

## IN BRIEF

### China to impose additional 34 percent tariffs on all US

Beijing, April 4 (UNI) : China will impose additional 34-percent tariffs on all products imported from the United States starting from April 10, the Asian giant's Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council announced Friday. The announcement follows the US decision to impose "reciprocal tariffs" on Chinese exports to the United States, a move that the commission said does not conform to international trade rules, seriously undermines China's legitimate rights and interests, and represents a typical act of unilateral bullying.

The US move not only harms the interests of the United States itself, but also jeopardizes global economic development and the stability of industrial and supply chains, the commission said in a statement.

China urged the US to immediately lift its unilateral tariff measures and resolve trade disputes through consultations on the basis of equality, respect and mutual benefits, according to the statement.

### Woman dies in Pune for lack of timely treatment

Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Friday ordered a thorough probe into the death of a woman who allegedly did not received proper treatment at Dinanath Mangeshkar Hospital.

Tanisha Bhise's death is "very unfortunate" and the government has taken serious note of it, said Pawar in his media statement. The Health Department has ordered the probe to be completes immediately, transparently and impartially. Although the hospital administration has expressed its views before the media, the government will thoroughly investigate this matter and take appropriate action.

The government has understood the feelings of the individuals, institutions and organizations protesting about this incident.

According to the findings of the investigation, strict action will be taken against those found guilty as per the law.

## CM, Fadnavis reviews preparations for Finance Commission visit in May



(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, April 4 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday reviewed preparations for the two-day visit of the 16th Finance Commission to the state from May 8 .

A state government media statement said the review meeting at the Sahyadri Guest House here was chaired by Fadnavis. On this occasion, Deputy Chief Minister

Ekhnath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, Minister of State for Finance Ashish Jaiswal, Chief Secretary Sujata Saunik along with all the senior officials concerned were present. Additional

Chief Secretary Asim Kumar Gupta gave a detailed presentation on the preparations being made by the Finance Department in connection with the visit, the statement added.

### Cops cooperating with accused will be transferred, says Minister

Beed, April 4 (UNI) : Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam on Friday directed that the policemen cooperating with the accused in the Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh murder case would be transferred and said no one found involved in the case will be spared.

Kadam, who was on a tour of the Beed district during the day to visit Massajog village, met the family of the late Santosh Deshmukh. He discussed with the late Deshmukh's brother Dhananjay Deshmukh and daughter Vaibhavi Deshmukh.

Kadam assured that the government is firmly behind the Deshmukh family in this matter.

After consoling the Deshmukh family, Kadam took information about the investigation done so far in the case. There are constant allegations that the prison authorities are treating the accused in this case, Walmik Karad, who is in custody in Beed Jail, as a very special person (VVIP). Speaking to the media, Kadam said he will discuss the matter with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Minister Ekhnath Shinde and talk about the action to shift Karad and his co-accused to other prisons.

## Sensex down over 930 points after imposition of tariffs; About Rs 11 lakh crore lost

Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : A widespread selling, following imposition of 26 per cent "Reciprocal Tariffs" by the US President Donald Trump, was witnessed in the stock market on Friday as the BSE Sensex suffered a loss of over 930 points to end the day at 75,364.69 and investors losing about Rs 11 lakh crore of wealth in a single day.

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) fell 345.65 points to settle at 22,904.45. The substantial drop in crude prices and significant selling in major companies like Reliance Industries, Larsen & Toubro and Infosys contributed to the market downturn.

The day opened on a negative note at 76,160.09, falling 135 points. It remained negative throughout the session. During the day, it tanked 1055 points 75,240.55, during intra-day trading, before closing at 75,364.69, down 930.67 points from its previous close. Weak global market also contributed to weak sentiments in the Asian bourses.

The Foreign Institutional investors (FIIs) continue to remain net sellers in the cash segment. The FIIs sold equities worth Rs 2,806 crore while the Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought equities to the tune of Rs 221.47

crore in the last trading session yesterday, according to latest data available. The brokers in the market said the situation in the market continues to be sensitive and asked retail investors to be cautious before taking any decision.

Stocks that were badly hit were Metal by 6.34 per cent, followed by Oil and Gas and Commodities by 3.89 per cent each. Energy by 3.65 per cent and Reality by 3.61 per cent.

Meanwhile the government maintained that it was analysing the impact of Reciprocal Tariffs and is in discussion with the US authorities in this regard.

The mid-cap declined 3.08 per cent and the small cap by 3.43 per cent. In the 30-share BSE Sensex, shares of 22 companies ended in red while that of 8 companies were in green as their prices closed higher over previous close.

Major losers in today's trade were Tata Steel by 8.36 per cent to Rs 140.80, Tata Motors by 5.92 per cent to Rs 615.30, L&T by 4.69 per cent to Rs 3258.40, and Adani Ports by 4.01 per cent to Rs 1153. The gainers included Bajaj Finance by 1.59 per cent to Rs 8735, HDFC Bank by 1.30 per cent to Rs 1817, Nestle India Ltd by 0.79 per cent to Rs 2364.95, and ICICI Bank by 0.38 per cent to Rs 1334.05.

## Veteran actor Manoj Kumar dies Waqf Amendment Bill, 2025 will end "injustice and corruption": Shah



Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : Veteran actor Manoj Kumar (87) died on Friday at the Kokilaben Ambani Hospital early morning at around 3:30 am due to age-related health issues.

He had been hospitalised for the past few

weeks. A stalwart of Indian cinema, Manoj Kumar was known for his iconic roles in films that evoked deep patriotic fervour.

His notable works include Shaheed (1965), which explored the life of the freedom fighter Bhagat

Singh; Upkar (1967); Purab Aur Paschim (1970); and Roti Kapda Aur Makana (1974), all of which left an indelible mark on Hindi cinema. His thriller, Gumnaam (1965), was one of the highest-grossing movies of that year, collecting Rs 2.6 crores.

Kumar won the Best Director award at the Filmfare Awards in 1975 for his movie Roti Kapada Aur Makana.

He was conferred the title of Padma Shri in 1992, the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999, and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2015. Before the 2004 general elections, Kumar officially joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

New Delhi, April 4 (UNI) : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday described the passage of Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, by Parliament as "historic" and said that it will put an end to "injustice and corruption". He said that through this bill, the "Waqf Board and the Waqf properties" will be more "accountable, transparent and equitable". In a post on X, Shah said, "Today is a historic day, when the Parliament has approved the 'Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025',

ending the era of years of injustice and corruption and ushering in an era of justice and equality." "Through this bill, the Waqf Board and Waqf properties are going to be more accountable, transparent and equitable. This will definitely benefit the poor, women and children of the Muslim community," he added.

"I congratulate the Prime Minister Mr. @narendramodi and the Minister of Minority Affairs Mr. @KirenRijiju for this important bill that gives justice to crores of people.

## PM Modi meets Mohd Yunus in Bangkok, raises safety of Hindus, growing extremism in Bangladesh

Bangkok/New Delhi, April 4 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Bangladesh Chief Advisor Mohd Yunus in Bangkok today, during which he underlined the need to ensure the safety and security of Hindus in Bangladesh and tackle the growing extremism which is a threat to regional stability.

PM Modi also urged that "rhetoric that vitiates the environment is best avoided", in reference to the anti-India statements by members of the Yunus regime. And most recently

during Chief Advisor Yunus' visit to Beijing where he positioned Bangladesh as the "guardian of ocean access" for India's "landlocked" Northeast region. The meeting, that lasted half an hour, marked the first bilateral meeting between the leadership of the two sides since the formation of the army-backed Interim Government in Bangladesh in August last year, after the dismissal of the Sheikh Hasina government. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC Summit in

Bangkok. PM Modi in a post on X said: "Met Mr. Muhammad Yunus, Chief Adviser of the interim government of Bangladesh. "India remains committed to a constructive and people-centric relationship with Bangladesh.

"I reiterated India's support for peace, stability, inclusivity and democracy in Bangladesh.

"Discussed measures to prevent illegal border crossings and expressed our serious concern for the safety and well-being of

Hindus and other minorities." The MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post: "PM @narendramodi met @ChiefAdviserGOB of Bangladesh on the margins of BIMSTEC Summit today in Bangkok.

"PM underlined India's desire for constructive relations with Bangladesh based on mutual respect and sensitivity.

"PM also underlined the need to ensure the safety & security of Hindus in Bangladesh and tackle growing extremism which is

a threat to regional stability.

"India will support advancement of the BIMSTEC agenda under Bangladesh's incoming chairship." A statement said: Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's support for a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh.

"Enunciating India's people-centric approach to the relationship, Prime Minister Modi highlighted that cooperation between the two countries has brought tangible benefits to the people of both countries.



### Cabinet approves four multi-tracking rail projects worth Rs 18,658 crore

The Union Cabinet has approved four multi-tracking projects across Indian Railways, covering 15 districts in three states -- Maharashtra, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh at a cost of Rs 18,658 crore. Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the decision was taken at the Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. (See on page 2)

### Lebanese PM calls for maximum pressure on Israel to halt ....



Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam on Friday called for "maximum pressure on Israel" to halt its ongoing attacks across various regions of Lebanon. In a statement issued by his media office, Salam condemned Israel's latest strike, saying, "Once again, Israel targets the peace of the night, this time in the 'southern capital.'" (See on page 5)

### BWF to test scoring system in global badminton events



The World Badminton Federation (BWF) will test a new 3x15 scoring system across 10 international tournaments starting May 2025, the governing body announced Thursday. Under the trial rules, matches will be played as best-of-three games, with each game won by the first player to reach 15 points. (See on page 7)

### Many 'commissionerates' of land mafias formed in UP under ....



Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Friday alleged that not only in Gorakhpur, Ayodhya, Lucknow or Kanpur, but in reality, many 'commissionerates' of land mafia have been formed under the rule of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the entire Uttar Pradesh. (See on page 8)



# Quad nations commit humanitarian assistance of \$20 mn to quake-hit

New Delhi, April 4 (UNI) : The Quad countries of India, Japan, Australia and the US, have so far committed humanitarian assistance estimated at a combined value of over USD 20 million to quake-hit Myanmar.

In a joint statement, the Quad countries said: “Through our funding and bilateral efforts, we are delivering relief supplies, deploying emergency medical teams and supporting humanitarian partners working in Myanmar to provide care for those affected by the earthquake.”

“We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the peoples of Myanmar and Thailand following the earthquake that struck central Myanmar on March 28.

“The significant loss of life, injuries, and widespread destruction of infrastructure worsen an already-dire humanitarian situation in Myanmar.

“We welcome recent commitments to temporary, partial ceasefires and call on all parties to implement, extend and broaden these measures, to provide a safe and conducive environment to facilitate timely delivery of life-saving humanitarian assistance throughout Myanmar.

“We welcome the ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ statements of 29 and 30 March, and the support provided by ASEAN and countries in the region to the communities affected.

“The Quad is coordinating efforts to ensure that our response effectively and efficiently distributes assistance and meets the needs of the communities affected.

The Quad’s Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Partnership has established a coordination group that is collaborating closely with other partners, including the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management.

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Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the decision was taken at the Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday.

These projects are aimed to ensure seamless and faster transportation of both passengers and goods. These initiatives will improve travel convenience, reduce logistic cost, decrease oil imports and contribute to lower CO2 emissions, supporting sustainable and efficient rail operations, the Minister added.

These projects, the existing network of the Indian Railways will increase by 1,247 kms.

Vaishnaw said that the projects aim to enhance logistical efficiency by increasing the line capacity along the key routes for coal, iron ore, and other minerals. These improvements will streamline the supply chains, thereby contributing to accelerated economic growth.

“These projects will be completed upto 2030-31 and will generate direct employment for about 379 lakh human-days during construction period,” he said. These projects include the Sambalpur – Jarapda 3rd and 4th Line, Jharsuguda – Sason 3rd and 4th Line, Kharsia – Naya Raipur – Parmalkasa 5th and 6th Line and Gondia– Balharshah

# DRDO & Indian Army conduct four successful flight-tests of Army version of Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile

(Standard Post Bureau)

New Delhi, April 4 : Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army conducted four successful flight-tests of the Army version of Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha on April 03 & 04, 2025. The four operational flight-trials were carried out against high-speed aerial targets. The missiles intercepted the aerial targets and destroyed them, registering direct hits. The trials were carried out to intercept four targets at long-range, short-range, high altitude and low altitude, proving the operational capability.

The flight-tests were carried out with the weapon system in operational condition. The performance of the weapon system was validated through the flight data captured by range instruments like radars and



electro-optical tracking systems deployed by Integrated Test Range, Chandipur. The flight tests were carried out in the presence of senior officials from DRDO and the Indian

Army. The trials were carried out by the Indian Army from Eastern and Southern Commands under DRDO guidance. These trials have proven the operational capability of

both Army Commands and paved the way for operationalisation of weapon systems in two Regiments. The MRSAM is developed jointly by DRDO and Israel Aerospace Industries for use by the Indian Army. The MRSAM Army weapon system comprises multi-function radar, command post, mobile launcher system and other vehicles. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO, Indian Army and the industries for the successful flight-tests. Four successful tests have re-established the capability of the weapon system in intercepting targets at critical ranges, he said.

Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat complimented the teams involved in the successful flight-trial, terming the as major milestones for building operational capability of the Indian Army.

# Himachal HC slams PWD over unpaved road, initiates contempt

Shimla, April 4 (UNI) : The Himachal Pradesh High Court on Thursday came down heavily on the state Public Works Department (PWD) for failing to fulfill its commitment to pave a crucial road, and ordered contempt proceedings against top officials.

The court found that despite a 2019 assurance to complete the metalling work on the Kelodhar-Siyanj Bagda road by March 2020, the PWD left the project unfinished even after four years.

A bench of Justices Tarlok Singh Chauhan and Sushil Kukreja was hearing a petition by Hem Singh, who sought the widening and paving of the road.

The PWD had earlier submitted a status report claiming the 11-19 km stretch (Naglog-Balidhar) would be completed by the deadline, leading the court to close the case. However, when no progress was made, Singh filed a compliance petition, exposing the department’s inaction.

The court slammed the PWD for "willful disregard" of its orders, noting that officials neither completed the work nor sought an extension.

The contractor was fined Rs 20 lakh for delays, but the penalty was never recovered, and the contract was scrapped in March 2020. Another contractor, assigned the remaining work, also failed, forcing the PWD to cancel the agreement in May 2021.

Despite the court’s intervention, the PWD took no concrete steps till 2024, when the work was finally re-allotted.

The High Court has now demanded an affidavit from the PWD explaining who contempt processing should not initiate against them for none compliance of court order..

# Homeopathic doctor caught red-handed accepting bribe

Chandigarh, April 4 (UNI) : The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Friday, arrested a private homeopathic doctor Arvind Kumar of Raiya, in Amritsar district, while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 3.50 lakh in Tarn Taran.


An official spokesperson of the state VB said the arrest was made following a complaint filed by Ashok Kumar of Patran town in Patiala district.

According to the complaint, Dr Arvind Kumar had initially demanded a bribe of Rs 5 lakh on behalf of Dr Sumit Singh, currently serving as Senior Medical Officer (SMO) at Manawala, Amritsar. The bribe was allegedly meant to influence Dr Sumit Singh’s testimony in favour of the complainant in an ongoing court case. The amount was later negotiated down to Rs 3.50 lakh. He further informed that the case pertains to a matter registered against Ashok Kumar and others under the PNDDT Act and NDPS Act at Patran police station, based on a complaint by Rajesh Kumar, SMO Sumit Singh is a key witness in this case.

The spokesperson added that the after preliminary verification of the complaint, the VB team laid a trap at Tarn Taran where Dr. Arvind Kumar was present at the office of "Sarhadi Lok Sewa Samiti," a national-level committee working for the welfare of border area residents, particularly in dowry cases and women’s empowerment.

The accused was caught red-handed while accepting the bribe of Rs 3.50 lakh from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses. Audio recordings submitted as evidence corroborated the bribe demand, leading to the arrest. In this regard a case under the has been registered against Dr Arvind Kumar at Flying Squad-1, VB police station Punjab at Mohali.

The accused would be produced in the competent court tomorrow. He stated that further investigation is ongoing, and the role of Dr Sumit Singh and any other individuals involved will be thoroughly examined.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**


In the F/South Division, action is to be taken against unauthorized hawkers on footpaths under the encroachment removal account. For this work, contract laborers are to be appointed. A public notice has been issued on the Municipal Corporation’s website portal.mcg.gov.in for the selection of non-governmental organizations for this work.

Interested organizations can obtain all the information about this scheme and purchase the tender form for Rs. 3300/- (non-refundable) plus 18% GST and Rs. 15,500 as a security deposit in cash, by submitting a written application at the office of the Senior Inspector (Anti-Encroachment), F/South Division Office, First Floor, Room No. 1, Dr. Ambedkar Marg, Parel, Mumbai-400012, on any working day (excluding second and fourth Saturdays and public holidays) from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM on 05/04/2025 to 08/04/2025 by paying through a bank challan.

**Sd/- Assistant Commissioner F/South Division**

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**Open e-Tender Notice No. DR/M/Works/SC/29-46/2025/OT, Dt: 03.04.2025**

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works **up to 14.00 hours on dt: 02.05.2025**

**S.No:- 1., e-Tender No.:- 29\_CO\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** SW 1) Secunderabad: Maintenance of residual chlorine in drinking water at Secunderabad Railway station for a period of 24 months. **SW 2) Hyderabad:** Maintenance of residual chlorine in drinking water at Hyderabad Railway station for a period of 24 months. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 15,22,483/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 30,500/-, **Completion period in Months:** 24, **Maintenance period in Months:** Nil

**S.No:- 2., e-Tender No.:- 30\_CR\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** SC-KZJ section (DEN/C/SC): Provision of boundary wall of along the track for 130 kmph & above for 28.16 Kms Boundary length at various stations ( Phase-II). (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 32,93,87,987/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 17,97,000/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 3., e-Tender No.:- 31\_CR\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** SW-1) SNF-MLY section: SW 1) Shifting of steel overhead tank into other location a part of Re-alignment of curve and P&C approaches from OHE BPL/12 to OHE BPL/32 on line between MLY goods Cabin and MLY gate cabin. SW 2) Re-alignment of curve and P&C approaches from OHE BPL/12-32 on line between MLY goods Cabin and MLY gate cabin. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 2,09,23,799/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 2,54,700/-, **Completion period in Months:** 06, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 4., e-Tender No.:- 32\_CR\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** SC-DHNE Section: Proposed construction of new Bridge No. 1/B as RUB of size 1x10.50mx5.90m precast RCC BOX at km 1/1-2 between Secunderabad-Sitaphalmandi stations by BOX pushing method with RH girder (Deposit Work). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 7,82,45,439/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 5,41,300/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 5., e-Tender No.:- 33\_CR\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** SW 1) SC-PBP section: (DEN/C/SC) Provision of safety fence / boundary wall of along the track for 130 Kmph & above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 72.56 Kms fencing length and SW 2) PBP-KZJ section: (DEN/C/SC) Provision of safety fence / boundary wall of along the track for 130 Kmph & above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 56.80 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 48,57,62,432/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 25,78,900/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 6., e-Tender No.:- 34\_N\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** BPQ-KZJ Sections: (UP&DN & UD) i) Widening / repair of Cess for 50,000 cum ii) TFR Widening / repair of Cess, filling up of low lying areas near toe of bank, providing Toe bank & Precast / Cast insitu RCC central drain & cross drain HDPE through the Railway formation at a required depth to the required slope etc. for a total length of 64.332 Kms in SSE/PWay/SKZR & BPA (Telangana state) under ADEN/BPA Sub-division and SSE/PWay/MCI, PDPL & N&KJ (Telangana state) under ADEN/RDM sub division. (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 53,93,22,590/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 28,46,700/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 7., e-Tender No.:- 35\_N\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** BPQ-KZJ Sections: TFR Widening / repair of cess, filling up of low lying areas near toe of bank, providing TOE bank, & precast / cast insitu RCC central Drain & cross drain HDPE through the Railway formation at a required depth to the required slope etc. for a total length of 11.908 Kms. in SSE/PWay/MAGH & SKZR section (Maharashtra state) under ADEN/BPA sub division. (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 14,22,35,071/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 8,61,200/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 8., e-Tender No.:- 36\_N\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** Improvements to facilities in the existing Goods shed at PRPI. (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 18,64,70,087/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 10,82,400/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 9., e-Tender No.:- 37\_N\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** BPQ-ASAF section: Provision of safety Fencing along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 49.62 Kms fencing length (Phase-II) in Maharashtra state under Sr.DEN / North / SC section. (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 20,21,24,957/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 11,60,700/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 10., e-Tender No.:- 38\_N\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** SW 1) BPQ-ASAF Section: Provision of safety Fencing along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 57.78 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). SW 2) ASAF – PTKP Section:

Provision of safety fencing along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier/ W beam steel fencing for 114.22 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). SW 3) PTKP-KZJ section: Provision of safety Fencing along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above using NHAI anti crash barrier / Wbeam steel fencing for 50.34 Kms fencing length (Phase-II) in Telangana state under Sr.DEN/North/SC jurisdiction. (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 91,05,21,953/-, **EMD(Rs.):** 47,02,700/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 11., e-Tender No.:- 39\_W\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** SW 1) VKB-PRLI Section: Proposed replacement of Br No. 33 at Km 19/6-7 Exg 1x12.20 m Steel Girder with 1x12.20m PSC slab between VKB-SSPD stations. SW 2) SC-WADI Section: Proposed replacement of Br No. 123UP at Km 113/1-7 Exg 5x12.00 m Steel Girder with 5x12.20m PSC slab between VKB-CTF stations. SW 3) SC-WADI Section: Proposed replacement of Br. No.134DN at km 120/22-28 Exg 8x12.00 m Steel Girder with 8x12.20m PSC slab between VKB-CTF stations. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 6,51,17,880/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 4,75,600/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 12., e-Tender No.:- 40\_NW\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** VKB-PRLI Section- Proposal for construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.71 (M) at Km. 137/3-4 between Bhalki Kalgaipur stations. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 9,32,80,936/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 6,16,410/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 13., e-Tender No.:- 41\_S\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** KZJ-BZA Section: Proposed construction of Limited height subway (LHS) New Bridge No. 559 (A) km 42 / 33-35 in Lieu of closed Level crossing (Trespassing Location) at Kesamudram station yard as precast RCC Box of size 1x3.00x2.65 by Air pushing method. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 4,28,63,050/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 3,64,400/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 14., e-Tender No.:- 42\_S\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** KZJ-KI Section: Provision of safety Fencing / Boundary Wall of along the Track for speed 130 Kmph using Precast RCC panels Inverted T elements for 10 Km fencing length (Phase-I) under ADEN/S&KZJ section. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 4,12,90,576/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 3,56,500/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 15., e-Tender No.:- 43\_S\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** KZJ-KI Section: (Sr DEN/S&SC): Provision of boundary wall of along the track fro 130 Kmph & above for 35.14 Kms boundary length at various stations (Phase-II). (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 38,79,10,976/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 20,89,600/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 16., e-Tender No.:- 44\_S\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** KZJ-KI Section: Provision of Safety Fencing /Boundary wall of along the Track for speed 130 Kmph using Precast RCC Panels inverted T elements for 5 km fencing length (Phase-I) under ADEN/MDR section. **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 2,11,74,684/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 2,55,900/-, **Completion period in Months:** 09, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

**S.No:- 17., e-Tender No.:- 45\_S\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** KZJ-KI Section: (Sr DEN/S&SC): Provision of Safety Fencing /Boundary wall of along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above using Fixed knot fencing with high tensile steel wire coated with Bezinal 2000 for 15km fencing length (Phase-I). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 4,03,42,803/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 3,51,800/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period : 45 (Days)**

**S.No:- 18., e-Tender No.:- 46\_S\_SC\_25\_OT, Name of the work:-** SW 1) KZJ-MLMG section: (Sr.DEN/S&SC) Provision of safety fencing / Boundary wall of along the Track for 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 105.68 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). SW 2) MLMG-KI (Sr.DEN/S&SC) : Provision of safety fencing / Boundary wall of along the Track for speed 130 Kmph and above by NHAI anti crash barrier / W beam steel fencing for 116.78 Kms fencing length (Phase-II). (Two packet system). **Approx. Tender Value in Rs.:** 93,04,42,463/-, **EMD (Rs.):** 48,02,300/-, **Completion period in Months:** 12, **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

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Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde pay tribute to veteran actor Manoj Kumar

Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : State Deputy Chief Ministers Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde on Friday paid tribute to veteran actor Manoj Kumar who passed away in Kokilaben Ambani hospital here.

Pawar in his condolence message stated, "With the demise of veteran actor, director and ‘Bharat Kumar’, a great era in Indian cinema has come to an end."

Pawar said, "Veteran actor Manoj Kumar instilled patriotism in the minds of the people through patriotic films. With films like ‘Upkaar’, ‘Roti Kapda Aur Makaan’, ‘Kranti’, he powerfully presented the reality of society and his loyalty to the country. The patriotism in his acting and direction is still ingrained in the minds of the audience. His contribution to Indian cinema is invaluable and his place can never be filled. Manoj Kumar, a recipient of the ‘Dadasaheb Phalke’ and ‘Padma Shri’ awards, was an inspiration to many budding artists."

With his death, Hindi cinema has lost a senior and great artist, he added.

Mere Desh Ki Dharti, A Watan A Watan Hum Ko Teri Kasam, on whom one after another great patriotic songs were filmed, Shinde expressed the feeling that a true son of India has been lost with the demise of veteran producer, screenwriter, director, actor Manoj Kumar, everyone's 'Bharat Kumar'.In his condolence message, Shinde said, "During his acting career, Manoj Kumar played the lead role in various films like Shaheed, Purab Aur Paschim, Himalaya Ki God Mai, Hariyali Aur Rasta, Roti Kapda Aur Makaan, Kranti."He made a sincere effort to instill patriotism, the issues of farmers and laborers, and the feeling of Indianness in the minds of the countrymen through his films."The freedom we got was obtained through the sacrifices of the revolutionaries, and so that we would never forget them, he made people aware of them through his art.""This true artist, who considered India as a sacred land, has rested forever in the bosom of India today," added Shinde.

Rajasthan and Odisha State Formation Day celebrated in Maharashtra Raj Bhavan



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 4 : The State Foundation Days of Rajasthan and Odisha were jointly celebrated in the presence of Maharashtra Governor and Chancellor of Universities C.P. Radhakrishnan at the Raj Bhavan Mumbai on Friday.

The programme was organised by Maharashtra Raj Bhavan in association with the Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil University, Satara (KBPU).

The State Foundation Day celebration was organised as part of the 'Ek

Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of Government of India.A cultural programme depicting the folk dance, music and cultural traditions of Rajasthan and Odisha was presented by the students of the Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil University, Satara (KBPU).

Audio visual films showing the beauty, history, heritage, cuisine, culture and tourist destinations of the two states were also shown on the occasion.

Rajasthani folk songs 'Kesariya' and 'Zimir

Barase', and folk dances 'Chirami', 'Ghoomar' and 'Kalbeliya' were shown on this occasion.Odisha folk songs Sambalpuri song - 'Rasarkeli bo' and folk dances - Sambhalpuri Dhalkai were also shown on the occasion.Former MP Ramshet Thakur, Secretary to the Governor Dr Prashant Narnaware, Provost of the Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil University Chandrakant Dalvi, Vice Chancellor of Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil University Dr. Dnyanadeo Mhaske, Deputy Secretary to the

Governor S Ramamoorthy, Principals of colleges affiliated to the University, members of faculty and students were present on the occasion.The Governor felicitated the Provost of the Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil University, Satara (KBPU) Chandrakant Dalvi and artist - students on the occasion.

Secretary to the Governor Dr Prashant Narnaware delivered the welcome address while Under Secretary (Education) Vikas Kulkarni proposed a vote of thanks.

Veteran Congressman Yusuf Abrahani resigns

Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : In a massive jolt to the Congress, former MLA Yusuf Abrahani, a prominent Muslim face of the grand old party in Mumbai, has resigned.

Abrahani has sent his resignation to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge.

Abrahani resigned as the Sr. Vice President of Mumbai Regional Congress Committee and also membership of the party.However, he has not assigned any reason for his departure.He has also not specified his future journey.

In the letter to Kharge, a copy of which was also sent to Mumbai Congress President Prof Varsha Gaikwad, he has thanked the Congress and the affection he has received.

Abrahani, a lawyer by profession, is also associated with several Muslim organisations and associations.He is currently the Chairman of Islam Gymkhana.In the past, he had served as Chairman of MHADA, with the status of the rank of Minister of State.

A great actor who instilled patriotism has been lost : Fadnavis

Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday expressed his condolence at the passing away of veteran actor and director Manoj Kumar.

"With the demise of veteran actor and director Manoj Kumar, we have lost a great personality in Indian cinema. I offer my heartfelt condolences to this versatile artist who instilled patriotism and Indian social life in the minds of the people through films and who truly made the name Bharat Kumar meaningful," said Fadnavis in his condolence message.

Manoj Kumar became well-known to the country by playing Bhagat Singh in 'Shaheed'. After that, he tackled topics like agriculture in films and songs like ‘Mere Desh Ki Dharti’ are still heard with the same pride on every Independence Day. His films like ‘Purab Aur Paschim’ have set many records at the global level. He touched upon social issues with films like 'Roti Kapda Aur Makan'. He made many films like Upkaar, Kranti. He tried to instill a sense of patriotism and nationalism in each of his works. His contribution to the Indian cinema is invaluable and his place will never be filled.

Manoj Kumar also worked in the fields of direction, screenplay-lyric writing, and editing. He gave opportunities to many new artists. He tried to empower the Indian cinema. He was honored with the Padma Shri and Dadasaheb Phalke awards by the Government of India. With his death, Hindi cinema has lost a veteran artist.

"We share the grief of his family and crores of fans. I pray that his soul may rest in peace," added Fadnavis.

Seven women killed as tractor falls into well in Maharashtra

Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : Seven women labourers were killed and three injured when a tractor carrying them plunged into a well in Nanded Taluka in Maharashtra on Friday, officials said.

According to details, the incident occurred at 7 am as the tractor was transporting male and female workers from Alegaon to Runj to harvest groundnuts.

When villagers came to know about the incident, they acted swiftly to rescue the injured.

Talking to UNI, Collector of Nanded Rahul Kardile said the rescue

operation is over and bodies have been sent for post- mortem. The injured are being treated in government hospital.

He also said the well was open from all sides, and action would be taken against the land owner.

Superintendent of Police Abinash Kumar said the driver of the tractor was reportedly a minor, and therefore an action against him will also be taken as well as the owner of the tractor.

Meanwhile, chief minister Devendar Fadnavis announced Rs Five lakh financial aid the kin of the deceased.

‘Ajit Pawar’s support for Waqf Bill shows his thirst for power’

Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee President Harshvardhan Sapkal on Friday slammed Ajit Pawar and his faction of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) for supporting the BJP-led Central government’s Waqf Amendment Bill.

According to Sapkal, despite joining the Maharashtra government in alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Ajit Pawar and his NCP faction had claimed they had not abandoned the legacy of Shivaji, Shahu, Phule, and Ambedkar.However, their true face has now been exposed. By supporting the BJP's Waqf Amendment Bill, Ajit Pawar has completely surrendered to the BJP for the sake of power, he alleged.

Sapkal stated that Pawar not only betrayed his uncle, Sharad Pawar, by taking the party’s name and symbol with the BJP’s help but also aligned himself with "communal forces" for power.

According to Sapkal, Ajit Pawar continues to claim that his participation in the government is for development and that he has not abandoned progressive ideals. However, his actions tell a different story.

At an Iftar party, Ajit Pawar made bold declarations that those harassing the Muslim community would not be spared or forgiven. But within days, his NCP faction supported the Waqf Amendment Bill, thereby "betraying the Muslim community", he alleged.The Waqf Bill is nothing more than a ploy by the BJP government to intimidate the Muslim community and seize thousands

of acres of land. The BJP government has already set a course to hand over key properties, including those in Dharavi, to a particular industrialist, Sapkal alleged.Tomorrow, after acquiring Waqf lands, this government will hand them over to their favoured business tycoons. Ajit Pawar, a senior leader, is fully aware of this, yet, unable to stay away from power, he has bowed before the BJP and supported the bill, he further alleged.

Shiv Sena Mahila Aghadi holds award function for women in Dharashiv

Dharashiv, April 4 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (Shinde) group leader Neelam Gorhe said today that the Durgashakti Mahila Samman (award for women) was organized by the Shiv Sena Mahila Aghadi in Dharashiv to make women financially stronger and independent.

She announced a fund of Rs 25 lakh from the MLA quota for women's self-help group empowerment.

A large number of women, including Shiv Sena workers from Solapur district, Dharashiv, Latur and other talukas, participated in the rally.

Addressing to gathering, Gorhe, who is

deputy Chairperson of the Maharashtra Legislative Council, informed the gathering about the various government schemes for women.

Shiv Sena District Chief Suraj Salunkhe, Senior Office Bearer Shubhangi Nandgaonkar and Sangeeta Chavan organized the program.

Financial independence is very important for women's empowerment, and for this it is necessary to encourage women's self-help groups, said Gorhe.

She said that concrete efforts will be made to ensure that the benefits of various government

schemes reach the grassroots women. She also assured that efforts will be made at the government level to provide a suitable market for the products produced by women's self-help groups.

Gorhe said that it is necessary for the society and the government to work together for women's empowerment. Women need to come forward in education, business and social work, and the government has provided various facilities for this.

She appealed to women to take advantage of these opportunities and create their own identity.

Mangrove Safari Park proposed to be set up in Airoli creek area: Forest Minister Naik

Mumbai, April 4 (UNI) : State Forest Minister Ganesh Naik on Friday gave directions for a study to be conducted and a report submitted on establishing a mangrove safari park on the banks of the Airoli creek in the Navi Mumbai area of ??Thane district, where flamingos live.

He said this while speaking at a meeting held in the Mantralaya under his chairmanship regarding various issued of the Forest Department.

Among those present on the occasion were, Praveen Pardeshi, Chief Executive Officer of Maharashtra Institute for Transformation (Mitra), Additional Chief Secretary of the Forest Department Milind Mhaiskar, and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Shomita Biswas.

Naik said that the creek coast in Navi Mumbai has great opportunities for tourism development, and flamingos can be an attraction for nature tourists.


Therefore, a study should be conducted to see if a world-class mangrove park can be established in the areas of Airoli and Ghansoli in this area and a detailed report should be submitted in this regard, he said.

Also, measures should be taken to prevent wildlife and human conflict.

Especially in the areas of Junnar, Karad and Sangamner, where there are a large number of leopards.

Forest Minister Naik also gave directions that a study be conducted on whether a leopard safari can be held in these three talukas on the lines of the Jawai Leopard Safari in Rajasthan.

He also said that it is proposed to set up an international breeding center in the Gorewada project in Nagpur to save endangered species like the wild buffalo and the Maldhok, also known as the Great Indian Bustard. For this, it has been decided to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bombay Natural History Society, Minister Naik said, issuing directives in this regard.



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**Subject: Regarding filling up of vacant posts of multipurpose workers in 'D' category under the Public Health Department in C/South Ward through a voluntary organization on contractual basis.**

For filling up the vacant posts in "D" category in Dispensaries and offices under the Public Health Department in G/South Ward on contractual basis through voluntary organizations (excluding savings groups), only organizations with 1 year of experience in providing multipurpose workers on contractual basis in Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Dispensaries and Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation offices should apply. Interested organizations are workers' cooperative societies registered in the Provident Fund State and Employees' Insurance Scheme, service cooperative societies, unemployed service cooperative societies, non-governmental organizations (the purpose of establishment of all these organizations should be to provide employment to their members), etc. We are inviting applications from the organizations to prepare their eligibility list and select them through lottery.

The application form can be obtained from the Public Health Department Office, G/South Ward from from 05-04-5025 to 11-04-2025 time 10.30 to 03.00. Interested organizations should contact the Public Health Department Office, G/South Ward for more details, application form and affidavit sample. The last date for application by the organization is 11-04-2025 to 05.00.

Applications submitted after the mentioned office hours will not be considered.

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Due to dilapidated condition of South side staircase of middle Foot Over Bridge of Plat Form No. 4 & 5 of Andheri station, the same is required to be dismantled for replacement. Therefore the staircase will remain closed from dtd 07.04.2025 to 06.06.2025. Inconvenience to the passengers is deeply regretted.

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Sub), Western Railway, Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008. invites **E-tender**

**Notice No: WR-MMC TO ESUB (ESOT)/1/2025. Name of the work :** Maintenance contract for Diesel hydraulic rail cranes No.109 and 134 of Mumbai suburban section for two years.

**Estimated cost of work:** Rs.28,34,507/-.

**Bid Security:** Rs.56,700/- . **Date & time of submission:** Not later than 15:00 Hrs. of 02.05.2025 in the prescribed manner.

**Date and time of opening:** On 02.05.2025 at 15:30hrs. **Website particulars:** The tender can be viewed and submitted through website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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Notice is hereby given that, the below mentioned industrial property with shed situated in 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of GIDC industrial area of UMBERGAON, Dist Valsad, Gujarat State, is absolutely belongs to Mr. HASMUKHRAI CHHAGANLAL BALANI being partner & Individual owner as per GIDC records of VAPI.

Village	Plot/Shed No.	Status Of Business	Holding Share
UMBERGAON GIDC	Shed No J-815/1	Partnership	60%
		M/s. Highlight Corporation	
UMBERGAON GIDC	Shed No. J-817	Individual	100%
UMBERGAON GIDC	Plot No. 814	Individual	100%
UMBERGAON GIDC	Plot No. 818	Individual	100%

WHEREAS, the said Property No. 1 is presently registered in the name of Mr. HASMUKHRAI CHHAGANLAL BALANI in capacity as 60% partner of M/s. HIGHLIGHT CORPORATION and Property No. 2, 3 & 4 has been registered in Individual capacity on GIDC records. But, the said HASMUKHRAI CHHAGANLAL BALANI, expired on 19/02/2025, So, his son Mr. JIGAR HASMUKHRAI BALANI wants to enter his name in property no. 1 as partner of 60% in business of M/s. HIGHLIGHT CORPORATION. AND wants to transfer property No. 2, 3 & 4 in Individual capacity on GIDC records. Therefore, any person being legal heir of late: HASMUKHRAI CHHAGANLAL BALANI having any objections OR claim against enter the name of Mr. JIGAR HASMUKHRAI BALANI being partner & in Individual capacity on GIDC records, are hereby required to file their written objections alongwith all the supporting relevant documents to me on my below mentioned address within 10 (TEN) DAYS from the date of Publication of this notice. Failing which, it shall be presumed that, the claim / claims if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and abandoned forever, So, thereafter no claim or objection of any person OR party shall be accepted OR considered by GIDC, which kindly be noted.

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Direct impact of US tariffs on Indian sectors will largely be neutral

The expected direct impact of US reciprocal tariffs would vary in nature for the sectors in India, with no impact on pharmaceuticals since they are exempt from reciprocal tariffs for now, a report said .

The impact is expected to be largely neutral for electronics, textiles, agricultural products, chemicals, and automobiles and parts.

At the same time, it would be negative for gems and jewellery, according to the report by CareEdge Ratings.

During FY24, India’s aggregate merchandise exports to the US stood at \$77.5 billion compared to imports from the US at \$42.2 billion.

Till now, the US had been charging an average tariff of 3.50 per cent on imports of goods from India, which is now being increased uniformly to 27 per cent in the form of reciprocal tariff.

"Reciprocal tariff imposed by US on other nations who are India’s major competitors in most of the above sectors is higher than us -- Vietnam at 46 per cent, Bangladesh at 37 per cent, China at 34 per cent, Taiwan at 32 per cent, Indonesia at 32 per cent and Pakistan at 29 per cent, which augurs well for key export sectors of India," the report said. In electronics, higher reciprocal tariffs on China would mean a neutral impact for India’s electronics exports, it said.

Apart from India, the other major textile exporters to the US are China, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Turkey.

Except for Turkey, which has a 10 per cent reciprocal tariff, other nations face reciprocal tariffs higher than 26 per cent, which means the impact of reciprocal tariffs on India’s textile sector would be limited.

Additionally, the majority of India’s exports are cotton-based garments and home textile products. India’s self-sufficiency in cotton production should enable it to largely pass on higher reciprocal tariffs, said the report.

India has one of the highest numbers of US FDA-approved manufacturing facilities, which primarily caters to the generic medicine requirements of the US.

"This is crucial for meeting the healthcare needs of its population cost-effectively. Although the pharmaceutical sector is currently exempted from the purview of reciprocal tariffs by the US, with no immediate impact, even if tariffs are imposed, the sector should be well-positioned to pass them on significantly due to its inherent competitive strengths," said the report.

India’s overall exports of agriculture and allied products to the US are not very high.

Although, reciprocal tariff of 26 per cent is imposed vis-a-vis prevailing weighted average tariff of 5.3 per cent, the reciprocal tariff on the other major competing nations (Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Pakistan) on some key agri-exports (sea food, basmati rice) is on the higher side which is expected to negate the impact of tariff imposed by US broadly.

"However, Ecuador, being the second-largest exporter of shrimp to the US, it could result in competitive pricing pressure for Indian shrimp exporters, as the tariff imposed on Ecuador is lower at 10 per cent," the report noted. Overall exports of auto and auto components to the US are very low, and accordingly, the impact of reciprocal tariff is expected to be minimal for the sector as a whole.Additionally, auto component exports to the US are crucial for OEMs in the US, and it may take time for them to replace these with other low-cost, approved vendors from other nations, thereby improving India's ability to mitigate the impact of higher tariffs in the short to medium term, said the report.However, the imposition of high reciprocal tariffs by the US on other competing nations raises the possibility of increased dumping by those nations in India, as well as in other export markets.

Trump’s Tariff Hikes: Impact on India, U.S., and Global Trade



(By Ravi Kumar Boppana)

U.S. President Donald Trump has announced a major increase in import tariffs, targeting key industries and trading partners, including India. The move aims to reduce the U.S. trade deficit and promote domestic manufacturing. However, economists warn of rising costs, supply chain disruptions, and a potential global trade war.

India’s High Import Tariffs and Trade Imbalances

India has some of the highest import tariff rates globally, averaging 17%, compared to the U.S.’s 3.3%. While India has gradually lowered its tariffs over the years—down from 125% in 1990-91 to 11.66% in 2024 and expected to decline to 10.65% in 2025—it still imposes high duties on American imports. For example, while the U.S. imposes an average 5% tariff on agricultural products from its “Most Favored Nation” (MFN) partners, India imposes 39% on similar imports. Trump’s “Reciprocal Tariffs” policy is set to match these high duties, affecting trade across multiple sectors.

Pharmaceutical Industry Faces Major Setback

India is the world’s largest supplier of generic medicines, exporting \$12.7 billion worth of pharmaceuticals to the U.S. annually. These generic drugs, which account for over 50% of all such medications sold in the U.S., help American consumers save billions in healthcare costs. If new tariffs are imposed, Indian pharmaceutical firms may struggle in the U.S. market, leading to higher drug prices and potential medicine shortages. While India currently imposes a 10.91% tariff on U.S. pharmaceuticals, the U.S. exports only \$500 million worth of drugs to India, making the impact on American pharmaceutical companies minimal. To avoid damaging trade relations, the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) has proposed a zero-tariff policy on U.S. medicines.

Jewelry and Electronics Exports to Take a Hit

India exports \$11.88 billion worth of gold, silver, and diamond jewelry to the U.S., but Trump plans to impose a 13.32% tariff on these products. This will make jewelry more expensive in the U.S., potentially reducing demand and affecting Indian goldsmiths and jewelers. Similarly, India exports \$14.39 billion worth of mobile phones, telecom equipment, and electronics to the U.S., and new

tariffs—set to rise by 7.24%—could increase the cost of smartphones like iPhones in America. The textile industry, which exports \$4.93 billion worth of goods to the U.S., will also be affected as higher tariffs make Indian garments more expensive for American consumers.

Agricultural Sector Braces for Disruptions

India is the world’s eighth-largest agricultural exporter, sending products like rice, shrimp, honey, black pepper, and castor oil to the U.S., while the U.S. exports almonds, walnuts, pistachios, apples, and lentils to India. Trump’s new tariffs could disrupt this \$2.58 billion trade, particularly in seafood, where Indian shrimp exports may face a 27.83% tariff hike. This could make shrimp more expensive in the U.S. while reducing prices in India, impacting fishermen’s incomes. Similarly, processed foods, sugar, and cocoa could face a 24.99% tariff increase, making Indian food products costlier in the U.S. The dairy sector is also at risk, with a 38.23% tariff hike potentially reducing India’s \$181.49 million dairy exports.

Economic Consequences in the U.S.

While Trump’s tariffs are designed to boost domestic manufacturing and reduce the \$900 billion U.S. trade deficit, experts warn of severe economic consequences. Higher tariffs will raise costs for American consumers and increase manufacturing

New Tariff Strategy to Counter Trade Deficit



expenses for U.S. companies that rely on imported raw materials. Economists estimate that these tariffs could result in the loss of 250,000 U.S. jobs and shrink the economy by 0.6% due to reduced global trade.

Additionally, retaliatory tariffs from other nations could make American products less competitive in global markets, harming U.S. exporters.

Will Tariffs Boost U.S. Manufacturing?

Trump argues that tariffs will force foreign companies to shift production to the U.S., creating jobs. He cited

Hyundai’s recent \$21 billion investment in U.S. manufacturing as an example of how tariffs encourage domestic production.

However, critics warn that retaliatory trade policies could lead to long-term economic damage.

Rising Trade Tensions Between India and the U.S.

India is expected to respond to Trump’s tariffs with its own countermeasures, potentially escalating a trade war between the two nations.

If tensions continue to rise, businesses on both sides will face supply chain

disruptions, consumers will see higher prices, and the global economy could suffer further instability. The world now watches to see if these policies will strengthen domestic economies or trigger a prolonged economic conflict.

(The author is a senior journalist and information analyst consultant, who previously served as the Chief Public Relations Officer to Hon’ble governor at the Andhra Pradesh Raj Bhavan and media liaison officer to Hon’ble speaker at the AP Legislative Assembly.)

Dhyan Foundation Hyderabad Gaushala - Giving A Better Life to Thousands Of Rescued, Abandoned And Injured gauvansh

(Standard Post Bureau)

In Telangana, Dhyan Foundation gaushala was started in 2014 with a 1000 sft shed,14 km from Yadagirigutta temple gate at Challur village with 8 rescued cows .Today this gaushala on a 7 acre land which is fenced completely and is home for 1400 gauvansh which are saved from slaughter .The requirements of food, shelter, water and medicines are completely taken care by the volunteers of Dhyan Foundation.The major part of finances are also contributed by the volunteers .More than ten labour and two para-vet are appointed and are working for the welfare of these cattle.with six labour quarters ,an office room and medical storage space are built in the premises of gaushala.

Dhyan Foundation gaushala in challur which has more than 12 sheds , 6 water tanks, and more than 15 fodder bays houses Stray, injured, sick and orphaned gauvansh rescued from slaughter, Old and unproductive gauvansh abandoned by villagers and farmers and Male calves abandoned by dairy owners said Harish, a Dhyan Foundation volunteer.

We feed nourishing diet mix of dry fodder, greens,



wheat & rice bran, silage, oil-cakes, mustard oil, dalia and supplements. Medical care is provided by our team of in-house vets and paravets and Love and warmth provided under personal care of our volunteers. Massages and physiotherapy for the weak and injured are also done , Harish added

Plastic removal surgeries for garbage-eating strays and Prosthetic surgery and lifting machines are used for gauvansh with broken limbs. Today it is recognized as one of the top Gaushalas in Telangana.

Dhyan Foundation which has been working aggressively for the cause of rehabilitating cattle rescued from butchers had

found kilos of plastic in the gut of a dead cattle. We had also conducted post-mortem for few rescued cows that suddenly died. The shocking reports revealed a large amount of plastics and nails in the gut of a dead cow which choked it to death.

You would be surprised to know that cattle are exposed to harsh living conditions, rough handling, and often outright abuse and cruelty throughout their short lives. Cattle are routinely castrated, dehorned, and hot-iron branded without anaesthetics. Cattle released on the open range must fend for themselves for several months, often succumbing to weather extremes and other

dangers. Animals transported to feedlots and slaughterhouses are often shocked with electric prods, beaten, kicked, dragged and deprived of food and water for long periods. Overcrowded trucks cause broken limbs; injured and sick animals are routinely dragged out of trucks and onto the kill floor where slaughter techniques remain primitive and brutal . In this conditions we receive gauvansh at gaushala and treatment is done under experienced doctors and volunteer presence said Harish.

We help villagers by giving free govar. We also promote organic farming and traditional farming practices and equip and train rural people to produce eco-friendly products from gaumutra and govar as a step towards sustainable living. Foundation has also helped farmers by distributing buffalo's to help them become self sustainable . Many farmers have given letters of appreciation and made videos thanking the foundation and gaushala for the help that they received .

Ashwini Guru Ji believes that "It is the Dharma of every human being to protect & provide for those weaker than them". It is this thought and

inspiration of Guru Ji that has manifested the set up of 45+ shelters, empowered 2000+ women, enabled education in free schools for underprivileged children, encouraged various rural development and sustainability practices, enabled the rescue & care of 70,000+ voiceless beings and ensured free food distribution campaigns across the world for the hungry.

Dhyan foundation who is an awardee of national, state, and private awards from multiple organisations and is a recognised Animal Welfare Organisation, registered with the Animal Welfare Board of India Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying , is running two gaushala in Talangana, one at Village Chellur, Rajpet and Peddashapur, Goluru Road, Shamshabad which is home for 3000+ rescued, abandoned, sick gauvansh

According to the BSF we are the ONLY organization that has come forward to transport and rehabilitate the gauvansh rescued from smugglers to the borders by our jawans. We are the ONLY organization in the world with 90% non-milking old and unproductive nandis and gaumata said Harish.

Police file FIR in fake appointment letter case

Shimla, April 4 (UNI) : A case of a fake appointment letter has come forth in Himachal Pradesh's Agriculture Department, with Jogiram Atri, the Under Secretary of Agriculture, filing a complaint at the Chhota Shimla police station.

The police have registered the case and initiated an investigation.

The complainant informed the police that a person named Anish Kumar forged an appointment letter for the position of Junior Office Assistant (JOA) and later presented it before Joint Director Rahul Katoch at the Dharmashala office.

The letter was also verified by a contractor named Amit.

However, upon scrutiny, several irregularities were found. The appointment letter falsely stated that the recruitment was regular, whereas in Himachal Pradesh, all Class-III positions have been filled on a contractual basis since 2003.

The fake appointment letter bore the seal of the Agriculture Directorate and even included forged signatures of the Under Secretary.



At least 12 killed, over 50 injured in Russian ballistic missile attack on Ukraine's Kryvyi Rih

Kiev, April 4 (UNI) : At least 12 people were killed and more than 50 others injured in a Russian ballistic missile attack on central Ukraine's city of Kryvyi Rih on Friday, a local official said. Oleksandr Vilkul, head of the city's defense council, wrote on Telegram that the missile struck a residential area. Among those dead were three children, according to Dnipropetrovsk regional governor Sergii Lysak. The attack damaged high-rise apartment buildings and sparked fires of garages and cars, Lysak said in a statement.

Israeli army killed major Hamas money exchanger in Gaza

Jerusalem, April 4 (UNI) : The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said in a statement on Friday that it killed Saeed Ahmad Abed Khudari, allegedly a key Hamas money exchanger, in Gaza City. According to the IDF, Khudari, struck and killed on Thursday, was "a key terror financing facilitator within Hamas".

During his role as a money exchanger, Khudari was the head of the Al Wefaq Co. fund, which was declared a terrorist organisation by the Israeli government "due to its involvement in the funnelling of money to terrorist entities," the IDF said.

According to the IDF, Khudari was "involved in numerous financial transfers to Hamas' military wing" over the years, specifically after Oct. 7, 2023.

His involvement increased following the killing of his brother Hamed Khudari in 2019, who had also served as a primary financial conduit for Hamas' military operations, the IDF said. In two other statements on Friday, the IDF said it had killed Mohammed Hassan Mohammed Awad, a senior military commander in the Palestinian Mujahideen Movement, who was allegedly involved in the kidnapping and murder of Israelis, and Mohammed Saleh Mohammed Al-Bardawil, an alleged propaganda and psychological operative in Hamas' military wing.

111 arrested in crackdown on online child sexual exploitation in Japan

Tokyo, April 4 (UNI) : Japan's National Police Agency (NPA) said Friday that a recent nationwide crackdown targeting online child sexual exploitation has resulted in the arrest of 111 individuals aged 14 to 68. The law enforcement operation focusing on offences related to online child pornography and sexual abuse marked Japan's first participation in a coordinated international investigation with five partners, such as Singapore and South Korea.

Among the 111 apprehended were high school teachers, preparatory school lecturers and company employees and teenage students, whose alleged offences included the public display and possession of child pornography.

The NPA said some of the arrests in Japan were made based on information shared through international cooperation, highlighting the effectiveness of cross-border collaboration in tackling online child exploitation.

The international investigation, conducted from Feb. 24 to March 28, led to the arrest of a total of 544 people aged 13 to 68 across Japan and other nations and regions, the NPA said.

'Türkiye wants to negotiate with US to lift additional tariffs'

Ankara, April 4 (UNI) : Turkish Trade Minister Omer Bolat said Friday that Türkiye wants to negotiate with the United States to lift the 10-percent additional tariffs. "Given the 2.4-billion-US dollar surplus in favour of the U.S. in bilateral trade for 2024, we would like to discuss with the US Department of Commerce and Trade Representative the possibility of removing the 10 percent tariffs on Turkish exports," Bolat said in a statement, adding US President Donald Trump has already indicated an openness to negotiations on these tariffs.

He noted that a visit to the United States is planned for May, during which Turkish officials will meet with their US counterparts to negotiate tariff issues.

Bolat said Türkiye would, in the meantime, intensify efforts under its "Distant Countries Strategy" to diversify export markets and attract new investment.

On Wednesday, Trump signed an executive order on the so-called "reciprocal tariffs," imposing a 10-percent "minimum baseline tariff" on all U.S. imports, with higher rates applied to certain trading partners.

UN reaffirms support for Somalia in tackling explosive threats

Mogadishu, April 4 (UNI) : The United Nations (UN) on Friday reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Somalia in the fight against explosive hazards, aiming for a safe and secure future for all citizens.

James Swan, UN secretary-general's special representative for Somalia, said improvised explosive devices (IEDs) continue to pose a significant threat to peace and security across Somalia, with 597 devices causing over 1,400 casualties in 2024.

In a statement issued in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, to mark the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, Swan said landmines and improvised explosive devices have disproportionately affected civilian populations.

Chinese scientists develop atoms-thin chips to boost computational power

Shanghai, April 4 (UNI) : As silicon chips approach the limits of their physical scale, scientists are pioneering ultra-thin designs to boost computational performance.

A Chinese research team has developed a semiconductor microprocessor just a few atomic layers thick. The chip, WUJI, is a 32-bit RISC-V processor based on two-dimensional semiconductors.

RISC-V is an architecture known for being free and open-source, and for its design flexibility and low power consumption.

The microprocessor has 5,900 transistors and a complete standard cell library containing 25 types of logic units, and can perform addition and subtraction operations on up to 4.2 billion data points, allowing for the programming of up to 1 billion instructions, according to Zhou Peng at Fudan University.

The 2D logic circuits have been designed in alignment with advances in silicon integrated circuits, as has an optimized process flow, according to the study, the details of which were published in Nature this week.

The research team leveraged innovative AI algorithms to enable precise control from material-growth to integration processes, said Zhou, the paper's corresponding author. The team's approach to manufacturing and design has successfully tackled the major challenges of wafer-scale integration for 2D circuits, resulting in a groundbreaking microprocessor prototype that demonstrates the vast potential of 2D integrated-circuit technology beyond the standard silicon, according to the researchers.

Ukraine's membership not part of peace deal: NATO Chief

Brussels, April 4 (UNI) : NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte clarified here on Friday that Ukraine's potential NATO membership will not be included as part of any peace agreement.

Speaking at a press conference following a NATO foreign ministers meeting, Rutte reaffirmed that member states had agreed at last year's Washington summit that Ukraine's accession to the Alliance is "irreversible."

However, he emphasised that there was never a promise to Ukraine to include NATO membership in any peace deal. The two-day meeting also saw concerns raised over sweeping new US tariffs announced by President Donald Trump. Norway's Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide warned on Thursday that such tariffs could contradict NATO's founding principles.

Trump extends TikTok ban deadline for another 75 days

Washington, April 4 (UNI) : US President Donald Trump said on social media Friday that he would grant ByteDance an additional 75-day extension to either sell the popular video-sharing app TikTok to a non-Chinese company or risk being banned in the United States. "My Administration has been working very hard on a Deal to SAVE TIKTOK, and we have made tremendous progress," Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

"The Deal requires more work to ensure all necessary approvals are signed, which is why I am signing an Executive Order to keep TikTok up and running for an additional 75 days," Trump said.

"We hope to continue working in Good Faith with China," he continued.

In his first term, Trump signed an executive order



effectively seeking to ban the app in the United States unless ByteDance sold its US operations to an American company, but the order didn't go into effect amid legal challenges.

In April 2024, then US President Joe Biden signed a law that gave ByteDance

270 days to sell TikTok, citing unfounded national security concerns. If the company failed to comply, the law would require app store operators such as Apple and Google to remove TikTok from their platforms starting on Jan. 19, 2025. Trump, who took

office on Jan. 20, previously signed an executive order to delay the TikTok ban by 75 days "to permit my Administration an opportunity to determine the appropriate course of action with respect to TikTok." That extension was set to expire on April 5.

Lebanese PM calls for maximum pressure on Israel to halt attacks on Lebanon

Beirut, April 4 (UNI) : Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam on Friday called for "maximum pressure on Israel" to halt its ongoing attacks across various regions of Lebanon. In a statement issued by his media office, Salam condemned Israel's latest strike, saying, "Once again, Israel targets the peace of the night, this time in the 'southern capital.'"

He described the attack on Sidon, a major city in the south, as a blatant violation of Lebanese sovereignty and a clear breach of UN Security Council Resolution 1701 and the security arrangements aimed at halting hostilities. Salam stressed the need

for "the strongest possible pressure on Israel to compel it to stop its continued attacks, especially on residential areas," emphasizing that "a complete halt to military operations is necessary."

The statement came after an Israeli drone strike at dawn on Friday killed senior Hamas commander Hassan Farhat and two of his children, Hamza and Janan, in his apartment in central Sidon.

The Israeli military claimed responsibility for the assassination, announcing in a statement that it had "eliminated Hassan Farhat, head of Hamas' western sector in Lebanon, in an airstrike on Sidon." Farhat was accused

of involvement in launching rockets toward the northern Israeli city of Safed, which resulted in the death of a female soldier and the injury of several others on Feb. 14, 2024, according to the Israeli statement.

This marks the second assassination of a Hamas leader in Sidon since a ceasefire agreement between Israel and Lebanon took effect in November last year. On Feb. 17, near the northern entrance of the city, an Israeli airstrike killed Mohammad Shaheen, who was identified as head of the operations department of Hamas in Lebanon.

The latest airstrike also followed another Israeli

strike days ago in Beirut's southern suburbs, which killed Hassan Ali Mahmoud Bdeir, an operative affiliated with Hezbollah and Iran's Quds Force. Despite the U.S.- and French-brokered ceasefire effective since Nov. 27, 2024, Israeli forces have periodically carried out strikes inside Lebanon, ranging from machine gun fire and artillery shelling to air raids, some of which have resulted in casualties, according to official Lebanese reports.

Although the agreement stipulated the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanese territory, Israel has maintained a presence on five hilltops along the Lebanese border.

UN calls for urgent action to protect Iraqi children from landmine threats

Baghdad, April 4 (UNI) : The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) on Friday jointly called for immediate action to protect Iraqi children from the ongoing landmine threat.

Landmines and explosive remnants of war continue to endanger lives in Iraq, with children among the most vulnerable, according to a joint statement released by the two organizations.

The statement revealed that at least 314 children have been killed or injured by explosive ordnance over the past five years, citing UN official reports.

Iraq still faces significant dangers from explosive ordnance, with more than 2,700 square km of land remaining contaminated, it said.

"These hidden dangers not only endanger lives but

also deprive children of their rights to play, learn, and thrive," UNICEF Representative in Iraq Sandra Latouf said. Pehr Lodhammar, Chief of Mine Action Program of UNMAS in Iraq, said UNMAS is committed to supporting the Iraqi government in addressing the explosive ordnance contamination, according to the statement.

UNMAS "will spare no effort to pave the way for a safe and dignified return of Iraqi displaced people and productive use of the land," Lodhammar was quoted as saying by the statement.

Friday marks the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, a day observed every year on April 4 and established in 2005 by the UN General Assembly to raise awareness and seek assistance for mine action.

Yemeni govt says 70 Houthi militants in Hodeidah killed

ADEN, Yemen, April 4 (UNI) : A US airstrike has killed 70 members of the Houthi militia, including prominent field commanders and experts from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Yemen's internationally-recognised government announced Friday. The strike, carried out on Tuesday, targeted a Houthi gathering in Al-Fazah, a coastal area in the Red Sea port city of Hodeidah, according to Yemen's Minister of Information Moammar al-Eryani. "A precise air strike by US forces targeted a site used by the Houthis to plan terrorist attacks against commercial vessels and oil tankers in

the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandab Strait, and the Gulf of Aden," al-Eryani said in a statement posted on social media platform X. The minister added that these Houthi attacks posed "a serious threat to international maritime routes and global trade."

Al-Eryani noted that recent weeks have seen a series of concentrated US airstrikes targeting Houthi positions across several Yemeni provinces. These operations have reportedly destroyed military installations, fortifications, weapons depots, and defense systems, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of militants, including high-ranking leaders.

The Yemeni minister claimed those operations have caused "significant confusion" within Houthi ranks, despite the group's attempts to "conceal their human losses and downplay the repercussions of the strikes through a media blackout." He characterised the recent operations as "a major shift in the course of the confrontation" with the Houthis and "a strong message that any threat to regional security and maritime corridors will not go unanswered."

The minister indicated that more details about the US airstrike would be released in the coming days. The Houthi group

has not yet officially responded to the government's claims but has asserted that it launched multiple attacks on the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier in the Red Sea in recent days. The latest such attacks were reported on Friday by Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea in a televised statement. Sarea claimed his group struck the aircraft carrier twice in the past 24 hours with "cruise missiles and drones."

"We are confronting the US aggression against our country and are preparing to confront any potential developments in the coming period," he said.

China adds 11 US firms to unreliable entity list

Beijing, April 4 (UNI) : China has added 11 US firms, including Skydio and BRINC Drones, to its unreliable entity list, the country's commerce ministry announced on Friday. These companies, in disregard of strong opposition from China, have undertaken so-called military technology cooperation with Taiwan, seriously undermining China's national sovereignty, security and development interests, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Commerce said in a statement.

China holds the 11 firms accountable for their unlawful activities, in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, according to the statement.

China always handles issues related to its unreliable entity list prudently, and only targets the very few foreign entities that undermine China's national security, the spokesperson said.

"There is nothing to worry about for honest and law-abiding foreign entities," said the spokesperson. The Chinese government, as always, welcomes companies from all countries to invest and operate in China, and is committed to providing a stable, fair and predictable business environment for foreign enterprises that operate in accordance with laws and regulations, said the spokesperson.

10 killed after landslides bury 2 cars in Indonesia's East Java

Jakarta, April 4 (UNI) : Ten people, occupants of two cars, were killed after landslides hit and buried the vehicles in Indonesia's East Java province, a top rescuer said on Friday.

The incident occurred when the two cars were passing the Pacet-Cangar route in Mojokerto Regency on Thursday, said Nanang Sigit, head of the provincial search and rescue office. "Suddenly, landslides occurred at a side of the route, hitting the two cars and pushing them into a ravine," he told Xinhua.

"One of the cars was found at a depth of about 75 meters and another at a depth of about 50 meters. Both cars were buried under three meters of soil," Sigit said.

Meanwhile, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported two overnight US airstrikes on Saada province, the main stronghold of the group in northern Yemen. No casualties were reported.

Tensions between the Houthis and the US military have escalated since Washington launched fresh airstrikes on Yemen on March 15 to deter the Houthi group from attacking commercial vessels and warships in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. The Houthis said their attacks aim to press US-backed Israel to stop the offensive against the Gaza Strip and allow humanitarian aid into the Palestinian enclave.





Food&Kids

Pickle your Taste buds

The ancient art of preserving food has piqued the interest of foodies worldwide. As kimchis, chutneys and kombucha go mainstream, we find out why the buzz around fermented food -the hottest culinary trend of 2015 -is getting louder.

You probably have fond childhood memories of relishing your granny's homemade achaar and chutneys. Remember the lengths you'd go to, to steal a palmful of murabba? Food, as they say, is the best nostalgia. The world over, food enthusiasts and connoisseurs have realised that a winning dish is one through which people relive their memories. Thus, fermented ingredients have gone high up on a chef's list. Sandor Katz, fermentation revivalist and author of The Art of Fermentation and Wild Fermentation, whose endorsement of fermented ingredients has played a major role in its entry into gourmet restaurant menus, describes these foods as 'the flavourful space between fresh and rotten'. "Though the process has been around for centuries, it is only now that it is being tapped for its full potential. Chefs, home cooks and even supermarkets shelves are looking beyond fermented staples like wine, cheese, bread and yogurt." Its popularity is on the rise also because fermentation increases the shelf life of food, its flavour, causes minimum wastage, is cost-effective and can be easily done at home.

THE INDIAN PICTURE

Touted as the hottest food trend of 2015, cultured foods such as the hugely popular Korean kimchi (made from vegetables), the many varieties of Indian chutney, the German delicacy sauerkraut (sour cabbage), Thai fish sauce nam pla, Jaapanese miso paste (fermented soybeans), Russian kombucha (a fermented drink made with tea) and its milky counterpart kefir, are some traditional dishes that have become mainstream ingredients in sandwiches, rolls,



Restaurant review: Cafe Immigrants

The restaurant, which started off last November, is located in the heart of the city's most hustling and bustling Connaught Place central business district. The moment I entered, I was drawn towards a large collection of photographs mounted on the walls beside the stairs that lead to the restaurant. "We all are immigrants to this world, people keep travelling and the name of the restaurant is inspired from the idea of travelling," its general manager, Pankaj Badola, told us. The interior presents an incomplete rustic look with beautiful posters and photographs - the effect enhanced by huge chandeliers, dim lighting and soft music. There is also an open area for those who would like to dine in fresh air. "There is competition no doubt, but we are sure that we will be a trendsetter in CP with our in-house fusion dishes," Badola asserted. The restaurant is the brainchild of Chef Umesh, who has been in the industry for more than a decade now, is known for his out-of-the-box ideas and who has drawn up the restaurant's menu. "For us, both quality and quantity matter. The menu has been drawn up keeping in mind

the different demands of our customers", Badola said, adding that the restaurant also has a Wi-Fi facility. I took a table beside the window that gave a panoramic view of the crowded Connaught Place and a host of sky-scrappers. The menu appeared never-ending, with a wide range of dishes from Ukraine to Vietnam - and crossing all over India. Interestingly, ghee (clarified butter) cans served as cutlery holders to give a traditional



touch. As I sat, I was welcomed with a paan (betel leaf)-flavoured cocktail - a drink with a strong taste of paan, mixed with dry red chillies and gulkand (rose petal jam) that left a sweet-tangy taste in mouth. Next came in Laksa - a traditional Vietnamese spicy noodle soup accompanied by a green mango chutney. Next, there was grilled chicken with aam papad, an amalgamation of a sticky Indian savoury with chicken cooked in the western style. However, it was the starters menu that amazed me with its

variety. From New Orleans southern fried chicken to mutton gulouti kebab, from a Vietnamese fish delicacy to Maharashtrian Koliwada fish fingers - the spectrum will leave you spoilt for choices. I was served Koliwada fish fingers as Badola suggested. Made from authentic Koliwada spices from Maharashtra, the fish was well marinated with the dominating taste being of the Koliwada masala. Taking care of my craving for more starters, I was presented with butter pepper garlic prawn. The prawn pieces, deeply coated with butter with a hint of black pepper, melted in the mouth the moment I gulped them. With a heavy heart, I had to stop eating the prawn dish to make way for the main course. The menu left me bewildered about what to choose from the main course. I ended up with the Cafe Immigrants speciality - khichdi served with bacon and Chicken A la Kiev, a Ukrainian dish made of fried chicken stuffed with loads of butter and garlic. The khichdi, a traditional Indian delicacy, was cooked with a lot of spices that left a rich flavour in the mouth. For dessert came the Chawanprash smoothie - a 'hatke' preparation made of the Chawanprash health supplement and mint, along with a cookie and vanilla ice-cream. Veggies won't be disappointed as the menu offers a long list of dishes like matar aur khajoor ka shammi kebab, charmoula mushrooms in white garlic sauce and methi cottage cheese with parantha to choose from. Timings: 12 noon to 11.30 pm Meal for two: Rs.2,500 Location: B block, Connaught Place

soups, salads and beverages across the globe. Even in India, where dosa, chaas, dhokla, appam and chutney are popular dishes, chefs are experimenting with alternative fermented foods in their menus. Says nutrition consultant and food blogger Sangeeta Khanna, "Fine dining establishments across India have opened their kitchens to traditional

fermented. Fermented foods taste strong, acidic, sometimes pungent and matured. The taste profile of consumers is very evolved today. People are acquiring a taste for it," says Mumbai-based Chef Akhil Multani. **A GOOD KICK IN THE GUT** With people focussing more on holistic well-being, cultured food with its inherent probiotic health benefits, has caught the fancy of consumers. Says macrobiotic nutritionist Tarika Ahuja, "At any time, our gut has good and bad bacteria. Eating healthy fermented foods increases the good bacteria and helps digestion. It also improves immunity and purifies the blood, as the bacteria flushes out all the toxins." Snacking on these foods also means you don't need to pop probiotic pills, as the former contain triple the amount of bacteria. And above all,

you can go back to your childhood memories by just 'pickling' your tongue! **FERMENTATION FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD** Every year, to celebrate the benefits of fermented foods, world-class fermenting artisans and enthusiasts come together to set up festivals. Boston Ferments in New England, Santa Barbara Fermentation Festival in California, Fermentation Fest in Wisconsin, Ganggyeong Fermented Seafood Festival in Korea, are among the dozen festivals that were held in 2014. From holding workshops on how to master fermentation to having a market that sells homemade samples of cultured foods and drinks, these festivals give you a low-down on everything fermented. **BOTTLE-FERMENTED COCKTAILS** Bartenders and mixologists are using everything from champagne yeast to koji, a fungus used to make miso and sake, to ferment cocktail ingredients and make bottle-fermented drinks. A tricky process, this technique involves adding yeast to mixed cocktails, then bottling them and letting them sit for a spell. The resulting cocktails carry a unique carbonation with a breadly flavour! **EAT CULTURED FOODS, BE SMART**

According to a study published in the journal Nutrition in Clinical Practice, apart from being good for the health, probiotic foods actually make you smarter! If you find yourself struggling with brain fog or depression, the problem may lie in your gut. If you lead a stressful life and have a diet high in sugary and processed food, the beneficial microbiome in your gut becomes imbalanced - which causes unclear thinking and excessive worrying. This can be corrected by consuming foods like buttermilk, unpasteurised sauerkraut, kimchi etc. **How many portions should I eat?** "Eat homemade fermented food thrice a day, along with your meals. Include curd, pickled vegetables and fermented drinks as accompaniments. Items made of fermented rice and pulses can also be consumed," says health expert Neeraj Mehta.aa



Classic Salad dressings recipe

with chopped thyme. If you want it to be spicier, you can add chili flakes or chopped jalapeno.

Creamy Italian:

Mix a little less than half a cup of

mayonnaise with two tablespoons of balsamic vinegar. Add two tablespoons of olive oil and sour cream. Add a clove of garlic (crushed), kosher salt and oregano to taste and mix it all in a blender. Add a spoon of finely chopped parsley.

Mediterranean:

Make a Mediterranean salad dressing with half a cup of feta cheese (crumbled). Mix this with the classic vinaigrette (shown above). Add chopped parsley, dried oregano and one diced tomato (as much as you want).

The classic vinaigrette

Take two tablespoons of balsamic vinegar and whisk in two teaspoons of mustard. Add a pinch of kosher salt and pepper to taste. Mix half a cup of olive oil and pour all over your salad!

Garlic vinaigrette:

Peel half a bulb of garlic and drizzle it with olive oil on a tray. Wrap it with an aluminum foil and roast it in the oven till it is tender. Let it cool down and then gently crush them. Blend it with the vinaigrette (above mentioned) you made and add some parmesan to finish it off.

Spicy honey-mustard:

Mix two teaspoons of honey with two teaspoons of mustard. Add two tablespoons of lime juice and a pinch of lemon zest and kosher salt to taste. Add some olive oil and finish it off

4 popular bedtime beverages

**Peppermint tea:** This herbal tea has properties that will help your body de-stress, relax and eventually sleep better. It is a great option to calm jittery nerves, reduce nausea and relieve anxiety. **Cocoa:** The most popular bedtime drink in the world, this is a winter favourite because of its delicious taste. Even the ancient Mayans consumed it by roasting the cocoa beans and adding some spice to it.



**Chamomile Tea:** Like peppermint tea, it is also another non-milk tea that has soothing qualities. For best results, drink this tea around 30 minutes before your bed time. **Hot toddy:** This traditional alcoholic beverage involves pouring hot boiling water in a little whiskey and adding a twist of honey, lemon and cinnamon stick for flavour. It is good to prevent cold and flu during winter and is very delicious.



# Openers and bowlers give LSG first home win

Lucknow, April 4 (IANS) : Half-centuries from Aiden Markram and Mitchell Marsh along with Digvesh Rath, Shardul Thakur and Avesh Khan holding their nerve while taking a wicket each helped Lucknow Super Giants register their first home win of IPL 2025 after edging Mumbai Indians by 12 runs at the BRSABV Ekana Cricket Stadium on Friday.

On a black soil pitch, Marsh capitalised on pace-on deliveries to hit 60 off 31 balls, his third fifty of the competition. After his fall, Markram stepped up to smash 53 off 38 balls, while Miller brought out the big hits in a 14-ball 27 and ensure LSG posted a 200-plus total for the second time. For MI, who conceded 69 runs in power-play, Hardik Pandya led the way with the ball by picking up 5-36, his first five-for in T20 cricket. The MI skipper used the conditions very well by relying more on his slower balls to get his scalps and become the first-ever IPL captain to take a fiver. In reply, Suryakumar Yadav and Naman Dhir hit 67 and 46 respectively to keep MI in the hunt of an uphill chase. But with Suryakumar falling in the 17th over and Tilak Varma enduring a horror time with the bat, it meant that LSG’s bowlers were able to keep



Lucknow Super Giants' captain Rishabh Pant shake hands with Mumbai Indians' counterpart Hardik Pandya, right, at the end of the Indian Premier League cricket match at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow.

things under control, especially by sticking to the wide-ball plan in the death overs, and helped the side get their sixth win over a formidable MI outfit in the IPL. Inserted into batting first, Marsh was quick off the blocks by punching Trent Boult for four and got a lucky reprieve when his edge was found by the pacer, but MI never appealed. He then hammered Deepak Chahar for three boundaries, before lofting Boult over mid-off for six and inner-edging off him for four more.

Marsh’s superb march continued as he hammered

and cut off Mitchell Santner for two boundaries, before lofting and pulling Ashwani Kumar for six and four before a brace got him his fifty in 27 balls. Marsh’s onslaught continued as he clubbed and punched Ashwani for two more fours as LSG ended power-play at 69/0. But against the run of play, MI broke the 77-run opening stand when Marsh looked to drive off Vignesh Puthur, but gave a simple catch back to the leg-spinner and fall for 60. Pandya struck in his first over as Nicholas Pooran couldn’t get on top of a slower bouncer and top-edge was caught by short

fine leg for 12.

He came back to fox Rishabh Pant with an off-cutter and leading edge on an early flick was caught by diving mid-off, sending the LSG skipper back for just two. Amidst all this, Markram stepped up to keep LSG afloat with his sixes over long-on and boundaries over the off-side, while Ayush Badoni got a move on by lofting, sweeping and cutting Santner for a hat-trick of fours.

After hitting a four off Ashwani through an expansive scoop, Badoni tried repeating the shot on the next ball, but he

couldn’t adjust for the slowness of the delivery and was caught behind by Ryan Rickelton for a 19-ball 30. Markram continued to hold the innings together by reaching his fifty in 34 balls, before being undone by yet another off-cutter from Pandya and holed out to long-off for 53. Though Abdul Samad pulled to long-on off Boult, Miller hit two fours and a six in his late knock to take LSG past 200, before he and Akash Deep were dismissed by Pandya, who is now second-highest wicket-taker with eight scalps in the tournament.

LSG’s defence began on a bright note as Akash Deep struck on his fourth ball by having Will Jacks pulling straight to deep backward square leg for five. Thakur was next to strike by dismissing Ryan Rickelton in the same fashion for 10.

Dhir injected some momentum through ruthless counter-attack against Akash – pulling for his four and two sixes, before glancing to get another boundary in a 21-run fourth over, as MI eventually ended power-play at 64/2. The duo took a boundary each off both Akash and Ravi Bishnoi, before Rathi castled Dhir for 46 right after the first time out ended.

## Hitesh storms into World Boxing Cup final

Foz do Iguaçu (Brazil), Apr 4 (UNI) : Indian boxer Hitesh produced a clinical performance to outclass Paris 2024 Olympian Makan Traore of France 5-0 and entered the final of the men’s 70kg category at the World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025 here on Thursday.

Displaying sound tactical discipline, the reigning national champion became the first Indian pugilist to reach the final in the inaugural edition of this year’s World Boxing Cup series. Hitesh will now face England’s Odel Kamara in the gold medal bout.

The Indian boxer began cautiously, employing a counter-attacking strategy that helped him dictate the pace of the semi-final bout. Despite a penalty in the final round, the judges unanimously awarded Hitesh a 5-0 victory.

Among other Indian boxers, Jadumani Singh Mandengbam fought valiantly but lost 2-3 in a split decision to former Asian U-22 champion Asilbek Jalilov of Uzbekistan in the 50kg semi-final. In the 90kg and 60kg categories, Vishal and Sachin went down to Uzbekistan’s Turabek Khabibullaev and Poland’s Pawel Brach respectively.

More than 130 boxers from 19 countries, including several Olympians, are taking part in the World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025 — the first of three international events scheduled for the year. While competitions are being held in both men’s and women’s categories, India is fielding a squad only in the 10 men’s weight divisions.

The next two legs of the World Boxing Cup will be held in Kazakhstan (June-July) and India (November). Ranking points earned in each event will determine qualification for the season-ending World Boxing Cup Finals.

## BWF to test scoring system in global badminton events

Beijing, April 4 (UNI) : The World Badminton Federation (BWF) will test a new 3x15 scoring system across 10 international tournaments starting May 2025, the governing body announced Thursday.

Under the trial rules, matches will be played as best-of-three games, with each game won by the first player to reach 15 points. If tied at 14-14, a player must secure a two-point lead, with games capped at 21 points.

The trials, spanning Grade 3 tournaments in Mexico, Venezuela, Czech Republic, Northern Mariana Islands, Malaysia, Peru, Uganda, Australia, Vietnam and China, aim to assess whether the shorter format enhances match intensity and reduces injury risks while maintaining spectator appeal.

The BWF Council will review data and stakeholder feedback before voting on a permanent change at its 2026 Annual General Meeting.

# Jamshedpur FC, FC Goa seal National Championship berths

Mumbai, Apr 4 (UNI) FC Goa & Jamshedpur FC became the first two teams in the Reliance Foundation Development League (RFDL) 2024-25 season to book their place in the National Championship at the Reliance Corporate Park here on Friday. FC Goa started their National Group Stage campaign with back-to-back losses against Diamond Harbour FC and NorthEast United FC. However, they made a remarkable turnaround in the third game, defeating Jamshedpur FC 3-0 and following it up with another convincing win over East Bengal FC. Coming into the game against Kickstart FC, the Gaurs direly needed three points to ensure qualification to the next stage of the competition.

They started the game on the front foot and broke the deadlock in the 11th minute. Malsawmtluanga's corner was improperly cleared by the Kickstart FC defence and Prachit Gaonkar drove it inside the box first time as the ball landed in Vellington Fernandes' feet and the midfielder made no mistake in scoring from close range.

FC Goa received a much-required boost in the game with the lead and showed more intent going forward. On the other hand, Kickstart pushed for an equalizer but couldn't quite find a proper breakthrough.

The scoreline remained as FC Goa looked all set to pick up the three points and in came Lalthangliana to seal the deal for his side with a second goal in the dying seconds of the game. The midfielder was left unmarked in the attacking third and he went on to dribble and score with a clean strike to make it 2-0, marking a superb comeback from the Gaurs in the competition.

FC Goa's win also meant Jamshedpur FC, at 9 points, made the cut for the National Championship, regardless of their result against Diamond Harbour, as the two sides now await their semi-final opponents from Group B.

In the other match, NorthEast United FC ended their RFDL 2024-25 campaign with a 2-0 win over East Bengal FC. Gunleiba Wangkheirakpam opened the scoring for the Highlanders with an acrobatic effort off the rebound, after the East Bengal goalkeeper spilled Huidrom Thoi Singh's attempt from outside the box.

The Red & Gold Brigade had a fair share of chances to level the scores but lacked finishing in the final third.

In the end, Fredy Chawngthansanga put the game to bed in the 90th minute scoring NorthEast United's second goal. The midfielder was left unmarked inside the box and he made the most out of a perfectly-lobbed pass from Gunleiba, to latch the ball into the bottom right corner.

# Saptak Talwar bags maiden title at Adani Invitational Golf Championship 2025

Greater Noida, April 4 (UNI) : Saptak Talwar of Greater Noida ended a long wait for his maiden title after he outshined his nearest rivals at his home course with a flawless final round of five-under 67 at the Rs 1.5 crore Adani Invitational Golf Championship 2025 played at the Jaypee Greens Golf & Spa Resort here on Friday. The 26-year-old Saptak's (67-72-69-67) superb last round effort lifted him two spots from his overnight third position. Talwar, who had previously posted two runner-up finishes on the PGTI since turning pro in 2021, ended the week with a winning total of 13-under 275 and a one-stroke victory margin.

Talwar, who studied at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, USA, before turning professional, picked up the winning cheque worth Rs 22,50,000 that propelled him from seventh to fourth position in the PGTI Order of Merit.

Overnight joint leaders Arjun Prasad (68-69-69-70) of Delhi and Chandigarh's Yuvraj Sandhu (70-67-69-71) finished second and third at 12-under 276 and 11-under 277, respectively.

Saptak Talwar, who was two off the lead at the start of round four, enjoyed a hot start on Friday as he capitalized with birdies on the first two par-5s, the second and fourth holes. Saptak then added two more birdies on the fifth and 10th using his wedges to great effect. He narrowly missed a five-foot eagle putt on the par-5 12th, where he picked up his fifth birdie of the day. Talwar, who had made three three-putts for bogeys earlier in the week, then saw it home with pars on the last six holes. He made a crucial par save from eight feet on the 16th that helped keep his card bogey-free and gave him the momentum towards the end.

# ‘Get to play multiple matches in Yuva Kabaddi Series’

Haridwar (Uttarakhand), April 4 (UNI) : Lokesh Ghosliya, from Jaipur, began playing kabaddi in 2016 after watching his elder brother participate in local tournaments.

He played the sport for a few months, but his family did not support him and opposed his involvement in it. They prevented him from playing for about 6-7 months. During this time, he focused entirely on his studies. However, he resumed playing kabaddi during summer vacations. “I used to watch my elder brother play kabaddi for fun. Then, I started going to the stadium regularly and learned the sport,” Lokesh said.

“Initially, I didn’t get support from my family, and after playing for 3-4 months, they stopped me from continuing. I began playing the sport again during school summer vacation, and my family started supporting me after they saw me compete in district and state-level tournaments,” he added.

The 19-year-old made his Yuva Kabaddi Series debut with Aravalli Arrows during the Summer Edition in 2022. He earned 81 points from 30 matches during his maiden season in the Yuva Kabaddi Series. Lokesh was an integral part of the Aravalli Arrows team for four editions, representing the club in Summer Edition 2022, Monsoon Edition 2022, Winter Edition 2022, and Monsoon Edition 2023. He also played for the Periyar Panthers in the Summer Edition 2023. Lokesh represented Yuva Mumbai in the Yuva All Stars Championship 2025 and finished the season with 68 points from 18 matches. Overall, he has earned 485 points from 144 matches across six editions of the Yuva Kabaddi Series. Lokesh made his way into the Pro Kabaddi League after exceptional performances in the YKS over two years. “The Yuva Kabaddi Series has played an instrumental role in shaping my career and guiding me into the Pro Kabaddi League. It was an excellent opportunity for me to participate in the early editions of the Yuva Kabaddi Series and find my way into the PKL,” Lokesh opened up about the role of YKS in his career.

# CSK launches second player Documentary: The Making of’ Matheesha Pathirana

Chennai, Apr 5 (UNI) : Five time IPL winners Chennai Super Kings (CSK) launched its second player documentary series titled ‘The Making of’ in March 2025.

The second episode of the series takes fans on an inspiring and emotional journey with Sri Lankan slinger Matheesha Pathirana.

The ‘Making Of’ series offers an in-depth and personal look into the lives of the team's star players, tracing their journeys from childhood to their current

success on the field. The first episode was on CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad.

Viewers will get a glimpse into Pathirana’s childhood days, how he developed his unique action and his journey all the way to the CSK and Sri Lanka national teams, according to a CSK release.

With exclusive behind-the-scenes footage, interviews with Pathirana, his family, and childhood coaches, ‘The Making Of Matheesha Pathirana’ offers fans an intimate view of the man with a unique

bowling action and his success story.

On his relationship with iconic MS Dhoni, Matheesha Pathirana says he is like my father because of the support, the mentorship and the guidance he gave me in CSK. So, it's very similar to what my father did in my home. So, that's why I consider Dhoni my cricketing father. I think I still have that video when I first met him. The time I met Mahi Bhai. I met him and shook hands with him. He told me, Hi, Mali."

"How are you? So, that was so good. It's very familiar to me because when we are in Sri Lanka, Mali means the younger brother. So, that kind of legend called me Mali", he said.

On CSK retaining Pathirana ahead of the IPL 2025 Auction CSK MD KS Viswanathan said "basically, we knew that we will not be able to get a bowler of that quality in the auction. And we also knew that if he goes into the auction, he will be going for a very high price and we may not be able to get him

at that price. So that was the only decision which we could take. And we were happy that we retained him."

On Pathirana’s unique bowling action, his childhood coach Sampath de Silva said This action is a natural action. There is no need to change the natural action. Had we changed the bowling action, perhaps we may not be speaking of a Matheesha Pathirana today. As such even to this day, I don’t change the natural action of a bowler as it is natural to them.

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# WR to run three summer special trains to various destinations

(Standard Post Bureau)  
Mumbai, April 4 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the summer season, Western Railway has decided to run three Special Trains on Special Fare to various destinations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek the details of the special train is as under:

1. Train No. 09183/09184 Mumbai Central – Varanasi Weekly AC Special : [24 Trips] :

Train No. 09183 Mumbai Central – Varanasi AC Special will depart from Mumbai Central every Wednesday at 22.50 hrs and reach Varanasi at 10.30 hrs on Friday. This train will run from 09th April to 25th June, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09184 Varanasi – Mumbai Central AC Special will depart from Varanasi every Friday at 14.30 hrs and reach Mumbai Central at 04.20 hrs, on Sunday. This train will run from 11th April to 27th June, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bharatpur, Achhnera Jn, Agra Fort, Tundla, Shikohabad, Mainpuri, Bhongoon, Farrukhabad, Kannauj,

Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Rae Bareli Jn, Amethi, Pratapgarh, Janghai Jn and Bhadohi stations in both directions.

This train comprises of First AC, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC 3-Tier (Economy) and General Second Class coaches.

2. Train No. 09043/09044 Bandra Terminus - Barhni Weekly Special : [24 Trips]:

Train No. 09043 Bandra Terminus - Barhni Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Sunday at 00.05 hrs and will reach Barhni at 08.00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 13th April to 29th June, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09044 Barhni – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Barhni every Monday at 13.30 hrs. & will arrive Bandra Terminus at 23.50 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 14th April to 30th June, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Dahanu Road, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Sayan, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Ratlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Barabanki Jn. and Gonda Jn. stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

3. Train No. 09195/09196 Vadodara - Mau

Superfast Weekly Special : [26 Trips]:

Train No. 09195 Vadodara – Mau Superfast Special will depart Vadodara every Monday at 19.00 hrs & will reach Mau at 20.45 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 7th April, 2025 to 30th June, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09196 Mau - Vadodara Superfast Special will depart from Mau every Tuesday at 23.45 hrs & will reach Vadodara at 00.45 hrs, on Thursday. This train will run from 8th April, 2025 to 1st July, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Dahod, Ratlam, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bayana, Idgah Agra Jn., Tundla, Kanpur Central, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn., Gyanpur Road, Banaras and Aunrihar station in both directions. Train No. 09195 will have additional halt at Godhra station.

This train comprises of First AC, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second-Class Coaches.

The Booking for Train Nos. 09183 & 09195 will open from 06th April, 2025 and for Train No. 09043 will open from 08th April, 2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in)

# No day block over WR on Sunday

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 4 : To carry out maintenance work of tracks, signalling & overhead equipment, a Jumbo Block of 04.00 hours will be under taken on UP Slow line and DOWN Fast line from 00.15 hrs to 04:15 hrs between Borivali and Ram Mandir stations in the intervening night of 05th / 06th April, 2025 (Saturday/ Sunday).

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, during the block period, UP Slow line trains will be run on the UP Fast line between Borivali and Andheri. Hence, these trains will not halt at Ram Mandir for want of platform. Due to the block, some UP & DOWN trains will remain cancelled and some trains will be short terminated.

Detailed information to this effect is available with concerned Station Masters. Passengers are requested to take note of the above arrangements.

Therefore, there will be NO BLOCK in DAY TIME over Western Railway Suburban section on Sunday, 06th April, 2025.

# PM to also lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation various rail and road projects worth over Rs 8,300 crore

## PM to flag off Rameswaram-Tambaram (Chennai) new train service

(Standard Post Bureau)

New Delhi, April 4 : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Tamil Nadu on 6th April. On the occasion of Ram Navami, at around 12 noon, he will inaugurate the new Pamban Rail Bridge - India's first vertical lift sea bridge and flag off a train and a ship from the road bridge and witness the operation of the bridge.

Thereafter at around 12:45 PM, he will perform darshan and pooja at Ramanathaswamy temple at Rameswaram. At around 1:30 PM in Rameswaram, he will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation various rail and road projects worth over Rs 8,300 crore in Tamil Nadu. He will also address the gathering on the occasion.

Prime Minister will inaugurate the New Pamban Rail Bridge and flag off Rameswaram-Tambaram (Chennai) new train service. The bridge carries a deep cultural significance. According to the Ramayana, the construction of Ram Setu was initiated from



Dhanushkodi near Rameswaram.

The Bridge, linking Rameswaram to the mainland, stands as a remarkable feat of Indian engineering on the global stage. It is built at a cost of over Rs 550 crore. It is 2.08 km in length, features 99 spans and a 72.5-metre vertical lift span that rises up to a height of 17 metres, facilitating smooth movement of ships while ensuring seamless train operations.

Constructed with stainless steel reinforcement, high-grade protective paint, and fully welded joints, the bridge

boasts increased durability and reduced maintenance needs. It is designed for dual rail tracks to accommodate future demands. A special polysiloxane coating protects it from corrosion, ensuring longevity in the harsh marine environment.

Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation various rail and road projects worth over Rs 8,300 crore in Tamil Nadu. These projects include foundation stone for four-laning of 28 Km long Walajapet – Ranipet section of NH-40 and dedication to the Nation of

4-laned 29 Km long Viluppuram – Puducherry section of NH-332; 57 Km long Poondiyanuppam – Sattanathapuram section of NH-32 and 48 Km long Cholakapuram – Thanjavur section of NH-36. These highways will connect many pilgrim centres and tourist places, reduce distance between cities and enable faster access to Medical College and Hospital, Ports besides empowering local farmers to transport agricultural products to the nearby markets and boost economic activity of local leather and small scale industries.

# Western Railway at “Numero Uno” position amongst all zones of Indian Railways in Public Grievances redressal performance

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 4 : Western Railway has once again proved its mettle in the pursuit to provide the best of services to its valued customers and has secured top position across Indian Railways when it comes to Public Grievances Redressal. The passengers can lodge/register their complaints through the following modes available under Rail Madad App viz. official Social Media handles, Helpline No. 139, Centralized Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS), Mobile App, Web, SMS, E-Mail, etc.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, utmost priority is always given by WR for the disposal of grievances which are received on daily basis at different public grievance platforms of Rail Madad App and are closely monitored at various levels by senior railway officers. Due to these sustained efforts, Western Railway has been able to redress the grievances at a quicker pace and this has helped WR to secure the top position amongst all Zonal Railways with the Grievance Redressal Efficiency Index (GREI) score of 0.96 for the year 2023 - 24.

Mr Vineet further informed that Western Railway is at the Numero Uno position in IR for the past five years with regards to Grievance Redressal Efficiency Index (GREI). WR's share of Rail Madad complaints over Indian Railways (IR) was 4.97% till February 2025 as compared to 8.29% in April 2024, which is an immense reduction of 40%. Although the geographic

domain of WR encompasses passengers who are more aware and demanding, it has one of the least numbers of complaints per million passengers. The grievances have diminished from 219 per million passengers in April 2024 to 141 in February 2025, which is a reduction of 36%. WR's GREI score during the last 5 years, i.e. in 2022 – 23, 2021 – 22, 2020 – 21, 2019 – 20, 2018 – 19 was 0.95, 0.92, 0.99, 0.73 & 0.90 respectively. The average disposal/pendency time of WR is also one of the least in IR and at the same time, excellent feedback has been one of the highest in IR.

Mr Vineet stated that Western Railway has set up a "War Room" for the Rail Madad service at all the six divisions which monitors and responds to passenger complaints or issues on realtime basis. Western Railway handled more than 1170 million passengers with almost 47120 complaints in the year 2023 which is just 0.0040% of total passengers carried by WR. In the year 2024, this has reduced to 0.0033 % of total passengers by handling around 1247 million passengers and 41680 complaints. WR conducts regular checks & inspections at stations & trains based on the grievances and complaints received. Various drives were conducted with regard to issues pertaining to Passenger Amenities, Cleanliness of stations, Cleanliness of toilets at stations / trains, Catering & Vending services, Promptness of grievance redressal at stations, Unauthorised passengers entering reserved coaches, promptness of Onboard Housekeeping Service (OBHS) staff, etc

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, April 4 : Central Railway has announced 1156 Summer Special trains including 284 unreserved trains till date, in addition to its regular trains to clear the extra rush of passengers during the summer season.

Central Railway had earlier announced 1058 services of Summer Special Trains and will now run an additional 98 services for the benefit of passengers. "Railways have decided to run 98 additional weekly summer special services between Mumbai-Madgaon / Kanpur, Pune-Jhansi and Kalaburagi-Bengaluru including 6 Unreserved specials between Mumbai-Sankrail to clear the extra rush of passengers during the summer season.

The details as as under: **1.LTT- Madgaon-LTT Weekly special (10 services)** 01103 Weekly special will leave Lokmanya Tilak Terminus at 08.20 hrs every Monday from 07.04.2025 to 05.05.2025 and will arrive Madgaon at 21.40 hrs same day. : (5 services) 01104 Weekly special will leave Madgaon at 16.30 hrs every Sunday from 06.04.2025 to 04.05.2025 and will arrive Lokmanya Tilak Terminus at 06.25 hrs next day. : (5 services)

Halts: Thane, Panvel, Pen, Roha, Mangaon, Khed, Chiplun, Sangameshwar Road, Ratnagiri, Adavali, Vilavade, Rajapur Road, Vaibhavwadi Road, Kankavali, Sindhudurg, Kudal, Sawantwadi Road and Thivim.

Composition: One AC 2-Tier, Three AC 3-Tier, Two AC 3-Tier Economy, 8 Sleeper class, 4 General Second class, 1 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van and 1 Generator Car.

**2.LTT- Kanpur-LTT Weekly superfast special (24 services)** 04152 Weekly superfast special will leave Lokmanya Tilak Terminus at 17.15 hrs every Saturday from 12.04.2025 to 28.06.2025 and will arrive Kanpur at 15.45 hrs next day. : (12 services) 04151 Weekly superfast special will leave Kanpur at 15.25 hrs every Friday from 11.04.2025 to 27.06.2025 and will arrive Lokmanya Tilak Terminus at 14.55 hrs next day. : (12 services)

Halts: Igatpuri, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Sana, Prayagraj, Bharwari, Sirathu and Fatehpur

Composition: One AC 2-Tier, Five AC 3-Tier, 4 Sleeper class, 8 General Second class and 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

**3.Pune-Jhansi-Pune Weekly superfast special (24 services)** 01921 Weekly superfast

special will leave Pune at 15.15 hrs every Thursday from 10.04.2025 to 26.06.2025 and will arrive Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi at 10.00 hrs next day. : (12 services)

01922 Weekly superfast special will leave Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi at 12.50 hrs every Wednesday from 09.04.2025 to 25.06.2025 and will arrive Pune at 11.35 hrs next day. : (12 services)

Halts: Daund Chord Line, Ahmednagar, Kopargaoon, Manmad, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Narmadapuram, Rani Kamlapati, Vidisha, Bina and Lalitpur

Composition: One AC 2-Tier, Four AC 3-Tier, 6 Sleeper class, 4 General Second Class and 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

**4.Hadapsar-Jhansi-Hadapsar Weekly superfast special (26 services)** 01923 Weekly superfast special will leave Hadapsar at 19.10 hrs every Sunday from 06.04.2025 to 29.06.2025 and will arrive Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi at 15.00 hrs next day. : (13 services)

01924 Weekly superfast special will leave Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi at 19.40 hrs every Saturday from 05.04.2025 to 28.06.2025 and will arrive Hadapsar at 16.30 hrs next day. : (13 services)

Halts: Daund Chord Line, Ahmednagar, Kopargaoon, Manmad, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Narmadapuram, Rani Kamlapati, Vidisha, Bina and Lalitpur

Composition: One AC 2-Tier, Four AC 3-Tier, 6 Sleeper class, 4 General Second Class and 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

**5.Kalaburagi- Sir M Visvesaraya Terminal Bengaluru Weekly special – (8 trips)** 06520 Weekly special will leave Kalaburagi at 09.35 hrs every Sunday from 06.04.2025 to 27.04.2025 and will arrive SMV Bengaluru at 20.00 hrs same day.

06519 Weekly special will leave SMV Bengaluru at 21.15 hrs every Saturday from 05.04.2025 to 26.04.2025 and will arrive Kalaburagi at 07.40 hrs next day.

Halts: Shahabad, Yadgir, Krishna, Raichur, Manthralayam Road, Adoni, Guntakal, Anantapur, Dharmavaram and Yelahanka

Composition:, One AC 2-Tier, One AC 3-Tier, 11 Sleeper Class, 04 General Second Class and 02 Luggage cum Guard's Brake Vans

**U N R E S E R V E D SPECIALS**

**(6) Bhiwandi Road-Sankrail / Santragachi-Bhiwandi Road Weekly Unreserved Specials (6 trips)** 01149 Weekly

special will leave Pune at 15.15 hrs every Thursday from 10.04.2025 to 26.06.2025 and will arrive Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi at 10.00 hrs next day. : (12 services)

01922 Weekly superfast special will leave Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi at 12.50 hrs every Wednesday from 09.04.2025 to 25.06.2025 and will arrive Pune at 11.35 hrs next day. : (12 services)

Halts: Daund Chord Line, Ahmednagar, Kopargaoon, Manmad, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Narmadapuram, Rani Kamlapati, Vidisha, Bina and Lalitpur

Composition: One AC 2-Tier, Four AC 3-Tier, 6 Sleeper class, 4 General Second Class and 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

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Halts: Daund Chord Line, Ahmednagar, Kopargaoon, Manmad, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Narmadapuram, Rani Kamlapati, Vidisha, Bina and Lalitpur

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Halts: Shahabad, Yadgir, Krishna, Raichur, Manthralayam Road, Adoni, Guntakal, Anantapur, Dharmavaram and Yelahanka

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**U N R E S E R V E D SPECIALS**

**(6) Bhiwandi Road-Sankrail / Santragachi-Bhiwandi Road Weekly Unreserved Specials (6 trips)** 01149 Weekly

Unreserved Special will leave Bhiwandi Road at 22.30 hrs every Wednesday from 09.04.2025 to 23.04.2025 and will arrive Sankrail Goods Terminal at 13.00 hrs third day. : (3 trips)

01150 Weekly Unreserved Special will leave Santragachi at 21.00 hrs every Saturday from 12.04.2025 to 26.04.2025 and will arrive Bhiwandi Road at 11.30 hrs third day. : (3 trips)

Halts: Kalyan, Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Manmad, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Akola, Badnera, Wardha, Nagpur, Gondia, Raipur, Bilaspur, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Chakradharpur, Tatanagar and Kharagpur

Composition:, 10 General Second Class, 2 Second Class-cum- Guard's Brake Van and 10 Parcel Vans

**Reservation:** Bookings for special train nos 06520 on special charges is open. "Bookings for special train nos 01103, 04152, 01921 and 01923 on special charges will open on 05.04.2025 at all computerised reservation centres and on website [www.irctc.co.in](http://www.irctc.co.in)

Tickets for Unreserved Specials & coaches can be booked on normal charges through UTS.

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# Many 'commissionerates' of land mafias formed in UP under BJP: Akhilesh

Lucknow, April 4 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Friday alleged that not only in Gorakhpur, Ayodhya, Lucknow or Kanpur, but in reality, many 'commissionerates' of land mafia have been formed under the rule of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the entire Uttar

Pradesh. In a statement issued here, Akhilesh said that permanent land mafia protected, sponsored, and nurtured by the BJP are active on charitable land or ponds, while temporary land mafia are doing illegal work in broad daylight in illegal mining or deforestation. "Records of illegal occupation of land

are being made in the rule of 'Bharatiya Zameen Party'," he alleged. He said that the BJP is the biggest land mafia party. "Corruption in land is at its peak. BJP people are engaged in buying, selling, and occupying land at various places. In connivance with the officials, BJP people are engaged in occupying

the lands of farmers, poor people, as well as all government lands," he said.

The SP chief claimed that in Ayodhya, the BJP government gave the acquired land to its close ones. "A lot of land of farmers and traders was snatched away, and they were not even given proper compensation," he said.

He said that the people of the state are troubled by the highhandedness and anarchy of the BJP. "Farmers and the poor are not getting justice. The future of the youth is in the dark. Every section of society is troubled and miserable. The BJP government is doing anti-constitutional work," he said.

# Badal seeks central probe into attack on Ambedkar statues, temples

Chandigarh, Apr 4 (UNI) Senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and Bhindranathi MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal on Friday sought a central probe into recent attempts to destabilise peace in Punjab and instigate communal violence by targeting statues of Babsaheb B R Ambedkar as well as temples.

Talking on this subject in parliament, Badal said it was condemnable that the

statues of Babasaheb Ambedkar had been targeted three times in the last three months but the Aam Aadmi Party government had failed to either protect them or ensure exemplary punishment for the perpetrators.

Asserting that this was being done under a design, she said a bomb was hurled at the Thakurdwara in Amritsar indicating that a wider conspiracy was at work to create a communal divide in the State.