

## IN BRIEF

**Cultural Centre calls for applications from aspiring artistes for prestigious Rangasetu fellowship**

Pune, April 8 (UNI) : The Maharashtra Cultural Centre in city is accepting applications for the prestigious Rangasetu Fellowship, aimed at encouraging young talent in the performing and visual arts.

Pramod Kale, coordinator of the fellowship, announced on Tuesday that interested artistes can apply until May 15.

He said that this fellowship aims to encourage emerging talents in theater, visual arts, music and dance by providing a monthly stipend of Rs 12,000 per month (annual total of Rs 1.44 lakh for one year). Emerging artistes from Maharashtra working in the fields of theater (writing, direction, acting), visual arts (painting, sculpture, installation, and more), music (vocal, instrumental, composition), and dance (all Indian classical dance forms, modern, and experimental dance styles) are eligible to apply for this fellowship, he added.

**Bombay HC initiates contempt proceedings against advocate representing Disha Salian's father**

Mumbai, April 8 (UNI) : The Bombay High Court on Tuesday initiated suo motu contempt proceedings against advocate Nilesh Ojha for his “scandalous and defamatory” remarks against a sitting HC judge during a press conference related to the Disha Salian death case.

Ojha represents late celebrity manager Disha Salian’s father in the sensational case. A special five-judge bench comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justices A.S. Chandurkar, M.S. Sonak, Ravindra Ghuge and Ajey Gadkari noted that the lawyer’s statements in the conference held on April 1 were “ex-facie contemptuous.” The bench directed YouTube and a Marathi news channel to “forthwith” remove the video of the press conference and all related material.

# PM Modi hails PM Mudra Yojana, says Rs 33 lakh cr loans sanctioned under scheme

New Delhi, April 8 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said over Rs 33 lakh crore in collateral-free loans have been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana and noted that over 70 per cent of Mudra loan beneficiaries are women.

Interacting with beneficiaries of the scheme at his residence, he said, "In the last ten years, more than 52 crore loans worth over 32.6 lakh crore rupees have been sanctioned under the scheme."

The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, which provides collateral-free loans of up to 20 lakh rupees to micro and small enterprises, today completed 10 years, which was launched in April 2015. At his residence, PM Modi greeted the beneficiaries stating, "I thank you all for coming to my residence. It is said in our scriptures that when guests come to a house, the house becomes pure, so I welcome you all."

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## Rajnath Singh and UAE Dy PM discuss strengthening defence cooperation

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday held a meeting with Crown Prince of Dubai and Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Defence of the UAE, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and both leaders expressed happiness on the defence cooperation through institutional mechanisms, military exercises, and the exchange of training programmes. They acknowledged that defence cooperation needs to be scaled up to match the progress made in other areas such as trade and business,

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## High Court grants protection to Kunal Kamra till April 17



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## SC slams ‘moral policing’ by ...



In a significant ruling reinforcing the limits of judicial discretion, the Supreme Court on Tuesday set aside the Rs 10 lakh costs imposed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court on musician Vishal Dadlani and political commentator Tehseen Poonawalla over their 2016 tweets mocking Jain monk Tarun Sagar.

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## Shreyas Iyer headlines ICC Player of Month



India’s middle-order batsman Shreyas Iyer has been named among the nominees for the ICC Men’s Player of the Month award for March 2025, following his stellar role in steering India to Champions Trophy glory. Iyer emerged as the top scorer for India during the ICC Champions Trophy, amassing 172 runs in three crucial innings at an impressive average of 57.33.

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## Fire breaks out in Devagiri Fort, Efforts on to control blaze

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, April 8 (UNI) : A massive blaze engulfed the 12th century Devagiri Fort in Maharashtra's Daulatabad on Tuesday, causing major damage to the historical structure and burning to death small and large animals living in the premises, though there were no reports of any human casualty or injury, official sources said. The fort, initially built in 1187 AD and the centre of administration under the Yadavas and for some time under the Delhi sultanate and Ahmednagar sultanate, is still in flames surrounded by fire on all four sides.

The administration and fire brigade personnel making strenuous efforts since the morning to control the fire, the sources said. According to officials, even as the fire was being extinguished at one place, the leaping flames were seen in other areas of the fort.

To prevent the fire from spreading to the adjoining village, government and private vehicles are using 10 to 12 water pumps. However, the blowing wind was fanning the fire, with the flames visible in the sky.

The fire was first reported around 10 AM. The historical structure has suffered major damage in the fire.

It is being speculated that the fire broke out due to the summer heat. It is also understood that a large amount of smoke has spread in the surrounding area.

Meanwhile, though there were no reports of human casualties or injuries, small and large animals living in the fort have died in the fire. Animals such as peacocks, langurs and monkeys have started running away. Many of them have taken shelter in the fields around the fort.

An official said the fire brigade vehicles were facing many difficulties in entering the fort. In the absence of any means of extinguishing the fire, attempts are being made to put it out by cutting the branches of the trees present at the place. Meanwhile, the police are investigating the cause of the fire. Police inspectors and staff of Daulatabad Police Station, officers and staff of the Gram Panchayat and other departments are present at the scene.

**Rahul seeks Prez intervention in WB teacher job row**

New Delhi, April 8 (UNI) : Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday sought President Droupadi Murmu’s intervention on cancellation of appointment of thousands of teachers of West Bengal, stating that it needs human approach as entire recruitment is "not tainted". In his letter to the President, Gandhi mentioned that he had met a group of affected teachers representing the Shikshak Shikshika Adhikar Mancha, who urged him to raise their concerns with her. He said, "Calcutta High Court found serious irregularities in teacher recruitment and declared the entire process null and void. On April 3rd, the Supreme Court upheld the High Court judgment. Since the verdict, the teachers, as well as staff who stand to be terminated have almost given up hope of any redressal".

While mentioning that both "tainted and untainted teachers lost their jobs", Gandhi said, "Any crime committed during recruitment should be condemned and the perpetrators must be brought to justice."

## Centre will consider additional assistance if affected farmers need more money : Chouhan

(Standard Post Bureau)

Nashik, April 8 : Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has asserted that the Centre will consider additional assistance if farmers affected by unseasonal rains in the state need more money and if there is a demand from the state. If farmers get proper guidance and training for quality food production, every village in the country will become self-reliant and poverty-free. He also said that the Centre and the state government are supporting the farmers for natural farming.

Chouhan inaugurated the Krishi Vigyan Mandapam Auditorium and Women's Technology Park at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra here on Monday.

While giving guidance on this occasion, Chauhan highlighted the need to promote natural farming in some villages of the district.

The Government of India is always encouraging farmers for natural farming and the Central Government is providing Rs. 4,000 per acre for the experiments and tools required for it.

"The available water of the Tapi river should be used for agriculture. Drought irrigation experiments can be carried out in the fields through the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchan Yojana. Through the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, women here have made biscuits from bhagar, developed machines for processing pulses. Today, about one crore 48 lakh women in the country have become millionaires through such small experiments," said Chauhan.

On this occasion, State Agriculture Minister Manikrao Kokate said, "Agriculture is a very complicated subject and farmers do not enjoy it without sustainable agriculture. While there is a large mentality of migrating from the agricultural business, he expressed the hope that the efforts being made for the development of agriculture and farmers through the Krishi Vigyan Kendra will definitely not remain without transforming this area through sustainable agriculture."

## Intensify operations to uproot terror: Shah tells security agencies in Kashmir

Srinagar, April 8 (UNI) : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday instructed security agencies to further intensify anti-terror operations through enhanced surveillance and seamless coordination to achieve the goal of uprooting terror in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said this while chairing a crucial security review meeting in Srinagar on the last day of his three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides security review, the Home Minister also chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress of ongoing development projects in the Union Territory.

After the security meeting, the Home Minister said that the Narendra Modi government’s multi-pronged security strategy has crippled terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

“Chaired a security review meeting for J&K along with Lt. Governor Shri Manoj Sinha Ji and senior officials. Agencies crippled terror in J&K through the Modi govt's multi-pronged approach to security,” Shah said in a post on X.

“Instructed to further intensify anti-terror offensives by advanced vigilance and seamless mutual coordination to achieve the goal of uprooting terror for good. The Modi government is committed to building a secure and prosperous J&K,” he added.

The security review meeting was attended by Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, General officer Commanding Northern Command Lt. General Suchindra Kumar, Corps Commander posted in J&K, Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary, J&K Director General of Police, chiefs of paramilitary forces, including BSF and CRPF, among others attended the meeting.

However, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was not part of the meeting.

An official statement issued after the meeting said the Union Home Minister lauded the efforts of security agencies for the significant reduction in terror-related incidents, infiltration and recruitment of youth in terrorist organisations.

He reiterated the zero-tolerance policy against terrorism under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

“Due to sustained and coordinated efforts of the Modi Government, the entire terror eco-system nurtured by elements inimical to our country in Jammu and Kashmir has been crippled,” he said.

Shah also directed that the implementation of Area Domination Plan and Zero Terror Plan must be ensured in mission mode.





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**Open e-Tender Notice No.  
DRM/Works/BZA/08/2025  
Dt. 04.04.2025**

PUB/0354

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following works up to 15-00 hours and the date mentioned against each.

**S.No:- 1., Tender No.:- E-15-EAST-BZA-2025, Details of work:- Name of work:** Vijayawada Division: Proposed safety related track maintenance works and other track miscellaneous works in SSE/P-Way/GDV section under ADEN/Lines/BZA subdivision of Sr.DEN/East/BZA jurisdiction., **Period of completion:** 12(Tweleve Months), **Tender Value:** Rs.91,87,977.00, **E.M.D.:** Rs.1,83,800.00, **Date of Closing:** 17.04.2025.

**S.No:- 2., Tender No.:- E-16-EAST-BZA-2025, Details of work:- Name of work:** Vijayawada Division: Proposed safety related track maintenance works and other track miscellaneous works in SSE/P-Way/BVRM, SSE/P-Way/KKLR, SSE/P-Way/TNKU & SSE/P-Way/MTM sections under ADEN/BVRM Sub-division of Sr.DEN/East/BZA jurisdiction., **Period of completion:** 12(Tweleve Months), **Tender Value:** Rs.4,01,61,097.00, **E.M.D.:** Rs.3,50,800.00, **Date of Closing:** 17.04.2025.

**S.No:- 3., Tender No.:- E-17-EAST-BZA-2025, Details of work:- Name of work:** Repairs to B.T road surfaces at LC Nos : 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 26, 31, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44 (23 Nos) in GDV-MTM section, LC Nos : 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 49, 50, 51, 52, 74 (12 Nos) in RMV-GDV section, LC Nos: 103, 95, 93, 91, 90, 89, 88, 83 (8 Nos) in UNDI-KKLR section, LC Nos : 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 14A, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23, 109, 111, 113, 118, 120 (20 Nos) in UNDI-BVRM - NS section & LC Nos 124, 126, 128, 134, 138, 143, 146, 150, 155, 156, 159, 160, 140, 148, 157 (15 Nos) in BVRM-KLDI sections under Sr.DEN/East/BZA Jurisdiction, **Period of completion:** 12(Tweleve Months), **Tender Value:** Rs.2,10,13,852.00, **E.M.D.:** Rs.2,55,100.00, **Date of Closing:** 19.04.2025.

**S.No:- 4., Tender No.:- E-09-Central-BZA-2025, Details of work:- Name of work:** SW-I) Vijayawada Division: icking of rags in the approaches of stations between KVDU -KCC in ADEN/BPP & BZA-PUA in ADEN/EE sub-division under DEN/Central/BZA jurisdiction for the period of (02) Two years, **Period of completion:** 24 (Twenty four Months), **Tender Value:** Rs. 42,52,060.00, **E. M. D.:** Rs.85,100.00, **Date of Closing:** 22/04/2025.

**S.No:- 5., Tender No.:- E-06-Bridges-BZA-2025, Details of work:- Name of work:** BZA Division - Strengthening of Bridges by provision of Inspection platforms around piers of various section bridges and ROBs between BZA - OGL, BZA - BVRM & GDV - MTM sections under SSE/Br/I/BZA & SSE/Br/II/BZA sections under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Br/S/BZA, **Period of completion:** 12 (Twelve Months), **Tender Value:** Rs.3,99,37,940.00, **E.M.D.:** Rs.3,49,700.00, **Date of Closing:** 23/04/2025.

**S.No:- 6., Tender No.:- E-10-Central-BZA-2025, Details of work:- Name of work:** SW-I) Vijayawada Division: icking of rags in the approaches of stations between KVDU-KCC in ADEN/ BPP & BZA-PUA in ADEN/EE sub-division under DEN/Central/BZA jurisdiction for the period of (02) Two years, **Period of completion:** 06 (Six Months), **Tender Value:** Rs. 50,78,518.00, **E. M. D.:** Rs.1,01,600.00, **Date of Closing:** 25/04/2025.

The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website “[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)”.before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.

**Divisional Railway Manager (Works), A0450 Vijayawada**

**For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <http://www.ireps.gov.in> or [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)**

## Invest UP must set global standards in investment promotion: Yogi

Lucknow, April 8 (UNI) :Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday directed that expert services be engaged to further enhance Uttar Pradesh's industrial ecosystem, emphasising the need for 'Invest UP' to evolve into a model investment promotion and facilitation agency.

While reviewing the work of Invest UP, the CM called for the inclusion of sector-specific specialists who can effectively engage with global industries and attract greater investment to the state.

He said that by embracing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Reform, Perform, Transform', UP has, over the past eight years, emerged as the top choice for investors in India. He emphasised the need to further strengthen this positive industrial environment.

Yogi said that while an online single-window system has been established and is benefiting entrepreneurs, investors still often need to approach multiple departments for approvals. "In many cases, No Objection Certificates (NOCs) are issued at various levels depending on the investment category," he said.

He emphasised the need to streamline and strengthen the system, ensuring the single-window mechanism is implemented in its true spirit.

The CM emphasised the need to restructure the Nivesh Mitra portal using technology to prevent entrepreneurs' applications from being redirected to multiple departments. "All departments should be integrated into a unified system to ensure timely disposal of applications. If a department fails to act within the stipulated time frame, deemed approval should be granted," he said.He directed the implementation of the Single Window Act, enabling the Industrial Development Department to provide consolidated approvals for major investments. He said that every investor is important, and ensuring their convenience and security is the government's responsibility.

He emphasised the need to maximise the role of Udyami Mitras in this effort and make the Nivesh Sarathi portal more effective. He also directed the formation of a 'Chasing Cell' under Invest UP, comprising experts from various industrial sectors, to identify high-potential sectors, facilitate communication and ensure better coordination.Yogi said that investors from across the country and the world are eager to invest in UP. "To strengthen the state's global outreach, he emphasised the importance of establishing coordination with Indian embassies abroad," he said.He directed that the half-yearly meeting of the Invest UP Governing Body must be held regularly. In the review meeting, he directed that new policies be introduced for emerging sectors to ensure UP capitalises on the evolving global industrial landscape.

## Army Chief reviews security, operational readiness in Srinagar and forward areas

Srinagar, April 8 (UNI) :Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday visited Srinagar and forward posts along the Line of Control in north Kashmir to assess the overall security situation and review the operational preparedness of the forces.Army said General Dwivedi visited Srinagar to assess the current security situation and operational preparedness. He received a detailed briefing from the General Officer Commanding of the Srinagar-based Chinar Corps on the prevailing security scenario in the region.

The Army Chief also interacted with formation commanders and held discussions on a wide range of security-related issues.

Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) in a post on X said that General Dwivedi commended all ranks for their unwavering commitment, operational readiness and professionalism.

Later in the day, the army chief visited forward posts on the LoC in north Kashmir to evaluate the security situation and operational readiness.

The Chief of Army Staff interacted with the troops and commended them for their exceptional dedication and resilience in the face of challenging conditions, Army said.General Dwivedi emphasised the crucial role of integrating technology into operations and encouraged personnel to remain vigilant against both existing and emerging security threats.

## PM Modi holds talks with visiting Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan

New Delhi, April 8 (UNI)

:Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held talks with the Crown Prince of Dubai Sheikh Hamdan, and said his visit paves the way for even stronger collaboration between India and the UAE in the future.

In a post on X, the PM said that Dubai has played a key role in advancing the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

“Glad to meet HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai. Dubai has played a key role in advancing the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

“This special visit reaffirms our deep-rooted friendship and paves the way for even stronger collaboration in the future.”

The Dubai Crown Prince said in a post that their talks reaffirmed the strength of UAE–India ties

“which is built on trust, shaped by history, and driven by a shared vision to create a future full of opportunity, innovation, and lasting prosperity”.

“It was a pleasure meeting the Prime Minister @NarendraModi today in New Delhi.“Our conversations reaffirmed the strength of UAE–India ties which is built on trust, shaped by history, and driven by a shared vision to create a future full of opportunity, innovation, and lasting prosperity.”The



MEA spokesperson said in a post:

“An age old & ever-growing partnership.

“PM @narendramodi met Crown prince of Dubai HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al M a k t o u m , @HamdanMohammed.

“They discussed Dubai’s key role in strengthening India-UAE ties across defence, trade, technology, space & connectivity and people to people ties.”

"The visit underscores the UAE leadership’s commitment to building strategic alliances with key international partners to foster growth, drive innovation, and promote collaboration across vital sectors," state news agency Wam said on Tuesday.The value of non-

oil trade between India and the UAE reached \$54.2 billion in 2023, according to figures shared by Dubai Media Office.

In Dubai alone, none-oil trade with India surged from \$36.7bn in 2019 to \$45.4 billion in 2023.

More than 16,000 Indian companies joined the Dubai Chamber of Commerce last year, taking the total number beyond 70,000.UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed visited India in January last year to attend a three-day global business summit, during which he also held high-level talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.In September last year, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, made an official visit to India during which he held talks with PM

Modi.

Sheikh Hamdan’s delegation includes Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed, President of the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman of Dubai Airports, and chairman and chief executive of Emirates airline, Mohammed Al Gergawi, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Reem Al Hashimy, Minister of State for International Co-operation, Abdulla bin Touq, Minister of Economy, and Dr Thani Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade.

The delegation also includes senior officials and leaders representing different economic sectors.

Earlier in the day, the Dubai Crown Prince also held meetings with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

## Centre files caveat in SC ahead of hearing on Waqf Act amendments

New Delhi, Apr 8 (UNI) The central government has filed a caveat before the Supreme Court in anticipation of legal challenges to the Waqf Amendment Act, 2025.

The caveat is a procedural move aimed at preventing the Court from passing any ex-parte orders (without hearing the Centre’s side), especially interim

relief such as a stay on the amendments.

The petitions, including one by AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, challenge the constitutional validity of the amendments.

Petitioners argue that the changes violate Article 300A (Right to Property), the secular fabric of the Constitution, and the federal balance of power.

Concerns have also been raised about the Centre

allegedly bypassing proper consultation with state Waqf Boards and other stakeholders.The amendments in question reportedly include provisions that broaden the powers of the Central Waqf Council.

Curtail certain rights of individuals and organizations in waqf-related land disputes.


Restrict the jurisdiction of matters, directing matters to civil courts instead of Waqf Tribunals.

Legal experts view the Centre’s caveat as a signal of its preparedness to defend the amendments strongly and to prevent any delays in their implementation.


The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the matter on April 15, in the case titled “Asaduddin Owaisi versus Union of India”.

The Court’s had allowed the filing of petitions. As many as seven petitions challenging the Waqf Act Amendments Bill have been filed. More are coming up.

The initial response and the Centre’s yet-to-be-filed which will be crucial in shaping the legal trajectory of the case, which may have far-reaching consequences for the administration of waqf properties across India.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**(Petition No. 138/2025 & 139/2025)**

The following petitions have been filed by Electricity Department, Puducherry for approval:

- Petition for approval of the Business Plan for MYT control period from FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30 for the Electricity Department of Puducherry as per Regulation 8 of the JERC (Generation, Transmission & Distribution Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024. The said Petition has been admitted as **Petition No.138/2025**.
- Petition for approval of the True-up of FY 2023-24, Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2024-25, Determination of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) and retail supply tariff for the MYT control period from FY-2025-26 to FY-2029-30 for the Electricity Department of Puducherry as per Regulation 9 & 12 of the JERC (Generation, Transmission & Distribution Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024.The said Petition has been admitted as **Petition No. 139/2025**.

The aforesaid Petitions are available on the Commission’s website, i.e., [www.jercuts.gov.in](http://www.jercuts.gov.in) and also on the Petitioner’s website, i.e., <https://electricity.py.gov.in> respectively.

Interested persons may give their objections/suggestions/comments on the above Petition, in person/ registered post addressed to - **The Secretary, JERC (For the State of Goa & UTs) 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar Phase IV, Sector 18, Gurugram, Haryana - 122015** or through e-mail at mail id: [secy.jercuts@gov.in](mailto:secy.jercuts@gov.in), [raengg2-jercuts@govcontractor.in](mailto:raengg2-jercuts@govcontractor.in) **on or before 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025** with a copy to the following:


S.No.	Petitioner	Address
1.	Electricity Department, Puducherry	The Superintending Engineer cum Head of Department, Electricity Department -UT of Puducherry, 117, Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose Salai, Puducherry-605 001. (Email-se1ped.pon@nic.in)

The Public hearing for the above-cited matters will be as per the schedule given below:

Date	Time	Venue
29.04.2025	11:00 AM	PMMS Hall, No.81, Laporte Street, Puducherry-605001

CBC 34124/12/0001/2526

(S.D. Sharma)  
Secretary (I/c), JERC



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Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.

**TENDER NOTICE**

Tenders are invited from registered experienced bidders for the work as below.

Tender No.	Nature of Work	Estimated Amount Rs. in Lakhs	Amount Of EMD Rs.
T-01/ 2025-26	E-tender for work of carrying out LT lines Preventive maintenance under Jurisdiction of Ulhasnagar-01 Division.	10,000,00/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs)	10000/- (GST Extra)
T-02/ 2025-26	E-tender for work of carrying out HT lines Preventive maintenance under Jurisdiction of Ulhasnagar-01 Division.	10,000,00/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs)	10000/- (GST Extra)
T-03/ 2025-26	E-tender for work of carrying out DTC Preventive maintenance under Jurisdiction of Ulhasnagar-01 Division.	10,000,00/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs)	10000/- (GST Extra)

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- Blank Tender documents will be available on Company's website [www.mahadiscom.in](http://www.mahadiscom.in). From 08.04.2025 to 16.04.2025, up to 23.00 Hrs Tenderers are requested to download the same from website and will pay the document cost for Tender's for Rs. 1000/- +18% GST Online/at MSEDCL, Division office ULHASNAGAR-01 or they can deposit Bankers cheque of DD & put D.D.No. & date while submission of the offer.
- The amount of EMD should be submitted in the form of Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee of any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank having Branch at ULHASNAGAR -01 DIVISION, Demand Draft should be drawn in favor of Executive Engineer MSEDCL Ulhasnagar-01 and put the DD No. & date while submitting on line tender duly filled in.
- Pre bid meeting dt. 15.04.2025 at 15.00 hrs.
- Last date for submission of Tenders is 16.04.2025 up to 23.00 Hrs.
- Date of opening of Technical Bid: 17.04.2025 at 11.00 Hrs. (online only).
- MSEDCL reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Contact Person: **Shri. Sanjay Dadpe**, Add. Ex. Engineer Office, Ulhasnagar-01 Division.

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**Executive Engineer, Ulhasnagar-01 Division.**



# HC grants protection to Kunal Kamra till April 17

Mumbai, April 8 (UNI) : Bombay High Court on Tuesday granted protection (not to arrest or any corrective action) till April 17 to stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra, currently facing backlash for his controversial comments about Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

During the hearing of a plea moved by Kamara seeking quashing of multiple FIRs against him following his satirical video and "gaddar" comment purportedly made against Shinde, the division bench of Justice Sarang Kotwal and Justice Shriram Modak directed the state government to file a reply to the petition. In his plea Kamra sought a stay on the proceedings arising out of the said FIR.

The court was informed that Madras High



Court has extended interim protection from arrest to Kamra till April 17.

The next hearing is on April 16.

Senior advocate Navroz Seervai who appeared on behalf of Kamra told the court that Madras HC order has not been upheld. However, his client was granted interim protection till April 17.

He also said he is really concerned about the quashing and if court is inclined to grant some time, only one thing, his client has not once, twice or

thrice but in writing offered to get a statement recorded virtually through video conferencing.

"The court must consider the death threats received by my client. The authorities aren't keen to record his statements but they want him here to be present physically. His physical presence must not be insisted till the present petition is heard," Seervai argued.

In the 146-page petition Kamra challenged the legality, correctness, and propriety of FIR registered

at Khar Police Station on March 24, 2025, under sections 353(1)(B), 353(2) and 356(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) by Shiv Sena MLA Muraji Patel.

The FIR was later transferred to Khar police station in Mumbai.

Though Kamra had not directly taken Shinde's name, the party workers alleged that he had called Shinde a traitor while referencing to his split from the Shiv Sena.

Offended by Kamra's remarks, a group of Shiv Sena workers had also vandalised Mumbai's Habitat studio, where the comedian had performed the show. Twelve people were arrested in connection with the violence that had erupted and were subsequently granted bail.

Kamra claimed he has been receiving death threats since the show.

## Farmer killed in elephant attack in Dodamarg

Kolhapur, April 8 (UNI) :A farmer was killed on the spot when an elephant attacked him at Morle village in Dodamarg tehsil of Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra this morning.

According to district forest department, the farmer, identified as Laxman Yashwant Gavas, was on way to collect cashews nuts in cashew orchard.

Suddenly an elephant attacked him, grabbed him by his trunk, lifted him and trampled him to death.

After receiving information, forest officials rushed to the spot.

# Police register FIR after Indigo flight receives bomb threat

Mumbai, Apr 8 (UNI) A day after an IndiGo flight made emergency landing following discovery of an alleged threat note in its galley, the city police registered an FIR against an unknown person in this connection, an official said here on Tuesday.

Notably, IndiGo flight 6E 5324 from Jaipur to Mumbai landed after full emergency was declared at

## Court issues fresh bailable warrant against actress Malaika Arora

Mumbai, April 8 (UNI) : A court here has issued a fresh bailable warrant against actress Malaika Arora, a witness in the 2012 hotel brawl case involving Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan and two others, a lawyer said here on Tuesday.

The court first issued a bailable warrant against Arora on February 15. It was re-issued on Monday as she did not turn up before the court.

The court is in process of recording the statements of witnesses.

The matter will be next heard on April 29.

Arora was part of the group that had gone for dinner with Khan at the hotel when the alleged incident took place on February 22, 2012.

Saif Ali Khan and two other accused were arrested following a complaint filed by the businessman - Iqbal Mir Sharma. The three were later released on bail.

The actor was accompanied by his wife Kareena Kapoor, her sister Karisma Kapoor, Malaika Arora, Amrita Arora and some male friends at the hotel when the brawl broke out.

## RSB Group honours extraordinary women achievers with Women Changemakers Award

Pune, April 8 (UNI) : RSB Group hosted the fourth edition of its Women Changemakers Award ceremony under its Women Empowerment Programme – “Ek Pahal”.

The event honoured outstanding women who have made significant contributions to society in the fields of education, social work and community service.

Speaking on occasion, senior police inspector Seema Dhakne gave an inspiring address on the importance of women empowerment and independent decision making in today's world, said a release on Tuesday.

Women Changemakers Award was presented to four women, including transgender social worker Amrapali Mohite, for providing essential services to 1,087 underprivileged children.

and it read, ‘Open it. Surprise. Bomb is waiting for you guys. Not a joke’,” Joshi stated.

She immediately reported it to a senior crew member who, in turn, informed the pilot.

A senior police officer of the Mumbai police's Zone 8, said, “ We have registered an offence and further investigation is going on according to standard procedure.”

# SDHI signs MoU with GRSE to enhance indigenous commercial shipbuilding capabilities

Mumbai, April 8 (UNI) : Swan Defence and Heavy Industries Limited (SDHI) has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE).

The MoU signed on Monday marks a significant milestone in strengthening India's indigenous commercial shipbuilding ecosystem. The collaboration is in line with the government's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and reinforces SDHI's commitment to building world-class maritime infrastructure in the country, an SDHI release said. The partnership aims to jointly pursue opportunities in the construction of commercial vessels and offshore structures, with an eye on catering to both global markets and domestic maritime priorities.

The association will allow SDHI Limited and GRSE to combine their capabilities in design, infrastructure, and project execution to create a robust and scalable model for commercial shipbuilding.

This MoU is also expected to facilitate the sharing of facilities, co-development of standard vessel platforms, and coordinated project management strategies to enable faster turnaround and greater cost-efficiency. The partnership also envisions the evolution of a strong vendor and supply chain ecosystem, driven by shared sourcing and procurement efficiencies.

Furthermore, the MoU lays a strong emphasis on building skilled manpower to support the long-term growth of the shipbuilding sector.

# Ahmedabad meet a turning point: DK Shivakumar

Ahmedabad, April 8 (UNI) : Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President DK Shivakumar on Monday said the Congress is undertaking a historic nationwide organisational revamp under the leadership of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader Rahul Gandhi, with the focus squarely on grassroots empowerment.

Speaking at the venue of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting and All India Congress

Committee (AICC) session being held here, Shivakumar declared that the party has marked the current year as "the year of organisation" aimed at rebuilding the Congress from the block level upwards.

"We are working out a comprehensive strategy to revitalise the party structure across the country. Our focus is on strengthening the cadre and putting the Congress back in touch with the people's real issues," he told reporters.

Shivakumar said the party had already held a key meeting of District Congress Presidents in Delhi, during which various suggestions were received. These inputs, he said, are now being deliberated upon at the national level. "This will be a turning point for the Congress Party," he asserted.

The AICC session also coincides with the centenary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's leadership in the Congress.

"This is a moment of reflection and rededication. Gandhiji gave us our freedom, and now we must give the people their voice," Shivakumar said.

Welcoming the BJP's Janakrosh Yatra in Karnataka as a democratic expression of dissent, Shivakumar turned the spotlight back on the BJP-led central government, accusing it of burdening ordinary citizens with soaring prices.

"Let them raise their voice — the people should

indeed express their anger. But it is the BJP government that must answer for the relentless hikes in diesel, petrol, and essential commodities," he said, adding that the real Janakrosh is against the BJP.

With the Congress looking to sharpen its organisational machinery and reconnect with its base, the Ahmedabad session is being viewed as a crucial inflection point in the party's political course.

# Growth in investments in MSMEs slowed down in FY24: Report

New Delhi, April 8 (UNI) :Growth in investments in Udyam-registered MSMEs slowed down to 23% in financial year 2023-24 (FY24) from 61% in financial year 2021-22, as per a UGRO Capital-Dun & Bradstreet report released on Tuesday. The findings are based on an analysis of over 45,000 MSMEs during 2021-2024 across seven sectors. The report said that large and medium businesses anticipate slower domestic growth in the first quarter (Q1) of 2025, while small firms remain optimistic. "It is noteworthy that while capital costs are expected to remain high in Q1 2025, revised MSME classification criteria could drive further investment and expansion," it said. The report said that export sentiment among small and medium businesses has weakened amid geopolitical and trade protectionist concerns. "Capital costs are expected to remain high in Q1 2025, influencing investment decisions. Medium-sized firms have scaled back optimism on capital expenditure, while small businesses show slight improvement," it said.

As per the report, credit growth has declined for micro and small businesses (15.5% in May 2024 to 10.1% in Nov 2024), remained stable for large businesses, and surged for medium-sized firms (12.6% in June 2024 to 20.0% in Nov 2024). "We see moderation in total loan disbursement in recent quarters, a trend reflecting more conservative lending practices across the industry. While this could be attributed to stricter risk assessments, it also presents an opportunity for NBFCs to play a more strategic role in bridging the credit gap. The increasing formalisation of MSMEs, as evidenced by lower cash percentages and improved debt-to-turnover ratios, especially among mature and larger businesses, is an encouraging sign," said Shachinda Nath, Founder & Managing Director – UGRO Capital.

# SC upholds quashing of criminal case against former JKCHC MD Brij Bhushan

New Delhi, April 8 (UNI) : The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld a High Court order that quashed a criminal case registered against Brij Bhushan, former Managing Director of the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Corporation (JKCHC), in an alleged illegal land allotment matter.

The top court found that the only allegation made against Bhushan was a vague claim of "connivance" with state officials, with no concrete evidence or suggestion of personal gain.

A bench, comprising Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and K Vinod Chandran, was hearing a special leave petition (SLP) challenging the quashing of the FIR filed in 2021 under Section 5(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Corruption

Act, 2006, read with Section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

"In any event, we do not see any allegation against the respondent herein under the provisions on which the FIR has been registered but for a bland allegation of connivance with the officers of the State. There is also no personal benefit even alleged to have accrued to the party respondent herein," the Bench observed.

The appellant was represented by Advocate-on-Record Pashupathi Nath Razdan, while Advocate Nonu Khara appeared for the respondent.

The JKCHC had acquired land in 1989 for Rs 31,500 and developed several residential blocks, which were allotted to members on a "first come, first served" basis.

In 2021, an FIR (first information report) was registered, alleging that the landowners (through their power of attorney holders), in collusion with a Tehsildar and Brij Bhushan, managed to obtain a fard Intikhab (land ownership document), which facilitated the transfer of the land to JKCHC.

It was further alleged that this transaction conferred undue benefits to the corporation and its members.

Brij Bhushan, however, moved a petition under Section 482 of the CrPC, seeking quashing of the FIR, which was allowed by the High Court.

The Apex Court noted that the High Court had considered Section 29 of the J&K Agrarian Reforms Act, which provides protection for actions taken in good faith.

However, the Bench clarified, "We will not go into whether criminal proceedings would lie under the


Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code as against the officers, since they are not before us."

Importantly, the Court emphasized that indemnity under Section 29 would only apply if the act was genuinely done in good faith, and that question must be independently determined if those officers are prosecuted.

The Bench also observed that the land was acquired by the Cooperative Society after due verification of title from the District Collector, and a residential colony had already been established on the said land.

Furthermore, the State had not initiated proceedings under Section 28-A to reclaim the land.

In conclusion, finding no substantial allegation or evidence of corruption or personal benefit against Brij Bhushan, the Supreme Court dismissed the Special Leave Petition, affirming the quashing of the FIR.



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STANDARD POST

US tariffs: India’s tech hardware sector likely to gain over China, Vietnam

With China facing a 34 per cent US tariff and Vietnam 46 per cent, India's relatively lower tariff of 27 per cent may shift supply chain dynamics, helping the domestic tech hardware sector grow further, according to a new report.

India’s electronics manufacturing, especially smartphones, are set to gain a competitive edge as the US imposes tariffs on electronics imports from key countries, says a CLSA report.

The shift in the global supply chain could favour India, particularly in the smartphone manufacturing segment, it added.

Smartphones account for \$51 billion worth of imports for the US, with China, Vietnam and India being key sources, according to the global broakrage.

Apple and Samsung already have robust manufacturing operations in India.

India's lower tariff, combined with its large domestic market and increasing backward integration supported by the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, enhances its cost competitiveness.

Dixon Technologies is likely to be a key beneficiary of this shift in the global supply chain dynamics.

While Apple and Samsung's assembly operations are either in-house or with companies not listed in India, Dixon's role in the supply chain is expected to grow, said CLSA.

According to other reports, the expected direct impact of US reciprocal tariffs would vary in nature for the sectors in India. The impact is expected to be largely neutral for electronics, textiles, agricultural products, chemicals, and automobiles and parts.

In electronics, higher reciprocal tariffs on China would mean a neutral impact for India’s electronics exports, said the report by CareEdge Ratings.

Meanwhile, the recently-announced Rs 22,919 crore Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), which has the potential to generate nearly 1 lakh direct jobs and several indirect jobs, focuses on the local production of sub-assemblies and bare components like inductors, resistors, PCBs and capacitors, etc.

The scheme envisages to attract investment of Rs 59,350 crore, result in production of Rs 4,56,500 crore and generate additional direct employment of 91,600 people and many indirect jobs as well during its tenure.

There has been five times increase in production over 10 years (17 per cent CAGR) to reach Rs 9.5 lakh crore in 2024, while 25 lakh jobs have been generated. There has also been six times increase in exports (43 per cent CAGR) to Rs 2.4 lakh crore in 2024. Electronics items are now among India’s top three export items.

Discover North East with Indian Railways

(Standard Post Bureau)  
Indian Railways has announced the launch of its Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train on “North East Discovery” on 22.04.2025. The program will commence at Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station. Interested tourists may opt this tour program from Delhi and other boarding points including Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Tundla, Etawah&Kanpur.

The carefully curated itinerary shall be covering five of the “seven sisters”. The train will cover Guwahati, Sivasagar, Jorhat, and Kaziranga in Assam; Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh; Unakoti and Udaipur in Tripura; Dimapur and Kohima in Nagaland; and Shillong and Cherapunji in Meghalaya on this 15-day tour.

The first stop of this train is Guwahati, including and a sunset cruise on the Brahmaputra followed by travel to Arunachal Pradesh followed by Sivasagar, the old capital of the Ahom Kingdom with next stop being Tripura. After Tripura, the train departs for Dimapur to visit the state of Nagaland. The next halt for the tourist train will be Guwahati, and tourists will be taken to Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya, by road with a pit stop at the majestic Umiam Lake en-route. The next day starts with an excursion to Cherrapunji, nestled in the East Khasi Hills. From Cherrapunji, the

Indian Railways special tour offering to India’s North East, covering Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, and Meghalaya.

- The much sought-after train tour “North East Discovery” is ready to depart on April 22, 2025 from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on a 14-nights/15-days itinerary.
- The state-of-the-art Deluxe AC Tourist Train with AC I, AC II & AC III classes will accommodate a total of 156 tourists.
- The places covered are Guwahati, Sivasagar, Jorhat, and Kaziranga in Assam; Unakoti and Udaipur in Tripura; Dimapur and Kohima in Nagaland; and Shillong and Cherapunji in Meghalaya.



tourists travel back to Guwahati Station to board the train for the return journey to Delhi.

The tour includes trips to the famous temples in the five states such as the Kamakhya and Shiva temples, along with other heritage sites like Talatal and Rang Ghar. Further, the tourists would be visiting the tea gardens at Jorhat and an overnight stay at Kaziranga National Park and picturesque falls such

as Elephant, Nawkhalikai falls and many more.

The modern Deluxe AC Tourist Train will entail the modern amenities including fine dining restaurants, sensor-based washroom functions, foot massagers including many more facilities and enhanced security features. The fully air-conditioned train provides three types of accommodation, namely AC I (Superior), AC II (Deluxe) and AC III

(Comfort).

The Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train launch is in line with the Government of India’s initiatives “Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat” and “Dekho Apna Desh” to promote domestic tourism and ensure cultural amalgamation.

The train is being run by the IRCTC, for more details, visit the IRCTC website: <https://www.irctctourism.com/bharatgaurav>

AI Revolution in TB Detection: KIMS Hospitals Conducts Largest Study Using Artificial Intelligence



KIMS Hospital, Minister Road, has conducted its largest-ever AI-driven study on pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) detection using chest X-rays (CXRs). A total of 16,675 CXRs of adult patients were analyzed retrospectively using an advanced AI tool, qXR, without direct clinician intervention.

The study focused on two key objectives: evaluating the diagnostic accuracy of AI in TB detection and assessing its agreement with radiologists.

The findings indicate that AI technology is highly effective in identifying TB cases, with an impressive sensitivity rate of 88.7%. Sensitivity refers to the tool's ability to correctly detect TB-positive cases, demonstrating that AI can play a crucial role in early diagnosis. Additionally, the

study reported a high Negative Predictive Value (NPV) of 97%, confirming the AI's strong reliability in correctly ruling out non-TB cases.

The specificity of the AI tool stood at 69.1%, which, while moderate, remains within an acceptable range for screening purposes. These results align with the minimum criteria set by the World Health Organization (WHO) for TB screening.

One of the most significant aspects of the study was the agreement level between AI-driven assessments and expert radiologists' interpretations. The findings revealed substantial concurrence, highlighting AI's potential in enhancing accuracy and efficiency in clinical diagnosis. This is particularly significant given the global burden of TB and the challenges

associated with its timely detection through traditional radiography.

Dr. Latha Sarma, Head of Department and Senior Consultant Pulmonologist at KIMS Hospitals, expressed optimism about the study's impact. “The ability of AI to assist in TB detection with such high accuracy is a game-changer, especially in resource-limited settings where expert radiologists may not always be available.”

Dr. Chaithanya Isamalla, Senior Consultant Radiologist at KIMS, emphasized the role of AI in augmenting radiological diagnostics.

“While AI does not replace human expertise, it serves as a highly reliable tool for preliminary screenings, allowing clinicians to focus on complex cases requiring deeper evaluation.”

SC slams ‘moral policing’ by courts

New Delhi, April 8 (UNI) : In a significant ruling reinforcing the limits of judicial discretion, the Supreme Court on Tuesday set aside the Rs 10 lakh costs imposed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court on musician Vishal Dadlani and political commentator Tehseen Poonawalla over their 2016 tweets mocking Jain monk Tarun Sagar.

The apex court sternly observed that "moral policing is not the function of the court."

A bench, comprising Justices A S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan, delivered the judgment while hearing an appeal filed by Poonawalla challenging the 2019 High Court order.

The High Court had quashed the criminal proceedings against both individuals but went on to impose substantial costs on them, reasoning that such a penalty was needed to discourage similar acts in the future.

“It would be appropriate to impose the costs of Rs 10 lakh each... so that in future they may not mock at any head of a religious sect, just to gain publicity on social media,” the High Court had said.

The top court strongly criticized this reasoning, remarking, "No notice is served. What kind of order is this? The court should not go on moral policing. This is not the function of the court at all."

The apex court noted that once the High

Court had concluded that no criminal offence was made out, it had no justification to impose costs on the appellants.

“We are of the view that after finding that absolutely no offence is made out, the High Court ought not to exercise advisory jurisdiction by telling the appellant that the contribution made by the priest was much more than what the appellant and the other co-accused have contributed. The function of the court is not to do moral policing,” the Supreme Court stated in its judgment.

The case arose from tweets posted in 2016 by Dadlani and Poonawalla criticising the speech of Jain monk Tarun Sagar, who had addressed the Haryana Legislative Assembly unclothed, following the Digambar Jain tradition.

While the monk later forgave both individuals, a third-party complainant (not affiliated with the Jain community) initiated criminal proceedings, alleging promotion of enmity and religious disharmony.

Although the High Court quashed the case in 2019, it imposed hefty costs, citing the need to deter similar behaviour.

The Supreme Court today overturned that aspect of the ruling, asserting that the judiciary's role is to interpret law, not to enforce societal morals.

Sri Ramnavmi Celebrated in Mathrudevobhava Sathsang office



(Standard Post Bureau)

Sri Ram Navami celebrated with religious fervor and enthusiasm in different parts of the country. Sri Ramanavami Festival celebrated at Mathrudevobhava Sathsang Central Office Liberty Plaza Basheerbagh, Dr Adinarayana National President Adileela

Foundation, K.B.Sridhar.

National President Mathrudevobhava Sathsang, Sudhakar Gupta, President International Sai Seva Samaj, Dr Anjali Devi National Vice President, Mahila Vibhag IPC, Pushpanjali State General Secretary, Telangana State, IPC, Vijaya Kanaka Durga, S e c r e t a r y ,

Mathrudevobhava Sathsang, AP and Telangana States, Kondal Rao, IPC Camp Office Incharge, Naveen, State General Secretary, Youth Vibhag, Telangana State, IPC, Saritha, IPC Camp Office PRO, Adviser Devasena well wishers Nagendra, Srinu, Vijaya Bhaskar and Others Attended.

Woman, her paramour arrested for husband's murder

Rae Bareli (UP), April 8 (UNI) : A woman and her paramour were arrested by the police on Tuesday for murder of her husband allegedly due to illegal relations in Shivgarh area of Rae Bareli district in Uttar

Pradesh, a senior police officer said here.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Yashveer Singh said that Manish Saini's body was recovered from Malin's Purwa on Monday. "Within 12 hours of this

incident, police caught the deceased's wife Ruby and her lover Sunil," he said.

He said that during interrogation, the accused admitted their crime and said that both of them were having an affair.



Travel

# A traveller's guide to Rio de Janeiro



## Copacabana Beach

A magnificent confluence of land and sea, the long, scalloped beach of Copacabana always has a flurry of activity stretching its length—footballers sing their team's anthem, cariocas (Rio's residents) and tourists line up for caipirinhas—a popular local cocktail—at kiosks, and beach vendors make their way through the mass of bronzed bodies. The rocky outcrop at its south end, called Arpoador, is popular with the city's surfing community and is one of the best spots in the city for watching the sunset. The beach is lined from one end to the other with tourist-class and luxury hotels, casinos, indoor and outdoor restaurants, bars and nightclubs. There are historic forts at both ends of the beach—Fort Copacabana, built in 1914 at the south end and Fort Duque de Caxias built in 1779 at the north end.

## Ipanema Beach

Ipanema shares a border with Copacabana, but this world-class beach destination is more

exclusive than its south Rio counterpart. Ipanema has a magnificent beach and leafy streets dotted with enticing outdoor cafes and lively bars—it was here that the famous song Garota de Ipanema (Girl from Ipanema) was penned. With mountains, turquoise waters, golden sand and tropical flora making for most of this beach's landscape, Ipanema is Rio's most visited beach. The beach promenade is home to many of the city's upscale shops and cafes and the nearby Rua Vincius de Moraes, Baixo Farme and Baixo Quiteria streets are lined with expensive bars, clubs and restaurants.

## Sugarloaf Mountain

Set at the mouth of the Guanabara Bay, Pao de Acucar or Sugarloaf Mountain is one of the world's most famous landmarks. A breathtaking cable car ride to the top of the mountain will stun you with panoramic views of one of the world's most beautiful landscapes. Standing 394 metres high, Pao de

Acucar derives its colloquial name comes from the mountain's resemblance to a concentrated sugarloaf. To reach the summit, passengers take two cable cars—the first ascending to the shorter Morro da Urca (standing 220 metres high) and the second ascending to Pao de Acucar. The top of the mountain offers exapnsive views of the Guanabara Bay with the Botafogo beach to the North and Copacabana to the South. Be sure to check out the open-air cable car on display that was used for transportation in the 1930s.

## Rio Carnival

A carnival is a celebration of fun, music and frivolity held worldwide, but the Rio Carnival is the biggest and the best known. More than 500,000 visitors flock to Rio for the carnival every year adding to around a million local revellers. It takes place over four days, culminating in the samba parade where three to five thousand people from samba schools all over Rio perform with floats, music

Savour a chilled coconut as you walk along the scalloped shoreline of Copacabana or take in the dazzling 360-degree views from Sugar Loaf Mountain—Rio de Janeiro is a true holiday paradise. Whether you're headed to this year's FIFA World Cup or have plans to spend quality time with the sun and sand, this guide will help you make the most of your Brazilian break.

themes and costumes and onlookers party in the streets. Samba schools spend all year preparing for it, and complete over the four days for the right to feature in the samba parade where the final winner is announced. The hedonistic attitude of this carnival comes from its history as a final fling in the lead up to Lent, while the drum music played on many

of the floats comes from African influences. Carnival-goers can also attend balls, street parties and samba school nights. Learn to samba, douse your costume in sequins and feathers and get ready to dance all night—just make sure you book your flights and accommodation early.

## Santa Teresa

The hillside neighbourhood of Santa Teresa, where aging 19th-century-mansions and a bohemian spirit offer a very different take on the Cidade Maravilhosa (Spanish for 'Marvellous City'). Take in fine views from the Parque das Ruinas, stop for potent caipirinhas, or ride along the old-fashioned tram that still rattles along the cobblestone streets. The neighbourhood never loses sight of its community roots, and many of its spaces have been re-imagined into Art Deco buildings that serve as stomping grounds for artists, travellers and collaborators.

Trolley tracks run through this intimate neighbourhood's cobblestoned-streets lined with ambrosial restaurants, adding to its folksy allure and ethereal magnetism.

## Christ the Redeemer

Nothing like a giant, 130-foot tall statue of Jesus, arms gracefully outstretched to keep a city as known for its taste for vice as Rio in line. Christ the Redeemer (who watches over us with what I think is a slightly anxious expression in his rather elegantly draping robe) stands atop Corcovado, trust me, you won't miss him, in the Tijuca National Park. Outside he's soapstone but inside he's reinforced concrete, much safer for everyone (I do have dreams about him falling on the city, but that could be a sign his presence is working and suggesting I lay off the vice), especially since he's been standing there since 1931. Underneath his great plinth is a Catholic chapel.

In 2007, Christ was voted one of the Modern 7 Wonders after a hectic media campaign from local industry, but the best story about him is the number of people who schlepped up the hill to see him unveiled, about one and a half million, trust me, you can see him pretty well from many parts of Rio and less well up close. But there is a grand view looking down so maybe they were after a Christ's Eye View like so many tourists today. But you can climb the 220 stairs or get the elevator, if you want to get close enough to whisper in his ear. I was lucky enough to be in Rio when he got struck by lightning in February—naturally he survived intact—need I say more.

## Willemstad, Curacao, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Buildings in Willemstad, Curacao, located in the Dutch Caribbean may have borrowed every colour from the rainbow but the end result is a picturesque waterfront that looks like Legoland. (Text: Kunal Guha)

## Utrecht, Netherlands

An hour's train journey from Amsterdam and you'll be welcomed to this colourful city which is the educational capital of Netherlands. Peek out of the train station and you'll spot houses of various colours sitting next to each other.

## Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway

For being the world's northernmost town, Longyearbyen is a colourful affair. Multi-coloured houses perched on this hilly range offer a pretty contrast to the rugged background.

## Skagit Valley, near Mt. Vernon, Washington, USA

Most might believe that Holland has the ultimate authority on tulips but the Skagit Valley in the northwest corner of Washington takes it up a notch by hosting the annual 'Tulip Festival' in the month of April every year. The festival is one of the biggest attractions in the area.

## Santorini, Greece

This stunning Greek Island is known for its houses and resorts with completely white-washed walls. But with the azure-blue Aegean Sea in the foreground it still makes for a masterpiece composition, don't you think?

## Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, USA

The song 'Smoke on the water' could've been shot at the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, USA. Head for a morning trek here and you'll be rewarded with this magnificent sunrise.

## Ontario, Canada

The very mention of Canada and the mind

# 23 places where you don't need to Paint the town red



paint a picture of a snow-covered town borrowed from the 'Ice Age'. But come fall and the city of Ontario is dressed in the foliage of the season.

## Rainbow family village, Taichung, Taiwan

This tiny village in Taiwan makes a compelling expression of art. A quiet refuge from the noisy cities in Taiwan, almost every surface in this village, from the walls to the narrow alleys are all splashed with colours and drawings that could resemble your pre-school art project.

## Nyhavn, Copenhagen, Denmark

Copenhagen's waterfront has a buzzing nightlife, canals and various entertainment options. What it also has is a colourful

skyline that can be best taken in while cruising past it on a boat.

## Nice, Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur, France

Probably, the second-most visited destination in France after the capital, Nice has a waterfront to die for. But it's a part of this list for having neighbourhoods that has colours that could cause visual seizures.

## London, England

The Big Ben clock tower is seen behind spring flowers in central London. London generally observes dull weather through most of the year leading to tourists complaining about bad lights for photographs. But come Spring (March to May) and one can see the English

capital in full bloom.

## Lima, Peru

The capital and largest city in Peru, Lima is a nestled in a stunning valley with multi-coloured houses dotting the hillsloks, making for a compelling visual memory.

## La Boca, Buenos Aires, Argentina

This neighbourhood in the Argentinean capital, Buenos Aires is flush with European look and feel. Explore the streets on foot to find houses of every imaginable colour and even tonnes of wall graffiti to gawk at.

## Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico

This arid state in Mexico is splashed with a dash of colour or so it seems if you take one look at the houses that are coated in a rainbow of hues.

## Greater Khingan Range, China

A lesser-known and even lesser-ventured mountain range in northeast China, the Great Khingan Range is a volcanic range with the highest peak reaching 2,035 metres. Explore this range to find the many colours that define the season.

## Glowworm Caves, Waitomo, New Zealand

You don't need to be in a Peter Jackson movie to experience this psychedelic treat. You just need to head to the Glowworm Caves in Waitomo, on the North Island of New Zealand. One of the country's most celebrated tourist attractions, these caves can be explored through 45-minute guided boat tours that will let you explore the stunning underground scenery and even learn about the history and formation of the area.

## Girona, Spain

This quaint small town near Barcelona is known for gothic streets, squares and multi-coloured houses that look like they've been built out of colourful

cardboard boxes. A rare sight to find in the rest of Spain.

## Eisenach, Thuringia, Germany

Being German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's hometown is probably Eisenach's only claim to fame. But if you try to go off the tourist map to explore the city, you will be greeted by these deliciously painted buildings that make for striking photographs.

## Cinque Terre, Italy

A part of the Italian Riviera, Cinque Terre comprises five villages. Pick any and you will be presented with a beautiful mesh of colours that the houses are painted in.

## Carlsbad, California, USA

A worker hand-picks Giant Tecolote Ranunculus flowers at the Flower Fields in Carlsbad, California. The flowers are sold for commercial purposes and the fields are a major tourist attraction.

## Burano Island, Italy

This Venetian island in northern Italy is probably one of the most colourful islands in Europe and is known particularly for the brightly-coloured houses here.

## Bo Kaap, Cape Town, South Africa

This psychedelic neighbourhood in Cape Town, South Africa used to be called the Malay Quarter. Multi-coloured homes and cobblestone streets define this quaint area which should be marked on every Cape Town itinerary.

## Aurora Borealis, Finland

The aurora borealis (also called northern lights) is seen over the town of Hyvinkaa in southern Finland. This natural projection of lights on the sky is caused by a collision of energetically-charged particles and is a phenomena that can only be witnessed in high-latitude places like the Arctic and the Antarctic region.





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## Recurring concussions force Will Pucovski to retire

Melbourne, April 8 (UNI) : Australian batsman Will Pucovski on Tuesday announced his retirement from professional cricket, following a recommendation from a panel of medical experts.

The 27-year-old's decision brings an end to a career marked by repeated concussions, which ultimately curtailed his promising journey at the top level.

The right-hander suffered several head knocks throughout his career, with the most recent incident occurring in March 2024 during a Sheffield Shield match. Pucovski was forced to retire hurt after being struck on the helmet, ruling him out for the remainder of the Australian summer and prompting him to withdraw from a contract with Leicestershire ahead of the 2024 English season. Confirming his decision in an interview published on ICC website, Pucovski said, "I'm not going to be playing cricket again. It's been a really difficult year to put it as simply as possible. ""I'd need a few hours, I think, to take you through the whole journey ... but the simple message is I won't be playing cricket at any level again," he added.

Pucovski, who played a solitary Test for Australia against India at Sydney during the 2020-21 series, made scores of 62 and 10 in that appearance. Despite the brief stint at the international level, he earned wide praise for his technique and temperament. A gifted top-order batsman, Pucovski featured in 36 first-class matches, amassing 2,350 runs at an average of 45.19, including seven centuries. However, recurring head injuries severely disrupted his career, leading a medical panel last year to advise retirement in the interest of his long-term health.

## Indorama Ventures Open Golf Championship 2025 tees-off today

Ahmedabad, April 8 (UNI) : Indorama Ventures and the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) will be jointly staging the inaugural Indorama Ventures Open Golf Championship at the Kalhaar Blues & amp Greens Golf Club here from Wednesday.

The 5-day tournament offers a prize purse of Rs 2 crore. The main event will be followed by the Pro-Am event on April 13.

About 126 golfers, including 123 professionals and three

amateurs will be played in the stroke-play format consisting of four rounds of 18 holes each. The top 50 players and ties will make the cut after two rounds. The par for the course is 72.

The star-studded field at the tournament will feature leading Indian professionals Ajeetesh Sandhu, Om Prakash Chouhan, Manu Gandas, Yuvraj Sandhu, Shaurya Bhattacharya, Varun Parikh, Rahil Gangjee, Rashid Khan, Khalin Joshi, Udayan Mane,

## Apuia savours ISL semifinal screamer

Kolkata, April 8 (UNI) : A breathtaking injury-time strike from Lalengmawia Ralte, popularly known as Apuia, sent Mohun Bagan Super Giant into their third consecutive Indian Super League (ISL) final, as the Mariners edged past Jamshedpur FC 3-2 on aggregate in a gripping semifinal second leg at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Monday.

Having missed the first leg due to an ankle injury sustained during national duty, Apuia marked his return in spectacular fashion, rifling home a right-footed shot from the edge of the box in the dying minutes of regulation time. The goal, which sealed a dramatic turnaround, will go down as one of the most iconic moments in the Mariners' recent history.

Mohun Bagan SG entered the second leg trailing 1-2 on aggregate and needed to win by a two-goal margin to book a spot in the final.

Jamshedpur FC, missing key players like Stephen Eze, Ashutosh Mehta, and Mobashir Rahman due to suspensions, put up a commendable defensive show under head coach Khalid Jamil, frustrating the hosts for most of the game. Jose Molina's men, however, laid siege to the opposition box, registering an unprecedented 71 penalty area entries – the most in ISL history – and 99 entries into the final third, the highest of the 2024-25

season. Despite the attacking onslaught, Albino Gomes delivered a standout performance between the sticks, repeatedly denying the Mariners.

The deadlock finally broke in the second half when Jason Cummings converted a penalty, levelling the aggregate score and breathing life into the contest. The game appeared to be headed for extra time until Apuia, in the final minutes of added time, collected the ball just outside the box and unleashed a thunderous strike that flew past a diving Albino Gomes and into the top corner. "There is no such strategy to score in the last minute. We were trying from the first minute, but somehow it came at the end – and that's the good part," said a visibly elated Apuia, who was named Player of the Match. The 24-year-old midfielder, who hails from Aizawl, admitted he was overwhelmed after scoring. "It was really blank. I didn't even know how to celebrate. I hadn't scored for a long time, and when I did today, it felt surreal." He dedicated the goal to his cousin Freedy, who has supported him throughout his time in Kolkata. "I was shouting for him in the stands – we had a pact that if I scored, we'd celebrate together. But I couldn't find him in the crowd. Still, I celebrated and prayed to God," Apuia shared.

## Priyansh slams ton as PBKS post 219



Chandigarh, Apr 8 (UNI) Punjab Kings rode on a sensational century by uncapped IPL player Priyansh Arya to post a commanding 219 for 6 against Chennai Super Kings in the 22nd IPL 2025 clash here on Tuesday.

After skipper Shreyas Iyer won the toss and elected to bat, it was the 24-year-old Priyansh who lit up the innings with a

brehtaking 103 off just 42 balls, studded with 7 fours and 9 sixes at a staggering strike rate of 245.24.

Priyansh played with maturity beyond his years, launching a ferocious counter-attack even as wickets tumbled at the other end. Punjab's innings got off to a wobbly start, losing Prabhsimran Singh for a duck to Mukesh Choudhary in the second

over. Captain Iyer (9) and Marcus Stoinis (4) departed in quick succession, both falling to Khaleel Ahmed, leaving PBKS at 54 for 3.

Nehal Wadhwa (9) and Glenn Maxwell (1) failed to convert their starts, both falling to veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, but Priyansh stood tall amidst the collapse. He found a valuable partner in

Shashank Singh, who remained unbeaten on 52 off 36 balls (3 fours, 2 sixes), helping Punjab recover from 83 for 5.

Together, Priyansh and Shashank stitched a crucial 71-run partnership for the sixth wicket. After Priyansh's dismissal in the 14th over, caught by Vijay Shankar off Noor Ahmad—Marco Jansen provided the finishing flourish with an unbeaten 34 off 19 balls, striking 2 sixes and 2 fours.

For CSK, Ashwin returned figures of 2 for 48, while Khaleel also picked up two wickets for 45 runs. Noor Ahmad and Mukesh claimed one wicket each, but the Chennai bowlers were put under severe pressure throughout the innings.

Punjab's powerplay yielded a hefty 75 runs, setting the tone for the explosive total. Chennai now face a daunting target of 220 under the lights, with the surface expected to play true.

heritage. This year's event at the world-class Kalhaar Blues & Greens Golf Club promises to be a showcase of extraordinary talent, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of India's professional golfers.

I extend my gratitude to PGTI President Kapil Dev, and all participants for making this tournament a highlight on the international golfing calendar." , Founder & Group CEO at Indorama Ventures Aloke Lohia said.

### Russell eclipses Pooran to top IPL strike milestone

Kolkata, April 8 (UNI) : Kolkata Knight Riders' explosive all-rounder Andre Russell on Tuesday become the fastest player to reach 2,000 runs in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL) in terms of balls faced, achieving the milestone in just 1,120 deliveries.

Russell, known for his brutal hitting and g a m e - c h a n g i n g cameos down the order, has now overtaken the previous record held by Lucknow Super Giants' Nicholas Pooran, who reached the landmark in 1,198 balls.

Former Indian opener Virender Sehwag, renowned for his fearless stroke play, is third on the elite list, having taken 1,211 balls to reach the mark. The power-packed list continues with West Indian stalwart Chris Gayle (1,251 balls), India's keeper-batsman Rishabh Pant (1,306 balls), and Australian maverick Glenn Maxwell (1,309 balls) completing the top six. Russell's feat highlights his extraordinary strike rate and impact in the shortest format, where he has consistently been one of the most dangerous finishers in the league.

## Gill nears IPL landmark as GT aim 4th win in a row

Ahmedabad, April 8 (UNI) : Gujarat Titans will aim to consolidate their position in the top two and extend their supremacy over Rajasthan Royals when the two sides clash at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Wednesday in a high-stakes IPL 2025 encounter, with captain Shubman Gill eyeing a personal milestone at a venue where he has been near-invincible.

With five wins in six previous meetings between the sides, including a playoff triumph, Gujarat have established a psychological edge over Rajasthan. Adding to RR's concerns is the imperious form of Gill at this venue. The stylish right-hander has amassed 1024 runs in just 20 innings here, averaging 60.23 at a strike rate of 160.25, numbers that

underscore his comfort at the world's largest cricket stadium.

Gujarat come into the fixture on the back of a three wins with Gill looking in sublime touch, and with consistent support from Sai Sudharsan, Washington Sundar and aggressive batsmen like Sherfane Rutherford, Gujarat's batting looks balanced and potent. In the bowling department, left-arm spinner Ravisrinivasan Sai Kishore has been a revelation with his accuracy and control, while Mohammed Siraj's pace has added an edge in the Powerplay. Gujarat's attack is expected to pose a stern test to a RR lineup that has blown hot and cold this season. Rajasthan, meanwhile, arrested a two-match losing streak with a gritty win over Chennai

Super Kings and Punjab Kings. Yashasvi Jaiswal's return to form and the maturity of Riyan Parag in the middle order are positives, but the inconsistency of their bowling attack remains a concern. Maheesh Theekshana and Jofra Archer will be crucial if RR are to contain a free-flowing GT lineup. The pitch at Ahmedabad is expected to be true and batting-friendly, but the evening dew may yet again tilt the balance towards the chasing side. Gill, who is on the cusp of completing 3500 IPL runs, will be eager to mark the occasion with another authoritative knock at what has become his fortress. For Sanju Samson's team, breaking the Ahmedabad jinx will be crucial to arrest Gujarat's dominance and revive their charge.

## Harmanpreet returns as India name squad for SL tri-series

Colombo, April 8 (UNI) : India on Tuesday announced their 15-member women's squad for the upcoming tri-nation ODI series in Sri Lanka, with seasoned campaigner Harmanpreet Kaur making a much-anticipated return as captain ahead of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025. The series, set to begin on April 27 in Colombo, features hosts Sri Lanka and South Africa alongside India, serving as a vital preparatory campaign for the Women's World Cup to be held later this year. Harmanpreet, who was rested during the home ODI series against Ireland earlier this year, will lead the side. Also returning to the fold are all-rounder Sneha Rana and wicketkeeper-batswomen Yastika Bhatia. However, India will miss the services

of pace spearheads Renuka Singh Thakur and Titas Sadhu, both sidelined due to injury. The BCCI confirmed their unavailability in an official statement. The squad includes a blend of experience and youth, with Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, and Deepti Sharma forming the core, while newcomers like Pratika Rawal, Kashvee Gautam, and Shuchi Upadhyay continue to be given opportunities.

India Women's squad: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana, Pratika Rawal, Harleen Deol, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh, Yastika Bhatia, Deepti Sharma, Amanjot Kaur, Kashvee Gautam, Sneha Rana, Arundhati Reddy, Tejal Hasabnis, Sree Charani, Shuchi Upadhyay.

## Chhetri decodes dramatic win as BFC sail into final

Goa, April 8 (UNI) : Bengaluru FC's Sunil Chhetri may have scored the decisive goal that sealed the Blues' place in the Indian Super League (ISL) final, but the veteran forward was more intent on explaining the behind-the-scenes strategy and mental clarity that guided his team through a high-pressure semifinal second leg against FC Goa at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Sunday.

Despite a 1-2 loss on the night, Bengaluru FC advanced 3-2 on aggregate, having won the first leg 2-0 at home. In a match that oscillated between tactical grit and emotional intensity, it was Chhetri's late goal in stoppage time that made the difference — but the captain was quick to decode how the game unfolded and how Bengaluru's bench anticipated it. "There wasn't any doubt," Chhetri said in a post-match interaction, reflecting on the tense moments when the aggregate was level at 2-2. "It was clear. I think in my head I had a prediction about what we can do. First, let's get the 90 minutes done, go to the dugout, recoup, and then come back and see the 30 minutes — that was the theory."

Chhetri revealed that his introduction into the match was timed based on a tactical read of FC Goa's gameplan. "It was too tactical — where the ball goes, who comes in, when the ball goes here, who comes out — it was all detailed. That's why I had

to listen," he explained. "We tweaked our formation a little bit depending on how FC Goa was playing."

The match began with FC Goa displaying urgency as they looked to overturn the deficit. Substitute Borja Herrera, coming on after an early injury to Carl McHugh, struck just before half-time to reduce the deficit and bring the aggregate to 2-1.

As the second half wore on, Armando Sadiku's well-placed header brought the aggregate level, setting up a nail-biting finish. But Bengaluru's experience shone through in the crucial moments. A defensive lapse by the Gaurs allowed Chhetri to pounce and deliver the knockout blow in stoppage time, a move that seemed scripted in hindsight.

"I wish there was some way that no matter who won, we could play in the home ground," Chhetri remarked, alluding to the final at Mohun Bagan Super Giant's home turf in Kolkata. "But... we just won a game which was almost difficult to win." Bengaluru FC will now face MBSG at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in the ISL final. The Mariners qualified after a 2-0 win over Jamshedpur FC in the other semi-final.

As the Blues march into the final, it is not just Chhetri's goal that stands out — it is also the veteran's tactical lens, which offers a masterclass in reading the game, responding to shifts in momentum, and seizing the moment.

## Shreyas Iyer headlines ICC Player of Month

Dubai, April 8 (UNI) : India's middle-order batsman Shreyas Iyer has been named among the nominees for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for March 2025, following his stellar role in steering India to Champions Trophy glory.

Iyer emerged as the top scorer for India during the ICC Champions Trophy, amassing 172 runs in three crucial innings at an impressive average of 57.33. The right-hander's composed 48 in the summit clash against New Zealand, along with key contributions of 79 against the same side in the group stage and a gritty 45 in the semifinal against Australia, cemented his position as a pillar of India's batting unit.

Joining Iyer on the prestigious shortlist are New Zealand duo Jacob Duffy and Rachin Ravindra — both instrumental in guiding the Black Caps to the final of the marquee tournament.

Pacer Jacob Duffy lit up March with 13 wickets in New Zealand's 4-1 T20I series triumph over Pakistan, including career-best figures of 4/14. His dominance in the shortest format saw him rise to the No. 1 spot in the ICC Men's T20I bowling rankings. He ended the month with 15 wickets across six matches, making a compelling case for the award.

All-rounder Rachin Ravindra too had a standout month, contributing 151 runs in three ODIs at a brisk strike rate of 106.33. His knock of 108 against South Africa in the semifinal was the highest individual score of the Champions Trophy.

He also picked up three wickets, underlining his impact in all facets of the game. The ICC Men's Player of the Month award recognises the best individual performances in international cricket, and fans can vote for their favourite nominee on the ICC's official website

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# ELEVATING KASHMIR'S Connectivity with Chenab Bridge

Where snow-capped peaks meet the sky and the Chenab carves deep into the earth, India has etched its resolve in steel. The Chenab Bridge, now the world's highest railway bridge, rises 359 metres above the riverbed, standing as a symbol of engineering excellence and national ambition.

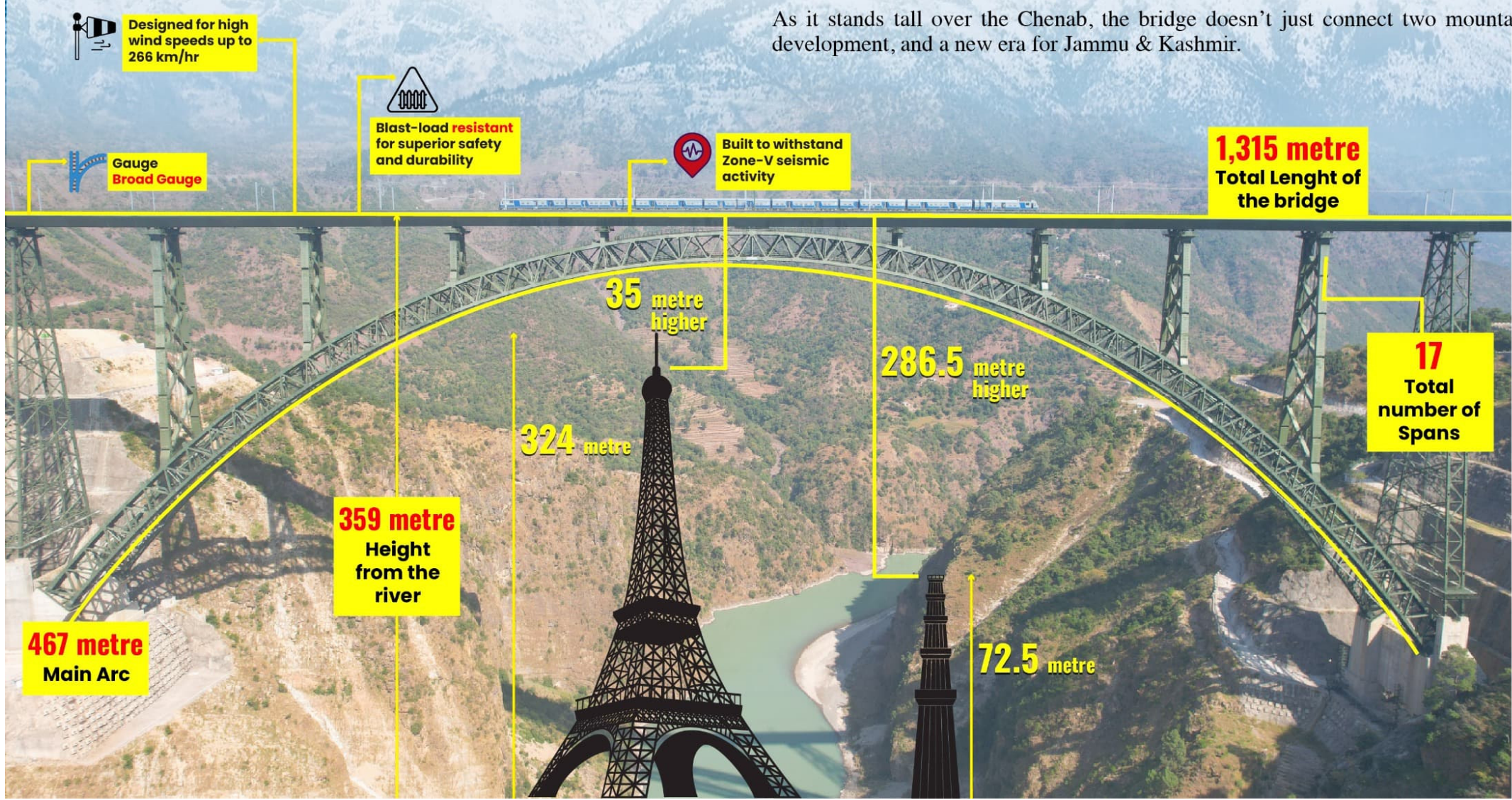
Part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, the bridge connects not just terrain but aspirations — linking the Kashmir Valley to the rest of India with an all-weather, reliable rail route.

Stretching 1,315 metres across the Chenab River near the Salal Dam, the bridge features a stunning main arch span of 467 metres, and can withstand wind speeds up to 266 kmph. It surpasses the Eiffel Tower in height and is nearly five times taller than the Qutub Minar from riverbed to rail level.

The construction of this engineering marvel involved over 28,000 metric tonnes of steel and introduced a first-of-its-kind cable crane system in Indian Railways — used to ferry materials across a 915-metre-wide gorge with two massive cable cars and pylons towering over 100 metres high.

Built in the geologically complex and unstable terrain of the Himalayas, the Chenab Bridge is more than a feat of infrastructure — it is a symbol of India's grit, innovation, and unwavering resolve to bring progress to even the most remote corners.

As it stands tall over the Chenab, the bridge doesn't just connect two mountains — it connects dreams, development, and a new era for Jammu & Kashmir.



“The iconic Chenab Bridge is an example of such new chapters and dimensions of development materialised by the inspiring leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.”

-Ashwini Vaishnaw, Railway Minister



## Central Railway to run 6 Additional Unreserved Summer Special Train Services

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, April 8 : Central Railway has announced 1204 Summer Special trains including 290 unreserved trains and 42 AC summer special trains till date, in addition to its regular trains to clear the extra rush of passengers during the summer season and will now run an additional 6 Unreserved special train for the benefit of passengers.

**1) Bhiwandi-Sankrail Unreserved Weekly Special - (3 trips)**  
01149 Unreserved Special will leave Bhiwandi at 22:30 hrs on every Wednesday from 09.04.2025 to 23.04.2025 and

will arrive Sankrail goods terminal yard at 13:00 hrs on 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.  
**2) Kharagpur-Thane Unreserved Weekly Special (3 trips)**  
01150 Unreserved Special will leave Kharagpur at 23.45 hrs on every Saturday from 12.04.2025 to 26.04.2025 and

will arrive Thane at 10:30 hrs on third day. (3 trips)  
Halts: Tatanagar, Chakradharpur, Rourkela, Jharsuguda, Bilaspur, Raipur, Gondia, Nagpur, Wardha, Badnera, Akola, Bhusawal, Jalgaon, Manmad, Nashik road, Igatpuri and Kalyan  
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## Rajnath Singh and UAE Dy PM discuss strengthening defence cooperation

New Delhi, April 8 (UNI) :Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday held a meeting with Crown Prince of Dubai and Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Defence of the UAE, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and both leaders expressed happiness on the defence cooperation through institutional mechanisms, military exercises, and the exchange of training programmes.They acknowledged that defence cooperation needs to be scaled up to match the progress made in other areas such as trade and business, in line with the vision and determination of the two leaders — Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of the UAE Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, a Defence Ministry statement said.Moreover, they identified training exchanges as one of the key areas of defence cooperation which would

enable understanding of each other's defence ecosystems and accelerate strengthening of bilateral defence ties.The two leaders expressed satisfaction with the active Coast Guard-to-Coast Guard cooperation and committed to further deepen it by formalising the same through an MoU. They were convinced that close collaboration between the defence industries should be an integral part of the bilateral cooperation.They emphasised increasing defence industry collaboration and discussed opportunities for enhancing partnership in defence manufacturing.The ministers also acknowledged active participation from the two sides in each other's exhibitions and defence expos and welcomed India-UAE Defence Partnership Forum which has the potential to result in strategic joint ventures and co-production projects benefiting both countries.

## Central Railway to run 24 Additional Summer Special Train Services between CSMT-Adilabad —CSMT

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, April 8 : Central Railway has announced 1228 Summer Special trains including 290 unreserved trains and 42 AC summer special trains till date, in addition to its regular trains to clear the extra rush of passengers during the summer season and will now run additional 24 summer special train for the convenience of passengers travelling from CSMT Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus to Adilabad.  
The Details are as under:-  
01011 special will depart CSMT Mumbai at 00:20 hrs on every Thursday from 10.04.2025 to 26.06.2025 and arrive Adilabad at 16:30 hrs next day. (12 Services)  
01012 special will depart Adilabad at 18.30 hrs on Thursday from 10.04.2025 to 26.06.2025 and arrive CSMT Mumbai at 12.20 hrs on next day. (12 Services)  
Halts:- Dadar, Thane, Kalyan, Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Manmad, Aurangabad, Jalna, Partur, Selu, Parbhani, Purna, Nanded, Mudkhed, Bhokar, H i m a y a t n a g a r , Sahasrakund, Bodhadi Bujrug and Kinvat.  
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## SWR Transforms Scrap into Gold Value with Record-Breaking Revenue of Rs 188.07 Crores in FY 2024-25

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, April 8 : South Western Railway (SWR) has achieved a remarkable milestone by earning Rs 188.07 crore through scrap disposal during the financial year 2024-25, surpassing the Railway Board's target of Rs 160 crore. This marks the highest-ever scrap sale in SWR's history, breaking the previous record of Rs 180.52 crore set in 2022-23. With a 4.2% increase over the previous best, SWR has once again demonstrated excellence in efficient asset management and revenue augmentation.  
All scrap was sold through public auctions conducted on Indian Railways' online e-auction portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in), ensuring complete transparency and competitiveness. Notably, SWR reached



the Railway Board's target by 23rd January 2025, well before the end of the financial year, and continued to push forward to maximize revenue.  
Under the consistent guidance of Principal Chief Materials Manager Shri Maman Singh, SWR conducted intensive scrap-mapping drives on a quarterly basis. These efforts led to the identification and disposal of approximately 19,745

metric tonnes of rails and fittings, 4 serviceable locomotives, 38 wagons, 56 condemned coaches, 11,532 MT of other ferrous scrap, and 1,500 MT of non-ferrous scrap.This initiative not only generated significant revenue but also improved the overall aesthetics and cleanliness of railway premises—including tracks, stations, depots, and sheds—by reducing congestion and promoting a more environment-

friendly workspace. The success of this campaign reflects SWR's unwavering commitment to sustainable practices and operational efficiency.  
General Manager of South Western Railway, Shri Mukul Saran Mathur, lauded the dedicated efforts of the Stores Department and all teams involved in the scrap disposal process. He congratulated them for their commitment to turning waste into wealth through transparent and systematic procedures.

## WR to provide stoppage to Mumbai Central - Varanasi AC special train at idgah Agra station

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, April 8 : For the convenience of passengers, Western Railway will provide stoppage at Idgah Agra Station to Train No. 09183/09184 Mumbai Central – Varanasi Weekly AC Special Train instead of

Achnera and Agra Fort stations.According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details are as under:-  
Train No. 09183 Mumbai Central – Varanasi Weekly AC Special has

been provided halt at Idgah Agra Station. The train will arrive Idgah Agra Station at 17.45 hrs and depart at 17.50 hrs.  
Similarly, Train No. 09184 Varanasi – Mumbai Central Weekly AC Special has been provided halt at Idgah Agra Station. The

train will arrive Idgah Agra Station at 07.35 hrs and depart at 07.40 hrs.  
The above trains will not halt at Achnera and Agra Fort stations.  
For detailed information, passengers may please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in).