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### **IN BRIEF**

#### Fire breaks out at Jindal factory in Nashik

Nashik, May 22 (UNI) A fire broke out at the Jindal Polyfilm factory located on the Nashik-Mumbai Highway here and it continued to rage for second consecutive day on Thursday.

The fire broke out at 1 am on Wednesday but was contained to a certain extent yesterday morning. However, the fire flared up again later in the evening and continued to rage with large plumes of black smoke billowing towards the sky throughout the

The fire engines from Nashik, Mahindra and Mahindra company, Bosch company, Igatpuri Municipal Council, Malegaon Municipal Corporation and other municipalities have been sent to the spot and firefighters are tirelessly fighting to control the flames using water and foam, sources said.

Meanwhile, district administration has issued instructions to depopulate the area, fearing if gas tanks inside the company burst, it could cause a huge loss of life within radius of 15 to 20 kilometres of the

Citizens living in the vicinity of the said company have already

#### Woman arrested, youth detained for attempting to enter Salman Khan's residence

Mumbai, May 22 (UNI): The city police have arrested a woman and detained a youth who allegedly made separate attempts to illegally enter Bollywood superstar Salman Khan's residence in suburban Bandra, police said on Thursday.

After this incident, security outside the actor's house in Galaxy Apartments, located in Bandra West, has been beefed up, they said.

According to details, both incidents occurred on May 20.Khan, facing threat allegedly from the dreaded Lawrence Bishnoi gang, has Y plus security and yet two breaches were made.

The woman, identified as Isha Chhabra (33), was arrested by the police and remanded to police custody until May 23. The man, identified as Jitendra Kumar Singh (23), was detained and later released after being served a notice by the Bandra police.

### **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus to** be redeveloped: CM



Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Heritage Site, will be Governor Amrut Bharat Station present on the occasion. Scheme and a fund of Rs 2,800 crore will be made after the programme, he said available for this, said that Indian Railways is Maharashtra Chief Minister being transformed through Devendra Fadnavis on railways like Vande Bharat of 15 stations in Thursday.

made announcement participating in a virtual longer than Germany's programme organised in railway network has been Bikaner where Prime built in last 11 years under

Minister Narendra Modi the guidance of Prime Mumbai, May 22: The inaugurated 103 railway Minister Narendra Modi, he stations in the country, Terminus building, which is which were redeveloped the glory of Mumbai city under the Amrut Bharat and a UNESCO World Railway Station Scheme. C redeveloped under the Radhakrishnan was also

> Interacting with media this Railway, Amrut Bharat after Railway. A railway network

### The target was **BMC** intensifies monitoring amid emergence of JN.1 variant

Mumbai, May 22 (UNI) The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has intensified surveillance and monitoring of COVID-19 patients as Mumbai experiences a surge in cases, coinciding with the emergence of the JN.1 variant, an official said on Thursday.

According to sources, authorities continue to track influenza-like illnesses (ILI) and severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) alongside COVID-19, ensuring that suspected cases are promptly tested and positive patients receive treatment according to established protocols.

Genome sequencing efforts are ongoing to identify circulating viral variants, trace transmission patterns, and inform diagnostic and therapeutic strategies.

The BMC has confirmed that public health laboratories are equipped to carry out these analyses, while the Health department maintains vigilant oversight across Mumbai. Recent genomic data have revealed instances of coinfections involving H3N2 and other respiratory viruses. Additionally, the Death Audit Committee is reviewing mortality reports to assess any COVID-related fatalities.

Although the current number of active COVID-19 cases remains low and not alarming, continued genome sequencing is being conducted as a precautionary measure. Samples from Maharashtra are being sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) and B J Medical College in Pune for detailed analysis.

Mumbai's COVID-19 case count has fluctuated over recent months, with one case each reported in January and February, none in March, four in April, and a notable increase to 120 cases in May. As of Wednesday (yesterday), 21,146 patients have recovered from the infection.

At the national level, India reported 257 active COVID-19 cases as of May 19. States such as Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have recorded the highest numbers, with Kerala reporting 69 cases, Maharashtra 44 and Tamil Nadu 34.Other states including Karnataka, Gujarat, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Sikkim have also documented new infections.KEM Hospital in Mumbai has confirmed two recent COVID-related deaths, raising localised concerns.

Health experts from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) emphasise that the overall situation in India remains manageable, with no indication of a significant resurgence. Enhanced monitoring, rapid case identification and response mechanisms are firmly in place.

railway informed.All stations are being developed on the lines of airports with availability of modern facilities for the common citizens, he said and added that with this, Indian Railways is now included among the modern railway systems of the world. The redevelopment Railway, Namo Bharat Maharashtra, including suburban stations of Parel, Chinchpokli, Matunga and Wadala Road in Mumbai, have been redeveloped and inaugurated today.

### 15 crores, claims Sanjay Raut on money in Dhule

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut has made serious allegations against MLA Arjun Khotkar here on Thursday after Rs 1.84 crore cash was found in room number 102 of Gulmohar Rest House in Dhule.

Raut said the chairman of the estimate committee had given to the responsibility to contractors for collecting Rupees 15 crore from all contractors.

Khotkar had threatened to blacklist the contractors as the money was not being collected, claimed Raut.

Raut said that Thackeray group leader and former MLA Anil Gote had locked room number 102 in the rest house and was sitting there with protesting. He said that Gote claimed that Rupee 5 crore was kept in this room on Wednesday night.The provincial magistrate and police officers broke the lock of this room while conducting a panchnama and found Rs 1.84 crore inside. After recovering the such cash amount from the government guest house, Thackeray group has started raising this issue.To what extent has corruption in Maharashtra gone, it has gone to the legislature, alleged Raut.In the state of Devendra Fadnavis, Eknath Shinde, Ajit Pawar, corruption reached the zenith. The Chief Minister of the state, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly are silent on this scam, he said.

### **ED** is crossing all limits, violating federal structure: SC stays proceedings against TASMAC

Enforcement Directorate actions violated the privacy (ED), the Supreme Court on of state officials, alleging Thursday stayed further that the agency had cloned proceedings against the all phones without legal Tamil Nadu State Marketing justification. Corporation (TASMAC), observing that the central asserted that the ED was agency was "crossing all limits" and encroaching liquor scam and that officials upon the federal structure of and politicians were being the country.

A Bench of Chief Justice allegedly of India BR Gavai and Justice AG Masih was hearing petitions filed by the State of Tamil Nadu and TASMAC challenging the Madras High Court's April 23 order that had upheld the ED's search operations at remained unconvinced. TASMAC headquarters.

Gavai questioned the very case against a government basis of ED's case against a corporation? Where is the g o v e r n m e n t - r u n predicate offence?" the CJI corporation.

limits. How can there be an undermining constitutional offence against the boundaries. corporation?" he asked Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju.

the federal structure of the of further proceedings qua

Senior Advocate Kapil ordered. Sibal, representing the Tamil Nadu government, argued back to raids conducted by that the State had already the ED in March 2025, filed 41 FIRs between 2014 including searches at 2021 Mumbai, May 22 (UNI) individuals running liquor residences of its Managing outlets for corrupt practices.

"The State acted. Yet in 2025, the ED entered and raided the TASMAC TASMAC shops were headquarters, seized devices, cloned phones all without a case made out against the corporation itself," Sibal said.

New Delhi, May 22 (UNI) Rohatgi, for TASMAC, : In a scathing rebuke to the contended that the ED's

> In response, ASG Raju probing a Rs 1000 crore shielded. He said distilleries funneled unaccounted money to gain supply orders through TASMAC, and the ED acted based on FIRs filed by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC).

However, the Bench

"You may go after During the hearing, CJI individuals, but a criminal asked, emphasising that the "Your ED is crossing all ED's actions

The Court issued notice on the petition and granted interim relief, "In the "You are totally violating meantime, there shall be stay country," he added sternly. the petitioners," the Bench

> The controversy traces against TASMAC offices and the Director S. Visakan and film producer Akash Baskaran.

The ED alleged that inflating MRP, accepting bribes, and manipulating employee accusations originally detailed in FIRs filed by Senior Advocate Mukul Tamil Nadu's own DVAC.

### In Tit-for-Tat move Pak expels Indian diplomat day after India expelled Pak diplomat

New Delhi, May 22 (UNI): In a tit-for-tat move Pakistan on Thursday expelled a staff member of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad and asked him to leave the country within 24 hours, declaring him persona non grata.

Pakistan's move comes a day after India expelled a Pakistani diplomat from New Delhi for indulging in activities not keeping in with his official status. The External Affairs Ministry said in a statement that India had declared a Pakistani official, working at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, persona non grata for indulging in activities not in keeping with his official status in India.

The official was asked to leave the country within 24 hours. Pakistan Charge d'Affaires was issued a demarche and was asked to strictly ensure that none of the Pakistani diplomats or officials in India misuse their status and privileges in any manner. A statement by the Pakistan Foreign Ministry on Thursday said Pakistan had declared a staff member of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad persona non grata for "engaging in activities inconsistent with his privileged status."The official has been asked to leave Pakistan within 24 hours.

The Indian Charge d'Affaires was called to the Pakistan Foreign Ministry and conveyed the decision. It was stressed that none of the diplomats or staff members of the Indian High Commission should "misuse their privileges and status," the statement said.

The expulsions on Wednesday and Thursday se were the second tit-for-tat expulsions during the past 10 days.



#### **PM to inaugurate NE Investors Summit on today**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a two-day Summit here on May 23 to highlight India's Northeastern region as a land of opportunity to attract global and domestic investment there. The two-day Rising Northeast Investors Summit will focus on tourism, agro-food processing, textiles, information technology, infrastructure, energy, entertainment and sports. The Summit aims at highlighting Northeastern Region as a land of opportunity and attract global and domestic investment, an official release said.

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#### **Punjab CM Mann slams Centre's** move to deploy CISF at ....



Slamming the BJP-led Union government for what he termed as "hatching conspiracies to ruin Punjab", Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said the state government will vehemently oppose the Centre's "draconian move" to deploy Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at the Bhakra Dam, and will not give a single paisa for its expenditure. (See on page 2)

#### If terrorist attacks from Pak continue, there will be ....



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that Pakistan must understand the fact very well that while India wants an end to terrorism, there will be consequences if the terrorist attacks continue. In an interview to the NOS News, he said: "We want a definitive end to terrorism. (See on page 4)

#### **SC** slams Navy for denying **Permanent Commission to ....**



The Supreme Court has criticised the Indian Navy for not granting Permanent Commission (PC) to Commander Seema Chaudhary, a woman officer from the 2007 Short Service Commission (SSC) batch in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) branch, despite clear directions given earlier by the top judiciary.

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### **UNICEF Convenes National Media Consultation** on Road Safety for Children and Youth

chief general manager

regional office NHAI

Hyderabad stressed upon

the importance of

education, enforcement,

evidence and engineering

as multidintions that

should be considered

together for making roads

Vice Chancellor underlined

the university's role in

preparing journalists who

think deeper and contribute

to positive shifts. "Our

students are being trained

communicators who report

depth

responsibility. Road safety

is a powerful lens to

connect infrastructure,

equity, and justice—and

that's the kind of journalism

we must nurture," he said.

Mr. Ramon Chesa,

sensitive

and

of recruitment has also been successful in making the BJP

lose almost half the seats in UP. Everyone has started

taking such figures seriously. "Now this has become a

figure of political truth rather than mental pressure," he

and goes among the BJP candidates contesting the

assembly elections, their political arithmetic will be

shattered and so will their dream of becoming an MLA.

"This will cause a stampede in the BJP. In such a situation,

The people are fully prepared to defeat and remove

He said that in the name of development, the BJP

government has so far only inaugurated the works of the

Samajwadi government. "In such a situation, there is a

crisis among the future candidates of the BJP as to what

face they should show to the public. In UP, the BJP has

The SP chief alleged, "Before leaving, it is just busy

accepted its defeat in the 2027 elections," he claimed.

it will not only be short of voters but also of candidates.

the BJP badly in the 2027 elections," he said.

Akhilesh said that as soon as this figure is published

be

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan,



#### (Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, May 22, Creating safer roads for children and young people requires strong partnerships between government, educators and communities in partnership with the media. This was the key message echoed at the Media National Consultation on Road Safety and Systems Strengthening, organized by UNICEF India today in collaboration with the Department of Mass Communication Journalism, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU).

Opening the event, Ms. Zafrin Chowdhury, Chief of Communication, Advocacy and Partnerships at UNICEF India, emphasized the role of media in shaping public perception and

number will be 4,34,25,000.

accountability. "Children's safety on the roads demands collaborative, collective action. Safer school zones, stronger emergency care systems, and awareness campaigns all play a role. Media holds a unique power: turning statistics into compelling stories, and stories that encourage individual and societal action. Journalists, RJs, and storytellers can lead a movement for

change," she said. More than participants, including MANUU faculty and students, nearly 50 Radio Jockeys and producers, media professionals, government officials, civil society representatives, and youth advocates participated in

consultation. Mr. P Shiv Shankar, Chief Executive Officer of

Lucknow, May 22 (UNI) : Samajwadi Party (SP)

President Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday said that jobs and

employment for the youth are not on the agenda of the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Uttar Pradesh.

posts (social media) about jobs have been deleted, similarly

jobs have also been deleted from UP. The outrage born

out of the state government's false advertisement of

1,93,000 teacher recruitment is the political calculation of

1,44,75,000, and if only the parents of a candidate are added,

then a total of 3 people will be affected by this; that is, this

consider them as 4,34,25,000 voters and divide them by

the 403 assembly seats of UP, then this figure will be

around 1,08,000 votes per seat and if we consider even

half of them as BJP voters, since it has been talking about

50 percent voters, then half of 1,08,000 means the party is

sure to lose 54,000 votes on every seat. BJP will be limited

The SP chief said, "All of them will be adults, so if we

He said that if we assume that there were at least 75

the BJP's defeat in the 2027 assembly elections."

In a statement issued here, Akhilesh said, "Just as the

Jobs have been 'deleted' from UP by BJP govt: Akhilesh

candidates for one post, then this number would be The people of the state are completely angry with the BJP

ISADAK - An Abertis Company, Dr Zelalem Taffesse, Chief Field Office Hyderabad, UNICEF, Dr. Syed Hubbe Ali, Health Specialist, UNICEF India Country Office also addressed the gathering.

Prof. Mohammad Fariyad, Dean and Head, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, delivered welcome address. He emphasized the power of community radio and youth-driven campaigns in spreading awareness about road safety and fostering responsible road behavior, particularly among children and adolescents.

A panel discussion on "The Role of Media in Road Safety for Children and Youth" was a key feature of the day. Moderated by senior journalist Srinjoy Chowdhury the panel included representatives from media, schools and public health.

Radio participants cocreated radio content through group work, facilitated by Sonia Sarkar and Prosun Sen from UNICEF as well as teachers from MANUU.Participants pledged to amplify child safety narratives and strengthen behaviour change communication through community-rooted formats, especially in underserved areas where

#### Police bust drug smuggling module with Pakistani links, three held with 12.07 kg heroin

Chandigarh, May 22 (UNI) In a major crackdown on the narco-hawala nexus, the Ferozepur Police busted a drug smuggling module, with suspected Pakistani links, following the arrest of three persons and recovered 12.07 kg heroin worth Rs 90 crore and Rs 25.12 lakhs in drug and hawala money, said DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Thursday.

Those arrested have been identified as Karan Kumar alias Ghanni (22), Rohit Bhatti (24), and Aakashdeep alias Aakash (24), all residents of Bukkan Khan Wala in Ferozepur.

Accused Karan Kumar and Akashdeep have criminal records with cases under NDPS act and Arms Act registered against

DGP Yadav said that an FIR is registered at Police Station Ghall Khurd. Further investigation is underway to trace the forward and backward linkages, he added.

DIG Ferozepur Range Harmanbir Singh Gill said that following rigorous surveillance intelligence-

led operation, Police teams arrested the three accused persons from near Jodhia Nehra Pull and recovered 2.07 kg heroin and Rs 25.12 lakhs drug money from their car.

He said that following the revelations of accused Karan, Police teams recovered another chunk of 10 kg heroin concealed behind the toilet seat at his rented accommodation located at Rikhi Colony in Ferozepur.

Ferozepur SSP Bhupinder Singh said that preliminary investigations suggest their involvement in cross-border narcotics trafficking, with suspected links to Pakistan-based operatives using drones for deliveries.

"The seized consignment was intended for distribution across Punjab. Further investigations underway to uncover the

whole network," he added.

#### Landslide in **Amboli Ghat** section in Sindhudurg

Kolhapur/Sindhudurg,

May 22 (UNI): Heavy premonsoon showers lashing the Sindhudurg district over past few days triggered a landslide in Amboli Ghat section on Amboli-Goa road on Thursday. However, there was no reported casualty in this incident. Due to heavy rainfall over last few days, a landslide occurred near site of famous waterfall in Amboli Ghat, hampering the movement of vehicular traffic on the Amboli-Goa road.Due to landslide, an ambulance carrying a patient was stuck for some time but the passers-by came to its help, moved aside large stones lying on the road and made way for the ambulance. Meanwhile, due to incessant rains, the Amboli waterfall has been flowing in its splendor just like during monsoon months of July-August.

### Punjab CM Mann slams Centre's move to deploy CISF at Bhakra Dam

Sangrur, May 22 (UNI): Slamming the BJP-led Union government for what he termed as "hatching conspiracies to ruin Punjab", Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said the state government will vehemently oppose the Centre's "draconian move" to deploy Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at the Bhakra Dam, and will not give a single paisa for its expenditure.

"Centre should understand one thing: we neither have any drop of surplus water for other states nor any single penny to pay the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for the unwarranted CISF," said the Chief Minister while interacting with the media persons here today.

He said that the state government will never pay this amount as it is a move aimed at "stealing the water of the state" by deploying the central forces on the Bhakra Dam.

He said that "they (Centre) need everything from Punjab in terms of

food grains and others but on the other hand they are trying to snatch the waters of the state through this action".

Mann said that instead of giving any special package to Punjab for its immense contribution, the BJP is meting out "step motherly treatment to the state".

Mann said that he will flag this issue before the Prime Minister in the meeting of the NITI Aayog slated to be held on Saturday.

He accused the BJP of "resorting to such tactics as they are against the state because people of Punjab have never voted for them".

He said that it is surprising to note that though Punjab leads the country in contribution to the food pool besides giving maximum representation in the Indian Army but the BJP-led Centre "has always ignored" the state.

He alleged that the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) is "a

puppet" in the hands of the Centre, and leaves no stone unturned to harm the interests of the state and the fresh order of MHA is a part of it.

Mann said that 296 cops of the CISF will be deployed at the Bhakra Dam, which will cost Rs 8.58 crore to the state.

"Why should we pay this money to the BBMB when Punjab Police is already ensuring safety of the dam free of cost," he added.Mann said that this move will not be allowed, terming it as "a nefarious design of the BBMB and BJP to steal the waters of the state by deploying

He said that the BJP leaders including selfproclaimed savior of Water Captain Amarinder Singh, Sunil Jakhar, Manpreet Singh Badal, Union Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu and others should make their stand clear on it.

He described it as a clear attempt by the BJP and BBMB to dilute the stake of Punjab over the waters.

### All-party delegation holds meetings with UAE leadership as part of global outreach against terrorism

Abu/Dhabi, May 22 (UNI) A high-level allparty delegation led by Shiv Sena MP Dr. Shrikant Shinde arrived in Abu Dhabi today, as part of the first stop of the four-nation diplomatic outreach against terrorism. The delegations held meetings with the UAE leadership and media to brief on the significance of Operation Sindoor and reaffirm India's firm stance against crossborder terrorism. Earlier, the UAE was among the first countries to issue a statement categorically condemning the Pahalgam terrorist attack. UAE leaders, President Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan personally conveyed their condolences to PM Narendra Modi and EAM S Jaishankar over phone calls. The delegation comprised Bansuri Swaraj, ET Mohmd Basheer, Atul Garg, Sasmit Patra, MananKumar Mishra, Surendrajeet Singh Ahluwalia, and former Ambassador Sujan Chinoy.

Earlier today, the delegation met with Sheikh Nahyan Mabarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Co-Existence. who conveyed his deep condolences for the Pahalgam terrorist attacks. The delegation highlighted the perpetration of cross-border terrorism and efforts to cause social disharmony in India by Pakistan.

Sheikh Nahyan Mabarak Al Nahyan commented, "India and UAE will tackle terrorism together. The UAE will always stand by India."

The delegation held substantive discussions with Dr. Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi, Chairman of the Defence, Interior & Foreign Affairs Committee of Federal National Council and other senior Emirati parliamentarians. The delegation underscored the precise, measured, and nonescalatory nature of Operation Sindoor against the barbaric terrorist attack on the tourists in Kashmir on April 22. Nuaimi stressed, "India-UAE relationship is beyond trade and culture, and

encompasses security and strategic issues. Terrorism is against the whole of humanity and international community must act now."

#### **WESTERN RAILWAY AHMEDABAD DIVISION CONSTRUCTION OF TWO**

LANE ROAD OVER BRIDGE

E-Tender Notice No. CPMGS **ADI-ROB27\_25-26-1** Deputy Chief Engineer (Gati Shakti) Western Railway, Ahmedabad foi and on behalf of President of Union of India invites e-Tender for following work. 1. Name of work with its location: E Tender No CPMGS-ADI-ROB27 25-26-7 Construction of Two Lane Road Over Bridge with 1x 51 m Composite steel Girder includin Approaches with viaduct and RE walls in lieu of LC No. 27 at Rly km 530/9-11 between Chharodi and Vasan Iyava on AHMEDABAD VIRAMGAM section o Ahmedabad Division under Gati Shakti Unit, Western Railway 2. Approx. cost of work: Rs 44,86,81,266.16 3. Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 23,93,400/- 4. Tender form fees: Nil 5. Completion period of work: 18 (Eighteen) Months including Monsoon. 6. Closing date & time of E-tender: Date: 17.06.2025 Time: 15:00 Hrs 7. Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen & address of the office Website:www.ireps.gov.in Office of Chief Project Manager/Gati Shakti, "A" Wing, 4th Floor, Nirman Bhavan, Near DRM office, Western Railway Ahmedabad-382345.

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#### BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

**Department: Chief Engineer (Mechanical & Electrical)** No.E.E.Mech.(S)/ 1130/M&E Dt: 22-05-2026

#### **E-Tender Notice**

The Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation invites online tenders for the following workds from the eligible bidders. The Bid start date and time and Bid End Date and Time is speciafied in the detailed tender notice on BMC's website under Tender Section and Mahatender Portal.

Sr.No.	Bid No.	Description of the work	
1.	2025_MCGM_1182763_1	Various types of reinstatement work in carpentry at Municipal Workshop.	

The intending tenderers shall visit the BMC website at http:// portal.mcgm.gov.in and Mahatender portal website at http:// mahatenders.gov.in for further details of the tender. .

PRO/488/ADV/2025-26

Let's together and make Mumbai Malaria free.

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Mech (South)

#### to only 10 seats in the 2027 assembly elections." collecting money in every contract and work. That is why He said that in the case of police recruitment, this maths UP is going through a period of historic corruption. **GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 13 FOR 2025-2026

Online E- Tenders in B-1 Form For the Following Work are invited by the Executive Engineer, Presidency Division, PWD, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Bandhakam Bhavan, 25 Murzban Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 001 (Tel. No-22016975/22016977) from contractors registered in appropriate class of the Public Works Department. Right to reject/accept of all or one tender is reserved by the undersigned.

Sr. No.	Name Of Work	Amount
1.	Structural & Strengthening Renovation work in Chamber No. 68, 3rd floor, High Court Main Building at High Court, Mumbai.	40.64
2.	Repairs existing Police Chowky & Repairs front side Garden Wall near Main Gate at New Aministrative Building, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai.	16.83
3.	Repairs to External plaster & RCC Chajja, Providing Weather shed to window to DGPS Bldg, Charni Road, Mumbai.	35.65

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### YouTuber Jyoti Malhotra allegedly spied for Pakistan

National security agencies have uncovered evidence that social media influencer and YouTuber Jyoti recovered deleted media Malhotra, arrested on charges of allegedly spying for Pakistan, made multiple visits to Mumbai between July 2023 and September 2024, during which she allegedly recorded sensitive videos and photographs of strategic locations.

Intelligence sources revealed on Thursday that Malhotra travelled to Mumbai at least three times, using trains and luxury buses and extensively documented various areas. Digital forensic analysis recovered significant visual data from her electronic devices, shedding light on her activities.

Her first known visit was in August 2024, when she travelled from Ahmedabad to Mumbai aboard the

Karnavati Express, capturing footage of railway stations and surrounding locations along the route. Details about her stay in Mumbai during this trip remain under investigation.

In September 2024, Malhotra took the Punjab Mail from New Delhi to Mumbai. She referenced the train's historic pre-Partition route connecting Mumbai to Peshawar in a social media post, describing it as a symbol of "love across borders."

Intelligence officials suspect this narrative was a cover for espionage purposes. During this iourney, she travelled in a Second AC coach and en route and upon arrival.

Earlier, in July 2024 Malhotra reportedly financial transactions to

**NILKANTH ENGINEERING LIMITED** 

CIN NO: L27300MH1983PLC029360

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29(1)(a) of SEBI (Listing

Obligation and Disclosure Requirements

Regulations, 2015, we hereby inform you that a

meeting of the Board of Directors of the

Company will be held at 407, Kalbadevi Road,

Daulat Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Mumbai 400002 on

Wednesday, the 28th May, 2025 inter-alia to

consider and approve the Audited Financial

Results(Standalone and Consolidated) for the

4th Quarter and year ended 31st March, 2025.

Further, in compliance with Company's code of

conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading under

SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulation,

2015, the Trading window will remain closed from

1st April, 2025 to 30th May, 2025 (both days

inclusive) for Directors, Designated employees

For Nilkanth Engineering Limited

G. M. Loyalka

(DIN-00299416)

Director

and their family members

Place: Mumbai

Date: 20.05, 2025

Mumbai, May 22 (UNI) travelled by luxury bus to Mumbai, where she stayed for several days.

> Forensic experts files from her devices, revealing previously concealed evidence of this trip. Recovered data also includes visuals from other sensitive sites such as Pahalgam, prompting investigators to examine who received these materials in Pakistan and whether they were part of a larger espionage network.

Further investigations revealed that Malhotra visited Mumbai during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival in September 2023. While she claimed to attend religious ceremonies at prominent sites like 'Mumbai Cha Raja' and' Lalbaug cha Raja', authorities found she extensively filmed large crowds, entry and exit points, and surrounding infrastructure.

A senior officer involved in the probe noted that such footage could assist hostile elements in understanding crowd security dynamics, weaknesses and escape

Authorities continue to

investigate whether Malhotra made additional unreported trips to Mumbai or other strategic locations. Given Mumbai's history as a target for terror activities, these findings have heightened concerns among intelligence and law enforcement agencies. The case is being jointly probed the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and cyber intelligence units, who are recorded various locations meticulously examining her footprint, digital communications

> uncover the full extent of the alleged espionage operation.

#### No question of supporting culprits in Vashnavi Hagavane's death case:

Satara, May 22 (UNI) The Maharashtra State Women's Commission has taken a strong stand on the issue of Vaishnavi Hagavane's death and there is no question of supporting the perpetrators in Vashnavi's death case, said SWC president Rupali Chakankar on Thursday.

Talking to reporters in Karad town of the district, she described Vaishnavi Hagavane's death as unfortunate and said that despite anti-dowry law, if Vaishnavi was being harrased and lost her life for dowry, then everybody must fight against this perverse mentality.

She further said that she has already given instructions to investigating agencies to investigate Vaishnavi's death properly and a case has been registered against some family members including Vaishnavi 's husband and mother-in-law but her father-in-law and brotherin-law have been absconding.

She asserted that action would be taken against the guilty within the framework of law.

On whether Vaishnavi's father-in-law Rajendra Hagavane was an office bearer.(Tehsil president) of NCP (AP), Ms Chakankar clarified that he was not an office-bearer of NCP(AP) but whichever party he may belong to, he is a criminal.

"Therefore, no matter who he is, we will not support a criminal. The party has already suspended his son (deceased woman's husband) from NCP-SP," she added.

#### **CHANGE OF NAME**

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### Man injured as tree falls on parked vehicles amid heavy rains in Mumbai

Mumbai, May 22 (UNI) : A 43-year-old man sustained multiple injuries after a tree toppled onto several parked vehicles near Kinjal Tower on N M Joshi Marg area of Byculla in south-central Mumbai during heavy rain on Wednesday night, officials said here on Thursday.

The victim, identified as Shahnawaz Shaikh, suffered wounds to his head, chest and back. Passersby rushed him

to the civic-run Nair Hospital, where he was admitted and is currently reported to be in stable condition. The incident underscores the risks posed by aging and weakened trees during heavy rainfall in the city.

In a separate incident the previous evening, two people were seriously injured after a Gulmohar tree collapsed near Jal Vayu Vihar, Sector C, Powai, close to S M Shetty School.

The Mumbai Fire Brigade confirmed the tree fell around 8:40 pm, severely injuring Shobha Torne (51) and her husband



Prashant Torne (54), who works as a watchman in the

In this incident, Shobha sustained significant head and shoulder injuries, while sharp edges from the fallen tree pierced Prashant's arms. Both were initially in serious condition but are now reported to be out of danger and receiving medical care.

Officials from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) stated that the Gulmohar tree stood on private property, and the housing society had been

permission to trim it in March. However, the tree had not been cut, and the recent heavy rains likely weakened its base, causing the collapse.

Civic authorities have urged residents and housing societies to act promptly on such permissions to prevent similar accidents. These incidents come

amid ongoing warnings from the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), which has forecast heavy rainfall, accompanied thunderstorms

lightning, over the coming days. The IMD noted the formation of an upper air cyclonic circulation over the east-central Arabian Sea off the Karnataka coast on May 21. This system is expected to intensify and move northwards, resulting in increased rainfall across

Recent pre-monsoon showers have already caused flooding and waterlogging in several Mumbai neighborhoods, including Andheri, Dahisar, Borivali, Bandra, Kurla, Powai and Saki Naka, and disrupting traffic and daily

Maharashtra until May 25.

life. Key areas such as D N Nagar and Chakala experienced flood-like conditions, forcing the closure of the Andheri Subway, a vital connector between Andheri East and West, leading to severe traffic congestion during peak hours.

The heavy rainfall recorded across the city has been uneven, with Jogeshwari receiving 63 mm, Andheri (Malpa Dongri) 57 mm, and Andheri East 40 mm by 8 pm on Tuesday.

The eastern suburbs saw Powai receive 38 mm, Bhandup 29 mm and Tembhi Pada 27 mm in the same period.

Overall, the island city recorded an average rainfall of 12.86 mm, while the eastern and western suburbs received 15.65 mm and 26.63 mm, respectively, over three hours.

The BMC continues to monitor the situation closely, urging residents to exercise caution as the monsoon approaches and weather conditions remain volatile.

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husband) from NCP-SP."

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"Who is Ms Khadse to talk on

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### **Elderly person donates** Rs 20 lakh to CM, PM's Relief Fund

Mumbai, May 22 (UNI) An 82-year-old charitable person Sadanand Vishnu Karandikar, originally from Achra in Sindhudurg district, on Thursday went to Mantralaya and dedicated an amount of Rs 20 lakh to the Prime Minister's and the Chief Minister's Relief Funds.

An official media statement issued here stated that Karandikar handed over two cheques of Rs 10 lakh each to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

While dedicating his lifetime earnings to the society, Karandikar did not make any fuss or keep any expectations.CM Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who were present, appreciated his donation. The Chief Minister gratefully accepted the cheque and bowed to Karandikar's sensitivity and

Karandikar has retired from a private company, while his wife Sumati Karandikar had retired from government service. As they had no children, both of them lived in an old age home in Nerul.

Following his wife's death due to cancer in August last year and seeing the struggle of relatives of cancer patients, Karandikar decided to return a large part of his earnings to the society in memory of his wife.

Accordingly, he went to Mantralaya and handed over a cheque for a total of Rs 20 lakh, Rs 10 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and Rs 10 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, to CM Fadnavis. He is currently staying with his sister Prabha Shriram Shitoot, the statement added.

College principal

17-yr-old student

said here on Thursday.

charges.

officials confirmed.

arrested for molesting

Mumbai, May 22 (UNI): A 37-year-old

college principal has been arrested for allegedly

sexually assaulting and molesting a 17-year-old

girl student studying at the same college, police

According to the details available, the

accused was arrested by the MHB

Police after a case was registered under

the POCSO Act and molestation

He is currently in police custody,

The minor victim, a resident of

According to the complaint, the

Nagpada, in south Mumbai, is a student

at a college in Borivali, where the

principal had been attempting to get

close to the girl for several months,

engaging in inappropriate behaviour

the accused allegedly made repeated

sexual advances, molested the girl, and

pressured her to enter into a romantic

to fear; however, unable to endure the

continued mental and physical

harassment, she finally approached the

MHB Police and reported the incident.

Initially, the girl remained silent due

Between June 2024 and May 2025,

accused served as the principal.

and repeatedly harassing her.

relationship with him.

#### in Vashnavi Hagavane death case: Women panel chief Rupali Chakankar NCP(AP) but irrespective of Kolhapur/Satara, May 22 (UNI) State which party he belongs to, a Women Commission (SWC) president Rupali

No question of supporting the culprit

Chakankar termed as unfortunate the alleged suicide of Vaishnavi Hagavane, the daughter-in-law of Rajendra Hagavane, who is reported to belong to the NCP-Ajit Pawar

Talking to reporters at Karad town in Satara district today, Chakankar said that she has already given instructions to investigate the case, while a case has already been booked against some family members including Vaishnavi 's husband and mother-in-law, but the father-in-law and brother-in-law are absconding.

"Even though there is an anti-dowry law, if harrassment for dowry is still happening and women like Vaishnavi are losing their lives due to it, we must fight against this perversion. The State Women Commission is taking a strict stand on this issue within the law's framework," said Chakankar.

On whether Vaishnavi's father-in-law Rajendra Hagavane was a office bearer (Tehsil president) of Nationalist Congress Party(AP), Chakankar said: "Actually he is not an office bearer of the

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### **STANDARD POST**

### Birth control pill may triple risk of cryptogenic stroke in women

Taking birth control pills or combined oral contraceptives containing both oestrogen and progestin may triple the risk of cryptogenic stroke in young women, according to a study.

Strokes without a known cause are called cryptogenic. It accounts for up to 40 per cent of all ischaemic strokes in young adults. Despite its prevalence, the contribution of sex-specific risk factors, such as contraceptive use, has remained underexplored.

The findings add to a growing body of evidence linking hormonal contraception to vascular risk in women of reproductive age.

"Our findings confirm earlier evidence linking oral contraceptives to stroke risk," said lead author Dr. Mine Sezgin, Department of Neurology, Istanbul University.

"What's particularly notable is that the association remains strong even when accounting for other known risk factors, which suggests may be additional there mechanisms involved – possibly genetic or biological," she added.

The research included 268 women aged 18-49 years with cryptogenic ischaemic stroke (CIS) and 268 age-matched stroke-free controls across 14 centres in Europe.

Of the participants, 66 patients and 38 controls were using combined combined oral contraceptives.

While the researchers note that further prospective studies are needed, they advise clinicians to exercise caution when prescribing combined oral contraceptives to women with known vascular risk factors or a history of ischaemic stroke."Our findings should prompt more careful evaluation of stroke risk in young women, particularly those with additional risk factors," Dr. Sezgin said.

Next, the researchers plan to explore biological and genetic mechanisms underlying the observed association between combined oral contraceptive use and increased stroke risk to better understand how hormonal contraceptives may independently elevate stroke risk.

The findings were presented at the ongoing European Stroke Organisation Conference (ESOC) 2025 in Helsinki, Finland.

### **Growing Cancer Burden in India with Oral and Breast Cancer on the Rise**

(Standard Post Bureau)

India faces a serious increase in cancer cases as Oral (Mouth) and Breast cancers stand out as primary sources of this health challenge. The Indian Council of Medical Research reported in 2024 that India will experience a 12.8% increase in cancer cases by 2025 end, which reveals a troubling growing trend. Improper access to screening facilities, along with lifestyle changes and cultural habits, has formed a perfect storm that has thrust these cancers into top public health priorities. A failure to implement decisive action will cause the healthcare system to become overwhelmed, while a large number of preventable deaths will

Tobacco use, including betel quid, Ghutka, Khaini, Paan Masala etc remains the main factors in which Oral cavity cancer continues to hold the highest position in Indian cancer statistics. Cultural and behavioral patterns explain why Oral cancers strikes men at higher rates than women. Regulatory measures against tobacco use have not yet produced



Dr Surender Kumar Dabas, Vice Chairman – Oncology & Chief – Robotic Surgery, BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital, Delhi

remains widespread in rural and semi-urban areas, which leads to growing Oral cavity cancer cases.

Breast cancer stands as smokeless products like the primary cancer affecting Indian women today. Urbanisation, growth combined with sedentary lifestyle patterns together with delayed 1st childbirth beyond 30 years and Low awareness regarding screening programme creates this alarming trend. The main problems in cancer detection persists because of Advanced stage at tobacco consumption still shortages in healthcare

access and inadequate public awareness campaigns.

India expects cancer cases to rise from 1.46 million in 2022 to 1.57 million by 2025. Addressing this surge will require a multipronged approach, including:

Public Health Campaigns: Targeted educational initiatives should inform people about dangers of Tobacco use and emphasize early detection importance for cancer prevention.

Enhanced Screening sufficient results because identification due to Programs: Implementing

facilities throughout underserved areas which will lead to better cancer detection outcomes.

Policy Enforcement: Existing tobacco regulations must be strengthened while developing new policies that promote healthier lifestyle choices.

Research Innovation: Research investment should support the development of regional treatment methods alongside enhanced availability of newer medical treatments India faces an urgent

public health challenge because both Oral and breast cancer cases continue to increase, which requires immediate continuous intervention. India will make substantial progress against cancer if it boosts prevention efforts through education while increasing early detection capabilities strengthening tobacco control regulations.

Through combined policy efforts, healthcare innovation, and community outreach, the nation can build a future where cancer has reduced effects and millions experience

### **President confers six** Kirti Chakras and 33 Shaurya Chakras

(UNI): President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday conferred six Kirti Chakras and 33 Shaurya Chakras to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State Police.

Four of the Kirti Chakras and seven Shaurya Chakras were conferred posthumously.

The Gallantry awards were given to the personnel for displaying raw courage, unparalleled bravery and total disregard to personal safety in the line of duty, a Ministry Defence

statement said. They displayed their bravery during various operations related to counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency in J&K and the North-East. Dreaded terrorists were neutralised and

New Delhi, May 22 apprehended during these operations, and arms and ammunition recovered.

> The Indian Navy officers led anti-piracy operations, resulting in the surrender of pirates and the rescue of hostages, while also demonstrating bravery during fire-fighting operations on a burning oil tanker.

Awardees from the Indian Air Force showed utmost courage in lifethreatening circumstances during the rescue of aircraft while manoeuvring away from civilian areas to avoid any loss of life and property. The CRPF officers performed their gallant act in various operations in areas affected by Left-Wing Extremism. Maoist insurgents were apprehended and weapons recovered.

### If terrorist attacks from Pak continue, there will be consequences: EAM Jaishankar

terrorist attacks continue.

In an interview to the NOS News, he said: "We want a definitive end to terrorism. Our message is therefore: yes, the ceasefire has put an end to military actions against each other for now, but if the terrorist attacks from Pakistan continue, there will be consequences. The Pakistanis must understand that very well."

PM Modi was visit due to the escalating Netherlands to prepare for

The issue of Dutch arms supplies to Pakistan was raised during Minister of Defence Ruben Brekelmans's visit to Delhi in March by his Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh.

On India stating that terrorist groups active in Pakistan receive support from the Pakistani state, EAM Jaishankar said:

"I am not suggesting Amsterdam where tens of gathered for military training, would you say

"We should not go along with the narrative that Pakistan does not know what is going on. The most notorious

The Hague/New Delhi, May 22 (UNI) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that Pakistan must understand the fact very well that while India wants an end to terrorism, there will be consequences if the

supposed to visit the Netherlands this week to strengthen Indian-Dutch ties, but he cancelled the tensions with Pakistan. EAM visited the PM Modi's visit later this year.

that, I am stating that. Suppose that there were large military centres in the middle of a city like thousands of people that your government knows nothing about that? Of course not."

## terrorists on the United list are all in Pakistan.

Nations (UN) sanctions They operate in the big cities, in broad daylight. Their addresses are known. Their activities are known. Their mutual contacts are known. So let's not pretend that Pakistan is not involved. The state is involved. The army is up to its neck in it."

Asked if the Kashmir issue should be resolved first in order to be able to combat terrorism, he said:

"No, for us terrorism is an independent, completely unacceptable international crime that should not be condoned or justified.

"The terrorists

targeted the vibrant tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir with their attack. So they are prepared to destroy things in Kashmir for their own, very limited, selfish purposes. They also deliberately gave the attack a very religious tint. The world should not accept such practices. "As for Jammu and

Kashmir, it is a historical fact that it joined India when India and Pakistan separated in 1947. Our position is that the illegal occupiers should return their illegally occupied parts to the rightful owner. And that is us."

Asked if the international community could mediate on the Kashmir issue, he said: "No, it is a bilateral

issue between the countries involved." On if India is not going to accept US President

Trump's offer to mediate.

he said: "As I said, this is something we will do together with Pakistan."

### **Blood Clots Pose a Major Threat... Can Be Controlled with Walking**

### Every year, 100,000 people die from DVT in the U.S.



(Standard Post Bureau)

Blood clots in veins can pose a severe health risk, but daily walking can help prevent them, said Dr. Bollineni Bhaskar Rao, CMD of KIMS Group of Hospitals. To raise awareness on this issue, KIMS Hospital organized a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) awareness walk at Jalavayu Vihar on Necklace Road in Hyderabad on Sunday at 7 AM. Minister Raja Narasimha attended as the chief guest, while KIMS Hospitals CMD Dr. Bollineni Bhaskar Rao and KIMS Vascular Surgery Head Dr. Narendranath Meda, Surgical Oncologist Dr. Nagendraparvathaneni, Dr. Francis Sridhar, Dr. Jagadessh participated as honorary guests.

DVT Cases Even in **Developed Countries** 

Dr. Rao highlighted that even in developed countries like the U.S., DVT is a significant issue. "Every year, around 900,000 people are affected by DVT in the U.S., with 100,000 losing their lives. It is a major cause of preventable deaths. Early detection, effective treatment, and daily walking can help overcome this issue. Blood clots in veins are not just a medical condition but a growing public health crisis," he stated.

Lifestyle Changes to Prevent DVT

Dr. Rao, highlighted that although DVT is more common in older individuals, young people are also at risk due to sedentary lifestyles, longhaul flights, and extended bed rest. The 2025 theme for Blood Clot Awareness Month is "Do Your Part to Stop the Clot: A Call to Action!", urging everyone—patients, doctors, and the publicto play an active role in prevention. Regular walking is essential, and during long journeys, people should take breaks Meda, Consultant Vascular

to move around. Those already at risk should wear compression stockings and take prescribed blood thinners. Advanced treatments like Catheter-Directed Thrombolysis can help dissolve or remove

importance of early detection and treatment to reduce the risks associated with DVT. He noted that DVT can also occur in the arms and abdominal areas, not just the legs. Symptoms like shortness of breath and chest pain may indicate a severe condition. Those traveling for over three hours by car, train, or plane should take precautions. Even without clear risk factors, DVT can occur, making daily movement and proper posture critical. If taking blood thinners, it is advisable to delay air travel for 2-3 weeks.

DVT Symptoms and Prevention

Narendranath Dr.

(VTE), Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT), and Pulmonary Embolism (PE) can lead to long-term complications and even death. Due to sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy habits, DVT is increasingly seen in the general population. March is observed globally as DVT Awareness Month. DVT occurs when a blood clot forms in one or more veins, usually in the legs, leading to restricted blood flow. These clots can travel to the heart or lungs, becoming life-threatening. Many people fail to recognize DVT, mistaking it for simple leg swelling. However, symptoms include leg pain, swelling, discoloration, and warmth. In many cases, the lack of noticeable symptoms delays treatment, increasing fatality risks.

and Endovascular Surgeon

at KIMS, explained that

conditions like Acute

Venous Thromboembolism









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### Beauty



Skin care

regime for a beautiful skin

> Rains could be synonymous with romance and reason to rejoice for some. But for others, it could be the harbinger of maladies, diseases, badhair days and dull skin. Try these skincare tips this monsoon for healthy and beautiful skin.

> Happy feet An important area to look after during monsoons is the feet, say specialists. "Especially in between the toes - it is susceptible to fungal as well as bacterial infection because of direct contact with contaminated rain water," says dermatologist Dr Jamuna Pai. One should try and keep the feet dry at all times. Aesthetician Ritu Tanwar says, "The best way to properly clean your feet is by immersing them in lukewarm water with a few drops of antiseptic for 10 minutes. Then, scrub lightly with an

anti-bacterial soap and thoroughly dry your feet and apply a moisturising cream."

Happy hands Tisha Khurana, a beauty consultant, says, "Like any other body part, hands should also be kept clean during monsoons. Soak your hands in warm water for 15 minutes. The water should contain few drops of a liquid hand- wash and some fresh lemon juice. Complete this routine by applying a nail cream. Avoid pushing the cuticles, as nail fungal infections are very common in monsoons. Cuticle oil must be

Care for your hair Dr Sandeep QUICKTIPS Sattur, hair restorative surgeon,

A woman's vanity box is empty

without a foundation which acts as a

base for makeup. However, since

there are many varieties of

foundations which are available in the

market, that come in different

formulations - cream, mousse or dry

ones — you need to know the one that

matches your skin tone and suits your

skin texture the best.

- Even complexion.

- The surface of the skin is

- Lotion-based foundations

- The face will have an all

- Prone to pimple and can

easily develop pigmentation

- Water-based foundations

are advised for those who

have oily skin. They last

longer and do not make the

neither too oily nor too dry.

Normal skin

are best-suited.

near the cheeks

face look greasy.

Oily skin

over shine.

Understand your skin

damage.

Dermatologists say our faces can get fairly oily because of humidity and we should use cleansers effective for this condition. Dr Desai cautions, "Always use a sunscreen as UV applied as cuticles become very rays penetrate even through clouds."

Are you using the right

foundation for your skin?

says, "Wash your scalp frequently -Wash your face two to three with PH-balanced mild times a day with a mixture of shampoos." The idea is to cleanse green gram powder and channa the scalp gently without causing powder (equal proportion) made into a paste with water. -Make a Use sunscreen always paste of papaya, honey and milk. Apply it on your face, leave for 15 minutes and then wash off. -A paste of neem leaves mixed with honey can be used as a face pack. Remove the pack before it dries up on your skin. -Use a mixture of honey and curd for body massage before shower.

### Renew Beauty regime for monsoon

Visit a spa or salon once in a while to de-tanner; curd clears blemishes;

rejuvenate. Here are a few tips:

□ Get funky with your hair colour this monsoon. Get an ombre look or highlight your hair with full head highlights or colour stripping treatments.

☐ Brighten up your gloomy day with vibrant nail art in bold colours.

□ During monsoon, the hair becomes limp and loses its sheen. Also, tame your tresses

with an oil massage. □ Keep your make-up to a bare minimum. Humidity and frequent downpours can accelerate oilsecretion, so, using

non-greasy and light make-up provides a clean matte finish. Also, always opt for waterproof brands. □ Some home remedies can

also come in handy: □Papaya

works

great

aloe vera soothes the skin; and lavender boosts rejuvenation. □ To eliminate roughness, try this -

take some almond paste, mix this with some milk to make a smooth and thick paste. You can also mix almond oil with milk cream to make a winter face pack. Apply the pack to get a smooth and flawless

monsoon season poses a challenge for many to look tip-top all the time, but you can ease your woes by

The

some tips

hair and

skin.

following

Dry skin - The face can feel dry and for your parched, at times. Cream-based liquid

foundations are advisable. - Compact-based foundations are a Select one based on your skin tone

Dusky - A sheer foundation and a good concealer are musts for creating the

illusion for a perfect skin. - While applying foundation, your aim should be for a lighter coverage.

foundation to blend well. - Dab compact after the foundation is applied. This will give the skin sheen

and will not make it look too heavy.

Add a drop of water to the

- Avoid applying too much of compact powder. And dust off all the excess. Liquid foundation is the best one for women with a dusky complexion. Also, it is very important to keep in

mind that the shade of the foundation should be very close to that of the skin tone, to avoid looking pale white.

Wheatish

- Choose a concealer and foundation which have yellow pigments.

Earthy shades go very well with those who have wheatish complexion.

- Never use a foundation which has a pinkish tone, this will make your skin look grey.

- Apply a compact after the foundation to lend a smooth surface to your skin.

- Determine whether your fairness

is rosy pink or yellowish.

- Lends a matte finish look.

with sensitive skin or Rosacea.

should be dense.

Mineral foundation

- Has a light to medium coverage.

- Evens out the skin tone, moisturises, protects and absorbs the excess oil.

- Should be applied with the help

of a powder brush. The bristles

- Ideal for all skin types, except

oily. It is specially suited for those

- Use a brush to buff it on. Tinted moisturising

foundation - Ideal for normal and dry

skin. - It is well-suited for those who need extra hydration and just a touch of colour to pull it

off. - Lends a sheer to light

coverage. - Lightly evens out the skin tone, giving a nude or a natural

What you must keep in mind Minimal application of

foundation is not only good

for your skin but it also does not make you look cakey. However, while choosing a foundation, make sure that you sample it under natural light. While trying out the foundation in

hands to check for the seamless blend. Give your musical instruments

a store, always apply it on your

jawline and not on your wrists or

some TLC - Always return the instrument to its protective case when not being played.

Don't leave your musical instrument where it can be knocked or sat on by people or animals.

Take care to store musical instruments in a place of even temperature.

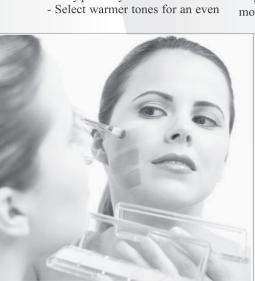
- Clean your musical instrument with in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

- Make sure your musical instrument has an annual check-up

with your retailer. - If a wind instrument is supposed

to be assembled before its usage, then ensure that all joints are cleaned before they are assembled. Apply grease in very small proportions on corks if required.

- Have your instrument professionally valued at least once every three years. Then make sure you review your insurance policy to ensure your sums insured are up



complexion.

- Here are more tips on how to choose the right foundation Types of foundation

#### Cream foundation

- Ideal for normal, combination and dry skin types. It is specially suited for women with uneven pigmentation, or those requiring a heavy coverage. - Lends medium or full coverage.

The best part about this foundation is that it lends a dewy finish.

Covers and conceals discolourations and imperfections on the skin and provides a flawless

#### Liquid foundation

- Is ideal for all skin types. It is well-suited for dry or mature skin. - Lends a light to medium

- Has a satin, matte or dewy finish

depending on the formulation.

- It soothes the skin and also lends an even coverage to your complexion.

#### Pressed powder foundation

- Is ideal for those who have oily skin.

- It lends a light to medium coverage.

- Has a matte-finish look.

- Evens out the skin tone, hides the imperfections and absorbs the

### KTR accuses **Congress Govt of** corruption and governance failures

(UNI): BRS Working President K T Rama Rao launched a scathing attack the government, accusing it of turning governance into a Chandrashekhar Rao as a diversionary tactic.

Speaking to the media in Nalgonda, KTR alleged that the Congress regime is steeped in corruption, with cent becoming routine.

and ministers admit that no commissions," he said, pointing to a recent protest by contractors at the Deputy CM's office as

Kaleshwaram Project and provoke public revolt.

Hyderabad, May 22 that notices to KCR are part of this political agenda.

He asserted, "Truth and justice will prevail—we Congress have full faith in the judiciary."

Highlighting "commission-driven governance lapses, KTR circus" and using notices cited failures such as the to former Chief Minister K collapse of the Sunkishala retaining wall, the submergence of the Vattem pump house, repeated damage to the Pedda Vagu project, and government's inaction in commissions of 20-30 per the SLBC tunnel tragedy, where bodies remain "Even their own MLAs unrecovered months later.

He further accused the work happens without Congress of using inquiries and committees to avoid delivering on its six electoral guarantees."We will not stop until every promise is evidence of widespread fulfilled—from Rs 2,500 for women to pensions and KTR claimed that the gold for brides," KTR Congress-BJP alliance is declared, warning that conspiring to tarnish the continued failures could

### Seethakka praises academic excellence of Tribal students

Hyderabad, May 22 (UNI): The Academic Success Meet 2025 was held at Komaram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan in Banjara Hills under the aegis of the Tribal Welfare Department on Wednesday.

The event celebrated the academic achievements of tribal students from various educational institutions who excelled in the 10th standard, Intermediate, EAMCET, and JEE Mains examinations.

Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka was the chief guest at the ceremony. She felicitated the highperforming students and congratulated the dedicated teaching staff for their unwavering support in helping tribal students outperform even their peers from private institutions.In her address, Minister Seethakka emphasised the transformative power of education. "For a long time, tribal communities were held back due to a lack of access to quality education. We were unfairly branded and pushed to the margins. But today, tribal students are standing shoulder to shoulder with others, proving their excellence," she said.

She lauded the efforts of teachers who went the extra mile to ensure students achieved top marks, calling their dedication pivotal to this success. As a token of appreciation, students from the Tribal Gurukula Fine Arts College presented the Minister with a saree featuring traditional tribal artwork.

The event concluded with Minister Seethakka and other dignitaries sharing a festive lunch with the state rankers, marking a moment of pride and unity.



Security personnel display the preparedness near the International Border, during a media tour, on the outskirts of Jammu.

### **PM to inaugurate NE Investors Summit on today**

New Delhi, May 22 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a two-day Summit here on May 23 to highlight India's Northeastern region as a land of opportunity to attract global and domestic investment

The two-day Rising Northeast Investors Summit will focus on tourism, agro-food processing, textiles, information technology, infrastructure, energy, entertainment and sports.

The Summit aims at highlighting Northeastern Region as a land of opportunity and attract global and domestic investment, an official release said.

It is the culmination of various pre-summit activities like roadshows, states' roundtables, Ambassadors' meets and Bilateral Chambers' Meet organised by the Center and northeastern states.

It will include ministerial sessions, Business-to-Government sessions, Business-to-Business meetings, startups and policy initiatives by the state governments and central Ministries for investment promotion.

### Saraswati Pushkaram enters 7th day amid devotion and spiritual fervour in Kaleshwaram

Hyderabad, May 22 (UNI): The sacred Saraswati Pushkaram has entered its seventh day in Kaleshwaram, a revered Trilinga Kshetra known for its spiritual, historical, and natural significance.

Thousands of devotees are continuing to throng the Triveni Sangam—the confluence of the Godavari, Pranahita, and Saraswati rivers—to take holy dips and offer prayers, with the Saraswati Aarti emerging as a key attraction.

The government has also made the divine ritual accessible through livestreaming.Kaleshwaram holds a unique place in

Indian spiritual geography. Here, the Saraswati River—revered as Brahmapatni—joins the Godavari and Pranahita rivers.According to mythology, this site witnessed the simultaneous manifestation of Yama and Shiva in the form of lingams on a single panavatta. The temple town thus symbolises both salvation and judgment, making it one of the most spiritually potent locations in the country.

The presence of Saraswati here is particularly significant. Although the river is believed to have

disappeared due to geological shifts centuries ago, legends state that it still flows underground in Kaleshwaram. This has made the town the only location in southern India where Saraswati Pushkarams are officially observed.It is also one of the few places in the country where Saraswati is worshipped in her form as Maha Saraswati, while her other forms, Gyana Saraswati and Bala Saraswati, are worshipped in Basara and Kashmir respectively.

Devotees, young and old, have been seen bathing in the sacred confluence with chants of

"Hara Hara Mahadeva" echoing across the ghats. The atmosphere has been filled with devotional fervour, as conch shells are blown and prayers are offered to the river goddess and Lord Shiva.

On the seventh day of the festival, tradition holds that charity and good deeds carry special merit. Elders have long maintained that bathing alone does not bring spiritual benefits unless coupled with acts of kindness and giving.

History and local beliefs suggest that donating food, clothing, bedding, or even symbolic homes on this day brings

the ritual has evolved into a community sentiment over time, its original purpose—cultivating compassion and humanity—remains relevant. The natural landscape of Kaleshwaram enhances the spiritual experience. Unlike the upper reaches of the Godavari, which receive limited inflows, the region sees a significant volume of water due to the confluence with the Pranahita River.

immense blessings. While

This ensures a consistent water supply for the Pushkaram festivities and reduces the risk of waterborne

diseases. Though the river appears narrow due to wide sandbanks stretching over two to three kilometres, the volume and purity of water make Kaleshwaram an ideal location for such a holy event. With the Telangana state government's official organisation of the Pushkarams, Kaleshwaram's spiritual legacy is now receiving broader recognition. As pilgrims continue to flock to the site, Saraswati Pushkaram in Kaleshwaram remains a profound expression of faith, tradition, and community spirit.

### BJP slams CM Revanth Reddy's remarks on national security

Party leader Eleti Army's retaliatory strikes Gandhi and Mallikarjun Reddy Maheshwar strongly condemned Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's remarks, alleging that the Modi-led central government yielded to pressure from former US President Donald Trump in its response to Pakistan.

In a media statement issued on Wednesday, Maheshwar Reddy described the comments as "ignorant, irresponsible,

(UNI): BJP Legislative He said that the Indian leaders, including Rahul on terrorist camps in Pakistan following the Pulwama and Pahalgam attacks stand as evidence of the Modi government's firm stance against Pakistansponsored terrorism.He accused CM Revanth Reddy of parroting a script written by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, aimed at appeasing party leadership while

undermining national

security.Maheshwar Reddy

Hyderabad, May 22 and bordering on treason." alleged that Congress Kharge, have repeatedly made statements in a "pro-Pakistan tone," which he said reflects the party's "bankrupt politics."

He also criticised Congress's historical handling of Kashmir, blaming leaders like Nehru and Indira Gandhi for past policy failures, and credited the Modi government for decisive actions like the abrogation of Article 370.

### Rainbow Children's Hospital completes eighth gene therapy for Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Hyderabad, May 22 (UNI): Rainbow Children's Hospital (RCH( on Wednesday said it has successfully administered 'gene therapy' to a child diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), marking the eighth such treatment carried out at the hospital, a significant milestone in paediatric healthcare. The therapy was administered under the supervision of Dr. Ramesh Konanki, Consultant Pediatric Neurologist, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Secunderabad, the hospital said in a release here. As part of the treatment protocol, the child received Zolgensma, a one-time gene therapy specifically developed to treat Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) by replacing the defective SMN1 gene responsible for the condition.

Administered through an adenoassociated viral vector, the therapy enables the production of the SMN protein, which is essential for survival of motor neurons and thus the muscle function. With a cost of around Rs 14 crore per dose, Zolgensma is considered one of the most expensive therapies currently available worldwide.

### DGP Jitender felicitates 52 police personnel for outstanding performance

Hyderabad, May 22 (UNI): Director General of Police (DGP) Dr Jitender felicitated 52 police personnel for their exceptional performance in crime investigation, detection, and other critical areas of policing.

The ceremony was held at the DGP Office on Wednesday, where the officers were presented with certificates of appreciation and cash rewards.

Speaking at the event, Dr Jitender noted that the Telangana Police has emerged as the topperforming police department in the country, as per the India Justice Report 2025. He also highlighted the Department's leadership in mobile phone recovery, attributing these achievements to the

dedication and consistent efforts of police personnel across the state. He urged officers to continue striving for excellence, uphold integrity, and strengthen public trust through sincere service. Director General of

CID, Shikha Goel, elaborated that the 52 officers were chosen after a detailed review of their performance in 2024. The evaluation covered key areas such as grave crime detection, securing convictions, liquidation of undetected cases, execution of non-bailable warrants, timely disposal of POCSO cases, high performance in National Lok Adalats, recovery of funds in cybercrime cases, and detection of property offences.

In addition to individual recognitions, the top-performing units — Hyderabad, Medak, and Ramagundam — as well as the top 10 police stations, identified based on citizen feedback mechanisms, including QR code responses, were also honoured for their service excellence.

The ceremony was attended by several senior officials, including Director General (Intelligence) B Shivdhar Reddy, Additional DGPs Mahesh M. Bhagwat and Anil Kumar, IGPs M. Ramesh, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Ramesh Naidu, and Srinivas, CID DIG Sri Narayana Nayak, CID SP Srinivas, and other dignitaries, a statement from DGP office said.

### **Panchayat Secretary** caught red-handed while accepting a bribe

Hyderabad, May 22 (UNI): In another case, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday caught a Panchayat Secretary from Gottumukkala Village in Nizamabad district red-handed while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 18,000.

The accused officer, Katkam Ganga Mohan, was apprehended around 12 pm when he allegedly demanded and accepted the bribe from a complainant in return for improperly allotting a house number and assessment number to an open plot, bypassing due procedures necessary for further registration.

Initially, the officer had demanded Rs 20,000, which was later negotiated down to Rs 18,000. The tainted amount was recovered from his possession during the trap operation, based on information provided by the complainant.

A chemical test confirmed the presence of the bribe traces on both of the officer's hands and the left pocket flap of his trousers, which had come into contact with the money. The ACB stated that the officer had acted dishonestly and in violation of his official duties to secure an undue advantage.

The complainant's identity has been withheld for security reasons. The accused officer was being arrested and produced before the II Additional Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Nampally, Hyderabad.

**Union Minister Bandi Sanjay** Karimnagar, May 22 (UNI): Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Wednesday said that the

Narendra Modi-led central government is firmly committed to eradicating terrorism in all its forms. He was speaking at an the borders," he stated.

Anti-Terrorism Day rally organised by Karimnagar District Cricket Association.

Launching the rally by waving the national flag, the Union Minister said the mindset of the people across the country has changed significantly after the Pahalgam incident, with citizens now expressing readiness to support the fight against terrorism alongside the armed forces.

He lauded the Indian Army's swift and precise

action in crossing into Highlighting Pakistan's Pakistani territory to destroy terrorist camps without harming civilians.

**Modi Govt committed to total** 

eradication of terrorism:

"The credit for these successful operations goes entirely to our brave soldiers. Their use of advanced technology and strategic precision has ensured the safety of our

continued support for terrorism, Kumar said, "That country has become a safe haven for terrorists, providing both shelter and financial assistance.

The Modi government recognised this threat and took decisive steps to dismantle terrorist infrastructure across the border.

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### Twelve Redeveloped Railway Stations under Amrit **Bharat Station Scheme Inaugurated by Prime** Minister Across Central Railway in Maharashtra

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, May 22

Maharashtra witnessed a landmark moment in railway infrastructure development today with the inauguration of 12 redeveloped stations across Central Railway These include five stations each in the Mumbai and Bhusaval divisions, and two in the Pune division. The event was part of a nationwide event where the Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicated 103 redeveloped railway stations to the nation under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

Distinguished dignitaries graced the occasion at various locations across the state to mark this significant milestone.

#### In the Mumbai **Division:**

At Parel Station, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, and Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, attended the event along with Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, and Shri Hiresh



Railway Manager, Mumbai Division."To engage and inspire the younger generation, essay and drawing competitions were organized in schools as part of the event. Prizes were distributed today by Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, recognizing the creativity and enthusiasm of participating students.

At Chinchpokli Station, Shri Madhukar Mohol, Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Cooperation, and Shri Arvind Sawant, Member of Parliament, were present.

At Savada Station, Smt. Raksha Khadse, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, were present.

At Murtizapur Station, Shri Anup Dhotre, Member of Parliament, were present.

At Vadala Road Station, Shri Kalidas Kolambkar, Hon'ble MLA, were present.

At Shahad Station, Shri Kumar Ailani, Hon'ble MLA, were present.

### Western railway introduces superfast express between **Bandra Terminus** and Bikaner

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 22: For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand, a superfast express is being introduced between Bandra Terminus and Bikaner station.

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

Train No. 21903/21904 Bandra Terminus – Bikaner Superfast Weekly Express

Train No. 21903 Bandra Terminus - Bikaner Superfast Express will depart from Bandra Terminus every Monday at 23.25 hrs and reach Bikaner at 20.40 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 26th May, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 21904 Bikaner – Bandra Terminus Express will depart from Bikaner every Wednesday at 08.50 hrs and arrive Bandra Terminus at 06.45 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th May, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Nadiad, Sabarmati, Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Falna, Marwar, Pali Marwar, Jodhpur, Merta Road, Nagaur, Nokha and Deshnoke stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 3-Tier (Economy) and AC Chair Car Coaches.

The booking of the Train No. 21903 will open from 23.05.2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

### WR extends trips of **Weekly special trains** between Mumbai **Central and Katihar**

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, May 22: For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand, Western Railway has extended the trips of Train No. 09189/09190 Mumbai Central - Katihar Weekly Special on the same composition, timings, halts and path.

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

- 1. Train No. 09189 Mumbai Central Katihar Special has been extended up to 27th September, 2025
- has been extended up to 30th September, 2025.



### **SC slams Navy for denying Permanent Commission** to woman JAG Officer

New Delhi, May 22 (UNI): The Supreme Court has criticised the Indian Navy for not granting Permanent Commission (PC) to Commander Seema Chaudhary, a woman officer from the 2007 Short Service Commission (SSC) batch in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) branch, despite clear directions given earlier by the top judiciary.

A bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh took serious note of the Navy's inaction, making it clear that the court's previous direction to "consider" the officer's case could not be used as an excuse to avoid action.

"Enough is enough... we give you one week to grant her Permanent Commission," Justice Kant stated sternly during the hearing.

The case revolves around Commander Seema Chaudhary, who has faced prolonged legal battles and filed nearly five petitions seeking justice. Her counsel, Senior Advocate Rekha Palli, argued that while male officers are inducted directly into Permanent Commission, women officers are only taken in through Short Service Commission. She added that currently, there are no women JAG officers in the

After reviewing Chaudhary's service record and performance reports, the court questioned why she was denied PC, especially when she was found fit in all

In defence, Senior Advocate Dr. R. Balasubramanian, representing the Navy, pointed to three Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) that included adverse comments.

However, the court noted that these ACRs had already been overruled by the reviewing authority.

Justice Kant also criticised the bias reflected in the ACRs, implying a male superior had unfairly assessed the officer's work. "She was graded well in all parameters, and one officer's personal opinion cannot undo her service," he remarked. The bench

reminded the Navy that a 2024 Supreme Court order had already directed reconsideration of the officer's case under Article 142 of the Constitution. The court had ordered that Chaudhary's case be decided independently, as she was the only 2007batch JAG woman officer eligible for PC.

The judgment also permitted the Navy to proportionally increase the number of PC vacancies to accommodate her, ensuring that no other officer would be displaced and that this move would not set a precedent.

Justice Kant reminded the Navy's counsel, "This is not about ego. The 2024 judgment has reached finality. It cannot be ignored at the whims of authorities."

The petitioner alleged that her PC was being denied as retaliation for a workplace harassment complaint she filed against a male officer.A Board of Inquiry reportedly found merit in her complaint, yet she was transferred within a day of filing it, while the accused officer remained in the same post.



### Solapur Railway Division started a public awareness campaign with rally onwards to World Environment Day

(Standard Post Bureau)

Solapur, May 22: Today on Thursday, Solapur Railway Division organised a rally from the DRM office to Solapur Railway Station for public awareness campaign onwards to the occasion of World Environment Day.

The rally was started by Solapur DRM Dr. Sujeet Mishra. While guiding the rally, he told everyone that we all need to make efforts to prevent environmental degradation and secure our future. ADRM Solapur Shri Anshumali Kumar said that only by planting trees and protecting them, we can get relief from rising temperatures, so everyone should plant as many trees as possible and try to take care of them.

Railway Civil Defense Solapur team participated enthusiastically and raised various slogans related to environment. RPF department provided security for the entire rally. Mechanical Engineering Department (EnHM wing) successfully planned this rally with the cooperation of everyone. Shri Ramlal Pyase, Sr DME Solapur thanked all the people present and appealed to come forward for environmental protection.

Other railway officials, employees, social organizations and around 150 people participated in the rally.





A walkathon was organised by Solapur Division from the DRM Office to Solapur Railway Station onwards to #WorldEnvironmentDay2025 to raise public awareness. DRM, ADRM and other officials actively participated.