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INDIA UPDATE

Highlights of this week

Bengaluru, Karnataka

- The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has installed platform railings at the busy Nadaprabhu Kemppegowda Majestic (interchange) station amid incidents of passengers jumping onto the tracks.
- The Karnataka cabinet on Thursday 1 Feb 2024, cleared a slew of projects for Bengaluru including an elevated rotary flyover and a railway over bridge to the Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal railway station at a cost of Rs 263 crore. It also granted post-facto approval for various development works and white topping of roads in Bengaluru estimated to cost around Rs 1,200 crore.

Gujarat

- Around 300 youths are sitting on dharna outside Rajkot PGVCL office. They have been running this movement for the last three days after staying overnight. The protest intensifies as vacancies for electrical assistants remain unfilled, provoking significant discontent among the youth.
- Fierce fire breaks out in fodder stock in Lakhpat's Nara on Friday night (2 Feb,2024) lakhs of fodder get burnt.

Hyderabad, Telangana

- As of 3 Feb 2024, Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL) deletes posts on power outages from its @TsspdclCorporat account on X, becoming unresponsive to at least eight user complaints about recent unscheduled power cuts. Netizens express frustration over the lack of prompt response and urge TSSPDCL to address the issues.
- Ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Telangana's Congress government plans schemes for Rs 500 LPG cylinders and free electricity up to 200 units, aligning with promises made during the assembly polls. Finance department directed to allocate budget provisions for the implementation of these guarantees.

Mumbai, Maharashtra

- Maharashtra has been granted an unprecedented sum of Rs 15,554 crore for railway initiatives in the interim budget of 2023-24. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw emphasized that this record allocation is nearly 13 times higher than the average annual allocation of Rs 1,171 crore given to Maharashtra between 2009 and 2014.

Pune, Maharashtra

- Pune Traffic Police issues temporary parking modifications for Yerwada, Sinhagad Road, Dattawadi, and Deccan areas to ensure traffic safety and flow. Restrictions include no parking within 30 meters of the back entrance of Polyhub Food Court, specified areas near Golf Club Chowk, Swami Vivekananda Chowk, and designated lanes in Deccan.

-For more information on the traffic advisory please go through the following link-

<https://punemirror.com/pune/civic/pune-issues-provisional-orders-for-parking-and-traffic-changes/cid1706855788.htm>

- As of 02 Feb 2024, Central Railway introduces unreserved special trains between Mumbai and Hubballi for the vacation season. The four trains, with halts at key stations, aim to accommodate increased passenger traffic, running as unreserved and bookable through the UTS system with standard charges for superfast mail/express trains.

-For more information on this news please go through the following link-

<https://punemirror.com/pune/civic/mumbai-to-hubballi-via-pune-special-trains-announced-for-seamless-connectivity-know-details/cid1706871127.htm>

Upcoming News/Events

Bengaluru, Karnataka

- Bengaluru-Kannur Daily Express through Mangalore is finally being extended to Kozhikode to solve the travel woes to Malabar. Although the start date of the service has not been announced.

Gujarat

- AMTS bus will run till village: 20 km from Ahmedabad. Buses will go to villages upto, passengers having Janamitra smart card will be able to use Wi-Fi.
- Vadodara Municipal Corporation's Water Supply Branch announces a 600mm pipe replacement under Vadsar Railway Bridge to address leakage in Vyas pipes from 05/02/2024. Consequently, water supply to the Vadsar Railway area will be temporarily disrupted from 6:00 am to 7:00 am on 06/02/2024 and 07/02/2024.

-For a detailed overview of this news please go through the following link -

<https://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/local/gujarat/vadodara/news/water-will-not-be-available-in-the-area-due-to-leakage-shifting-in-the-pipe-under-vadsar-railway-bridge-in-vadodara-132536208.html>

Hyderabad, Telangana

- The ongoing Rs 1200 crore ORR phase-2 project within GHMC involves constructing 73 service reservoirs and a 2,988-km pipeline network, benefiting 25 lakh people. In package-2 areas, including Rajendranagar and Medchal, 38 reservoirs and 1,270 km of pipelines are under construction, with 14 reservoirs commissioned and 1,044 km of network completed.

Mumbai, Maharashtra

- Mumbai Traffic Police Control Room received a threat message about bombs at six locations in the city on Feb 2, 2024. Mumbai Police and authorities are on high alert, actively tracing the message sender.
- In the absence of new revenue sources, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation will heavily depend on compensation from the state in lieu of the Octroi tax, in addition to fixed deposits, in the coming financial year. More than 70 per cent of income may come from these two sources.

Pune, Maharashtra

- PMPML's expansion in Pimpri Chinchwad is hindered by PMRDA's delay in allocating land for three new depots, impacting service due to inadequate infrastructure. Ongoing efforts for two years have faced challenges, with PMRDA (Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority) planning to restart the plot allocation process, creating uncertainty for the establishment of the new depots.
- Bavdhan Citizen Forum requests Pune Municipal Corporation to prioritize basic infrastructure over a Rs 6.5 crore Chandni Chowk beautification project. The letter outlines persistent issues like water supply, safety measures, road improvements, and parking, emphasizing essential resident needs.
- Pune Traffic Police announce temporary traffic modifications during the construction of a drainage line connecting Varkhade Nagar and Jagdamba Hotel, led by Pune Municipal Corporation. From February 3rd to February 18th, 2024, the Varkhade Nagar to Jagdamba Hotel route will be closed, with motorists advised to take an alternative route via Jagdamba Hotel Chowk, Varkhadenagar Height Barrier, DP Road, and Kadam Bungalow for the specified period.

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GLOBAL UPDATE

Highlights of this week

China

- On Saturday 3 Feb 2024, financially constrained developer Country Garden revealed that over 30 of its projects had been identified by Chinese local governments as eligible for financial support, aligning with efforts to infuse liquidity into the beleaguered real estate sector.
- On Saturday night 27 Jan 2024, the Chinese coast guard reported that a Japanese fishing vessel, accompanied by several patrol boats, had allegedly entered the territorial waters of the Diaoyu (Senkaku) islands, as per Chinese state broadcaster CCTV.

Europe

- A bomb explodes outside a ministry in Athens on 3 Feb 2024, Greece, causing no injuries, but raising concerns about security in the region.
- As of 2 Feb 2024, Workers' strikes lead to significant disruptions in public transport across Germany, affecting commuters and emphasizing labor-related issues.

Japan

- Japan economy likely returned to growth in Q4, but remains fragile.

Iran

- The U.S. military launched an air assault on dozens of sites in Iraq and Syria used by Iranian-backed militias and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Friday, in the opening salvo of retaliation for the drone strike that killed three U.S. troops in Jordan last weekend (27&28 Jan, 2024).

Pakistan

- In an overnight attack on 29 Jan 2024, in Pakistan's Balochistan province, at least six fighters and four security officials were killed as the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) targeted military installations in the city of Mach. The assault involved gunfire and rockets, resulting in casualties, according to Jan Achakzai, the provincial information minister.

United Kingdom

- UK Calls for a ceasefire in Gaza rang out across central London as more than 10,000 pro-Palestine demonstrators marched through the capital on Saturday (4 Feb, 2024).
- In a historic move, Sinn Fein Party vice president Michelle O'Neill walks at Stormont Parliament Buildings in Belfast as Northern Ireland lawmakers elect the first Irish nationalist First Minister on February 3, 2024. This marks a significant milestone in the state's century-old history, originally established to ensure pro-British unionist dominance.

United States

- A vehicle convoy, comprising Americans opposed to illegal immigration, rallied at three points near the U.S.-Mexico border on Saturday, with organizers stating that the action focused on peaceful protest and prayer.
- Southern California experienced the first of two atmospheric river storms, causing flooding and road closures on Thursday (1 Feb, 2024). Long Beach, particularly affected, witnessed rainwater submerging vehicles and flooding streets beneath a railroad bridge in anticipation of a larger storm expected over the weekend.

Upcoming News/Events

China

- Chinese state media reported on Saturday 3 Feb 2024, that a compact yet robust Chinese rocket, the Jielong-3, successfully deployed nine satellites into orbit. This achievement signifies a growing momentum in Chinese commercial launches, anticipating an active year in space missions.

Europe

- Farmers stage a blockade at the Dutch-Belgian border in a protest on 2 Feb 2024, causing disruptions in cross-border traffic due to excessive red tape and competition from cheap imports., it is likely to be continued in the upcoming days.
- Approximately 200,000 people join widespread demonstrations across Germany, on 3 Feb 2024, expressing opposition to far-right ideologies.
- Polish farmers, aligned with the Solidarity trade union, declare a general strike starting February 9, protesting EU climate measures and cheap food imports from Ukraine. The European Commission acknowledges their concerns amid rising protests across member states.

Japan

- JERA, Japan's leading power generator and one of the largest global LNG buyers, expresses concerns over the temporary suspension of U.S. LNG export permits, fearing potential impacts on Japan's and global fuel security. The move by U.S. President Joe Biden to pause LNG export approvals is lauded by climate activists but could potentially defer decisions on new projects until after the November 5 election.

Iran

- Iran began construction on four more nuclear power plants in the country's south, with expected total capacity of 5,000 megawatts.

Pakistan

- Iran and Pakistan declare the resumption of diplomatic relations, following recent tit-for-tat air strikes. Efforts to rebuild ties are evident, highlighted by Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian's planned visit to his Pakistani counterpart three days later, marking a step towards easing tensions after the border region missile attacks.

United Kingdom

- The defence secretary has awarded a near-£2bn contract to use artificial intelligence and virtual reality to keep British warships and submarines at sea for longer.

United States

- As of 3 Feb 2024, Forecasters caution Southern California as a second, more potent atmospheric river storm approaches over the weekend, posing a risk of life-threatening floods and landslides. Intensifying rain is anticipated to start on Saturday, with the most concentrated downpours affecting a 300-mile stretch from San Luis Obispo to San Diego on Sunday and Monday (4&5 Feb, 2024).
- U.S. President Joe Biden will put forth his proposed U.S. spending plan on March 11, according to the White House Office of Management and Budget.

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