

CM directs officials to bolster local bodies

(Standard Post Bureau)
Vijayawada, Sept 3 : Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu directed the officials to initiate measures to strengthen local bodies through their own revenue resources besides the support from both Central and state governments. He said the local bodies identified with backwardness and low per capita income should be provided special assistance.

The fifth state Finance Commission meeting was held at the Secretariat on Wednesday. The commission members handed over the commission recommendations for strengthening the local bodies to the Chief Minister.

The fifth Finance Commission members stated that Andhra Pradesh State has been facing several financial challenges and when they have a look



at 2023-24 financial year position, Employees salaries, pensions and amount spent towards interest's stands at 111 per cent. In addition the government has to fulfill the commitment of development of Amaravati capital and implementation of super six programmes. The Finance Commission members stated that the resource gap of Panchayat Raj between 2025 to 2029 stands at 7,033 crore. At

the same time, the resource gap of urban development authorities stands at 2,016 crore, marking a wide gap between tax revenue demand and collection. The Finance Commission members stated that the power bills due of panchayats stands at 5,851.58 crore till June 2024 though the funds sanctioned to panchayats in different forms stands at Rs 2617 crore.

The commission

members stated that the panchayats are spending Rs 393.77 crore towards salaries of panchayat raj staff and Rs 1672.45 cr towards salaries of municipal staff. Fifth state finance commission chairperson Ratnakumari, members Prasada Rao, Kruparao and officials were present. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu opined that a detailed study should be

conducted for development of panchayats including the utilisation of MGNREGA funds for strengthening of local bodies. He emphasized the need for increasing revenue resources of local bodies and officials should work hard to strengthen local bodies. He directed the officials to complete the auditing of both panchayats and urban development authorities.

Opposition YSRCP to register protests at RD Offices

Nellore, Sept 3 (UNI) : The Opposition YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh will hold protest rallies in front of Revenue Division Offices across the State on September 9 to highlight the failure of Chandrababu Naidu headed government in providing urea fertilizer to the farmers and the government's anti-farmer policies.

Speaking to media here on Wednesday, former Agriculture Minister Kakani Goverdhan Reddy said artificial scarcity of urea has been created by diverting 50 percent of the allotted urea to private parties for kickbacks and there is a scam of about Rs 200 to Rs 300 crore for which the Chandrababu Naidu has to give an explanation.

The former Minister observed that whenever YSRCP raises an issue of

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Jarange Patil admitted to ICU after five-day fast

Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange Patil was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of Galaxy hospital in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar early today following severe deterioration in his health condition after a five-day hunger strike in Mumbai. Around 1 AM, Jarange's convoy reached the hospital where he was immediately shifted to the ICU due to extreme weakness. Large numbers of supporters gathered outside the hospital premises, showering the activist with flowers and celebrating with fireworks while chanting slogans of "Patil, Patil, Patil" and "Ek Maratha, Lakh Maratha."

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A Lion's Nightmare for Criminals, A Helping Hand for the Common Man



(RAVIKUMAR BOPPANA)
For most people, a police uniform symbolizes authority. For Chadalavada Umesh Chandra, it meant a pledge—a vow to protect the people, even at the cost of his life. In the history of the united Andhra Pradesh Police, his name is etched as an unforgettable saga of courage and sacrifice. At just 33 years of age, this fearless officer laid down his life for public safety, proving that policing is not about power, but about service and sacrifice. Umesh Chandra was both stern and humane. His iron-fist approach toward criminals and Naxalites was legendary, while his compassion for the common man made him a people's officer in every sense. That rare blend of courage and kindness earned him a permanent place in the hearts of the people. Even today, he is remembered as a synonym for bravery in the police force.

The People's SP Who Fought Like a Warrior
His tenure as Superintendent of Police (SP), Kadapa, remains unforgettable. People still recount stories of his daring operations against Naxalites and his relentless crackdown on faction feuds in Rayalaseema. While his uncompromising stance against extremists eventually cost him his life, his empathy for the poor and oppressed turned him into a beloved figure among the masses.

He redefined policing by

26th Death Anniversary of IPS Officer Chadalavada Umesh Chandra

transforming stations into service centers, listening to public grievances personally, and steering youth away from crime. During his time as SP, the 1998 Parliament elections in Kadapa were conducted in a free and fair manner under his watch, reinforcing faith in democracy. Citizens believed that "One officer like Umesh Chandra is enough to keep democracy alive." A 1991-batch IPS officer, Umesh Chandra's career lasted barely eight years, yet every posting created waves. For him, caste, religion, and region did not matter—only justice did. If someone was a criminal, he acted firmly; if innocent, he stood by them like a rock.

The Day a Hero Fell – September 4, 1999
The morning of September 4, 1999, began like any other day in Hyderabad. The city was waking up to its routine hum of traffic and life. But for IPS Officer Chadalavada Umesh Chandra, fate had a different plan. Around SR Nagar junction, an ordinary day turned into a battlefield within seconds.

A group of armed Naxalites, disguised and waiting in ambush, launched a brutal attack on Umesh Chandra's vehicle.

The sudden crackle of automatic gunfire shattered the calm of the morning. Bullets rained down in a deadly volley, targeting the officer who had become the nemesis of extremists and criminals alike.

Inside the vehicle, chaos erupted. His gunman Ramachandra Reddy and driver Satyanarayana were hit almost instantly. Umesh Chandra, though taken by surprise, reacted with lightning speed. He could have chosen to duck, to



escape, to save his life. But retreat was not in his dictionary. Unarmed and outnumbered, he jumped out of the vehicle, charging straight toward the assailants.

Eyewitnesses later recalled the extraordinary sight of a lone officer sprinting toward a hail of bullets, determined to fight with nothing but his courage. He swung his hands, dodged bullets, and even managed to scatter the attackers for a few precious moments.

The Naxalites, stunned by his sheer audacity, hesitated. Those few moments spoke volumes about his character—fearless, unyielding, defiant to the last breath. But destiny was merciless that day. The extremists regrouped, their weapons blazing. Bullets tore through his body, ripping flesh and bone, but not his resolve. Even as life ebbed away, his eyes held the same fire, the same message: "You can kill the man, but not his spirit."

Within minutes, silence returned to the junction—but it was a silence soaked in blood and valor. Umesh Chandra lay lifeless on the road, his uniform drenched in crimson. The man who had been a lion in life now became a legend in death.



That attack wasn't just an act of violence—it was an assault on law, order, and democracy. Yet, in those final moments, Umesh Chandra turned tragedy into triumph, proving that a true warrior fights till the last heartbeat. His martyrdom sent shockwaves across the state. People wept openly. Fellow officers saluted him as the "Lion of Andhra Pradesh Police", and the force mourned the loss of a hero who had redefined bravery. His death was not the end—it was the beginning of a legacy that continues to inspire every man and woman in uniform.

Brilliance in Education, Excellence in Service
Born on March 29, 1966, in Pedapudi village, Guntur district, Umesh Chandra was a prodigy from his school days. After graduating from Hyderabad Public School, he pursued Economics at Nizam College, where he won a Gold Medal. Later, he completed his Master's in Economics from Osmania University as a university topper. His academic brilliance was matched by an unshakable resolve to serve society. In 1991, he cracked the prestigious Civil Services Examination and joined the Indian Police Service."

The Lion of Rayalaseema
During training at the National Police Academy, his speed and stamina amazed instructors. As an ASP in Warangal, he took on Naxalites head-on. Later, as ASP Pulivendula and SP Kadapa, he stamped out faction violence and earned the moniker "Simham of Kadapa" (The Lion of Kadapa). Criminals trembled at his name; the law-abiding adored him. As SP Karimnagar, he drove away extremists and restored peace. His final posting was as AIG (Sports & Welfare) in Hyderabad, where his charisma and leadership continued to inspire young officers.

"A People's Officer Who Redefined Policing
For Umesh Chandra, policing was never about intimidation—it was about protection and trust. He demolished the old image of the police as oppressive and replaced it with one of service. He personally visited villages, listened to the poor, and ensured justice for the voiceless. His approach combined toughness for criminals and tenderness for innocents. Such was his popularity that when the government decided to transfer him from Kadapa, thousands of

people thronged the streets in protest. They wept, begged, and even ran behind his convoy. His farewell resembled that of a family member leaving home. Tragically, destiny had other plans—within months, the state lost him forever.

Immortality Through Memory
Death is inevitable, but remembrance is rare.

For Umesh Chandra, remembrance is eternal. Statues and memorials across Andhra Pradesh honor his sacrifice. In 2000, a statue was installed at SR Nagar, where he fell. Roads and junctions in Hyderabad, Kadapa, and Tenali bear his name. Every year, the police force pays homage on his death anniversary. His life story is now part of police training curricula, inspiring new recruits. His legacy continues to echo a single message: public service is the highest duty, and integrity never dies. Umesh Chandra's life was not just a chapter in policing—it was an era. He proved that governance is not merely about enforcing laws but about laying down one's life for justice. His death was a tragedy; his spirit is an eternal flame. For today's youth, officers, and future leaders, his life remains a guiding light.

True heroes never die—they live on in the hearts of people. And Umesh Chandra is one such immortal name.

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Odisha has unveiled its vision to emerge as India's next powerhouse in semiconductors and advanced electronics at SEMICON India 2025 held in New Delhi, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced today.

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Tejashwi hits back at PM Modi over 'abuse' row



RJD leader and leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav has strongly condemned derogatory remarks made against PM's late mother but accused the Prime Minister of selective outrage, recalling instances of insults and abuses.

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Venus Williams' US Open dream ends in last eight



Venus Williams' US Open dream is over after she and partner Leylah Fernandez lost to top seeds Taylor Townsend and Katerina Siniakova in the women's doubles quarter-finals.

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Adventure Guru Dr.Kangabam Romeo Receives Brigadier Gyan Singh Award 2025



(By Asem Bhakta)

Imphal, Sept 3: Dr. Kangabam Romeo Meetei, Director of the Manipur Chapter of the National Adventure Foundation (NAF), has been honored with the prestigious Brigadier Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025 in New Delhi. The award ceremony took place at YMCA New Delhi, with Lieutenant General Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM, ADC, President of NAF, presenting the honor.

About the Award“ The Brigadier Gyan Singh National Adventure Award recognizes outstanding contributions to adventure sports, mountaineering, and sports

climbing. Dr. Romeo's dedication to promoting adventure activities over the past 40 years has been instrumental in developing adventure sports in Manipur.”

Dr. Kangabam Romeo Meetei's Achievements - Led successful mountaineering expeditions, including the Mt. Everest expedition in 2011 - Conducted adventure programs for youth development and nation-building - Served as a liaison officer for international mountaineering expeditions“- Trained in disaster management and rescue operations - Produced documentary films on

adventure sports

About the National Adventure Foundation (NAF)“

The National Adventure Foundation (NAF) is a renowned organization that promotes adventure activities and sports among Indian youth, with 35 chapters across the country. As a socially oriented, philanthropic organization, NAF aims to develop character, personality, and nation-building through adventure programs.

Dr. Romeo's achievement is a testament to his commitment to promoting adventure sports and activities in Manipur and beyond.

Odisha poised to become India’s next Semiconductor powerhouse: CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3 (UNI) :Odisha has unveiled its vision to emerge as India’s next powerhouse in semiconductors and advanced electronics at SEMICON India 2025 held in New Delhi, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced today. Majhi said Odisha signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth Rs.2,655 crore at the inauguration of the Odisha Pavilion. These include an MoU with TopTrack Hi-Tech

PCB Pvt. Ltd. (Rs.1,005 crore) and another with SancodeTech in partnership with Silicon Connect, Inari Amertron Berhad, and APIRC Penang (Rs.1,650 crore). The Chief Minister added that Odisha is also engaging with global technology leaders such as Intel, Micron, Western Digital, Renesas, and Siemens, marking a decisive step toward positioning the state as a preferred global hub for semiconductors and

advanced electronics. “With landmark projects under the India Semiconductor Mission, coupled with the Odisha Semiconductor Manufacturing & Fabless Policy 2025 and the Electronics Component Manufacturing (ECM) Policy 2025, we are committed to building a world-class ecosystem for innovation, manufacturing, and investment in semiconductors and electronics,” Majhi emphasized.

PM welcomes GST Council recommendations, says will benefit common man

New Delhi, Sep 3 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today welcomed the proposals given by the GST Council and said the GST rate cuts and reforms will benefit common man, farmers, MSMEs, middle-class, women and youth. He said the wide ranging reforms will improve lives of citizens and ensure ease of doing business for all, especially small traders and businesses.He said that during his Independence Day Speech, he had spoken about the government’s intention to bring the Next-Generation reforms in GST. The union Government had prepared a detailed proposal for broad-based GST rate rationalisation and process reforms, aimed at ease of living for the common man and strengthening the economy.“Glad to state that @GST_Council, comprising the union and the States, has collectively agreed to the proposals submitted by the union Government on GST rate cuts & reforms, which will benefit the common man, farmers, MSMEs, middle-class, women and youth.

16944 Ganesh idols and 995 Gauri idols immersed with emotion in Thane Municipal Corporation area

(Standard Post Bureau)

Thane, Sept 3 : On the seventh day of Gauri and Ganapati immersion, a total of 17939 idols were immersed at the immersion sites in Thane Municipal Corporation area. Out of these, 16944 were Ganesh idols and 995 were Gauri idols. This also includes Ganesh idols of 127 public bodies. A large number of devotees immersed the seven-day Ganesh idols and Gauri idols in the artificial ponds created by Thane Municipal Corporation, which has successfully implemented the tradition of environment-friendly Ganeshotsav. Out of the total idols, 10,510 were of POP, while 7,392 were of shadu clay.

70 percent of idols immersed in artificial ponds

Of the total immersions

done till the seventh day, 70 percent of idols were immersed in artificial ponds, compared to 51 percent last year. Whereas, the proportion of idols immersed directly in the creek is 06 percent this year, compared to 38 percent last year. At the same time, the proportion of immersion in special tank systems (hounds) is 20 percent this year, compared to 8 percent last year. Also, the proportion in the mobile immersion system is four percent this year, informed Chief Environment Officer Manisha Pradhan.

As per the order of the Hon'ble High Court, idols up to six feet are being immersed in artificial ponds and idols larger than that are being immersed on creek ghats. Some devotees insisted on immersing even small idols in the creek. They were repeatedly

requested by the Municipal Corporation and the Police Administration to immerse them in artificial ponds. Against this backdrop, the Municipal Corporation has appealed to citizens to immerse idols up to six feet in artificial lakes even on Anant Chaturdashi.”

Initially, citizens in the Kalwa Ward Committee area had insisted on immersion in the creek. However, when the Municipal Corporation and the police administration requested them, the citizens here cooperated by immersing the idols in the artificial lake. In Gajanan Nagar, Bandarpada, Assistant Commissioner Lalita Jadhav, Executive Engineers Mohan Kalal and Prashant Phirke, Municipal Corporation employees Ashok Madhavi, Narendra Gawate,

Bhagwan Patil along with Senior Police Inspector Ashok Utekar and Police Inspector Pingule made special efforts for this. Therefore, no one took the idols to Parsik Ghat, Manisha Pradhan also said.

Pradhan also informed that after all the idols at the artificial lake, mobile immersion team, pond, acceptance center are duly immersed, the mud that accumulates at the bottom of the water will be processed as per the action plan fixed by the Pollution Control Board.

Devotees gave 262 idols to the acceptance center

A total of 262 Ganesh idols received at the Ganesh idol acceptance centers located at 10 locations of the Municipal Corporation were duly immersed in artificial ponds near the acceptance center on behalf

of the Municipal Corporation.

16 tons of waste donated by devotees

This year, waste was deposited in the compost project of the Thane Municipal Corporation's Solid Waste Department for composting using bio-composting method from Nirmalya. These bio-composting projects are operational at Kolshet, Kausa, and Ritu Park. During the Ganesh idol immersion on the seventh day, more than 16 tons of waste was collected. This waste will be processed and used to make organic fertilizer. Also, the non-biodegradable components in the waste will be classified and sent for reprocessing. After one and a half days of idol immersion, 15 wastes were collected. While on the fifth day, 06 wastes were collected.”

Workshop held in Thane to build a people's movement under the Chief Minister's Samruddhi Panchayat Raj Abhiyan

(Standard Post Bureau)

Thane, Sept 3 : A workshop was organized at the district level to build a people's movement under the Chief Minister's Samruddhi Panchayat Raj Abhiyan. On September 3, 2025, a district level workshop was organized at the B. J. High School Auditorium, Tembhi Naka, Thane under the ambitious initiative of the government, "Chief Minister's Samruddhi Panchayat Raj Abhiyan".

Representatives, officers and office bearers of all departments of the district along with the Zilla Parishad were present in this workshop and detailed guidance was given on the objectives, roles and responsibilities of the campaign. Through this workshop, emphasis was placed on accelerating rural development and achieving sustainable development in every village.

Gram Panchayats should do PM housing,

water conservation and revenue related work in time. Coordination should be maintained and in order for Gram Panchayats to be eligible for the campaign, Group Development Officers and Gram Panchayat Officers should take the initiative and provide accurate information about the schemes to the villagers. In this workshop, instructions were given to ensure that the records of houses, veterinary clinics and public properties under MGNREGA and that they are in good condition. Women's self-help groups, bamboo plantation activities as well as market development, health and infrastructure facilities should be implemented effectively under Mission Kayakalp. Zilla Parishad should take the initiative to implement innovative activities in the district like solar lamps, e-libraries. District Collector Dr. Shrikrishna Panchal also

appealed to all Gram Panchayats to take the initiative to participate in the Chief Minister's Samridhhi Panchayat Raj Abhiyan.“Chief Executive Officer Rohan Ghuge said that the real strength of rural development lies in people's participation and appealed to every Gram Panchayat to work concretely on initiatives like Swanidhi, Jal Samruddhi, Gharkul, Veterinary Clinics, Public Property and Livelihood Scheme. He expressed the hope that Gram Panchayats should enthusiastically participate in the Chief Minister's Samruddhi Panchayat Raj Abhiyan by implementing the Swamitva Yojana, Mission Kayakalp, Health Reform and innovative initiatives.

The workshop provided detailed guidance on well-governed Panchayats, empowered Panchayats, water-rich, clean and green villages, convergence with MNREGA and other

schemes, institutional empowerment, livelihood development and social justice, people's movement through people's participation, innovative initiatives and various other issues. Special emphasis was placed on financial empowerment of Gram Panchayats through self-funding and public participation, water supply, water conservation and environmental conservation, convergence with farm ponds and housing construction schemes, empowerment of village level institutions and concrete measures for women's self-help groups, farmers and weaker sections.“

Sarpanch (Kalher) Ashlesha Pankaj Tare said that efforts are being made to ensure that more and more Gram Panchayats qualify under the Chief Minister's Samridhhi Panchayat Raj Abhiyan and win the competition.

The workshop was

attended by Project Director Chhayadevi Shisode, District Planning Officer Vaibhav Kulkarni, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (S.P.) Avinash Phadtare, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Gram Panchayat) Pramod Kale, Chief Accounts and Finance Officer Vajinath Buradkar, District Health Officer Dr. Gangadhar Parge, Executive Engineer (Construction) Padmakar Lahane.

, Head of Social Welfare Department Ujjwala Sapkale, Agricultural Development Officer M. M. Bachotikar as well as a large number of Gram Panchayat officers, Sarpanchs and villagers were present.

Extension Officer (Retd) Vikram Chavan and Extension Officer (Panchayat Samiti, Bhiwandi) Indrajit Kale provided detailed guidance in the workshop. The vote of thanks for the program was presented by Assistant Group Development Officer Pandit Rathod“

German FM calls on PM Modi PM

New Delhi, Sept 3 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi met German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul here today and said there is immense potential to scale up mutually beneficial cooperation in trade, technology, innovation, sustainability, manufacturing and mobility. "Delighted to meet German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul. India and Germany are celebrating 25 years of Strategic Partnership. As vibrant democracies and leading economies, we see immense potential to scale up mutually beneficial cooperation in trade, technology, innovation, sustainability, manufacturing and mobility,” the Prime Minister said on X. He said both countries share a vision for a multipolar world, peace and UN reforms. The Prime Minister also reiterated his invitation to German Chancellor for an early visit to India. Earlier the German Foreign Minister said he had “great talks” with the Prime Minister.

ABVP protest erupts outside UP Minister OP Rajbhar’s residence in Lucknow

Lucknow, Sep 3 (UNI) A major protest broke out outside the residence of Uttar Pradesh Minister of Minority Welfare and Panchayati Raj, Om Prakash Rajbhar, here late in the night. Members of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) gathered in large numbers, raising slogans such as “OP Rajbhar Murdabad” and “Police Administration Murdabad,” accusing the minister of making derogatory remarks against the student organisation. According to eyewitnesses, the protest began late into the night and quickly escalated. Protesters surrounded the minister’s residence, shouting slogans and demanding Rajbhar’s resignation. Tensions flared as police forces arrived at the scene. Scuffles broke out between ABVP members and the police, with reports of pushing, shoving, and repeated attempts by protesters to breach the gates of the minister's home. Some agitators reportedly hurled stones, footwear, and other objects inside the premises, demanding the minister come out and face them.

ABVP leader Pushpendra Bajpai, speaking to the media, stated, “We are peacefully protesting outside OP Rajbhar’s house, but we are ready to surround him with students and youth across the state. ABVP is the world’s largest and most disciplined student organisation that envisions an educational family. Rajbhar is labelling us as goons while he himself has a history of using strong-arm tactics to rise in politics. We will not stop until he resigns.”

Another ABVP activist, Vikas, added, “Minister OP Rajbhar has made derogatory remarks about our disciplined and student-centric organisation. ABVP has always raised its voice for student welfare, but attempts are being made to suppress us. What happened at Ramswaroop University in Barabanki, where our members were brutally lathi-charged, is utterly shameful.”

The situation remains tense, and heavy police deployment has been made outside the minister’s residence to prevent further escalation.

China flexes military muscle at Tiananmen Parade, Trump calls it conspiracy against US

New Delhi/Beijing, Sept 3 (UNI) : More than 10,000 soldiers of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA), Air Force and Navy goose-stepped the historic Tiananmen Square in Beijing today and showcased the latest generation of missiles, drones, tanks and fighter jets in a display of military might to mark 80 years of China's victory against Japan during World War 2.

Chinese President Xi Jinping inspected the Guard of Honour. The military parade which was held to commemorate the “80th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War,” was witnessed by 26 world leaders including Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

US President Donald Trump was quick to react, describing the parade as a ‘conspiracy’ against the United States.

PLA's new system of services and arms were

displayed at the parade for the first time. These included unmanned intelligence equipment, hypersonic missiles and electronic jamming systems. This was the second time since 2015 that China has held a military parade to commemorate the victory in the “Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.”

Helicopters flew over Tiananmen Square carrying banners that read "Justice Prevails," "Peace Prevails" and "The People Prevail." In his speech, President Xi said the PLA should provide strategic support for China's rejuvenation. He reiterated China's commitment to peaceful development saying humanity is again faced with a choice of peace or war, dialogue or confrontation and win-win outcomes or zero-sum games. He said China's rejuvenation is “unstoppable” and humanity's cause of peace

and development will prevail.

“The Chinese people will stand firmly on the right side of history and on the side of human progress, adhere to the path of peaceful development, and join hands with the rest of the world to build a community with a shared future for humanity,” he said.

Dressed in a grey Mao suit, President Xi called upon nations to eliminate the root cause of war and prevent historical tragedies from recurring.

President Xi who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, said common security can only be safeguarded when nations across the world treat each other as equals, live in harmony, and mutually support one another.

He said that as inhabitants of the same planet, humanity must stand together in times of difficulty, live in harmony,

and never relapse into the law of the jungle where the strong prey on the weak.

Stressing that Chinese modernization is the modernization of peaceful development, Xi said China will always be a force for peace, stability, and progress in the world.

“It is sincerely hoped that all countries will learn from history, value peace, and work together to advance world modernization and create a better future for humanity,” he said in his address.


President Trump in immediate reaction, said on his social media platform “Please give my warmest regards to Vladimir Putin, and Kim Jong Un, as you conspire against The United States of America.”

“The big question to be answered is whether or not President Xi of China will mention the massive amount of support and blood that

The United States of America gave to China in order to help it to secure its FREEDOM from a very unfriendly foreign invader.

CM announces MBNR Dist to be developed as hub

Constructions are being carried out expeditiously at capital city Amaravati: Minister, Narayan

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Open e-Tender Notice No. : DRIM/Works/BZA/20/2025, Dated : 02-09-2025		PUB/1071
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.		
Sl. No. : 1. Tender No. : E-29-North-BZA-2025. Details of Work : Name of Work : BZA - VSKP Section :- Proposed construction of Limited Height Subway (1x6.00mx3.00m) at Km 743/26-28 trespassing location at Satyanarayanapuram village between Bayyavaram - Anakapalli stations. IRPSM ID : 11.06.32.1.55.002. Vijayawada Division - BZA - VSKP Section :- Proposed Construction of Limited Height Subway (1x6.0mx2.5m) at Km 755/5-7 trespassing location at Lankelapalem between THYDVND stations. IRPSM ID : 11.06.30.2.1.55.003.		
Period of Completion : 09 (Nine Months). Tender Value : Rs.8,23,40,259/-. Earnest Money Deposit : Rs.5,61,700/-. Date of closing : 26-09-2025.		
Sl. No. : 2. Tender No. : E-28-North-BZA-2025. Details of Work : Name of Work : Vijayawada Division :- BZA-VSKP Section :- Providing Pitching, Toe wall and Steps for Major Bridges, ballast retaining walls for minor bridges in SSE/WND section under ADEN/RJY (162 Up & Dn, 615 Up & Dn, 174 Up & Dn, 177 Up & Dn, 182 Up & Dn, 191 Up & Dn, 220 Up & Dn) (Sanction ID No. 11.06.32.24.3.55.020).		
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Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Vijayawada.		
Tender No. : GTL-EM-36-2025-26, Dated : 02-09-2025		PUB/1072
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Maintenance / Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.		
Tender No. : GTL-EM-36-2025-26. Name of the Work : Guntakal Division :- Web-Based Monitoring (IoT) For Controls of Pumps Including Automation of Pumps, 30% & 70% Lighting on Platforms, Street Lighting Circuits, Lifts Etc... (Phase II) Over the Division.		
Approximate Value : Rs. 4,93,75,803.98/- Closing date and time : 24-09-2025 at 15:00 hours.		
For Bidding the tender and other details, login to http://www.ireps.gov.in . Corrigendum of tender, if any will be issued online only. Tender Document may be downloaded from to http://www.ireps.gov.in by the tenderers free of cost.		
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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Maintenance, Guntakal.		
Tender No. : GTL-EM-34-2025-26, Dated : 02-09-2025		PUB/1073
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Maintenance / Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.		
Tender No. : GTL-EM-34-2025-26. Name of the Work : Guntakal Division - Annual repair contract for pumps over the Guntakal Division for 3 years.		
Approximate Value : Rs. 39,94,756.89/- Closing date and time : 24-09-2025 at 15:00 hours.		
For Bidding the tender and other details, login to http://www.ireps.gov.in . Corrigendum of tender, if any will be issued online only. Tender Document may be downloaded from to http://www.ireps.gov.in by the tenderers free of cost.		
Note : To participate / Bid in this e-Tender, the tenderer should have valid DSC (Digital Signature Certificate).		
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Maintenance, Guntakal.		
Open Tender Notice No. B-E29-TRD-TNDR-22-2025-26, Dated : 01-09-2025.		PUB/1075
Tenders are invited in IREPS by the undersigned for the following works.		
Tender No. : B-E29-TRD-TNDR-22-2025-26. Name of Work : Vijayawada Division - Replacement of over aged insulators and rusted cantilevers in Duvvada - Vijayawada Section. Approximate Value (Rs.) : Rs.3,23,11,949.26. Completion period : 12 Months. Bid Security (EMD) (Rs.) : Rs.3,11,600/-. Date of closing : 23-09-2025 at 15:00 hours.		
S.No. 1- Cost of Tender form (Rs.) : Nil.		
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, A1341 TRD, Vijayawada.		
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STANDARD POST

State urban policies hold key to managing India’s rapid urban transition

As India looks toward a predominantly urban future, experts on Tuesday said state-level urbanisation policies would be critical in bridging gaps in how cities are defined, governed, and planned.

Highlighting Kerala’s comprehensive urban policy report, Debolina Kundu, Director at the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), said: “Around 35 per cent of India’s population is urban, one-third is rural, and the rest lives in transitional spaces. This is where state urban policies become crucial, by identifying transitional areas and adopting definitions that are more dynamic and future-ready.”

Speaking at the Plenary Session at WRI India’s flagship event, Connect Karo 2025, here, she further said: “Take Kerala, for instance: while 48 per cent of its population was effectively urban in 2011, only 26 per cent was classified as such by administrative definition, with the rest spread across census towns that form the urban agglomeration.”

She added that while the Census provides a static snapshot once every decade, states can complement this with continuous assessment of urban and peri-urban transitions. This would allow for timely spatial planning, targeted infrastructure investments, and resource mobilisation.

Addressing the role of building climate-resilient infrastructure in cities, Umamaheswaran Rajasekar, Advisor, Urban Resilience, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), said, “Seventy per cent of losses to infrastructure are due to hydrometeorological events -- a number that will only rise with climate change, making management increasingly complex.”

“Storm drains, for example, require sustained investment and maintenance. Building resilience is not just about hard infrastructure; it’s also about enabling communities to withstand and recover from these shocks.”

Connect Karo 2025 brings together leaders committed to critical issues related to sustainable cities, clean energy, food, land and water, and climate action and finance.

The two-day convening is hosting more than 150 thought leaders, experts, academics, scientists and civil society members to discuss the most urgent development and environmental challenges of our times.

The convening offers a diverse range of sessions, exploring themes like urban resilience and economic development, air quality, India’s clean energy transition, food loss and waste, public spaces, heat mitigation, flood management, green skilling and much more.

The convening also included “Stories that Matter,” a vibrant exhibition highlighting the power of people-centred approaches in tackling climate and development challenges.

Speaking about the significance of the convening, Madhav Pai, CEO, WRI India, said, “At Connect Karo, WRI India brings together important stakeholders and convenes conversations on clean energy, food systems, public spaces, mobility and net zero transitions -- the building blocks of India’s low-carbon, resilient and equitable future.”

“We are not just on track but ahead in meeting our climate commitments,” said BVR Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog, at Connect Karo 2025.

“India is undertaking an unprecedented experiment to become a developed nation by 2047, while walking a low-carbon path. No country of our size has ever attempted this, and the India Development Model can become a role model for the world.”

Subrahmanyam further said, “Despite contributing only 3-4 per cent of cumulative global emissions, India is among the most climate vulnerable nations, facing devastating floods, heatwaves and other impacts every year. We are not just on track but ahead in meeting our climate commitments. The challenge now is making projects viable to unlock the trillions needed for a green transition.”

KIMS Cuddles Team Saves a Premature Baby with Record-Breaking Road Journey

(Standard Post Bureau)

In an extraordinary feat of medical dedication and teamwork, doctors and staff at KIMS Cuddles Hospital, Secunderabad, saved the life of a premature baby after a record-breaking 1,300 km road journey from Surat, Gujarat. The baby, born prematurely in the seventh month to a Telugu family in Surat, weighed only 1.1 kg at birth and suffered from severe sepsis, respiratory distress, and multi-organ failure. Despite initial treatment at a private hospital in Surat, his condition deteriorated. The family then approached KIMS Cuddles in Secunderabad.

While an air ambulance was considered, financial constraints led the father to opt for road transfer. Under the leadership of Dr. Babu S. Madarkar, Clinical Director & Chief



Neonatologist, a specialized team took on the daunting challenge of safely bringing the critically ill newborn to Hyderabad. “Transporting such a low-birth-weight, critically ill premature baby on ventilator support over 1,300 km was a herculean task,” said Dr. Madarkar during a press briefing. “The journey took 14–16 hours. To ensure uninterrupted oxygen supply, two ambulances were used—

one carrying the baby and another carrying oxygen cylinders. Along the way, we replenished supplies at multiple points, including Nashik.”

Throughout the journey, the baby faced episodes of breathing difficulty and irregular heart rate. However, the team of doctors, nurses, and paramedics inside the ambulance managed to stabilize him each time. Despite exhaustion and even illness among staff

during the journey, their single focus was the baby’s survival. In total, 31 members were involved in this mission, including doctors, nurses, biomedical staff, marketing staff, backend experts, and support personnel. The transfer was carried out jointly by KIMS Cuddles and Red Health Ambulance Services, with additional support from other KIMS network hospitals along the route.

Upon arrival in Hyderabad, the baby was diagnosed with multiple organ complications. After two months of intensive care at KIMS Cuddles, he made a remarkable recovery, now weighing 1.9 kg, breathing normally without ventilator support, and feeding on mother’s milk. Doctors confirmed he is active and playful.

Globally, the longest neonatal road transfer on record was 723 km, and in

India it was only 513 km. This 1,300 km journey sets a new benchmark, and experts believe it will be submitted for recognition in the Guinness World Records. Key members of the transfer team included Dr. Satish, Dr. Ryan, Dr. Santosh, Chinna Brother, Sanal Brother, and ambulance pilots Anand and Mohan.

The baby’s father expressed deep gratitude to Dr. Babu S. Madarkar, the KIMS Cuddles medical team, and the management. He also thanked Dr. B. Bhaskar Rao, CMD of KIMS Foundation; Dr. Sambit Sahu, Director of Medical Services; and Dr. Abhinay Bollineni, CEO, for their unwavering support. “They protected my child like the apple of their eye and handed him back to us safely. No words can express our gratitude,” said the father with emotion.

Centre for Sight Bhubaneswar Launches Advanced Retinal Services and Welcomes Renowned Retina Specialist Dr. Samarth Mishra

(Standard Post Bureau)

Centre for Sight Group of Eye Hospitals, India’s leading chain of super-specialty eye hospitals, today announced the launch of their advanced Retina Services in Bhubaneswar, further strengthening its commitment to deliver world-class eye care in Odisha. During the launch, the leading eye chain also announced the joining of India’s leading vitreoretinal surgeon Dr. Samarth Mishra as their Senior Consultant for Vitreoretinal Services.

The newly inaugurated Retina Unit in Bhubaneswar is equipped to diagnose and treat a wide spectrum of retinal

disorders such as diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachment, age-related macular degeneration (ARMD), macular holes, and complex vitreoretinal diseases. With next-generation surgical and imaging technologies, the centre eliminates the need for patients to travel outside Odisha for advanced retinal care.

During the launch, Dr. Samarth Mishra, Senior Consultant - Vitreoretinal Services, Centre For Sight, Bhubaneswar said “Retinal diseases often progress silently and can cause irreversible vision loss if not treated on time. With this dedicated Retina Unit at Centre for Sight Bhubaneswar, patients in

Odisha will now have access to advanced diagnostics and surgical care locally. I am proud to be part of Centre for Sight’s mission and look forward to serving the people of my home state with compassion and expertise.”

Centre for Sight, Bhubaneswar is delighted to welcome Dr. Samarth Mishra, the renowned vitreoretinal surgeon from Odisha. An alumnus of M.K.C.G Medical College, Berhampur, and VIMSAR, Burla, he trained at LV Prasad Eye Institute and completed his fellowship at Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai & Kolkata. With over 25 publications and expertise in advanced retinal surgeries, Dr. Mishra



has led vitreoretinal services at leading hospitals in Odisha and is widely recognized for his clinical skill, research, and patient-focused care.

Founded in 1996 by Padma Shri Awardee Prof. (Dr.) Mahipal S. Sachdev,

Centre for Sight has grown into one of India’s most trusted eye care networks with over 85 hospitals across 30+ cities, a team of 350+ expert doctors, and nearly three decades of excellence. Known for its clinical expertise, cutting-

edge technology, and patient-first approach, the group has set benchmarks in cataract, refractive surgery, cornea, glaucoma, retina, pediatric ophthalmology, oculoplasty, and ocular oncology.

Tejaswi discusses poll strategies, voter outreach with party legislators

Patna, Sep 3 (UNI) With Assembly elections in Bihar drawing closer, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejaswi Yadav, intensifying his preparations today discussed the key issues including seat allocation, candidate selection, voter outreach and ground-level campaign planning with the legislators of his party.

Yadav convened an emergency meeting of the RJD legislature party and chaired a two-hour strategy session with party MLAs and MLCs to finalise the issues.

This is the first major internal meeting of RJD legislators since the conclusion of the Voter Adhikar Yatra on September 1, during which Yadav openly projected himself as the chief ministerial candidate of the INDIA bloc.

The Congress leaders including Rahul Gandhi, however avoided endorsing the claim.

Party insiders said that seat-sharing strategy with alliance partners under the INDIA bloc, shortlisting of

candidates and assessing strong contenders, defensive strategy on the controversy surrounding abusive remarks against PM Modi’s mother and positioning RJD as the lead force

in the alliance after Rahul Gandhi’s yatra were discussed minutely. Feedback from MLAs on ground sentiment about the party and alliance was taken in the meeting.

The party sources said that Yadav will launch a statewide tour in September to galvanise support across districts. Legislators were also directed to ensure missing names are added to the voter

rolls, with forms distributed to strengthen enrollment efforts.

Meanwhile, Yadav while talking to media persons on the recent controversy over abusive remarks directed at Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s mother during a rally said that “it is wrong to use abusive words for anyone’s mother.

Every mother is a mother to all, and such language

should never be encouraged.” However, he countered the BJP, accusing the Prime Minister of double standards.

“Modi himself has insulted Sonia Gandhi, questioned Nitish Kumar’s DNA and abused me on camera in the Assembly. The BJP even inducted a leader who humiliated our woman legislator. Where was the Prime Minister then?”

Yadav also alleged that the call for Bihar Bandh was orchestrated by the ruling party.

“When the Prime Minister comes, half of Bihar shuts down. People are watching everything,” he said, adding that the BJP was rattled by the success of the ‘Voter Adhikar Yatra’ led by the opposition alliance.

Meanwhile, RJD MLA Bhai Virendra after the meeting said that his party has received a “clear mantra” to work at the grassroots level with the mission of forming the next government in Bihar.

“We discussed the election strategy. Some

issues are internal and will remain within the party. But what is important is that we have been given a mantra to work on the ground to form the government. We have already started. The people of Bihar have made their decision,” he noted.

Slamming the BJP over Thurday’s Bihar bandh, he described the protest as a “drama” and accused the saffron party of misleading the people with hollow slogans.

He said, “The BJP has done nothing for students, nothing for women. The country is suffering from inflation and unemployment. Farmers were promised double the income, but that was never delivered. For all these failures, the Prime Minister should apologise to the people.” RJD MLC Ajay Kumar Singh said that the strategies, issues to be taken to the people and how to expose the failures of those who have ruled for 20 years without industrial or educational development were discussed in the meeting ahead of elections.

Cabinet approves Rs 1500 cr incentive scheme to develop recycling capacity

New Delhi, Sep 3 (UNI) The union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi today approved a Rs.1,500 crore Incentive Scheme to develop recycling capacity for separation and production of critical minerals from secondary sources. The scheme is part of the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) aimed at building the domestic capacity of and supply chain resilience in critical minerals. The critical mineral value chain comprising exploration, auction and mine operationalization, and acquisition of foreign assets, has a gestation period before they could supply critical minerals to Indian industry. A prudent way to ensure supply chain sustainability in the near term is through the recycling of secondary sources.

The Scheme will have a tenure of six years from FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31. Eligible feedstock is e-waste, Lithium Ion Battery (LIB) scrap, and scrap other than e-waste and LIB scrap e.g. catalytic converters in end-of-life vehicles.

Expected beneficiaries will be both large, established recyclers, as well as small, new recyclers (including start-ups), for whom one-third of the scheme outlay has been earmarked. The Scheme will be applicable to investments in new units as well as expansion of capacity/modernization and diversification of existing units and will provide incentive for the recycling value chain which is involved in actual extraction of critical minerals, and not the value chain involved in only black mass production.

The incentives under the Scheme will comprise 20 percent Capex subsidy on plant and machinery, equipment and associated utilities for starting production within specified timeframe. To ensure greater number of beneficiaries, total incentive (Capex plus Opex subsidy) per entity will be subject to an overall ceiling of Rs.50 crore for large entities and Rs.25 crore for small entities, within which there will be a ceiling for Opex subsidy of Rs.10 crore and Rs.5 crore respectively.

Arun Gawli finally walks out of Nagpur jail after 17 years

Nagpur, Sept 3 (UNI) Notorious gangster-turned-politician Arun Gawli was released from Nagpur Central Jail today after the Supreme Court granted him bail in a 2007 murder case.He has spent over 17 years behind bars. Gawli, popularly known as "Daddy" in Mumbai's underworld and a former MLA, walked out of prison around 12:30 pm after completion of legal formalities. Under heavy security, Nagpur police escorted him to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, from where he left for Mumbai.

The Supreme Court bench of Justices MM Sundresh and N. Kotiswar Singh granted bail to the 76-year-old citing his prolonged imprisonment, advancing age and health concerns.The court noted that Gawli had been in jail for over 17 years, while his appeal remains pending. The final hearing is

scheduled for February 2026. Bail has been granted subject to conditions laid down by the trial court.Gawli was convicted in 2012 by the Mumbai Sessions Court for the 2006 murder of Shiv Sena corporator Kamlakar Jamsandekar and sentenced to life imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 17 lakh. The Bombay High Court upheld the conviction in 2019.

The prison and police authorities carried out Gawli's release under strict secrecy to avoid public disturbance. Security agencies continue to monitor the situation closely given his notoriety and political connections.

Once a dominant figure in Mumbai's underworld, Gawli later founded the Akhil Bharatiya Sena (ABS) and carved a niche in city politics. His future political trajectory now depends on the Supreme Court's final verdict in 2026.

NHRC seeks report from Chief Secretary, DGP

Mumbai, Sep 3 (UNI) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) today issued a notice to the Maharashtra Chief Secretary and Director General of Police, seeking a detailed report on the collapse of an unauthorised building in Virar East, Palghar district, which resulted in the death of 17 people.

Taking suo motu cognisance of media reports, the NHRC observed that if the reports are true, they raise serious issues of human rights violations. The incident occurred on August 27, when a portion of the four-storey building, constructed about ten years ago, collapsed, injuring eight others.

According to a release from the Press Information Bureau, the Commission has asked the state authorities to submit a detailed report on the matter within two weeks. Media reports from August 28 stated that a senior official of the Vasai-Virar City Municipal Corporation believed the collapse may have been due to the use of substandard construction material.

The residents, who had been paying taxes to the corporation and possessed notarised documents, were reportedly served three notices to vacate the building, all of which were ignored.The building had around 50 flats and half a dozen shops, with the rear portion, comprising about 12 flats, being the part that collapsed.

Fifth FPO conclave begins in Hyderabad, focus on partnerships for sustainable agriculture

Hyderabad, Sept 3 (UNI) : The two-day Fifth Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs) Conclave, organised by Samunnati in collaboration with NABARD, began at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Madhapur, today.

The conclave, held under the theme "Partnerships for Sustainability towards a Future-Ready FPO Ecosystem", has brought together policymakers, industry leaders, bankers, and farmer collectives from 28 states.

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, addressed the gathering through a video message, stressing the government's commitment to empowering farmers and ensuring inclusive growth.

Prof Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, who

attended as the Chief Guest, shared insights into challenges and the vision for "Viksit Bharat".

Samunnati Founder and CEO, Anil Kumar SG, underlined the importance of making FPOs enterprise-ready and globally connected."This decade is about moving from conversations to commitments and from partnerships to impactful projects," he said.Subroto Geed, President-South Asia, Corteva Agriscience, emphasised the role of women in agriculture, announcing a two million women initiative aimed at linking gender equality with economic growth and sustainability. Olam Agri's Group COO, N Muthukumar, highlighted technology's role in providing farmers with direct market access and precise agronomy advice through smartphones, ensuring transparent pricing and improved productivity.

BJP slams Sanjay Raut for his 'hypocrisy'

Mumbai, Sept 3 (UNI) BJP's state media cell chief Navnath Ban said today that Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut's stand on the issues of the Maratha community has always been hypocritical.

Sometimes he backed the "silent marches," other times he called protestors "bedbugs." In this way, Raut has repeatedly insulted the Maratha community, he said.

Therefore, Raut, who neither visited the protestors at Azad Maidan nor respected the Maratha community, has no right to speak on the subject of reservation said Ban.

He said it was the Mahayuti government under Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis that worked to serve justice to the Maratha community.

Ban said that Rahul Gandhi's unsubstantiated allegations about "vote theft" and his threats about "atom bombs" or "hydrogen bombs" are all duds.

People have consistently rejected the Congress and Raut, who heaps praise on Rahul Gandhi's remark on so-called bombs, should stop flattering him and that party.

Maharashtra has witnessed the miserable condition of the Uddhav Thackeray Sena after it abandoned the ideals of Balasaheb Thackeray and teaming up with the Congress, Ban added.

By leveling accusations of vote theft, Raut is insulting the public mandate, he added.

Man killed in leopard attack

Ahilyanagar, Sep 3 (UNI) :A 40-year-old man was killed in a leopard attack in Maharashtra's Ahilyanagar district, officials said today.

The incident took place at Kalas village of Parner Taluka last night, spreading an atmosphere of fear in the entire area.

According to the information received, the deceased was identified as Ganesh Tulshiram Gadge (40).

Gadge was returning home from Kalas in the evening when a leopard suddenly attacked him. Since he has not reach home by 8 pm, his family started searching for him.

Local villagers admitted him to the rural hospital in Takli Dhokeshwar, but the doctors declared him dead.

After this incident, the angry villagers demanded immediate action from the forest department and precautionary measures like installing cages to control the leopards and increasing night patrol.

The forest department has taken serious note of the incident and has started an investigation. Forest department officials have informed that plans are being made to instal cages to catch the leopards in the area. They have also appealed to the villagers to be vigilant.



People use a boat to move through a flooded area as the water level of the Yamuna river continues to rise, in New Delhi. More than 7,500 people have been evacuated from low-lying flooded areas as the Yamuna river level rose to 207 metres at the Old Railway Bridge (ORB) on Wednesday at 1 pm, officials said.

Maratha Leader Jarange Patil admitted to ICU after five-day fast

C h h a t r a p a t i Sambhajanagar, Sept 3 (UNI) :Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange Patil was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of Galaxy hospital in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar early today following severe deterioration in his health condition after a five-day hunger strike in Mumbai.

Around 1 AM, Jarange's convoy reached the hospital where he was immediately shifted to the ICU due to extreme weakness. Large numbers of supporters gathered outside the hospital premises, showering the activist with flowers and celebrating with fireworks while chanting slogans of "Patil, Patil, Patil" and "Ek Maratha, Lakh Maratha."

Dr Vinod Chavre, part of the medical team treating Jarange, emphasised that the activist's condition remains fragile and he requires complete rest for at least 15 days under medical supervision.

All necessary medical tests have been conducted and he is being kept under continuous observation to monitor his recovery progress. The hospitalisation follows Jarange's successful five-day hunger strike at Mumbai's Azad Maidan since August 29 as he pressed for Maratha reservation under the Other Backward Classes category.The Maharashtra government accepted six of his eight key demands, including the implementation of the Hyderabad Gazette for granting Kunbi caste certificates to eligible Marathas.This is not the first instance of Jarange requiring medical attention due to his activism. He has

been hospitalised multiple times previously due to health complications arising from repeated hunger strikes.

In March, he was admitted to the same hospital due to fever and weakness. In May 2024, he required hospitalisation during his Marathwada tour following exhaustion.

Given the large number of supporters expected to gather at the hospital, significant police deployment has been arranged. Assistant Commissioner Manish Kalyankar and other senior police officials are overseeing the security arrangements.

Hospital authorities have not yet announced when he might be discharged, saying that his recovery will determine the duration of his stay.

State Cabinet approves financial contribution for Pune-Lonavala third and fourth Railway Line Project

Mumbai, Sep 3 (UNI) The State Cabinet has approved the Government of Maharashtra's financial contribution for the important project of constructing the third and fourth suburban railway lines between Pune and Lonavala. This long-pending issue has been resolved after consistent efforts of Deputy Chief Minister and Pune District

Guardian Minister, Ajit Pawar.

The project, presented by the Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation, has an estimated cost of around 5,100 crore, which also includes land acquisition expenses.

The cost will be shared equally between the Central Government and the State Government on a 50:50 basis. The State

Government's share has been fixed at 2,550 crore.

Out of this 2,550 crore share of the State Government, the contributions will be as follows: Pune Municipal Corporation (20%), 510 crore, Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation 510 crore, and PMRDA 765 crore, while the remaining amount will be borne by the State Government, said

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.This decision will help reduce the increasing passenger load on the P u n e – L o n a v a l a suburban railway and significantly enhance the capacity of suburban rail services. Moreover, it will greatly improve and speed up connectivity between the two metropolitan cities of Pune and Mumbai, he added.

Three killed in Mumbai-Nashik highway accident

Nashik, Sep 3 (UNI) Three people were killed and two others were injured when a speeding car spun out of control and flipped three times, at Kasara Ghat on the Mumbai-Nashik highway today.

According to police, a car was coming to Nashik from Mumbai. The car driver lost control of the car on the Mumbai-Nashik highway. The car overturned three times on the spot, causing the car to be completely destroyed.

While going from Mumbai towards Nashik, the Highway Security

Police Team and Disaster Management Team members of Kasara police immediately rushed to the spot and started relief work.

The accident victims were admitted to the government hospitals of Kasara and Khardi with the help of an ambulance.

Kasara police have registered a case in this case and the police team is conducting further investigation under the guidance of the officer-in-charge of the police station, Suresh Gavit, Assistant Police Inspector Kadam.

Country heading towards mid-term polls, says Harshwardhan Sapkal

Nagpur, Sep 3 (UNI) Maharashtra Congress president Harshwardhan Sapkal today claimed that the "throne in Delhi" has been shaken by Rahul Gandhi's slogan Inquilab Zindabad, and asserted that the country may soon face mid-term polls leading to the formation of a new government to protect the Constitution.

Addressing a gathering here, Sapkal alleged that the current government has created conditions "worse than those under British rule." He accused the ruling dispensation of indulging in large-scale electoral malpractices, which he described as a systematic "vote theft."Referring to the Kamptee constituency represented by BJP minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule, Sapkal said it was here that Rahul Gandhi first raised the issue of "poll irregularities." He claimed that as many as 500 voters were registered with a single mobile phone in the constituency."The pilot project of 'vote theft' began in Kamptee. This is not just malpractice; it is pushing the country into times worse than the British Raj," Sapkal said.He alleged that votes were being manipulated "village by village" using money and influence and urged people to unite against what he called a "chor sarkar" (thieving government).

CM Fadnavis to meet OBC protesters in Nagpur on September 4

Nagpur, Sep 3 (UNI) Amid the ongoing agitation over giving Marathas reservation, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis will meet OBC protesters at Samvidhan Square on September 4 at 10 am, BJP's Nagpur city president Dayashankar Tiwari announced.

The Rashtriya OBC Mahasangh has been staging a protest demanding that the state government fulfil 14 demands, including ensuring that Marathas are not included in the OBC category and opposing the blanket issuance of Kunbi certificates to all Maratha community members.

"We want the government to fulfil our 14 demands... A government representative should come forward and hold a dialogue with us," an office-bearer of the Mahasangh said.

Tiwari, in a statement, said that Fadnavis has reached a consensus on the Maratha reservation issue while safeguarding OBC rights.

"This decision has created an atmosphere of harmony and peace in society," he added.

Earlier, Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange called off his protest after the government agreed to most of his demands, including issuing Kunbi caste certificates to eligible Marathas.

These certificates will enable them to avail of reservation benefits in the OBC category.

The government has also announced the formation of a committee to scrutinize and issue Kunbi caste certificates to Maratha community members who can provide historical evidence of their Kunbi lineage.

Heavy rain alert issued for Nagpur and Vidarbha districts

Nagpur, 3 Sep (UNI) : The India Meteorological Department (IMD) today issued a heavy rainfall warning across Nagpur and other parts of Vidarbha, urging residents to exercise heightened caution over the next 24 hours as weather conditions remain volatile.

According to the Regional Meteorological Centre, Nagpur, the warning is active from 8:30 IST today until 8:30 IST tomorrow.

Nagpur, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Bhandara, Gondia, Amravati, Akola, Buldhana, Wardha, Washim, and Yavatmal are expected to experience heavy rainfall, thunderstorms, and lightning at isolated locations, the RMC said.

Authorities are urging the public to stay alert and adhere to safety guidelines, including avoiding travel through flooded or waterlogged areas, staying indoors during thunderstorms, and being prepared for possible disruptions.

Career



5 skills you need to improve your Work life

The rules of professional world are changing fast. These are five fundamental skills that you need to be a good professional

People skills:

Most of our professional life is centered on interacting with people. It is essential to have great people's skill which means one should be

at ease with both his/her seniors or subordinates. Having effective people's skills means one creates a pleasant environment around him/her and exudes positive energy.

Higher Emotional

Quotient:

The new-age working environment needs more of EQ (Emotional Quotient). People having higher level of EQ will deal with work related crisis better and they are also good team leaders and team builders. When they walk, they take people along with them in the journey. They have compassion, empathy and most importantly they know how to stay calm in the face of crisis.

The art of innovation:

In today's competitive world, innovation is the buzzword. One needs to push one's creative boundaries. You need to think different and think of innovative way to bring in more productivity. Innovation also involves celebrating the power of imagination.

Be decisive:

When at work, you just can't be the headless chicken. You need to have a firm grip over the situation. And to top it all, you need to be a quick decision maker. This skill matters most in the midst of crisis where the only option is the right option. Decisiveness saves you more time than anything and it also helps with fast thinking skills.

Learn to delegate:

Most people in position of authority don't delegate out of sheer insecurity and fear and of course with a superiority complex that makes them think nobody can do a better job than them. It's necessary to trust people and let them take responsibility for the work they do. Delegation makes the work process easier and gives others the opportunity to show their strengths as well. It instills confidence and a sense of well-being in people.

Taking control of your Career

Be a go-getter: Just having a firm resolve is not enough. Evaluate you goals and give yourself a time frame to achieve them. Its important to keep your eyes open for opportunities and strive towards them. Take charge of your dreams and work relentlessly towards them.

Remember that it takes time: The most important step is to launch yourself in the direction of your dreams or the field that you're interested in. As a fresher, you might be at the receiving end of a lot of cringe-worthy tasks but remind yourself that it is just a stage and taking the first step is most important.

Make sure your efforts are noticed: Do you come an hour early and leave two hours late? Do you devote extra time at home to your work? Do you

give work top priority? Make sure all these efforts are noticed. Being a silent hard-worker, even though admirable doesn't do much good in today's fast paced, competitive world.

Manage your time: Setting a goal is just the start. Dedicated work, clockwise meticulousness and sincerity towards your goals work hand in hand. Set a schedule for yourself and appreciate your efforts once you hit the desired benchmark.



China to allow full foreign ownership of e-commerce businesses

China will allow full foreign ownership of some e-commerce businesses, aiming to encourage foreign investment and the development and competitiveness of the industry, the ministry of Industry and Information Technology said.

The move, effective immediately, will apply to "online data handling and trade handling services", the ministry said in a statement on its website. It was not immediately clear how this would affect e-commerce



companies already operating in China.

China's e-commerce industry has been booming, with companies like Alibaba Group Holding Ltd and JD.com Inc benefitting from a rising middle class with more disposable income.

Other players include US online retailer Amazon.com Inc, Vipshop Holdings Ltd and US supermarket chain Wal Mart Stores Inc, through its stake in shopping site Yihaodian.

Allowing full foreign ownership "supports our country's e-commerce development, encourages and brings in the active participation of foreign investment, and further excites market competition," the ministry said.

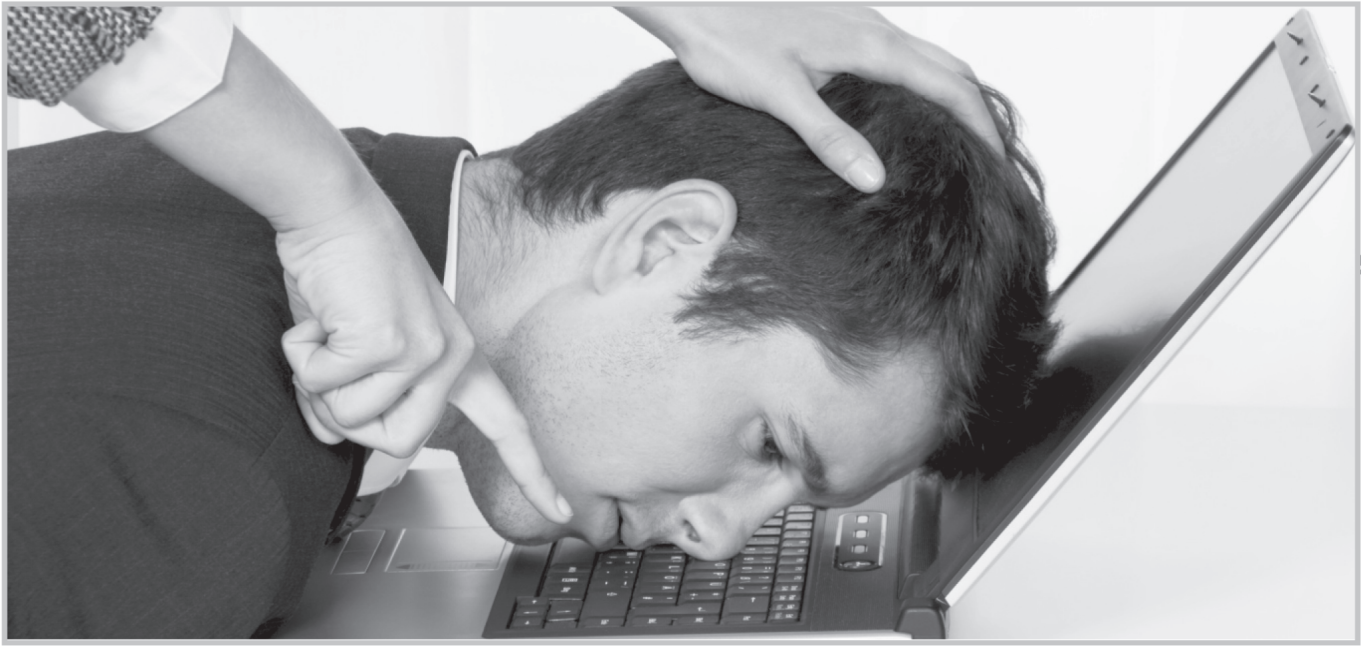
In recent years, the government has lent its support to the industry by keeping taxes low and loosening restrictions on cross-border trade, among other concessions.

E-commerce and the internet sector more broadly have been shining stars for Chinese industry.

Companies including Alibaba, social networking and online entertainment firm Tencent Holdings Ltd and search leader Baidu Inc account for hundreds of billions of dollars in stock market capitalization.

Their success comes as the world's second-largest economy grows at its slowest pace in three decades and Beijing looks to catalyze a shift away from a dependence on manufacturing and towards higher-value services.

10 signs that you're being bullied at work



While bullying is usually perpetrated by someone in a position of power and authority, peers and even subordinates are also known to engage in bullying. A bully (read: weak soul) is actually an insecure, paranoid, control freak. Their aim is to belittle and ultimately diminish their prey through persistent hostile and unnecessarily rude behaviour. Can you spot such a type at work? Here are 10 signs that you're being bullied at the office:

See obvious biasness

Others in your work group are receiving preferential treatment top projects, travel perks and free time. Meanwhile, you find that most of your requests along the same lines are denied without reasonable explanation.

Your progress goes unseen

Say you've been given a directive with certain objectives, an ultimate goal and a deadline. You work hard and with focus only to find out, that suddenly there's a change in direction on the project. Your progress is not celebrated or applied to the new project, but not even taken into account.

All your decisions are questioned

So you are constantly bombarded by excessive micro-managing? You don't feel like your intuition or decisions are being trusted, and you can't explain

why. Your boss and others hover over you much more than telling you what to do (and what not to do). You get the sense that you are wrongly perceived as incompetent and your decision-making capability is greatly reduced as a result.

You are socially alienated

All of a sudden, you're excluded from meetings you once attended. Your colleagues tend to discuss work prior to your arrival and you are left with absolutely no clue what to do. Besides, you are not marked on important mails. Co-workers tend to avoid you and keep interaction to a minimum. You may also find that you're no longer invited to post work drinks with your teammates.

You often feel targeted

Often, when you make a comment, suggestion or disagree with someone's opinion, you're responded to with a plethora of responses by others. It doesn't matter whether you're right -the gang mentality is determined to prove you wrong.

Your health is failing

Mentally, you're drained and your energy is zapped. You're sleeping more and getting out of bed is a real task for you. Exercising and socialising with your folks is a chore. Bullying can lead to depression, anxiety, panic attacks and mood swings. There are physical symptoms such as increased blood pressure, rapid heart beat, and loss of appetite (or excessive eating).

Have experienced verbal

spat

You're subjected to negative, abusive language -reprimanded often in front of the entire office. Verbal abuse can also be more subtle than loud insults. You may find that you are being joked around with in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable and small, and that too can be verbal bullying.

Your work is publicly diminished

Your dedication to your job is not acknowledged by your boss or they give credit to others (for your hard work) in a public setting such as a meeting.

Face unnecessary criticism

It seems that in the eyes of your boss, you are ineffective and unprofessional. Feedback is always provided in the form of criticism and delivered in a way to make you feel awful about yourself. There's no effort to provide guidance.

Presented unreasonable obstacles

So does the boss man purposely throw roadblocks in front of you to prevent you from successfully completing a project? Now, this is a major act of bullying.

How to deal?

Once you've come to the realisation that you're a victim of bullying -at work, or life -it's important to know what kind of course you have. Here are possible actions that you could take.

- Speak to a trusted authority in the organisation: A good start may be human resources. They should be able to help you understand, if you're actually being bullied. If it's determined that a bullying situation exists, they can also provide guidance on how to deal with it. Alternatively, you may feel more comfortable speaking with a higher authority senior colleague.

- Know your rights: If you feel that you're not being heard within your company, you might seek external counsel.

- Find another job: This should be a last resort. But sometimes it's not worth the fight -emotion ally and financially. Respect your self. Look for new employment with a company possessing a strong culture of integrity. Such companies have zero tolerance policies.

Microsoft, Tanstia partner to help SMBs adopt cloud computing

Tech giant Microsoft and state industry body Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (Tanstia) have partnered to help 10,000 small and medium sized businesses (SMBs) in the state leverage Information Technology (IT) to grow their businesses.

Announcing the tie-up, CK Mohan, vice president of Tanstia said, "To begin with, Microsoft and Tanstia have agreed to put our joint efforts in training 10,000 member SMBs in cloud technology for this year." The state industry body expects that

member organizations would be able to leverage new-age cloud technology to grow their businesses by mid-2016. Speaking at the event, Prashanth S, executive director of Quadrasystems.net, a Microsoft cloud accelerator partner in India, said that according to a Boston Consulting Group (BCG) survey, tech-savvy SMBs have been able to grow their revenue faster by almost 15 percentage points compared to those SMBs who lagged in

IT adoption.

For businesses today, 'cloud' has the potential to be a great leveller and bring a level playing field and hence help SMBs play the role of a growth engine for the economy, Microsoft said.

According to Microsoft, Office 365, Dynamics CRM (customer relationship management tool) and Azure (cloud computing platform) are some of the tools which are most relevant to SMBs to be able to scale up to levels of the larger scale competition.

Amrit Lal & Lakshya Nagar end day two as joint leaders in Patna Open

Patna, Sep 3 (UNI) Chandigarh's Amrit Lal (70-70) and Noida's Lakshya Nagar (68-72) shot scores of two-under 70 and even-par 72 respectively to end day two as joint leaders at a total of four-under 140 at the PGTI NEXGEN 2025 at Patna Golf Club today.

Lucknow's Sanjeev Kumar (70) and Jamshedpur's Kurush Heerjee (71) were tied third at a total score of two-under 142, two shots behind the leaders. Md Nawab (71) was the highest-placed Patna golfer in tied eighth at two-over 146.

Varun Sahay (70) was the other Patna-based professional to make the cut. He was placed tied 29th at eight-over 152. The cut was applied at nine-over 153. The top 37 professionals made the cut for the third and final round. Amrit Lal's top-notch driving and chipping saw him garner four birdies at the loss of two bogeys.

Amrit, lying overnight third and two shots off the lead, thus climbed two spots into the joint lead. Amrit, yet to win his first title, said, "I just took it one shot at a time today and didn't let the bogeys in the middle of the round affect my game. I plan to play with the same mindset in the final round."

Lakshya Nagar, the round one joint leader, hung on to his place at the top of the pack despite having a mixed day as he collected four birdies and four bogeys. He produced some quality wedge shots on the day.

Sandesh Jhingan ruled out of CAFA Nations Cup due to injury

New Delhi, Sep 3 (UNI) India have been dealt a blow ahead of the final group match against Afghanistan in the CAFA Nations Cup as defender Sandesh Jhingan has been ruled out of the remainder of the tournament due to injury, the All India Football Federation confirmed on today.

"Defender Sandesh Jhingan had sustained an injury during India's #CAFANationsCup2025 match against IR Iran, and has been ruled out of the remaining matches. He will return to India today," a statement on AIFF's X handle said. The Blue Tigers will sorely miss Jhingan's presence in the defence as he has been a rock at the heart of India's rearguard. India beat hosts Tajikistan in the first match before losing to Iran in the second. Jhingan has been influential with his leadership at the back.

Khalid Jamil's men face Afghanistan on Thursday and need a victory to be assured of qualifying for the 3rd-4th place playoff. A finish on the podium would be a good achievement for India who are making their debut in the competition.

Jamil will have to fall back on his squad to fill the void with Chinglensana Singh and Rahul Bheke being alternatives for the centre-back position.

Kamjong District Weight Lifting Association Hosts Successful Talent Hunt



Riha Village, Kamjong District, Sept 3: The Kamjong District Weight Lifting Association, in collaboration with the Kamjong District Olympic Association, organized its first Weight Lifting talent hunt at Riha Village. A total of 81 children, including 36 girls and 45 boys, participated in the event. "A team of experts from the Manipur Weight Lifting Association and other organizations screened the young enthusiasts. The experts included:

- Sanasam Brojendro, General Secretary, Manipur Weight Lifting Association

and YAS Coach
"- Ch Premita Devi, Coach, NSA
"- T Bobo Singh, Coach, NSA
"- M Sunibala Devi, Coach, RCC, YAS
Inspiring Words from Guests

Worngam Ningshen, IPS, IGP Intelligence and NAB Manipur, emphasized the importance of the initiative, saying, "With the right guidance and support from society, our children will bring laurels for the state and the country.

Sunil Elangbam, President, Manipur Olympic Association,

praised the Kamjong District Weight Lifting Association for organizing the talent hunt, noting that the physical features and dietary habits of the state are an added advantage for weight lifting.

Key Quotes
- "I am delighted that the Kamjong District Weight Lifting Association has started the talent hunt. In the future, other districts would follow.

- Sunil Elangbam"- "It is also important to groom our children for competitive sports as there are also many avenues and opportunities.

- Ngachonmi Ramshang, President, Kamjong District Olympic Association

- "Children of Kamjong District will someday be torchbearers of a new era of sports.

- N Ibungochoubi, Joint Secretary, Manipur Olympic Association

Future Plans
Aaron Ramshang, President, Kamjong District Weight Lifting Association, assured that the association would provide the best environment for children, with the latest technology and guidance from experienced coaches.

Inside PKL's referee training program

Vizag, Sept 3 (UNI): With the Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 well underway, a dedicated group of officials from 'Kashmir to Kanyakumari' completed an intensive 12-day training camp that signals a significant transformation in kabaddi officiating.

Running from August 15 to August 27 in Hyderabad, this comprehensive program welcomed 23 newcomers, taking the total number to 45 officials, creating a perfect blend of fresh talent and seasoned referees. Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra led the

representation with four referees each, reflecting the nationwide commitment to officiating in this league.

"Due to changes in some rules and formats this season, we have increased the number of officials in our training," explains E Prasad Rao, Technical Director of the PKL. He highlighted how the rule modifications have necessitated an expanded preparation program. The selection process was thorough, beginning with online training before bringing the final cohort together for intensive face-

to-face sessions.

What makes this training key is the response to PKL's new tiebreaker format, which has transformed every match into what officials describe as a 'do or die' situation. "Now every match is a whether you can say do or die match. Every match has to be decided by a tiebreaker rule," 'Kabaddi' Rao emphasised, underlining the heightened responsibility officials now carry.

The tiebreaker format introduced game-changing complexities: five raids per team, no player eliminations

during tiebreakers and the baulk line becoming the bonus line. "So many rules are changed in a tiebreaker," making the officials' role 'very, very, very crucial,' reiterated Rao.

The camp's methodology reflects PKL's evolution from sporting competition to precision-based entertainment. With multiple matches per venue, officials must execute decisions with accuracy. "How to go, how fast to collect information," he noted, emphasising that every procedural element has been 'calculated with time and methodology.'

"Multi sports facilities in good numbers required for bringing about a sporting culture in India"

New Delhi, Sep (UNI) As cities grow, open playing spaces are shrinking all the time and concrete multi sports facilities are required for space optimisation. Such facilities can be crucial for developing sports culture in the country, says Nasir Ali, Founder and CEO Gallant Sports and Infra.

Speaking to UNI, Ali highlighted how such facilities have the potential to transform a country's sporting landscape.

"China today has four million plus multi sports grounds, India may have around a 1000 such facilities. If we have to build a robust sports culture then such multi sports grounds are the way as urban India does not have the luxury of large open fields anymore. These have multi use relevancy as several sports are played at a single facility - hockey, football etc these are safe and accessible."

Ali, whose company is India's first to acquire a World Athletics Federation certification, said India should bid for big tournaments like the Olympics and FIFA World Cup without listening to naysayers.

"Most of the developing countries including Mexico, Brazil, China have already hosted big tournaments like the Olympics or FIFA World Cup, we have the forth largest economy, and when China had got hosting rights for the Olympics they were also like India. Hosting global tournaments will be the first step towards making India a sporting nation. Journey to the Olympics is more important than the Olympics itself."

India had submitted its bid to host the 2036 Olympics to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in October, 2024. Last week the cabinet had cleared India's plan to bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

"For 100 medals we need 1000's and lakhs of playing facilities, millions of sports grounds will be made in the Talukas, small towns, coaches will be trained. We are poor in winning medals, as the last mile is not good, there lies the need for good coaching. We need scientific talent identification- then India will do well, we have the talent,

we have to nurture it to win medals," he said.

He stressed the need to be ensured that the massive sports infrastructure that is developed for the Commonwealth games and Olympics is put to good use after the events,

"Once this sports infrastructure is established, these should continue to serve the community they have to be put to various uses not abandoned, these could be turned into SAI centers of excellence, they could be used for community sports, they also should be open to the local athletes nearby people and adults who want to play, they could also be used as student accommodations."

Nasir spoke about his company's 'Gallant play' initiative which promotes community sports

"Gallant play started in 2021 during COVID, we converted underutilised school playgrounds into community sports arenas, children train there during school hours and the neighbouring community would play in the evening, this is a scalable, inclusive model, we have 12 such centers in Delhi NCR and we target making 100's of these all over the country."

He felt that schools can be transformed into sporting centers

"We chose schools as they are a place that offer space, also schools are there in every nook and corner and their grounds are underutilised. The response has been encouraging, everyday about 3000 people play in our 12 centers where children are training in various sports like football, tennis, pickleball TT, basketball etc."

He stressed the need for making India a sporting powerhouse private sector has to contribute.

"Our sports policy is becoming better, but the government cannot do it all alone. Corporates, through CSR activities, should adopt some sport so that they can nurture talent, Reliance is doing but it is still less, others also need to chip in."

Karnataka Sub-Junior Boys NFC trials on Sept 5

Bengaluru, Sept 3 (UNI) The Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) will conduct selection trials for the Karnataka State Team for the National Football Championship (NFC) Sub-Junior Boys for the 2025-26 season.

The trials are scheduled for September 5 at the Bangalore Football Stadium, with reporting time set at 7:45 am. Players born between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2013, are eligible to participate. Clubs, coaches, and players have been advised to ensure that all required details, including name, email, and photograph associated with their Google account, are accurately submitted while uploading the registration form. KSFA stated that the trials aim to identify and nurture young football talent in Karnataka, providing an opportunity for promising players to represent the state at the national level.

Venus Williams' US Open dream ends in last eight

New York, Sep 3 (UNI) Venus Williams' US Open dream is over after she and partner Leylah Fernandez lost to top seeds Taylor Townsend and Katerina Siniakova in the women's doubles quarter-finals.

Williams, 45, and her 22-year-old partner had already eliminated two seeded pairs en route to the last eight and were yet to drop a set in the tournament. But Townsend and Siniakova, who have won two Grand Slams together, proved too strong for the American-Canadian wildcard pairing, wrapping up a 6-1 6-2 win in 57 minutes. Williams, who was visibly emotional after exiting the singles competition in the first round, was all smiles as she soaked up the standing ovation from the crowd.

20 member Indian contingent to test themselves against top global puglists

New Delhi, Sep 3 (UNI) Led by the likes of Olympic medalist Lovlina Borgohain and World Champions Nikhat Zareen, twenty Indian boxers will go head-to-head against some of the globe's top pugilists in as many categories at the inaugural World Boxing Championships 2025, Liverpool, scheduled to take place from September 4 to 14 at the M&S Bank Arena. The biennial Championships will bring together the finest amateur boxers from across the world, with India heading in top form after collecting 17 medals from the World Boxing Cups in Brazil and Kazakhstan earlier this year.

India enters the tournament with strong momentum, building on remarkable performances at recent international competitions. At the World Boxing Cup in Brazil, India's contingent delivered six medals, with Hitesh Abhinash Jamwal a silver, alongside four bronze medals.

This international success continued at the World Boxing Cup in Kazakhstan, where India's

Kaio Jorge's long road to a Brazil debut

Rio De Janeiro, Sep 3 (UNI) Kaio Jorge knows all about challenges. After overcoming a serious injury and a difficult spell in Europe, the 23-year-old Cruzeiro striker is savoring a chance many thought might never come.

Despite his travails, or perhaps because of them, Jorge has the aura of a young man at ease after being called up for Brazil's last two 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

The five-time world champions will face Chile at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium on Thursday and Bolivia in El Alto next Tuesday. With Brazil already guaranteed of a place in football's showcase tournament, manager Carlo Ancelotti has said he will use the games to test new players and rest established stars.

"When you come through the youth categories, you already know La Granja Comary [Brazil's training base] and the people who work at the Brazilian Football Confederation, so you feel calm when you reach the top level," Jorge told the confederation's official website, recalling his experience with the national under-15 and under-17 teams.

The Brazil call-up is the latest turn in a career that once promised a smooth rise before stalling.

After breaking through at Santos and helping the club reach the 2020 Copa Libertadores final,

Jorge earned a high-profile move to Juventus in 2021.

But he struggled for minutes in Turin and failed to score in 11 appearances across all competitions. Then came a patella tendon injury that kept him sidelined for 18 months, a period he describes as his sternest test.

"My injury was a very painful process, but I matured a lot mentally and as a man as well," Jorge said. "I'm now in a very good place and focused."

That resilience has underpinned a stunning run of form for Cruzeiro, where Jorge has 15 goals in

21 Brazilian Serie A matches this season, making him the league's leading scorer and an early frontrunner for player of the season.

The center-forward said his Brazil call-up was the cause for raucous celebrations at his Belo Horizonte home.

"I was sitting on the couch with my family and friends, and when Ancelotti said my name, it was an explosion of emotion, so much happiness," he said.

"I have the utmost respect for Ancelotti, for everything he's achieved and for the person he is." Jorge credits Cruzeiro not only for his revival on the pitch, but also for restoring his sense of belonging in Brazilian football.

"I'm very happy at Cruzeiro, it's a club that has welcomed me incredibly well," he said. "I hope to maintain this good form so I can continue to have opportunities in the national team's senior squad and be able to score goals." His scoring touch has even won him respect in hostile stadiums, something he describes with quiet pride.

"In the Brazilian Serie A you play against teams with fanatical supporters and by scoring goals you end up earning their respect," he observed.

That passion runs even deeper when the national team plays, and Jorge knows the expectations will be magnified in Brazil's famous yellow shirt. "Regardless of whether we've already qualified or not, when playing for Brazil, you have to always think about winning," he said. "It will be a great opportunity for me and the other Brazil-based players who are coming for the first time to showcase our football." For Jorge, the task is simple: to play without fear, work for his teammates and let humility guide him as much as goals. "I want to continue being that happy Kaio by scoring and creating goals, helping out in defense and staying grounded, which is my strong point off the pitch."

consistency and depth both shone as the contingent picked up 11 more medals, including three golds.

The country's ability to compete successfully across all categories was also on display as Nupur Sheoran clinched gold in the heavyweight division.

"Our preparation in Sheffield has been nothing short of exceptional. This team is a powerful mix of seasoned campaigners who have stood on the podium before, and a new wave of incredibly talented young boxers who are ready to make their mark.

"The belief we have in this group is absolute, and we are fully prepared for

every challenge the World Championships will throw at us," said men's team coach Dharmendra Singh Yadav.

Women's team coach Chandralal added, "The dedication and hard work I've seen from this team are truly inspiring. We've done the work, we've laid the groundwork, and now we are ready to showcase the true fighting spirit of Indian women's boxing."

The Indian squad for the World Boxing Championships is fortified by the presence of Olympic medalist Lovlina Borgohain (75 kg) and two-time World Champion Nikhat Zareen (51 kg), who bring a formidable blend of experience.

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Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, GM, SCR holds 76th Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee Meeting



(Standard Post Bureau) Hyderabad, Sept 3 : The 76th Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUC) Meeting convened on **3rd September 2025** at **Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad**. The meeting headed by **Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava**, Chairman ZRUC & General Manager, South Central Railway. Shri Udaynath Kotla, Secretary ZRUC & Deputy General Manager and Principal Heads of the Departments, SCR were also present during the meeting. The meeting witnessed the esteemed presence of **Hon’ble Members of Parliament** including: **Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy** (Ongole) **Eatala Rajender** (Malkajgiri)

D.K. Aruna (Mahbubnagar) **G.M. Harish Balayogi** (Amalapuram) Alongside them, **22 ZRUC members** representing State Governments, Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committees (DRUCs), consumer organizations, trade associations, and registered passenger groups actively participated. **Performance Milestones** Shri Srivastava highlighted SCR’s continued excellence across operational and financial domains: **8,593 Crore Gross Originating Revenue** achieved (April–August 2025) — *highest ever* **60.4 Million Tonnes of Freight** transported in the

current fiscal **100% Electrification** across the network (excluding under-construction new lines) **KAVACH 4.0** (Indian Railways’ indigenous ATP system) sanctioned for **4,655 RKms** of SCR’s **6,532 RKms** Infrastructure & Connectivity Boost SCR is accelerating infrastructure development with a focus on last-mile connectivity: **Tripling Projects** nearing completion: *Kazipet–Balharshah Kazipet–Vijayawada Vijayawada–Gudur* **Doubling & New Line Projects** progressing across the zone **CCTV Surveillance:** Installed at **78 stations**, proposals underway for **453 more**

Station Redevelopment & Passenger Amenities Under the **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme**, redevelopment of **119 stations** is underway: **B e g u m p e t , Karimnagar & Warangal** stations inaugurated by Hon’ble Prime Minister in May 2025 **Accessibility Upgrades:** *208 lifts* and *92 escalators* now operational *7 lifts* and *4 escalators* commissioned this year **Safety Enhancements:** *10 manned level crossings* eliminated *7 Road Over Bridges* and *17 Road Under Bridges* constructed **Stakeholder Engagement** Members of Parliament and other members raised issues / suggestions related to passenger amenities, stoppage of trains, introduction of new trains, change in timings and infrastructure development works including new lines, RuBs, RoBs, provision of Lifts, Escalators etc at various stations. Srivastava assured the committee that issues / suggestions and feedback from ZRUC members will be duly considered in future planning. A detailed PowerPoint presentation showcased SCR’s achievements and ongoing projects. Members commended SCR’s proactive approach and responsiveness to stakeholder inputs.

Special train running daily between Agra Cantt and Asarwa : WR Ratlam

(Standard Post Bureau) Ratlam, Sept 3 : To accommodate the extra rush in trains during the festive season, Western Railway Ratlam Division will operate 01919/01920 Agra Cantt Asarwa Special train between Agra Cantt and Asarwa with a stoppage at Chanderia Railway Station. This train will run 71-71 trips in both directions. Train number 01919 Agra Cantt Asarwa

Special will run daily from Agra Cantt from 21 September 2025 to 30 November 2025. This train will leave Agra Cantt daily at 23.30 hrs and reach Asarwa the next day at 16.35 hrs. This train will arrive at Chanderia Railway Station of Ratlam Division at 07.50 hrs and depart at 07.55 hrs. Similarly, train number 01920 Asarwa Agra Cantt Special will run from Asarwa from 22 September 2025 to 01

December 2025. This train will leave from Asarwa daily at 17.50 hrs and reach Agra Cantt Railway Station at 10.20 hrs the next day. This train will arrive at Chanderia Railway Station at 01.33 hrs and depart at 01.35 hrs.“ This train has been given stoppage at Fatehpur Sikri, Roopbas, Bayana, Gangapur City, Sawai Madhopur, Keshorai Patan, Bundi, Mandalgarh, Chanderia,

Mavli, Udaipur City, Jawar, Dungarpur and Himmat Nagar railway stations in both directions. This train will run with second AC, third AC, sleeper and general class coaches. For other updated information including arrival/departure time of trains, passengers can please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in. Khemraj Meena“Public Relations Officer-Ratlam Division

Western Railway to run Three pairs of festival special trains to various destination

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, Sept 3 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Durga Pooja, Diwali & Chhath Pooja, Western Railway will run Festival Special Trains on Special fare between Bandra Terminus – Bhagat Ki Kothi, Udhana – Mau & Udhna – Chhapra. According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of these trains are as under: 1. Train No. 04828/04827 Bandra Terminus – Bhagat Ki Kothi Weekly Special [28 Trips] Train No. 04828 Bandra

Terminus – Bhagat Ki Kothi Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Sunday at 10:30 hrs and will reach Bhagat Ki Kothi at 04:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th September to 28th December, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 04827 Bhagat Ki Kothi – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from Bhagat Ki Kothi every Saturday at 11:30 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 07:25 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 27th September to 27th December 2025. Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Sabarmati, Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road,

Pindwara, Jawai Bandh, Falna, Rani, Marwar Jn, Pali Marwar and Luni stations in both directions. This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier, AC - 3 Tier, AC – 3 Tier (Economy), Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches. 2. Train No. 05018/05017 Udhna – Mau Weekly Special [12 Trips] Train No. 05018 Udhna – Mau Special will depart from Udhna every Sunday at 15:00 hrs and will reach Mau at 22.30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th September to 02nd November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 05017 Mau – Udhna Special will depart from Mau every Saturday at 05:30 hrs and will reach

Udhna at 12:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 27th September to 01st November, 2025. Enroute this train will halt at Vadodara, Ratlam, Nagda, Shamgarh, Bhawani Mandi, Kota, Gangapur City, Bayana, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Kanpur Central, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Bhatni, Salempur and Belthara Road stations in both directions. This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier, AC - 3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches. 3. Train No. 05116/05115 Udhna – Chhapra Weekly Special [20 Trips]

Railways to run additional trips of Unreserved Special Trains between Chiplun & Panvel for Ganpati Festival

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, Sept 3 : Railways will run additional Unreserved Ganpati Special Trains between Chiplun and Panvel for the benefit of Ganpati devotees as per details given below: **Chiplun - Panvel Unreserved Special** 01160 Unreserved Special will depart Chiplun at 11.05 hrs on 04.09.2025 and arrive Panvel at 16.10 hrs same day. 01159 Unreserved Special will depart Panvel at 16.40 hrs on 04.09.2025 and arrive Chiplun at 21.55 hrs same day. Halts : Somatane, Apta, Jite, Pen, Kasu, Nagothane, Roha, Kolad, Indapur, Mangaon, Goregaon Road, Veer, Sape Wanne, Karanjadi, Vinehere, Diwankhavati, Kalambani Budruk, Khed and Anjani. Composition: 8 MEMU Coaches. Passengers are requested to note that the above trains will run as UNRESERVED and tickets can be booked through UTS system with normal charges as applicable for superfast mail/ express trains. For detailed timings and halts please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or download NTES App.

Change in schedule of local trains at Charani Road Station on Account of Anant Chaturdashi

(Standard Post Bureau) Mumbai, Sept 3 : 12 Special Local train services to be run by WR during the intervening night of 6th/ 7th September, 2025 Considering the heavy rush at Charni Road station for devotees reaching Girgaon Chowpatty for Ganpati immersion on 6th/ 7th September, 2025, Western Railway has made few changes in the schedule of local trains to manage the crowd and ensure passenger convenience. According to a press release issued by Shri Vineet Abhishek, Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, WR will be running 12 additional local train services between Churchgate and Virar on the intervening night of 6th/7th September, 2025. On 6th September, 2025, the Fast Up local train services will halt at all stations between Churchgate and Mumbai Central station from 17:00 hrs to 20:30 hrs. To avoid rush of passengers arriving and departing on Platform No. 2 & 3, all the Up Slow local train services between 17:00 hrs to 23:30 hrs on 6th September, 2025 will not be given a halt at Charni Road station on Platform No. 2.

ECoR, DRM inspects Multi - Disciplinary training centre



(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, Sept 3 : Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Waltair, Mr Lalit Bohra inspected the Multi-Disciplinary Training Centre (MDTC) at Marripalem, Visakhapatnam and reviewed the training activities being imparted to Loco Pilots, Assistant Loco Pilots, and Train Managers. During the visit, Shri

Lalit Bohra interacted with the trainees and encouraged them to uphold the highest standards of commitment and dedication in their professional duties, emphasizing the role of railway employees in nation-building. Further, DRM also inspected various facilities at the centre, including classrooms, the model

room, and the kitchen, to assess the quality of amenities provided to the trainees. He stressed the importance of maintaining a conducive learning environment for effective training. DRM was accompanied by the Principal of MDTC and senior officers from the concerned department during the inspection.

Principal Chief Commercial Manager held review meeting and station inspection : ECoR



(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, Sept 3 : Principal Chief Commercial Manager (PCCM) of East Coast Railway, Ms. Rita Raj, visited Visakhapatnam today, September 3, 2025. This was her maiden visit after assuming charge as the PCCM, East Coast Railway. She belongs to the 1995 batch of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS). During her visit, Ms. Rita Raj held a comprehensive review meeting with Shri Lalit

Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair, along with senior commercial officials of the division. The meeting held on wide range of topics, including ongoing developmental activities, passenger amenities, Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) projects, and other commercial initiatives, as well as future plans for the division. Shri K. Saandeep, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, presented an overview of the division’s performance in key

commercial areas. Ms. Rita Raj appreciated the division for its notable achievements, particularly in the execution and growth of Non-Fare Revenue projects. Following the meeting, PCCM conducted an inspection of Visakhapatnam railway station, reviewing passenger amenities, commercial facilities, and ongoing NFR projects on-site. She was accompanied by senior commercial officials throughout the inspection

Tejashwi hits back at PM Modi over ‘abuse’ row

Patna, Sept 3 (UNI) : RJD leader and leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav has strongly condemned derogatory remarks made against PM’s late mother but accused the Prime Minister of selective outrage, recalling instances of insults and abuses. Talking to media today, the former Deputy Chief Minister, Yadav said, “It is wrong to abuse anyone’s mother. A mother is a mother, the word itself brings comfort. Even the voiceless have mothers. We never support such language, nor is it part of our values. But when Nitish Kumar’s DNA was questioned, and when BJP legislators hurled abuses at me inside the Assembly, where was Prime Minister Modi?” Yadav accused the BJP of double standards, citing multiple incidents. “PM Modi campaigned in Karnataka for Prajwal Revanna, accused of raping women. Sonia Gandhi was subjected to vulgar remarks. Nitish Kumar’s DNA was questioned. BJP legislators insulted me with abusive language inside the House. Several BJP leaders have publicly humiliated women on camera. A man who spoke about parading our spokesperson Sarika Paswan naked on the streets was inducted into the BJP and honoured,” Tejashwi said. Raising fingers at the silence of BJP on these issues, he asked the Prime Minister to reveal the actual reason for his silence in such situations. Responding to Modi’s emotional remarks over the recent controversy, Yadav said, “The people of Bihar and the country know everything. Hypocritical and artificial politics will not work. When the Prime Minister was abroad, he was laughing, when he returned to India, he suddenly remembered to cry.” Modi while addressing a programme yesterday delivered an emotional speech and shared his agony over the derogatory remarks made during the oppositions voter Adhikar Yatra which recently concluded in Bihar.

ZeroHarm launches evidence-based nutraceutical with real-time tracking

Hyderabad, Sept 3 (UNI) : ZeroHarm Sciences, a clean-label nutraceutical brand, has partnered with HealthifyMe and Vijaya Diagnostics to launch India’s first evidence-based nutraceutical solution, enabling users to track supplement effectiveness in real time. The company’s flagship product, Carb Cutter, is being integrated with Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) sensors and diagnostic support, allowing consumers to see immediate changes in glucose levels—spikes, drops, and stabilisation—after consumption. All results are captured and interpreted on HealthifyMe’s platform, making supplementation transparent, personalised, and data-driven. “Supplements have long been sold on promises with little proof.