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Govt to hand over investigation of Sugali Preethi suspicious death case to CBI

Vijayawada, Sept 2 (UNI) :The Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to hand over the investigation of the suspicious death of school student Sugali Preethi to the CBI.

Sugali Preethi was a 10 th class student. Her body was found hanging to the ceiling fan in his hostel room in Kurnool on August 18, 2017. Her parents alleged that her daughter, Sugali Preethi, was murdered and demanded the CBI investigation.Jana Sena party chief and deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan assured the parents of Preethi of an investigation to punish the offenders.However nothing has taken place on the Sugali Preethi suspicious death case so far even after the Naidu led coalition assumed office. Now the Government has decided to hand over the investigation to the CBI.

Adani Gangavaram port handle record 61 vessels in August

Visakhapatnam, Sep 2 (UNI) Adani Gangavaram port, the deepest and one of the most modern ports in India, today claimed it has set a new operational record by handling 66 vessels in August, the highest-ever in a single month.

This milestone surpasses the port's previous record of 61 vessels handled in January 2024, further cementing its position as a premier maritime gateway on India's east coast, the port said in a release here. The port attributes this success to a series of strategic enhancements and operational efficiencies, including streamlined scheduling, robust planning, and seamless coordination across its marine, logistics, and terminal teams. With round-the-clock operations and a customer-first approach, the port has ensured smooth cargo movement and rapid vessel turnaround.The port, equipped to handle Containers, Bulk, and Break Bulk cargo, continues to expand its role as a critical enabler of trade and economic growth in the region.

Jagan Reddy pays tributes to former CM YS Rajasekhara Reddy



(Standard Post Bureau) Kadapa, Sept 2 : YSRCP President and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy today paid rich tributes to his late father Y S Rajasekhara Reddy at Idupulapaya village, near Pulivendula town. Former Chief Minister of United Andhra Pradesh Dr. YS Rajasekhara Reddy was killed in a helicopter crash on September 2, 2009.

Jagan Mohan Reddy, his mother YS Vijaya Lakshmi and a slew of YSRCP leaders paid rich tributes by placing flowers on the tomb. He also participated in special

prayers.Later, Jagan Reddy interacted with onion farmers at Duggannagaripalli village in Vemula mandal of Pulivendula constituency and heard their grievances. The farmers told him that they are not getting the minimum remunerative prices for their onion produce.

Reassuring farmers, the Ex-CM demanded immediate intervention from the government to rescue them. He pointed out that onion, banana and black gram farmers, across the State, are reeling under price collapse.

Adding to their woes, urea is in severe shortage,

pushing farmers to the black market at inflated rates, with commissions being pocketed by those in power, he lamented,

Jagan Mohan Reddy questioned why urea quotas were not being supplied through Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs) and PACS, which had ensured transparency during YSRCP's rule.

Highlighting the disparity, YS Jagan noted that heritage retail outlets sell onions at Rs. 35 per kilo, while farmers are forced to sell at just Rs. 6.“Isn't it the government's responsibility to procure onions at a fair

price? Even if farmers were paid Rs. 25 a kilo, Chandrababu's companies could still profit at Rs. 35. But instead of protecting farmers, the government safeguards Heritage's margins,” he charged.

On fertilisers, Jagan Mohan Reddy recalled that the YSRCP regime provided urea at Rs 265 per bag through RBKs, preventing black marketing. Now, the farmers are forced to pay Rs 200 extra per bag or buy pesticides as a condition, he lamented. He criticised the state's coalition government for bypassing RBKs to allow black market commissions.

World is ready to build semiconductor future with India: PM Modi

New Delhi, Sept 2 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated 'SEMICON India 2025', marking a major step in India's ambition to emerge as a global semiconductor hub.

The PM said, "The world believes in India and the world is ready to build the semiconductor future with India."

Addressing the gathering at Semicon India 2025, he noted that India is moving forward with determination in its journey of development, even as the global economy faces challenges.

Highlighting India's strong performance, the Prime Minister said that with a GDP growth of 7.8 per cent and robust progress across sectors such as manufacturing, services, agriculture, and construction, the nation is firmly on track to become the world's third-largest economy.

Underscoring the importance of the semiconductor sector, Modi described chips as the "digital diamonds" of the modern age.He said that while the last century was

shaped by oil, the 21st century is being defined by chips, which hold the potential to empower global progress.

With the global semiconductor market which is already at 600 billion US dollars, the Prime Minister said India is rapidly expanding its presence in the sector and is set to make a significant contribution to dominate the global market share in semiconductors.

Recalling the government's initiatives, Modi said the Semicon India programme was launched in 2021. Since then, the country has approved its first semiconductor fabrication plan in 2023, followed by several more in 2024, and with additional approvals in 2025, a total of 10 projects have now been sanctioned.

These projects have boosted investments and India's emergence as a semiconductor hub.Reiterating his vision, the Prime Minister said India's strength lies in innovation, talent, and scale, and the nation is committed to advancing with the motto of "Design in India, Made in India."

AP will be developed as East Coast gateway with best logistic hub: CM

(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, Spt 2 : Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu today asserted that Andhra Pradesh will be developed as the gateway of the East coast soon with the best logistics hub to meet global standards.

Naidu also announced the establishment of a logistics university and a civil aviation university.

The Chief Minister advised the experts of port-led shipping industries to form an advisory body with 20 members to offer suggestions to the state government to develop AP as the Logistics hub of the East Coast.Participating as

chief guest of the East Coast and Logistics summit organised jointly by Global Forum for Sustainable Transformation (GFST) and Maritime Gateway here, the Chief Minister said that the Logistics sector plays a key role in economic and employment growth.

He noted that the contribution of the logistics sector to GSDP stands at one per cent at present and stressed the need for increasing it to 3 per cent. He added that Andhra is the best place for port cargo exports with the existing 6 ports and four more upcoming ports.

Naidu vowed to develop ports or fishing harbours

every 50 km along the 1050 km coastline in AP. He highlighted that AP stands in second place in sea cargo transport and neighbouring states, including Telangana, Maharashtra, Orissa and Chattisgarh and some parts of Karnataka also depend on AP ports for sea cargo transport.

The Chief Minister pledged to develop ship building, ship and container repairing and ship recycling units in Dugarajapatnam, Machilipatnam and other ports, including providing facilities for maintenance of Defence vessels. He emphasized the need for creating digital logistics platforms and cargo

tracking facilities and developing rail, road and air connectivity for all the major ports.

The Chief Minister acknowledged that the future is for logistics and the Government needs to opt for next-gen reforms to develop the logistics sector to meet the demand of both local and global markets. Citing the examples of Dubai and Singapore, the Chief Minister underlined that ports should be well-connected with industrial units to reduce logistics costs.

Naidu advocated the need for reducing logistics cost which stands at 13 per cent in India while the

Minister Lokesh inaugurates advanced smart kitchen

Kadapa, Sept 2 (UNI) : Minister for IT and Human Resources Development Lokesh inaugurated the centralized advanced smart kitchen on the campus of MPP School at CK Dinne village of Kamalapuram constituency today.

The centralized advanced smart kitchen was established at a cost of Rs two crore. The centralized advanced smart kitchen is the first of its kind in the country.

The Minister visited the advanced smart kitchen and observed the preparation of food.

He also inaugurated two more kitchens virtually today.

Under the Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme, meals will be distributed to 10,332 students of 136 schools through five smart kitchens in 13 special vehicles. These smart kitchens, which operate on solar power and are supervised by a nutritionist, will maintain the highest quality standards.

For better quality, the water from the specially set up RO plant is used for cooking. The RO plant and food distribution vehicles were also inaugurated by the Minister today.

The staff told the media that they will be able to provide hygienic and tasty meals at the scheduled time as per the menu prescribed by the government.

Lokesh said that 1,24,689 students would be provided with tasty and hygienic food through 33 smart kitchens in 11 mandals of Kadapa district by December and asked for feedback from parents and to make the smart kitchens even better.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit Mizoram and Manipur on September 13, in what is described as a significant political and developmental outreach to the Northeast.The visit is likely to blend infrastructure inaugurations with a delicate political message, particularly in Manipur where ethnic unrest continues to simmer.According to sources in Mizoram, Modi's first stop will be Aizawl where he will inaugurate the newly completed Bairabi-Sairang railway line—a 51.38 km stretch linking the Mizoram capital with Assam's Silchar.

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BJP accuses MVA of politicising Maratha quota, urges Jarange ...



BJP spokesperson Keshav Upadhye has accused the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) of attempting to pit two communities against each other for political gains instead of genuinely resolving the Maratha quota issue. Upadhye today alleged on social media that certain forces were trying to use Manoj Jarange Patil's agitation as a tool for electoral benefit.

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Kolkata feels like a home to me now: MBSG's Manvir Singh



Mohun Bagan Super Giant forward Manvir Singh is into his sixth year with the club and he shed light on his journey with the team which has involved forming a strong bond with the fans and also embracing the local culture in Kolkata.

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Punjab floods wreak havoc, Sukhpal Khaira slams CM



The death count rose to 30 as severe flooding triggered by the raging Sutlej River affected over 3.5 lakh people spread across 1400 villages in 23 districts of Punjab, officials said today. 12 districts have been devastated.The water level at Bhakra Dam is just 3 feet below the danger mark.

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General Manager’s Safety Award for 2 Staff of Solapur Division of Central Railway



(Standard Post Bureau)

Solapur, Sept 2 : General Manager, Central Railway Mr Dharam Veer Meena felicitated 2 Central Railway staff from Solapur Division with Safety Award in a function held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai on 02.09.2025.

The Safety awards were presented in recognition of the respective employee’s alertness during duty, their contribution in averting untoward incidents and ensuring safety in train operations during the

previous months. Each award consists of a medal, commendation certificate, a citation of exemplary safety work and cash prize of ₹ 2000/-

Details of the Awardees

1. Shri Manish Kumar, Technician (TRD), Kurduvadi, Solapur Division, during footplate inspection on 06.07.2025, noticed a broken OHE ‘G jumper’ at kilometer 280/10-12 between Boribel-Malthan station. He immediately informed all concerned. A possible accident was averted due to

his alertness.

2. Shri Vikas Kumar Pandit, Technician (TRD), Latur, Solapur Division, during inspection at Harangul yard on 22.07.2025, noticed abnormal movement in the pantograph of goods train. He immediately informed all concerned. On inspection, a deep dent was found in the pantograph strip. Due to his alertness a possible accident was averted.

The General Manager in his address congratulated the awardees and complimented them for their

alertness and dedication towards their duties. He said that such acts of alertness and bravery will motivate others to sincerely work towards the safety of passengers and avert loss of life, freight and railway property.

Additional General Manager Shri Prateek Goswami, Principal Chief Safety Officer Shri Chandra Kishore Prasad, other Principal Heads of Departments and Senior Officers of Central Railway were present on the occasion.

Clarification on Sassoon dock issues

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Sept 2 : In light of recent media reports alleging proposed eviction of fish traders from godowns at Sassoon Dock by Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA), it is necessary to clarify the facts and dispel misinformation being circulated in the public domain.

1. About Sassoon Dock

Sassoon Dock, owned by the Mumbai Port Authority, is one of the oldest fishing harbours in India, built around 1875. It remains a major fish landing and marketing centre catering to both domestic and export markets. Unlike most other ports, Sassoon Dock and New Ferry Wharf (BhauchaDhakka) are accessible to the general public.

The Old Sassoon Dock spans approximately 5 Hectares (Ha). Of this, about 2 Ha (40%) is allotted to various tenants/lessees—currently around 74 occupying. All of these tenancies are expired. The allotted spaces are used for fish storage, processing units, ice factories, fishing gear shops, provision stores, and eateries.

2. Infrastructure Support by MbPA

- MbPA has developed and maintained key infrastructure for the fishing community, including Fish landing berths, boat holding areas, and bunkering facilities, Fish auction halls, internal roads, footpaths and parking areas. Public utilities such as urinals, fish waste collection points, and a fish waste processing plant.

- Additionally, MbPA executed the project of New Sassoon Fish Harbour (3.7 Hectares) to accommodate growing trade and reduce congestion at the old dock. A modernization project worth ₹ 100 crore is currently underway under Government of India & State Government schemes.

- Recent and ongoing improvements works include Repairs & Reconstruction of auction sheds (₹ 80 lakh), Quay wall repairs (₹ 50 lakh) and annual solid waste management (₹ 1 Crore per year).

- Electricity bill is borne by MbPA and also the security is given by MbPA.

- At BhauchaDhakka, MbPA is constructing a new fish jetty for fishermen and terminal for fishermen with an approach trestle, at an estimated cost of ₹ 137 Crore.

3. Community Support

MbPA has permitted free-of-cost use of its building space at the old Sassoon Dock to provide amenities such as restrooms and crèches for fisherfolk. To promote cultural engagement, MbPA has also hosted art festivals and exhibitions at the Dock, transforming the historic site into a vibrant public and tourist space, which gave Sassoon

Dock a global recognition.

4. Fishing Operations

Approximately 1100 fishing boats registered at Sassoon Dock and New Sassoon Fish Harbour. MbPA facilitates these operations and collects monthly license fees as per the approved Scale of Rates. Ancillary licenses are issued for fish-related activities.

5. Compliance and Legal Proceedings

- All allottees are required to adhere to the terms of letting, including timely payment of rent. In cases of default, MbPA initiates eviction proceedings as per law. The ongoing controversy pertains to Rent Roll (RR) No. 1773 (approx. 2,720 sq.m.), where tenants have committed multiple violations such as Unauthorized constructions, unauthorised& illegal change of use, subletting & huge outstanding dues. Eviction proceedings were initiated in 1999, and a final eviction order was passed in 2009. The order was upheld by all appellate courts, including the Hon’ble Supreme Court, which in 2014 granted six months to vacate. The lessee/occupants have failed to comply with the ruling to date.

- Though meetings were held in 2014 with all stake holders and it was envisaged to clear MbPA dues, MbPA has not received any payments inspite of follow-up. There are only about 36 unauthorized illegal occupants in the RR No. 1773 premises.

Against the orders of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India, some of these occupants, for personal agendas, are spreading misinformation claiming the eviction affects 25,000 people—this is factually incorrect and misleading.

- Except the above mentioned small shed, fish related activities will continue as it is in Sassoon Dock. This shed will also reallocated for fish related activities through transparent process of tendering.

6. MbPA’s Commitment

Contrary to the false narrative, MbPA has no intention of shutting down fishing activities or displacing legitimate occupants for any redevelopment. MbPA is committed to supporting the fishing industry, and a 50% rental concession has been extended to all fish-related tenancies, making the current rates significantly lower than the State Government Ready Reckoner rates of the area.

7. MbPA with Fishing Community

The recent media reports are misinformed, exaggerated, and factually inaccurate. Mumbai Port Authority remains fully committed to supporting the fishing community while ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory frameworks. All actions taken by MbPA are strictly in accordance with legal procedures and court directives.

Illegal mining thriving under political patronage, will not be spared: Himachal CM

Shimla, Sep 2 (UNI) Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday told the Assembly that illegal mining operations flourishing under the shadow of certain public representatives have now come under police scrutiny.

He asserted that no matter how powerful or influential the people involved may be, the state government will ensure the toughest action against them.

The CM was replying during Zero Hour to an issue raised by MLA Ranjit Singh Rana. He informed the House that acting on a secret tip-off, the police raided a stone crusher in Sujampur which, although officially closed since July last year, was still operating illegally.

The unit, he said, was being run by people who considered themselves having political clout. During the raid, the police seized a Poklane excavator, two JCBs, four tippers, a mixer machine, around 50 tippers of freshly mined boulders, and other equipment.

The Chief Minister revealed that the crusher belonged to Praveen Sharma, who had handed it over to his nephew Umesh Sharma through a power of attorney on November 4 last year. He claimed that Praveen Sharma is the uncle of Hamirpur MLA Ashish Sharma.

The police are currently investigating Mahavir Stone Crusher, the company linked to this operation. He further stated that Praveen Sharma, Umesh Sharma, and their associates Satish Sharma and Sanjay Kumar have all applied for anticipatory bail in court to avoid arrest.

The investigation, he said, is ongoing and directed at holding every guilty person accountable.

The Chief Minister also admitted the possibility of collusion by some officials and employees in facilitating such illegal activities, terming it “unfortunate.”

Sukhu stressed that no one connected with illegal mining would be spared and that the probe by police and administration is being conducted impartially.

“The strictest provisions of law will be invoked, and protecting the state’s natural resources along with the rights of its people is our top priority,” he said. On the other hand, MLA Ashish Sharma accused the police of acting out of political vendetta. He argued that the stone crusher mentioned by the Chief Minister had already been shut down for over a year and a half, and claimed that he was being targeted because he had voted against the Congress candidate during the Rajya Sabha elections.

Odisha Government intensifies efforts to boost irrigation Capacity, modernize water management

Bhubaneswar, Sep 2 (UNI) The Odisha Government has intensified its efforts to enhance irrigation capacity and modernize water management across the state. Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary Anu Garg chaired a high-level review meeting with senior officials today and finalized the roadmap for implementation.

The review emphasized the timely completion of ongoing projects to achieve targets set under the state’s Five-Year Irrigation Plan. As part of the directive, five major, 15 medium, and 100 minor irrigation projects have been identified for accelerated execution.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources, has been entrusted with monitoring both ongoing works and new initiatives, while the Engineer-in-Chief (Procurement) has been instructed to expedite the tendering process to ensure early implementation.

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Gauhati HC becomes curious as Cement company buys 3000 bighas of land at Rs 2 lakh per bigha in Assam's Sixth Schedule area

Guwahati, Sept 2 (UNI) : A Gauhati High Court judge today questioned how a private company can buy 3000 bighas of land from an autonomous council under the Sixth Schedule area of Indian Constitution.

Justice Sanjay Kumar Medhi of the Gauhati High court was hearing a writ petition over alleged sale of 3000 bighas of land in Assam’s Dima Hasao district to a Cement company. A s s a m ’ s Advocate General Devajit Saikia while representing the state government, informed the court that the cement company bought the 3000 bighas of land from North Cachar Hills

Autonomous Council Autonomous Council (NCHAC). “How can the cement company buy 3000 bighas of land? Where does the ceiling act then?” said Justice Medhi.

The counsel for the NC Hills Autonomous Council on Tuesday produced a few papers related to the allotment of 3,000 bighas of land to a cement factory in Dima Hasao, but the Gauhati High Court directed it to produce the entire file which contained the decision to allot the “huge chunk” of the land in a Sixth Schedule area to the private firm.

“The counsel for the NCHAC produced some papers. The objective of the last order was not to look at a few papers, but to look at the file which contains the decision to allot the huge chunk of land,” Justice Medhi said, directing the council to produce the file at the next hearing. State’s advocate general told the court that the State government had constituted a three-member committee to investigate the matter after the court’s concern last month and it has submitted a report.

Saikia wanted to file an affidavit “to clarify if allotment of 3,000 bighas was justified or not”.

The NCHAC counsel further informed the court that in the year 1998, 6,000 bighas of land were allotted to the industry department. As the land was not utilized, the council’s executive committee decided to curtail the land and allot 3,000 bighas to the company. However, Justice Medhi questioned: “Where is the environment clearance from the Government of India? How do you start a cement factory? How do you care about a Sixth Schedule land? What is about Umrangho? It is an ecological hotspot. How do you have a cement factory there of 3,000 bighas? Show us the records.”

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The conflict has left over 260 people dead, displaced more than 60,000, and carved deep social and political divides.

While Manipur authorities have yet to formally confirm the visit, top-level reviews of preparations are already underway.

Security has been placed on maximum alert. A directive issued by the Director General of Police has ordered all police and paramilitary personnel to remain on duty between September 7 and 14, with leave cancelled except in emergencies.

Officials indicated that Modi could also inaugurate the newly constructed Manipur State Secretariat along with other key projects during his stay.

For the BJP-led Centre, the visit is not just about development announcements but also about signalling the Prime Minister’s engagement with Manipur at a time when trust deficit, displacement and sporadic violence remain unresolved.

For Mizoram, the visit comes ahead of a politically crucial period. The state, which went to polls in late 2023, has often expressed anxieties about connectivity gaps, disaster resilience, and the economic fallout of regional instability, particularly the spillover effects of the Manipur

violence and refugee influx from Myanmar.

The railway link is seen as a landmark achievement in addressing some of these long-standing concerns.

Reports from Imphal said the Manipur government had started preparing for the visit. Officials, however, say the visit is not yet confirmed. Preparations have already begun at Kangla, Imphal, and Churachandpur district headquarters. Chief Secretary PK Goel convened a meeting on August 30 to discuss the planned visit. However, the meeting only mentioned the visit of a VVIP, according to a state government official.

Security arrangements are being put in place at both places. Beautification of road medians have begun along with road repairs. Special arrangements have also been made at both the venues for internally displaced persons and sitting arrangements for about 15,000 people have been made at Kangla and about 9,000 at Churachandpur.

The government is planning to construct about ten welcome gates and preparations for proper maintenance of helipads have also started.

Meanwhile, the Army, Assam Rifles and Manipur Police have been asked to ensure adequate security, sources said.

CM directs officials to supply adequate quantity of urea to farmers

Vijayawada, Sept 2 (UNI) :Chief Minister N ChandrababuNaidu has asserted that there is adequate stock of urea fertilizer and asked the farming community not to worry for fertilizers.

The Chief Minister held a meeting with the officials in the CM’s camp office at Undavalli near here on Tuesday and reviewed the stocks of fertilizers. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister directed the officials to take stringent steps to ensure that fertilizers are not diverted to black-market. He ordered the officials to take firm action against those who indulge in black-marketing the fertilizers.

The Chief Minister told the officials to calculate the extent of which crops are being

cultivated in the state through e-crop and the amount of fertilizer used by the farmers.

The officials explained to the Chief Minister that 2.02 lakh metric tonnes of urea have been supplied to the State by the Centre so far and there are additional reserves than the actual demand. They told the Chief Minister that this time, 91,000 metric tonnes of urea has been received in addition, compared to last year. The officials informed the CM that DAP has been received at 51,700 metric tonnes which is an additional 16,000 metric tonnes compared to last year.

The officials apprised the Chief Minister that 2.72 lakh metric tonnes of complex fertilizers have also been received so far which is an increase of 1.20 lakh metric tonnes compared to the previous year.

Responding to this, the Chief Minister said: “Despite the availability of fertilizers in the State, some people are deliberately spreading misinformation across the State. The urea consumption should also be calculated through the Integrated Fertilizer

Management System.”

The Chief Minister instructed the officials to make AP State free of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and to create awareness among the farmers to reduce the use of chemical fertilizer. The CM made it clear that plans should be formulated to provide subsidies to farmers who reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in crop cultivation.

Mr.Naidu instructed the officials to take steps to check the spread of Borer pest on coffee gardens. The coffee plants in 20 acres suffered damage with the new pest Borer, he told the officials.

The Chief Minister also ordered the officials to take steps to purchase whole onion produce from the farmers. The officials said that so far, payments of Rs 54 crore have been made for HD Burley tobacco purchases and another Rs 59 crore is yet to be paid. Agriculture Minister K Atchannaaidu, Chief Secretary K Vijayanand and officials of various departments attended the meeting.

Suspended BRS MLC Kavitha to announce future course of action today

Hyderabad, Sept 2 (UNI) : Suspended Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLC K Kavitha, the daughter of former CM KCR, will announce her future course of action tomorrow. According to sources, the 47-year-old Kavitha will quit as BRS MLC tomorrow and is likely to announce her own party.BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR) suspended Kavitha, the Telanganas Jagruthi Founder, from the party with immediate effect today over anti party activities.

The suspension orders were issued by party general secretary and disciplinary committee chairman Soma Bharat

Will strive to make Rahul Gandhi India's PM: Telangana CM

Hyderabad, Sept 2 (UNI) : Chief Minister A Revanath Reddy today said that Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) President Y S Sharmila Reddy and himself will strive to fulfill the dreams of former Chief Minister of erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh Dr YSR to make Rahul Gandhi as the PM of the country.

Speaking at Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy Memorial Award-2025 programme organised on the occasion of his 16th death anniversary here, the Chief Minister recalled former CM YSR’s strong desire to make Rahul Gandhi as the PM of the country.The CM also recollected former CM YSR’s reply to his comments as the first time MLA during the debate on budget. During his stint as CM, YSR always answered the opposition without arrogance, he said.

The Chief Minister observed that many leaders develop friendship with CMs and they vanish soon after the CM loses power. KVP Ramachandra Rao is exceptional who maintained a strong bond with YSR by connecting souls.

Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad Leads Telugu Language Day Celebrations in Toronto

Mississauga, ON, Sept 2 : Distinguished literary figure and cultural ambassador Padma Bhushan Dr. Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad headlined the Telugu Language Day celebrations hosted by the Telugu Cultural Association of Greater Toronto (TCAGT) at Kailash Parbat, 1200 Derry Rd E, Mississauga. The event drew Telugu families from across the Greater Toronto Area and neighboring cities and paid tribute to Telugu language pioneers Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy and Dasarathi



Krishnamacharya.”

In his keynote address, Dr. Lakshmi Prasad spoke about the monumental contributions of both pioneers, stressing the importance of preserving Telugu literature and language. He urged the Non-Resident Indian community to instill linguistic pride in the

younger generation and expressed joy in engaging with the vibrant Telugu diaspora in Toronto.

His interaction with attendees included insightful linguistic references and thoughtful responses to community questions.“

TCAGT President Siva Yellela, Chairman Surya

Bezawada highlighted the association’s 38-year journey of serving Telugu-speaking Canadians. He emphasized TCAGT’s role in nurturing leaders, writers, poets, singers, and artists, while thanking attendees for their presence despite the long weekend and summer holidays.“Dr. Lakshmi

Prasad was felicitated by TCAGT leadership and community dignitaries in recognition of his lifelong dedication to Telugu language and culture. Youth members Vishal Bezawada and Kala Narayanan served as Masters of Ceremony, ensuring the program flowed seamlessly.

Two women drowned in Yeleru canal

Rajahmundry, Sept 2 (UNI) : Two women, including a minor girl, were drowned in the Yeluru canal while washing clothes at Yeleswaram today.

Police said that the two women entered the canal to wash clothes. They slipped and drowned in the canal.

Their bodies were fished out from the canal and shifted to the GGH for postmortem. The deceased women were identified as Pendra Lakshmi (36) and Pandra Kumari (13).

Software engineer sentenced to 20 year jail in 2017 rape case

Hyderabad, Sept 2 (UNI) : A local court today sentenced a 42-year-old software engineer to 20-year rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting a woman.The software engineer, Swagat Kumar Bhoi, had befriended a woman in 2017 and, on the pretext of marrying her, sexually exploited her on several instances.

When the woman insisted on marriage, Swagat threatened her of dire consequences.

On a complaint, the police registered a case on November 28, 2017.After the trial, the court convicted the man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and also imposed a fine of Rs 5,100 on him.

Low-pressure area over Bay of Bengal to bring heavy rainfall

Amaravati, Sep 2 (UNI) The low-pressure area over the northwest Bay of Bengal persisted over the same region at 0830 hours on Tuesday.

It is likely to become more marked in the next 24 hours and move west-northwestwards across Odisha during the subsequent 24 hours, the Meteorological Centre said.

In its daily weather report here, it said that the monsoon trough at mean sea level now passes through Bikaner, Jaipur, Datia, Sidhi, Jharsuguda, Puri, and the center of the low-pressure area over the

northwest Bay of Bengal.

The southwest monsoon is normal over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam, while it remains weak over Rayalaseema.

According to the Meteorological Department, heavy rain is likely at isolated places in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam during the next 48 hours.

Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and strong winds with speeds of 40–50 kmph are expected at isolated places in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam over the next five days, and in

South Coastal Andhra Pradesh during the next 48 hours.

Rayalaseema is also likely to experience strong winds with speeds of 40–50 kmph over the next five days. Similar conditions are forecast in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh on September 4, 5, and 6.

During the past 24 hours, heavy rainfall was recorded in Vizianagaram and Parvathipuram Manyam districts. Rainfall also occurred at many places in Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam, and at one or two places in Rayalaseema.

SPV to be set up to fast-track constructions in Capital city

Vijayawada, Sep 2 (UNI) The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) today approved the setting up of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to expedite the construction of various projects in the capital city of Amaravati.

The decision was taken at the 52nd CRDA meeting, presided over by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, at his camp office in Undavalli.

The proposed SPV will oversee the swift execution of major projects, including a Greenfield Airport, Iconic Bridge, Sports City, Riverfront Ropeway, Inner

Ring Road, and a Smart Industry hub.

Naidu also instructed officials to include a 'Bio Design Project' under the SPV, with plans to establish a 'Health City' in Amaravati along the lines of the 'Sports City'.

Officials gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Iconic Bridge planned across the River Krishna. The Chief Minister suggested developing the islands in the river as an attractive tourist destination.

The meeting was informed that experts and organisations from seven countries are willing to partner in the Bio Design Project. The SPV will be

fully responsible for the design and revenue generation of the projects from construction to completion.The CRDA also approved a tender for the construction of roads and footpaths within the Amaravati Government Complex, covering a total of 53.68 kilometres. The company awarded the tender will be responsible for maintaining the roads for seven years.

Additionally, a notification for urban designs and architectural guidelines in the capital region was approved. Naidu advised officials to ensure that the city's overall design is aesthetically pleasing.

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E-Tender Notice No.30 - 2025
Dt: 30/08/2025

Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works **Closing date & Time: 26.09.2025 at 15:00 hrs**

1. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-North-1920
Description of work : Guntakal Division :Gooty-Kuppagal (UP&DN) :- Provision of safety fencing all along track for 130 kmph and above using NHAI anti-crash barrier/W-beam steel fencing for 90.08 Km fencing length (ph-II). **Advised Value in (₹)** 30,25,97,405.89 **Earnest Money Deposit in :** (₹) 16,63,000.00

2. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-North-1921
Description of work : Guntakal Division: Gooty-Wadi section (DEN/North/GTL): Pro. Boundary wall along the track for speed 130kmph & above for 6.12 Km (Phase-II) (ADEN/North). **Advised Value in (₹)** 6,11,42,178.78 **Earnest Money Deposit in :** (₹) 4,55,700.00

3.Tender No.:Engg-GTL-Central-1922
Description of work : Guntakal Division: Dhone-Proposed Upgradation of station under ABS Phase-II.(1) Renovation of Exg concourse (2)Provision of New Waiting hall, retiring rooms and Granite Flooring on PF 2&3 (3)Improvements in either end Circulating areas (4) Provision of COP on PF 2&3 and (5) New upper class waiting hall on PF No.1 (6)Dismantling of old offices with low height (Two Packet) **Advised Value in (₹)** 11,33,45,544.3 **Earnest Money Deposit in :** (₹) 7,16,700.00

4.Tender No.:Engg-GTL-West-1923
Description of work : Guntakal Division: Pakala: Proposed Upgradation of station under ABS Phase-II. (1) Station building balance works (2) Improvements to circulating area, (3) Provision of Entrance Arch (4) Isolated COP(5)Divyang toilets etc.(Two Packet) **Advised Value in (₹)** 10,52,22,823.7 **Earnest Money Deposit in :** (₹) 6,76,100.00

5.Tender No.:Engg-GTL-West-1924
Description of work : Guntakal Division: Dharmavaram :Proposed Upgradation of station under ABS Phase-II. (1) Improvements to circulating area, (2) Improvements to Concourse area, (3) Provision of approach road, (4) Improvements to drainage arrangements, (5) Full length Cop, (6) New toilets block on PF No.1 & Divyang toilets (7) New TTE sleeper office & Female TTE Rest house duly dismantling existing one, (8) New Entry/Exit on PF No.1 near(Two Packet) **Advised Value in (₹)** 10,57,57,982.25 **Earnest Money Deposit in :** (₹) 6,78,800.00


6.Tender No.:Engg-GTL-West-1925
Description of work : Guntakal Division :SWI-Piler - Proposed Upgradation of station under ABS Phase-II(1) Facade improvements (2) Impr to concourse(3) Provision of parking for 2&4 wheelers(4) Provision of Footpaths in approach roads(5) Balance drainage arrangements SWII-Kadiri: Proposed Upgradation of station with (1)provision of Entrance arch, (2)improvements to Circulating Area and (3)provision of Toilets on Platform etc. **Advised Value in (₹)** 6,39,18,451.69 **Earnest Money Deposit in :** (₹) 4,69,600.00

7.Tender No.:Engg-GTL-West-1926
Description of work : Guntakal Division: Anantapur : Proposed Upgradation of station under ABS Phase-II.(1) Dismantling of Stn Bldg from Portico to RB (2) Stn Bldg Provision of prepaid AC wh/ all on PF No.1, (3) Provision of open waiting hall and PF wall at dismantled portion of bldg, (4) Full COP and 5) New toilet block on PF No.1 & Dismantling of old toilets on PF No.4 near GRP **Advised Value in (₹)** 8,89,39,760.01 **Earnest Money Deposit in :** (₹) 5,94,700.00

Any corrigenda will be issued online only.
Divisional Railway Manager/Works/Guntakal

Corrigendum No. E-03-CPOH-RYP-2025, dated 14.07.2025

The tender No. E-03-CPOH-RYP-2025 invited under e-Tender Notice. No. 03/DY.CE/CPOH/RYP/2025, dtd.14.07.2025 is hereby cancelled. Please note
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By. Chief Engineer/CPOH/Rayanapadu

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Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/Works/BZA/19/2025 dt.29.08.2025

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

1. Tender No.: E-36-East-BZA-2025
Name of work : BZA Division - Provision of 6 lifts at TNKU(2Nos), AKVD (2 Nos) & KKLR (2 nos) stations for connecting to Existing FOBs in SSE/W/B/M section under ADEN/BVRM Sub-Division. **Period of completion:** 06 (Six Months) **Tender value (₹)** 1,17,88,107/- **E.M.D. :** (₹) 4,26,200/- **Date of closing:** 19/09/2025


2. Tender No.: E-20-Central-BZA-2025
Name of work : BZA Division: GDR-BZA Section - SW-I) TRR(P) - 1.706 Km from Km:366.370 - 368.076 for new diversion from Down Line to Up line by Cut & Connection between APL-NDO in ADEN/BPP Sub-division. SW-II) TRR(P) - 1.700 Km from Km:364.670 - 366.370 for new diversion from Down Line to Up line by Cut & Connection between APL-NDO in ADEN/BPP Sub-division. (DEN/Central/BZA Jurisdiction) . **Period of completion:** 06 (Six Months) **Tender value (₹)** 1,59,24,417/- **E.M.D. :** (₹) 2,29,600/- **Date of closing:** 24/09/2025

3. Tender No.: E-21-Central-BZA-2025
Name of work : SW I: Balance work for Provision of Lift in PF No.4 & 5 at Bapatla station in SSE/W/BPP section under ADEN/BPP Sub Division under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. SW II: Balance work for Provision of Escalators at Chirala Station (3 Nos) on Platforms in SSE/Works/BPP Section under ADEN/BPP Sub-Division under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. SW III : Provision of Escalators at Eluru Station (2 Nos) on Platforms in SSE/Works/EE Section under ADEN/EE Sub-Division under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. SW IV : Provision of Escalators at Tenali Station (3 Nos) on Platforms in SSE/Works/TEL Section under ADEN/BPP Sub-Division under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. **Period of completion:** 12 (Twelve Months) **Tender value (₹)** 1,47,62,141/- **E.M.D. :** (₹) 2,23,800/- **Date of closing:** 24/09/2025

4. Tender No.: E-16-Bridges-BZA-2025
Name of work : BZA Division: BZA-VSKP Section: Metallization of sectional bridges in SSE/Br/I/RJY & SSE/Br/II/RJY sections under ADEN/Br/N/BZA jurisdiction. **Period of completion:** 12 (Twelve Months) **Tender value (₹)** 2,16,66,993/- **E.M.D. :** (₹) 258300/- **Date of closing:** 24/09/2025

1) Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at '[www.ireps.gov.in](#)'.
2) The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website '[www.ireps.gov.in](#)' before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.
3) The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Works), S.C.Railway, Vijayawada and ADEN sub-divisional offices of Vijayawada Division which can be seen.
4) The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Vijayawada

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E - Tender Notice No. :
GN/GS/36/351,
Dated : 30-08-2025

The undersigned invites e-tenders for the works mentioned below up to 12:00 hours of 22-09-2025.

ID. No. : 351. Name of the work : Signalling arrangements in connection with 1) Replacement of Over aged IPS, Track Circuit, VHF Batteries over Guntur division. 2) Replacement of web detectors (Tx/Rx coils) of HASSDAC at 38 stations over Guntur Division. 3) Replacement of Analog Axle counters with MSDAC for loop lines at CMZ station in Guntur Division. **Advised Tender Value (Rs.) :** 4,27,76,649.84. **Earnest Money Deposit / Bid security (Rs.) :** 3,63,900/- **Cost of Tender Document(Rs.) for online submission of E-bids are 22-09-2025 up to 12:00 hours.** For detailed information login to our website at [www.ireps.gov.in](#).
2. Any further communication / corrigendum shall only be intimated through E-portal [www.ireps.gov.in](#).

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom. A1338 Engineer / Guntur.

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STANDARD POST

Many pre-schoolers get ADHD medication before therapy

Despite clear clinical guidelines recommending six months of behavioral therapy before initiating medication for young children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), a significant number of pre-schoolers are being prescribed medication almost immediately after diagnosis, a new Stanford Medicine-led study has revealed.

Published in JAMA Network Open, the study highlights a troubling trend: many children aged four and five years are starting pharmacological treatment far earlier than advised, in direct contradiction to guidelines issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Researchers analysed the medical records of nearly 10,000 preschool-aged children across eight pediatric health networks in the US. The findings were stark: 42.2% of these children received ADHD medication within just one month of diagnosis. Alarming, only 14.1% began medication after completing the recommended six-month period of behavioral therapy.

Dr Yair Barnett, assistant professor of paediatrics and the study's lead author, expressed serious concerns about this practice. "Starting ADHD treatment with a behavioural approach is beneficial; it has a big positive effect on the child as well as on the family," he said.

Behaviour therapy focuses on modifying the child's environment and routines, training parents to manage behaviours effectively through positive reinforcement and structured schedules.

Moreover, stimulant medications, commonly prescribed for ADHD, tend to cause more side effects in younger children. Children under six years metabolize these drugs less efficiently, resulting in irritability, emotional instability, and aggression. Dr Barnett noted, "While toxicity is not a major concern, treatment failure is high because families often discontinue medication due to these side effects."

ADHD is characterised by hyperactivity, impulsivity, and difficulty maintaining attention. Early diagnosis and effective treatment are crucial, as children with ADHD face higher risks of academic struggles and school dropout. Research confirms that appropriate management improves long-term outcomes in education, employment, relationships, and legal behaviour.

The American Academy of Pediatrics endorses parent training in behaviour management as the first-line treatment for preschool children with ADHD. This evidence-based therapy equips parents with skills to nurture positive behaviours and ignore negative ones, providing tools such as visual schedules to help children organise daily tasks.

Medication serves a complementary role, alleviating core ADHD symptoms. Its effects are temporary and dependent on consistent dosing. Most children with ADHD benefit from a combination of behavioural therapy and medication, but behavioural intervention should precede pharmacological treatment, especially in young children.

The study's analysis could not determine why doctors frequently prescribed medication early. However, informal conversations with physicians revealed that limited access to behavioural therapy is a major factor.

In many regions, therapists trained in behavioural management are scarce, and insurance coverage is often inadequate.

Dr Barnett stressed the importance of educating paediatricians on available resources, including free or low-cost online behavioural training for parents. "If behavioural therapy is unavailable, doctors sometimes feel compelled to prescribe medication rather than offer no treatment at all."

While this study focused on 4- and 5-year-olds, behavioural therapy remains vital for older children with ADHD.

For those aged six and above, guidelines recommend combined behavioural and medication treatment to provide both symptom relief and long-term coping skills.

Dr Barnett concluded, "Medication is never the sole solution for ADHD. Behavioural therapy teaches the child and family long-term skills that will help them in life." In other words, behavioural therapy builds lifelong skills that medication alone cannot provide.

Robotic Era Redefines Urological Surgeries: Global Experts at "Robo-Lap" Conference by AINU

One of India's largest Urology Conferences dedicated to advancing excellence in urological laparoscopy and robotics surgery



(Standard Post Bureau)

The era of robots in urological surgeries has arrived, and patients, whether from urban or rural areas, increasingly demand minimally invasive surgeries with smaller incisions. International medical experts noted that the perception of robotic surgery as less painful and offering faster recovery is now widely accepted. Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology (AINU), India's largest single-specialty hospital chain for urology and nephrology, successfully hosted the Robo-Lap 2025 conference—one of the country's most significant gatherings dedicated to robotic and laparoscopic advancements in uro care. More than 1,000 Urologists across India, the England, USA, Belgium, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka attended the conference, where complex urology cases were

discussed with the esteemed panel of experts. This unique conference led by AINU became a vibrant hub for exchanging clinical knowledge, future-ready surgical practices, and global perspectives to redefine patient outcomes in this specialty.

The two-day academic exchange featured complex case discussions, workshops, and high-level deliberations on future technologies shaping urology and nephrology.

Speaking about the conference, Dr. Mallikarjuna C, Managing Director & Chief Consultant Urologist, AINU, said, "At AINU, we have always believed that advancing patient care begins with advancing clinical knowledge. Robo-Lap 2025 was not just about showcasing surgical innovations—it was about creating a forum where specialists from across the

globe could engage, share insights, and collectively reimagine the future of Urology care. By curating platforms of this scale, we ensure that the urology community has access to the latest breakthroughs in robotics and minimally invasive surgery. Clinical knowledge exchange lies at the heart of AINU's mission, and this conference reaffirms our commitment to shaping the future of care in India and beyond. A trailblazer in laparoscopic and robotic urological surgery."

"Today, whether—urban or rural—patients are asking for smaller incisions, because they know it reduces pain, ensures faster recovery, and helps them return quickly to normal life. However, training in such procedures, particularly in the urology field, has not traditionally been part of medical college education.

For this reason, the conference proved extremely useful to practitioners who enhanced their knowledge and skills and are now better equipped to return to their states or countries and provide satisfactory treatment to patients there." He added.

Sandeep Guduru, Chief Executive Officer at AINU, said, "The 'Robo-Lap' initiative reflects AINU's commitment to clinical excellence, continuous learning, and technological innovation in the fields of urology. At AINU, we believe in pushing the boundaries of innovation, and Robo-Lap is a shining example of that spirit."

The conference also served as a vital knowledge-sharing platform on the management of advanced uro-oncology surgeries, reconstructive surgeries, complex pediatric surgeries. Renowned experts deliberated on surgical solutions for challenging cases, demonstrating how robotic and laparoscopic techniques are transforming precision, reducing invasiveness, and enabling faster patient recovery.

Robo-Lap 2025 stands as a testament to AINU's thought leadership in fostering collaboration, innovation, and academic rigor for the benefit of the global urology and nephrology community.

Kharge slams BJP at Voter Adhikar Yatra finale, says Bihar to uproot 'double-engine corrupt govt'

Patna, Sept 2 (UNI) ; In a fiery address marking the conclusion of the 16-day-long Voter Adhikar Yatra today, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge attacked the BJP-led central and state governments, asserting that Bihar will lead the nation in uprooting what he claimed a "double-engine corrupt government".

Addressing a massive crowd here along with leaders of the INDIA bloc, Kharge congratulated all those who participated in the yatra, describing it as a "people's awakening".

"This yatra wasn't just a protest, it was a movement to reclaim democracy and the fundamental right to vote. Wherever it passed, crores poured onto the streets. The people of Bihar made it a resounding success," he said.

Kharge further accused the Modi government of systematically dismantling democratic institutions over the past 11 years, alleging the misuse of agencies like the ED, CBI, and Income Tax Department to destabilise Opposition governments.

"First, they stole from the poor and handed public wealth to a few industrialist friends. Then, they used that money to topple elected governments. Now, they've moved from theft to outright robbery," he alleged.

He also took aim at the recent legislation passed in Parliament, calling it a tool to silence the Opposition and deflect from the government's failures.

The Congress president also praised Rahul Gandhi for consistently standing up for the oppressed, linking the Voter Adhikar Yatra with previous campaigns like Bharat Jodo Yatra, Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, and Jai Babu – Jai Bhim – Jai Samvidhan.

"Every time the rights of the marginalised are under threat, Rahul ji raises their voice whether it's Dalits, tribals, backward classes or women. This yatra continues that legacy," he said.

Equating the alleged voter fraud in Bihar with the theft of people's basic rights, Kharge said, "Stealing your vote means stealing your ration, your pension, your right to housing, and your MGNREGA wages. Voting is not just a right, it's your dignity".

Referring to the recent Special Intensive Revision (SIR), Kharge said the Opposition had been vindicated by the Supreme Court and criticised the BJP for shielding the Election Commission from scrutiny.

Kharge also slammed Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and said, "He lacked the courage to fight against injustice. Abandoning the socialist ideology, he aligned himself with the RSS and BJP. The people of Bihar have realized that these are 'partners in crime'. Not just Bihar, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, people have seen their true face".

Darasing Khurana Hosts Heart-stirring Donor–Recipient Meet In Pune, Calls For More Blood Stem Cell Donors



(Standard Post Bureau)

Actor, emcee, and philanthropist Darasing Khurana, Brand Ambassador for DATRI Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry, led an emotional donor–recipient meet organized by DATRI in collaboration with Sahyadri Hospital. The highlight was a rare reunion where twin sisters Shaurya and Aarya, both diagnosed with Acute Lymphoid Leukemia at three-and-a-half, met their lifesaving donor Mr. Meeneshwar of Hyderabad, who had donated his blood stem cells and "gave them a second chance at life." Addressing attendees, Khurana saluted the resilience of the twins' parents and urged more Indians to register as voluntary blood stem cell donors, noting that each new registration can be a potential match for a patient fighting a fatal blood disorder. His appeal aligns with his long-running advocacy as DATRI's Brand Ambassador, a role publicly featured by the organization. The Sahyadri medical team, led

by Dr. Kannan Subramanian with guidance from Dr. Shashikant Apte, performed the unique transplants and emphasized the critical need for expanding India's donor base. "With every new donor, we increase the chance of saving lives," said Dr. Subramanian.

For the family, the meet was profoundly personal. "We could never imagine that one person's selfless act would give us back our children," the parents shared, thanking DATRI, Sahyadri Hospital, and the donor. Mr. Meeneshwar called the reunion "the most emotional moment" of his life. Since inception, DATRI has facilitated more than 1,645 blood stem cell donations and built a registry of over six lakh donors, underscoring the momentum behind such lifesaving measures. About Darasing Khurana: Winner of Mister India International 2017, Khurana is a known advocate for youth and health causes and frequently fronts DATRI's awareness efforts across events and campaigns.

Interactive session on Latest Advancements in Neurosciences concludes successfully



(Standard Post Bureau)

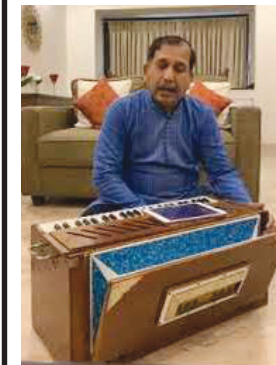
Artemis Hospital Gurugram in association with CRREST neuro services, Neurological society of Agra, IACM – Agra recently spearheaded an interactive session in the city focusing on 10 commandments of Brain health. The seminar aimed to shed light on cutting-edge treatments for various types of neuro related disorders, making them more accessible, reliable, and safer than ever before.

The session was orated by Dr. Aditya Gupta, Chief Neurosurgery & CNS Radiosurgery & Co-Chief – Cyberknife centre, from

Artemis Hospitals, who spoke on the topic Collaborative cases in neurosciences. Dr. Aditya Gupta, Chief Neurosurgery & CNS Radiosurgery & Co-Chief – Cyberknife centre, Artemis Hospitals emphasized the significance of cyberknife radiosurgery in tackling complex neurosurgical cases, said "M6 Cyberknife Radiosurgery is precise, painless, and non-invasive radiation treatment. It is extremely efficient for the treatment of inoperable cancerous and non-cancerous tumors, requires no anesthesia & incision and has no reported risks or side effects. This

therapy has a proven clinical success rate of over 95% of the brain tumor patients and works best for tumors up to 2.5-3 cm in size. The seminar aimed to create awareness among both the medical community and the public about these advancements, ultimately striving to enhance patient care and outcomes. Artemis Hospital Gurugram remains committed to pushing the boundaries of medical excellence and introducing state-of-the-art technologies to ensure accurate and effective treatment options for patients worldwide.

Harmonium Performance by Dr. Dilip Gayatonde



(Standard Post Bureau)

On behalf of the Dadar Matunga Cultural Centre, a solo harmonium performance by Dr. Dilip Gayatonde is being organized in memory of Nana and Bhau Rajadhyaksha, supported by the Rajadhyaksha family. The event is scheduled for Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the Centre's V.V. Gokhale Auditorium. Sunil Jayaphalkar will accompany on the tabla.

This program is open to all. The Centre warmly invites music enthusiasts to attend and enjoy the performance. For more information, contact: 7700994495, 24304150.


Maratha agitation brings Mumbai to standstill: HC

Mumbai, Sep 2 (UNI) The Bombay High Court today observed that the ongoing Maratha agitation

had brought Mumbai to a standstill and created fear among citizens while directing Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange and his protestors to vacate the city by 3 pm, warning of strict consequences if the order was not followed.A bench of Acting Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekar and Justice Aarti Sathe came down heavily on both the protestors and the state government, and warned of taking action, including initiating contempt of court and imposing exemplary costs.

Senior advocate Satish Maneshinde, appearing for Jarange, tendered an apology for the misbehaviour of some protestors. He said Jarange never intended to cause inconvenience or a law-and-order situation.

“Our visit to Mumbai was planned a month in advance, yet no facilities were provided. People who landed here did not come with the idea of creating trouble. There was no designated area for 500 vehicles. Permission was for 5,000 people,” he argued.The bench, however, questioned how the number of protestors swelled to tens of thousands.“When more people came, what steps did you take to restrict the gathering to 5,000? Did you have a list of participants? When one lakh people thronged Mumbai, what did you do?” the court asked. Maneshinde responded that he had appealed through the media and assured the court he would prepare participant lists in future.

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Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/ Works/SC/86-91/2025/OT, Dt: 29.08.2025.

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on dt: 26.09.2025

1. e-Tender No.: 86_CO_SC_25_OT
Name of the work : BPQ-KZJ, KZJ-KI, WD-SC & SC-KZJ Sections: Welding of Rail joints 60kg/52kg by means of Mobile flash Butt Welding Plant in situ at various locations under Sr.DEN/North/SC, Sr.DEN/West/SC & DEN/Central/SC sections in connection with complete Track Renewal (S) & Through Rail Renewal (S) work. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹)** 2,79,40,626/- **EMD :** (₹) 2,89,700/-
Completion period in Months: 09
Maintenance period in Months: NIL
Works considered similar in nature towards Standard eligibility criteria.: F-6: Flash Butt Welding of 60kg/52kg or higher section of Rails.

2. e-Tender No.: 87_W_SC_25_OT
Name of the work : SC – Wadi section: Improvements to Passenger amenities at Vikarabad & Tandur stations under Amrit Bharat Phase-I. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹)** 5,21,14,240/- **EMD :** (₹) 4,10,600/-
Completion period in Months: 09
Maintenance period in Months: 36
Works considered similar in nature towards Standard eligibility criteria.: C-2: Any Civil Engineering Works (excluding Track works / Zonal works).

3. e-Tender No.: 88_W_SC_25_OT
Name of the work : SW 1) Construction of a Boundary Wall to Protect Station Areas at CDNR, BTNR & HFZ from Encroachments under ADEN/VKB Sub-Division. SW 2) Replacement of existing old water tanks along with staging at BTNR, CDNR, HTCY, BRBD, GDO, SEM, NAW and CT stations under Sr.DEN/West/SC jurisdiction. SW 3) Provision of Z-type shelters and benches at RMY, GDO, MVH, KQT, GGD, NAW, MOR and CT stations under Sr.DEN/West/SC jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹)** 7,51,33,208/- **EMD :** (₹) 5,25,700/-
Completion period in Months: 18
Maintenance period in Months: 36
Works considered similar in nature towards Standard eligibility criteria.: C-2: Any Civil Engineering Works (excluding Track works / Zonal works).

4. e-Tender No.: 89_N_SC_25_OT
Name of the work : BPQ-KZJ section: T/FR Widening/repair of Cess, filling up of low lying areas near toe of bank, providing Toe bank & Precast / Cast insitu RCC central Drain & cross drain HDPE through the Railway formation at a required depth to the required slope etc. for a total length of 11.908kms. in SSE/P.Way/MAGH & SKZR section (Maharashtra state) under ADEN/BPA sub-division. (Two packet system) **Approx. Tender Value in (₹)** 13,89,10,667/- **EMD :** (₹) 8,44,600/-
Completion period in Months: 12
Maintenance period in Months: 36
Works considered similar in nature towards Standard eligibility criteria.: F-9: Any Civil Engineering Work consisting of earth work or formation treatment / Rehabilitation of Railway Formation.

5. e-Tender No.: 90_CR_SC_25_OT
Name of the work : WD-SC-KZJ sections (DN & UP lines) SW 1) CTR (P) inducing recoupmnet and increasing of ballast cushion to 35cm and deep screening of ballast for a total length of 2,221 Kms by PORSTR/Manual method. SW 2) TRR (P) for a total length of 2,725 kms. SW 3) TSR (P) including recoupmnet and increasing of ballast cushion to 25cm and deep screening of ballast for a total length of 32.833 kms. SW 4) Through fitting Renalizer for a total length of 35.032 kms at various locations as under DEN/Central/SC section. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹)** 4,59,42,255/- **EMD :** (₹) 3,79,800/-
Completion period in Months: 12
Maintenance period in Months: 45 (days)
Works considered similar in nature towards Standard eligibility criteria.: F-3: Any Railway track work including track maintenance work.

6. e-Tender No.: 91_CR_SC_25_OT
Name of the work : SC-KZJ section: ELS / KZJ: Augmentation of homing capacity from 175 to 300 Locos. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹)** 8,60,37,279/- **EMD :** (₹) 5,80,200/-
Completion period in Months: 12
Maintenance period in Months: 36
Works considered similar in nature towards Standard eligibility criteria.: C-2: Any Civil Engineering Works (excluding Track works / Zonal works).

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.

2. Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at [ireps.gov.in](#) in which can be downloaded, can be Participated and can view any modifications if any.

3. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit EMD through online payments / BG only.

4. The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr.DEN/Co-ordination, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, and Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.

5. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

6. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offer.

Sr.DEN/Co-ordination/ Secunderabad

Fire engulfs accident relief medical coach, train services hit

Gondia, Sep 2 (UNI) : A major fire broke out in an accident relief medical coach (ARMC) parked on platform number three of Gondia railway station on the busy Howrah–Mumbai rail route today, affecting train services, Railways officials said.

The incident occurred around 11 a.m..

As soon as smoke and flames were spotted, railway staff and officers rushed to the spot and launched firefighting operations on a war footing.

After sustained efforts, the blaze was successfully brought under control.

No casualties were reported, the officials said.

The incident severely disrupted train services along the Mumbai line. The Bilaspur–Nagpur Vande Bharat Express was halted before reaching Gondia, while the Lokmanya Tilak Terminus–Shalimar Jnaneshwari Express was stopped at Gangadhari station.

Authorities also suspended power supply to overhead electric lines in the Gondia section for a few hours to ensure safety, leading to further delays.

While lives were spared, the accident relief medical coach suffered significant damage in the fire, officials confirmed.

Gondia Railway Station Master Mrityunjay Rai expressed disappointment over the absence of municipal firefighting support.

"After the fire broke out, the Gondia Municipal Corporation's Fire Department was informed. We waited for their fire engine, but it never arrived. Our staff and officers continued the efforts and finally managed to douse the flames," Rai said.



Priests perform 'abhishek' at the Bade Hanuman Mandir during the Monsoon season, in Prayagraj on Tuesday.

Marathas celebrate as Fadnavis Govt accepts key demands made by Jarange-Patil

Mumbai, Sept 2 (UNI) : Maratha protesters at Mumbai's Azad Maidan began celebrating after a delegation of Maharashtra cabinet ministers led by Water Resources Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, who heads the cabinet's sub-committee on Maratha quota, met fasting Maratha quota protest leader Manoj Jarange-Patil today and assured him that a Government Resolution (GR) will be issued, granting Kunbi OBC status to Marathas of Marathwada region.

Jarange-Patil withdrew his agitation on its fifth day after he received a draft of an official government resolution (GR) on the implementation of the Hyderabad Gazette, granting Kunbi OBC status to Marathas of the Marathwada region, which was given to him by the delegation of ministers at Azad Maidan this evening.

The delegation of ministers assured Jarange-Patil at Azad Maidan that a Government Resolution (GR) will be issued to implement the Hyderabad Gazette recommendation to give Kunbi OBC status to Marathas of the Marathwada region in an hour's time.

Jarange-Patil accepted the assurance and said that as soon as the GR is issued, he would leave Mumbai

along with his supporters.

The Fadnavis government has accepted six out of eight demands made by Jarange-Patil. “The scholars have looked at the draft. We have accepted the draft. Now the government should issue the Government Resolution (GR). If any fraud is found in the GR, then not a single minister will be allowed to roam around in Maharashtra,” Jarange-Patil told his supporters.

Earlier, the Bombay High Court accepted a request made by senior advocate Satish Maneshinde and other lawyers on behalf of Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil and his supporters for some time to engage in dialogue with the state cabinet committee on Maratha quota. The court also adjourned the hearing on a plea against permission granted for protests at the designated site at Azad Maidan in South Mumbai till tomorrow, 1 pm.

The Bombay High Court also allowed Jarange-Patil to stay at the Azad Maidan protest venue till tomorrow morning.

The Maharashtra government stated that it has agreed to withdraw cases against protestors, even as the police came in huge numbers today and cleared out protesters near

the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) railway station and the roads near the Bombay High Court building.

Addressing his supporters after he accepted the assurance of the delegation of ministers, Jarange-Patil said, “Our demands were already presented to the government in written form. The first issue was the immediate implementation of the Hyderabad Gazette, which we had demanded. The government has now decided on this. Minister Vikhe Patil has assured that the government will issue a Government Resolution (GR) on it. The cabinet sub-committee has decided to approve the proposed demand for the implementation of the Hyderabad Gazette. According to this government decision, an action plan is proposed under which individuals from the Maratha community in the village will be issued Kunbi caste certificates after verification, if their relatives, clan members, or people from the same village have already been issued such certificates”.

Notably, the Hyderabad Gazette was issued by the pre-Independence Hyderabad Nizam-era government in 1918, granting Kunbi other

backward caste (OBC) status to Marathas of the Marathwada region, which used to be part of the erstwhile Hyderabad State ruled by Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan until 1948. This document is still considered valid and is accepted as a reference in many ongoing legal cases. The Hyderabad Gazette has noted that the Maratha community has historically been socially and educationally backward.

The Maharashtra government has assured Jarange-Patil that the Hyderabad Gazette will be implemented through a government resolution (GR), while implementing recommendations of the other three gazettes, namely the gazettes issued by Satara, Bombay, and Aundh, granting Kunbi OBC status to Marathas, would take at least a month.

However, Maharashtra Food & Civil Supplies Minister Chhagan Bhujbal, who is a senior OBC leader, warned that lakhs of OBC community members will stage protests if the reservation quota meant for OBCs is diluted by the Maharashtra government in any way. Bhujbal said Marathas should not be accommodated in the quota meant for OBCs, adding that only 17 per cent reservation is available for 374 communities in the state of Maharashtra.

BJP accuses MVA of politicising Maratha quota, urges Jarange to end stir

Mumbai, Sept 2 (UNI) BJP spokesperson Keshav Upadhye has accused the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) of attempting to pit two communities against each other for political gains instead of genuinely resolving the Maratha quota issue.

Upadhye today alleged on social media that certain forces were trying to use Manoj Jarange Patil's agitation as a tool for electoral benefit. He appealed to Jarange Patil to withdraw the protest and cooperate with the government to avoid further embarrassment.

"The same Maratha community that once organized peaceful silent marches is now being portrayed differently over the past few days in Mumbai. The unruly acts of a few miscreants have raised questions about the community's image," Upadhye wrote in his post.

He emphasized that the government has responded positively by granting 10% reservation after recognizing the Maratha community's concerns, and that most demands have already been accepted. The BJP, he said, has a clear stance: Marathas will be given legally sustainable reservation without disturbing the quotas of other communities.

Upadhye further questioned whether Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray faction) chief Uddhav Thackeray and NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar faction) chief Sharad Pawar support granting Maratha reservation under the OBC category.

He claimed Thackeray lacked proper understanding of the issue and would remain silent, while MVA parties continue to adopt evasive positions.

"Every movement requires some give and take, and sometimes a pause. Even Mahatma Gandhi suspended his agitations at times. Now is the right time to step back," Upadhye added.

Shiv Bhojan Thali' centres face closure after 8 months without Govt grants

Nagpur, Sept 2 (UNI) The Maharashtra government's delay in releasing funds for the "Shiv Bhojan Thali" scheme has pushed many centres in Nagpur to the brink of closure.

Operators say they haven't received grants for the past eight months, leaving them unable to bear the operational costs.

The scheme, launched in January 2020 to provide affordable meals to the poor at Rs 5 per plate, is now struggling due to financial constraints. Many centres in the city have either scaled down operations or are on the verge of shutting down completely.

Contractors allege that despite repeated appeals, the government has not cleared their dues.

Most tehsils in Marathwada receive above-average rainfall

Ch. Sambhajinagar, Sept 2 (UNI) : The Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar division has received 113.8 per cent of its normal rainfall during the current monsoon season from June to September, according to the daily rainfall report generated today.

The division recorded 584.6 millimetres of actual rainfall against the normal expectation of 513.5 millimetres during the June-July-August period. Rainfall analysis covering all districts and tehsils in the division shows significant variations across different areas.

In Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district, nine tehsils recorded rainfall ranging from 99.8 per cent to 137 per cent of their normal expectations. Kannad tehsil led with 137 per cent of normal rainfall, receiving 594 millimetres against its

normal of 430.9 millimetres. Soegaon recorded the highest absolute rainfall at 556.7 millimetres, achieving 102.1 per cent of its normal.

Jalna district performed exceptionally well with all eight tehsils recording above-normal rainfall. The district average stood at 117.4 per cent of normal, with Badnapur leading at 139.6 per cent after receiving 596.3 millimetres of rainfall against its normal of 427.3 millimetres. Jafraabad and Jalna tehsils also showed strong performance with 121.8 per cent and 119.4 per cent of normal rainfall respectively.

Beeed district recorded 121.1 per cent of normal rainfall across its eleven tehsils. Shirur Kasar performed best with 133.6 per cent of normal rainfall, receiving 470.7 millimetres against its normal of 352.3

millimetres.

However, Ashti tehsil significantly underperformed, recording only 69.8 per cent of normal rainfall with 261 millimetres against its normal of 373.8 millimetres.

Latur district achieved 106.4 per cent of normal rainfall with notable variations among its ten tehsils. Shirur Anantmal recorded the highest at 131.1 per cent with 643.9 millimetres of rainfall. However, Latur tehsil itself recorded only 92.8 per cent of normal rainfall, receiving 459.3 millimetres against its normal of 495.1 millimetres.

Dharashiv district recorded 122.1 per cent of normal rainfall across eight tehsils. Washi tehsil led with 150.8 per cent of normal rainfall, receiving 649.6 millimetres against its normal of 430.9 millimetres. Lohara also performed exceptionally

well with 152.6 per cent of normal rainfall.

Nanded district, comprising sixteen tehsils, recorded 123.3 per cent of normal rainfall. Ardhapur achieved the highest at 146.3 per cent with 848.6 millimetres of rainfall. Kinwat recorded the highest absolute rainfall in the district at 957.9 millimetres, representing 122.6 per cent of its normal. Mahur tehsil recorded 848.1 millimetres against its normal of 837.3 millimetres.

Parbhani district showed mixed results with 96.1 per cent of normal rainfall across nine tehsils. Pathari performed best with 123.9 per cent of normal rainfall, while Manvat recorded only 88.9 per cent of its normal expectations. The district received 569 millimetres against its normal of 592.3 millimetres. Hingoli district

recorded 113.7 per cent of normal rainfall across five tehsils. Audha led with 131.4 per cent of normal rainfall, receiving 756.1 millimetres. Kalmnuri also performed well with 126.2 per cent of normal rainfall.

The September rainfall data shows that most tehsils received minimal precipitation on the day of reporting, with progressive totals showing good cumulative performance. When compared to the previous year, most areas have recorded significantly higher rainfall percentages, indicating a better monsoon performance this year.

The rainfall recording and analysis report, generated at 10:26 am today, includes a disclaimer that the data is subject to change within three days due to late reception of data or adoption from nearest recording stations in case of missing data.

Relationships



Your child should not be clueless when she has her first period. And with kids having periods as early as ten years old, it is necessary for parents to make their kids aware. As you start seeing your child having mood swings and getting irritated for no rhyme or reason, it is time that you sit down and have a chat with her.



head high when you have the period chat with your daughter, since you don't want her to feel that it is something that she should be ashamed of.

Avoid bombarding her with too much information

Do not give too much information that the child gets confused. In fact, the best time to start is when there is a sanitary napkin ad playing on television. Don't give a long lecture about periods in one sitting. Start with small talk, which is easy for your daughter to absorb. Tell her that these are little changes in the body which every girl undergoes, as she gradually becomes a woman. Find out from your daughter's teachers if they are covering anything about the reproductive system in their school. If they are, it gets easier for you as the mother to explain the topic as you know that your daughter has some information about it. Don't forget to have an age-appropriate discussion with your daughter.

Inform her about basic hygiene

It is important that you teach your child how to use a pad during menstruation and how often she needs to change it. Parents should tell the child about washing her hands thoroughly and to keep her private parts clean so that there is no infection. Teach her the right disposal method.

Common questions that you may have to answer:

- Why do only girls get periods?
- Does it hurt?
- How long does it last?
- Can I play during this time?

Ways to deal with PMS

Premenstrual syndrome (PMS) can be severe for some girls. Nutritionist Sheela Tanna suggests the following tips:

- She must have at least three servings of calcium-rich food a day, such as low-fat milk, cheese, yogurt, fortified orange juice, and soya milk
- Don't stop her from being physically active. Help her maintain a healthy body weight
- Make sure she avoids processed food
- Increase her water intake
- She should avoid junk food

Time for some pet Etiquette

Pets are adorable but they can get equally annoying if not trained properly. We share some tips to turn your pet into a great companion:



A recent study claimed that dog owners get the same surge of emotions when looking at their pooch as mothers do with their infants. While most of the pet owners will nod in agreement, you may find a few disagreeing. "I love my pet but he's such a nuisance. He will bark his lungs out in the middle of the night, chew on everything he gets his hands on and trouble my guests. I don't know what to do with him," says PR executive Aashish Sen who owns Peddle, a Pomeranian.

But you can set aside such worries. Dogs can adapt to human society. We share with you some useful tips to minimize your pet worries:

Exercising pet is a good pet:

Your pet needs regular exercise to get rid of his excessive energy. Do not take him out just to litter, let him run, have fun. "This is the only way to release his excessive energy which if not released could make him irritable. It amounts to building stress which will be exhibited through excessive barking and unwanted pouncing," says Delhi-based senior veterinarian, Dr James Rappai.

No loud business:

When you are feeding or talking to your pet, do not raise your voice. Make him adapt to commands but say it once and say like you mean it. It should be firm not loud. And if you keep saying it, he won't listen unless you snap at him. "Be careful about the commands and the words you use. Don't confuse them. If you use the command 'Sit' to make him sit, do not use 'Heel' instead," says Chennai based dog trainer J Rangarajan.

Attention with care:

Some pets are in a habit to bark to grab your attention. They will bark when hungry, while greeting you, wanting to play with you. Says Pet groomer Geetika Nigam, "This habit must be modified simply by not providing positive reinforcement when he is barking for no reason."

Even your pet needs toys:

If you see your pet chewing furniture or your favourite shoes, don't snap at him. Instead give him alternatives to chew on like pet friendly toys. Spread them all over the floor and if he still goes for your shoes, give him a chewy. Says Delhi-based dog trainer Raju Sinha, "If he still goes, then direct him to a chewy. In a way, your pet is trying to teach you to be more careful with treasured items."

Never hit him:

Don't hit your pet when you are angry with him. The next time you get angry, first tell him firmly that he's incorrect, ignore him, and nudge him off if he comes to you. This will disorient him and he will know that the behaviour is not acceptable. "Remember, you should never resort to hitting your pet," adds J Rangarajan.

Eating habits:

Never feed him while you are eating. This might be taken as a cue that he can take food from your plate.

Make him a social pet:

Don't restrict his exposure just to family else he will get really uncomfortable in front of your guests or might behave awkwardly. And remember never ask your friend if you can get your pet along to a get together or party. If they want him to come, they will say it.

Here are some ways how you can initiate a conversation about periods with your daughter.

Start the chat early

Menstruation is a part of growing up and there is absolutely no harm if you start the talk early, in small portions. It is quite a scary experience for a child to discover one fine day that she is bleeding. Says child counsellor, Ronita Chatterji, "The poor thing may not even know where the blood is coming from. She might think that she is terribly sick and that she is going to die. So, it is important that you begin the chat as soon as you see some changes in your daughter's body like pubic hair and breast development. She might even ask questions about these slight changes. When you are answering such questions you can discuss periods as well."

Prepare yourself first

It is important that you prepare yourself first when you start the conversation. Talk about your own experience and be prepared to answer all questions. You might require to go surf the net to study the female reproductive system. Says psychologist, Seema Hingorani, "Mental preparation for parents is very important when they sit down for a chat with their kids. Make them feel that it is absolutely normal and maintain eye contact while talking about it." Since having periods means the onset of sexual maturity, it is important that you inform your daughter about sex and how to be careful. There are a lot of questions that might come to a child's mind: How much it hurts? How often it happens? Will she be able to play outside with her friends? Clear all doubts that are playing in your daughter's mind. Hold your



Tips to teach table manners to kids

Here are some tips which will help you teach your kids table manners and etiquette

Table manners and dining etiquette are an important aspect every person should have. Starting early with kids can come in handy. Here are some tips on how you can imbibe table manners in your kids early -

Fixed time:

Fix a day and a meal where you can tell your kids about table manners - how to place the napkin, how to eat with a fork, knife and spoon, how to eat with their mouth closed, how to pass food to others, etc.

When you're out:

If you are dining out with your family, choose a kid-friendly restaurant. Let your kids order food for themselves, help them if required. This will make them feel grown-up and responsible.

Avoid the phone:

Avoid using your cellphone or tablet or any other technology

while dining with your family. Kids mostly see and learn. You don't want them to grow up to talk on their phone while eating.

Politeness works:

Teach them to use words like 'please' and 'thank you' while asking for food or passing it to others even at a family meal. They will make a habit out of it when you go

out with others for a meal.

See and learn:

Take out time to teach your kids more about food and cooking also, as this will help them understand food better. Talk to them while you are cooking, teach them bits and pieces, make them help you with small matters in cooking.

3 signs you are spoiling your kid

- The first sign is that you never use the word 'No' when it comes to your little one. Perhaps you don't have the heart to but whenever they ask for something that isn't a necessity or could be bad for them, you give in because you can refuse them. This will eventually become a habit and when they grow up, they will expect that things will always be the way they want, because they have never been refused or denied it.
- You buy them too many toys and gifts. Sure, it's their birthday and they want that big doll house or the latest iPad, but spending big money on your child doesn't mean you love them more. It's the time that you give them and the moments that you share together that count.
- They constantly whine and are never happy with the things they have. Even if you are doing everything you can for them and giving them the world, if you see that your kids are always complaining about things that they don't have, it is

You might want to give your children the best, but in this process are you raising a spoilt child? Read on to identify the warning signs.



time to realise that you have over pampered your child.

India ready for Korean challenge in Super 4s

Rajgir (Bihar), Sep 2 (UNI) The unbeaten Indian Men's Hockey Team are all set to take on Korea

in the first Super 4s match on September 3 here at the Asia Cup Rajgir 2025.

Dragflick sensation Harmanpreet Singh-led side has comfortably won their pool stage matches, having beaten China 4-3, Japan 3-2 and Kazakhstan 15-0 to top Pool A. Meanwhile, Korea come into this game with a 7-0 win against Chinese Taipei, 1-4 loss against Malaysia and 5-1 win against Bangladesh.

Speaking about the upcoming tie, India's Chief Coach Craig Fulton said, "It is nice to get through

the pool phase without any injuries. Especially in a game like the one yesterday (against Kazakhstan) but two good games in the afternoon, in warm conditions, changes when we come back to play at night. The energy is really high in the team. Back-to-back wins, I think was refreshing for everyone."

"Now we are on to the next challenge in the tournament.

We will have a fresh approach for this phase. We play Korea first. We scored some really good goals against Kazakhstan, leading the game from the front, that was most important," explained

Fulton. On any concerns specific to their playing style from the first three games here, he said, "We had enough training in the areas we wanted to improve; this game (against Kazakhstan) came at the right time because it gave us a lot more focus on the final third. Players are feeling a bit more confident, and have a bit more feel of working together. That was lacking, I think, in the other two games." In their second Super 4s match on September 4, India will take on Pool B toppers Malaysia, who were the finalists of the previous edition of Asia Cup held in Jakarta 2022. In their last Super 4s match, they play China on September 6.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh, talking about the Super 4s said, "All of them are tough opponents in this tournament. Although we have not played Malaysia and Korea a lot in the past one year, we did get a good game against Malaysia in practice match ahead of the tournament. We obviously played against China and know what they can bring to the table. We are fast learners, which is good.

So, when we play a team twice, it is good for us. It's just about preparing well against Korea. Only focus is one game at a time."

Kolkata feels like a home to me now: MBSG's Manvir Singh

Kolkata, Sep 2 (UNI) : Mohun Bagan Super Giant forward Manvir Singh is into his sixth year with the club and he shed light on his journey with the team which has involved forming a strong bond with the fans and also embracing the local culture in Kolkata.

The 29-year-old has made 111 appearances for the Mariners in the ISL, contributing 23 goals and 18 assists in the process and has won the ISL League Shield and the Cup twice. Having started his ISL career with FC Goa, Manvir blossomed in Kolkata with Mohun Bagan Super Giant and has become one of the most threatening Indian forwards in the ISL. "This is my sixth season (in Kolkata) and I feel like home here," Manvir told MBSG TV.

"Kolkata is called the Mecca of Indian Football. The atmosphere here is totally different. It's notlike this even in the Premier League the way our fans come to every match and support us," he added. "Football is a festival for the people of Kolkata and that's why Kolkata's football is totally different," he continued.

Apart from the footballing side, Manvir has also embraced the cultural side of Kolkata.

"I love to go out during Durga Puja," he said.

"Three years ago, I went pandal hopping wearing a mask with Vishal (Kaithi) and Deepak (Tangri). It's a huge festival and I enjoy being a part of it. It's amazing to see how much people invest in making a pandal. There's a healthy competition for that," he added.

Manvir's dedication on the field hasn't gone unnoticed with the fans who adore him every time he dons the green and maroon jersey and the Punjab-born forward acknowledges the love he gets from the stands.

"When the team's performance is down, the fans turn up for the training sessions and push us to give our 100%. I won't say that it's a pressure but I would say it's a motivation," he said.

"When we step out from the tunnel, the fans' noise hits us like a wave. It gives us confidence and motivates us. When a player sees himself or his name on a tifo, he gets a feeling that the fans are doing so much for us and we have to give it back to them," he added.

The close bond with the fans means Manvir and Co feel the emotions that the fans undergo especially after defeats and wins. Addressing the recent defeat to arch-rivals East Bengal FC in the quarter-finals of the Durand Cup, Manvir felt it has driven the players to do even better.

"Mohun Bagan Super Giant is a team of that level that we can't lose a match. We have to win every match. Even when we draw a match, the atmosphere in the dressing room gets very serious. No one in the club will be happy to reach the semi-finals. Our sole motive is to win trophies. From the owner to the manager, everyone wants us to win," he said. The Mariners have been the most successful teams in the last three seasons winning the ISL League Shield and Cup twice while also claiming one Durand Cup title.

Sports take centre stage at IMT Ghaziabad's Climate 11 summit



Ghaziabad, Sep 2 (IANS) With extreme weather events such as floods and heatwaves affecting the country, IMT Ghaziabad hosted the Climate 11 Summit, the first initiative in India to explore how sports can drive the fight against climate change.

The summit put sports at the heart of climate action, showing how athletes, federations, and the wider industry can become global leaders in sustainability.

Inaugurating the event, Atish Chattopadhyay,

director of IMT Ghaziabad, said the institute was committed to tackling environmental challenges through partnerships between academia, business, and sport.

The sessions were led by Kanishka Pandey, Head of the Centre for Sports Research, who explained the interdependence of sports, society, and climate. "If we make environmental issues a part of the identity of sports, we will not only save sports but also lives, communities and futures," he said.

The discussions

featured powerful voices from the global sporting landscape. Renowned author David Goldblatt warned that worsening climate crises could darken the future of sports. Piara Power, Trustee of the Chelsea Football Club Foundation, emphasised that the massive reach of sport must be used to raise climate awareness. Arhan Bagati, founder of the Bridging Gaps Foundation, urged young people to contribute to conservation through sport, while Shaji Prabhakaran of the Asian Football Confederation and

Neeraj Jha, Head of Sports at Warner Bros.

The summit ended with key resolutions designed to position sports as a game-changer in climate action. These included creating a global knowledge network linking sports bodies with universities and experts, building green stadiums and eco-friendly infrastructure, promoting climate education through grassroots sport, driving green finance into the industry, and ensuring India emerges as a global leader in merging sustainability with sport.

Dabang Delhi K.C. partners with TechnoSport as Official Kit Partner

New Delhi, Sept 2 (UNI) : Strengthening the synergy between Indian sports and homegrown brands, TechnoSport, India's fastest growing activewear brand, has joined hands with Dabang Delhi Kabaddi Club (DDKC) as the Official Kit Partner and Powered By sponsor for the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12.

Kabaddi, a sport deeply rooted in India's culture and celebrated for its grit, agility, and full-contact intensity, demands apparel that combines performance with comfort. TechnoSport, known for its highly functional activewear, is a perfect fit for this

association. As the segment continues to redefine fashion trends in the 21st century, this partnership symbolises the perfect confluence of heritage, modernity, and performance.

As the Official Kit Partner for Dabang Delhi, TechnoSport will equip its players with a complete performance kit crafted from its most advanced fabric innovations and athletic apparel.

The kit integrates next-gen technologies such as UPF50 sun protection, anti-bacterial and odour-free finishes, moisture-wicking properties, and four-way stretch for peak agility and comfort. Players will sport

high-performance activewear across fabric technologies like Matpiq, Ventmesh, Elastoplus and Elastolite, including performance socks and caps, all designed to deliver durability, flexibility, and cooling comfort under the intense demands of kabaddi.

Speaking on the association, Puspun Maity, CEO, TechnoSport, said, "The Pro Kabaddi League has rapidly grown into one of the most watched sports leagues in India, bringing a native sport from our soil to the global stage. At TechnoSport, we see this as more than a sponsorship, it is a natural fit between a sport that embodies India's

grit and resilience, and a brand that is shaping the future of Indian activewear.

"As the country's fastest-growing performance-first activewear brand, we are proud to power Dabang Delhi K.C. with innovation-driven kits that reflect our shared spirit of strength, speed, and endurance. Together, we aim to inspire millions of Indians to embrace an active lifestyle while celebrating a sport that is truly our own," Maity said.

Dabang Delhi K.C. has been a driving force in shaping kabaddi's rise as one of India's most celebrated sports. As champions of Season 8 and

one of the most followed franchises, the team has played a pivotal role in elevating the game from local akharas to the national stage.

With TechnoSport as its Powered By and Official Kit Partner, Dabang Delhi K.C. is further strengthening its mission to nurture the sport by equipping players with world-class performance wear that enables them to play with greater endurance, agility, and confidence, while inspiring the next generation of kabaddi talent across the country.

Adding to this, Prashant Ramesh Mishra, CEO - Dabang Delhi K.C., said, "We are delighted to

welcome TechnoSport as our Powered By Sponsor for Season 12.

Over the years, kabaddi has evolved into one of India's most popular sports, and Dabang Delhi K.C. has grown into a strong, recognisable brand that premium partners want to associate with.

Kabaddi demands peak performance, agility, and resilience, and having a partner like TechnoSport—committed to innovation, functionality, and comfort in athleisure wear—makes this association truly meaningful.

Their vision aligns perfectly with our team's spirit and the intensity of this high-energy sport."

Bhambri, Venus reach US Open men's doubles pre-quarters

Patna, Sep 2 (UNI) Delhi's Vinay Kumar Yadav and Noida's Lakshya Nagar shot scores of four-under 68 to hold the joint lead in round one of the sixth event of the PGTI NEXGEN season being played at the Patna Golf Club.

Chandigarh's Amrit Lal carded a two-under 70 to be placed third. The Patna Golf Estate is a par-72 nine-hole course where the nine holes are played twice to comprise a round.

Vinay Kumar Yadav today made two birdies on the front-nine thanks to a couple of quality chip-putts and then went on to add two more birdies on the back-nine with courtesy another top-class chip-putt and an outstanding drive on the Par-4 14th that found the green. Vinay, who is employed with the Indian Railways, said, "I played some solid golf today as I hit most of the fairways and greens. I made a lot of good chip-putts today. I've been feeling good about my putting off late and today I converted putts at crucial moments.

New York, Sept 2 (UNI) India's Yuki Bhambri, partnering New Zealand's Michael Venus, advanced to the pre-quarterfinals of the US Open 2025 men's doubles event here today.

The 14th-seeded duo defeated the unseeded pair of Colombia's Gonzalo Escobar and Mexico's Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela 6-1, 7-5 in an hour and 25 minutes at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre.

Bhambri, India's top-ranked men's doubles player at world No. 32, and Venus broke their opponents twice to take a 3-0 lead and sealed the opening set 6-1. Escobar and Reyes-Varela fought back in the second set, but Bhambri and Venus held firm, winning 7-5 to secure their spot in the last 16. They will next face fourth-seeded Germans Tim Puetz and Kevin Krawietz.

In their opening round, Bhambri and Venus had easily defeated the USA's Marcos Giron and Learner

Tien 6-0, 6-3. Last year, Bhambri, partnering Frenchman Albano Olivetti, had also reached the pre-quarterfinals, losing to Spain's Marcel Granollers and Argentina's Horacio Zeballos in straight sets. Bhambri has yet to progress beyond this stage in a Grand Slam event.

Meanwhile, Indian duo Anirudh Chandrasekar and Vijay Sundar Prashanth exited the tournament after a 6-4, 6-3 loss to Brazil's Fernando Romboli and Australia's John-Patrick Smith on August 31, having earlier stunned eighth-seeded Americans Evan King and Christian Harrison in the first round.

Other Indian entries faced early exits as veteran Rohan Bopanna and Monaco's Romain Arneodo lost in the opening round on August 30, while Arjun Kadhe and Ecuador's Diego Hidalgo also bowed out in their first match.

India's quest to create AFC U23 Asian Cup qualification history begins with Bahrain clash

Doha (Qatar), Sep 2 (UNI) :The Indian men's U23 team will take on Bahrain in their AFC U23 Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2026 Qualifiers Group H opener on September 3, at the Suheim bin Hamad Stadium here, at 20:45 IST.

The Blue Colts, led by head coach Naushad Moosa, are aiming to qualify for the AFC U23 Asian Cup for the first time ever.

In the previous six attempts, India have not made it past the Qualifiers, so Moosa and his youngsters will be gunning to create history in the Qatari capital.

Hosts Qatar and Brunei Darussalam are the other two teams in Group H. The group winners and the four best runners-up across all 11 groups will qualify for the final tournament, to be held in January 2026, in Saudi Arabia.

In the pre-match press conference today, Moosa said, "I don't think any team is 'big'. It's important to respect every opponent.

Lovlina, Zareen to spearhead Team India at World Boxing Championships

Bengaluru, Sept 2 (UNI) Tokyo 2020 bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and Nikhat Zareen will spearhead a 20-member Indian contingent at the World Boxing Championships 2025, scheduled to begin September 4 in England. The inaugural edition of the championships, organised by World Boxing – the newly formed global governing body for the sport – will take place at the M&S Bank Arena and conclude on September 14. Over 550 boxers from more than 65 nations, including 17 Paris 2024 Olympic medallists, are set to compete across 20 weight divisions (10 men's and 10 women's).

The India squad was finalised in July following a week-long assessment at the National Institute of Sports (NIS) in Patiala. Borgohain will compete in the 75kg category, Zareen in 51kg, while Olympian Pooja Rani will box in the 80kg category. This marks the return of Borgohain and Zareen to international competition since Paris 2024.

Other notable Indian boxers include Asian Games bronze medallist Narender Berwal (90 kg) and World Boxing Cup gold medallists Hitesh Gulia (70kg) and Abhinash Jamwal (65kg). The championships will follow a knockout format, with semi-final losers awarded bronze medals. Each bout will feature three three-minute rounds, judged using the "Ten Point Must" system. Quarter-finals start on September 10, semi-finals on September 12-13, and finals on September 14.

Live streaming of the championships will be available on the World Boxing YouTube channel in India. There will be no live TV broadcast in the country.

Indian squad – World Boxing Championships 2025: Women: Meenakshi Hooda (48kg), Nikhat Zareen (51kg), Sakshi (54kg), Jaismine Lamboria (57kg), Sanju Khatri (60kg), Neeraj Phogat (60kg), Sanamacha Chanu (70kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), Pooja Rani (80kg), Nupur Sheoran (80 kg)

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Running of weekly special trains to clear Extra Rush for Diwali, Chatt Puja Festival : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Sept 2 : In order to provide a comfortable journey and to clear extra rush during Dussehra, Diwali and Chatt Puja festivals to the travelling passengers, Indian Railways has decided to run Weekly Special trains as detailed below.

VISAKHAPATNAM-S H A L I M A R - V I S A K H A P A T N A M (08508/08507)

1. The train No.08508 Visakhapatnam-Shalimar Weekly Special train will leave Visakhapatnam at 11:20hrs on every Tuesdays from 09.09.2025 to 21.10.2025 which will reach Simhachalam at 11:36Hrs and departure at 11:38Hrs; Vizianagaram at 12:08 and departure at 12:10hrs; Chipurupalli at 12:35 and departure at 12:37hrs; Srikakulam Road at 13:08 and departure at 13:10hrs and will reach Shalimar on the next day at 03:00Hrs (Total 07 Trips).

2. In return direction the train No.08507 Shalimar-Visakhapatnam Weekly Special train will leave Shalimar at 05:00hrs on every Wednesdays from 10.09.2025 to 22.10.2025 which will reach Srikakulam Road at 18:10 and departure at 18:12Hrs; Chipurupalli at 18:38 and departure at 18:40Hrs; Vizianagaram at 19:03 and departure at 19:05Hrs; Simhachalam at 19:35 and departure at 19:37Hrs and will reach Visakhapatnam at 20:50Hrs (Total 07 Trips).

St o p p a g e s : S i m h a c h a l a m , Vizianagaram, Chipurupalli, Srikakulam Road, Palasa, Brahmapur, Balugaon, Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Bhadrak, Balasore, Kharagpur, Santragachi between Visakhapatnam and Shalimar

Composition: This special train will have 2nd AC-02, 3AC-04, Sleeper-07, General Second Class -04, Second Class cum Luggage/ Divyangjan coaches-01, Motor Car-01.

C H E R L A P A L L Y - B R A H M A P U R – C H E R L A P A L L Y (07027/ 07028) TOTAL:-

1. Train No.07027 Charlapalli-Brahmapur Weekly Special Express will

leave Charlapalli at 20:25hrs on every Fridays from 05.09.2025 to 28.11.2025 which will reach Duvvada next day at 09:25hrs and departure at 09:27hrs which will reach Brahmapur at 14:15hrs on Saturdays.

2. In return Direction Train No. 07028 Brahmapur-Charlapalli Weekly Special Express will leave Brahmapur at 16:45hrs on every Saturdays from 06.09.2025 to 29.11.2025 which will reach Duvvada at 21:43hrs and departure at 21.45hrs and which will reach Charlapalli on next day on 11:35hrs on Sundays.

Stoppages: Nalgonda, Miryalaguda, Sattenapalle, Guntur, Vijayawada, Eluru, T a d e p a l l i g u d e m , Rajahmundry, Samalkot, Annavaram, Elamanchili, Anakapalli, Duvvada, Pendurthi, Kottavalasa, Vizianagaram, Chipurupalli, Srikakulam Road, Naupada, Palasa, Sompeta and Ichhapuram between Cherlapally - Brahmapur.

Composition: These pair of trains will have 2nd AC-02, 3rdAC-04, Sleeper Class Coaches-13, General Second class-03, Second class with break and luggage-02, , in its composition.

C H A R L A P A L L I - S H A L I M A R – C H E R L A P A L L Y (07225/ 07226) TOTAL:-

1. Train No. 07225 Charlapalli-Shalimar Weekly Special train will leave Charlapalli at 04.30hrs on every Mondays from 01.09.2025 to 13.10.2025 which will reach Duvvada at 14:30hrs and departure at 14:35hs will reach Shalimar at 06.05hrs next day.

2. In return direction, Train No.07226 Shalimar-Charlapalli Weekly Special train will leave Shalimar at 10.00hrs o-n every Tuesdays from 02.09.2025 to 14.10.2025 which will reach Duvvada at 01:25hrs and departure at 01:30hrs early hours of next day and will reach Charlapalli at 13.00hrs.

Stoppages: Kazipet, Warangal, Mahbubabad, Khammam, Rayanapadu, Eluru, Rajahmundry, Samalkot, Tuni, Duvvada, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam Road, Palasa, Berhampur, Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Jajpur keonjhar Road,

Bhadrak, Balasore, Kharagpur and Santragachi between Secunderabad-Shalimar.

Composition: These pair of trains will have 2nd AC-02, 3rdAC-04, Sleeper Class Coaches-13,General Second class-03, Second class with break and luggage-02, , in its composition.

N E W T I N S U K I A – S M V B E N G A L U R U - N E W T I N S U K I A (05952/05951)

1. The train No.05952 New Tinsukia- SMVT Bengaluru weekly Special train will leave New Tinsukia on every Thursdays at 18:45hrs from 18.09.2025 to 30.10.2025 which will reach Srikakulam Road at 12:15hrs on Third day and departure at 12:17hrs, Chipurupalle at 12:43hrs and departure at 12:45hrs, Vizianagaram at 13:30hrs and departure at 13:40hrs, Kottavalasa at 14:05hrs and departure at 14:07hrs, Duvvada at 15:20hrs and departure at 15:25hrs and will reach SMV Bengaluru at 09:30hrs on Sundays.

2. In return direction the train No. 05951 SMV Bengaluru -New Tinsukia Weekly Special train will leave SMV Bengaluru on every Sundays at 23:50hrs from 21.09.2025 to 02.11.2025 which will reach Duvvada on next day at 21:15hrs and departure at 21:20hrs, Kottavalasa at 22:03hrs and departure at 22:05hrs, Vizianagaram at 22:30hrs and departure at 22:40, Chipurupalle at 23:05hrs and departure at 23:07hrs, Srikakulam Road at 23:30hrs and departure at 23:32hrs and will reach New Tinsukia at 16:25 hrs on Wednesdays.

Stoppages: Special trains are having the following stoppages in over East Coast Railway Duvvada, Kottavalasa, Vizianagaram, Chipurupalle, Srikakulam Road, Palasa, Brahampur, Balugaon, Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Jajpur Road and Bhadrak.

Composition: These pair of trains will have 3rd AC-02, Sleeper Class Coaches-16, Second class with break and luggage-02 , in its composition.

People are requested to make use of these special train services.

GM, Dharam Veer Meena, presents Safety Award to 10 employees of Central Railway



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Sept 2 : Mr Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway felicitated 10 Central Railway employees i.e. 6 from Mumbai Division, 2 from Solapur Division and 1 each from Nagpur & Pune Divisions, with Safety Award in a function held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Mumbai on 02.09.2025. “The Safety awards were presented in recognition of the respective employee’s alertness during duty, their contribution in averting untoward incidents and ensuring safety in train operations during the previous months. Each award consists of a medal, commendation certificate, a citation of exemplary safety work and cash prize of Rs 2000/-.

Mumbai Division

1.Shri N Prasad, Motorman, Kalyan, Mumbai division, while working on Khopoli local KP-1 on 30.07.2025, felt an unusual jerk at kms 74/26 and stopped the train. Close inspection revealed a broken rail head. He immediately informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap.

2.Shri Gangesh Kumar, Train Manager, CSMT, Mumbai division, while working on Dombivli local DL-10 on 31.07.2025, noticed a track maintainer waving & running on the tracks at kms 41/0. Sensing danger, Shri Gangesh Kumar took immediate steps to halt Kalyan local no K-71 coming on the Down Fast line. The track Maintainer had detected a rail fracture at kms 41/0 on the Diva-Mumbra section. Shri Gangesh Kumars’ alertness and sharp

thinking helped prevent a potential mishap.

3.Shri Vinod Kalu Mhatre, Track Maintainer, Kalyan, Mumbai division, while on duty on 31.07.2025 on the Diva-Mumbra section, noticed a rail fracture at kms 41/0. He took immediate steps to protect the track and informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap.

4.Shri Naresh Vasant Ghare, Track Maintainer, Karjat, Mumbai division, while on monsoon patrolling duty on 19.06.2025, noticed dislocation of track formation. He took immediate steps to protect the track and informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap.

5.Shri Ram Anant Mune, Track Maintainer, Neral, Mumbai division, while on duty on 03.07.2025, noticed a rail fracture at kms 77/14 on the Badlapur-Vangani section. He took immediate steps to protect the track and informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap.

6.Shri Vishal Bansode, Electric Signal Maintainer(ESM) , Kalva, Mumbai division, while on signal maintainance duty on 26.06.2025, noticed a rail

fracture at kms 36/140. He took immediate steps and informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap.

7. Shri Manish Kumar, Technician (TRD), Kurduwadi, Solapur division, on 06.07.2025, during Foot Plate Inspection noticed a broken G-Jumper of the Over Head Equipment(OHE) at kms 280/10-12 on the Boribel-Malthan section. He immediately informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap

8. Shri Vikas Kumar Pandit, Technician (TRD), Latur, Solapur division, on 22.07.2025, during Inspection at Harangul Yard, noticed unusual movement of the pantograph of a Goods train. Close inspection of the same revealed a big dent on the pantograph plate. He immediately informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap.

9. Shri Nilesh, Pointsman, Malkhed, Nagpur division, while on duty on 01.08.2025, during exchange of signals with a Goods train, noticed a hot axle in one of the wagons. He immediately showed red

flag and informed the Station Master. His alertness helped avert a possible mishap.

Pune Division

10. Shri Vishwamitra Kumar Yadav, Technician (C&W), Daund, Pune division, on 15.08.2025, during rolling in examination of a goods train, noticed something unusual about the CBC Coupling of a wagon. Close examination revealed a boken yoke. He immediately informed all concerned thus helping avert a potential mishap.

Congratulating the awardees and complementing them for their alertness and dedication towards their duties, the General Manager said that such acts of alertness and dedication will motivate others to sincerely work towards the safety of passengers and avert loss of life, freight and railway property.

Shri Prateek Goswami, Additional General Manager, Shri Chandra Kishore Prasad, Principal Chief Safety Officer, Other Principal Head of Departments and Senior Officers of Central Railway were present on the occasion.

Punjab floods wreak havoc, Sukhpal Khaira slams CM Bhagwant Mann

Chandigarh, Sep 2 (UNI) : The death count rose to 30 as severe flooding triggered by the raging Sutlej River affected over 3.5 lakh people spread across 1400 villages in 23 districts of Punjab, officials said today. 12 districts have been devastated.

The water level at Bhakra Dam is just 3 feet below the danger mark.

The Punjab Meteorological Department during the day issued a heavy rainfall alert for the next 36 hours, warning of further downpours across several regions.

The most affected districts include Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Moga, Pathankot, Tarn Taran, Firozpur, Hoshiarpur, Patiala, Mohali, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, and Ludhiana.

A 100-year-old building collapsed in Amritsar, captured on CCTV, and the Nangal Bhakra feeder canal in Rupnagar’s Sri Anandpur Sahib area has been inundated at 12 locations, flooding roads.

Among the 1,400 affected villages, Gurdaspur reported 324,

Amritsar 135, Barnala 134, and Kapurthala 115, with other districts also heavily hit.

Over 3.5 lakh people are affected, with Gurdaspur (1.45 lakh), Amritsar (1.17 lakh), and Firozpur (38,112) among the worst impacted.

Pathankot has reported the highest death toll at 6, followed by Ludhiana with 4. Three people remain missing. The crop damage spans 1.48 lakh hectares, with Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Mansa, and Fazilka facing the brunt. The government has yet to assess losses to livestock and homes.

Rescue operations have involved 23 NDRF teams, 14 Army companies (with 8 on standby), 35 helicopters, and BSF units in Gurdaspur.Amid the crisis, MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. In a tweet, Khaira stated, “If CM Bhagwant Mann is so helpless and shedding crocodile tears, he has no moral right to remain in power. Instead of crying, he should ensure fair compensation for losses to crops, livestock, and homes.”

Western Railway Extends the trips of special train between Bandra Terminus Ajmer

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Sept 2 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the festive season, Western Railway has extended the trips of Special Train on Special Fare between Bandra Terminus & Ajmer on existing timings, halts & composition.

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

Train No. 09622/09621 Bandra Terminus - Ajmer

(Weekly) Special [18 Trips]

Train No. 09622 Bandra Terminus - Ajmer Special departs from Bandra Terminus every Monday at 09: 35 hrs and reaches Ajmer at 08.50 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended from 06th October to 1st December, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09621 Ajmer – Bandra Terminus Special departs from Ajmer every Sunday at 06.35 hrs and arrives Bandra Terminus at 04.15 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended from 05th October to 30th November, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Valsad,

Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Vikramgarh Alot, Bhawani Mandi, Ramganj Mandi, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Jaipur and Kishangarh station in both directions.

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

The booking for the extended trips of Train No. 09622 will open from 04.09.2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Additional stoppage provided to Bandra Terminus Ahmedabad Lok Shakti Express

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Sept 2 : For the convenience of passengers, Western Railway has provided an additional stoppage at Saphale station to Train No. 22927/22928 Bandra Terminus – Ahmedabad Lokshakti Express. w.e.f 04th September, 2025.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of

Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details are as under:

Train No. 22927 Bandra Terminus – Ahmedabad Lokshakti Express will halt at Saphale station for journey commencing from Bandra Terminus on 04th September, 2025. The train will arrive Saphale station at 21:07 hrs and depart at 21:09 hrs.

Similarly, Train No. 22928 Ahmedabad – Bandra

Terminus Lokshakti Express will halt at Saphale station for journey commencing from Ahmedabad on 04th September, 2025. The train will arrive Saphale station at 03:47 hrs and depart at 03:49 hrs.

For detailed information regarding the timings, halts & composition of the above trains, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Continuation of Augmentataton of trains with Additional coaches : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Sept 2 : In order to clear extra rush of waitlisted passengers, East Coast Railway has decided to continuation of augment the following trains with additional coaches for the month of “September -2025” as detailed below:-

1. The train No. 18526/18525 Visakhapatnam – Brahmapur – Visakhapatnam Express will be augmented with Two (02) General Seating Coaches from 01.09.2025 to 30.09.2025.

2. The train No. 22820/22819 Visakhapatnam - Bhubaneswar - Visakhapatnam Intercity Express will be augmented with Two (02) General Second Seating coaches from 01.09.2025 to 30.09.2025.

3. The train No. 18512/18511 Visakhapatnam- Koraput - Visakhapatnam Intercity Express will be augmented with Two (02) General Second Seating coaches from 01.09.2025 to 30.09.2025.

4. The train No. 58528/58527 Visakhapatnam – Raipur - Visakhapatnam

Passenger Express will be augmented with One (01) General Seating Coach from 01.09.2025 to 30.09.2025.

5. The train No. 58538/58537 Visakhapatnam – Koraput – Visakhapatnam Passenger Express will be augmented with One (01) General Seating Coach from 01.09.2025 to 30.09.2025.

6. The train No. 58532/58531 Visakhapatnam –Brahmapur – Visakhapatnam Passenger Express will be augmented with One (01) General Seating Coach from 01.09.2025 to 30.09.2025.

7. The train No. 58504/58503 Visakhapatnam –Bhawaniapatna – Visakhapatnam Passenger Express will be augmented with One (01) General Seating Coach from 01.09.2025 to 30.09.2025.

8. The train No. 58506/58505 Visakhapatnam –Gunupur - Visakhapatnam Passenger Express will be augmented with one (01) General Seating Coach from 01.09.2025 to 30.09.2025.

People are requested to make use of these services.