

## IN BRIEF

### Mumbai returns to normalcy

Mumbai, Sept 3 (UNI) Mumbai which came to a standstill for five days following Maratha protest returned to normalcy today. The protest led by activist Manoj Jarange-Patil demanding 10 per cent reservation in education and jobs for the Maratha community, disrupted daily life in parts of the city. However heavy traffic was witnessed in the city today as it returned on track.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) Undertaking restarted bus services from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) days after halting operations due to the protest. The recommencement of services brought much-needed relief to commuters who had been walking to workplaces in Nariman Point, Backbay, and Colaba, since protesters blocked several major junctions around CSMT in recent days.

However a heavy crowd was witnessed in the local trains and other public transports.

### Mumbai police register 9 FIRs against Maratha quota agitators

Mumbai, Sept 3 (UNI) Mumbai police have registered nine FIRs against Maratha quota agitators for obstructing public order, blocking roads, trespassing, vandalising a BEST bus, and assaulting a passenger, a police official said here today.

The official said that while no arrests have been made, as the charges carry a punishment of less than seven years, an investigation is underway to identify those involved.

The nine FIRs have been registered on charges of unlawful assembly and wrongful restraint (rasta roko).

“In some instances, some protesters tried to forcibly enter the Cricket Club of India premises, following which an FIR was registered against them,” the officer said. “We will make efforts to identify all those involved in these cases.”

The official added that the majority of the FIRs were related to groups of agitators who attempted to halt traffic and create a nuisance in public spaces. Despite police intervention, some protesters continued to break the law, which led to the registration of the FIRs.

# 51 cases against Maratha quota protesters withdrawn in Solapur

Solapur, Sept 3 (UNI) : The Maharashtra government has withdrawn 51 cases registered against protesters during the Maratha reservation movement in Solapur district, with only eight cases in rural areas still pending.

According to senior police officials, a total of seven cases were registered against protesters in Solapur city whilst 59 cases were filed in rural areas during the agitation for Maratha reservation.

The police have submitted a comprehensive report to the court regarding the withdrawal of these cases, and the state government has also sought detailed information on this matter.

The cases registered against Maratha protesters included serious charges such as attempt to murder, obstruction of government work, and damage to public property during the course of the reservation movement. Under the

provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code 1973, the state government has exercised its right to withdraw cases registered by police against citizens. The government can directly withdraw cases against protesters by taking a decision before the charge sheet is prepared.

This decision has been taken in the public interest, as the government retains the authority to withdraw cases directly if charge sheets have not been filed.

This development comes in the backdrop of the recent resolution of the Maratha quota agitation led by activist Manoj Jarange Patil.

The Maharashtra government has agreed to several key demands of the protesters, including the implementation of the Hyderabad Gazette and issuing Kunbi caste certificates to eligible Marathas.

The government has also committed to withdrawing all cases filed

against Maratha reservation protesters across the state by the end of September.

This promise was made as part of the agreement reached with the cabinet sub-committee that led to Jarange Patil ending his five-day hunger strike at Mumbai's Azad Maidan. The withdrawal of cases in Solapur district represents a significant relief for the families and individuals who were involved in the peaceful agitation for Maratha reservation.



## 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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## CM, Fadnavis approves OBC panel as Bhujbal skips cabinet meeting

Mumbai, Sept 3 (UNI) Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has approved the formation of a sub-committee for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Gulabrao Patil said today.

Patil told media persons that a proposal to form the committee for the OBC community had been under consideration for several days and was approved at the meeting held today. He said that the committee would have two members from each party in the Mahayuti alliance government and would work to resolve the demands of the OBC community. Marathi Language Minister Uday Samant confirmed the development, telling media persons: "There was a demand that a sub-committee should be formed so that there is no injustice to the OBC community. Accordingly, a sub-committee for OBCs will be formed in the next one to two days." He added that the decision was finalised today, but he did not know who would be the chairman or members. When asked if Food and Civil Supplies Minister Chhagan Bhujbal, an OBC leader, had boycotted today's cabinet meeting due to the government's decision to give OBC Kunbi status to Marathas, Samant said: "I don't know why Chhagan Bhujbal was not present at the cabinet meeting." However, Bhujbal, who has consistently opposed Maratha reservation under the OBC category, later confirmed to the media that he had deliberately skipped the state cabinet meeting, saying, "Yes, I did not go for the cabinet meeting."

According to sources, before the main cabinet meeting, ministers from the Ajit Pawar-led NCP held a pre-cabinet discussion at Sahyadri Guest House. During the discussion, Bhujbal asked Ajit Pawar why he was not consulted before the decision on Maratha reservation was taken. Ajit Pawar replied that the decision was taken by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and assured Bhujbal that the move would not affect the OBC quota.

However, Bhujbal reiterated that he and OBC leaders should have been taken into confidence. After that, an upset Bhujbal left Sahyadri Guest House, citing personal reasons for skipping the cabinet meeting. Yesterday, Bhujbal had stated he was studying the government resolution (GR) issued by the government to provide OBC Kunbi caste certificates to Marathas. He had also warned about massive protests by OBCs if any attempt was made to dilute the existing OBC reservation quota to accommodate Marathas.

## Hyderabad Gazetteer first step, all Marathas will get reservation in due course: Jarange Patil

Beed, Sept 3 (UNI) : Implementing the Hyderabad Gazetteer is the first step, and eventually all Marathas will receive reservation benefits, said Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange-Patil.

He also appealed to the Maratha community not to fall prey to misinformation.

Jarange Patil clarified that his agitation has not failed, dismissing claims that the government's order would not benefit the Maratha community.

“Some people are deliberately spreading such propaganda to create division within the Marathas. Do not trust them,” he urged.

He further stated that due

to the efforts of the protesters, nearly 58 lakh Kunbi records have been traced, which has enabled nearly three crore people to secure reservation benefits.

He also highlighted that thousands of girls have received free education and several students have been provided with financial assistance.

## Use AI for a Sustainable Future: Abhijit Atale

Pune, Sept 3 (UNI) : Through applications in climate modeling, air quality monitoring, precision agriculture, and energy optimization, AI is advancing sustainability. However, while seizing these opportunities, one must remain cautious of the ethical challenges posed by AI. It is essential to envision innovative yet responsible ways of using AI for a sustainable future. Along with this, data protection is of utmost importance, said Abhijit Atale, Lead Client Partner at IBM here today.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of the three-day international conference IEEE International Conference on Sustainability Technology for Humanity and Smart World organized by the

Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, School of Engineering and Technology, MIT World Peace University.

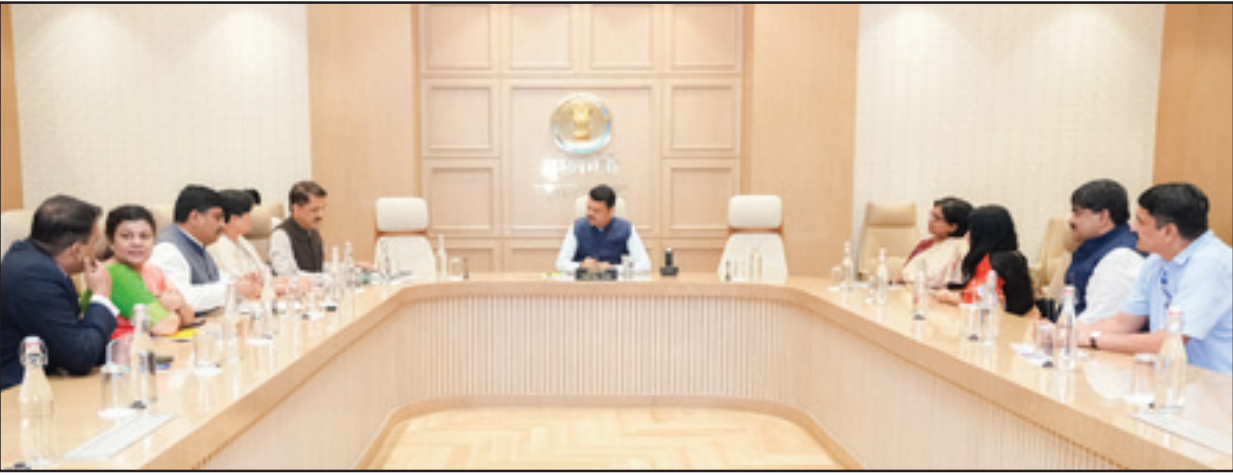
The conference is being held under the guidance of MIT-WPU Executive President Dr. Rahul Vishwanath Karad.

On the occasion, esteemed guests included Dr. Subhra Kanti Das, Secretary of IET Pune Local Centre, Dr. Abhijit Khurape, Sunil Kharate were present.

MIT-WPU Vice-Chancellor Dr. R. M. Chitnis, Senior Scientist Dr. Bharat Kale, Dean Dr. Siddharth Chakraborty, Senior Professor and Technical Program Committee Member Dr. Bharat Choudhary and several others were present.

Sunil Kharate delivered an engaging talk on the latest advances in

# Cabinet clears amendments to Factories Act, Shops and Establishments Act



Mumbai, Sept 3 (IANS) : The cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, on Wednesday approved amendments to the Factories Act, 1948 and the Maharashtra Shops and Establishments Act, 2017, to attract investment and increase employment opportunities.

The amendments to the Factories Act, 1948, were approved as per the recommendations of a task force constituted by the

States like Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and Tripura have already made these changes.

“These amendments will enable industries to continue operating without any disruption during peak demand or labour shortages. Workers will legally get additional income with proper wage protection. By increasing the legal overtime limit, workers will be protected from being asked to work extra hours without pay. Now, the practice of forcing workers to work without paying

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## Odisha poised to become India's next Semiconductor .....



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, Sep 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

This includes 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.

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**NOTICE OF 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND VOTING INFORMATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM" or "Meeting") of the Members of **BINAYAK TEX PROCESSORS LIMITED** ("the Company") will be held on Monday September 29, 2025 at 3.00 p.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC") facility/ other audio visual means ("OAVM") ONLY, to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM. In compliance with General Circular ("GC") No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 read with GC No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and GC No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and Circular no 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 and other relevant circulars issued from time to time by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020, the companies are allowed to hold AGM through VC/OAVM without physical presence of the Members at a common venue.  
In accordance with the aforementioned Circular, electronic copies of Annual Report containing Notice of the AGM for the Financial Year 2024-25 (AR) will be circulated, to all the members whose e-mail ids are registered with the Company/Depository Participants (DP)/ Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA). The requirement of sending physical copies of the Notice of the AGM has been dispensed with vide MCA Circulars and the SEBI Circular.  
The Annual Report 2024-25 of the Company, inter alia, containing the Notice and the Explanatory Statement of the 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM is available on the website of the Company at www.binayaktex.com and on the websites of the Stock Exchanges viz. www.bseindia.com. A copy of the same is also available on the website of National Services Depository Limited ("NSDL") at www.evoting.nsdl.com.  
**Remote e-Voting:** In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ("SS-2") issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing to its Members the facility of remote e-Voting before as well as during the AGM in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM and for this purpose, the Company has appointed NSDL for facilitating voting through electronic means.  
The detailed instructions for remote e-Voting are given in the Notice of the AGM. Members are requested to note the following:  
The remote e-Voting facility would be available during the following period:  

Commencement of remote e-Voting	From 9.00 a.m. (IST) on Friday, September 26, 2025
End of remote e-Voting	Upto 5.00 p.m. (IST) on Sunday, September 28, 2025

  
The remote e-Voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter and Members will not be allowed to vote electronically beyond the said date and time;  
b. The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to their share of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Saturday, September 20, 2025 ("Cut-Off Date"). The facility of remote e-Voting system shall also be made available during the Meeting and the Members attending the Meeting, who have not already cast their vote by remote e-Voting shall be able to exercise their right during the Meeting. A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members / Register of Beneficial Owners as on the Cut-Off Date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-Voting before / during the AGM;  
c. Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after the dispatch of the Notice and holds shares as on the Cut-Off Date, may obtain the login-id and password for remote e-Voting by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or binayaktex@rediffmail.com, as provided by the company. A person who is not a Member as on the Cut-Off Date should treat the Notice of the AGM for information purposes only.  
d. Members who have cast their vote by remote e-Voting prior to the Meeting may also attend the Meeting electronically, but shall not be entitled to vote again.  
**Registration of Email addresses:**  
Members who have not yet registered their e-mail addresses are requested to follow the process mentioned below, before 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Saturday, September 20, 2025, for registering their e-mail addresses to receive the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report 2024-25 electronically and to receive login ID and password for remote e-Voting:  

A	Mail it on <a href="mailto:binayaktex@rediffmail.com">binayaktex@rediffmail.com</a>
B	Enter the DP ID & Client ID / Physical Folio Number and PAN details. In the event, if the PAN details are not available on record for Physical Folio, Member to enter one of the share certificate numbers
C	Enter your email address and mobile number

  
The above system also provides a facility to the Members holding shares in physical form to upload a self-attested copy of their PAN Card, if the PAN details are not updated in accordance with the requirements prescribed by SEBI. For permanent registration of their email address, Members holding shares in demat form are requested to update the same with their Depository Participant and to Registrar for Members holding shares in physical form.  
Notice is further given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Monday, September 22, 2025 to Monday, September 29, 2025 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM.  

Thanking you,  
For Binayak Tex Processors Limited  
Sd/-  
Tarpan Shah  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

# 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. Bachotkar 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"

# 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.”

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that Mr. Pradipchandra Sakharam Raut, Husband of Late Mrs. Rajeshree P. Raut, aged 62 years, an adult Indian inhabitant, residing at Flat No. C-101, Trinity Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., Tirandaz Village, Opp. IIT Main Gate, Near Hiranandani Hospital, Powai, Mumbai - 400076, states as under: That Late Mrs. Rajeshree P. Raut had purchased Shop No. 5, situated on the Ground Floor of New Galaxy Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., formerly known as “Galaxy”, from M/s Patel Builders, by virtue of an Agreement for Sale dated 27/06/1991. That Late Mrs. Rajeshree P. Raut was the sole and absolute owner of the said Shop No. 5, situated at New Galaxy Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., Village Virar, Survey No. 348A, Hissa No. 1/5, Plot No. 12, Virar (West), Taluka Vasai, District Palghar, together with Share Certificate No. 18, comprising 5 shares bearing distinctive Nos. 86 to 90 (both inclusive), each of ? 50/- fully paid-up, issued by the said Society. That Late Mrs. Rajeshree P. Raut expired on 28/08/2015 and her Daughter Expired on 08/10/2007. Mr. Pradipchandra Sakharam Raut, being the lawful husband and only surviving legal heir of the deceased, claiming ownership of the said shop and have applied for transfer of the said Shop No. 5 along with the corresponding shares and Share Certificate of the Society in his favour.

Accordingly, any person, institution, authority, or entity having any claim, right, title, interest, lien, charge, or objection in respect of the aforesaid Shop No. 5 is hereby required to notify the same, along with documentary evidence, in writing to the undersigned within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. If no such claim/objection is received within the stipulated period, the Society shall proceed to transfer the said Shop and the Share Certificate in my favour, without any further reference, and such transfer shall be binding on all concerned.

**Sd/- Adv. Sankpal Pravin Gulab**  
**Advocate For Vinita Raymond Solanki**  
**202, Ramdhani Chambers,**  
**Anand Nagar, Vasai (W),**  
**Tal. Vasai, Dist. Palghar - 401202**  
Place: Vasai  
Date: 02/09/2025

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT MY CLIENT MR. SANJAY BHOGILAL SHETH, SON OF LATE MR. BHOGILAL FULCHAND SHETH, CLAIMS OWNERSHIP OF FLAT NO. 203, SECOND FLOOR, SURAJ CHS LTD., VILLAGE NAVGHAR, VASAI (WEST), TALUKA VASAI, DISTRICT PALGHAR - 401202. THE SAID FLAT WAS PURCHASED BY LATE MR. BHOGILAL FULCHAND SHETH, WHO EXPIRED ON 01/03/2009. HIS WIFE, LATE MRS. PUSHPA SHETH, EXPIRED EARLIER ON 05/10/1999. THEY ARE SURVIVED ONLY BY THEIR SON, MR. SANJAY BHOGILAL SHETH, WHO IS THEIR SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE LEGAL HEIR. PURSUANT TO HIS APPLICATION, THE SOCIETY HAS ALREADY TRANSFERRED THE SAID FLAT AND ITS MEMBERSHIP SHARES IN HIS NAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOCIETY'S BYE-LAWS. ANY PERSON, INSTITUTION OR ENTITY HAVING ANY CLAIM, RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE SAID FLAT IS HEREBY REQUIRED TO SUBMIT SUCH CLAIM IN WRITING WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN 7 (SEVEN) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

IF NO SUCH CLAIM IS RECEIVED, THE CLAIM OF MR. SANJAY BHOGILAL SHETH SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS ABSOLUTE AND BINDING, AND FURTHER PROCESS WILL FOLLOW ACCORDINGLY.

**Sd/-**  
**Adv. Sankpal Pravin Gulab**  
**202, Ramdhani Chambers,**  
**Anand Nagar, Vasai (W),**  
**Tal. Vasai, Dist. Palghar - 401202**  
Place: Vasai  
Date: 02/09/2025



# 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.

## Cabinet clears amendments to .....

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overtime will be curbed,” said the government in a statement.This change will promote employment generation and protect labour rights. Making provisions for working hours as per the provisions of other states will help attract new investments.

By increasing the overtime work period, workers will also get paid at double the rate of wages, added the government.“The amendment to Section 65 of the Factories Act, 1948, will increase the daily working hours in factories from 9 hours to 12 hours. The amendment to Section 55 has proposed an increase in the rest period in factories has been proposed 30 minutes after six hours of work instead of the present five hours and thirty minutes.

The amendment to Section 65 will increase the limit of overtime work from 115 hours per quarter to 144 hours per quarter. It also contains a strict provision that it will be necessary to obtain the written consent of the workers for such overtime work,” said the

# 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

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that Jarange's condition was critical when he was brought to the hospital. The medical team faced difficulty in inserting an intravenous needle as his veins had become difficult to locate due to severe weakness caused by the prolonged fast. The doctor explained that Jarange's blood sugar levels had dropped significantly while his blood pressure had increased substantially due to the stress of the hunger strike.

Previous multiple hunger strikes have also taken a toll on his health, causing kidney-related complications that continue to affect his overall condition.

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.

## 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.



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.”

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

26th Death Anniversary of IPS Officer Chadalavada Umesh Chandra

(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 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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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.

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 convertors 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.





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Pre-packaged Namkeens, Bhujia & Mixtures	12%	5%
Utensils	12%	5%
Feeding Bottles, Napkins for Babies & Clinical Diapers	12%	5%
Sewing Machines & Parts	12%	5%

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Items	From	To
Tractor Tyres & Parts	18%	5%
Tractors	12%	5%
Specified Bio-Pesticides, Micro-Nutrients	12%	5%
Drip Irrigation System & Sprinklers	12%	5%
Agricultural, Horticultural or Forestry Machines for Soil Preparation, Cultivation, Harvesting & Threshing	12%	5%

### Relief in Healthcare Sector

Items	From	To
Individual Health & Life Insurance	18%	Nil
Thermometer	18%	5%
Medical Grade Oxygen	12%	5%
All Diagnostic Kits & Reagents	12%	5%
Glucometer & Test Strips	12%	5%
Corrective Spectacles	12%	5%

### Automobiles made affordable

Items	From	To
Petrol & Petrol Hybrid, LPG, CNG Cars (not exceeding - 1200 cc & 4000mm)	28%	18%
Diesel & Diesel Hybrid Cars (not exceeding - 1500 cc & 4000mm)	28%	18%
3 Wheeled Vehicles	28%	18%
Motor Cycles (350 cc & below)	28%	18%
Motor Vehicles for transport of goods	28%	18%

### Affordable Education

Items	From	To
Maps, Charts & Globes	12%	Nil
Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons & Pastels	12%	Nil
Exercise Books & Notebooks	12%	Nil
Eraser	5%	Nil

### Save on Electronic Appliances

Items	From	To
Air Conditioners	28%	18%
Television (above 32") (including LED & LCD TVs)	28%	18%
Monitors & Projectors	28%	18%
Dish Washing Machines	28%	18%

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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.

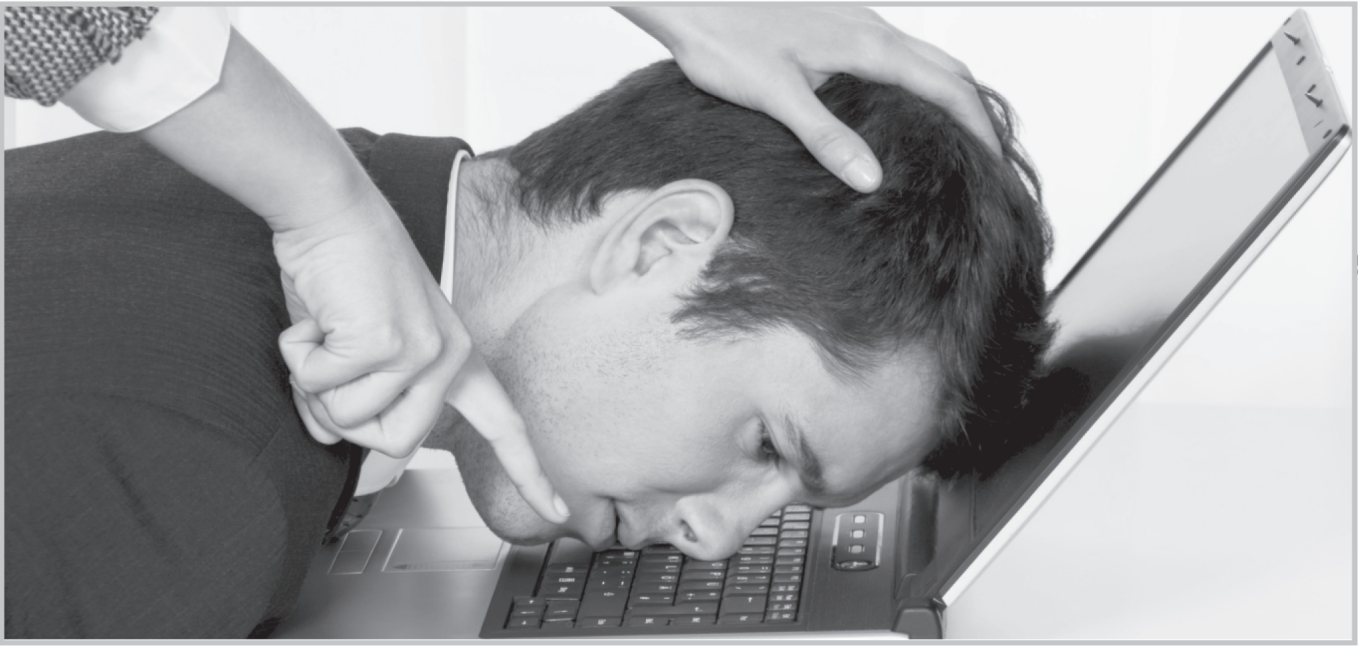
In recent years, the government has lent its support to the industry by keeping taxes low and loosening restrictions on cross-border trade, among other concessions.

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 under stand, 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 bagging a gold and 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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# 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]  
Train No. 05116 Udhna - Chhapra Special will depart from Udhna every Sunday at 10:00 hrs and will reach Chhapra at 23:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th September to 30th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 05115 Chhapra – Udhna Special will depart

from Chhapra every Friday at 17:45 hrs and will reach Udhna at 07:00 hrs, the third day, i.e on Sunday. This train will run from 26th September to 28th November 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Ratlam, Ujjain, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Saugor, Damoh, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Jaunpur, Aunrihar, Ghazipur City and Ballia stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier, AC -3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The booking for Train No. 04828 will open from 06th September, 2025 while booking for Train Nos. 05018 & 05116 will open from 05th September, 2025 at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in).

## 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 Wamne, 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](http://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.

# Mahavitaran Chairman Lokesh Chandra receives ‘Energy Leadership Award’

(Standard Post Bureau)  
Mumbai, Sept 3 : Mahavitaran Chairman and Managing Director Hon. Lokesh Chandra was recently awarded the ‘Energy Leadership Award 2025’ by England’s ‘World Record of Excellence’ for his outstanding performance in the energy sector.

Under the leadership of Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the state’s energy sector is undergoing transformation and this honor has been bestowed upon him due to the work done under his leadership. The guidance of the state’s Minister of State for Energy Meghna Sakore Bordikar and Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) Abha Shukla has been instrumental in the performance of Mahavitaran. Hon. Lokesh Chandra said that the credit for this award goes to the officers and employees of Mahavitaran.

Lokesh Chandra was presented with a certificate of appreciation signed by World Record of Excellence Head Pablo Stanley and President Henry R. ‘World Record of Excellence’ is a globally recognized organization in England.

The citation states that Hon. Lokesh Chandra is being awarded the Energy Leadership Award 2025 for his exceptional leadership in the energy sector, vision in administration and exceptional contribution to the power distribution sector of Maharashtra. Due to his efficiency, creativity and dedication to service, Lokesh Chandra has played a major role in promoting the use of renewable energy and providing reliable power to millions of



citizens.

Mahavitaran has achieved a historic feat of reducing electricity tariffs by using renewable energy to save a lot of money. Mahavitaran is the first public electricity distribution company in the country to reduce electricity tariffs in this way. Mahavitaran will save about Rs 66,000 crore in the next five years due to its emphasis on renewable energy in power procurement, which has made it possible to reduce electricity tariffs for five years.

Under the leadership of Lokesh Chandra, Mahavitaran has played a significant role in implementing the world's largest decentralized solar power generation project to supply electricity to farmers during the day, Mukhyamantri Saur Krishi

Vahini Yojana 2.0. This is a game changer scheme with a capacity of 16,000 MW to set up solar power generation projects in different parts of the state and run 45 lakh agricultural pumps on them.

In the Pradhan Mantri Suryaghar Mofat Vij Yojana, the rooftop solar power generation scheme that provides free electricity to household consumers, the consumers in the state recently crossed the 1,000 MW mark. Mahavitaran is implementing this scheme in Maharashtra. Maharashtra has secured first place in the country in installing solar agricultural pumps in the fields to provide the farmers with the right irrigation system. Mahavitaran has installed the maximum number of pumps in the country in the implementation of the solar agricultural pump scheme.

# Central Railway records 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Freight Loading of 5.61 million tonnes

(Standard Post Bureau)  
Mumbai, Sept 3 : Central Railway has achieved a significant milestone by recording the second highest freight loading of 5.61 million tonnes (MT) for the month of August in the last 10 years (FY 2015-16 to FY 2025-26).

This marks a 2% increase in freight loading compared to August 2024, when the figure stood at 5.49 million tonnes.

Details of loading for August 2025 and comparative figures for the corresponding month last year are as follows:-

Loading in Iron Ore and

Pallets have shown a remarkable increase of 200% with 57 rakes of Iron Ore & Pallets loaded in August-2025 against 19 rakes in August-2024.

Clinker loading has shown a considerable growth of 158% with 49 rakes loaded in August-2025 against 19 rakes in August-2024.

214 rakes of Petroleum products have been loaded in August 2025 as against 187 rakes in August 2024 registering growth of almost 15%

12 rakes of De-oiled Cakes have been loaded this month against 11 rakes

in the same month last year with growth of 9%.

4 rakes of Onions have been loaded this month. No Onions were loaded in the same month last year.

804 rakes of Containers were loaded in August 2025 as against 783 in August 2024 marking an increase of almost 3%.

Loading of Containers from Jawaharlal Nehru Port stood at 615 in August 2025 against 592 in August 2024 registering growth of almost 4%.

Speed of Goods trains on Central Railway have been increased enabling faster transportation.

# 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.

# Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, GM, SCR holds 76<sup>th</sup> Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee Meeting



(Standard Post Bureau)  
Hyderabad, Sept 3: The 76th Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) Meeting convened on **3rd September 2025 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad**. The meeting headed by **Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava**, Chairman ZRUCC & General Manager, South Central Railway. Shri Udaynath Kotla, Secretary ZRUCC & 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:

- Shri **Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy** (Ongole)
- Shri **Eatala Rajender** (Malkajgiri)
- Smt. **D.K. Aruna** (Mahbubnagar)
- Shri **G.M. Harish**

**Balayogi** (Amalapuram)

Alongside them, **22 ZRUCC members** representing State Governments, Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committees (DRUCCs), 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:
  - o *Kazipet – Balharshah*
  - o *Kazipet – Vijayawada*
  - o *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:

**Begumpet, Karimnagar & Warangal** stations inaugurated by Hon’ble Prime Minister in May 2025

**Accessibility Upgrades:**

- o *208 lifts* and *92 escalators* now operational
- o *7 lifts* and *4 escalators* commissioned this year

**Safety Enhancements:**

- o *10 manned level crossings eliminated*
- o *7 Road Over Bridges* and *17 Road Under Bridges* constructed

**Stakeholder Engagement**  
Hon’ble 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. Shri Srivastava assured the committee that issues / suggestions and feedback from ZRUCC 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.