised. According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details are as under:-

Train No. 07061 Hyderabad – Bhavnagar Special will arrive/depart Dharangaon station at 13:40/13:42 hrs. Similarly, Train No. 07062 Bhavnagar – Hyderabad Special will arrive/depart Dharangaon station at 23:25/23:27 hrs.

Train No. 07061 Hyderabad – Bhavnagar Special will arrive/depart

Amalner station at 14:01/14:03 hrs. Similarly, Train No. 07062 Bhavnagar – Hyderabad Special will arrive/depart Amalner station at 22:55/22:57 hrs.

Train No. 07061 Hyderabad – Bhavnagar Special will arrive/depart Nandurbar station at 15:30/15:40 hrs. Similarly, Train No. 07062 Bhavnagar – Hyderabad Special will arrive/depart Nandurbar station at 21:10/21:15 hrs.

For detailed information, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Extension of special trains to clear summer rush Visakhapatnam - Cherlapally Visakhapatnam : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, April 24 : The train No. 08579 Visakhapatnam - Cherlapalli Special train will leave Visakhapatnam on 25.04.2025, 02.05.2025, 09.05.2025, 16.05.2025, 23.05.2025 & 30.05.2025 at 17.30 hrs which will reach Duvvada at 18.03 hrs and departures at 18.05 hrs and reaches Cherlapalli at 19.40 hrs on the next day.

In return direction the train No. 08580 Cherlapalli - Visakhapatnam Special train will leave Cherlapalli on 26.04.2025, 03.05.2025, 10.05.2025, 17.05.2025,

24.05.2025 & 31.05.2025 at 19.40 hrs which will reach Duvvada at 06.38 hrs and departures at 06.40 hrs; reaches Visakhapatnam at 08.00 hrs.

Stoppages: Duvvada, Anakapalle, Elamanchili, Annavaram, Samalkot, Rajahmundry, Nidadavolu, Tanuku, Bhimavaram, Akividu, Kaikalur, Gudivada, Vijayawada, Guntur, Sattenapalli, Piduguralla, Nadikudi, Miryalaguda and Nalgonda between Visakhapatnam and Cherlapalli stations.

Coach Composition:

2AC-02, 3AC -03, 3E-02, Sleeper Class –08, General Second class –04, Second Class luggage cum Divyangjan coach-, and Generator Motor Car-1.

SAMBALPUR - ERODE – SAMBALPUR SPECIAL TRAIN

The train No. 08311 Sambalpur – Erode weekly special express train will leave Sambalpur on Wednesdays at 11:35 hrs from 07.05.2025 to 25.06.2025 which will reach Duvvada on same day at 21:30 hrs and departure at 21.32 hrs and will reach

Erode on Thursdays at 20.30 hrs (08 Trips).

In the return direction the train No. 08312 Erode – Sambalpur weekly special train will leave Erode on Fridays at 14:45 hrs from 09.05.2025 to 27.06.2025 which will reach Duvvada on the next day at 13:08 hrs and departure at 13:10 hrs and will reach Sambalpur on Saturday at 23:15 hrs (08 Trips).

Stoppages: This pair of special trains will have stoppages at Bargarh Road, Balangir, Titlagarh, Kesinga, Muniguda,

Rayagada, Parvathipuram, Bobbili, Vizianagaram Jn, Kottavalasa, Duvvada, Anakapalli, Samalkot, Rajahmundry, Nidadavolu, Bhimavaram, Kaikalur, Gudivada, Vijayawada, Tenali, Chirala, Ongole, Nellore, Gudur, Perambur Katpadi, Jolarpettai, Salem, between the Sambalpur and Erode stations.

Composition: 2nd AC-1, 3rd AC-3, Sleeper Class-09, General Second Class-3, Second class cum luggage/ Disabled coaches-2. People are requested to make use of these special train services