

IN BRIEF

Shiv Sena UBT stages another agitation in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar over water scarcity

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, April 26 (UNI) : As part of ongoing month-long agitation undertaken by the opposition Shiv Sena (UBT), a constituent of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), the party activists on Saturday carried out a 'dindi' and 'bhajan' agitation at Chistiya chowk here to protest against erratic supply of water to citizens since last couple of months.

Shiv Sena leader and Leader of Opposition in state Legislative Council, Ambadas Danve, led this agitation, holding the BJP-led Mahayuti government responsible for present water scarcity in the city, resulting in people getting water once in 10 to 12 days. A large number of UBT party workers and citizens participated in this agitation.

Recruitment for 2,795 posts of Livestock Development Officers being held

Mumbai, April 26 (UNI) : Recruitment is on for 2,795 posts of 'Livestock Development Officer' cadre in the Animal Husbandry Department of the Maharashtra Government.

Candidates can submit their applications for these posts from April 29, 2025 to May 19, 2025, according to information given by the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) on Saturday through a press release. On the demand of the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying Development and Fisheries Department of the State Government, the MPSC has started the recruitment process for the post of Livestock Development Officer, Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Service, Group-A cadre. Under this, 2,795 posts of 'Livestock Development Officer' cadre will be filled in the Animal Husbandry Department. Details of the posts as per social and parallel reservation are available on the website of MPSC <https://mpsc.gov.in>. Candidates are required to furnish the necessary certificates while applying to avail the benefits of reservation, the release added.



President Droupadi Murmu during the funeral of Pope Francis at the Saint Peter's Basilica, in Vatican City on Saturday.

Governor announces creation of Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair in Skill University

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 26 : Expressing the need to create awareness among the students and youth about the concept of Integral Humanism propounded by Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Maharashtra Governor and Chancellor of State Universities CP Radhakrishnan announced the creation of a Chair in the name of Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya in the Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skill University.

The Governor made the announcement at the Diamond Jubilee programme organised to commemorate the Articulation of Integral Humanism by Pandit Deen

Dayal Upadhyaya at Ruia College in Mumbai.

Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya had delivered a lecture series on the concept of Integral Humanism at the Ruia College from April 22-24, 1965. The commemoration programme was organised by the Deen Dayal Research Institute and Lodha Foundation.

The Governor said Pt Upadhyaya propounded his theory of Integral Humanism as a middle path between Communism and Capitalism.

He said Pt Upadhyaya was deeply influenced by the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi. He said the late Prime Minister Atal Bihari

Vajpayee and the present Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought the concept of Antyodaya into reality and that the schemes like construction of rural roads, provision of gas connection and drinking water to the people in rural areas were aimed at the welfare of the last person in the socioeconomic order.

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, Minister of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Mangal Prabhat Lodha, RSS ideologue Suresh Soni, General Secretary, Deen Dayal Shodh Sansthan Atul Jain and others were present.

Congress attacks Sangram Thopte for joining BJP

(Standard Post Bureau)

Pune, April 26 : Launching a scathing attack on former party MLA Sangram Thopte, who joined the BJP three days ago, the Congress party today said that Thopte has started implementing the agenda of defaming the Congress as soon as he joined the BJP and is showing the "BJP Sangati".

Congress state spokesperson Gopalada Tiwari said that by defaming the Congress party, which has been ruling in the House and building a network of institutions for 50 years, Thopte, MLA from Bhore, has finally acknowledged his ingratitude towards the party and has introduced the BJP's association and culture. Tiwari said that

Thopte's ingratitude has reached the lips of the workers and voters of the district. Speaking at press conference Tiwari took stock of Thopte's "baseless and fact-free criticism" of the Congress.

"MLA Sangram Thopte has abandoned his ideology for personal gain and joined hands with the ruling party," he said.

Tiwari said that "although it is not our issue that he should personally stay with any party, it is baseless and wrong to accuse the Congress party of doing injustice to him".

The Congress state spokesperson said: "Every family active in the party has a great contribution to the Congress party. Their families were in power for more than 50 years.

"Isn't the strength of party colleagues gained during the Congress rule in establishing various educational institutions, schools and colleges, milk production institutions, transportation institutions, Rajgad sugar factory, etc., a contribution of the Congress party?" questioned Tiwari, of Mulshi taluka.

Although Sangram Thopte has abandoned his ideology and switched parties, the influence of inclusive national ideas continues in Bhore, Velha, Mulshi talukas. Therefore, the voters and loyal Congress workers of this taluka will remain with the Congress party without following Thopte, said Mulshi taluka Congress office bearers present on this occasion.

Pakistan will be brought to its knees, will never think of committing acts like Pahalgam again: Puri

Chandigarh, April 26 (UNI) : Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday said Pakistan will be brought to its knees so that the neighbouring nation will never again think of committing Pahalgam-like despicable terror acts.

Speaking at a

Symposium on 'One Nation One Election (ONOE), Reshaping India's Electoral Landscape', organised at Chandigarh University, Minister Puri said: "In 1947, two nations (India and Pakistan) were born from the womb of the same mother. Here we are the fifth largest economy in the world, and

the other country is one which believes in using terrorism as an instrument of state policy. While one country (India) is succeeding, the other country is witnessing terminal decline. Previous governments used to only condemn the terror attacks like the one on the Indian

Effective surveillance through CCTV systems being carried out at all railway stations in Mumbai

Mumbai, April 26 (UNI) :

In the wake of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, security at public places in Maharashtra is being strengthened. Effective surveillance is being carried out through CCTV systems in railway stations and surroundings for the safety of Mumbai passengers, the Mumbai Commissionerate said on Saturday. There are 139 railway stations under the Mumbai Railway Police Commissionerate.

Around 7,500 to 8,000 local train runs are made during the day, and 75 to 80 lakh passengers travel through these every day.

Very effective surveillance is being maintained at all these railway stations under the Commissionerate through CCTV systems from the point of view of the safety of the passengers.

Within all police stations, personal contact is maintained with police friends, peace committees,

passengers as well as passenger organisations as well as canteens, railways, cleaning workers, porters, boot polishers.

Therefore, along with the necessary information from the point of view of security, any suspicious person, thing, or object is immediately informed. Every senior police inspector is required to be present at the field location for at least two hours.

It is mandatory for every officer to patrol for at least four hours within the limits of the police station. Similarly, a campaign is underway to check passengers suddenly every day.

A specific procedure has been prescribed in it and this check is done accordingly. Similarly, a sudden check i.e. 'massive flash checking' is also done in local trains. In it, there is an officer and three to four employees with him. In the running local, they check passengers, racks and luggage with passengers suddenly.

India, Pakistan exchange gunfire

Srinagar, April 26 (UNI) : Amid the escalating tensions, Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged fire overnight across the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir, Army sources said on Saturday. They said the small arms firing was "initiated by Pakistan" and it was "effectively responded to".

Army said during the intervening night of April 25-26, unprovoked small firing was carried out by various Pakistan Army posts all across LoC in Kashmir.

"Indian troops responded appropriately with small arms," they said, adding that no casualties were reported during the exchange of fire. This is the second consecutive night when the Pakistan Army opened small arms fire at several locations along the LoC. Defence officials said Pakistani troops over the last two nights have been resorting to small arms fire along the LoC out of fear that the Indian Army might launch a cross-border operation.

The Srinagar-based defence spokesperson did not respond about the reported exchange of fire along the LoC.

The latest ceasefire violations along the volatile LoC come amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan following the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, which claimed the lives of 25 tourists and one local resident. In wake of the attack, Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi visited Srinagar on Friday and reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Army Chief was briefed by the commander of the Army's Srinagar-based 15 Corps on the counter-terror operations undertaken after the Pahalgam attack and the situation along the LoC. Gen Dwivedi also met J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who asked him to take effective steps not only to bring those responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack to justice but also to intensify efforts to crush infrastructure of terrorism and its ecosystem.

Parliament and we used to get back to doing business as usual (with Pakistan). But this time it is different, as we have a decisive Prime Minister in PM Narendra Modi." "PM Modi in his statement has categorically said that Pakistan will face the consequences of the act of terror. It is for the first time

that India has decided to make Pakistan pay through the cancellation of the Indus Waters Treaty which governments in the past never considered as a reciprocal action. A country in decline (Pakistan) will be brought to its knees so they never think of such despicable acts again," he said.



ONOE will strengthen democratic system further: Keshav Maurya

Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Keshav Prasad Maurya on Saturday said that one nation-one election (ONOE) will further strengthen the democratic system of the country as it will promote economic savings, administrative efficiency and national unity. While addressing the seminar on One Nation-One Election organised by the University Nutan Puratan Educational Family in the Malviya Auditorium of Lucknow University, the Deputy CM said, "Due to frequent elections, administrative work gets disrupted and policy decisions get delayed."

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Badal appeals to electorate of Ludhiana West to support ...



Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal today appealed to the electorate of Ludhiana West to support the SAD in the forthcoming by-election to "pave the way for the end of gangster culture, drug menace and terrorism".

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Iran, US still have differences over nuclear program : Minister



Tehran and Washington still have differences over Iran's nuclear program, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Saturday. "We have disagreements on both general issues and details. Before the next meeting, we will conduct additional analysis in our capitals on how to reduce the disagreements."

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Karna Kadur maintains pace to extend lead in APRC



Bengaluru ace Karna Kadur came up with a mature drive to open a sizable lead in the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship promoted by Vamcy Merla which is part of the Indu Chandhok Memorial 48th South India Rally, here on Saturday.

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Larsen & Toubro (L&T) staff and engineers celebrate the break-through of India’s longest rail tunnel in Janasu, Uttarakhand. The 14.57 km long tunnel between Devprayag and Janasu achieved a breakthrough on April 16, 2025 in the presence of Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Govt should take strict steps against terror: Akhilesh Yadav

Kushinagar (UP), April 26 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday said the central government should take strict steps against terrorism, terrorists and the whole country is with the government.

While talking to the reporters, after paying tribute to former MLA Purnamasi Dehati and former district president Shukrulla Ansar, Akhilesh said, "We hope that the government will take concrete steps. The incident of terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir is very sad and condemnable. We all are with the martyr families from Uttar Pradesh to Gujarat, Haryana and other states of the country," he said.

He said that in the all-party meeting, all the parties are standing with the government against this attack. "The decisions taken by the government to answer Pakistan and against the terrorists, all are

with the government. The country wants that an incident like Pahalgam should not happen in future," he said.

He said, "The government has support in every way. It is hoped that the intelligence will not fail in future. There will be no lapse in security. Regarding this incident, everyone is saying that there was an intelligence failure of the government. There was no arrangement for the safety of the tourists."

The SP chief said that every citizen of the country, elders, children and everyone is worried about this incident. "The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government has taken all the decisions regarding Jammu and Kashmir in an arbitrary manner."

He said, "The government had assured the people that there would be no terrorist incidents, but it is sad that the incident happened even after that. The BJP

government cannot escape its responsibility. We hope that the government will implement the assurances given regarding the security of the country, protection of borders and economy."

Akhilesh said that our army is very brave but the BJP government has demoralised the youth by bringing the Agniveer scheme in the army. "The youth wants to serve the country by staying in the army. He wants a permanent uniform and a permanent job. Many youth from villages of all the districts of the state including Kushinagar and Ghazipur used to prepare on a large scale to join the army, but there is disappointment among the youth due to the introduction of the Agniveer scheme," he said.

In response to a question, he said that one should not be selective in the matter of visiting someone's house. "I go to many places but BJP people

do not go. SP leaders and workers have already gone to Shubham Dwivedi's house in Kanpur. We did not go but our people went. Our visit is not a matter of politics. BJP and its leaders are doing politics," he said.

Demanding Rs 5 crore rupees and a government job for the families of those martyred in the terrorist incident, he said that the day the government gives Rs 5 crore rupees and a government job, I will also go to the house of martyr Shubham Dwivedi of Kanpur.

The SP chief said that the intentions of the people of BJP are bad. "The government should ban those who give a different direction to the incident. The whole country and all the people are standing in grief of the martyred comrades. BJP should not do politics on this serious issue. The kind of picture posted from the verified social media account of BJP also saddened the supporters of BJP," he claimed.

4 killed as loaded truck overturns on ambulance

Nirzapur (UP), April 26 (UNI) : Four persons, including a pregnant woman and her mother, were killed when a truck loaded with gravel overturned on the ambulance near Chhato in Ahraura area of Mirzapur district here in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, a police officer said here.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Manjari Rao said that on Saturday afternoon, Surajbali Kharwar (26), Hiravati Devi (25), residents of Kanhara village under Obra police station area, Malti Devi (45), a resident of Jugal Kothi, her husband Kaushal and relative Suraj were going to a hospital in Varanasi for the delivery of pregnant Hiravati.

He said that near Chhato Trimohani village on the Varanasi-Sonbhadra highway the truck loaded with gravel lost balance and overturned on the ambulance. "The police, who arrived after getting information from the local people, somehow managed to take everyone out with the help of a crane and cutter and took them to the primary health centre where doctors declared Suraj, Hiravati Devi, Malti and ambulance driver Ramu dead," he said.

The DSP said that Hiravati's husband Kaushal and ambulance assistant Bhandari Sharma were injured. "Both have been sent to Varanasi Trauma Centre where the condition of both is said to be serious," he said.

Pick-up vehicle runs over sweepers: Six killed, five injured

Chandigarh, April 26 (UNI): At least six sweepers were killed and five others were injured when a pickup vehicle ran over them on the Delhi-Mumbai Motorway near Ebrahim Baas Village in Firozpur-Jhinka of Nuh district in Haryana, police sources said on Saturday.

Police said that the sweepers were engaged in road cleaning work at around 1000 hrs when the incident occurred.

Injured persons have been rushed to a nearby hospital. Details are awaited.

Six JBT teachers suspended for misconduct, unauthorized absence

Shimla, April 26 (UNI) : The Himachal Pradesh government has suspended six Junior Basic Training (JBT) teachers across the state for alleged gross misconduct, including absence from duty and participation in protests against government policies.

In Shimla district, Ranveer Chauhan (JBT) and Dalveer Singh (JBT) from Government Primary School, Shilal, Education Block Kupvi, were placed under suspension after a surprise inspection on April 25.

The Block Elementary Education officer (BEEO) Kupvi found the school premises completely deserted, with both staff and students absent without any prior intimation. All rooms were locked during working hours, leading to serious concerns regarding negligence towards official duties.

Among those suspended is Jagdish Sharma (JBT) posted at Government Composite Primary School, Kiartu, Education Block Theog, District Shimla.

UNSC strongly condemns Pahalgam terror attack, asks for perpetrators to be brought to justice

United Nations/New Delhi, April 26 (UNI) : The UN Security Council has condemned in the strongest terms the Pahalgam terror attack and underlined the need to hold its perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors accountable and bring them to justice.

In a statement, the UN Security Council reiterated that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation.

The statement read: "The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April, during which at least 26 people were killed and many more injured.

"The members of the

Security Council expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the Government of India and Government of Nepal and wished a speedy and full recovery to those who were injured."The members of the Security Council reaffirmed that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

"The members of the Security Council underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of this reprehensible act of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice.

"They stressed that those responsible for these killings should be held accountable, and urged all

States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, to cooperate actively with all relevant authorities in this regard.

"The members of the Security Council reiterated that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

"They reaffirmed the need for all States to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and other obligations under international law, including international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts."

Mamata announces ex-gratia payment to the jobless Group C and D staff

Kolkata, April 26 (UNI) : West Bengal chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday announced an ex-gratia payment Rs 25000 and Rs 20000 respectively for Group C and Group D staff from the 2016 School Service Commission panel who lost their jobs following a Supreme Court order earlier this month in connection with the cash-for-jobs scam.

"The state government has decided to pay Rs 25,000 to the Group-C staff and Rs 20,000 to the Group-D staff. They have to tell me if they agree to it. We had done similar ex gratia payment of Rs 10,000 to the workers of Dunlop for many years," Banerjee said in a phone call while the protesting staff representatives were having a meeting with chief secretary Monoj Pant.

"You are no longer receiving salaries. We have several social security schemes. We kept the education department separate from this issue. After consultations with the chief secretary, state labour minister, and legal

experts, we have found a solution," she said.

On April 3, a Supreme Court division bench headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar dismissed 25,753 teaching and non-teaching staff from state-run and state-aided schools, upholding a previous Calcutta High Court order. The Court found that the "entire selection process was vitiated" and marked by "large-scale manipulation and fraud."

Two weeks later, the Supreme Court allowed teachers of Classes IX to XII to return to classrooms but directed the state government to restart the recruitment process and complete it by December 31, with no concessions made for Group C and Group D staff."We will only grant an extension to teachers, not Group IV candidates," CJI Khanna

had said citing the high number of confirmed tainted c a n d i d a t e s among the non-teaching staff.

ONOE will strengthen democratic system further: Keshav Maurya

Lucknow, April 26 (UNI) : Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Keshav Prasad Maurya on Saturday said that one nation-one election (ONOE) will further strengthen the democratic system of the country as it will promote economic savings, administrative efficiency and national unity.

While addressing the seminar on One Nation-One Election organised by the University Nutan Puratan Educational Family in the Malviya Auditorium of Lucknow University, the Deputy CM said, "Due to frequent elections, administrative work gets disrupted and policy decisions get delayed. This problem will be solved by conducting simultaneous elections. There will be a reduction in the expenditure incurred in elections, due to which the savings will be made, which can be used in other development works," he said.

He emphasised the need to discuss the benefits of one nation-one election among everyone in the villages.

Joint action by Excise dept, other agencies deal to liquor mafia in UP

Lucknow, April 26 (UNI) : A major crackdown on the illegal liquor trade is underway across Uttar Pradesh with joint operations by the Excise Department, Police and administrative teams leading to extensive raids, vehicle checks and secret investigations, resulting in the seizure of 5,838.57 litres of illicit liquor and the arrest of several offenders across multiple districts, sources said here on Saturday.

Sources said that the joint teams of the Excise Department and Police carried out extensive raids in rural areas across several districts including Moradabad, Sitapur, Unnao, Gorakhpur, Sultanpur, Pilibhit, Gonda, Balrampur, Bahraich, Hardoi, Kushinagar, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Jhansi, Rampur, Prayagraj, Ambedkar Nagar, Barabanki, Siddharth Nagar, Sant Kabir Nagar, Muzaffarnagar, Lalitpur, Mainpuri, Basti, Meerut, Mirzapur, Shravasti, Jaunpur, Sonbhadra, Fatehpur, Hamirpur and Bareilly.Sources said that

among the districts, Lakhimpur Kheri reported the highest seizures. "In Jhansi, authorities recovered 590 litres of illicit raw liquor during operations," they said.

Sources said that in Unnao, raids in villages like Champa Purwa, Mohan, Nyotani, Shakurabad, Rampur, Mawaiya, Kedar Kheda and Rasoolpur Mahdwa led to the seizure of 280 litres of illegal liquor and the destruction of 700 kilograms of molasses.

Sources said that similarly, in Lakhimpur Kheri, operations in villages such as Gulouli Basbirwa, Basantapur, Kusmi Colony, Bhatpurwa, Baikuan Rahjaniya, Nayagaon and Jamuniya Kadhile resulted in the confiscation of 300 litres of illicit liquor and the destruction of 1,270 kilograms of molasses.

Sources said that the excise teams also uncovered illicit liquor production at brick kilns in Gorakhpur, Sultanpur, Pilibhit and Deoria. "In Gorakhpur and Deoria, authorities seized 20 litres

of raw liquor and destroyed 100 kilograms of lahan. In Sultanpur, 35 litres of illegal liquor were seized and 150 kilograms of lahan were destroyed," they said.

Sources said that the crackdown resulted in the large-scale destruction of lahan, which is used in the production of illicit liquor. "A total of 16,280 kilograms (162.8 quintals) of lahan were destroyed across various districts, with major operations in Lakhimpur Kheri (1,950 kg and 1,750 kg) and Jhansi (1,000 kg)," they said.

Sources said that a total of 28 individuals were arrested during the operation. "Arrests included three women and four others in Unnao, two women in Jhansi, one person in Pilibhit and three people in Gautam Buddh Nagar, Lalitpur, Hamirpur, and Fatehpur. Besides, three smugglers were arrested in Unnao for smuggling foreign liquor," they said.

Sources said that District Excise Officers in Rampur and Muzaffarnagar also conducted surprise inspections at liquor shops.

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Sub), Western Railway, Mumbai Central, Mumbai-400 008, invites **E-tender Notice No: WR-MMCTOESUB(ESOT)/5/2025.** **Name of the work :** Reliability improvement of TRD system by replacement of damaged copper cross feeders of OHE in Churchgate-Virar Section. **Estimated cost of work :** ₹59,26,841/- **Bid Security:-** ₹1,18,500/- **Date & time of submission:** Not Later than **15:00 hrs. of 19.05.2025** in the prescribed manner. **Date and time of opening:** On **19.05.2025 at 15:30 hrs.** **Website particulars:** The tender can be viewed and submitted through website www.ireps.gov.in. 0080

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Elderly pedestrian killed, 1 injured in road accident in Kolhapur

Kolhapur, April 26 (UNI) : A 70-year-old man was killed on the spot and another one was seriously injured after a speeding car hit them from behind while walking on the road in Hanuman nagar locality of Shiye village in Karveer tehsil of the district on Saturday evening.

According to sources in Karveer police, a speeding car ran over an old man and another person, who were walking by roadside, at Shiye village.

In this incident, the elderly man was killed on the spot while another pedestrian was seriously injured.

Injured Sunil Prabhakar Bhore (41) was admitted to civil hospital here for treatment. Police are yet to ascertain identity of the deceased old man.

Two arrested for illegal transportation of goats

Mumbai, April 26 (UNI) : Police arrested two people for illegally transporting 412 goats in a highly inhumane manner in neighbouring Thane city, police said on Saturday.

Based on a complaint by animal rights activist, a team of Kasarvadavli police station arrested Imtiaz Abdul Multani (47) and Multani Sharif Gafoor (31), who had brought these animals from Gujarat and were proceeding towards

Mumbai.

The animals were housed in two trucks without access to food, water and ventilation.

Accused were booked under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the Transportation of Animals Rules and violations under the Motor Vehicles Act.

The animals were rescued and shifted to protected shelters, sources added.

Farmers throw limes at Ajit Pawar's convoy

Parbhani, April 26 (UNI) : Angry with the state government over not giving a loan waiver for crops damaged due to unseasonal rain, farmers allegedly threw limes at Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's convoy on Saturday. During Pawar's tour of the district, farmers and activists of various organisations reportedly became aggressive over their demand of loan waiver.

Farmers also criticised Ajit Pawar's statement on loan waiver. After visiting Narsingh Pokhran, his convoy was heading to the district collector's office for a review meeting, when this incident took place.

Following incident, police detained these protesters.

Mumbai police question Tahawwur Rana for 8 hrs

Mumbai, April 26 (UNI) : Mumbai Police Crime Branch officials questioned US-deported Pakistani-Canadian national Dr Tahawwur Hussain Rana, the mastermind behind the Mumbai 26/11 terror attacks, at the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) office in Delhi, an officials said on Saturday.

According to an official, a team of Mumbai crime branch consisting of four senior officers questioned Rana on Wednesday for his alleged role in the conspiracy of the terror attacks.

During the eight-hour questioning, Rana did not cooperate with the investigators and gave evasive answers, officials said.

As per the investigation conducted in the past by the Crime Branch-CID of Mumbai Police and National Investigation Agency (NIA), Pakistani-American national David Coleman Headley, alias Daood Sayed Gilani, and Rana were the roots of the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai.

Both had played key roles in the Pak terror groups sponsored terror plan of the 26-29 November 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, in which 166 were killed and more than 300 people were injured. "The statements of Pakistani fidayeen Mohammed Ajmal Kasab, who was later handed a death sentence, and the testimony of Headley via video conferencing as an approver have disclosed Rana's role in the attack," the sources said.



People take part in a protest march during a bandh called by Sanyukt Vyapar Sangh in protest against the Pahalgam terror attack, in Meerut on Saturday.

YMCA is a truly secular organisation: Governor Radhakrishnan

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 26 : Governor CP Radhakrishnan has described the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) as a truly secular organisation and complimented it for its work in the areas of education, social welfare and sports.

"Even though the Young Men's Christian Association, has the word Christian in its nomenclature, YMCA is a truly secular organisation that works beyond considerations like religion, language, race and colour," he said. The Governor was speaking at a function organised to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Bombay YMCA at

NCPA Mumbai on Friday.

The Governor released the coffee table book 'How Much Can We Do for Others' and also the souvenir of the Bombay YMCA on this occasion.

Praising the work of YMCA, the Governor recalled that the hostel of YMCA in Chennai was much sought after and known for its excellent mess. He expressed hope that YMCA would continue to work to promote education and sports for poor students.

The Governor said earlier, when businessmen travelled to London, they used to get very little foreign exchange. In those days, business people preferred staying at the

YMCA hostel in London. He complimented the YMCA for playing an important role in the lives of many businessmen and entrepreneurs. The Governor said since its establishment in 1875, during the time of British rule when the population of Bombay was under one million, the Bombay YMCA has grown remarkably. Noting that Mumbai is now a thriving cosmopolitan metropolis with almost 20 million people, he expressed the need for Bombay YMCA to expand and widen the sphere of its activities. The Governor said in its 150-year journey, the YMCA has been a home away from home for youth, a nursery for leaders,

athletes and socially conscious individuals. He said Bombay YMCA has contributed significantly to sports, education, vocational training, and community upliftment.

Earlier, the Governor paid tribute to the late Pope Francis, the head of the Roman Catholic Church, as well as the citizens who died in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam.

President of Bombay YMCA Noel Ammana, President, World Alliance of YMCA Soheila Hayek, General Secretary, Asia & Pacific Alliance of YMCA Nam Boo Won, President, National Council of YMCAs of India Dr Vincent George, and members of the Bombay YMCA were present.

Fadnavis visits Ganbote's house who died in Pahalgam attack

Pune, April 26 (UNI) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis visited Kaustubh Ganbote's house in city on Saturday, to offer his condolences. Notably, Ganbote, a tourist from Maharashtra, died in last week's terror attack at Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Chief Minister was accompanied with Minister of State Madhuri Misal and MLA Harshvardhan Patil on this occasion.

Union Minister J P Nadda to tour Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on April 27

C h h a t r a p a t i Sambhajinagar, April 26 (UNI) : Union Minister for Health, Family Welfare and BJP national president, Jagat Prakash Nadda, will be visiting the district on April 27.

An official media statement on Saturday stated that Nadda will arrive at Chikhalthana airport of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on Sunday at 11:40 am and will proceed for Government Medical College and Cancer Hospital to attend inauguration of two beam units in Cancer Hospital at 12:20 pm. After inauguration function, he will attend a public meeting in auditorium of Government Medical College till 1:30 pm.

Between 1:45 and 3:50 pm, he will be at Hotel Rama International for lunch.

Later at 4:30 pm, Nadda will attend a programme at Dr Hedgewar Hospital and then proceed for airport at 6:55 pm to leave for Delhi by plane.

NCP organising Mangal Kalash Rath Yatra across state

Pune, April 26 (UNI) : Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-AP) Pune president Deepak Mankar said here on Saturday that on the occasion of the 65th Maharashtra Day a grand 'Gauravshali Maharashtra Mahotsav' will be organised from May 1-4 at Mumbai, the financial capital of the country.

On the occasion of this festival, the Mangal Kalash Rath Yatra, which is being taken out across the entire state, was inaugurated from Kolhapur. A meeting of the NCP's top leaders, city and

assembly as well as women, youth, students and all cell office bearers was held at the party office Gupte Mangal hall today to welcome the Kalash Yatra which will arrive in Pune on April 29, he said.

The chariot which will come from Saswad, Sane Guruji Bhavan in Hadapsar and will be greeted at the palace of Krantisurya Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitri Mai Phule and then arrive at the holy Lal Mahal by touching the feet of Rajmata Jijau and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, said NCP Pune Working President Pradeep Deshmukh. He said a grand procession will be taken out from Shaniwarwada to Kesariwada. Soil from every part of Maharashtra, enriched by the residence of great men

and inspired by their great works, water brought from special rivers and confluences, will be collected in these auspicious kalash and will be brought to Mumbai on the occasion of Maharashtra Day, he added.

Thousands of party workers were present at Gupte Hall today to discuss and make a grand success of the Kalash Rath Yatra, he added.

Nation first as policy of party: BJP leader

Satara, April 26 (UNI) : Maharashtra BJP working president, Ravindra Chavan said on Saturday that his party's policy was nation first and then party.

Addressing party's 'Sabgharan Parv' (organisational) meeting in Karad town of the district, he said, "Our party's policy is nation first and then our party and our party's workers and this is our (party's) thoughts also."

Chavan also congratulated office-bearers members for party's 1.50 crore members.

On this occasion, MP Dhananjay Mahadik appealed office-bearers and workers to deliver benefits of various schemes of the central and the state governments to people.

MPs, MLAs, party's office-bearers and workers

from Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara participated in this

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Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms/contractor for the following works. **Tender Notice No.: 08-2025-SrDENS** **Name of Work:** A. i- Proposal for vegetation and jungle cleaning at various railway colonies, offices, service buildings in WDS-DUD section (incl. SUR) two times in a year for two years under ADEN/W/SUR. ii- Proposal for Rag picking including dewatering beyond 50m from longest PF edge to station limit of both ends of stations under ADEN(T)SUR & ADEN/KLBG sub-division for two years. **Approximate Cost of the work:** Rs. 5,03,69,186.94 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 4,01,900.00 **Completion period of the work:** 24 Months **Maintenance Period:** NA. **Last date & Times of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website:** 12.05.2025 upto 15.00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in:** 12.05.2025 at 15.30 hrs. **The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender.** Website www.ireps.gov.in. [ANJ-50]
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TENDER NOTICE


Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms/contractor for the following works. **Tender Notice No.: 04-2025-SrDENC** **Name of Work:** A. i- Bhigwan: Development of Circulating Area and Approach Road at Bhigwan (BGVN) Goods Shed. ii- Kurduwadi: Development of Circulating area and Approach Road etc. at Kurduwadi (KVVV) Goods Shed. iii- Taj Sultanpur: Development of various facilities at Taj Sultanpur (TJSP) Goods shed under PH-53. **Approximate Cost of the work:** Rs. 29,29,95,198.62 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1615000.00 **Completion period of the work:** 12 Months **Maintenance Period:** 12 Months. **Tender Notice No.: 05-2025-SrDENC** **Name of Work:** A. i- Provision of Boundary wall at approaches of cities vulnerable for encroachment in KVV-MRJ section under ADEN/PVR. ii- Provision of Boundary wall at approaches of cities vulnerable for encroachment in LUR-KMRD section under ADEN/LUR. iii- Provision of Boundary wall at approaches of cities vulnerable for encroachment in YSI-SEI section under ADEN/LUR. iv- Provision of Boundary wall at approaches of cities vulnerable for encroachment in KLBG-WD section under ADEN/KLBG. v- Provision of Boundary wall at approaches of cities vulnerable for encroachment in SUR-DUD section under ADEN/W/SUR. vi- Provision of Boundary wall at approaches of cities vulnerable for encroachment in BRB-KWV section under ADEN/KVV(BG). **Approximate Cost of the work:** Rs. 22,08,90,798.27 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1254500.00 **Completion period of the work:** 12 Months **Maintenance Period:** 12 Months. **Last date & Times of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website:** 15.05.2025 upto 15.00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in:** 15.05.2025 at 15.30 hrs. **The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender.** Website www.ireps.gov.in. [ANJ-51]
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WESTERN RAILWAY
STRENGTHENING OF BRIDGE & TRACK WORKS

Sr. DEN (South), Mumbai Central, Mumbai invites Sr. No:1. E-tender Notice No: BCT/25-26/23 dt. 21.04.2025. Work and Location: Churchgate - Virar Section: Strengthening of Br. No. 20 on Harbour lines under SSE (P. Way) Andheri section. **Approx. cost of work :** ₹ 1,37,06,536.48. **EMD:** ₹ 2,18,500/-. **Sr. No: 2. E-tender Notice No: BCT/25-26/24 dt. 21.04.2025. Work and location: Churchgate - Virar Section:** TRR (P) - 7.429 Tkm, & TRR (P) - 17.219 Tkm in connection with sanctioned track works in 24-25 under SR. DEN (South) Section. **Approx. cost of work :** ₹ 1,54,10,294.76. **EMD:** ₹ 2,27,100/-. Both of above Tenders, **Date & Time of Submission:** Till 16.05.2025, **15:00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening:** On 16.05.2025 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website www.ireps.gov.in 0073
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North Eastern Railway
Online E-Tender Notice

Dy. CME/Works for Chief Workshop Manager, N.E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites open tender through on-line (E-Tendering) for the following work-
S.No. : 1, E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work : Tender No. - "07-GKP-MWS-2025-26"
"Stripping and fitting of CBC, SCHAKU Couplers with their sub assemblies along with their transportation during POH/SS-II/SS-III in all types of Indian Railways coaches for 24 months in Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur". **Estimated Cost : Rs. 1,23,39,982.68, Earnest Money : Rs. 2,11,700.00, Last date of tender submission : Upto 11.00 hrs. Date 17.05.2025, Cost of the Tender Forms: Zero, Period of Contract : 24 Months.**
The details of above tender are also available on Indian Railway website "<http://www.ireps.gov.in>".
Dy. CME/Works, Mechanical Workshop, CPRO/Mech-13 N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur
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PUBLIC NOTICE
(Petition No. 136/2025 & 137/2025)

Further to the Public Notice published on 09.04.2025, all interested person(s)/ Stakeholders of the UT of Puducherry are hereby informed that the Public Hearing shall be held on the following petitions admitted by the Commission:

1. Petition No. 136/2025: Filing of the petition of Business Plan for MYT Control Period for FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30 for the Electricity Department of Puducherry as per Regulation 8 of the JERC (Generation, Transmission & Distribution Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024.

2. Petition No. 139/2025: Petition for approval of the True up of FY 2023 - 24, Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2024 - 25, Determination of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) and retail supply tariff for the MYT control period from FY-2025-26 to FY-2029-30 for the Electricity Department of Puducherry as pr Regulation 9 & 12 of the JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi Year Tariff) Regulation, 2024.

The aforesaid Petition is available on the Commission's website, i.e., www.jercuts.gov.in and on the Petitioner's website, i.e. <https://electricity.py.gov.in>.

Interested persons may give their objections/suggestions/comments on the above Petition, in person/ registered post addressed to- **The Secretary, JERC (For the State of Goa & UTs) 3rd & 4th Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar Phase IV, Sector 18, Gurugram, Haryana- 122015** or through e-mail at mail id-secy.jercuts@gov.in on or before 29.04.2025 with a copy to the **The Superintending Engineer cum Head of Department, Electricity Department- UT of Puducherry, 117, Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose salai, Puducherry - 605001**, (Email : se1ped.pon@nic.in).

The Commission shall conduct the public hearing on the above-mentioned Petition as per the schedule given below:

S. No.	Date/Day	Time	Mode
1	29th April, 2025 (Friday)	11:30 AM	PMMS Hall, No.81, Laporte Street, Puducherry - 605001.

(SD Sharma)
CBC 34124/12/0006/2526

Secretary (I/c), JERC

STANDARD POST

'Atmosphere has changed': BSF's vigil sharpens after Pahalgam tragedy

In the wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fiery declaration to "identify, track and punish" every terrorist and their backers involved in the heinous Pahalgam massacre, the atmosphere along the India-Pakistan border has turned electric.

The Border Security Force (BSF) is now in full combat readiness, signalling that India is not just angry -- it's ready to act.

From the dusty stretches of Rajasthan's Jaisalmer to the volatile frontier posts, BSF units are no longer in routine mode.

There's a tense calm — the kind that comes before a storm.

"We are fully prepared to carry out the Prime Minister's announcement against the militants to its final conclusion," declares BSF Company Commandant Akhilesh, his voice steely with resolve.

The situation on the ground has changed dramatically.

A BSF jawan, eyes scanning the horizon, shares the sentiment of many in uniform.

"The atmosphere has changed... it's tense now. What happened in Pahalgam was very painful. We are keeping a special watch on Pakistan," he says grimly, his finger resting lightly on the trigger.

BSF Assistant Company Commandant Parimal Das reveals a subtle but telling shift across the border.

"There has been a reduction in movement near the border, but they've increased their deployment. They know the Prime Minister has spoken -- and this time, action will follow..."

Even as the political message from Delhi echoes with intensity, it's on these frontlines that the response will be shaped.

The BSF is not just watching — it's waiting for the order.

In what seems like a synchronised tightening of the belt, the entire security apparatus -- especially along the western front -- has gone into alert mode.

Reports suggest additional deployments, advanced surveillance, and silent communication drills are already underway. The message from the border is clear -- the countdown has begun.

Earlier on Saturday, BSF Company Commandant Akhilesh further added: "The BSF is fully prepared and has increased its vigil across the border with Pakistan. Our preparations are complete, we are capable of responding, we have increased all our logistics, we have also increased manpower on the border, the atmosphere on the border is tense right now but we need an order from the higher headquarters."

The BSF soldiers are keeping an eye on every movement by the enemy nation Pakistan and its backed terror groups, he said. The International Border between India and Pakistan in Rajasthan is more than 1,000 km long.

"In the 1971 war, Pakistan was defeated from the border with India in Rajasthan," he added.

"After Pahalgam terror attack, Pakistan is scared and knows that India will give a reply with full preparation, that is why there is a lot of commotion on the other side of the border. As a result of this Pakistan has increased the strength of its army."

"BSF, Intelligence and other central agencies along with BSF jawans are keeping a close watch on every move of the enemy nation."

BSF soldiers are keeping a vigil on the India-Pakistan International Border, he noted.

"While keeping vigil, the BSF soldiers said that we are ready to deal with any situation, including the terrorists who carried out the horrific incident in Pahalgam. Since then, there is anger not only among the people of the country but also within us (the security personnel). We will give a befitting reply to any action of the enemy."

World Art Day 2025 Kicks Off with a Global Celebration of Creativity and Community



(By Prabuddha Ghosh)

The global art community ushered in World Art Day 2025 with the launch of the first phase of celebrations under this year's compelling theme: "A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community Through Art." This international observance, officially proclaimed by UNESCO in 2019, continues to honor the indispensable role of art in shaping societies, bridging divides, and nurturing creativity beyond borders.

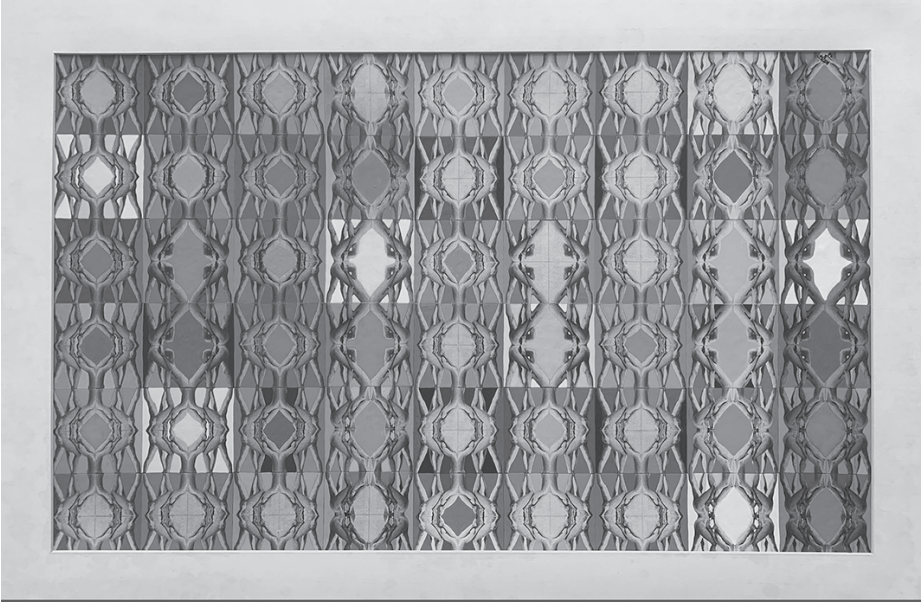
At the forefront of this year's celebration is an innovative international online exhibition, curated by acclaimed Indian artist and curator Prabuddha Ghosh, with the support of the Indian non-profit Art Insight Medium (AIM). A special message of goodwill was also shared by Ajay Jadhav, Founder President and Trustee of AIM, emphasizing the organization's enduring commitment to empowering artists globally.

Commemorated on the birth anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci, the Renaissance icon whose legacy symbolizes peace, freedom, and multicultural harmony, World Art Day is more than a tribute — it's a clarion call. In times of

growing conflict and ideological polarization, this year's theme invites the global creative community to cultivate spaces of empathy, diversity, and healing.

The online exhibition brings together 27 artists from 11 countries, creating a vibrant tapestry of cross-cultural perspectives. Each artist was thoughtfully introduced to the audience, with curator Prabuddha Ghosh offering insightful commentary and live demonstrations to deepen viewer engagement and understanding. The exhibition serves not just as a showcase of talent, but as a meaningful dialogue across generations and geographies.

Among the featured artists, Prof. Renata Bonter-Jędrzejewska of Poland impressed audiences with her deeply emotive ceramic works, while Dr. Fassih Keiso, based in Australia and originally from Syria, presented poignant mixed-media pieces reflecting themes of displacement and cultural memory. Marko Brajković of Croatia captured attention with line-driven narratives unfolding on canvas, and from India, Zen Vartan mesmerized viewers with his meditative "No Mind"



brushwork rooted in spiritual practice.

A notable strength of the exhibition is its intergenerational reach. From emerging voices like Fish Jaafar (Singapore) and Vatsya Padia (India) to seasoned practitioners such as Atul Padia, Jayanta Khan, Rajiv Kapoor, and Sunita Lamba, the show

reflects a diverse spectrum of thought and expression. Veteran banker Anil Oberoi drew particular admiration for his tree-root sculptures — natural elements transformed into soulful artworks. Printmaker Yatheesha showcased his technical mastery in etching, and Prabuddha Ghosh himself contributed

enriched the exhibition. Emilie Moreau of France explored her emotional kinship with wild animals through organic imagery, while Modesto Furchi (Italy) combined sketching and sculpture in a striking portrayal of form and feeling.

AIM, through this initiative, has reaffirmed its



ethereal miniature paintings and deeply symbolic photography rooted in spiritual inquiry.

International contributions further

mission to create a strong platform for artists, giving them global exposure and fostering connections among creatives. By spotlighting artists from across the globe — from students to masters — the exhibition truly embodies the essence of this year's theme: cultivating community through creative expression.

"As artists, we are gardeners of culture," said curator Prabuddha Ghosh. "Our role today is not only to reflect the times but to imagine new ways of being — more inclusive, more compassionate, more connected."

World Art Day 2025's opening phase serves as a powerful reminder:

Art is not merely what we create — it is what we awaken. In every stroke, sculpture, and song, there lies a call — to listen, to feel, and to build a more harmonious world.

As the celebrations continue, this global garden of expression is just beginning to bloom — and everyone is invited to witness its unfolding beauty.

Condemnation by AILU and Demand for Strict Action Regarding the Assault on Woman Advocate Gyaneshwari Anjan in Sanagav

On 14th April 2025, in Sanagav village of Ambajogai Taluka, Beed District, woman advocate Gyaneshwari Anjan, who practices at the Sessions Court, was brutally assaulted by the village Sarpanch Anant Anjan and his nine associates. The incident occurred over a dispute related to noise pollution. Advocate Anjan suffered from migraines triggered by the loud sound of religious loudspeakers and the constant noise from nearby flour mills. She had initially approached the Sarpanch with a complaint, requesting that the noise levels be reduced. Though the Sarpanch promised action, no steps were taken. Subsequently, she lodged a formal complaint at the Yusuf-Wadgaon Police Station, after which the noise had temporarily subsided.

However, on 14th April, the Sarpanch and his associates came to Advocate Anjan's house and threatened her. They asked, "Will you permit the



religious rituals of the village to continue?" Following this, they forcibly took her to a field and brutally assaulted her using sticks and iron pipes. She sustained severe injuries and was immediately admitted to a hospital. Although she has since returned home, as of 18th April 2025, none of the accused have been arrested. The accused remain absconding and have resumed operation of the flour mills, in addition to issuing further threats to

Advocate Anjan's family.

The All India Lawyers' Union, Maharashtra State, strongly condemns this incident. Lawyers are an integral part of the judicial system, and such an attack on an advocate is a direct challenge to law and order. Advocate Gyaneshwari Anjan was merely exercising her fundamental rights, yet she was violently assaulted in a mob-like manner, which is utterly deplorable. The police's failure to take concrete action thus far



raises serious concerns about the safety of advocates.

The All India Lawyers' Union, Maharashtra State, demands the immediate arrest of the Sarpanch and his associates, and strict legal action against them. It is also demanding for enactment of a special law and establishment of a

protection mechanism for the safety of advocates. AILU further demands for an impartial and swift investigation by the police to ensure that the culprits are brought to justice and for strict enforcement of noise pollution regulations, with stringent action against violators.

Badal appeals to electorate of Ludhiana West to support SAD in by-election

Ludhiana, April 26 (UNI) : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal today appealed to the electorate of Ludhiana West to support the SAD in the forthcoming by-election to "pave the way for the end of gangster culture, drug menace and terrorism". Addressing the media at the residence of SAD candidate Parupkar Singh Ghuman, he said: "The people of the State have experimented with both the Congress and AAP. Punjab has witnessed a steep decline in all parameters and now the situation has become such that even the common man is not safe. The State needs a decisive government like the SAD which will eradicate gangsters and drug traffickers besides bringing back peace and ensuring communal harmony."

Badal also attacked the AAP Delhi leadership for taking over the Punjab government.

Ham as releases video showing rescue of Israeli hostage after tunnel bombing in Gaza

Gaza, April 26 (UNI) : Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, on Saturday released a video purportedly showing the rescue of an Israeli hostage following the bombing of a tunnel by the Israeli army in the Gaza Strip a few days ago.

Posted on Hamas' official Telegram channel, the video appears to document part of a rescue operation by Al-Qassam fighters. In the footage, fighters are seen digging through the rubble of a collapsed tunnel using their hands and basic tools under difficult field conditions.A barefoot individual, identified as an Israeli hostage, is shown being pulled from the debris, appearing exhausted and immobile. The video also shows the person receiving a respirator to assist with breathing.No additional information regarding the individual's condition or identity was provided by Al-Qassam. The authenticity of the footage has not been independently verified, and the Israeli army has not commented on the video.

A few days ago, the Israeli military announced that it had targeted and bombed a network of tunnels across different areas of the Gaza Strip, describing them as being used for "military purposes."The release of the video comes as fierce clashes continue between Israel and Palestinian factions in Gaza, amid ongoing regional and international efforts to broker a ceasefire.

Israel receives 3 new F-35i stealth fighter jets

Jerusalem, April 26 (UNI) : The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said on Friday that its Air Force had received three new F-35i stealth fighter jets.

According to an IDF statement, the three jets landed Thursday evening at Nevatim Airbase in the Negev Desert, southern Israel.

Also named "Adir", meaning "mighty" in Hebrew, the F-35i is a modified variant of the F-35 Lightning II, manufactured by the U.S.-headquartered Lockheed Martin Corporation.The new jets have joined the Air Force's 140 Squadron, known as Golden Eagle, which is Israel's first F-35i unit, established in 2016 with the arrival of the first two jets.

Israel was the first country to purchase the F-35 as part of a foreign military sale with the United States in October 2010.According to the IDF statement, since the start of its multi-front conflicts in the region, the Adir formation has been operating at "an unprecedented operational load", participating in both defensive and offensive missions.Israel's state-owned Kan TV News reported that the Israeli Air Force now fields 45 F-35i jets out of the 75 included in procurement agreements with the U.S. government.

Iran, US still have differences over nuclear program : Minister

Tehran, April 26 (UNI) : Tehran and Washington still have differences over Iran's nuclear program, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Saturday."We have disagreements on both general issues and details. Before the next meeting, we will conduct additional analysis in our capitals on how to reduce the disagreements," Araghchi said on air of Iranian television.Iran and the United States exchanged written views and outlined their positions during indirect talks in Oman, the foreign minister said.

Trump, EC head agree to meet soon - Diplomatic Source

Moscow, April 26 (UNI) : European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and US President Donald Trump have agreed to hold a meeting in the near future, a European diplomatic source told RIA Novosti."The head of the European Commission and the US president, while in Rome, agreed to hold a meeting in the near future, but no specific date has been set yet," the source said.The source added that von der Leyen would meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Rome on Saturday afternoon.

"Yes, such a meeting is scheduled," the source said.Earlier this week, European Commission spokeswoman Paula Pinho told a briefing in Brussels that von der Leyen did not have any confirmed plans to meet with Trump, but would take the opportunity to make contact with him in Rome.

Nepali people stage protest outside Pakistan Embassy in Kathmandu against Pahalgam attack

Kathmandu, April 26 (UNI) : Nepali people held a large demonstration outside the Pakistan Embassy in Kathmandu against the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, in which a Nepali tourist was among the 26 people killed.The country's Rashtriya Prajatantra Party condemned the terror attack and staged a protest against Pakistan's state-sponsored-terrorism.

The protesters held the Nepali national flag and a photo of the deceased Sudeep Neupane (27), demanding justice for him.The protesters were heard chanting cries such as "Down with Islamic Terrorism", "Pakistan Terrorist Army", and "Stop Killing Hindus".

A video on X (formerly Twitter) showed the protest, which was marked by high emotion. The protesters also sent a note to the Pakistani Embassy and asked it to stop supporting terrorism.

A separate protest was also carried out by Nagarik Yuva Shakti Nepal who condemned the terror attack, and raised calls for bringing the perpetrators to justice, and asked for a stop to the targeted killing of Hindus.

5 killed, over 700 wounded in blast at southern Iranian port



Tehran, April 26 (UNI) : At least five people were killed and more than 700 others injured in a huge explosion that occurred on Saturday at a port in Iran's southern province of Hormozgan, media reported.

The casualties were announced by Mehrdad Hassanzadeh, director general of the provincial crisis management organization, in an interview with Fars.

He added that those wounded in the incident

were hospitalized in different medical centers across the southern port city of Bandar Abbas in the province.

According to China's Consulate General in Bandar Abbas, three Chinese citizens sustained minor injuries in the explosion. They are now in good condition after receiving medical treatment.

In an earlier report, the official news agency IRNA said the blast occurred at a gas tank at the Port of

Shahid Rajaee, causing extensive damage to nearby buildings and cars.

In remarks to Fars later, Hossein Zafari, spokesman for the National Disaster Management Organization, said the blast was caused by chemical materials in a container at the port.

Meanwhile, the Iranian government's spokeswoman, Fatemeh Mohajerani, warned against any "hasty speculations" about the cause of the incident before relevant authorities

Anti-canal protests continue in Sindh, as sit-ins disrupt transportation

Karachi, April 26 (UNI) : Protests over the controversial canal project in Sindh is seeing no end, as protesters have staged multiple sit-ins across the province, bringing all transportation to a halt. This comes despite the Pakistan government halting the project until a consensus is reached.

The sit-ins carried out en-masse by protesters have disrupted traffic across several districts in the province, once again stalling transportation significantly, stranding thousands of trucks and effectively disrupting the province's whole supply chain.

According to Dawn, Tariq Gujjar, president of the Transport Goods Association (TGA), said more than 10,000 to 15,000 trawlers, containers, trucks and oil tankers remain stuck in the Sukkur-Larkana division and around Bahawalpur due to ongoing road blockades.

"Drivers have reported that goods movement, especially from the Sukkur-Larkana region to the Bahawalpur area, is still

paralysed," he said.

He added that lawyers are still not ready to call off their protests, and are reportedly waiting for the notification on May 2 making the rollback of canal projects official.

The trucks have been carrying food items, sacrificial animals, fertilisers, machinery, medicines, and other critical assets for import and export.

While there has been headway between the PPP (Pakistan Peoples Party) and the ruling PML-N (Pakistan Muslim League – Nawaz) over halting the project until a mutual consensus was reached via mechanisms of the Council of Common Interests, the protesters have not been satisfied in the least.

In Khairpur, the sit-in by lawyers entered its ninth day at the Babarlou Bypass on the National Highway. In Ghotki, two sit-ins continue — one by nationalist groups at the Mangrio Pump site near Daharki, and another by lawyers at the Sindh-Punjab border near Kamo Shaheed, The News International reported.

Both groups have

vowed to maintain their protests until a notification confirming the project's cancellation is issued — despite Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's assurance that no canal would be built sans consensus.The ongoing demonstrations, joined by members of the civil society, have led to the complete suspension of goods transport between Sindh and Punjab.

The Sindh Bar Council also declared a province-wide strike, causing widespread disruption in legal proceedings. Courts in Hyderabad, Larkana, Nawabshah, Jacobabad, and other cities were boycotted, with City Court remaining locked even on Friday. Hundreds of cases were adjourned without hearing, leaving litigants distressed.

The transport blockade has had serious repercussions beyond Sindh. In Faisalabad, over 1,000 containers belonging to the textile sector — loaded with export and import goods — remain stranded due to road closures in Sindh. This has caused a critical shortage of

complete the investigations, the semi-official Fars news agency reported.

She added that what had been confirmed so far was that there were containers, probably with chemical materials, at a corner of the port.

Rapid reaction and rescue teams have been dispatched to the scene, and all port activities have been suspended, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported, adding that the number of injured is likely to increase.

In a post on social media platform X, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian extended sympathy to the victims of the explosion, announcing that he had issued a directive for the investigation of the blast as well as the cause of the incident.He added that Iran's Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni had been dispatched to the province to ensure the necessary coordination and address the condition of the injured.

raw materials, disrupting factory production.

According to Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce officials, two export vessels have already been missed, impacting exports that were scheduled two weeks ago.

Attempting to call off the protests, Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah urged demonstrators to open blocked highways and allow goods movement to resume.

"Peaceful protests are acceptable, but public disruptions are not," he said, as per Dawn.

The blockade has alarmed industry leaders who say the economy is already bearing the brunt of the prolonged unrest.

Jawed Bilwani, president of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, estimated cumulative losses of over PKR 500 billion (\$1.8 billion) in export orders and local production over the past 10 to 12 days. This includes four days of transport delays due to a separate strike by truckers protesting new fitness certificate regulations.

At least 21 Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza: Civil Defence

Gaza, April 26 (UNI) : At least 21 Palestinians were killed on Friday in Israeli airstrikes across the Gaza Strip, according to Gaza's civil defence authorities.

Mahmoud Basal, spokesperson for the civil defence, reported that nine people were killed and several others injured when Israeli aircraft struck a house east of al-Fakhari town, southeast of Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

Additional airstrikes were reported in Gaza City and other areas around Khan Younis, Basal added.

The Israeli army has not issued a comment regarding these incidents.

In Gaza City, heavy clashes erupted between Palestinian armed factions and Israeli forces in the Shuja'iyya and Tuffah neighbourhoods. The confrontations were accompanied by intense Israeli air and artillery bombardments, as well as smoke shells. Multiple explosions were heard, with thick plumes of smoke rising over the area, according to Palestinian sources.

In a statement on Friday, Israeli army spokesperson Avichay Adraee said that troops from the 401st Brigade of the 252nd Division had been

operating in the area for several weeks, targeting "terrorist organisations". He noted that an Israeli drone had killed the members of a Palestinian cell responsible for firing an anti-tank missile from a building. No Israeli casualties were reported in that incident.

Meanwhile, in southern Gaza, six Israeli soldiers were wounded during what was described as a "security incident", with one in serious condition, according to Israel's state-owned Kan TV. Adraee confirmed that a reservist from the 5250th Battalion was seriously wounded during clashes in the southern Gaza Strip.

Abu Obeida, spokesperson for the al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, said in a separate statement that their fighters carried out ambushes and targeted Israeli troops.

Since Israel resumed its intensified military campaign on March 18, at least 2,062 Palestinians have been killed and 5,375 injured, bringing the overall death toll in Gaza since the war began in October 2023 to 51,439, with a total of 117,416 people injured, according to health authorities in Gaza.

Trump, Zelensky meet on sidelines of Pope's funeral

Rome, April 26 (UNI) : U.S. President Donald Trump met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Saturday on the sidelines of Pope Francis' funeral in Vatican City, media reports said.

A spokesperson from Kiev was quoted by Italian broadcaster Rai News as saying that Zelensky and Trump held a meeting ahead of the funeral, without providing further details.The White House also confirmed the meeting, describing their conversation as "productive.", Xinhua news reported.Several media outlets also reported that Trump and Zelensky agreed to meet again on Saturday following the funeral.

The two leaders' meeting came just one day after Trump said Russia and Ukraine were "very close to a deal," following talks between his envoy, Steve Witkoff, and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Friday.

Ham as says open to releasing all hostages for 5-year truce: Source

Cairo, April 26 (UNI) : A Hamas delegation led by senior leader Khalil al-Hayya agreed on Saturday in Cairo to release all Israeli hostages in exchange for a five-year truce, according to an Egyptian security source.

The source described talks on Saturday as "very important" for advancing efforts to end the war in Gaza, noting that the Hamas delegation accepted the five-year truce proposal after reviewing various offers.

So far, Israel has not formally responded to any of the proposals, but has given the green light for negotiations to continue regarding the release of hostages, the source added.Egypt's Al-Qahera News TV channel reported the Hamas

delegation would also discuss a comprehensive deal that ensures the full withdrawal of the Israeli forces from Gaza, and securing the delivery of humanitarian aid to the enclave. Talks are expected to include the formation of a committee to manage Gaza's administration.Israel halted the entry of aid supplies into Gaza on March 2, following the expiration of the first six-week phase of a ceasefire agreement with Hamas that started on Jan. 19. Israel claimed the move was due to Hamas' rejection of its offer to extend the first phase. Israeli forces then resumed strikes across Gaza on March 18, effectively ending the phased truce.



Home & Garden

Useful flooring tips

Dark floors can be intimidating for some but it is one of the easiest ways to give a large room a chic makeover.



When dark works best

If you have a high ceiling and walls that are tall, dark floors are ideal. Very large rooms can benefit from the grounding effect that a dark floor has.

Helps disguise dirt

Spills, stains, hair, pet fur and dirt are friendlier with dark flooring. It works for bathrooms and kitchens too. It can be a blessing for the working busybee and also for the lazy ones, who can't find time to clean up too often.

Adds character

Dark hardwood floors add immense character to a large room. It is popular with celebrities and business tycoons. They have the incredible ability to embrace all kinds of decor schemes.

Floor and furniture

You could choose to have light-coloured furniture for a dramatic effect. If needed, use a rug that helps to provide this contrast.

Complements minimalist decor

Modern furniture that has the minimalist look, is great for dark floors.

Get your creative best for your

Child's room



Induce creativity:

Your bundle of joy needs to be gently nudged into a world of imagination and wonder. Grab his or her interest in all things creative and stimulating by infusing an element of magic, fantasy and popular kids' literature into their rooms. Think of bedsheets and pillows with cartoon characters, wall motifs that make them want to read fairytales and wall decals with famous animated movie figures.

Splash colours:

Most parents understand that a child's room must exude bright happiness in terms of the colour scheme. Yet many desist from undertaking the project of altering the way the room looks. This is because the traditional belief is that to spruce up the room, one has to invest in recolouring the walls. However, this isn't true. In fact, most contemporary designers believe that it's better to have the walls painted in a sober shade and splash vibrancy in other ways through upholstery, accessories, exuberant rugs, beanbags and lots of visually pleasing books.

Go natural:

Children love the outdoors and nature, and if you don't want them to end up as couch potatoes once they grow up a little, it will be best to encourage this feeling of oneness with all things natural. Boost their love for the wild by cleverly infusing quirky elements into their abode. Wallpapers that represent forests or mountains and ceilings with stars that shine in the dark usually work well. Wooden furniture and flooring best complement such a theme.

Create space:

When designing an interior scheme for your baby's room, it's essential to keep in mind that he or she needs a lot of space. If you have one room for two children, a bunk bed is a great idea. Not only do children find it cool and fun, it also makes way for an activity area. Just spread a funky carpet, scatter a few toys here and there and the perfect playroom is ready. Your little princess can also lay her Barbie set here and delve into her beautiful world of fantasy.

From splashing colours to going natural -- you can use your creativity to make your child's room a true fairyland.

Create a container Garden in your home

A container garden is a great way to utilise the space in your house and also add greenery. This is how you can do it...



Map the area where you want to make the garden

Since this type of a garden can make your home look cluttered, always select one specific area in your house where you would like to have it. This can be a space, either in your living area, your balcony or a place in your dining room. Go for plants that can sustain for a long duration

Mostly built indoors, choose plants that can survive with minimum or no sunlight for days at end. However, you must remember to water them from time to time, so that they remain fresh.

Go for bright blooms

Instead of going in only for green plants, you can also opt for flowers in bright colours — marigolds, lilies, etc

are good options. They not only add to the beauty of the room, but also lend a calming effect. Make sure you choose flowering plants that are not seasonal.

Do not opt for too many planters

Build the garden in such a way that it does not overpower your room. Since you also have to maintain uniformity, having about three to four planters placed side by side will make the garden look complete. This will also lend a neat look to your room and the plants will have enough breathing space.

Place them on faux grass

To give the garden a more authentic look, you can have the planters placed on fake grass. If you are planning to do this in your bedroom, make sure that you choose an area (possibly near the windows, so that your plants can get sunlight). You can alternatively also use pebbles for non-flowering plants that need less water to keep them clean.



When it comes to locating plots, buildings, orienting homes, placing decor and even planning gardens the first thing which would come to our mind is unhindered flow of energy and a feel good factor.

Designing homes the Feng Shui Way

This is quite possible when we plan our home keeping in mind some important tenets of Feng Shui in terms of decor, alignment and design.

The adaptation could extend beyond the framework of building design as it can be used to enhance the interiors, furnishing, decor and other aspects of the design elements in a space. A simple approach to Feng Shui would be in terms of providing the right plot levels, set backs, proper layout and allocation of rooms. How do we go about this? The basic understanding to allocate rooms in the right sectors is a step after getting to know the interpretation of the magnetic fields and compass directions. Presuming that one has got to know the axis of the plot and located the cardinal magnetic directions, it becomes a lot easier to design a home as per Feng Shui tenets.

Some of the very generic rules in Feng Shui home design are:-

Main door: The main door should be the largest door in the home and the door should not open into a kitchen area. Moreover the position of the main door is critical and would vary depending upon the direction and axis of the plot, however doors right on the cardinal directions are considered bad positioning.

Kitchen: What we eat, where we eat and how we eat are all part of the science of health and vitality; hence kitchen location is vital to the overall harmony of the home. Kitchen as many elements which operate in tandem or could be

conflicting like water, fire (stove /electricity), metal (utensils) etc. In addition locating the stove and sink is of great importance so having the water body away from the fire is quite important.

Master bedroom: This is one of the most important rooms in a home. It is said that deep sleep is when we reunite with the source, hence if we sleep deeply we awaken refreshed ready for the new day. Quality of sleep is far more important than the length of time. Certain locations are more conducive to peaceful sleep than others. Using wooden bed/cot is preferred as wood is benign and warm as against metal beds, which are cold and oppressive, and metal is said to be associated with the planet Saturn.

Living room: This room is the sanctuary for relaxation. Feng Shui treatises says that the centre portion or the 'tai chi' of the house is not conducive for major activities as it receives least amount of cosmic energy, hence it is beneficial if a major portion of the living room occupies the central zone of the building. Remember to orient your sofas and heavy furniture's such that they occupy the south and west sectors of the room and avoid furniture or blockages at the northeast sector of the room which is the knowledge sector.

Toilets: In the earlier days the toilets were away from the main house and later they were made 'en-suite' or attached. Toilets should not be too close to kitchen as the food energy and toilet energies are incompatible.

Feng Shui reminds us of the basic relationship between earth, man and cosmos. By adapting these principles our lives, we can create a healthy environment with harmonious living and working environment.



CAB pay tribute to victims of Pahalgam terror attack

Kolkata, April 26 (UNI) : In a gesture of respect and solidarity, the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) paid tribute to the victims of the terror attack in Pahalgam before the IPL match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Punjab Kings at the iconic Eden Gardens on Saturday.

To honour those who lost their lives, a minute's silence was observed before the start of play.

The customary Eden bell, which has been rung for several years before the start of a match, was not done so on Saturday to pay tribute to the victims.

Present for the occasion were CAB President Snehasish Ganguly, CAB Secretary Naresh Ojha,

CAB Treasurer Prabir Chakrabarty, CAB Vice President Amalendu Biswas, CAB Joint Secretary Debabrata Das along with other CAB officials and members. Also present was former Australia cricketer Brad Haddin.

Jackson goal sends Chelsea back into Champions League places

London, April 26 (UNI) : Chelsea edged back into the Champions League places with a one-goal victory over Everton at Stamford Bridge.

The win moves the Blues up to fourth in the Premier League, level on points with Nottingham Forest and a point ahead of Newcastle, who play Ipswich later on Saturday.

With Forest and Aston Villa in FA Cup semi-final action this weekend, Chelsea will hold on to a top-five spot at least until Thursday, when Forest host Brentford.

The crucial three points were sealed by striker Nicolas Jackson, who ended a 13-match goalless run stretching back to December, the BBC reported.

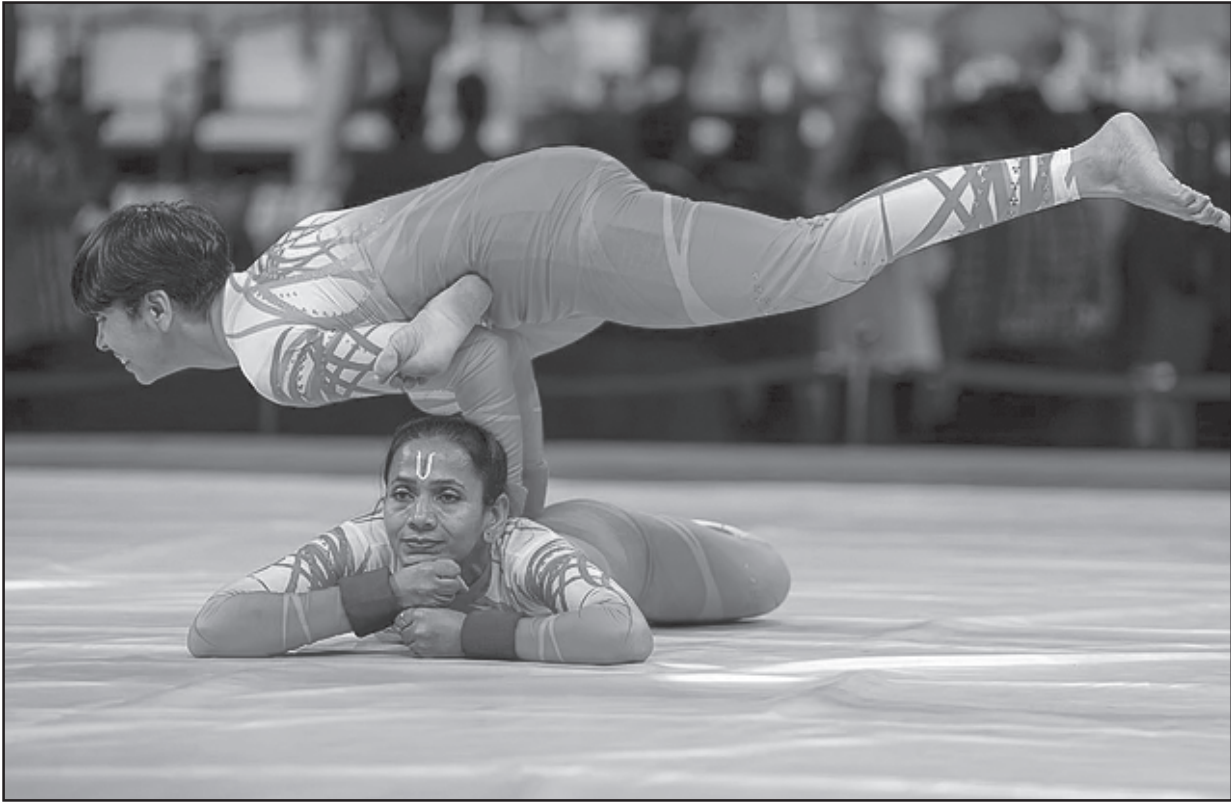
He drilled an instinctive 20-yard effort beyond Jordan Pickford and into the bottom corner in the 27th minute.

Despite being the better side, Chelsea were unable to kill the game off and, given the tight nature of the race for Champions League football and the Blues' difficult league fixtures before the end of the season, there were uncomfortable moments when Everton improved in the final quarter.

But the hosts' keeper Robert Sanchez saved well from both Beto and Dwight McNeil low to his right when needed.

Enzo Maresca's Chelsea now play leaders Liverpool at Stamford Bridge next Sunday, then visit fellow Champions League chasers Newcastle, before hosting Manchester United, and travelling to Forest on the final day.

Everton have only won one of their past nine matches and remain 13th.



Participants perform yoga postures during the 2nd Asian Yogasana Sport Championship, in New Delhi on Saturday.

Chongqing hosts 10th international high-heel color run

Chongqing, April 26 (UNI) : The 2025 "Love Fuling" Consumption Season and the 10th International High-Heel Color Run kicked off on Saturday at the Mexin Red Wine Town in Fuling District, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality.

The event attracted over 100 participants from more than 10 countries and regions, including Poland, Thailand, Zimbabwe, and Pakistan, all racing in high heels with a minimum height of seven centimeters, blending sports, fashion, and tourism in a vibrant celebration.

First launched in 2014, the International High-Heel Color Run has been held in Fuling for over a decade and is now regarded as one of China's most creative and popular fun runs.

This year's event embraced the theme

"Running for Ten Years, Forward with Passion," highlighting international flair and fashionable energy.

The race is open to participants of all genders and nationalities, inviting anyone brave enough to run in high heels to join. This year's race featured a variety of exciting challenges, including a 100-meter sprint, obstacle courses, and a mystery shoe run. Alongside the competitions, there were creative costume contests, a mass fitness run, a night market, and an outdoor music festival, transforming the event into a dynamic showcase of the integration of sports, culture, and tourism.

Set amidst picturesque natural scenery and styled after European wineries, Meixin Red Wine Town offered an immersive

tourism experience. During the event, organizers introduced various discounts, including promotional park passes and cable car ticket packages. Hotels and guesthouses in the scenic area provided special offers for runners and visitors. Over 100,000 yuan (about \$13,723) in prizes and cultural gift packs featuring local specialties such as Fuling pickles and black pork rice dumplings were also prepared for participants.

"It's my first time running in high heels, and it feels fresh and fun," said Meili, a student from Zimbabwe studying at the International School of Yangtze Normal University.

"This event helped me better understand Chongqing and make more Chinese friends. I hope to join similar events in other

Chinese cities in the future."

"Santa, a runner from Thailand, said sports can bring people together and spread unity and love.

As a student in China, he found more and more Chinese joined running and even marathon, "I will definitely join this event next year if I get the chance." After a hard-fought race, Zheng Wendi won the women's division with a time of 15:41, while Liu Qingsong won the men's division, clocking 13:20. International competitors also received participation honors.

In recent years, Fuling has actively promoted the integration of sports, culture, and tourism by developing unique international IP events aimed at enhancing the city's image and sharing

China's creative cultural stories with the world.

Mohun Bagan SG edge past Kerala Blasters to enter Kalinga Super Cup semi-finals

Bhubaneswar, April 26 (UNI) : The young guns of Mohun Bagan SG defeated Kerala Blasters FC 2-1 in the quarter-finals of the Kalinga Super Cup 2025 here on Saturday.

The ISL Shield and Cup-winning Mariners, fielding an all-Indian squad except for Portuguese defender Nuno Reis, scored once in each half through Sahal Abdul Samad (22') and Suhail Ahmad Bhat (51'). Sreekuttan MS (90+4') pulled one back for the Blasters, but it was too little, as Mohun Bagan SG, helped by a solid performance from goalkeeper Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem, entered the semi-finals. Bastab Roy's side will face the winners of the clash between FC Goa and Punjab FC in the semi-final on April 30.

The game began at a leisurely pace, with both teams not committing many bodies in the opposition half. After 20 minutes of no goalmouth action, Mohun Bagan SG churned out the opener with their first meaningful attack of the match. With some lightning-quick footwork, Salahuddeen Adnan twisted and turned past left-back Naocha Singh and slipped a cross into the

six-yard box. Getting on the end of it was Sahal Abdul Samad, who, with a drop of a shoulder, swiftly evaded Ruivah Hormipam's challenge and dinked the ball over goalkeeper Sachin Suresh to make it 1-0 in the 22nd minute.

From then on, it was all Kerala Blasters, who were left rattled by the Mariners and grew desperate for the equaliser. Noah Sadaoui, scorer of a stunning long ranger against East Bengal, tried the same trick once again, cutting in from the right and shooting from distance. But he didn't get enough elevation, and the ball landed straight into the gloves of Dheeraj Singh.

The Blasters became increasingly dangerous from short corners. In the 30th minute, after playing a one-two with Vibin Mohanan, Sadaoui drilled a low cross that was hacked clear by Dipendu Biswas. Later, from another short corner, Hormipam's cross-turned-shot almost landed into the top corner, with Dheeraj doing well to tip it over. In the first-half added time, Mohammed Aimen was fed on the left wing by Vibin. The midfielder cut in from the left before seeing his right-footer swerve over the bar.

Curran urges Zimbabwe to stay grounded ahead of second Test

Sylhet, April 26 (UNI) : Zimbabwe are riding high after a thrilling three-wicket win here, chasing down 174 runs – their highest successful chase in Test history.

The victory not only marked their first Test win since 2021 but also their fourth overseas triumph.

Opening batter Ben Curran has called on his teammates to guard against complacency as they gear up for the second and final Test against Bangladesh, set to begin in Chattogram on April 28. Speaking to the reporters in Sylhet, Curran emphasized the importance of maintaining focus.

"We are expecting Bangladesh to come really hard at us. We are not expecting this to be an easy game. We have to work hard for every moment. We can hopefully put in a similar performance to last game," Curran said. For

Curran, the Sylhet Test win was personally significant, as it marked his first victory in the longest format since making his debut in early 2024. The left-hand batter made 18 in the first innings, but stepped up with a crucial 44-run knock that came in handy in a 95-run opening wicket stand alongside Brian Bennett, an ICC report said.

Blessing Muzarabani starred with a sizzling nine-wicket haul, including picking six in the second innings that turned out to be the chief architect in Bangladesh's collapse.

"It is a great feeling, having put in a lot of hard work leading into the series. Obviously, the series is not done. There's a big game to come in the next few days," Curran said.

The 28-year-old batter noted that confidence within the Zimbabwe squad is high following the

historic win, but warned that they must quickly adapt to different conditions expected in Chattogram. "Winning Tests always gives guys confidence. Everyone is going to take different learning from the win in Sylhet. As long as we are prepared to move forward as individuals, we are in a good place," he said.

Curran further credited Zimbabwe's senior players, Sean Williams and Craig Ervine, for helping him find his feet in international cricket. "I am relatively new in international cricket so I am like a sponge trying to learn as much as I can from Sean and Craig. It will help my development. I will be silly if I didn't try to tap into their experience," he acknowledged.

The second Test begins on April 28, at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram.

Aizawl International Half Marathon 2025 concludes on a high note

Aizawl, April 26 (UNI) : Mizoram's first-ever international half marathon, the Aizawl International Half Marathon 2025 (AIHM 2025), concluded successfully this morning with a vibrant closing and felicitation ceremony held at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Aizawl.

Organised jointly by the Sports & Youth Services Department of the Government of Mizoram, the Athletic Federation of India, and Innovations India Pvt. Ltd., the event drew over 1,500 enthusiastic participants across multiple categories.

The races, flagged off at 6:30 AM by Sports & Youth Services Minister Lalnghinglova Hmar, featured four segments: the Half Marathon (21.1 km), Open Race (10 km), Fun Race (5 km), and Junior Category (5 km). Competitors followed a scenic route from Rajiv Gandhi Stadium along

World Bank Road before returning to the stadium. A total prize pool of Rs 10 lakh was awarded to winners in the various categories.

At the felicitation ceremony, Mizoram Governor General (Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd), who is also the Patron of AIHM 2025, lauded the organisers for successfully hosting the international event. In his address, he emphasised the need for even larger and more inclusive marathons in the future, encouraging greater public participation and sustained efforts towards promoting health and fitness. He congratulated the Sports Minister, the Athletic Federation of India, Innovations India Pvt. Ltd., and all associated stakeholders for their dedication. The Governor also expressed confidence that the Aizawl International Half Marathon would soon emerge as one of the most popular sporting events in

India. Sports & Youth Services Minister Lalnghinglova Hmar, in his remarks, expressed gratitude for the enthusiastic response from runners, especially those from outside Mizoram. Announcing that the next edition of the Aizawl International Half Marathon is scheduled for February 14, 2026, he called for even greater participation and extended an open invitation to all.

Among those present at the closing ceremony were PWD Minister Vanlalhlana, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Minister Lalthansanga, Deputy Speaker Lalfamkima, Adviser to Chief Minister Lalmuanpuia Punte, MLA Jeje Lalpekhlua, Capt. Rahul Bali, CEO of Innovations India Pvt. Ltd., and other dignitaries and officials. The winners of the Aizawl International Half Marathon 2025 in various categories were felicitated at the event.

Indian Women's Hockey Team go down 3-5 to Australia A

Perth, April 26 (UNI) : The Indian Women's Hockey Team fought valiantly but fell short in their opening game of the Australia Tour, going down 3-5 against a clinical Australia A side at the Perth Hockey Stadium on Saturday. India found the back of the net through Mahima Tete (27'), Navneet Kaur (45'), and Lalremsiami (50'), while Neasa Flynn (3'), Olivia Downes (9'), Ruby Harris (11'), Tatum Stewart (21'), and Kendra Fitzpatrick (44') scored for Australia A. The match began at a frenetic pace, with Australia A asserting early control and breaking the deadlock through goal by Neasa Flynn (3').

The home team continued to press hard, and in quick succession, Olivia Downes (9') and Ruby Harris (11') capitalised on defensive lapses to score two more field goals, ending the first quarter with a commanding 3-0 lead. Australia A carried their momentum into the second quarter, putting

relentless pressure on the Indian defence. After earning back-to-back penalty corners, Tatum Stewart (21') converted one, stretching their advantage to 4-0.

Despite the early onslaught, India showed resilience, and Mahima Tete (27') pulled a goal back with a sharp field goal, injecting some energy into the Indian side as they headed into half-time trailing 1-4.

Australia A upped their ante and were rewarded for their efforts as Kendra Fitzpatrick (44') netted another goal for her side to

make it 5-1. The Indian team launched a counterattack and their efforts bore fruit when Vice-Captain Navneet Kaur (45') found the back of the net, narrowing the gap to 2-5. In the final quarter, both teams continued to create scoring opportunities. India showcased their fighting spirit once again when Lalremsiami (50') slotted home a fine field goal, keeping India's hopes of a comeback alive. Despite some late pressure, India could not find the net again, and the match concluded with Australia A securing a 5-3 victory.

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ECoR, DRM inspects Jagdalpur - Kottavalasa Line and NMDC



(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, April 26 : Mr Lalit Bohra Divisional Railway Manager conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Jagdalpur-Kottavalasa section and NMDC today (26.04.2025). During the inspection, he reviewed various works at railway establishments, stations, sidings, and the NMDC mining site. He also carried out a detailed window trailing inspection of the section, assessing the track condition, curves, bridges, points, and

crossings.

Chief Engineer/Construction Shri Gourishankar Rao, Branch officers of Waltair accompanied DRM during his inspection. Key focus of the inspection was the ongoing doubling work of the Jagdalpur-Koraput-Kottavalasa line, station development activities, Safety aspects and the development of siding facilities. DRM also reviewed the wagon discharge silo system at NMDC, which aims to significantly reduce wagon

loading time, enhancing operational efficiency.

Divisional Railway Manager held discussions with senior NMDC officials regarding improving freight loading operations. These discussions are expected to enhance rake loading capacity, increase traffic for both Railways and NMDC and generate additional revenue for both parties. During his visit to Jagdalpur, Amagura stations, Mr Lalit Bohra interacted with station staff and reviewed the progress of various developmental activities.

Grand Felicitation Ceremony of Sonu Kumar Jha Will Soon : Dr Adinarayana



(Standard Post Bureau)

News Delhi, April 26 : Adi Leela Foundation National President Dr. Adinarayana, Announced that Grand Felicitation Ceremony of Sonu Kumar Jha Will be held Soon. Prominent BJP leader, social worker, hope of the weaker sections, Sonu Kumar Jha's services are commendable, said Dr. Adinarayana, Said That.

At a time he is emerging as an exemplary leader by organizing many service programs not only in the states of Bihar and Gujarat but also in many states of the country, Adi Leela Foundation and Matru Deo Bhava Satsang organizations have expressed their full support. In a joint statement, Dr. Adinarayana and National President of Matru Deo Bhava Satsang Mr KB Sridhar said that in the current contemporary political context, Sonu Kumar Jha are very necessary for the society and the country, and it is our responsibility to encourage and support such leaders.

They said that a grand felicitation ceremony will be organized for him soon under the auspices of both organizations. Sonu Kumar Jha is currently MLA and serving as a Pradesh adyakhsh and mahamantri in Bihar.

E-office system implemented in MSETCL

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 26 : E-office system was inaugurated in Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (MSETCL) by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (IAS), Chairman and Managing Director of (MSETCL). On this occasion, Director (Operations) Satish Chavan, Director (Projects) Avinash Nimbalkar, Director (Finance) Mrs. Trupti Mudholkar, Director (HR) Sugat Gamare, Chief Engineer Sunil

Suryavanshi, Bhushan Ballal, Mahendra Walke, Piyush Sharma, Mrs. Juilee Wagh, Chief General Manager (Finance & Accounts) Mrs. Anju Gupta, Kishor Garud, Chief General Manager (Information Technology) Nagsen Wankhede, Superintendent Engineer (Civil) Sachin Khadgi, Nachiket Gade, Bhushan Salunkhe were present.

E-office system was introduced to make administrative processes more efficient, transparent and dynamic by using modern technology. In

the first phase, this system was launched for the federal office located in Mumbai and offices under Vashi Circle. Paperless office transactions will be possible through this system and this new digital platform has been provided for file management, registration, tracking and exchange of information. This system will speed up the office work and save time and resources. Employees and officers will be able to work on the file at the workplace or even remotely. This will help in

making the decision-making process more dynamic and accurate. General Manager (HR) Raju Gaikwad, Deputy General Manager (HR) Abhay Rohi, Deputy General Manager (Information Technology) Mrs. Varsha Asolkar, Chandrashekhar Borade, Babasaheb Kamble, Anil Sonawane, Anand Gaikwad, Gajanan Rathod worked hard to implement this system. Chief General Manager (Information Technology) Nagsen Wankhede expressed gratitude.

MSETCL steps towards digital: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 26 : "Under the leadership of the Chief Minister and Energy Minister of the state Shri. Devendra Fadnavis and under the guidance of Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) Mrs. Abha Shukla, . Various projects of MSETCL are currently being implemented in digital and online manner. E-governance, e-office will help in bringing speed and transparency in the work. We are trying to keep MSETCL at the forefront by making maximum use of information technology and artificial intelligence. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (IAS), Chairman and Managing Director of MSETCL said .



Flag march conducted by RPF and GRP

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, April 26 : Flag marches were conducted at railway stations over Waltair Division of East Coast Railway by Railway Protection Force and the Government Railway Police to maintain order and deter crime. They are a visible demonstration of authority and can be used in response to situations like violence or unrest. Flag marches serve as a deterrent to potential lawbreakers and ensure that law and order is



maintained

Strengthening security measures at railway stations, the Railway

Protection Force conducted a flag march at the Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam

Road, Rayagada, Jagdalpur, Lakshmiapur Road, Koraput and other important railway stations over the Division.

Congress Workers candle light rally at Necklace Road against Terrorist Attack

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, April 26 Congress workers across Telangana state take out candlelight marches in solidarity with the victims of the horrific Pahalgam terror attack and to reaffirm unity against terrorism. As per the instructions of Col. Rohit Choudhary, National Chairman Ex-Servicemen Dept AICC New Delhi P. Rajendran, Chairman, Ex. Servicemen Dept/TPCC, P. Gunashekar, General Secretary, Combined Defence Ex. Servicemen Welfare Association of Telangana State, M. Raju, Treasurer CDEWA along with large



number of Servicemens joined Chief Minister of Telangana to express the solidarity, where Ministers, MPs, MLAs, DCCs and

thousands of Congress workers gathered in the candle light rally against the heinous terrorist attack on innocent pilgrims at

Pahalgam, at Indira Gandhi statue, Necklace Road, Where Hundered of Congress Worker gathered and Strongly Condemn this attack.

ECoR GM inspects key Rail Infrastructure Projects in Western Odisha

(Standard Post Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, April 26 : East Coast Railway (ECoR) General Manager Parmeshwar Funkwal on Saturday conducted a comprehensive inspection of critical rail infrastructure and traffic facility works across the Sambalpur-Jharsuguda Railway Section in Western Odisha. The inspection included visits to Jharsuguda Road, Brundamal, Lapanga and Sarla stations with a detailed review of ongoing projects and railway sidings that support the region's industrial growth. Key projects inspected

included BPSL Siding at Lapanga, Jharsuguda Road Station, Brundamal-Jharsuguda Flyover, MAVB Siding at Brundamal, Brundamal Yard and Sarla Freight Examination Depot Funkwal reviewed traffic facilities, railway infrastructure and operational enhancements with Divisional Railway Manager of Sambalpur Division Subash C Chaudhary and other senior ECoR officials.

A major milestone during the visit was the inspection of the newly commissioned Freight Train Examination and Routine Overhauling

(ROH) Facility at Sarla Station, which is set to Handle 90-100 train examinations and 100 wagon ROHs per month. Improve operational efficiency and reduce turnaround time for BTAP wagons by 30 percent and enhance freight handling capacity and safety.

The facility is expected to significantly boost economic activity by supporting the needs of key regional industries, including steel, aluminum & coal, and fostering job creation and revenue growth.

The ECoR General Manager also emphasized

the importance of stakeholder coordination and industrial collaboration to maximize railway efficiency and national economic development.

During the inspection, the General Manager also stressed the importance of strengthening safety measures across stations and rail yards, and enhancing passenger amenities such as improved waiting areas, upgraded lighting, drinking water facilities, and better signage—ensuring a safe and comfortable experience for travellers while maintaining operational excellence.

Woman dies, 6 hospitalised after fire breaks in Mumbai residential building

Mumbai, April 26 (UNI) : A 34-year-old woman died, and six others were hospitalised after a fire broke out early Saturday morning in a Mumbai residential building located at Broke Land Building, near Ashok Academy Lane in Lokhandwala, Andheri (West). The fire erupted around 2:39 am and was reported by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)'s Mumbai Fire Brigade (MFB) at approximately 3:13 am.

According to fire officials, the fire was confined to a flat on first floor of the ground-plus-eight-storey building. The fire affected electric wiring, electric installations, split and window AC units, wooden furniture, documents, mattresses, clothes and other household items.

A total of seven people suffered smoke inhalation during the incident. They were promptly rescued by firefighters and transported to nearby hospitals, including Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Cooper Hospital and Trauma Hospital,



(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, April 26 : In view of the rising temperatures and the anticipated increase in passenger footfall during the summer season, Waltair Division of East Coast Railway has proactively implemented a series of precautionary and passenger-friendly measures to ensure comfort, safety, and smooth operations across all major stations under its jurisdiction. Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra has given directives to take all possible measures to ensure comfortable journey of the passengers during the summer.

The precautionary measures includes Ensuring sufficient availability of packaged drinking water and potable drinking water at all major stations, Waltair Division has made special arrangements.

Water booths have been inspected regularly by the officials for functionality and water supply to serve passengers efficiently.

Free Drinking Water facility, particularly catering to general coach passengers, have been set up at the ends of platforms by NGOs at Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam Road and will also be provided at Duvvada, Rayagada etc stations. Civil Defence personnel and Scouts & Guides were engaged at the stations for distribution of the safe drinking water at the stations. Directives have been issued for availability of running water in all station toilets and waiting halls, timely announcement of train arrival and departures, proper queue management and holding areas have been designated to streamline boarding and alighting during peak hours.