

IN BRIEF

Deputy Sub-Registrar suspended in Nagpur for corruption

Nagpur, Oct 9 (UNI) :Revenue Minister Chandrashekar Bawankule today suspended Assistant Deputy Sub-Registrar (Class II) A. T. Kaple of the Khamla office in Nagpur on charges of corruption, official sources said.

The suspension follows a surprise visit by Bawankule to the Khamla sub-registrar office two days ago, prompted by complaints of irregularities. During his inspection, the Minister reportedly found Rs 5,000 in cash inside a drawer.

A subsequent police inquiry, ordered by the Minister, confirmed the officer's involvement in corrupt practices, sources added.

Following the incident, Bawankule directed that special inspection drives be carried out across all sub-registrar offices in the state to enhance accountability and ensure public convenience. He reiterated the government's zero-tolerance policy towards corruption and appealed to citizens to report any demands for bribes without fear.

Mumbai Court jails firm owner to four years for insurance fraud

New Delhi, Oct 9 (UNI) ; A Special CBI Court in Mumbai today awarded four years rigorous jail term to the owner of a private firm in connection with an insurance fraud case.

The court while awarding sentence to the accused Pravin Dagha, Proprietor of Pravin & Co also imposed a fine of Rs 25 lakh on him.

The instant case was registered by CBI, ACB, Mumbai in 2018 on allegations that Dagha in connivance with officials of National Insurance Company, Mumbai and unknown others during the period 2010-2011 fraudulently and dishonestly submitted forged documents and obtained a false claim of Rs. 21,96,174 from National Insurance Company Limited (NICL), Mumbai against the Standard Fire and Special Perils Policy.

After the conclusion of investigation, the CBI filed a charge-sheet on December 29, 2018 against the above convict and three Officials of NICL.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a delegation-level meeting with United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer, in Mumbai on Thursday.

India, UK moving towards defence co-production': PM Modi

Mumbai, Oct 9 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that defence cooperation between India and the UK is moving towards defence co-production and highlighted that the partnership between India and the UK is driven by "trustworthiness, talent, and technology."

Announcing a series of landmark collaborations between India and the United Kingdom, PM Modi addressed a joint statement with Keir Starmer, during the UK Prime Minister's visit to India. Speaking about the defence cooperation between India and the UK, PM Modi said, "We are moving towards defence co-production." "Defence cooperation between India and the UK has strengthened, advancing towards co-production and linking the defence industries of both countries," he added.

"Taking this collaboration further, an agreement on military training has been signed, under which Indian Air Force flying instructors will serve as trainers with the UK's Royal Air Force."

PM Modi noted that this collaboration would boost interoperability and enhance strategic ties between the two nations.

"From defence and security to education and innovation, India-UK ties are reaching new dimensions," he said.

Besides education, the UK will help train Indian Air Force flying instructors, PM Modi said. He highlighted the agreement on cooperation in military training between the two countries, asserting that Indian Air Force flying instructors will serve as trainers in the UK's Royal Air Force under this agreement.

Following high-level talks with his British counterpart, Prime Minister Keir Starmer, in Mumbai today, PM Modi stressed that India's dynamism and the UK's expertise combine to create a unique synergy. "India's dynamism and the UK's expertise combine to create a unique synergy. Our partnership is trustworthy, talent- and technology-driven," PM Modi said.

PM Modi further said, "India and the UK are natural partners. Mutual trust in values like democracy, freedom, and the rule of law lies at the foundation of our relations. In the current era of global instability, this growing partnership between India and the UK has been an important base for global stability and economic progress.

He also highlighted that the discussions also revolved around "The Indo-Pacific, peace and stability in West Asia, and the Ukraine conflict."

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Mystery surrounds second teen's death in Virar high-rise fall

Virar, Oct 9 (UNI) : Police are investigating the deaths of two teenagers who died after falling from an under-construction high-rise building in Virar near Mumbai. While officials believe one teenager died by suicide due to a broken heart, the circumstances surrounding the second death remain under investigation.

The deceased were identified as Sham Ghorai (20) and Aditya Ramsingh (21). Both were final-year commerce students at Rahul International College, Nalasopara, and residents of the Achole area.

The tragic incident occurred yesterday in the Bolinj area of Virar, when the pair fell from the 18th floor.

Police have suggested two possibilities for the second death: that the friend either took his life in solidarity or lost his balance and fell while attempting to save the first.

Senior Police Inspector Vijay Patil of Arnala Sagari Police Station said the building's security guard reported hearing a loud thud and subsequently found the bodies.

Police confirmed that no suicide note was recovered from the spot. An accidental death report (ADR) has been registered, and further investigation is underway. Primary information suggests that love failure was the reason behind one of the victims' deaths.



Lok Sabha speaker urges Commonwealth Nations to

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla today called on parliamentarians from Commonwealth nations to promote the responsible and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) while bridging the digital divide through technology. Addressing the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Conference in Barbados, Birla emphasized that cooperation and knowledge-sharing are key to ensuring that technology becomes a bridge, not a barrier.

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Hemant Patil lauds govt's Rs 31,628 crore package for

Hemant Patil, National President of India Against Corruption (IAC) and prominent OBC leader, has lauded the Maharashtra Government for announcing a historic Rs 31,628 crore relief package for farmers affected by heavy rainfall and flooding across the state.

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UK PM secures \$1.73 bn Indian investment into UK; \$465 mn ...



UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer returns to Britain after his two-day India visit, having secured £1.3 billion (\$1.73 billion) of new Indian investment into the UK - in sectors ranging from engineering to technology, as well as a £350 million (\$465 million) deal to deliver UK-manufactured missiles to the Indian Army.

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New French PM expected to be appointed within next 48 hrs ...



Outgoing French Prime Minister Sebastian Lecornu said Wednesday night that President Emmanuel Macron is expected to appoint a new prime minister within the next 48 hours. "I feel that a path forward is possible," Lecornu told TV channel France 2, adding that the current situation allows the president to proceed with the appointment.

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Congress slams govt's relief package as 'deceptive joke' on farmers

Mumbai, Oct 9 (UNI) Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee President Harshavardhan Sapkal today lashed out at the State and Central Governments, alleging that the announced disaster relief package for farmers was "deceptive" and a "cruel joke."

Sapkal stated that excessive rainfall since May has destroyed the entire kharif crop, causing massive losses for farmers across the state.

He noted that while states like Bihar, Gujarat, and Punjab received central assistance, Maharashtra was left without a package. "Seeing the distress of farmers, the Central Government must announce a special relief package for the state," Sapkal demanded.

The Congress leader criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for visiting Mumbai recently without announcing "even a single penny" for the affected farmers.

Sapkal remarked sarcastically that to avoid public outrage during the PM's visit, the state government "hastily announced a fake package," comparing the action to a king pretending to be generous. He also accused the government of rushing the inauguration of the Navi Mumbai Airport ahead of elections, despite it being far from operational.

The Congress has consistently demanded that the state government declare a wet drought, provide Rs 50,000 per hectare as compensation, Rs 5 lakh per hectare for land erosion, and announce a comprehensive loan waiver.

Sapkal alleged that the Mahayuti government's package was fraudulent, citing that compensation for lightning deaths—already covered under crop insurance—was included merely to inflate the numbers.

He made the remarks after chairing a review meeting of the North Maharashtra division in Nashik, which focused on upcoming elections and organisational preparedness. Senior leaders, including Congress Working Committee member Balasaheb Thorat, attended the meeting.

2 minor students found hanging at Palghar Government School

Palghar, Oct 9 (UNI) :The bodies of two minor students were discovered hanging from a tree at a government ashram school in Ambiste village of Wada taluka, Palghar district, in a tragic incident that occurred between Wednesday night and Thursday. The deceased, aged 14 and 15 years, were residents of Mokhada taluka and studied in standards nine and ten at the residential school. According to police officials who responded to the scene, no suicide note was found near the location where the incident took place. Preliminary investigations indicate that both students allegedly used a nylon rope to hang themselves. The local police have registered a case of accidental death and have initiated a comprehensive investigation to determine the circumstances leading to this unfortunate event.

Sena UBT leader demands minister's exit over gun licence to criminal

Mumbai, Oct 9 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sushma Andhare has demanded the resignation of Minister of State for Home Affairs Yogesh Kadam, accusing him of misusing his authority by granting a gun licence to a criminal despite an adverse police report.

According to reports, Sachin Ghaywal, brother of a wanted gangster Nilesh Ghaywal, who fled abroad using a fake passport despite cases registered against him under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), was issued a firearm licence on Kadam's recommendation, even though the police had opposed it.

Andhare alleged that Kadam's actions amounted to abuse of power and that he had empowered criminals by granting such a licence to an accused involved in serious crimes such as attempted murder and organised crime. "He has lost the moral right to continue in office and should resign immediately," Andhare stated.

MP CM visits Nagpur hospitals

Nagpur, Oct 9 (UNI) : Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav today arrived in Nagpur to inquire about the health of children undergoing treatment after consuming contaminated Coldrif cough syrup. The syrup, manufactured by Tamil Nadu-based Sresan Pharmaceuticals, has been linked to the deaths of 22 children, primarily from Madhya Pradesh and Chhindwara districts. The reported cause of death is multi-organ failure.

CM Yadav visited AIIMS, New Health City Hospital, and Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) to meet the families of the affected children. He assured them of the Madhya Pradesh government's full support and directed officials to closely monitor the children's treatment.

Citizens urged to submit their applications before Oct 20

(By Rajesh undi)

Thane, Oct 9 : Thane Municipal Corporation's next Lokshahi Din has been organized on Monday, 03rd November, 2025. Citizens should submit their applications and applications in two copies at the Municipal Building, Urban Suvidha Kendra 15 days before Lokshahi Din in the month of November i.e. before 20th October. While submitting the application, the applicant must submit Form-1 (B) along with each application. Form-1 (B) is available at the Urban Suvidha Kendra.

Government of Maharashtra, General Administration Department Circular No. As per Prasudha-1099/CR-23/98/18-A, dated 26th September 2012, it has been clarified that from December 2012 onwards, instead of accepting citizens' representations on Lokshahi Din, two copies of this representation must be submitted to the Municipal Corporation Office 15 days before Lokshahi Din.

In this Lokshahi Din at the headquarters, only those representations will be accepted from the citizens who have submitted their representations in the District Lokshahi Din, as well as those on which no action has been taken for 1 month. While submitting the representation in the Lokshahi Din at the Municipal Corporation Headquarters, the citizens must mention the token number received in the District Lokshahi Din.

The applicant should submit only one complaint in one application, an application containing more than one complaint will not be accepted. Similarly, it should be noted that complaints regarding matters pending before the Lokayukta in various courts, cases falling under the ambit of Right to Information, as well as applications on the letterhead of a political party, corporator's organization, where a final reply has been given or is to be given, such applications will not be accepted unless the complaint is of a personal nature.

Water supply will be closed for 24 hours in Bhiwandi

(By Rajesh undi)

Bhiwandi Oct 9 : This is to inform the citizens of Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation that since the work of shifting the main line at Mansarovar, which supplies water to old Bhiwandi, will be undertaken, water supply will be closed for 24 hours from Saturday, 11/10/2025, 9.00 am to Sunday, 12/10/2025, 9.00 am and water supply will be provided at low pressure and in small quantity for the next one day.

However, Padmanagar, Gayatrinagar, Ramnagar, Navjeevan Colony, BNN College Road, Patel Compound Street No. 1,2,3, Bhaiyasaheb Ambedkarnagar, New Prakashnagar, Madhavnagar, Somanagar, Vitthalnagar, Gangaram Wadi, Lakdachal, New Tower Compound, Dudhbadadi, Hafiznagar, Alamgir Video Complex, New Islamabad, Azminagar, Khaliq Sheth Chawl Diwanshah, Handi Compound Samrubagh, Idgah Road, Karivali Road, Darga Road,

Momin Bagh, Kotwalshah, Murtuja Compound, Dhobitlao, Babu Chuniwala Building, Tower Wadi, Charchali, Hamalwada, Tandel Mohalla, Bandar Mohalla, Saudar Mohalla, Mukri Shah, Sutarali, Bhoiwada, Bhusar Mohalla, Brahminali, Kasarali, Near Post Office, Market, Hafsan Ali, Jaitunpura, Kaptalav, Samadsheth Bagicha, Bengalpura, Dhobi Mohalla, Sonapur, Teli Mohalla, Kaiserbagh, Thana Road, Bobde Mohalla, Gauripada, Bhusar Mohalla, Khajurpura, Nachan Compound, Samadnagar, Kaneri, Near Payal Talkies, Ajanta Compound 1 and 2, Dhamankar Naka, Water Supply Colony, Thangeali, Tinbatti, Faizan Company, Mehta Compound, Roshanbagh, Benenagar Tower Compound, Nizampura, Vitthalnagar Near Chinche Tree, Global Complex, Khalik Sheth Compound Roshanbagh, citizens of this place are requested to take note and cooperate with the Municipal Corporation.



Students light candles as they pay tribute to industrialist Ratan Tata on his death anniversary, in Surat.

Night curfew imposed in Meghalaya-Assam border areas

Shillong, Oct9(UNI): A night curfew has been imposed in the entire Assam-Meghalaya border areas within West Jaintia Hills district on Thursday night, following clashes between groups took place in the Lapangap area, a disputed area between both the states.

A 45-year-old Karbi man identified as Orivel Timung died in the border skirmish which occurred when Pnar villagers from Meghalaya were harvesting their crops

in Lapangap. District Magistrate of West Jaintia Hills Abhinav Kumar Singh imposed the night curfew from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m under section 163 BNSS in the entire Assam-Meghalaya border areas within the district in view of the developing situation in the inter-state border areas as there is a likelihood of breach of law and order which may endanger to human lives and properties.

“Such illegal, undesirable activities

should be prevented in order to maintain peace and tranquility in the entire Assam-Meghalaya border areas,” Singh noted in his order. The restriction bars movement of people at the entire Assam-Meghalaya border areas within West Jaintia Hills district and unauthorised procession or unlawful assembly of five or more persons. Moreover, the order also bars carrying or display any object made or adapted to be used as weapons or any instrument

which could reasonably be used to injure intimidate or create public disorder in and around the entire inter-state border areas.

Jagpal Singh Dhanoa, the district police chief of West Jaintia Hills, said, the clashes between the villagers at Lapangap took place when Pnar villagers began harvesting their crop under security cover of Meghalaya and Assam police. However, multiple scuffles ensued between residents of Lapangap in

Meghalaya under West Jaintia Hills district and Tahpat in Assam’s Karbi Anglong district, left one villager dead on the Assam side,” he said. Dhanoa said : “There was no lethal force used by police force from both sides. So, it appears that the death is due to violence between the villagers.” He said Meghalaya Police have registered under Nartiang police station since the place of occurrence falls under Meghalaya. Security

has been beefed up in the area and there is an uneasy calm prevailing. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home Prestone Tynsong appealed to the border residents to remain calm and maintain a peaceful atmosphere. “Right now my only appeal to our people is better to cool and calm and respect the law. Curfew has been clamped and they should not come out and let the police force take full control of the area,” Tynsong said.

Kejriwal calls attack on Dalit CJI a ‘sinister conspiracy’

New Delhi, Oct9(UNI): Aam Aadmi Party National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal today described the recent attack and subsequent threats against Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai as a "sinister conspiracy" aimed at intimidating both the Dalit community and the judiciary. In a video message posted on social media, Kejriwal referenced the incident where a shoe was hurled at the Chief Justice and the online threats that followed.

He expressed concern over the lack of action against the perpetrators, stating that it suggests a "systematic and well-planned conspiracy."

Kejriwal connected the attack to the CJI's Dalit background, arguing that the events send a dangerous message.

"These people cannot tolerate that someone from a Dalit background, through sheer hard work and dedication, has risen to the top position in the judiciary," he said.

He questioned how an ordinary Dalit citizen could

expect justice when the sitting Chief Justice himself could be targeted.

The AAP leader also warned of a chilling effect on the judiciary, suggesting that judges may now "hesitate to speak against these forces, fearing similar attacks." He characterised the incident as part of a larger pattern to stifle independent institutions in the country, following what he described as pressures on the Election Commission, media, and political opposition.

Kejriwal concluded by appealing to the public, saying, "If you are a true patriot, you cannot remain silent. Speak up, rise, and raise your voice for the protection of justice."

Echoing these sentiments, senior AAP leader Atishi stated on social media that the attack was an attempt to "intimidate the entire Dalit society and the entire judiciary," driven by an inability within the ruling powers to accept a Dalit individual occupying the highest judicial office

Congress demands Atrocity Act case over the shoe-throwing attempt on CJI

Pune, Oct 9 (UNI) Senior Congress spokesperson Gopal Tiwari today strongly demanded that the Prime Minister take strict action, not just issue a social media post, against the person who attempted to throw a shoe at the Chief Justice of India (CJI) in the Supreme Court.

Tiwari condemned the act, stating that it was carried out by someone blinded by casteist and religious fanaticism in the

name of Sanatan Dharma.

He urged that an Atrocity Act case be registered against the alleged perpetrator, Rakesh Kishore, stressing that this would demonstrate genuine respect and reverence for the Indian judicial system.

Calling the incident a direct attack on the judiciary, Tiwari said the Prime Minister must go beyond social media condemnations.

Supreme Court to hear Owaisi’s plea seeking extension of time for registration of Waqfs

New Delhi, Oct 9 (UNI) : Member of Parliament Asaduddin Owaisi has approached the Supreme Court seeking clarification on its decision regarding the challenge to the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, and an extension of time for the registration of waqfs on the government portal.

The matter was mentioned by advocate Nizam Pasha before a bench led by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai, Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Justice K. Vinod Chandran. Pasha highlighted that while the Act provided six months for registration, five months had already elapsed during the pendency of the case. “We now only have one month left,” he said, quoting poet Seemab Akbarabadi: “Umr daraz maang kar laaye the chaar din, do aarzoo mein kat gaye, do intezaar mein.” Solicitor General Tushar Mehta appeared for the union government.

The CJI agreed to list the matter, remarking, “‘Let it be listed’ does not mean granting.”

On September 14, the Supreme Court had stayed certain provisions of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, but had declined to interfere with the requirement mandating registration of waqfs on the centralised government portal.

According to the plea, Section 3B of the amended Act mandates that every waqf registered prior to the Amendment must upload details of its properties on the official portal within six months from the enforcement date April 8, 2025. The deadline, therefore, expires on October 8, 2025.

The petition further points out that the new Section 36(10) bars any legal proceedings to

enforce rights on behalf of unregistered waqfs, meaning that failure to register would prevent such waqfs from pursuing or defending property-related cases in court. Owaisi’s plea argues that nearly five of the six months available for compliance were lost while the court was hearing the constitutional challenge to the Act from May 20–22, with judgment delivered on September 15.

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
ELECTRICAL WORK
The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of the President of India invites online e-tenders on Railways e-procurement website www.i-reps.gov.in , from reputed, experienced & licensed Electrical contractors for the following works. Tender No. SUR/TD/T/2025/23, Name of Work:- Electrical TRD portion of work in connection with provision of one long-haul loop line in each direction at Malthan station in Daund-Solapur section of Solapur Division. Estimated cost:- ₹1,22,40,703.62, Bid Security: ₹2,11,200/-, Completion Period: 12 months, Validity of offer : 60 Days, Date & time of tender closing on website: 03/11/2025 at 15.00 hours. [ANJ-60]
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वसई - विरार शहर महानगरपालिका

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT MY CLIENTS, MRS. PATRICIA REMEDIOS AND MR. NORTEN FELIX DE SOUZA, BOTH NON-RESIDENT INDIANS (NRIs) SON OF LATE MR. FELIX DE SOUZA, ACTING THROUGH HIS POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER MRS. PATRICIA REMEDIOS, ARE THE JOINT OWNERS OF: FLAT NO. 302, SECOND FLOOR, SOMA HEIGHTS CHS LTD., BUILDING NO. A-5, LOCATED AT SURVEY NO. 105, HISSA NO. PART, VILLAGE GOKHIVARE, TALUKA VASAI, DISTRICT PALGHAR, ADMEASURING ABOUT **651 SQ. FT., WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF VASAI VIRAR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND LIMITS OF THE SUB-REGISTRAR, VASAI, VASAI ROAD, DIST. PALGHAR ("THE SAID FLAT"). THE SAID FLAT WAS PURCHASED BY MRS. PATRICIA REMEDIOS AND LATE MR. FELIX DE SOUZA FROM M/S KAUL ENTERPRISES UNDER AN AGREEMENT FOR SALE DATED **14 JUNE 2004**, REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO. **VASAI-3/4247/2004** ON 14 JUNE 2004. LATE MR. FELIX DE SOUZA EXPIRED INTESTATE ON **18 NOVEMBER 2019**, LEAVING BEHIND HIS LEGAL HEIRS — MRS. PATRICIA REMEDIOS (WIFE), AND MR. NORTEN FELIX DE SOUZA (SON). THE ABOVE LEGAL HEIRS HAVE BECOME JOINT OWNERS OF THE SAID FLAT AND HAVE AGREED TO SELL, TRANSFER AND CONVEY THE SAME TO MR. VIJAY ARVIND PAWAR AND MRS. PRIYANKA VIJAY PAWAR, RESIDING AT B/26, B TOWER BUILDING, SOMA HEIGHTS CHS LTD., EVERSHERE CITY GATE, GOKHIVARE, VASAI (EAST), TALUKA VASAI, DIST. PALGHAR - 401208 ("THE PURCHASERS").**

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 ALONG WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

IF NO SUCH CLAIM IS RECEIVED WITHIN THE STIPULATED PERIOD, THE CLAIM OF MRS. PATRICIA REMEDIOS AND MR. NORTEN FELIX DE SOUZA IN RESPECT OF THE SAID FLAT SHALL BE DEEMED ABSOLUTE AND BINDING ON ALL PERSONS, AND THE TRANSACTION IN FAVOUR OF MR. VIJAY ARVIND PAWAR AND MRS. PRIYANKA VIJAY PAWAR SHALL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.

Sd/-

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Place: Vasai

Date: 01/09/2025

SC extends interim medical bail of accused Mahesh Raut till Nov 26

New Delhi, Oct 9 (UNI) : The Supreme Court today extended the interim medical bail granted to Mahesh Sitaram Raut, an accused in the Bhima Koregaon Elgar Parishad case, till November 26.

Raut was arrested in 2018 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), for his alleged Maoist links.

A Bench comprising Justice M.M. Sundresh and Justice Satish Kumar Sharma, which had earlier granted Raut six weeks’ interim bail on September 16 on medical grounds, ordered the extension after taking note of his continuing health condition. Raut has been in custody since June 2018.

During previous hearings, Senior Advocate C.U. Singh, appearing for Raut, informed the Court that the accused suffers from Rheumatoid Arthritis, an autoimmune disorder affecting his bones and muscles.Earlier, the Bombay High Court had granted Raut bail on merits on September 21, 2023, but stayed the order for a week to allow the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to file an appeal.

The NIA subsequently approached the Supreme Court, where a Bench led by Justice Aniruddha Bose and Justice Bela M. Trivedi admitted the appeal and extended the High Court’s stay, which has since been renewed periodically.The case is being heard along with that of co-accused Jyoti Jagtap, an activist associated with the cultural group Kabir Kala Manch.Both Raut and Jagtap are among the 16 activists arrested in connection with the Bhima Koregaon violence, which erupted near Pune in January 2018 following the Elgar Parishad event commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Koregaon Bhima.

CENTRAL RAILWAY
MODIFICATION TO EXISTING OHE

Name of work: Modification to the existing OHE in connection with the extension of Island PF of Lowjee Station and PF-1 & 2 of Khopoli Station of Mumbai Division of Central Railway.

Approx. Value: ₹ 8268881.01 **EMD:** ₹ 165400.00 **Cost of Tender Form:** ₹ 0.00 **Completion period:** 6 months

The time and date for submission of tender will be up to 11:00 Hrs on 27.10.2025. Complete details of E-tender are available at official Railway website <http://www.irops.gov.in> the complete documents can be downloaded from the website. The details of tender is available in the "Notice Board" of the Sr.DEE(TD) KYN's office, Kalyan. **Open E-tender Notice No.:- KYN-LD-585-W-753-CONT-R1**

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उप आयुक्त
वसई - विरार शहर महानगरपालिका

Commuters at CSMT Metro Station after the inauguration of Mumbai Metro Line-3, also known as the Aqua Line, between Cuffe Parade and Aarey JVLR by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, unseen, on Wednesday, in Mumbai on Thursday.

IT dept raids industrialist Anup Bansal’s properties across multiple States

Kolhapur, Oct 9 (UNI) : The Income Tax department conducted simultaneous raids on the luxurious bungalow, steel factory, offices, and residences of city-based industrialist Anup Bansal in Maharashtra, Goa, and Uttar Pradesh, seizing important documents during the ongoing operation.

According to income tax department,the raids were conducted following

information regarding Bansal’s recent purchase of a luxury car valued at Rs 1.75 crore during the Dussehra festival. The searches began yesterday morning at his steel factory located in the Kagal MIDC area, his bungalow, and main offices in Goa and Uttar Pradesh.

Officials also raided the residences of other directors associated with Bansal’s steel company. During the search, the IT

department found documents related to Bansal’s investments in land, real estate, gold, and shares.It is noted that the luxury car purchased during the festival has yet to receive its registration number from the RTO.

A significant police presence was deployed today to maintain security at Bansal’s bungalow and steel factory premises during the continuing search operation.

Pune Police conduct raids in Kondhwa over suspected terror links

Pune, Oct 9 (UNI) ; Acting on intelligence inputs, police conducted raids in the Kondhwa area targeting certain local suspects believed to have links with terrorist organizations.

Officials stated that some preliminary evidence supporting these suspicions has been found.

Based on the tip-off received from an informant, the police carried out raids at as many as 19 locations late last night and interrogated several suspects.The operation continued until early this morning,said officials today.

Authorities are now verifying the identities and backgrounds of those questioned and of the locations raided. Police sources confirmed that the operation is related to national security.

This is not the first time Kondhwa has come under the scanner of security agencies. In earlier incidents, individuals from outside the city planning terror attacks were arrested from the area.

India, UK moving towards defence

(Contd from page 1) Ukraine conflict and Gaza, India supports all efforts for peace through dialogue and diplomacy. In the Indo-Pacific region, we are committed to increasing maritime security."

The Prime Minister asserted that under Starmer's leadership, the UK and India have witnessed significant progress. He also recalled the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement signed between the two countries during his visit to London in July this year.

"Under the leadership of PM Starmer, India-UK relations have seen significant progress. In July this year, during my visit to the UK, we signed the historic Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)," PM Modi said at the joint press conference.

The Prime Minister noted that with the CETA agreement, import costs between the two countries will decrease, and new

employment opportunities will be generated for young people. He said that trade between the UK and India will also increase, which will boost India's industries and benefit consumers.

"With this Agreement (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement), import costs between the two countries will come down, new employment opportunities will be generated for the youth, trade will increase, and this will benefit our industries and consumers. Your visit to India, just a few months after signing the Agreement, with the biggest business delegation ever accompanying you, is a symbol of the new vigour in the India-UK partnership," the Prime Minister said.PM Modi also announced that nine universities from the UK will open campuses in India. He shared that the Gurugram campus of Southampton University has already opened, with the first students enrolled.

Man killed in Dharavi over alleged relationship with accused's sister

Mumbai, Oct 9 (UNI) ; A 23-year-old man was killed by a youth for allegedly having a relationship with his sister in the Dharavi area of central Mumbai, police said today.The victim was identified as Armaan Shah (23), a resident of Punawala Chawl in Dharavi, who worked as a tailor in a garment factory.

According to police, this afternoon, the accused, Sahil Kumar Sharma, allegedly went to the victim’s factory and stabbed him multiple times. Armaan Shah died on the spot.The accused initially fled the scene, but Dharavi police successfully tracked and arrested him based on CCTV footage and his mobile location.Further investigation into the incident is ongoing, police said.

Continuous skilling essential for growth in AI era: AICTE Chairman

Pune, Oct 9 (UNI) : Prof. T. G. Sitaram, Chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), today stressed the critical need for continuous learning and skill acquisition in an era of rapid technological evolution. He stated that while Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents challenges across all sectors, it also offers immense opportunities.

Speaking at the first convocation ceremony of DES Pune University, Prof. Sitaram said, “In this changing environment, we must focus on skilling, upskilling, and reskilling with an innovative mindset.”

He addressed the 183 graduating students, emphasising that convocation marks the beginning of a new journey that will bring challenges and, at times, failures. He assured them that with confidence and perseverance, success is achievable.Prof. Sitaram highlighted the advantages of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which provides multidisciplinary learning and flexible entry/exit options.He noted that the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), which stores students’ academic credits, is a major advantage for pursuing higher education. AICTE has further launched initiatives like SWAYAM Plus, EdTech courses, and Idea Labs to promote higher education and research.

Separately, Prof. Sitaram informed that approximately 4 crore students are currently in higher education, enrolled across 1,400 universities and 40,000 colleges. He stated that the government is actively working to increase student numbers and would need to double the number of universities to accommodate this growing demand.

Bomb threat to Santragachi—Nanded Express turns out to be false; accused found mentally ill

Nagpur, Oct 9 (UNI) ; Panic spread at Nagpur Railway Station on Thursday after authorities received information about a possible bomb threat on the Santragachi–Nanded Superfast Express.

Following that, Railway Protection Force (RPF) and bomb disposal squads immediately swung into action and conducted a thorough search of the train.However, no suspicious object was found and the train was later cleared to continue its

journey. According to officials, a mentally ill passenger travelling with a group of labourers allegedly created panic by spreading false rumours.

The man reportedly pulled the emergency chain thrice during the journey and got into an altercation with a pantry car employee, claiming that he and his companions were carrying a bomb and would blow up the train.

The escorting RPF team promptly detained the man along with his associates

and deboarded them at Gondia station.

Meanwhile, Nagpur Railway Station authorities were alerted and a bomb squad team carried out a complete inspection upon the train’s arrival at platform No 3.Later investigation confirmed that the man was mentally unstable and had acted under delusion, officials said.The RPF appealed to passengers to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities immediately to ensure safety on trains and at stations.

Brahma Kumaris' rajyogi Brij Mohan dies at 92

New Delhi, Oct 9 (UNI) : Brahma Kumaris’ Secretary-General & Chief Spokesperson, 92-year-old Rajyogi B K Brij Mohan Bhai, passes away.

The Secretary-General and Chief Spokesperson of the Brahma Kumaris organisation, Rajyogi Brij Mohan, passed away this morning at 10:25 am. He was 92.

Mohan was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Manesar, as he was keeping unwell for some time.

His mortal remains will be kept for public homage today and tomorrow at Om Shanti Retreat Centre, Gurugram, and the last rites will be performed at the Brahma Kumaris organization's international

headquarters situated at Abu Road, Mukti Dham on October 12.

Born on January 7, 1934, in Amritsar, Punjab, Mohan graduated in Commerce (Honours) from the University of Delhi in 1953 and obtained a Law (LLB) degree in 1955, before becoming a qualified Chartered Accountant in the year 1956.



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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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E-TENDER NOTICE	
Department	Public Health Department
Sub-Department	Matoshri Ramabai Thakare Maternity Home
Subject	Providing Breakfast and Thali for Indoor Patient in Matoshri Ramabai Thakary Maternity Home Bid No.2025_MCGM_1226602_1
E-Tender Sale	10-10-2025 - 10.00 a.m. 20-10-2025 - 14.00 p.m.
Website	Https://mahatenders.gov.in
Concern Officer	Medical Officer Incharge of Matoshri Ramabai Thakare Maternity Home
Telephone No.	25005739
Mobile No.	9975729114, 8097635653
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STANDARD POST

Nine UK universities setting up campus in India under NEP

In a big boost to India-UK cooperation in the education sector, nine top British universities are set to open their campuses in India, with Southampton University already setting up campus in Gurgaon.

Of the others, Queens University Belfast, Coventry University, University of Surrey and University of Bristol, are opening campuses in Gift City near Gandhinagar; while Aberdeen University and University of York are opening campuses in Mumbai, and the University of Liverpool and Lancaster University are opening their campuses in Bengaluru.

This was revealed by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri in his briefing to the media in Mumbai today.Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, posted a graphic of the same on X, and wrote: “Nine UK universities have been approved to set up campuses in India under the New Education Policy.”

PM Modi, in his address in Mumbai after talks with UK PM Keir Starmer, said: “Today, Prime Minister Starmer is accompanied by the largest and most influential delegation from the education sector so far. It is a matter of great pleasure that several UK universities are now establishing campuses in India. The Gurugram campus of Southampton University was recently inaugurated, and the first batch of students has already joined. Additionally, the construction of campuses for three other UK universities in GIFT City is currently underway.”UM Prime Minister Starmer and PM Modi met with the UK Vice Chancellors in Mumbai today.PM Starmer said: “Our great British universities are admired all over the world for their teaching excellence, high-quality research and commitment to innovation.

“I’m delighted that more Indian students will be able to benefit from a world-class British education in the near future - strengthening the ties between our two countries while pumping millions back into our economy and supporting jobs at home.”UK Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson said: “British higher education is world-leading - and this expansion shows its global appeal.“Opening new campuses in India will give more young people the chance to benefit from a UK education, while delivering real returns for our universities at home.”According to a British High Commission statement, education is one of the UK’s greatest exports, and international education was worth £32 billion in export revenue in 2022. Expansion in India will boost the UK’s soft power while driving millions back into the UK economy.The UK’s world-leading higher education sector is set to bring in a £50 million boost to the economy as part of a major expansion of British universities in India.

Currently, there are 40 million students at university in India, but 70 million places are needed by 2035. The UK’s higher education sector is capitalising on that demand by giving thousands of Indian students the chance to study for a UK degree without leaving home. Thanks to the new campuses announced today, the UK is set to become the country with the biggest higher education footprint in India - in a major boost for the UK’s reputation abroad. The University of York, University of Aberdeen, University of Bristol, University of Liverpool, Queen’s University Belfast, and the University of Coventry will open campuses from as early as next year, the statement said.

Gujarat is a Hub for Semiconductors, Electronics, and Logistics, Leading India Towards Becoming a Developed Nation by 2047: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

(Standard Post Bureau)

The Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference, North Gujarat was inaugurated today at Mehsana, Gujarat by Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting and Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said that Gujarat is becoming a Foundation pillar of India's development journey in the fields of semiconductors, modern logistics and electronics manufacturing. Gujarat is a hub of semiconductors, electronics and logistics, which will make India a leader in the direction of making it a developed nation by 2047. Stating that a total investment of ₹1,25,000 crore has been made in this sector, the Union Minister also discussed major projects such as Tata Electronics plant in Dholera, Micron manufacturing center in Sanand and plants of CG Power and KEC.

He added that due to this ecosystem, around 30 Japanese companies are setting up units in Gujarat to supply chemicals, gases and substrates that are needed. The "ultra-pure" materials used in the industry are measured in "parts per billion", which will raise the quality standards for other



industries like pharma and chemicals as well.

Proposals worth ₹1,15,000 crores have been received for the Central Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme. Training on advanced semiconductor tools and 5G labs has started at Ganpat University and over 12 colleges – creating a complete value chain from talent development to design and manufacturing, he said.

Shri Vaishnaw praised

Gujarat for its pioneering role in the clean energy sector. He particularly mentioned the world's largest green energy project at Khawada, Kutch. He said, "In today's world, when people ask whether manufacturing is powered by clean energy or not, Gujarat has a clear and powerful answer."

Shri Vaishnaw, while discussing the historic transformation of railways in Gujarat, gave some key details that a total

investment of ₹1,46,000 crores is being made in the railway sector of Gujarat. In the last 11 years, 2,764 km of new railway lines have been laid in the state, which is equal to the entire railway network of Denmark.

Giving information about the Bullet Train project, he said that the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project is in progress in Gujarat division. He announced that the first bullet train will run in August 2027. He

further added that the freight corridor in Gujarat has been completed, due to which the duration of container trains has been reduced from 30 hours to just 10-11 hours.Around 400 trains are running on the Eastern and Western corridors every day.

Discussing the station improvements, he said that 87 railway stations are being modernized and 332 flyovers and underpasses are also being constructed.

Regarding the resolution and call for cooperation for "Developed India 2047", Shri Vaishnaw mentioned the changing situation in the global perspective and emphasized on the direction of the Hon'ble Prime Minister "We have to strengthen our capabilities and widen our roads."

He added, “India was among the world’s top two economies for nearly 2000 years.

Now it is time to reclaim that position.”

He invited the industry, academic institutions and global investors to study the roadmap and campaign prepared by the Gujarat government and assured full support from both the central and state governments.

Before the inauguration ceremony of the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference, a trade show and exhibition was inaugurated at the VGRC in Mehsana by Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and Minister of Railways,

Information and Broadcasting, Electronics and IT, Government of India Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw along with other dignitaries visited the VGRC exhibition. Where cutting-edge innovations, products and technologies are showcased. The event is an effort to bring together innovators, entrepreneurs, investors, MSMEs, startups, foreign buyers, large companies, government departments, PSUs and global partners to advance the vision of a self-reliant India, vocal for local and sustainable economic growth.

Over 400 exhibitors from the agriculture and food processing as well as renewable energy sectors are participating in the trade show in a huge exhibition area of ??about 18 thousand square meters.

Apart from this, leading corporates like Torrent, Welspun, NHPC, NTPC, Kosol, Suzlon, Avada, Nirma, INOX,Adani, Maruti Suzuki, PowerGrid Corporation Limited and ONGC have also joined.

In addition, as part of the exhibition, a Vendor Development Program (VDP) will be organized with organizations like Dudhsagar Dairy, ONGC, Western Railway and Maken Foods, which aims to strengthen industry linkages and promote the growth of local industries.

UK PM secures \$1.73 bn Indian investment into UK; \$465 mn deal to deliver missiles for Indian army

Mumbai/New Delhi, Oct 9(UN) : UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer returns to Britain after his two-day India visit, having secured £1.3 billion (\$1.73 billion) of new Indian investment into the UK - in sectors ranging from engineering to technology, as well as a £350 million (\$465 million) deal to deliver UK-manufactured missiles to the Indian Army.

The UK prime minister's visit has succeeded in unlocking 10,600 new UK jobs for his country, a UK government statement said.

Wrapping up a two-day trade mission to Mumbai, Prime Minister Starmer has praised the strengthened, future-facing UK-India partnership, which will deliver for Britain by boosting growth, creating jobs and making hard-working people better off.

Major film studio Yash Raj Films committed to making three new Bollywood blockbusters in the UK from next year, bringing over 3,000 new jobs to the UK from early next year.A new £350 million deal will create over 700 jobs in Northern Ireland to deliver UK-manufactured missiles to the Indian Army. The UK is to supply Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMMs), also known as Martlets, to the Indian Army, manufactured at a Thales facility in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The Martlet is a versatile, laser beam-guided missile

that can be used against drones, armored vehicles, and other military platforms.The UK PM also promised to open doors for British businesses in India, following the signature of the ambitious UK-India trade deal in July - which will lower tariffs on British goods being imported into India and mean trade is quicker, cheaper and easier.

Today (October 9), a range of UK companies have confirmed £3.6 billion worth of investments that will see them grow and expand into India's super-economy – which will support thousands of British jobs and deliver growth at home.

The Key investments by UK companies into India include:Graphcore, part of the SoftBank Group - will invest up to £1billion in a new AI engineering campus in Bengaluru, creating 500 high-skilled jobs in India's semiconductor industry.

Tide will invest £500 million in India over five years from 2026, expanding its India workforce to 2300 by adding 800 professionals in the next 12 months.In the next five years, Revolut is looking to spend £500 million in its India business.

Paysecure, a UK-based payments orchestration company, aims to boost UK exports by £370 million in five years by enabling seamless payments for UK businesses in India through

integration with top Indian banks and payment gateways.

Among the agreements are: Acron Aviation has forged a series of agreements in India with a combined worth of £68 million for supplying UK manufactured state-of-the-art full flight simulators and delivering type-rating qualifications and training to Indian pilots.

Rapiscan UK expects £60 million revenue over five years from Indian airports, ports and other sectors for its made-in-UK products, driven by strong demand and recent success of its RTT110 EDS for baggage and cargo screening.Clinisupplies expands in India with New Medical Device Plant and Global Capability Centre by investing £36 million in MP, India thereby generating 1100 jobs in the region.

Prudential is investing over £30 million across five years to develop its Bengaluru Value Creation Centre into a cutting-edge hub for technology, data, AI, and innovation serving its markets globally.

Mace, a global infrastructure consultancy, won £23.15 million in contracts across four projects in airports, healthcare, stations, and commercial projects, and anticipates rapid growth through its strategic partnership with Goldman Sachs.

Allenwest, over 100

years old company from Scotland has achieved £16 million worth of exports to Indian metal and mining companies with its reliable electrical switch gear solutions built for toughest environments.

FIDO AI aims to grow its India business to £15 million by deploying AI-driven leak-reduction technology and is already undertaking projects in Bangalore supporting the city's water resilience.

Rail Vision UK introduced its vision sensors and AI-powered predictive maintenance system successfully at Delhi Metro valued at £6 million with projection of further £5 million in next 18 months.Turntide Technologies is excited to be in India, which is a promising market, for e-mobility. The expected business revenue of £4.9 million from India will enable Turntide UK to invest more in UK R&D.

Arup, UK brings its global expertise in designing Traction Power Supply for India's ambitious Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project, with its services valued at £4.7 million.Lloyd's Register delivered £75K project developing India's National Green Shipping Policy, while investing £4.5M, adding 112 experts, and strengthening our delivery centres across India.

Indian FDI deals into

the UK worth over £1.3 billion includes 65 deals:

TVS Motor will invest £250 million over the next five years in Norton Motorcycles, e-bikes, and more, creating 300 UK jobs and partnering with institutions like University of Warwick for mobility research and product development.

TVS Mobility, pioneers in mobility space plans to invest £250 million and create 1350 jobs in the UK to double their UK revenues of £400 million.

Muthoot Finance UK Limited (part of Muthoot Group India) plans to invest £100 million to expand its branch network to 20 locations over the next three years, creating 80 new jobs.Cyient is investing £100 million to boost innovation in semiconductors, geospatial tech, mobility, clean energy, and digital domains. Creating 300 UK jobs and strengthening its long-standing presence in the country.Hero Motors Company (HMC) is investing £100 million in the UK over the next five years through its engineering and design competencies in e-mobility, e-bicycles and aerospace creating 300 jobs for its businesses of Hewland Engineering and Insync.

Nazara Technologies a diversified gaming company is investing up to £50 million over next three years, focusing on IP-

driven gaming studios, game development, publishing, ad tech, aiming for strong multi-vertical presence by building approx. 200 work force across group companies.

Enviro Control, headquartered in Surat, Gujarat will invest £32 million in the UK to establish an innovation hub and manufacturing facility, advancing AI-driven water reuse, solar desalination and Net Zero goals, while creating over 100 skilled jobs.

Carysil, headquartered in Bhavnagar, Gujarat has invested £24 million and has created 86 jobs in the UK to deliver premium kitchen solutions including quartz and stainless-steel sinks, luxury worktops, and compact laminate surfaces strengthening India-UK manufacturing and design synergy.Motech, headquartered in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, will be investing £17 million in the UK to advance automation and investment casting technologies, creating 50 skilled jobs and strengthening sustainable, innovation-led manufacturing links between India and the UK.

Trinity Infra and Projects, a Construction and Property development company plans to invest in the growing property market in London. The company plans to invest £15 million, while creating 100 new jobs across the UK.

Trump says Israel, Hamas both sign off on "first phase" of Gaza peace plan

Washington, Oct. 9 (UNI) : U.S. President Donald Trump said Wednesday on Truth Social that Israel and Hamas have both signed off on the first phase of a Gaza peace plan."This means that ALL of the Hostages will be released very soon, and Israel will withdraw their Troops to an agreed upon line as the first steps toward a Strong, Durable, and Everlasting Peace," Trump wrote.

He thanked mediators from Qatar, Egypt and Türkiye for the "historic and unprecedented event." Speaking to reporters earlier in the day at the White House, Trump said he may travel to the Middle East "sometime toward the end of the week."

Israel and Hamas began indirect negotiations over a Gaza ceasefire in Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on Monday.

Since the war erupted on Oct. 7, 2023, Israeli airstrikes have devastated the Gaza Strip, causing widespread famine and displacement, and killing at least 67,183 people and injuring 169,841 others, according to Gaza's health authorities.

U.S. Senate fails to advance funding bills for sixth time as government shutdown drags on

Washington, Oct. 9 (UNI) : The U.S. Senate on Wednesday failed to advance funding bills for a sixth time, continuing the federal government shutdown stalemate.

The Senate voted 54-45 to advance the Republican-backed measure that had already cleared the House, falling short of the 60 votes required to overcome a filibuster. Three Democrats joined most Republicans in the vote, as in the previous instances, but the Republicans failed to gain support from any additional Democrats.The Senate also failed to advance a measure supported by Democrats, which included provisions related to health care.The two parties continued to trade blame for the impasse.

"Washington Democrats voted for this government shutdown-and it's families, workers, and small businesses who are being forced to pay the price," House Speaker Mike Johnson, the top Republican in the lower chamber, said Wednesday on the social platform X.

"The government is shut down because (U.S. President Donald) Trump and the Republicans are hellbent on taking health care away from you. And they won't even come to the table to talk to us about it," Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer, the top Democrat in the upper chamber, said on X, addressing the U.S. people.

Meanwhile, top Republicans are standing firm that there is nothing to negotiate on the enhanced subsidies of the Affordable Care Act before reopening the government. The GOP-led stopgap bill will fund the government through Nov. 21.The U.S. federal government entered a shutdown on Oct. 1, marking the first shutdown in nearly seven years.Roughly 750,000 federal workers are expected to be furloughed during this shutdown, according to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office last week.

Explosion in southern Syria injures at least 7: Media

Damascus, Oct 9 (UNI) ; An explosion in the town of Sabina, southwest of the Syrian capital of Damascus, wounded at least seven people on Wednesday, state-run SANA reported, as authorities worked to determine its cause.

The agency said Civil Defence teams had pulled seven injured individuals from the rubble caused by the explosion at the Sabina silos, transporting them to Al-Mujtahid and Al-Salam hospitals in Damascus.

SANA did not immediately provide details on the cause of the explosion, its timing, or whether it was the result of an accident, sabotage, or other acts. The limited early imagery released by SANA showed damage at the silos complex.

Other news outlets, citing footage and witness reports, said the explosion occurred near the town's mills, and that the blast coincided with a reported drone flight over Damascus. Some reports suggested that the targeted site might have been used for storage, though no official confirmation was available.

New French PM expected to be appointed within next 48 hrs: Lecornu

Paris, Oct 9 (UNI) Outgoing French Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu said Wednesday night that President Emmanuel Macron is expected to appoint a new prime minister within the next 48 hours.

"I feel that a path forward is possible," Lecornu told TV channel France 2, adding that the current situation allows the president to proceed with the appointment."It's up to him to conduct the final consultations," Lecornu said.

Amid calls from opposition parties for Macron to call early presidential elections to end political deadlock, Lecornu said it was "not the time to change the president."

He added that Macron would address the nation "in due course."

Lecornu also addressed several major policy issues, saying that a "path should be found" to resume debate on pension reform. He warned that suspending the reform would cost at least 3 billion euros (3.5 billion U.S. dollars) in 2027.Speaking about the draft budget for 2026, Lecornu said it could be presented to the cabinet next Monday. He noted that the plan "will not be perfect" and would require extensive debate.

Israel- Hamas ceasefire deal to go into effect post Knesset ratification, joint task force to be formed for hostage recovery

Jerusalem, Oct 9 (UNI) The recently approved ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip is set to go into effect after the Knesset formally ratifies the deal on Thursday evening, after which a 24-hour countdown will commence during which appeals over the decision can made to the High Court of Justice.

Post that window, Hamas will have 72 hours to uphold its side of the deal — notably the release of all hostages, both living and deceased, reports Times of Israel.

Under this framework, the final phase of hostage releases could conclude on

Monday, rather than Sunday as initially anticipated.

The ceasefire deal is notably based on an informal understanding between the two parties and is not part of any signed formal document, which has compounded worries by officials who cite the questionable compliance of Hamas operatives to the deal's dictates, coupled with the lack of any formal signature – making all agreements non-binding and unofficial.

As part of the agreement, a joint Israeli-US-Qatari-Egyptian-Turkish task force will be formed to assist in locating

and recovering the bodies of deceased hostages whose whereabouts remain unknown.

The task force will be equipped with heavy machinery and authorised to conduct excavation and demolition operations across Gaza to retrieve the remains of those captives, lost somewhere in the rubble of the war-torn enclave.

Officials familiar with the initiative say the effort's primary objective is to ensure that as many abductees as possible—both living and dead—are returned to Israel within the initial 72-hour implementation period.

Israeli military offensive in Gaza makes dire situation more perilous: UN

United Nations, Oct. 9 (UNI) : Into the third day of Gaza peace talks in Egypt, there is no letup in Israeli military operations in the Gaza Strip, UN humanitarians said Wednesday.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said the offensive is "making the already dire humanitarian situation even more perilous."

OCHA said its partners report that many people are unable to leave northern Gaza due to insecurity. People are sleeping outdoors and struggling to survive amid severe shortages of food and shelter.

The UN Satellite Centre

has published a preliminary analysis on the extent of damage in Gaza City, encompassing 83 per cent of structures. It showed that approximately 81,000 housing units were damaged.

The World Health Organisation said that since the war began in 2023, nearly 42,000 Palestinians have suffered major, potentially life-changing injuries in Gaza. One in four of the injured are children, and more than 5,000 amputations have been recorded.

As for the West Bank, OCHA said it is deeply concerned by the impact of Israeli military operations, including those in refugee camps in northern areas.

Tens of thousands of people remain displaced from their homes in the Tulkarm, Nur Shams and Jenin camps.

In the first nine months of 2025, OCHA documented more than 1,200 attacks by Israeli settlers across the West Bank, which resulted in Palestinian casualties, property damage or both, and damage to more than 17,000 trees and saplings.

The office said olive harvest is a key economic, social and cultural event for Palestinians. However, some farmers in Nablus, Salfit and Qalqiliya were unable to harvest their crops in the past few days due to physical attacks by settlers or because trees were vandalized.

Israeli military to begin phased withdrawal from Gaza post parliament ratification

Jerusalem, Oct 9 (UNI) : The Israeli military is set to begin a phased withdrawal from the Gaza Strip after the Knesset officially ratifies the ceasefire agreement reached with Hamas later this evening, as per Israeli officials.

Within 24 hours of the ratification, the IDF is expected to pull back to pre-agreed deployment lines - retaining control over approximately 53% of Gaza's territory — primarily

in less densely populated zones, reports Jerusalem Post. This partial withdrawal will lead to the creation of a security buffer zone for Jerusalem, leaving the IDF troops along the entire Gaza border in possession of the Philadelphi Corridor on the Egypt-Gaza frontier, Beit Hanoun, and Beit Lahiya in the north, an eastern ridge overlooking Gaza City, along with substantial parts of Rafah and Khan Younis

in the south.Following the repositioning, Hamas will have 72 hours to fulfil its commitments under the ceasefire by releasing the 48 hostages it is currently holding.

The IDF said that it is prepared for the simultaneous release of all 20 living hostages, though mediators have cautioned that the prisoner exchange could face several delays amid the uncertainty of their precise locations due

Hamas commander warns of differences with Israel over prisoner exchange

Gaza City, Oct 9 (UNI): Senior Hamas official Mahmoud Mardawi has cautioned that its prevailing differences with Israel over the release of certain Palestinian prisoners, could potentially sabotage the ongoing mediations. "It seems Netanyahu is trying to sabotage the ceasefire agreement before its implementation, by reneging on prisoner release lists in an attempt to derail the understandings," he

wrote on X. Mardawi alleged that the lack of agreement on the prisoners exposes Israel's unreliability regarding troop withdrawals, reconstruction and the reopening of crossings in and out of the Strip, even as both parties were able to settle on the first phase of the 20-point-initiative proposed by the US. As part of the peace deal in Gaza, the Islamic terror group

had called for the total withdrawal of all IDF troops from the Strip, and a mutual exchange of captives, demanding that certain senior members of the organisation detained by the IDF be returned in exchange for the release of all hostages. However, while Jerusalem has been open to the freeing certain senior Hamas operatives, it has



Afghanistan Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi being received on his arrival, in New Delhi on Thursday.

India, Australia sign key defence agreements

Sydney, Oct 9 (UNI) : India and Australia signed a series of key defence agreements to strengthen defence and strategic cooperation between the two countries, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Australian counterpart, Richard Marles.

Rajnath Singh also held a meeting with Deputy PM Marles, along with senior defence officials from both sides, at the Parliament House in Canberra. The meeting was also joined by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Rajnath Singh stated that both leaders reviewed the full spectrum of India-Australia defence cooperation, including collaboration in the defence industry, cyber defence, maritime security, and regional challenges, while reaffirming the importance of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

He thanked Australia for its steadfast support in combating cross-border terrorism and promoting shared regional stability. “Together, we will deepen cooperation for a free, open, and resilient Indo-

Pacific,” he said.

Australia’s Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles said, “The significance of today lies in the deep trust and strategic alignment between our nations, which is now being translated into a much deeper operational level of engagement between our two defence forces. The agreement we have signed regarding staff talks between our operational commands is hugely significant.”

In a post on X, Rajnath Singh wrote, “Had a productive meeting with Australia’s Deputy PM & Defence Minister Richard Marles. We reviewed the full spectrum of India-Australia defence cooperation, including the defence industry, cyber defence, maritime security, and regional challenges. We reaffirmed the importance of our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.”

“I highlighted the rapid growth of India’s defence industry and India’s growing stature as a credible source of high-quality defence technology globally. We discussed the potential for deeper

defence industry partnerships between India and Australia. I thank Australia for its steadfast support on cross-border terrorism and shared regional stability. Together, we will deepen cooperation for a free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific,” Singh added.

His visit reflects the growing momentum in bilateral ties and the shared commitment of both nations to a free, open, and secure Indo-Pacific.Upon his arrival at Canberra airport, Rajnath Singh was warmly received by Australia’s Assistant Minister of Defence, Peter Khalil, and Vice Admiral Justin Jones, Chief of Joint Operations.

A traditional 'Welcome to Country' smoke ceremony was also held in his honour—a symbolic Aboriginal Australian ritual that acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and signifies friendship and reconciliation.The two leaders appreciated the rapid growth in India-Australia defence cooperation and described the talks as productive, forward-looking, and focused on expanding strategic coordination.

undergo physical and psychological evaluations, with family members expected to be present for reunions.

Those requiring urgent care will be airlifted directly to Soroka Medical Center in Beersheba, bypassing the base. From there, others will be transported to hospitals in central Israel for further treatment and family reunification. For the bodies of slain hostages, the IDF will conduct a brief

military ceremony inside Gaza, led by a military rabbi.

Before repatriation, all caskets will be examined by sappers "for security purposes," confirmed IDF officials.

The caskets with civilian hostages will then be taken to the Abu Kabir forensic institute for identification, which may take up to two days. The bodies of slain soldiers will be taken to the IDF's Shura Camp for identification.

Death toll in Philippine earthquake rises to 74

Manila, Oct. 9 (UNI) : Emergency workers retrieved two more bodies from the ruins of the 6.9-magnitude earthquake that struck the central Philippines on Sept. 30, bringing the death toll to 74, the Philippines' highest body for disaster risk reduction and management reported on Thursday.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) further reported that 559 people have been injured in the 5-km-deep, offshore quake that hit Cebu province.

The tremor has affected more than 189,000 families, or approximately 666,000 villagers, and caused widespread damage to infrastructure, homes, and businesses.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology continues to record aftershocks, forcing people to stay along the road and in open spaces in makeshift tents due to safety concerns.

Travel

Places of Worship in Kolkata

Offering prayers in a city steeped in history can be an experience in itself. Kolkata, the City of Joy, is home to some of the most fascinating temples, churches, mosques, and synagogues that display excellent craftsmanship in terms of architecture. Domes, minarets, spires, cut-glasses, chandeliers, engravings and paintings adorn these places of worship and will fill you up with a sense of wonder. The Kalighat Kali Temple, Birla Mandir, Nakhoda Masjid, Armenian Church—all these are a must visit in Kolkata.

Armenian Church of the Holy Nazareth

Often referred to as the Mother Church of Indian Armenians, the Armenian Church of the Holy Nazareth is the oldest church in Kolkata. It was built by Agha Nazer in 1724 after the original existing structure was destroyed in a fire in 1688. The Holy Nazareth is one of the three existing Armenian churches in the city along with Saint Gregory the Illuminator and Saint Mary's Church. The architecture of the Holy Nazareth was designed by a Persian architect named Kavnod (or Hevnod). The interiors are decorated with marble and the walls of the church are adorned with paintings and frescos. A cross, the Gospel text and twelve candlesticks symbolizing Jesus Christ's twelve apostles adorn the altar. The altar is further decorated with three paintings titled Last Supper, Holy



Trinity, and The Enshrouding of Our Lord by English painter A.E. Harris. The church attracts several visitors and tourists round the year who not only offer prayers but are equally fascinated by the architectural grandeur of the monument. Unique to the city of Kolkata, a visit to the Armenian Church of the Holy Nazareth will add to your list of unique experiences.

Nakhoda Masjid

The largest mosque in Kolkata, the Nakhoda Masjid is one of the major tourist attractions of the city. It was built by Abdur Rahim Osman in 1926. He hailed from the region of Kutch in Gujarat and belonged to the Sunni Muslim community. Built on the lines of Akbar's Tomb at Sikandra, the architecture of the mosque is a grand example of Indo-Saracenic architecture. The entrance of the mosque has a striking resemblance to that of the Buland Darwaza at Fatehpur Sikri. The mosque has two minarets and three domes with an additional 25 minarets. The monument can accommodate 10,000 devotees during a prayer meeting. Inside the mosque, a

small exhibition is held at regular intervals where you can choose to buy some exquisite ornaments. You can also by attar outside the mosque on all days, except Sundays. Tourists throng to this monument to catch glimpses of its exquisite architecture. So if you are making a trip to Kolkata, do remember to visit this iconic structure.

Birla Mandir

Located in Ballygaunge, South Kolkata, the Birla Mandir is an exemplary work of art. The temple happens to be the city's major crowd puller. The grand monument was built by the Birla Family and took roughly 26 years to complete. It was opened to the public in 1996. One of the architectural grandeurs of the city, the craftsmanship of the temple is a hallmark of its magnificence. Inspired by the Lingraj Temple, Bhubaneswar, the architecture offers an exquisite blend of modern and contemporary styles. Engravings from the Bhagavat Gita in the interiors are quite spectacular. The ceilings are bedecked with exquisite chandeliers. Dedicated to Lord

Krishna and his consort Radha, Janmastami is one of the best times to visit the temple when the entire complex is illuminated. Apart from that, the regular evening aarti is also a sight to behold. Once in the city, a visit to the Birla Mandir will definitely leave you feeling more blessed.

Magen David Synagogue

One of the two operational synagogues in the City of Joy, the Magen David Synagogue, is a prominent place of worship in Kolkata. While the synagogue does not pull a lot of tourists, the architecture definitely calls for appreciation. Constructed in the Italian Renaissance style with red brick finish, there is a tall spire that rises above the structure like a beacon. Sadly, though the entrance to this grand structure is absolutely hidden due to the presence of small shops selling trinkets and other small items. The interiors are extremely pretty with



ornate floral pillars. The delicate stained glasses shine like jewels. If you want to appreciate the hidden Jewish jewels of the city, do visit this exquisite monument. The architectural grandeur of the synagogue will definitely charm the socks off you.

Thanthania Kalibari

One of the more popular places of worship in Kolkata, the foundation of the Thanthania Kalibari dates back to 1803. It is believed to have been built by a wealthy local resident named Shankar Ghosh. While the temple is more than two centuries old, the deity is said to be older than that. Dedicated to Goddess Siddheswari (a form of Goddess Kali), the temple is thronged by devotees round the year. Since Tuesdays and Saturdays are considered auspicious by the Hindus, these two days attract maximum crowds. Tourists throng to this temple to pay homage. Amavasya or no moon day is another occasion when the temple complex attracts a lot of crowd. Kali Puja, usually held on the eve of Diwali is one of the best times to visit the temple. The evening aarti is a sight to behold. Do remember to capture it in your camera lenses. A stopover at the Thanthania Kalibari will complete your itinerary of a tour of Kolkata.

Dakshineswar Kali

Temple

Located on the banks of the Hooghly River, the Dakshineswar Kali Temple is one of the most popular places of worship not only in Kolkata but all across eastern India. The temple was founded by Rani Rashmoni in 1855, a philanthropist and an ardent devotee of goddess Kali. The presiding deity of the temple is Bhavatarini, an aspect of goddess Kali. The 19th century mystic sage and reformer Ramakrishna Paramhansa and his wife Sarada Devi were associated with this temple for a major part of their lives. The temple is built in the traditional 'navaratna' or the nine spires style following the Bengal School of Architecture. The three-storeyed south facing temple has nine-spires in the upper two storeys. It stands on a high platform with a flight of stairs. The idol of Bhavatarini standing on Lord Shiva is securely housed inside the garbha griha (sanctum sanctorum). Both the idols are placed on a thousand petal-lotus flower made of pure silver. Opposite the main temple, a row of 12 identical Shiva (mini) temples stand facing east. These are built in the 'Aat Chala' style of Bengal Architecture. A Vishnu temple is located on the extreme north-east of the main complex and houses the idols of Radha and Krishna. A small temple dedicated to Rani Rashmoni was added later and is located near the entrance. One of the top religious places in Kolkata, Dakshineswar Kali Temple attracts thousands of devotees every day. Pay homage, watch the aarti, take a dip in the river

or simply watch the sunset sitting at the ghats of Hooghly—a visit to the iconic temple is a must if you are in Kolkata.

Kalighat Kali Temple

One of the 51 Shakti Peeths, the Kalighat Kali temple is one of the most well-known places of worship in Kolkata. The present temple dates back to the 19th century, however, it finds reference in certain bhakti literature of Bengal dating back to the 15th and 17th centuries. This is evidence enough for the antiquity of the location. Constructed under the patronage of a zamindar, the present temple was completed in 1809. The idol is unique with three huge eyes, a long protruding tongue and four hands—all made of gold. Two of these hands hold a scythe and the severed head of the demon Shumbha. The temple is built in the style of traditional Bengal School of Architecture with a single large dome at the top. Different sections within the temple are earmarked for different purposes. The Natmondir and Jor Bangla provide a better view of the sanctum sanctorum and the harkath tala is the sacrificial altar. A temple dedicated to Radha-Krishna is positioned within the western part of the complex. Another temple, the Nakhuleswar Mahadev Temple (dedicated to Lord Shiva) is situated just opposite the main Kalighat temple. Thousands of devotees flock to this holy place to offer daily prayers and seek blessings. Lying on the coast of the Adi Ganga River, the Kalighat Temple is one of the most iconic temples of the city. Pay homage, seek blessings, make offerings, or take a holy dip at the Adi Ganga—do remember to include this temple in your itinerary when you visit Kolkata.

Anegundi

Hampi rose to fame during the Vijayanagar Empire, about 500 to 800 years ago. However, Anegundi, on the opposite bank of River Tungabhadra, has a history going back millennia. It is believed to be the site of Kishkindha from the Ramayana, and the colossal rocks piled here and there are said to be the work of the Vanaras, or monkey-men. The place is dotted with shrines small and big, dedicated to Bali, Sugriva, and of course Hanuman, reminding us of their legendary feats. Mythology also links this land to Parvati who as Pampa Devi, meditated on the banks of a lake here, and eventually married Shiva at Virupaksha in Hampi. A temple dedicated to her still stands at the same site, an oasis of peace and spirituality. Historically, Anegundi was home to Neolithic men from the Stone Age, whose cave paintings have survived the passage of millennia! In more recent times, it was under Chalukyan as well as early Vijayanagar Empire, and both dynasties left their mark behind in the form of forts and palaces, of which little survives. Anegundi also drew spiritual and wise men, such as Vyasaraya, the advisor of Krishnadevaraya. The great saint and eight more from his lineage rest at the Nava Brindavanam, a complex of nine shrines dedicated to the saints, all disciples of Madhvacharya. The memorials are small but incredibly peaceful and spiritual. It is a haven for the devout and faithful.

Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary

Hampi is not just about monuments and architectural heritage. There is a wealth of natural heritage too, just waiting to be discovered. Tungabhadra, being a perennial river, attracts varieties of birds, and barely 15



km away is the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary. This is one of the few sanctuaries created especially for the preservation of the Indian Sloth Bears. The story of the bears here though goes back a long way. It is said in the Ramayana that Rama, while travelling through these regions, met the bear king Jambavan, who lived in a cave here. There are still bears here today, who live in the caves and niches among the boulders. Entry into the forest is allowed only till a watch tower, from

where the sloth bears can be seen. Visitors are not allowed to get close to the bears, for reasons of safety?both of humans as well as the bears! However, there are short trails which you can try nearby, as well as walks along the banks of the river, where you can spot plenty of birds, both endemic as well as migratory.

Badami

The red sandstone cliffs of Badami and the lake between them are a picturesque sight. But more impressive are the caves in these cliffs, and their intricate sculptures, carved over 1200 years ago!

The caves were carved out of the mountains by the early Chalukyas, who reigned here between the 6th and 8th centuries. Earlier, the city was known as Vatapi, after the demon killed by the sage Agasthya. It is said that the lake here was also created by the sage then. Among the four main caves, the first, and the oldest one is dedicated to Shiva. The figure of Nataraja, the dancing Lord, greets you at the entrance, his 18 arms depicting the 81 postures of dance. The second and third

caves are dedicated to Vishnu, and the image of the seated Vishnu in Cave 3 is said to be a representation of the Chalukyan King sitting in his court. Seen from the rows of pillars which line this cave, it is indeed an impressive sight. The fourth cave is a Jain cave, reiterating the fact that people from various religions managed to live in harmony till political forces dragged them apart. There is even a Buddhist cave in these hills, but it is not very easily accessible.

The temples on the banks of the lake are no less impressive, with their detailed carvings and depictions of the gods. The old fort, which is now in ruins, is less visited than the caves, but it gives an insight into the life of the Chalukyas, who were at constant war with the Pallavas of Kanchipuram in present day Tamil Nadu. That they survived numerous conflicts and continued to rise against all odds speaks volumes of their determination. At the base of the fort is the ASI Museum, which is a must-visit. The museum houses artifacts found at Badami, as well as the nearby heritage sites of Aihole and Pattadakal,

Plan a trip around Hampi

Most people visit Hampi because it is one of the well-known World Heritage Sites in India but there are many hidden places around Hampi that are worth visiting. There are monuments enough to occupy your attention, and it is easy to get lost in them, and spend days just wandering around the ancient city, re-discovering bits of heritage in every nook and corner. However, what people don't know is that around Hampi lies heritage even older than Hampi itself, traces of an ancient civilization, of humans who first set foot in this land, of dynasties which gave way to Vijayanagar Empire, and above all this, a natural heritage which has survived all the kingdoms, and wars which laid them waste. These are just as interesting as Hampi itself, and if you are visiting Hampi, you should take time out to visit some of these too.

some of which are extremely ancient, and rarely seen.

Aihole

Aihole, once known as Aryapura, is called the 'Cradle of Indian Architecture'. Once the capital of the Chalukyan kingdom, this was where the earliest of temple builders took their first steps, trying out different styles, and discovered their talents in sculpture and ornamentation. When Chalukyas shifted their capital to Badami, the architects moved with them, honing their skill on the red sandstone of Badami. The temples of Aihole were forgotten, till archaeological excavations revealed their importance. The temples at Aihole show an interesting combination of styles. It is evident that the architects were still trying to perfect their preferred style of temple. The Durga temple is horseshoe shaped, incidentally named, not for the deity, but because there was a fort here! The Lad Khan Temple is likewise known by the name of a Muslim man who lived in the temple before the British Archaeologists drove him out! This is one of the oldest temples in Aihole, dating back to 450 AD. The pillars here have some interesting designs on them, such as the emblem of the Chalukyas, the boar and a mirror, with the conch and wheel, representing the Varaha form of Vishnu, their tutelary deity. Atop the temple is a small shrine, an interesting addition, which speaks volumes of the skills of the artisans who created it! These temples, along with a few others form the main complex at Aihole. Also, there are other groups of temples nearby?Ravana Phadi cave temple, Galaganatha group of temples, Jyotirlinga group of temples, and Meguti Jain temple, to name a few. It is well worth spending a day in Aihole to visit all these temples!

Balaji, Bollipalli top TPL auction at Rs 12 lakh



Mumbai, Oct 9 (UNI) : In a clear signal of the growing value of doubles talent, Sriram Balaji of Gurgaon Grand Slammers and Rithvik Bollipalli of Chennai Smashers emerged as the joint-costliest players at the Tennis Premier League (TPL) Season 7 Player Auction today, each acquired for Rs 12 lakh.

The much-anticipated auction, powered by Clear Premium Water, saw franchises fiercely competing to assemble their squads for the December 9-14 season at the Gujarat University Tennis Stadium in Ahmedabad.

Tennis legends Leander Paes, Sania Mirza, and Mahesh Bhupathi attended the event alongside league Co-Founders Kunal Thakkur and Mrunal Jain.

SG Pipers Bengaluru, led by doubles star Rohan Bopanna, picked up India's No. 2 singles player Shrivalli Bhamidipaty for Rs 8.60 lakh and added experienced campaigner

Ramkumar Ramanathan for Rs 7.20 lakh. Defending champions Hyderabad Strikers, led by Arthur Rinderknech (World No. 54), secured French youngster Carole Monnet (World No. 205) for Rs 10.60 lakh and retained doubles specialist Vishnu Vardhan for Rs 6 lakh.

GS Delhi Aces, with marquee player Tomas Martin Etcheverry (World No. 58), acquired Belgium's Sofia Costoulas (World No. 168) for Rs 11 lakh and added doubles specialist Jeevan Nedunchezian for Rs 6 lakh. Gurgaon Grand Slammers also brought in Nuria Parrizas Diaz for Rs 6 lakh alongside Balaji. Chennai Smashers, led by Czech star Dalibor Svrčina (World No. 91), secured Irina Bara for Rs 6 lakh and Bollipalli.

Yash Mumbai Eagles, anchored by Damir Dzhumhur (World No. 67), added Mariam Bolkvadze and Niki Poonacha for Rs 6 lakh each. Gujarat Panthers, with Alexandre Muller (World No. 39),

acquired Nuria Brancaccio for Rs 10 lakh and Anirudh Chandrasekhar for Rs 7 lakh, while Rajasthan Rangers, led by Luciano Darderi (World No. 29), secured Anastasia Gasanova for Rs 6 lakh and Dhakshinewar Suresh for Rs 7.50 lakh. Kunal Thakkur, TPL Co-Founder, said, "Season 7 has truly raised the bar for the league. The fierce competition to acquire top Indian and international talent promises an electrifying season of high-level tennis."

Mrunal Jain added, "The energy in the auction hall affirmed the excitement around our seventh season. Fans can expect our most entertaining and closely contested edition yet."

The TPL Season 7 is powered by Clear Premium Water, with Yonex Sunrise as official equipment partner, Sofitel as auction venue partner, BookMyShow managing ticketing, and Magnum SX Wellness as the official wellness partner.

I love being under pressure: De Klerk

Visakhapatnam, Oct 9 (UNI) Nadine de Klerk stood at the crease as if time itself had slowed, the weight of a 250-run chase resting on her shoulders. And yet, with the calm of a master craftsman, she carved a path to victory for South Africa, guiding her team home with elegance and grit in an ICC WWC clash here today.

"I do love being under pressure. I love World Cups as well. And no bigger stage than playing India at home," she confessed, the words carrying the quiet confidence of someone who knows that cricket, at its heart, is a game of moments seized.

When she and Chloe Tryon (49) got together, it was poetry in motion, two women reading each other, pacing the chase with patience and daring. "We just had to take it deep... even if we need 10 runs per over in the last 5-6 overs, we've got ourselves to get there," de Klerk said, her voice revealing the strategic mind behind the flair. And when the captain, Laura Wolvaardt, steadied the ship at the other end, de Klerk felt the freedom to play her natural game. "She took a lot of pressure off me and Laura as well, what a captain's innings. So I think it just all came together," she reflected.

By the time the winning runs sailed to the boundary, it was more than just a victory; it was a statement. "It's great to get over the line, and it just shows that we are capable of hitting the big sides and putting up a massive fight as well," de Klerk said. Indeed, cricket, in moments like these, reminds us why it is called a game of glorious uncertainties.

South Africa beat India in the finals of the ICC WWC in Visakhapatnam today.

Snigdha, Mannan register wins, move into semis

New Delhi, Oct 09 (UNI) : Fourth seed Snigdha Kanta and seventh seed Mannan Agarwal delivered standout performances on Thursday to reach the semifinals of the Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship in their respective categories at the DLTA Complex in New Delhi.

In the Girls U-16 Singles quarterfinal, Snigdha held her nerve in crucial moments and defeated Diya Chaudhary in straight sets 6-4, 6-4 to move to the next round of the tournament. Snigdha was behind by 2-4 at the halfway stage after Diya broke her serve with a sublime forehand.

The Karnataka player came roaring back, winning four consecutive games to secure the first set. The second set was tightly contested, with both

players trading break points twice to reach 4-4. However, Snigdha's speed and aggression ultimately proved decisive as she claimed the next two games and sealed the match.

Supported by DCM Shriram Ltd., and held under the aegis of the All India Tennis Association (AITA) and the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA), the Fenesta Open continues to showcase India's most promising junior talent.

Mannan Agarwal had a smooth sailing in the Boys U-16 quarters as he beat Yashwin Dahiya in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 to reach the next round. Yashwin won the first game in the opening set, but the seventh seed soon came into his groove and broke his opponent's serve thrice to win the first set. Mannan broke Yashwin's serve

thrice in the second set as well to clinch the match.

Eighth seed Tavish Pahwa continued his winning run to reach the semis of the Boys U-16 Singles category after beating Shaurya Bhardwaj 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 in a three-set contest.

Meanwhile, top seed Padma Rameshkumar beat Krishika Gautam 6-4, 6-1 in straight sets to reach the last four of the Girls U-14 Singles category, and fifth seed Aarav Mulay defeated Kabir Parmar 6-3, 6-1 to move into the semifinals of the Boys U-14 Singles category. Besides the prestigious titles, the winners will be awarded kit allowance in the junior categories. The winners and runners-up in the U-16 and U-14 singles events will also receive a tennis scholarship of ₹25,000 each.

Chennai Blitz beat Goa Guardians in memorable five-set thriller

Hyderabad, Oct 9 (UNI) : Chennai Blitz defeated Goa Guardians 12-15, 15-11, 11-15, 18-16, 15-13 in the RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, here on Thursday. Jerome Vinith was named the Player of the Match.

Legendary Indian shooter and India's Olympic gold medal-winning athlete Abhinav Bindra was also in attendance and met with the players before the match. It was a game of the slimmest of margins as both teams fought till the last minute.

Goa Guardians started strong with Prince dominating the middle zone. Service pressure from Jeffrey Menzel tested Chennai. Tarun Gowda K

provided much-needed inspiration to Chennai, as he fired a thunderous super serve. Jerome started finding his rhythm as the Blitz started shifting gears.

With the game levelled, Goa relied on Nathaniel Dickinson and Jeffrey Menzel to be the difference makers. Goa skipper Chirag kept a calm head to strategise defence against Jerome's ruthless attacks.

Prince's icy cool blocking tilted the game once again in Goa's favour.

Menzel's consecutive aces set up the stage for the Guardians to run through the game, but late errors cost Goa.

Chennai's Luiz Felipe Perotto made the most crucial super serve of the game, pushing the game to

the fifth set. The tables kept turning at each point. Dickinson earned a super point to push Goa ahead, while Suraj Chaudhary and Aditya Rana kept the Blitz in competition with solid defending. Jerome's fiery smash earned the Blitz a super point, but was immediately countered by Dickinson.

At the last minute, Perotto and Suraj blocked Chirag to help Blitz claim a memorable 3-2 win.

Battur Batsuri found his footing late in the game, proving his worth for Ahmedabad. Akhin posed tough questions for Delhi with consistent blocks. The game went to a photo finish, and eventually, Ahmedabad had the last laugh, winning the match 3-2 to claim two points.

Wolvaardt, Kaur laud de Klerk's match-winning knock

Visakhapatnam, Oct 9 (UNI) : Both captains, Laura Wolvaardt and Harmanpreet Kaur, were united in their praise for Nadine de Klerk after the South African allrounder produced a match-winning masterclass to steer her side to a thrilling three-wicket victory over India in the ICC WWC ODI here today.

SA skipper Wolvaardt, visibly elated after the tense finish, said she was still lost for words" following de Klerk's composed and powerful knock. "That was incredible. I have not seen something like that in my career. We found ourselves in a pickle, but we were always ahead of them and knew that one good partnership would win it for us," she said.

"She's been hitting the ball like that in the nets. She batted really well with the lower order. Richa batted incredibly well for India — she's one of the best batswomen at the death in the world and

really tough to contain. Our pace bowlers also bowled really well, the ball came on nicely for them," Wolvaardt added.

India captain Harmanpreet, though disappointed by the result, echoed similar admiration for de Klerk's batting. "It was a tough game. Both teams played really well. Even though we collapsed while batting, we still managed to put 250 on the board. In the end, Chloe and de Klerk batted superbly — they showed it was a good pitch and deserved to win with the way they batted," she said. Harmanpreet also lauded Richa Ghosh's enterprising innings that gave India a fighting total. "The way she was hitting was very pleasing. She plays the big shots and got us to that total.

As a top order, we didn't take responsibility and bat well. It's a long tournament - today was a tough game for us, but there are a lot of positives and learnings. We'll keep working hard and improving," she added.

NZ chase win after two defeats in WWC clash

Guwahati, Oct 9 (UNI) : Tomorrow at Barsapara Cricket Stadium, the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 delivers a crucial clash as New Zealand Women take on Bangladesh Women.

With both sides desperate for momentum, this fixture promises tension, flair, and a test of composure under pressure.

New Zealand have endured a nightmare start to their campaign, losing their opening two matches to Australia and South Africa. The White Ferns, known for their experience and class, are at the bottom of the table with zero points and a negative net run rate.

Bangladesh, sitting fifth with two points from two

matches, arrive on the back of a strong win over Pakistan and a competitive defeat to England. Both teams see this match as pivotal in keeping semifinal hopes alive.

The White Ferns' top order remains their best weapon. Suzie Bates continues to show her class, Amelia Kerr provides solidity in the middle, and Sophie Devine injects aggression when needed.

However, inconsistency in the middle order and a lack of breakthroughs from the bowlers have cost them so far. In the game against South Africa, the top order fought valiantly, but the middle order failed to

capitalise, leaving their bowlers with too much to defend.

Predicted XI: Suzie Bates, Bernadine Bezuidenhout (wk), Sophie Devine (c), Amelia Kerr, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Jess Kerr, Hannah Rowe, Lea Tahuhu, Eden Carson, Fran Jonas

Bangladesh have impressed with disciplined bowling and sharp fielding. Captain Nigar Sultana has led from the front, while Nahida Akter has been key with the ball. Their batting depth remains a concern, but Murshida Khatun and Sobhana Mostary have shown the ability to anchor innings under pressure. The team thrives on

building partnerships and applying pressure through consistent bowling.

Predicted XI: Fargana Haque, Murshida Khatun, Sobhana Mostary, Nigar Sultana (c & wk), Fahima Khatun, Lata Mondal, Ritu Moni, Nahida Akter, Rabeya Khatun, Marufa Akter, Fariha Trisna

While New Zealand have beaten Bangladesh in their last five WODIs, history counts for little in tournaments where form fluctuates. New Zealand have lost their last three consecutive matches overall, while Bangladesh are coming off a mixed run with a win and a defeat.

Barsapara pitch is expected to favour batswomen early, with high-scoring conditions predicted. Toss-winning captains are likely to bat first to take advantage of the early momentum and scoreboard pressure. Light

Rahim Ali's late strike keep India's hopes alive

Singapore, Oct 9 (UNI) ; It was Rahim Ali's moment to shine, and shine he did. The young forward's 90th-minute strike, his first for the senior Indian team, rescued a hard-fought 1-1 draw for the Blue Tigers against Singapore in an enthralling AFC Asian Cup 2027 third round qualifier at the National Stadium here today.

Singapore had looked in command for much of the contest, with Ikhsan Fandi breaking the deadlock in first-half stoppage time after persistent pressure on India's defence. The Lions dominated possession and looked poised to extend their lead, but Gurpreet Singh Sandhu's heroics between the sticks kept India within reach.

The challenge intensified for India shortly after the break when defender Sandesh Jhingan was shown a second yellow card in the 47th minute, reducing the visitors to 10 men. Yet, with steely determination and clever substitutions, India kept pressing. It was Rahim Ali, introduced late, whose clinical finish capitalised on a lapse in the Singapore defence to earn a valuable point. India captain Sunil Chhetri praised his team's resolve, saying, "Mathematically, we still have a chance to qualify. We have three games left, and we are taking one game at a time." Singapore captain Harris Harun rued the late concession: "We dominated for most of the game, and we should have stepped up more after India went down to 10 men."

With the draw, India must win all remaining fixtures and hope for favorable results elsewhere to stay in the hunt for an Asian Cup berth.

Archery Premier League: Mighty Marathas enter SF's

New Delhi, Oct 9 (UNI) : The round-robin stage of the inaugural Archery Premier League (APL) moved into its business end on Thursday here at the Yamuna Sports Complex, which saw the Mighty Marathas (MM) booking a spot in the semis while the Prithviraj Yodhas stunned the Rajputana Royals, who lost their first match of this inaugural season after seven consecutive wins.

The day started with the Marathas' 5-1 win over the

Chola Chiefs (CC). Brady Ellison for the Chiefs and Parneet Kaur for the Marathas were in brilliant 10-hitting form in the first set, but it was Dhiraj Bommadevara's 10 on the last MM arrow just before the buzzer that stood out and tied the first set at 76-76 for one point to each of the teams.

The second set saw the Marathas holding their nerves towards the end, while a couple of loose arrows from the Chiefs under pressure, which

included an 8 from recurver Deepika left the MM recurver Dhiraj with a 9 to get on the final arrow. He delivered a 10, and MM took the set 78-76 and the two points for a 3-1 lead.

In the third set, CC's experienced recurvers Ellison and Deepika faltered under pressure with three consecutive 8s, two of which came from Deepika, which allowed the Marathas to edge ahead by a point to win the set 75-74 and the match 5-1.

Kakatiya Knights' compounders Nico Wiener and Jyothi Surekha Vennam led from the front with four 10s, which proved to be the difference in the first set, while recurver Elia Canales stepped up towards the end to nail a 10 and put Chero Archers under pressure. Atanu Das's 9 for CA and Rohit Kumar's response with a 10 tied the set at 77-77, making it 1-1 to start things off. The teams lived dangerously in the second set, which didn't have many 10s, but Jyothi came up with one when the Knights

needed it the most. With damaging 8s from both sides, including from Prithika Pradeep and Rohit, Jyothi's 10 and Canales's 9 proved to be the difference. But another 8 from Rohit saw the Knights surrendering their lead and it ended in a 72-72 tie for a 2-2 scoreline. The Knights started the third set well with a 10 from Jyothi but Wiener dropped to an 8, which was marked for re-measure. Canales got an 8 as well for the Knights, which was marked too.

Katharin Bauer put Chero Archers ahead with a 10 as they led 39-36 despite Rohit's 10 for the Knights and Jyothi highlighting her quality with another 10. The Knights needed a bull's eye from Wiener and he delivered as the Chero Archers' lead reduced to one point. The Last Chero Archers' arrow from was a 9, as Rohit got a 9 for the Knights on the other end. The crucial re-measure of a couple of Knights' 8s upgraded those to 9s, which gave them the set 76-75 for a 4-2 lead.

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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw visits undergoing works of Bullet Train project in Ahmedabad

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 9 : Union Minister of Railways Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw visited key construction sites of the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (Bullet Train) project in Sabarmati, Ahmedabad today. The Minister reviewed ongoing works at the Sabarmati High Speed Rail (HSR) Station, the HSR Multimodal Transport Hub, and the Rolling Stock Depot.

Sabarmati HSR Station: The terminal station of the Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train corridor is inspired by Mahatma Gandhi’s Charkha at Sabarmati Ashram. The station is being built in 45,000 sq. m. area.

Structural work up to the track floor has been completed. Interior and MEP works are in progress. The station will offer world-class passenger facilities—waiting lounges, rest rooms, nursery, retail and commercial spaces—and will be seamlessly connected to existing railway, metro, and BRTS networks.

Sabarmati HSR



Multimodal Hub: It has been designed as a state-of-the-art facility ensuring smooth connectivity between the HSR station, Sabarmati railway station, Metro, and BRTS.

The front wall of the building depicts a stainless-steel mural of the Dandi March, honouring Sabarmati’s historic legacy. The hub includes office

spaces, hotel facilities, and passenger amenities such as retail outlets and restaurants. It is equipped with parking for about 1,200 vehicles. The hub also features extensive green infrastructure including solar panels, landscaped terraces, and energy-efficient systems.

Sabarmati HSR Rolling Stock Depot: It is the largest

of three depots being constructed under the project. The hub is spread over 84 hectares. The hub will support light and heavy maintenance of trainsets with inspection, stabling, and workshop lines.

Construction of the administration building, inspection sheds, and infrastructure for utilities and tracks is progressing

rapidly. The depot will follow environmental sustainability norms. It will feature rainwater harvesting, solar provisions and zero liquid discharge treatment systems.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project progress: Out of 508 km, 325 km of viaduct and 400 km of pier works have been completed. 17 river bridges, 5 PSC bridges, and 10 steel bridges have also been completed.

216 km of track bed has been laid. Over 4 lakh noise barriers have been installed along the track bed. Work on all stations in Gujarat is at an advanced stage. Rapid progress is being made at the Mumbai underground section.

Railway Minister appreciated the pace of work and emphasized that the project is on track for timely completion. He remarked that the first bullet train project of the country represents PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji’s vision for world-class infrastructure and a ‘Viksit Bharat 2047’.

Striking is illegal; Resume work without delay

Mahavitaran appeals to electricity employees

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 9 : The management of Mahavitaran has already clarified its position in the meeting that it is consistent with all the demands of the Joint Action Committee of Electricity Employees' Unions. However, seven electricity employees' unions have started a 72-hour strike from October 9.

Electricity is an essential service and the Maharashtra Essential Services Protection Act (MESMA) has been implemented to prevent inconvenience to the citizens. Accordingly, Mahavitaran has clarified that this strike is illegal.

The Additional Chief Secretary of the State's Energy Department and the

Chairman and Managing Director of Mahavitaran have held a separate meeting with the office bearers of the Joint Action Committee.

The management has clarified its positive stance on all other issues of the Joint Action Committee including privatization and restructuring. Its written minutes have also been given to the Joint Action Committee.

The management has held direct discussions with the office bearers of the Joint Action Committee from time to time to avoid this strike. However, despite announcing a clear stance that is adequate to all the demands, the Joint Action Committee has maintained its decision to

go on strike.

Currently, Maharashtra is recovering from the crisis of heavy rains and floods. For this, all the government agencies are working on a war footing. Diwali festival is also coming in a few days. In this backdrop, all those who participated in the strike should return to their respective offices without delay to perform their government duties. On behalf of Mahavitaran, Director (Human Resources) Shri. Rajendra Pawar has asked the striking employees to cooperate with the citizens by providing prompt electricity service during the crisis of the flood situation as well as during the festive season.

Mukul Saran Mathur, GM, SWR, conducts inspection of Hubballi – Ugar Khurd (Miraj) Section



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 9 : Mukul Saran Mathur, General Manager, South Western Railway, conducted a window-trailing inspection between Hubballi and Ugar Khurd (Miraj) section today to review key operational and safety parameters.

During the inspection, he visited Gokak Road Railway Station, which has been developed under the Amrit Bharat Station

Scheme (ABSS) at a cost of Rs 16.98 crore, and reviewed the passenger amenities and infrastructure improvements provided under the scheme.

Later, he inspected Ghataprabha Railway Station, which is undergoing redevelopment under ABSS at a cost of Rs 18.15 crore, and examined the ongoing progress of various works being

executed to enhance station facilities.

Shri Mathur also inspected the Krishna River Railway Bridge (Bridge No. 184) at Km 718/ 900-800, assessing its structural condition and safety measures.

He was accompanied by Smt. Bela Meena, Divisional Railway Manager, Hubballi Division, and senior officers of the division during the inspection.

Swachh Patri to Swachh Parisar: During Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 Solapur Division of Central Railway Keeps Cleanliness on Track!

(Standard Post Bureau)

Solapur, Oct 9 : The Solapur Division of Central Railway continued its intensive cleanliness efforts with dedicated themes over two days — Swachh Patri (Clean Tracks) on 7th October and Swachh Parisar (Clean Workplace & Residential Premises) on 8th October 2025, as part of the ongoing Swachhata Pakhwada 2025.

Swachh Patri (Clean Tracks)– 7th October 2025

On the seventh day of

the Swachhata Pakhwada, Solapur Division laid special emphasis on ensuring the cleanliness of railway tracks, particularly in station-adjacent areas. Teams across various sections undertook extensive cleaning drives to remove unwanted vegetation, bushes, grass, and litter scattered around and between the tracks. Key sections include:

- Bablad-Kalaburagi-Hirenanduru Section
- Kalaburagi Yard

- Pandharpur Section
- Solapur Station Yard
Swachh Parisar (Clean Workplace & Residential Premises) – 8th October 2025

Continuing the momentum, the eighth day of Swachhata Pakhwada witnessed a focused drive on workplace and residential cleanliness across the division. Intensive cleaning of railway colonies, retiring rooms, waiting halls, rest houses, and dormitories

was carried out to promote a clean and hygienic living and working environment for railway staff and passengers alike. Major cleaning activities were undertaken at:

Solapur: RB-I & RB-II Colonies, Portal Chawl, Officer Club Main Road, Construction Colony, Ganesh Hall Colony, Shani Mandir Colony and AC Waiting Hall.

- Kalaburagi: Railway Colony, Retiring & Running Rooms

- Pandharpur: Railway Colony, Retiring & Waiting Rooms

- Latur: Waiting hall
- Wadi: Railway Colony
- Kurduvadi: Railway Colony

Through these sustained efforts, Solapur Division continues to reinforce its commitment to the mission of “Swachh Rail – Swachh Bharat”, ensuring cleaner and greener railway premises while inspiring active participation from all sections.

‘Amrit Samvaad’ continues over Waltair Division : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Oct 9 : In line with the vision of Amrit Kaal and the “Panch Pran” (Five Resolves), Waltair Division is continuing the citizen-centric initiative titled Amrit Samvaad as part of Special Campaign 5.0. Today, on 09.10.2025, Amrit Samvaad was held at the AC Waiting Hall of Visakhapatnam Railway Station, where Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer Shri Diptansu Sharma and at Rayagada Railway Station by Shri B Avinash Senior Divisional Electrical



Engineer engaged directly with commuters and rail

users to gather valuable feedback on recent

improvements, suggestions, and grievances. Amrit

Samvaad is an opportunity to have direct dialogue between railway authorities and passengers, focusing on solutions, enhancements in amenities, and ideas for new or improved passenger facilities. This special campaign will be continued till 31st October.

Many passengers came forward to share their views on the amenities and suggestions on upcoming facilities. Expressing the satisfaction on the amenities available at these station, passengers opined for more trains to connect popular destinations.

Lok Sabha speaker urges Commonwealth Nations to promote responsible use of AI

New Delhi, Oct 9 (UNI) : Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla today called on parliamentarians from Commonwealth nations to promote the responsible and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) while bridging the digital divide through technology. Addressing the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Conference in Barbados, Birla emphasized that cooperation and knowledge-sharing are key to ensuring that technology becomes a bridge, not a barrier.

"Through cooperation and knowledge-sharing, we can ensure that technology becomes a bridge, not a barrier," Birla said, chairing a workshop on 'Leveraging Technology: Enhancing Democracy through Digital Transformations and Tackling the Digital Divide.

Highlighting India's progress in leveraging technology for parliamentary processes, Birla noted that AI-based digital systems are making India's parliamentary processes more efficient and inclusive. "AI-based digital systems are making India’s parliamentary processes more efficient and inclusive," he said, citing examples such as AI-based translation, AI-enabled e-Library, and speech-

to-text reporting. The Lok Sabha Speaker also announced that real-time AI translation systems like "Sansad Bhashini" will soon allow every Member of Parliament to communicate in their own language, marking a new height for democracy in a diverse country like India.

"Democracy is at its strongest when citizens are deeply engaged with their Parliament," Birla emphasized, adding that technology plays a vital role in strengthening this connection. He highlighted the journey of the Indian Parliament from a traditional system to e-Parliament, which has been "quite phenomenal in terms of its reach, functioning, and responsiveness to the aspirations of the people."

Under the "Digital Sansad" initiative, the Parliament of India has developed an integrated digital ecosystem that connects Members of Parliament, Ministries, and citizens through a single digital platform.

Birla also mentioned India's achievements in the digital sector under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, including the development of a low-cost and open Digital Public Infrastructure for 1.4 billion citizens.

Regulation of Train Services : SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 9 : In connection with the traffic and power block taken for the launching of the Foot Over Bridge (FOB) gangway girder at Chinchali yard, the following train services will be regulated on October 11, 2025.

Train No. 07303 Belagavi–Miraj Unreserved Daily Passenger Special, Train No. 16590 Sangli–KSR Bengaluru Rani Chennamma Daily Express, and Train No. 17332 SSS Hubballi–Miraj Daily Express will be regulated en route for 95 minutes, 15 minutes, and 15 minutes, respectively, on the day of journey (11.10.2025).

Railways to Continue Services of SMVT Bengaluru-Bidar Special Trains for additional 18 Trips during Diwali Festival 2025

(Standard Post Bureau)

Solapur, Oct 9 : Railways will continue the services of special trains running between SMVT Bengaluru and Bidar for additional 18 trips to clear the extra rush of the passengers during the Diwali Festival 2025 as per details given below:

SMVT Bengaluru-Bidar Bi-Weekly Specials (18 trips)

- Train no 06539 SMVT Bengaluru-Bidar Bi-Weekly Special notified to run up to 28.09.2025 is now continued to run every

Friday & Sunday till 31.10.2025. (9 trips)

- Train no 06540 Bidar-SMVT Bengaluru Bi-Weekly Special notified to run up to 29.09.2025 is now continued to run every Saturday & Monday till 01.11.2025. (9 trips)

There will be no change in composition for above mentioned trains.

These special trains will stop at 3 stations of Solapur Division of Central Railway, namely: Kalaburagi, Shahabad and Wadi.

Reservation & Booking: Reservations for

Special trains on special charges will open at all computerised reservation centers and on website www.irctc.co.in.

Bookings for unreserved coaches can be done through booking counters at stations and UTS app also.

Passengers are requested to travel with valid tickets to avoid inconvenience.

For detailed timings at stoppages of these special trains, please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or download NTES App.