

IN BRIEF
CPI(M) state committee member Com. Subhash Jadhav passes away

Kolhapur, Sept 28 (UNI) : Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Prof. Com Subhash Atmaram Jadhav passed away this morning following a severe heart attack. He was 65 years old.Mr. Jadhav was admitted to a private hospital after suffering the heart attack but tragically passed away before receiving medical treatment.A senior member of the state CPI-M and secretary of the district CPI-M committee, Jadhav was widely recognized as a prominent labour leader and an expert on sugarcane cultivation. He actively championed the rights of sugarcane workers, serving as the state secretary of CITU and heading the state sugarcane cutter and transport labour union. Additionally, he was a member of the Sindhudurg district Asha workers union, advocating for worker welfare across sectors. His passing has left a deep void in the labour and political community, with leaders and party members mourning the loss of a committed activist.

Tiger kills woman in Gondia while asleep

Gondia, Sept 28 (UNI) : A 49-year-old woman was killed by a tiger early morning today in Palsagaon gram panchayat area in Deori taluka of Maharashtra's Gondia district, said officials. The victim, identified as Prabhabei Shankar Koram, a resident of Alevada in Deori taluka, had gone to her daughter's home in Dhamdita a month ago for childbirth related support. She was sleeping on a cot outside the house when the tiger attacked, dragged her away along with her blanket and mosquito net and killed her behind the house. Family members discovered the incident in the morning and raised an alarm, following which villagers gathered at the spot. Forest and police officials rushed to the site and conducted a panchanama.

The incident sparked anger among the locals, who staged a road blockade alleging inaction by the forest department despite frequent wildlife attacks in the region.

Red alert: Shinde orders full emergency prepared

Thane, Sept 28 (UNI) : With a red alert issued for the next 24 hours in Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, and Raigad districts along the Konkan coast, Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde today instructed the district emergency machinery to remain fully prepared.

Shinde reviewed the situation in Thane and surrounding districts, directing the district administration to stay alert, prioritize the prevention of human and livestock casualties, and be ready to handle any emergencies.

Dr. Vijay Suryavanshi, Divisional Commissioner of Konkan; Thane District Collector Shrikrishna Panchal; Thane Municipal Commissioner Saurabh Rao; Raigad District Collector Kishan Javle; Palghar District Collector Indu Rani Jakhar; Thane Zilla Parishad CEO Rohan Ghuge; and commissioners of the Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Kalyan-Dombivli, Ulhasnagar, Mira-Bhayandar, Vasai-Virar, and

Bhiwandi Municipal Corporations participated in a video conference.

Rainfall over the past 24 hours was reviewed for Mumbai, suburban Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Palghar, Raigad, Kalyan-Dombivli, Ulhasnagar, Bhiwandi, Mira-Bhayandar, and Vasai-Virar. All these areas experienced heavy rainfall, with the average recorded between 80–100 mm.

Officials noted that while river levels in Thane, Palghar, and Raigad have risen, they remain below the danger mark. Except for one person who was swept away in Bhalapur yesterday, there have been no reports of human or livestock casualties, said Deputy CM Shinde.

Though the situation remains under control, the red alert remains in effect until tonight. Shinde emphasized the need for heightened vigilance and special precautions.

He instructed that areas where rainwater has entered

homes or poses a risk to residents should be identified in advance, and people in such locations should be moved to safer areas.

Municipal schools should be prepared to accommodate displaced residents, with adequate arrangements for food and water. All emergency services must stay on high alert, with phone lines open 24×7 to respond to any emergencies.

Due to complaints about unresponsive electricity department helplines, Shinde stressed strict adherence to these instructions. All officers and staff involved in emergency services should remain field-ready.

Special attention must be given to structurally unsafe buildings within Thane, Bhiwandi, and Ulhasnagar municipal limits. If a building shows any signs of collapse, it must be evacuated immediately, Shinde directed. Additionally, personnel

should be deployed to monitor water levels in dams.Traffic police have been instructed to prevent traffic congestion in Mumbai, Thane, Bhiwandi, and on major highways, ensuring smooth movement of residents.

In Raigad, areas at risk of landslides must be evacuated promptly, with residents relocated to safety.

While the situation in Mumbai and the Konkan districts is currently under control, Shinde emphasized the need for continued preparedness in case of a sudden increase in rainfall.

Meanwhile, heavy rainfall continues in Marathwada districts, including Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Beed, Nanded, and Ahilyanagar, leading to flooding. This morning, Shinde spoke with district collectors and local MLAs to assess the situation.He instructed that residents living near rivers be moved to safe areas and directed the timely provision

Develop a sense of service to others through various activities: Patil

Sangli, Sept 28 (UNI) : Maharashtra Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Patil today said "every organisation and individual must work on the issues of the society and instil a sense of service towards others in the minds of people through various initiatives".Patil, who is also the district guardian minister, while speaking at a function, said, "We are going to increase the life span of people through health services on a large scale and connect them. For this, there is no alternative to health facilities".

He said, "To avoid falling ill, a large number of people will have to go to yoga and Vipassana in villages. It is necessary to pay special attention to eating and drinking habits. In this regard, good health habits should be instilled in young children as well. It is necessary to take care of oneself to avoid falling ill, take care after falling ill and take care after the illness is over".

RSS chief launches 'Sangh Songs' album, calls it an expression of devotion to motherland

Nagpur, Sept 28 (UNI) : Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat today released 'Sangh Songs', an album comprising 25 songs of the organisation and dubbed it as an expression of devotion to the motherland. The compilation has been rendered by noted singer Shankar Mahadevan, who performed ten of the songs live during the launch event.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhagwat said the Sangh songs reflects "austerity of life and lived experiences of swayamsevaks."

He noted that RSS has songs in almost every Indian language, estimating their number between 25,000 and 30,000."The essence of these songs lies in

dedication and in many cases the names of their makers are unknown," he remarked.

Lauding Mahadevan's performance, Bhagwat said rendering Sangh songs was not an easy task, but the singer did so "in the spirit of a true swayamsevak". He further asserted that the RSS methodology was unique and unparalleled, claiming no other model of human development had emerged globally.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari termed the album launch a "historic event" and said the songs would inspire patriotism. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis added that every Sangh song carries valuable lessons on life and are deeply inspiring.

Sanjay Raut slams govt

Mumbai, Sept 28 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut today flayed the Maharashtra government for getting busy with preparations for the upcoming cricket matches at a time when heavy rains and floods have caused widespread destruction in the state.

"People are in distress, but the government is busy preparing for cricket matches (of the ICC Women's World). Instead, go to the flood-hit areas and review the relief work," said Raut.

He said that while Marathwada has witnessed large-scale damage, heavy rain continues in Beed and Ahilyanagar and the affected people need help.

"You went there for just four hours wearing gumboots. When people need you the most, where are the Guardian Ministers?" Raut asked.

"Power is in your hands. The treasury is with you. In such a situation, what plan do you have to help the farmers devastated by this crisis? Don't ask us absurd questions about what we've done for farmers. Show us what you have done to help them and who has actually received the aid," Raut told the government.



Basohli Utsav: Basohli is complete exuberance of art & culture: LG Sinha

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said the Basohli Utsav is an opportunity to promote Brand Basohli to every corner of the country and abroad, and to provide a global platform for the handicrafts and world-renowned paintings of Basohli. Basohli Utsav, organised by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Divisional Administration, Jammu and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor today at Basohli in Kathua.

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CM Dhami agrees with predecessor TS Rawat's



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OBC Leader Prof. Laxman Hake alleges Pawar family behind



OBC leader Prof. Laxman Hake today accused the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar faction) chief Sharad Pawar, his family, and MP Nilesh Lanke of sheltering the attackers who targeted his convoy. According to Hake, photographs of the assailants with Pawar and Lanke are available as evidence.

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Congress demands action on BJP leader's death threat



Congress general secretary KC Venugopal today demanded strict action against BJP leader Printu Mahadev for allegedly issuing death threats to Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. The Congress leader in a post on X said that he has written to Home Minister Amit Shah bring the party's concern to his attention.

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Footwear and other belongings of people, who attended the rally of actor and Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay, lie on a road in the aftermath of a stampede during the rally, in Karur district, Tamil Nadu.

25 stranded citizens rescued amid heavy rains in Nashik

Nashik, Sept 28 (UNI) : Due to heavy rains in the district today, several citizens were stranded at different places. However, with the help of the local administration, disaster management teams, and Aapda Mitra, all 25 stranded citizens were successfully rescued.

Thirteen people stranded in fields in Andarsul and Kolgaon in Yeola taluka were rescued safely after local teams immediately reached the

spot.Two elderly citizens stranded in Bharam village in the same taluka were also rescued with the joint efforts of the Aapda Mitra team from Malegaon and the local administration.Two cows trapped in the Godavari riverbed in Lakhgaon in Nashik taluka were also rescued safely by the local team.Six citizens trapped in water in Davleshwar in Trimbakeshwar taluka were rescued, with local teams carrying out commendable work.Meanwhile, after

receiving information that a family of six was stranded in Kopergaon (Ahilyanagar district) outside Nashik, a team of three fire brigade personnel and four disaster relief workers from Nashik Municipal Corporation was immediately dispatched.

All rescue operations were carried out promptly and successfully.

The administration has appealed to citizens to remain alert and avoid unnecessary travel, the Collectorate stated.

Amit Shah, Mandaviya hail India's Asia Cup victory over Pak

New Delhi, Sept 28 (UNI) union Home Minister Amit Shah tonight praised the Indian cricket team's historic win over Pakistan in the Asia Cup finals, saying Bharat is destined to win no matter which field – in a reference to Operation Sindoor and the Indian military's emphatic victory.

The Home Minister posted on X: “A phenomenal victory.“The fierce energy of our boys blew up the rivals again.

Bharat is destined to win no matter which field.”Union Youth and Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya also referred to Operation Sindoor, posting in Hindi, that India had defeated Pakistan on the battlefield and now had done so on the sports field.“Sarhad pe bhi haraya, maidan mein bhi haraya.”India defeated Pakistan by five wickets to lift the Asia Cup 2025 at the Dubai International Stadium today.

Mumbai BJP's 'Namo Netra Sanjeevani Abhiyan', record distribution of 1.5 lakh free spectacles in a single day

Attempt to bring a new perspective in the lives of Mumbaikars : MLA Amit Satam

(By Rajesh undi)

Mumbai, Sept 28 : As part of the "Seva Pandharvada" celebrated across the country on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday, Mumbai BJP today implemented the "Namo Netra Sanjeevani Abhiyan" initiative under the leadership of Mumbai BJP President MLA Amit Satam and 1.5 lakh free spectacles were distributed.

This grand initiative of Mumbai BJP was recognized by prestigious organizations like Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records and has officially recorded this record. This record has been recorded in the category of "Distribution of the most free spectacles in a single day". A special certificate has been presented to Mumbai BJP President MLAAmit Satam in this regard.

MLA Amit Satam said that under this initiative, eye check-up camps were organized simultaneously in all 227 Municipal



Corporation wards of Mumbai. Free eye check-up was done in these camps and free spectacles were distributed. A total of 1.5 lakh free spectacles were distributed in a single day, said MLA Amit Satam.

Seva Fortnight is organized to celebrate the values ??of service, responsibility, collective effort and Indian culture.

This is not just a work of service but a duty. On the

occasion of Prime Minister Modi's birthday, we have undertaken this social initiative with a sense of dedication. Similar public welfare programs will be organized in the future as well, said MLAAmit Satam.

MLA Amit Satam further said that service and dedication are the foundation of BJP and this initiative is It is a reflection of commitment. The primary objective of this campaign

was to bring a new perspective in the lives of Mumbaikars and serve them with dedication, said MLAAmit Satam.

Thousands of doctors, healthcare workers, volunteers and BJP workers actively participated in the campaign.

Eye specialists were present at various locations to conduct screening and ensure proper distribution of spectacles.

Naxalism to end by March 2026 as govt has adopted unified approach: Shah

New Delhi, Sept 28 (UNI) : Union Home Minister Amit Shah today reiterated that India will be free from Naxalism by March 31, 2026 as the Modi government instead of a scattered approach, has adopted a unified and ruthless approach.

Addressing the valedictory session of ‘Bharat Manthan-2025: Naxal Mukti Bharat - Ending Red Terror Under Modi’s Leadership’ here, Shah added that the policy of the government is to roll out the red carpet and welcome those who wish to surrender by laying down their arms. But if anyone takes up arms to kill innocent tribals, the government's duty is to protect the innocent tribals and to confront the armed Naxalites, a Home Ministry statement said.

Shah said that for the first time, the Government of India adopted a clear policy without any confusion. The state police and central security forces were given freedom, and a practical bridge was built between the Government of India and the state governments for coordination in intelligence, information sharing and operations.

Stating that strict control was imposed on the supply of arms and ammunition of Naxalites, Shah said, "After 2019, we have succeeded in blocking more than 90 per cent of their supply. The NIA and the ED have tightened the noose around those who finance the Naxalites, and that we have also fought against urban Naxal support, their legal aid networks, and the crafting of media narratives. We took targeted action against members of the central committee, and more than 18 central committee members have been neutralized from August 19

to this date".The Home Minister said the security vacuum has also been filled, and targeted operations such as Operation Octopus and Operation Double Bull were carried out. He added that joint training of the DRG, STF, CRPF and COBRA units has also been initiated. The four now carry out operations together and their chain of command is now clear.

Shah said, "We do not want to kill anyone. Compared to the 290 Naxalites neutralized, 1,090 were arrested, and 881 surrendered. This reflects the government’s approach. Every effort is made to give Naxalites the opportunity to surrender or be arrested. However, when Naxalites take up arms and set out to kill innocent Indian citizens, security forces have no choice but to respond with force".

Adding that in 2025, so far, 270 Naxalites have been neutralized, 680 arrested, and 1,225 have surrendered, he said the number of surrenders and arrests exceeds the number of those neutralized. The high number of surrenders indicates that the time left for Naxalites is now very limited.He said that after 2019, emphasis was also placed on capacity building of states. Under the SRE and SIS schemes, approximately Rs 3,331 crore was released, reflecting a 55 percent increase. Through this, fortified police stations were expanded, with around Rs 1,741 crore spent on them. He stated that over the last six years, the Modi government established 336 new CAPF camps to address the security vacuum.As a result, compared to the period of 2004–14, the period of 2014–24 saw a 73 percent reduction in security personnel deaths and a 74 percent reduction in civilian

deaths. Shah said that earlier, success was elusive in Chhattisgarh due to the opposition government there. However, in 2024, after our government came to power, the highest number of Naxalites— 290—were neutralized in a single year.

He said that Naxalites had established a large camp at Karregutaa Hills on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border, which housed a significant stockpile of weapons, two years' worth of rations, and factories for manufacturing weapons and IEDs, and was extremely difficult to access. On May 23, this camp was destroyed in Operation Black Forest, and 27 hardcore Naxalites were killed. Furthermore, 24 hardcore Naxalites were killed in Bijapur. Through this operation, the backbone of the remaining Naxalites in Chhattisgarh was broken.

Shah dismissed the notion that the root cause of Left-Wing Extremism is lack of development and termed it as misleading. He said, "Prime Minister Modi has launched numerous schemes for 60 crore poor people, but in Naxal-affected areas, who prevents these schemes from reaching the people? He asked, if schools have not reached Sukma or Bijapur, who is responsible? Why have roads not been built in Left-Wing dominated areas? Because the Naxalites killed contractors".

Shah asked why don’t intellectuals who write lengthy articles advising the government write about the victimized tribals? Why is their empathy selective? He said that neither the supporters of the Naxalites want the development of the tribals, nor do they genuinely care for them. Instead, they are only concerned with keeping

alive their ideology, which has been rejected across the world. Shah stated that the sole reason development has not reached these areas is the Leftist ideology.

He said that during Operation Black Forest, Leftist political parties wrote letters pleading to stop the campaign, "exposing their true face". He said that there will be no ceasefire with the Naxalites. If they want to surrender, there is no need for a ceasefire — they should simply lay down their arms. The police will not fire a single shot and will reintegrate them. As soon as Operation Black Forest began, all the covert sympathies of the Naxalites’ supporters were exposed.

He stated that to curb the financial resources of Naxalites, the NIA, ED and state governments have seized properties worth crores of rupees. The Home Minister remarked that wherever Leftist ideology has taken root globally, it has had an inseparable link with violence, and this is the root of Naxalism.

He said that the fight against Naxalism will not end until Indian society understands those who provide ideological, legal, and financial support to Naxalism. He emphasized that internal security and the protection of the nation's borders have always been a core part of government's ideology.

"Three key objectives have been central to our party’s mission: internal and external security of the country, cultural nationalism, and the revival of all aspects of Indian culture," he said. He also paid his respects to all those who sacrificed their lives, lost their loved ones, and endured physical and mental hardships due to Left-wing violence since the 1960s.

President Murmu conveys heartiest congratulations to Indian team

New Delhi, Sept 28 (UNI) : President Droupadi Murmu tonight conveyed her heartiest congratulations to the Indian cricket team for winning the Asia Cup final.

In a post on X, the President said that Team India did not lose any match in the tournament, played in Dubai, marking its dominance in the game. “My heartiest congratulations to Team India for winning the Asia Cup cricket tournament. The team did not lose any match in the tournament, marking its dominance in the game. I wish Team India sustained glory in the future.” India defeated Pakistan by five wickets to lift the Asia Cup 2025 at the Dubai International Stadium today.

PM Modi hails India's win against Pak in Asia Cup

New Delhi, Sept 28 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi tonight hailed the Indian cricket team's historic win over Pakistan in the final of the Asia Cup 2025, terming it as "Operation Sindoor" on the games field.

In a post on X, the PM said, referring to India's cross-border military attacks on terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in May following the Pahalgam terror attack:

"#OperationSindoor on the games field.

"Outcome is the same - India wins!"Congrats to our cricketers." India defeated Pakistan by five wickets to lift the Asia Cup 2025 at the Dubai International Stadium today.

CM Dhami agrees with predecessor TS Rawat's support for CBI probe in UKSSSC paper leak matter

Dehradun, Sept 28 (UNI) : A day after former Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat extended support for a CBI probe demand into the subordinate services exam question paper leak, his successor Pushkar Singh Dhami today said he was not averse to it if needed. Dhami alleged that some people were trying to do politics in the guise of protests by the students and unemployed youth.

"We are not averse to the idea of CBI probe in UKSSSC paper leak matter. If need be my government will not shy away from CBI investigation for we want to take every decision in the interest of the students. I will keep working for justice to the students till I am alive," said the Uttarakhand Chief Minister at the BJP state headquarters while answering a question.

Dhami however added "A SIT probe has already been instituted. Let there be some progress in this direction as even the higher agency will like to know the extent of investigation done by the state."

Without naming anyone the chief minister alleged "some people were trying to derive political mileage from the ongoing protests by the students as they failed in their conventional politics." Dhami had made similar allegations in the starting of the protests claiming that there was a move to create public unrest in the state and against his government.

It's notable that his predecessor and Haridwar Lok Sabha MP Trivendra Singh Rawat had yesterday extended his support for a CBI probe in the paper leak matter and demanded that the chief minister must assure the students of the same. Rawat had said "There is no harm in a CBI probe. I think the chief minister must assure the students of ordering a CBI probe if they are demanding it. There shouldn't be any problem in a higher agency probe in light of the extent of anger among students across the state."

CM Dhami further said "Many people have tried to mislead the students and unemployed youths protesting against the paper leak in the Uttarakhand Subordinate Services Selection Commission examination on September 21. They tried to abuse Sanatan as well. They must understand that more than 100 persons who worked for cheating and paper leak mafia were sent behind bars by us and no guilty persons will be spared in the present investigation as well."Dhami informed that the SIT probe will also reveal how the question paper was leaked only to one person from a particular centre. "Probe will also dig out the past records of the main accused and the chronology of his becoming a candidate for UKSSSC examination," said chief minister.

Dhami who was there to express his views on Atmnirbhar Bharat (self reliant India) said the country is moving ahead steadfastly towards self reliance in almost every field from making a needle to manufacturing defence weapons needed by the Indian armed forces.

Delhi CM dedicates six-lane flyover at Nand Nagri, Trans-Yamuna, to ease traffic woes

New Delhi, Sept 28 (UNI) :Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta today dedicated the new six-lane flyover between Nand Nagri and Gagan Cinema to the public in the Trans-Yamuna area, aimed at providing relief to locals regarding traffic issues.

The CM said that lakhs of vehicles will be able to use this flyover smoothly on a daily basis, helping save travel time.

According to the CM, the initiative aims to simplify and ease the lives of lakhs of families residing in the Trans-Yamuna region.

Taking to the social media platform X, the CM said that the project, which had been delayed for a long time, has been completed within seven months by the BJP government, serving as a living example of the present administration's momentum, resolve, and good governance.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is moving swiftly towards the goal of a 'Viksit Delhi.'

The CM called this flyover a step towards relief and a bright future for the city, also reflecting the speed of development.

Meanwhile, MP Manoj Tiwari, Cabinet Minister Parvesh Verma, Deputy Speaker of the Delhi Assembly Mohan Singh Bisht, who is also the local MLA, and several others were present on the occasion.

Verma said that the flyover will provide relief to lakhs of people who had been facing traffic-related problems.

Kirti Sagathia to lead the unstoppable 11-night Garba festival at Malad



(By Rajesh undi)

Mumbai, Sept 28 : Day 6 Radhe Maa, Muskan Banne, Mohit Kapoor, Manish Rana, Myra Dharti, Shivani Giri, Nikita Rawal, Aastha Rawal, Hema Sharma, Sneha Shankar, Ram Shankar and Danish Alfaaz "Divya Raas 2025" at Inorbit Mall, Malad - Kirti Sagathia to lead the unstoppable 11-night Garba festival.

Divya Raas 2025 at Inorbit Mall, Malad, is lighting up the city with 11 unforgettable nights of Navratri celebrations from September 21st to October 1st. Led by the impressive performer Kirti Sagathia, audiences are set to experience evenings filled

with energetic Garba, soulful music, and boundless devotion.

Conceptualized by Sagar Shah (Founder of Eventree) and Sagar Bhatia (Founder of Rudra-Akshar Entertainments & Holidays), with Varun Bharot and Rutika Malviya of Hardyboyz as official partners, the Divine Raas combines the soul of tradition with the grandeur of modern celebrations. With a fully covered venue, ample parking, and access to the metro station right outside Inorbit Mall, the event promises a relaxed and joyous celebration for both families and young people.

The opening ceremony

set the perfect tone for what was to come, as Kirti Sagathia mesmerized the audience with her rustic yet powerful voice and infused the venue with unmatched energy. Known for Bollywood hits like "Tum Tak" (Raanjhanaa), "Photocopy" (Jai Ho), "Bhai Bhai" (Ramleela) and Gujarati songs like "Ude Re Gulaal" (Kutch Express), Kirti's live magic created an atmosphere of devotion, rhythm, and unity.

Speaking about the celebration, Kirti Sagathia said* _“Navratri is a festival that connects hearts through music and dance.

I'm thrilled to bring my energy to Divya Raas and

see Malad illuminated with joy, togetherness, and tradition. Let's make every night memorable.”_

Sagar Shah, Founder of Eventree, said _“Divya Raas is about creating a grand stage where tradition meets modern celebration. With Kirti Sagathia's musical leadership, we are ready for 11 nights of pure magic at Inorbit Mall.”_

Sagar Bhatia, Founder of Rudra - Akshar Entertainments & Holidays, said _“Navratri symbolizes togetherness, and with Divya Raas, we wanted to create a space where everyone can feel the pulse of this festival. This year will be remembered as Mumbai's most vibrant Navratri.”_

Varun Barot and Rutika Malviya, Partners of Hardyboys also said* _“Our aim has always been to provide an unforgettable community experience. Divya Raas is the perfect celebration where music, dance, and devotion merge.”_

So put on your ghagra-choli and kediya, grab your dandiya sticks, and join Kirti Sagathia as Divya Raas 2025 transforms Malad's Inorbit Mall into the epicenter of Navratri celebrations in Mumbai.

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Rain intensity falls in Mumbai, Red Alert lifted but advisory remains Pune Univ to launch S.D. Phadnis chair

Mumbai, Sept 28 (UNI) : Mumbai is set to experience moderate showers with isolated thunderstorms and gusty winds tomorrow, following a weekend of exceptionally heavy rainfall that caused widespread waterlogging and transport disruptions, according to the India Meteorological Department(IMD).

The weather system is weakening as a low-pressure area moves inland and dissipates, prompting the IMD to lift the red alert issued for Mumbai and adjoining districts of Thane, Palghar, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg. The city recorded 120.8 mm of rainfall at Colaba and 83.8 mm at Santacruz in the 24 hours ending at 0830 IST today.

Residents witnessed clear skies today morning, though intermittent moderate rain is anticipated throughout the day, accompanied by thunder and lightning, particularly in south Mumbai, with wind gusts reaching 40–50 km per hour. Temperatures are likely to hover around 27 degrees Celsius, offering slight respite from the weekend's downpour. The monsoon withdrawal has been delayed this year, so while rain intensity will decline, occasional showers may persist into early October.

Waterlogging affected more than 30 low lying areas today morning, including Dadar, Andheri and Santa Cruz, but receding water levels in major subways such as Andheri and Kurla helped restore traffic flow on arterial roads by mid-afternoon. Local train services on Western and Central lines, which faced delays of up to 20 minutes due to water on the tracks, are expected to run normally tomorrow morning. BEST buses continued to operate without diversions, though commuters are urged to allow extra travel time owing to wet roads and intermittent downpours. Harbour Line and Trans-Harbour services resumed full schedules after tracks were cleared of debris and dried.

The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation reported no major disruptions on inter-city routes but advised drivers to reduce speed on waterlogged stretches and avoid sudden braking. High tide conditions compounded flood risk over the weekend, with September 28 seeing high tides of 3.24 metres at 1455 hours and 3.42 metres at 0330 hours, slowing drainage from coastal roads. With spring tides expected again tomorrow afternoon, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has deployed additional pumps at critical junctions in Malabar Hill and Worli to expedite water discharge into the sea.

Air quality improved notably after the rains cleared suspended particulates, with the Central Pollution Control Board's real-time AQI index showing a drop from poor to moderate levels and PM2.5 concentrations falling below 100 micrograms per cubic metre in most suburbs. Experts caution that accumulating dampness could promote mould and damp-air pollutants, urging ventilation in offices and homes. Reservoir levels supplying drinking water to Mumbai have risen to 99.5 per cent of capacity after the weekend downpour, securing adequate supply through the coming fortnight, and the BMC has announced that water cuts planned during drier months will remain suspended until at least October 15.

Schools and colleges that closed today due to waterlogging and traffic chaos will reopen on tomorrow though parent-teacher associations have been asked to excuse late arrivals. The Maharashtra Public Service Commission, which postponed its preliminary examination scheduled for today, confirmed revised dates will be announced this week and advised candidates to monitor official notifications. The IMD forecasts that September 30 will bring light rain and cloudy skies, with morning showers diminishing by late afternoon and night-time temperatures dipping to 24 degrees Celsius. Early October is likely to see residual light showers with daily highs between 25 and 28 degrees Celsius as the monsoon trough retreats eastward.

Authorities remind residents to avoid sheltering under trees during thunderstorms and to unplug electrical appliances amid lightning risk. Citizens are urged to check flood-risk areas before setting out, use public transport where possible, and keep emergency contact numbers 1916 and the BMC helpline 022-22855555 handy. The National Disaster Response Force remains on alert but reports no immediate deployment requirements. With the monsoon's final surge weakening, Mumbai braces for a more balanced post-monsoon transition, and civic agencies stand ready to respond to isolated heavy showers and protect vulnerable neighbourhoods until the southwest monsoon fully withdraws.



Union Minister of State for Road and Transport Harsh Malhotra, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta flag off new DEVI buses on the new routes across the Yamuna on the occasion of ‘Seva Pakhwada’, in New Delhi on Sunday.

Renowned Costume Designer Deepa Mehta dead

Mumbai Sept 28 (UNI) : Deepa Mehta, noted costume designer and the first wife of acclaimed actor, director and producer Mahesh Manjrekar, has died, her son Satya shared on social media today.

The cause of her death has not yet been disclosed, and her demise has cast a pall of gloom over the film industry.

"She was more than a mother to me. Her courage and strength have always been an inspiration to others," Satya said, paying tribute to Deepa Mehta.Deepa Mehta and Mahesh Manjrekar had known each other since college and later decided to marry. The couple tied the knot in 1987 and had two children, Satya and Ashwami. They separated after a few years. Manjrekar later married Medha, with whom he has a daughter, Sai.Deepa Mehta was a celebrated costume designer and ran her own saree brand, “Queen of Heart,” for which her daughter Ashwami has modeled. She was known for balancing her business, family and friends. Her untimely demise has shocked everyone.

Heavy rain triggers wall collapse in Ahilyanagar

Ahilyanagar, Sept 28 (UNI) : Heavy rainfall in Ahilyanagar district resulted in a tragic incident at Pimpalgaon Unda village in Jamkhed tehsil, where a house wall collapsed last night leading to the death of an elderly woman. The victim has been identified as 75

year old farmer named Parubai.She was buried under the rubble when the wall suddenly gave way due to the intense rains that have been affecting the region for the past four days.Local villagers immediately rushed Parubai to the district hospital, but she

succumbed to her injuries early on Sunday. Her husband, Kisan Gawane, also sustained injuries in the collapse and is currently undergoing medical treatment at the hospital. The district administration has evacuated other residents from the affected house to

safer locations as a precautionary measure following the incident.

A team led by the tehsildar has arrived at the spot to investigate the circumstances surrounding the wall collapse. The district administration sources confirmed that the rainfall

in Ahilyanagar had intensified dramatically during the night, contributing to the hazardous conditions that led to this unfortunate event. Authorities are continuing their assessment of the situation to ensure the safety of residents in the area.

CJI Gavai's mother denies invitation to RSS Vijayadashami function

Amravati/Nagpur, Sept 28 (UNI) : Kamaltai Gavai, mother of Chief Justice of India(CJI) B. R. Gavai, has categorically denied reports that she will attend the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) Vijayadashami celebrations in Amravati.

In a statement issued today, Kamaltai Gavai labelled the circulating reports as "completely false" and a "conspiracy" attributed to the RSS. "I have not accepted any invitation nor given written consent to attend the programme. I will not be present at the Vijayadashami event of the RSS in Amravati," she said, adding that associating her with the event is "misleading and untrue."

Kamaltai emphasised that her family remains firmly committed to Ambedkarite ideology and constitutional values. She urged the public, particularly Ambedkarite followers, not to fall prey to what RSS said and described as "false propaganda".

Reflecting on the symbolism of October 5, the planned date of the RSS centenary Vijayadashami in Amravati, Kamaltai noted that while Vijayadashami may hold cultural importance for many, her community accords greater significance to Dhammachakra Pravartan Din, which commemorates Emperor Ashoka's conversion to Buddhism.

She extended greetings to the public on that occasion, reaffirming her family's alignment with social justice and principles enunciated by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

Fire in chemical factory injures three

Pune, Sept 28 (UNI) : A major fire broke out at a chemical company in Ambadbet, Mulshi Taluka of the district today. According to preliminary information from police, the blaze erupted this afternoon.

The company is reportedly engaged in the packaging of sodium chloride.

Upon receiving information, fire engines from the Marunji Fire Brigade rushed to the site.

Paud Police also arrived promptly, sealing the area and initiating rescue operations. Thick plumes of smoke engulfed the vicinity, creating panic among local residents.

Firefighting efforts are underway on a war footing.

The explosion has caused extensive damage to the company premises. Three workers, two men and one woman, sustained serious injuries.

They have been identified as Sandeep Laxman Shendkar (49) Mohit Raj Sukhan Choudhary (49) and Renuka Dhanraj Gaikwad (40) All three are admitted to a hospital at Ghotawade Phata.

The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. Police suspect that a chemical explosion might have triggered the blaze.

Statements from other employees and eyewitnesses are being recorded as part of the ongoing investigation by Paud Police.

OBC Leader Prof. Laxman Hake alleges Pawar family behind attack on his convoy

Ahilyanagar, Sept 28 (UNI) : OBC leader Prof. Laxman Hake today accused the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar faction) chief Sharad Pawar, his family, and MP Nilesh Lanke of sheltering the attackers who targeted his convoy.According to Hake, photographs of the assailants with Pawar and Lanke are available as evidence.On his way from Pune to the OBC Elgar Sabha at Daitya Nandur in Pathardi taluka on Saturday afternoon, a group of youths armed with sticks allegedly attacked Hake's vehicle on the Arangaon bypass road, smashing its rear windows. No one was injured in the incident.

Following the attack, Prof. Hake has been provided with Y-plus category security.These attackers have no personal enmity with me, but they are goons nurtured by the

Pawar family. This is the seventh or eighth attack on me so far, but no action has been taken against the culprits. If timely action had been taken, the need to provide me protection today would not have arisen,” Hake stated.Hake also alleged that despite police protection, the attackers acted fearlessly, showing no respect for law enforcement.

He claimed the attack was linked to his recent remarks on inter-caste marriages, recalling that Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj had arranged more than 100 such marriages. “It will take them generations to understand Shahu Maharaj’s vision,” Hake remarked. He further accused the Pawar family of exploiting Maharashtra for years, practicing “guest politics,” monopolizing power, and controlling cooperative institutions in their name.

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Travel

Panchgani

Deriving its name from the surrounding five hills that envelop it, Panchgani offers a window to the past. Located just about 38 metres below Mahabaleshwar, at an altitude of 1334 metres, the approach to this beautiful hill station is replete with lovely views of the Krishna River to one side, and the plains on the other. A quintessentially residential area, it exudes a charm that harks to a time gone by. Whether in the old colonial architecture, the Parsi homes, and century-old boarding lodges. The best vantage point to take in the world below can be found at Table Land, a flat mountain peak overlooking the plains. To mix things up, head to the local bazaar where business moves along at an unhurried pace, setting a leisurely tone for your time spent here.

Keechakadara

As accounted in the Mahabharata, this is the place where Bheema killed Keechaka, the villain and threw him into the valley below. Taking its name from the incident, Keechakadara is also often referred to as Chikhaldara. Aside from its mythological roots, there's more to this beautiful hill station. Situated at an altitude of 1118 metres in the Vidarbha region, this is the only hill resort in the area, and has the added attraction of being the only coffee-growing area in Maharashtra. This is even a great place for wild life enthusiasts to do some spotting as panthers, bears, sambar, wild boar, and wild dogs thrive here and it is neighboured by the famous Melghat Tiger Project which has 82 tigers. Hurricane Point, Prospect Point, and Devi Point are all great vantage points to take in the views, and this is also a good starting point for excursions to Gavilgad and Narnala Fort.

Bhandardara

Also cradles within the Sahyadri Hills,

5 hill stations in Maharashtra to get away to

Through the length of its state, Maharashtra encompasses a landscape ranging from the steeply rising Western Ghats, all the way down to the seashore of the Arabian Sea. Cradled within is carpeted green mountain walls, are the most stunning hill stations, each with a charm that's all their own. Take a break from the frenzied pace of the city and get away to these oases of calm.

Bhandardara, with its soaring mountain ranges, plunging waterfalls and carpet of green, attracts tourists all through the year. For a short hour-long journey, this hill station offers city dwellers a drastically contrasting landscape and stunning surroundings. Bright green paddy fields and clear blue skies punctuated with a labyrinth of gurgling streams, provide all the essential ingredients for a weekend away from the madding crowds. There's enough to keep you busy through the days. Built in 1910, Wilson Dam stands 150-

metres-high and has a beautiful garden at the base. of Wilson Dam there is a garden endowed with thick greenery, streams and gigantic trees, the silently serene Arthur lake which mirrors the beauty of its surroundings in its blue waters, Mount Kalsubai, which is Maharashtra's highest peak at 1646 metres and draws in serious trekkers to its summit, the Agasti Risha Ashram which has been mentioned in the Ramayan and the ancient Ratangad Fort which offers panoramic views from its ramparts.

Matheran

Discovered back in 1850 by Hugh Malet, collector for the Thane district, Matheran sits atop the Sahyadris Mountain range and is another hot weekend getaway for city slickers. This gorgeous and quaint hill station is best accessed via the slow-moving toy train which chugs along over a leisurely two-hour-long journey from the valley below. Sprawled across a lush green,

undulating hilltop, Matheran sits at a height of about 800 metres with drastic, steep cliffs offering the most stunning views of the plains below. Make your way up to Hart Point at night, and take in the dreamy, twinkling lights of Mumbai far below, meander through the winding ways and feast your eyes on the British-Parsi architecture of the local homes, walk up to Charlotte Lake, and do a spot of shopping in the market where you'll find lots of leather goodies, hats and ofcourse the famous sweet-sticky chikki best eaten hot and fresh.

Mahabaleshwar

Translating to mean 'God of Great Power' in Sanskrit, Mahabaleshwar is a favourite hill destination with Maharashtrians. Once the summer capital of the Bombay Presidency during the British Raj, it offers visitors a perfect blend of modernity with old-world charm. Aside from being abound with natural beauty, there's lots you can do here to keep entertained. All parts of the hill station are accessible by car, so getting around is no problem, and if you're feeling adventurous, just climb onto a horse and get going. Make your way to Malcolm Peth, the bazaar at the heart of Mahabaleshwar, which has a good mix of hotels, shops and restaurants. Visit Mount Malcolm which was built in 1829 and once served as the Governor's residence, Moraji Castle which was home to Mahatma Gandhi back in 1945, and wind down at the Mahabaleshwar Club in the evening over drinks. During the day you can take the short drive up to Venna Lake and go boating or fishing, and proceed a little further down to Panchgani, and walk through the strawberry fields.

5 reasons why you should visit

Kerala during the Monsoon

During the rains, god's own country transforms into a veritable paradise with lush greenery gracing its backwaters and hills, cloudy sunsets, cool breeze and the cheerful fervour of an array of festivals. Intermittent showers heighten the romance of the season. It might not be the best time to hit the beaches, but here are five reasons why Kerala in the monsoon will leave you singin' in the rain.

Snake boat races

The months between July and September are water sports season, with the backwaters around Alappuzha playing host to a series of snake boat races. The most famous of the lot is the Nehru Trophy Boat Race, generally held on the second Saturday of August every year. The regatta takes place on the Punnamada Lake, and features ceremonial processions and magnificent floats. Its star attraction is the synchronised rowing of traditional 30-metre-long snake-boats or chudan valloms, which have a raised prow resembling a snake.

The Onam sadya feast

This ten-day harvest festival celebrates the homecoming of the mythical king Mahabali, but it's also a good excuse to feast on some of Kerala's most lip-smacking vegetarian fare. Traditionally served on palm leaves, the nine-course banquet is held on the last or tenth day. It's best savoured at a local home, but you don't manage to get an invite then most local restaurants also offer these meals. The preceding days are filled with costume parades, boat races and shopping discounts.

Great hotel deals

Sandwiched between Kerala's sweltering summers and its peak tourist season (November to March), the monsoon is a great time to snag deals at otherwise expensive hotels and resorts. If you've ever fantasised about an indulgent houseboat

trawl through the backwaters, then this is the time to get the best bargains. To avail the best discounts, make sure you plan your visit before the end of September, after which tariffs being climbing up again.

Ayurvedic therapies

Kerala is home to several excellent spas and wellness resorts, and there's no better time to pamper yourself than the monsoon season. According to Ayurveda, the cool, pleasant weather is ideal for rejuvenation. Sign up for a week-long retreat at top-notch stays such as the Kairali Ayurvedic Healing Village Health Resort in Palakkad or Somatheeram Ayurvedic Health Resort in Kovalam with relaxing oil-based therapies, massages, yoga and a balanced diet that'll cleanse your mind, body and soul.

Wayanad's natural splendour

With virescent hills carpeted with plantations, rainforests and tumbling waterfalls, Wayanad is a photographer's delight. After you've had your fill of its misty coffee, tea and spice plantations, head to the

Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary that hosts numerous migrating birds in this period. Wayanad's tourism department also holds an annual monsoon carnival in July with village excursions, rain treks as well as local sports such as mud football and archery.





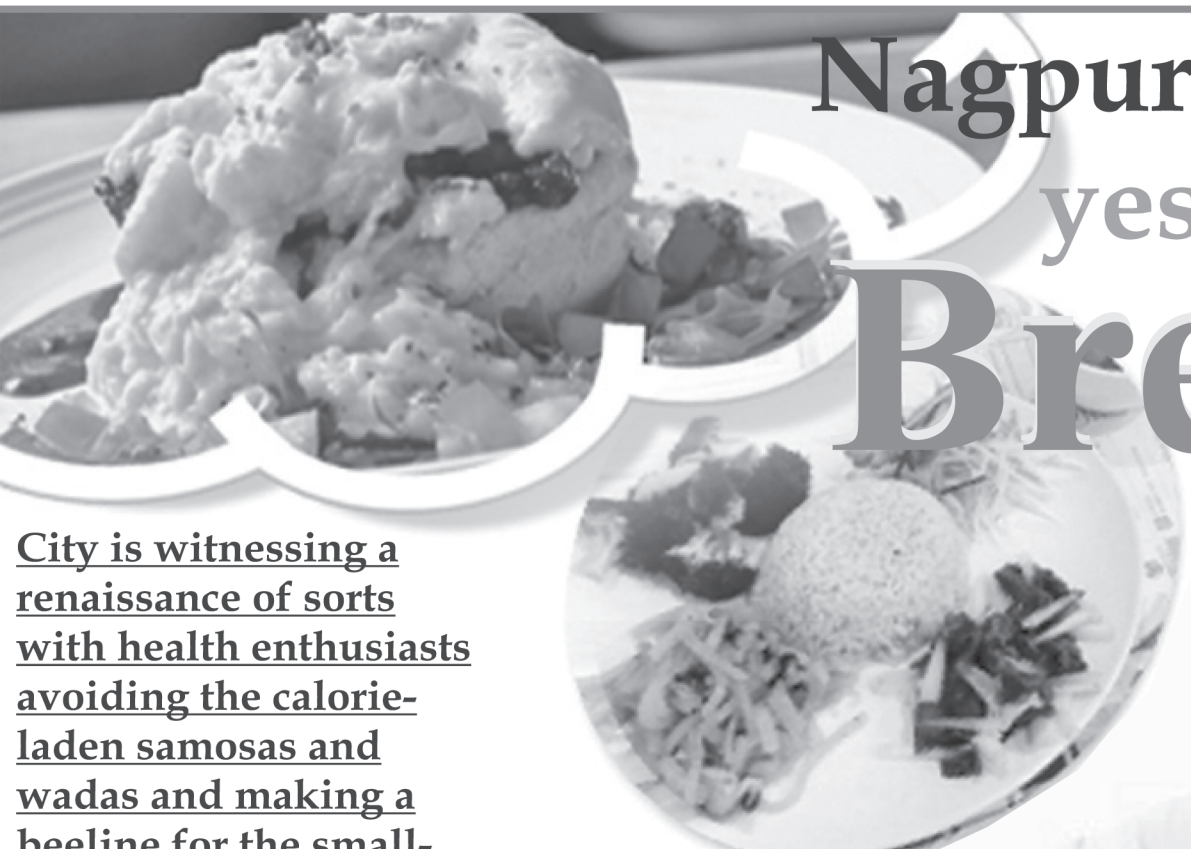
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Nagpur early risers say yes to healthy

Breakfast



City is witnessing a renaissance of sorts with health enthusiasts avoiding the calorie-laden samosas and wadas and making a beeline for the small-time breakfast joints and juice centres, serving healthy breakfast near the gardens, joggers' streets and lake-side trails of Nagpur.

Fruity flavours There are many morning walkers, who prefer to stay away from the snacks early in the morning, so they go in for refreshing fruit shakes and juices. Dr Veena Talavia, who goes for a walk to the VNIT campus, is happy that there are quite a few options available there when it comes to fruit juices. "It has become a routine of sorts for my friends and I, post our morning walk. The number of juice centres has increased manifold in the past one year due to rise in the number of fitness enthusiasts these days.

People of all age groups enjoy shakes and juices of their choice. There are many cane juice centres too, which are crowded early in the morning," she said.

Vote for Veggies One can also relish a variety of vegetable juices near different jogging lanes. A kiosk at Dattatray Nagar, which serves aloe vera, bitter gourd and spinach juice, is crowded since six in the morning. Also, the wheat grass juice centres attract many fitness freaks, taking a walk around the Japanese Garden. Entrepreneur Bharat Goenka confessed that the vegetables juices are the biggest motivation for him to get up early. He said, "The juicewala outside the garden knows my vegetable juice combination, so the moment he sees me coming back from my rounds, he keeps the juice ready. Now I look forward to wake up early and come here for a walk." Medicinal Neera Neera is a popular beverage, which has become an integral part of many fitness freaks' lives. Makeshift neera centres opposite G S College, at Zero Mile and the Gandhi Sagar Lake are favoured by many. This healthy drink has to be consumed before the sun rises lest it



becomes alcoholic. A marketing professional, Anil Dhurve, confessed, "I feel fitter and healthier as I take neera every day; so it has become a habit now. After this traditional drink, I relish the idlis and upma at the roadside South Indian eateries at Sadar and Dharampeth."

Egg it on For those who swear by the health benefits of eggs, have become the regular patrons of the road-side kiosks specialising in eggy delights. Owner of one such food truck joint at Bajaj Nagar, Nahush Badge, said, "We have set up this joint specially for

the people who come for early morning walk in this area. Exotic dishes like egg tham jham and egg flip corn are favoured by the health conscious people." City businessman Atul Bangre, who religiously eats eggs post his running stint every day, said, "I get so tired after my exercise that I want to have something instant as well as healthy. So, I eat egg salad along with cheese chilla almost every alternate day. There's another joint at Abhyankar Nagar bus stand, which serves egg sandwiches in the morning hours, which are to die for; so I go there too on a regular basis."

We all love our lemonades and ice creams on a hot summer day. As the mercury soars, Amdavadis are giving cool twists to your summer staples.

Summer coolers with a Twist

Fancy a chilled soup or an ice cream sandwich? In this heat, as your appetite goes for a toss, why not try some summer special meals that will not only ensure you stay cool but also fill you up and have you feeling light and happy.

Say cool:

Be it some breezy rose sherbet, rejuvenating fresh juices, tall glasses of iced falooda or the humble nimbu pani — walk into one of our local cafes and enjoy a volley of unique cool mixes. So you find flavoured drinks like kiwi, strawberry and even plum lemonades and fruity buttermilk concoctions to chilled and wholesome pumpkin, cucumber and bell pepper soups and watermelon gazpachos. Says Reena Kakkar, owner of a cafe, "Lot of chilled fruit and vegetable soups are nutritious meals and perfect for summers." Play with your imagination and see the cool twist.

'Hot' ice:

The long lines at the street side gola walas laari are no joke! You really have to wait for your turn if you want to savour some tart kala khatta and kachi keri or that deliciously seasonal falsa and dadam golo. And this time, you can enjoy your golas with an amazing twist too! Some city youngsters have come up with unique gola flavours like gajar ka halwa, rosogulla and mango barfi too! Says Payal Vora, owner of a stall selling golas, "Amdavadis are not just foodies but adventurous with their tastes." For a city obsessed with chocolate, these gola walas have some choco-licious varieties too! Says Ekta Soni, another stall owner,



"Youngsters love stuff like chocolate cake gola, chocolate mousse and even chocolate pudding golas."

I scream ice cream:

It's the kind of weather when you feel like making a meal out of ice cream and that's probably what pioneered some Amdavadis to fuse your favourite ice cream flavours with your favourite snacks. The regulars at the Manek Chowk khau galli, would know of the

popular ice cream sandwich! A luscious chunk of ice cream sandwiched between two slices of white bread that is slathered with some delectable fruit jam! And when talking of snacky fare, we even have dosa ice cream! Dosa rolled into a cone and served with a scoop of your favourite ice cream! Says Smith Raval, a regular icecream snacker, "You just need to have an open mind to try combos! I love the idea of a crisp dosa with black currant ice cream! Even the ice cream bhajiyas you get during winters are delicious! I also love eating my French fries dipped in a vanilla softy! It tastes awesome!"

Go bananas with so many options

Banana prices have hit a 10 year-low and it's time to satiate your cravings for this fruit, which not only tastes yummy, but is packed with the goodness of vitamin B6, vitamin C, potassium, dietary fibre, potassium, biotin and copper.

The best thing about this fruit is it can be eaten straight off the rack, or be used in scrumptious smoothies, desserts, halwa, fudge, fritters, cutlets, bonda, am, payasa, curry and what not. So what are you waiting for? Go grab a few dozens while the prices are in control. Bangalore Times lists some popular varieties available in the city and what you can do with them...

Variety name: YELAKKI

Can be used for: HALWA FUDGE

1 Kg Rs 35

Recipe for

halwa: Take

three fully

ripe bananas

and mash

them till they

are smooth.

Fry some dry

fruits in ghee and keep aside. In a pan, add bananas and

water and keep stirring on a low flame. Add sugar and

cook till the paste is thick. Now add ghee, cardamom

powder and fried dried fruits. Once the mixture is lumpy,

transfer it into a bowl and let it cool.

Variety name: ROBUSTA

Can be used for: BURFI FRITTERS SHAKE BONDA

CUTLET

1 Kg Rs 24

Recipe for bonda: Mash three bananas with a fork. Mix

the mash, one cup flour, approximately half cup sugar

and two pinches of soda powder. Now, heat oil in a wok

on medium flame. Drop in the banana mixture spoon by

spoon, without overcrowding the vessel. Fry it till

brown. Serve when hot.

Variety name: RED

Can be used for: SMOOTHIES, DESSERT, CHIPS,

CHICKEN

1 Kg Rs 75

Recipe for smoothie: Mix one cup of almond milk, one

red banana and half cup of cooked oats in a blender. Your

smoothie is ready! Garnish with almond pieces.



Healthy weekend drink: Cucumber Caiprioska

Unwind with a glass of chilled cucumber caiprioska. Generally, cocktails like Bloody Mary, Mojitos, Sex on the Beach or Tequila Sunrise can be fattening.



Even the most popular alcoholic beverage, beer is fattening. Chef Ashis Rout, Executive Chef at the Courtyard by Marriott, Gurgaon shares a recipe with us, which is not only tasty, but also low in calories.

Ingredients:

2 large cucumbers cut into chunks

60 ml vodka

15 ml of lemon juice

6 pieces of lemon chunks

Method: - A glassfull of crushed ice, topped with lemonade.

- Add the cucumber, lemon chunks and mash them together. Then, add the vodka, lemon juice and fill it up with crushed ice, top it with lemonade.

What your coffee says about you

Merlo Coffee baristas has revealed that are able to figure out a customer's personality type just by the cup of coffee they order.



The company said that people who drink Cafe Latte tend to be a bit softer and can be more romantic than others and are probably still friends with their first crush, News.com.au reported.

People, who drink Flat White, are straight-up types and could lack imagination.

The Cappuccino lover doesn't really indulge in their coffee as much as they should; they are still a child at heart who love chocolate sprinkle on top.

People drinking Macchiato are coffee-savvy young professional. They work and play fast.

People whose choice of drink is Vienna are the one who like the finer things in life; they have high expectations, are demanding and a touch clingy.

Hot Mocha ordering people are often drifters and find it hard to settle down.

Hot Chocolate drinking people can be complete faux coffee-drinkers, posing as latte sippers.

Tea drinkers are real, wholesome and deep-thinkers. They are usually early morning people and read books.

Missing girl found in Udaipur

Betul (MP), Sept 28 (UNI) : A girl who had gone missing from Betul district in Madhya Pradesh has been found in Rajasthan, police said today.

Following a directive from Superintendent of Police Virendra Jain, a special campaign was on to trace missing children.

Earlier this month, a complaint was lodged by the minor's father that she had been lured away.

A search commenced and information was received that the girl was at a factory in Udaipur. A law-enforcement team left for that city and recovered the minor from Bhainsdehi Police Station limits.

Poshan Bhi - Padhai Bhi' workshop organised in Raipur

Raipur Sept 28 (UNI) : The Women and Child Development Department, Chhattisgarh organised a three-day workshop titled 'Poshan Bhi – Padhai Bhi' from September 25 to 27 in Abhanpur project area, Raipur. Anganwadi workers (AWTs) from 12 sectors actively participated in the programme.

The workshop focused on the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), particularly strengthening non-formal schooling and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). Under NEP 2020, Anganwadi centres are no longer seen merely as sites for nutrition services, but as the first step in ensuring the cognitive, linguistic, physical, mental, and social development of children. Over the three days, Anganwadi workers were trained through demonstrations of daily activities designed to achieve these developmental goals. The capacity-building sessions aimed to enable workers to integrate nutrition and education more effectively at the grassroots level.

Project Officer Rachayita Naidu, in her address, said that initiatives like "Poshan Bhi – Padhai Bhi" empower Anganwadi workers with new approaches to deliver quality early education. She stressed that guidance from sector supervisors and master trainers would help workers understand local challenges and adopt practical solutions. She also underlined that the initiative not only integrates education and nutrition but also advances a holistic model combining health, nutrition, and early education. The workshop saw active participation and support from sector supervisors including Kanchanprabha Sahu, Kanta Lakda, Smita Dhruv, Rekha Sahu, Rekha Rajput, Vaishali Dewangan, Rashmi Devi Verma, Khmeshwari Sahu, Saroj Khobragade, and Kusum Singh Thakur. Institutions such as UNICEF, Vikramshila, Eduweave, and the Azim Premji Foundation also extended valuable collaboration.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visits a stall during the foundation stone laying and inauguration ceremony of various public welfare projects, in Balrampur district.

Basohli Utsav: Basohli is complete exuberance of art & culture: LG Sinha

Jammu, Sept 28 (UNI) : Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said the Basohli Utsav is an opportunity to promote Brand Basohli to every corner of the country and abroad, and to provide a global platform for the handicrafts and world-renowned paintings of Basohli. Basohli Utsav, organised by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Divisional Administration, Jammu and Indra Gandhi National Centre for Arts was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor today at Basohli in Kathua.

"I Consider the Basohli Utsav as the Mahakumbh of Art, Culture and Tradition. Basohli Utsav

reminds all sections of society that they are inheritors of the great heritage of India and they need to contribute to the cultural renaissance and in the journey towards a developed India," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that as we intensify the process for Viksit Bharat, there is a need to focus on promoting our tangible and intangible cultural heritage and ensure their transmission to the young generation.

"India's growing economic power and India's culture, art, and traditions are gaining global recognition. Our philosophical, spiritual and artistic capability is drawing admiration worldwide. This

growing global interest is strengthening India's soft power," the Lieutenant Governor said. "Basohli is a complete exuberance of art and culture and there is sensitivity embedded in Basohli's traditions. Basohli is not just a geographical point on the map. It is not just a part of history books but Basohli is the energy field of the seekers associated with art, literature and tradition of who have dedicated every particle of their body and every moment of their life to attain the expertise in different art forms," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said, a Whole of Government approach is required to promote Basohli painting across the country and abroad, and to ensure

the prosperity of artist. He also urged the youth to participate in the symposium and workshop on Ramayana during the Basohli Utsav. It was informed that the Basohli Utsav will be an annual festival and a part of the annual calendar of events for the Department of Culture. The Lieutenant Governor released five publications—"Lok Mein Ram", 'Ramayan Ki Stree Gatha', 'Ram Ka Ghar', 'Ram Ki Sanjeevani' and 'Tribes of Ramayana'. The publications, touching upon diverse dimensions of the epic from women's perspectives to tribal traditions and the cultural ethos of Lord Ram, enriched the Utsav and complementing its artistic and spiritual spirit.

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Internally displaced teenager commits suicide in Manipur

Imphal, Sept 28 (UNI) A thirteen-year-old boy was found dead by hanging at Jiribam Higher Secondary School relief camp in Jiribam of Imphal today.

The boy, a Meitei who fled attack from another community, had been living in a relief camp for more than two years. His house was completely burnt down. Over 60000 people displaced by the conflict, which began at Churachandpur district on May 3, 2023, are still languishing in relief camps in pathetic conditions. Over a hundred persons from Moreh and Churachandpur have died due to unnatural deaths like shock, anxiety and depression. Most of the relief camps have seen large numbers of deaths by suicide.

Keisam Pradipkumar, Chairperson of the Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR), expressed concern over the large number of suicide cases among teenagers in relief camps and other cases. He said last July a 13-year-old displaced boy died by committing suicide at a school hostel and in August, a 15-year-old boy was found hanging, and a girl committed suicide after a case of harassment was reported. According to a person living in a relief camp in Imphal East, the news of the deaths of any displaced persons sent shockwaves among all the displaced persons as they live in pitiable conditions.

Union MoS Tokhan Sahu reviews urban development projects in Arunachal

Itanagar, Sept 28 (UNI) : Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Tokhan Sahu, who is on a two day visit to Arunachal Pradesh, today convened a meeting with officials of the State Urban Affairs Department at the State Guest House.

The meeting was chaired by State Urban Affairs Minister Balo Raja and attended by Advisor to Minister (Urban Affairs) and local MLA Techhi Kaso, Commissioner (Urban Affairs) Vivek Pandey, Director (Housing), Director (Town Planning), and Chief Executive Officers of the Itanagar and Pasighat Smart City Corporations, among others.

In his opening remarks, Minister Balo Raja expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for his focus on the northeastern states and for sending union Ministers and senior officials to address local development challenges. He highlighted the State's difficulties in accessing central schemes due to population criteria, challenging terrains, and adverse weather conditions, urging special consideration for Arunachal Pradesh's project proposals.

Advisor Techhi Kaso also welcomed the visiting Minister and appreciated the Ministry's ongoing support for urban development initiatives in the state. In his closing remarks, union MoS Tokhan Sahu expressed satisfaction with the progress of urban projects and assured full support for the development of towns and cities in Arunachal Pradesh. He will proceed to Ziro tomorrow to oversee ongoing project activities.

During the session, Commissioner Pandey presented a detailed status update on various projects under centrally sponsored schemes and Smart City initiatives. He commended the achievements of Pasighat Smart City and highlighted vital projects commissioned by the Itanagar Smart City, along with others scheduled for inauguration soon. Earlier in the day, Minister Sahu met Governor Lt Gen (Retd) KT Parnaik at Raj Bhavan for discussions on the pace of urbanization in the State. The Governor highlighted challenges arising from rapid urban growth, including unplanned concrete structures, narrow lanes, inadequate drainage, poor solid waste and septic waste management, and the proliferation of unplanned settlements. He emphasized the need for inclusive, affordable, and well-planned housing solutions to meet rising population demands. Stressing the importance of cleanliness, the Governor said that well-maintained surroundings are vital for public health and overall livability. He urged the Central Government to provide guidance and support for sustainable, people-centric urban development in Arunachal Pradesh.

They are ruining the lives of children by handing them 'I Love Mohammad' placards: Yogi

Balrampur, Sept 28 (UNI) : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has warned that those who create chaos during festivals and obstruct development will face strict action. He announced that dream of "Ghazwa-e-Hind" will never be fulfilled in India, instead, such people will be handed a "ticket to hell".

UP CM urged people to be vigilant against those involved in anti-India and anti-Hindu activities and share their information with the administration. The government is implementing zero tolerance for crime, criminals, and traitors. Addressing a public meeting in Ghughulpur area of Balrampur district, on the India-Nepal border in Uttar Pradesh, CM said that faith is not a matter of display at crossroads, but a matter of conscience.

"Those spreading chaos are ruining the lives of children by handing them 'I Love Mohammad' placards and posters and making them protest. Those creating riots and anarchy have been handed a ticket to hell without even asking for it", he charged.

He said that those who unnecessarily spread fear and rumors about drones and theft will be charged under gangster Act. Appealing for cooperation in widespread public awareness, Yogi Adityanath said that if anyone will try to create an atmosphere of fear, administration will be informed and report of cow smuggling and cow slaughter will be informed to the police. They will receive immediate treatment.

Yogi Adityanath said that Balrampur district is being transformed into a district full of aspirations by covering projects worth Rs 825 crore. "The previous government used to provide One District-One Mafia, but the BJP government is providing One District- One Medical College." He announced that Balrampur will get a medical college named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

He said that Devipatan Mandal will get a sports college. He inspected the under-construction Maa Pateshwari University. UP CM said that Balrampur is creating a new identity for itself through development under the double-engine government. From the stage, he spoke about road connectivity and air connectivity and enumerated the government's development plans for this.

RSS Vijaya Dashmi Utsav starts its centenary celebrations

Jaipur, Sept 28 (UNI) The nine-day Vijaya Dashmi Utsav begins today marking the start of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) year long Centenary celebrations. The opening ceremony was observed today all over Rajasthan with several programmes which are being held during the nine days until October 5. On the opening day today, Swayamsevak Congregations were organised at 9000 locations throughout the state right from local ward/basti level upto district and the state capital level, a Sangh spokesman said today evening. The Swayamsevaks in all age groups are attending the congregations, more than 27,000 intellectuals-citizens would attend these Vijaya Dashmi Utsav programme as guests. The Sangh would high light it's mission "Panch Parivartan" to evoke mass awareness on this Sangh agenda.

These Congregations were organised with aim to demonstrate the disciplined and the collective power of the RSS, so that it can inspire more and more intellectuals and people from different walks of life and strata of society for engaging in the social service mission of the Sangh.

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their allegiance by putting up posters outside the party office. The poster, put up by SP leader Mohammad Ikhlq, read, "Azam is back, this is the sign of a new dawn. Listen carefully...the wind is announcing a change in government."

The recent controversy surrounding the "I Love Mohammad" poster in the Rawatpur area of Kanpur has served as a booster dose for political parties.

While posters of "I Love Mahadev" were initially put up in light of the government's tough stance on the protests in Bareilly, BJP leader and Yuva Morcha General Secretary Amit Tripathi has

further heated up the political heat by posting "I Love Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji" and "I Love Bulldozers."

These posters feature photos of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Amit Tripathi, with a picture of a bulldozer in the middle.

The "I Love Akhilesh Yadav Ji" poster, put up outside the SP office by Samajwadi Lohia Vahini's National Secretary Vivek Singh Yadav, highlights the development work done during the Samajwadi Party government. The poster features Akhilesh Yadav's dream project, the Lucknow-Agra Express, the landing of fighter jets on the expressway, and the laptop scheme.

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Punjab police launches organised crime helpline

Chandigarh, Sept 28 (UNI) : In a significant step to empower citizens and strengthen the fight against organised crime, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav today launched a dedicated, toll-free helpline 1800-330-1100 for the public to report organised crime including intimidation, extortion, and gangster-related activities anonymously.

Pertinently, this helpline has been activated by the Punjab Police's Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) to provide citizens with a direct and confidential channel to report organised crime.

In order to ensure the helpline's effectiveness, the DGP made a trial call to

1800-330-1100 during the inauguration and interacted with the representative to understand the working of the new system.

DGP Gaurav Yadav, in his video message to the public, assured that every piece of information received on this helpline will be treated with the highest level of confidentiality, and the identities of callers will be protected. He appealed to the people of Punjab to save the number, report any such incidents without any fear or hesitation, and join the Punjab Police in its mission to build a safer state. "This helpline is a powerful tool for the public to directly assist the police.

Reports received here will trigger immediate and coordinated action," said the DGP, while emphasising that the helpline is centrally monitored under the direct supervision of the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) AGTF

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GM, Central Railway inaugurates Modular Operation Theatre Complex and other Medical Units in the New Super Speciality Building of Central Railway Hospital

President CRWWO donates & inaugurates water purifier, weighing scale and other appliances to Central Railway Hospital, Byculla

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Sept 28 : Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway inaugurated the Modular Operation Theatre Complex, High Dependency Units, Oncology Unit and Nephrology Unit in the New Super Speciality Hospital Building, Central Railway Hospital, Byculla, on 27.09.2025.

The New Super Speciality building constructed within the premises of the Bharat Ratna Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Byculla, Central Railway, is a Ground + 6 Storey building with State-of-the-Art modern facilities for advanced treatment. “

On this occasion, Smt. Asha Meena, President, Central Railway Women’s Welfare Organisation (CRWWO) donated and inaugurated 2 Water purifiers, 2 Induction Cook tops with vessels, 4 Electric kettles and a Digital weighing Scale for the benefit of patients undergoing treatment at the hospital. Speaking on the occasion, the General Manager reaffirmed Central Railway’s commitment to enhancing healthcare services and lauded the collective efforts of doctors, staff, and welfare organizations in



strengthening patient care.

The New Super Speciality Hospital building is designed with the latest advancements in Medical technology providing health care professionals with the best tools & appropriate environment needed to deliver the best possible care. It represents the Team’s dedication to

enhancing the health and well-being of its patients. It is a symbol of Central Railway’s unwavering commitment to provide the highest standards of care to its employees and is on par with any superspeciality hospital in any sector of India.Dr. Shobha Jagannath, Principal Chief Medical Director, Shri

Neeraj Kumar Dohare, SDGM & In-charge of Hospital Infrastructure Development Committee, Principal Head of Departments including Shri Rajnish Mathur, Principal Chief Engineer (PCE/CR), Shri Shyam Sundar Gupta, Principal Chief Operations Manager (PCOM) & President of Central

Railway Officers’ Association (CROA) were present during the event.“Shri Hiresh Mina, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mumbai Division, Dr. Sajeew N K, Medical Director, and Dr S Kanakaraya and Dr Jamuna Kanakaraya, Chief Specialists along with Senior Officers from Headquarters and Mumbai Division were also present.

The event also witnessed the presence of Executive Body Members of CRWWO and representatives/general secretaries of all recognised railway unions, who joined in welcoming the new healthcare additions.“A ceremonial session was later held at RAPICON Hall, where Dr. Sajeew, Medical Director, outlined the journey and milestones achieved in making this new infrastructure a reality. Dr. Shobha Jagannath, PCMD/CR, emphasized the transformative impact of the new facilities and shared the ongoing process of upgrading into a standalone post-graduate teaching institute in the near future.“The inauguration marks an important milestone in the hospital’s journey towards offering comprehensive and specialized healthcare under one roof.

CR completes Loco Trials to roll out KAVACH within 6 months of awarding the work on all 5 Divisions

Central Railway creates history with successful Loco Trials of KAVACH on Mumbai Division



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Sept 28 : Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway spearheaded the successful Loco trial of the indigenous “KAVACH” system in Mumbai Division on 28.09.2025.

This successful trial was conducted at Somatne, Apta and Jite stations in Panvel-Roha section of Mumbai division. With this, Central Railway has become the first Zonal Railway which has conducted loco trials in all its divisions, within six months of awarding the tender for KAVACH work. Earlier this year, Central Railway had become the first Zonal Railway to award the tenders for provision of KAVACH on its entire Rail Network of approximately 4000 Route Kilometres, spreading over five divisions (Mumbai, Bhusawal, Nagpur, Pune and Solapur),“

After awarding of tenders for KAVACH works on all five divisions of Central Railway in March 2025, the work of KAVACH implementation was taken up in mission mode under the leadership of Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager Central Railway. Detailed Radio and LIDAR based survey was taken up for entire Railway, technical schemes and plans were approved expeditiously and inspection & supply of equipment was commenced.

Three priority stations were identified in each division where Stationary KAVACH systems were installed after extensive Factory and Site acceptance testing. In addition, fitment of Onboard-KAVACH on locomotives

was also taken up in Bhusawal and Kalyan loco sheds. Parallely, installation of testing, network monitoring and training facilities was also taken up on all five divisions. To develop core competency in this new domain, approximately 3000 officers and staff of Central Railway have been trained so far in KAVACH implementation and operation.

On 04.09.2025, Integrated KAVACH Control Centre was inaugurated by the General Manager at Bhusawal and KAVACH installation at Dushkheda station was inspected by him. On 19.09.2025 loco trials of KAVACH were started at Dushkheda, Savda & Nimbhora stations of Bhusawal division.

The very first loco trials on Central Railway were started in Balwani-Kem-Dhavlas section of Solapur division on 10.09.2025. On 14.09.2025, Shri Dharam Veer Meena himself conducted the loco trials in this section successfully and inspected the KAVACH installations. On the same day KAVACH simulation lab and training facility at Kurudwadi was inaugurated by him.

Installation of Stationary KAVACH and loco trials were have also been conducted in Belapur-Rahuri-Padhegaon section of Pune division and Palachuri-Iklehra-Parasia section of Nagpur division.

Shri Maninder Singh Uppal, Principal Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Central Railway, “Shri Shyam Sunder Gupta, Principal Chief Operations Manager, , Shri Hiresh Mina, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Division, Principal Head

of Departments and Senior Officers of Central Railway were also present during the trial.“

Brief on KAVACH The KAVACH system is a flagship initiative of Indian Railways aimed for enhancing safety.

It is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection system which can prevent collisions, including Head-on and Rear-end collisions, in case the train crew fails to stop the train. In addition, this system provides protection against Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD), by automatically applying breaks if the loco pilot fails to reduce the speed while approaching a Red signal.

It has other features like onboard display of signal aspect/speed limit/ movement authority, auto-whistling at level crossing gates, controlling speed of trains at locations with speed restrictions, SOS feature etc.

Indian Railways is implementing KAVACH in Mission Mode as part of its commitment to enhanced safety and automation.

The Railway Board has sanctioned provision of KAVACH in 730 locomotives of Central Railway in the first phase and fitment work is progressing across Central Railway’s loco sheds, ensuring that all locomotives will eventually be equipped with this advanced safety system.

With every achievement, Central Railway in its continuous journey towards strengthening safety and operational efficiency has become a frontrunner in adopting and implementing state-of-the-art technology for the enhanced safety and comfort of passengers.“

GM Central Railway inaugurates Optical Ground Wire System on Mumbai Division



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Sept 28 : Mr Dharam Veer Meena inaugurated the Optical Wire System at the 110 KV North-East transmission line near Asangaon on 28.09.2025.

The Optical Ground Wire is a new technology introduced on Central Railway to upgrade communication systems for enabling safe train operations.

It will also enable enhanced monitoring and implementation of the works. “It’s a pathbreaking initiative to enhance the speed of digital

transformation of Bharat.

Shri Anoop Kumar Agarwal, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Shri Hiresh Mina, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Division, Principal Head of Departments and Senior Officers of Central Railway were also present during the inauguration.

Following Railway Board directives for laying of 2 Optical Fibre Cables(OFC) on each side of the railway tracks to all Zones, Central Railway, in order to overcome the challenges of underground OFC and to enhance the reliability of communication

path proposed use of 96F Optical Ground Wire(OPGW) as Aerial Earth Conductor(AEC) in electrified sections.

The use of OPGW as AEC in the OHE mast / portal along the track will help in speedy execution for providing backbone for works like KAVACH, Automatic Block Signalling(ABS), LTE-4G(high-speed wireless network for rail operations), Internet Protocol Multi-Protocol Label Switching(IPMPLS- modern networking technology providing efficient communication

backbone) etc in Central Railway as its installation process is comparatively faster than laying of underground OFC.

Special Features of 96F Optical Ground Wire(OPGW):

- Central Railway has pioneered this new technology being introduced on Railways.
- Two fibres each will be installed on either side of the railway tracks instead of 1 Fibre as in the case of OFC.
- The Fibres will be enclosed inside Power lines making it more safe & secure.
- This will enable Route diversity and ensure optimum capitalisation of OHE assets reducing the cost.
- Since the Fibres are aerial maintenance is comparatively easier.
- It has great earning potential as the technology in addition to being used internally can also be leased to other agencies thereby aiding generating of additional revenue.

Congress demands action on BJP leader’s death threat

New Delhi, Sept 28 (UNI) Congress general secretary KC Venugopal today demanded strict action against BJP leader Printu Mahadev for allegedly issuing death threats to Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

The Congress leader in a post on X said that he has written to Home Minister Amit Shah bring the party’s concern to his attention. Venugopal said that disagreements in the political arena must be solved politically, within the Constitutional framework. BJP leaders, however, are giving death threats to their political opponents on live TV.In the letter, Venugopal alleged that, “Mahadev, during a television debate in Kerala,

openly declared that Rahul Gandhi will be shot in the chest”. Stating that “this is neither a slip of tongue nor careless hyperbole”.He added that such “poisonous words not only put the life of Rahul Gandhi in danger but also undermines the Constitution”.Adding that “the Congress party and millions of Indians look up to Rahul Gandhi as the defender of their rights are gravely concerned about the imminent danger to his life”.Venugopal claimed that “multiple instances of death threats and calls for violence against Rahul Gandhi propagated through various social media platforms backed or linked to BJP”.