

IN BRIEF

Tiger enters Gondia city, later rescued

Gondia, Oct 12 (UNI) A male tiger that wandered into Maharashtra's Gondia city was safely rescued after an intense five-hour operation, forest officials said today. The tiger was first spotted by locals near the Ring Road area, which houses key administrative offices, including those of the district collector and superintendent of police. Upon receiving the alert, a forest department team rushed to the site last night. Police were also deployed to control the large crowd that had gathered to witness the incident. According to officials, the rescue team tranquilised the tiger after several hours of effort. The animal was later shifted to the Wildlife Training and Research Centre in Nagpur for examination and care. Sources said the same tiger was earlier rescued on June 20 from Anjora village in Amgaon tehsil of the district.

Leopard drags Schoolgirl into field in Maharashtra's Sangamner, rescued by relative

Ahilyanagar, Oct 12 (UNI) A leopard suddenly attacked a ninth-grade student on her way to school in Digras village, Sangamner taluka in Maharashtra, dragging her into a cotton field before her maternal uncle intervened. The incident occurred on Saturday morning. The student, Pragati alias Jyoti, daughter of farmer Sakharam Shiram, studies in class IX at Sahakara Maharshi Bhausaheb Thorat Vidyalaya in the village. As she was leaving for school, a leopard lurking in a cotton field suddenly pounced and dragged her toward the field. At the same time, Pragati's maternal uncle, Devram Khemnar, was returning from school after dropping off his son. Witnessing the attack, he rushed to the field on his bike and, by blowing the horn and shouting, managed to scare the leopard away. Pragati sustained a neck injury and is currently undergoing treatment at Kute Hospital in Sangamner. The uncle is being widely praised for his courage. The incident has created fear in the village, with residents demanding that the local administration and forest department take preventive measures against increasing leopard attacks.

NDA announces seat sharing for Bihar assembly polls; BJP, JD-U allotted 101 seats each

Patna, Oct 12 (UNI) : The NDA today announced seat sharing among its constituents for the Bihar assembly elections, with the BJP and JD(U) being allotted 101 seats each while the rest of the seats were given to its other allies to contest for the 243-member state assembly. Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary made the announcement through a post on his social media account X. As per then seat sharing, besides the BJP and JD(U) who will contest 101 seats each, the LJP will contest 29 seats. HAM and RLM have been allotted six seats each for the assembly polls, he informed. Chaudhary said that all leaders and workers

were happy over the seat sharing among constituents of the NDA. All constituents of NDA would contest as a cohesive force in the assembly elections to form the government again, he added. In the 2020 Bihar assembly elections, JD(U) had contested 115 seats and won 43 seats, while BJP had contested 110 seats winning 74 seats. HAM and VIP, other constituents of NDA, had contested 7 and 11 seats respectively, winning four seats each. VIP was part of NDA in the 2020 Bihar assembly elections, but is now part of the Grand Alliance. NDA had won 125 seats in the 243 member Bihar assembly, forming the government under the

leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. BJP had accepted Mr Kumar as CM even after winning 74 seats, while his party JD(U) had won only 43 seats. Polling for the Bihar assembly elections is to be held in two phases on November 6 and November 11. Counting of votes would be held on November 14. Former Bihar BJP president and party MP Sanjay Jaiswal said that all workers of NDA would now work hard to ensure formation of an NDA government with thumping majority. Recent meetings organised by the NDA in assembly constituencies, as part of preparations for the Bihar assembly elections, would yield better results, he

exuded confidence. Bihar JD(U) president Umesh Kushwaha said NDA would form the government again under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. It was time to work hard to achieve the target of NDA winning 225 seats in the assembly elections, he stated. Jeetan Ram Manjhi, patron of Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) and union Minister, said he was satisfied with the number of seats allotted to his party to contest the assembly elections. He said his party was allotted six seats to contest, and had no grievances over the number of seats allotted to his party and had full faith and commitment in the

leadership of the NDA. "During the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, our party was allotted only one seat to contest during the seat sharing, but even then I was not annoyed," Manjhi said. "NDA is all set to form the government under the leadership of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he asserted. HAM leader was earlier demanding at least 15 seats to contest, saying victories in 8 seats were needed to enable his party to get the status of a recognised party from the Election Commission. At present, his party has the status of only registered party in the record of the Election Commission, he had pointed out



Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, minister Ashish Sood, USA's former track and field athlete Carl Lewis and others with gold medalist Seema, silver medalist Ujala and bronze medalist Sanjivani Jadhav during the presentation ceremony of the women's elite Indian category race during the 'Delhi Half Marathon', in New Delhi on Sunday.

Thackery brothers meet over lunch at Matoshree ahead of BMC polls

Mumbai, Oct 11 (UNI) : Ahead of the civic polls in the state specially for Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation election, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray visited Matoshree, the residence of Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray, and had a lunch together this afternoon, stirring fresh speculations about a political alliance between the two cousins. Raj Thackeray was accompanied by his mother and other family members. He described the visit as a personal one. "It's a family meeting. My mother is with me," Raj told media persons as he entered Matoshree.

But for political observers, this was much more than

just a casual lunch. This meeting marks the sixth such interaction between the Thackeray cousins in recent months, pointing to a growing closeness that is both personal and political. Both Raj and Uddhav first became visible in July, when they shared a stage at a rally opposing the "imposition of Hindi" — their first public appearance together in nearly 20 years. Since then, their families have exchanged visits on special occasions. Raj had visited Uddhav on his birthday in July, and Uddhav returned the gesture during Ganpati celebrations at Raj's Shivteerth residence in Dadar in August.

Cooperation Minister Patil apologises for farmer loan waiver remarks

Latur, Oct 12 (UNI) : Maharashtra Cooperation Minister Babasaheb Patil has issued a formal apology for his recent remarks concerning farmers and loan waivers, expressing regret if his comments caused distress to agricultural communities. The apology follows widespread political backlash over Patil's statement at a bank inauguration event in Chopda, Jalgaon district, where he had suggested that farmers had developed an "addiction" to loan

waivers and questioned the long-term sustainability of such relief schemes. Clarifying his remarks, Patil reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening rural economies through self-reliant models such as dairy cooperatives like Gokul Dudh Sangh in western Maharashtra, which provide steady income sources for farmers. Emphasising his own background as a cultivator, he explained that his comments were meant to encourage sustainable agricultural livelihoods and

not to demean the farming community. The controversy erupted at a time when Maharashtra's farmers are grappling with widespread crop losses—recent floods have damaged crops across 68.69 lakh hectares, impacting more than sixty lakh cultivators. The apology also comes days after Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announced a Rs 31,628 crore relief package, described as the largest in the state's history. Patil's earlier remarks drew sharp criticism from

across political parties, including members of the ruling Mahayuti alliance and the opposition. Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar publicly cautioned the minister, while several farmer organisations denounced the comments as insensitive. In his statement of regret, Patil stressed that his words had been misunderstood, assuring that he holds the farming community in the highest regard and remains fully committed to agricultural welfare and rural development.

Interpol issues Blue Corner Notice against gangster Nilesh Ghaywal

Pune, Oct 12 (UNI) : Interpol has issued a Blue Corner Notice against notorious gangster Nilesh Ghaywal, who has been booked under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), Pune Police said.

The notice aims to assist authorities in tracing his whereabouts abroad. Following the Kothrud firing case, several members of the Ghaywal gang were booked. However, gang leader Nilesh Ghaywal reportedly fled to London using a passport obtained with fake documents and a false address.

Meanwhile, controversy erupted after revelations that Nilesh's brother, Sachin Ghaywal, had been granted a firearm licence. Shiv Sena (Shinde faction) city chief Ravindra Dhangekar accused BJP leader and minister Chandrakant Patil of protecting criminals. Responding to the allegations, Deputy Chief Minister and Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde urged Dhangekar to remain patient.

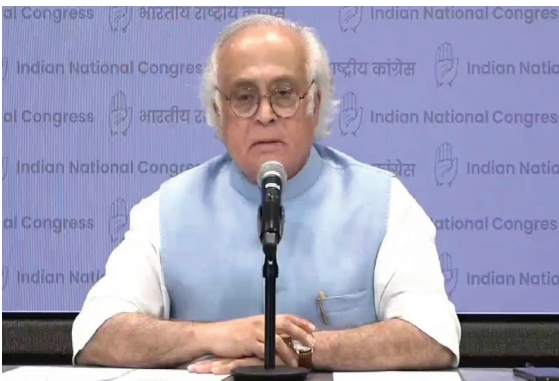
However, Dhangekar maintained that, as Pune's representative, he would continue to speak out against crime and wrongdoing, expressing confidence that party leaders would support action against lawbreakers. With local body elections approaching, the controversy threatens to strain relations between ruling coalition partners, the BJP and Shiv Sena (Shinde faction), at the city level, posing potential risks ahead of the upcoming municipal polls.



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Jairam Ramesh warns of 'systematic erosion' of ...



Congress leader Jairam Ramesh today issued a stark warning about the "gradual erosion" of India's landmark Right to Information (RTI) Act, accusing the current government of systematically weakening this critical pillar of transparency and accountability. (See on page 4)

Kuldeep's Yadav spin gives India edge: Doeschate



India assistant coach Ten Doeschate today highlighted the decisive role of Kuldeep Yadav's mystery spin in India's ongoing second Test against West Indies, describing it as a key factor in challenging conditions on a deteriorating pitch. (See on page 7)

Akhilesh Yadav honors Ram Manohar Lohia, vows to



Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav today paid homage to socialist leader Ram Manohar Lohia on his death anniversary, reaffirming his commitment to Lohia's ideals of social justice and equality. Posting on his WhatsApp channel, Yadav said, (See on page 8)

World Mental Health Day Celebrated at Dr. Kotnis Memorial Railway Hospital in Solapur Division of Central Railway

(Standard Post Bureau)
Solapur, Oct 12 : Dr. Kotnis Memorial Divisional Railway Hospital, Solapur, in Solapur Division of Central Railway, celebrated World Mental Health Day with great enthusiasm and commitment to promoting mental well-being and stress-free workplaces.

The event was organised with the objective of spreading awareness on mental health and stress management in the workplace. Clinical Psychologist and Guest Lecturer Ms. Shreya Garampatti delivered an engaging and insightful lecture on workplace stress management. She shared practical techniques to cope with daily stressors and emphasised the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS) Dr. Manjunath addressed the gathering, highlighting the vital role of self-respect, open communication, and active listening in managing stress effectively. He also stressed the importance of



adopting a balanced nutritious diet, regular lifestyle that includes a exercise, and music therapy

to promote mental wellness. “The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 100 attendees, including doctors, pharmacists, nursing staff, patients, and their relatives. The interactive discussions and expert insights were well-received, making the event both informative and impactful. The event was conducted with the support of Divisional Medical Officer (DMO) Dr. Vinod and efficiently coordinated by Chief Nursing Supervisor (CNS) Shri Rahul Gambare, Assistant Nursing Officer (ANO) Smt. Sakhare, played a key role in organising the program and ensuring its smooth execution. The World Mental Health Day celebration at Dr. Kotnis Memorial Railway Hospital successfully conveyed the message that mental health is just as important as physical health. Solapur Division continues to emphasise holistic well-being and strives to create a supportive and healthy work environment for all railway personnel.

Amrit Samvaad" Organised at Solapur Railway Station under Special Campaign 5.0

(Standard Post Bureau)
Solapur, Oct 12 : The Solapur Division of Central Railway organised an “Amrit Samvaad” programme at Solapur Railway Station as part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0, with the objective of fostering direct interaction between Railway officials, passengers, and stakeholders.

The Amrit Samvaad initiative is being conducted at various Amrit Stations across the division, aligning with Indian Railways’ commitment to citizen engagement and continuous service improvement. The event at Solapur brought together passengers, representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, and other valued stakeholders for a meaningful dialogue on enhancing passenger experience and station facilities.

During the interaction, discussions focused on:

- Assessment of improvements carried out under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
- Feedback from citizens



regarding ongoing developmental initiatives

- Identification of further areas of improvement for enhancing passenger convenience
- Encouragement of public participation in the

developmental journey of Indian Railways

- Promotion of awareness among passengers about their role in maintaining cleanliness and station upkeep.

DRM Solapur and other

senior officials including Sr DCM, Sr. DEN (Co), Sr. DEE (G) and ADEN (GSU), actively participated in the event, engaging and collecting valuable insights to guide future station enhancement efforts.

The Amrit Samvaad served as a bridge between the Railways and its users, reinforcing Indian Railways’ commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and citizen-centric initiatives. It also reflected the dedication of Solapur Division towards improving passenger amenities, infrastructure, and the overall travel experience.

Final Ward Formation Approved by State Election Commission : BNCMC

(By Rajesh undi)
Bhiwandi, Oct 12 : As per the directions of State Election Commission, Maharashtra State and State Government, the ward formation of a total of 23 wards for the upcoming general elections of Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation has been approved by Hon'ble State Election Commission, Maharashtra State vide letter No. Rania/ Municipality-2025/ Pr.No.14/Ka-5, dated 07/10/2025.

As per the directions of Hon'ble State Election Commission, Maharashtra

State and State Government, the draft ward formation of Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation has been approved by Hon'ble State Election Commission, Maharashtra State on 01/09/2025. The said draft ward structure was published on 03/09/2025 for seeking suggestions and objections from the citizens. In accordance with the said draft ward structure, a total of 84 objections and suggestions received from the citizens were held by the Authorized Officer, Hon. Commissioner and Administrator, Mira-

Bhayander Municipal Corporation, Shri. Radhabinod Sharma, BHPSE, on 19/09/2025. In the said hearing, the Authorized Officer took cognizance of the objections and suggestions from all the objectors. Thereafter, the proposal for the final ward structure along with their recommendations was submitted to the Hon. State Election Commission, Maharashtra State through Hon. District Collector, Thane, Hon. Additional Chief Secretary, Navi-2, Urban Development Department, Maharashtra

State for approval. The proposal for the final ward structure has been given final approval by Hon. State Election Commission, Maharashtra State on 07/10/2025.

The said final ward composition has been published for the information of the citizens in the Election Department on the first floor of the Municipal Corporation headquarters and all the Ward Committee offices from 13/10/2025. It has also been published on the official website of the Municipal Corporation (www.bncmc.gov.in).

Manjhi expresses satisfaction over NDA seat sharing

Patna, Oct 12 (UNI) : Soon after the announcement of seat sharing among NDA constituents, Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) patron and union Minister Jeetan Ram Manjhi today said he was satisfied with the number of seats allotted to his party to contest the upcoming Bihar assembly elections. Manjhi told reporters HAM was allotted six seats as per the final seat-sharing arrangement. He had no grievances over the allocation and affirmed his full faith in the leadership of the NDA. “In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, our party was allotted only one seat to contest during seat sharing, but even then, I was not annoyed,” Manjhi said. He asserted that NDA was set to form the government under the leadership of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

HAM had earlier demanded at least 15 seats, stating that victories in eight seats were needed to secure the status of a recognised party from the Election Commission. Currently, the party is listed as a registered party in the Election Commission records, he noted.

On the other hand, former Bihar BJP president and MP Sanjay Jaiswal said all NDA workers would now work hard to ensure the formation of an NDA government with a “thumping majority.”

Bihar JD(U) president Umesh Kushwaha added that NDA would form the government again under Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and called for focused efforts to achieve the target of 225 seats in the polls.

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
E-Tender Notice No.:06-2025-GSU-Elect-G
CPM. Gati Shakti, Central Railway, Solapur on behalf of the president of India Invites E-tender from the reputed firms / Contractor for the following work. 01. Name of work : Electrical General services portion of work in connection with provision of new pit line at Kalaburgi station. (Re-invitation). 02. Approximate cost of work : Rs. 1,76,96,884.34, 03. Earnest Money : Rs. 2,38,500.00, 04. Completion period of the work : 12 (Twelve) Months, 05. Maintenance Period : 12 (Twelve) months from the date of commissioning/taking over of the installation. 06. Last Date and time for submission for tender on www.ireps.gov.in website : 03.11.2025 up to 15.00 hrs. 07. Date and time of opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in : 03.11.2025 after 15.30 hrs. 08. Website particulars : www.ireps.gov.in, 09. Note : The Prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any change/corrigendum issued for this tender website www.ireps.gov.in. [ANJ-63]
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CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
ELECTRICAL WORK
The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, General, Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of the President of India Invites online e-tenders on Railways e-procurement website www.ireps.gov.in from reputed, experienced & Licensed Electrical contractors for the following works. Tender No. SUR/L/7/2025/19. Name of work: Repair and Maintenance schedule A, B, C & D check including Escorting of Power cars of GREAVES Make DA set fitted in power cars of LHB trains of Solapur Division for one year. Estimated cost : ₹ 2,38,36,132.28/-, Bid Security: ₹ 2,69,200/-, Completion Period: 12 Months, Validity of offer: 60 Days. Tender No. SUR/L/7/2025/20. Name of work: Repair and Maintenance schedule A, B, C and D check including Escorting of Power cars of CUMMINS Make DA set fitted in power cars of LHB trains of Solapur Division for one year. Estimated cost: ₹ 2,69,12,365.91/-, Bid Security: ₹ 2,84,600/-, Completion Period: 12 Months, Validity of offer : 60 Days, Date & time of tenders closing on website: 03/11/2025 at 15.00 hours, Bid Security cost shall be paid through e-payment on www.ireps.gov.in website. [ANJ-64]
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Railway Protection Force Participates in Vedanta Half Marathon 2025 in New Delhi



(Standard Post Bureau)
Hyderabad, Oct 12 : RPF Contingent’s Theme “Operation NARCOS: RPF Against Drug Trafficking” Highlights the Force’s Sustained Efforts to Raise Awareness Among Youth Against Drug Abuse, Curb Drug Trafficking Through the Railway Network, and Build a Drug-Free Society
Posted On: 12 OCT 2025 4:28PM by PIB Delhi
The Railway Protection Force (RPF) participated in the Vedanta Half Marathon 2025, held today at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. A contingent

comprising 26 personnel of different ranks, including 5 women officials, represented the Force in this prestigious event under the guidance of Ms. Sonali Mishra, IPS, Director General, RPF. The RPF team was led by Smt. Kamaljit Brar, IG/Construction/ Northern Railway.
The participation of RPF in such events reflects its commitment to promoting physical fitness, discipline, and social responsibility among its personnel.
The theme of the RPF contingent for Vedanta Half Marathon 2025 was

“Operation NARCOS: RPF Against Drug Trafficking.” The theme underscores the RPF’s sustained efforts to raise awareness among youth against drug abuse, curb drug trafficking through the railway network and contribute towards building a drug-free society.
The RPF remains steadfast in its mission to ensure the safety, security and wellbeing of passengers, while continuing to uphold its role as a socially responsible force dedicated to advancing national objectives.

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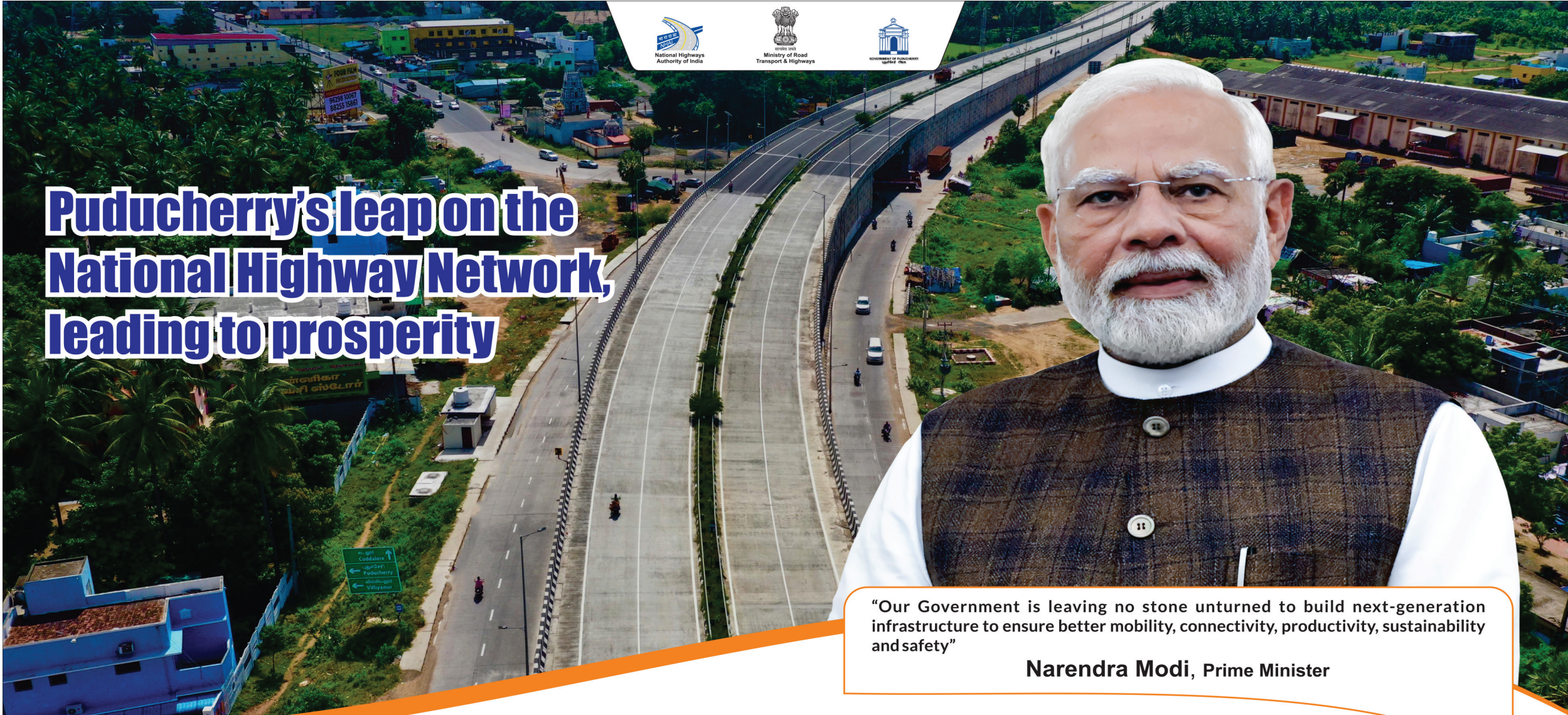
benefit countless youngsters.” The meeting underscores the government’s commitment to promoting sports and nurturing young talent in India. With Indian archers achieving success on the global stage, initiatives like those of Upasana and Anil Kamineni are expected to inspire more youth to take up archery, contributing to the sport’s growth and development.

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., EVERSHINE 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/-

Adv. SankpalPravinGulab
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Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways

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Union MoS for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs

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STANDARD POST

When misplaced outrage overshadows real oppression

The Afghan Embassy did a surprising course correction after facing backlash for the exclusion of women journalists from media interaction in New Delhi.

It could have been because of the pressure from the hosting country, or it may have been to show a 'humane face' before the international glare in the wake of facing aggression from Pakistan. The change enforced by the evolving situation, however, does not change the truth -- the Taliban do not like the very concept of freedom for women.

This is a country where women are routinely discriminated against -- even during moments of catastrophe. Against this grim backdrop, barring women journalists from a diplomatic event on October 11 in New Delhi seemed like a small, predictable extension of a much larger and cruel ideology.

Yet, in India, the controversy took an unexpected turn. Rather than directing outrage at the Taliban's misogynistic policies, several politicians used the incident as a weapon to attack the Modi government, turning a human rights issue into a political skirmish.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was among the first to demand answers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She accused the government of allowing such discrimination to occur on Indian soil and failing to defend women's rights.

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra went further, asking why the press conference was permitted at all. "You talk about Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, about women's empowerment and dignity," she said, "and yet you roll out a red carpet for a delegation that disrespects women."

The criticism was fierce. The Ministry of External Affairs clarified that the Afghan Consul General's office in Mumbai handled the invitations independently. The embassy premises are in Afghan territory and therefore not under Indian jurisdiction.

Despite this clarification, the controversy refused to die down. Opposition leaders continued to attack the Centre, missing the deeper issue -- the ongoing and systematic oppression of women under Taliban rule.

Since seizing power in 2021, the Taliban have stripped Afghan women of nearly every basic right. Girls over the age of 12 are forbidden from attending school, women are barred from most employment, and even those working in humanitarian organisations have been ordered to stay home.

Books by female authors have been removed from university libraries. Women are not allowed to visit parks, gyms, or even public baths. They cannot travel long distances without a male guardian. Every aspect of daily life has been reduced to a rigid set of restrictions justified through the Taliban's narrow interpretation of Sharia law.

The results are catastrophic, particularly in times of disaster. When devastating earthquakes struck Afghanistan's Herat province in 2023, or the recent one in September, killing thousands, women bore a disproportionate share of the suffering.

In deeply conservative areas, rescue efforts stalled because men hesitated to offer help to women in times of distress. Aid workers reported that food and medical supplies were distributed first to men, while women went without. Some women who lost their families were prevented from living alone in tents because that violated Taliban rules. The same regime that claims to "protect women's honour" leaves them to die unattended in rubble.

International organisations have also sounded repeated alarms over the restrictions on Afghan women and girls. The United Nations Human Rights Council, in its July 2024 report, described the situation as "grave, worsening, widespread, and systematic oppression".

It urged the Taliban to reverse policies that exclude females from education, employment, and public life. But the Taliban remain unmoved, insisting they are upholding "Islamic values" and "Afghan culture".

Ironically, while global outrage focuses on the Taliban's brutality, in India, the press conference incident has become a tool for domestic political point-scoring. Instead of rallying together to condemn the Taliban's medieval mindset, many opposition leaders have chosen to criticise the Modi government.

Rahul Gandhi, the Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition, took a direct aim at the Prime Minister, writing on his X handle, "When you allow the exclusion of women journalists from a public forum, you are telling every woman in India that you are too weak to stand up for them. In our country, women have the right to equal participation in every space. Your silence in the face of such discrimination exposes the emptiness of your slogans on Nari Shakti."

He made it look as if the Indian government did this -- a diversion that risks diluting the moral message. The debate, Rahul Gandhi and his supporters have tried to shift from who is committing the injustice to who is to blame for hosting them!

The Opposition leaders in India may have found a critical point in the October 11 no-women-allowed presser in the Afghan Embassy, but the answer has also been given in the Sunday event, which sources said happened with a nudge from the MEA.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Inspects New, State-of-the-Art Yatri Suvidha Kendra at New Delhi Railway Station, Designed to Accommodate Approximately 7,000 Passengers

(Standard Post Bureau)

In a significant boost to passenger experience at one of the country's busiest terminals, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw today inspected the newly constructed Yatri Suvidha Kendra (Permanent Holding Area) at New Delhi Railway Station (NDLS). The center is designed to accommodate approximately 7,000 passengers at any given time, dramatically enhancing pre-boarding comfort and flow.

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "The newly developed state of the art Yatri Suvidha Kendra will provide comfort to passengers during festival season as there is a surge in the passenger volume. Yatri Suvidha Kendra like this shall be developed at other stations in the country." The new Yatri Suvidha Kendra is strategically divided into three zones to streamline passenger movement, a Ticketing area spanning 2,860 sqm, a Post Ticketing area of 1,150 sqm, and a Pre Ticketing area covering 1,218 sqm. This spatial separation is designed to reduce congestion and improve passenger comfort across the terminal's main entrance. Northern Railway has equipped the Kendra with comprehensive, modern amenities to ensure passenger convenience and security.

Key Features:

Ticketing: 22 modern ticketing counters and 25 Automatic Ticket Vending



Machines (ATVMs).

Capacity & Comfort: Seating capacity for 200 passengers and 18 High

Volume Low Speed (HVLS) Fans for efficient cooling. **Sanitation & Water:** A dedicated toilet

block built over 652 sqm, along with an RO-based drinking water system.

Information & Safety:

information displays, and 7 units of modern fire-fighting system.

Security: State-of-the-art security measures including 18 CCTV cameras, 5 luggage scanners, and 5 Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMD).

Northern Railway successfully navigated several complex challenges during the construction, including the necessary demolition and shifting of existing structures such as ATMs, a Delhi Police cabin, and hoarding boards.

Furthermore, the sensitive relocation of essential utilities like water lines, drainage systems, and OFC cables was executed without disruption to daily operations.

In parallel, an essential infrastructure upgrade was completed with the extension of Foot Over Bridge 1 (FOB 1). This extension ensures that passengers de-boarding trains at NDLS can now directly exit towards the Metro Station, significantly improving multimodal connectivity and reducing platform congestion. The Union Minister was accompanied by Shri Satish Kumar, Chairman and CEO Railway Board; Shri Ashok Kumar Verma, General Manager Northern Railway, and other senior Railway officials, who provided a detailed briefing on the facility's planning and execution. The inspection underscored the Railway Ministry's commitment to modernizing crucial infrastructure and ensuring world-class facilities for commuters.

A robust passenger announcement system with 24 speakers, three LED electronic train

Magicbricks' Home Interiors Mega Expo in Hyderabad Draws Strong Homeowner Response



(Standard Post Bureau)

Magicbricks successfully hosted the Home Interiors Mega Expo in Hyderabad, which witnessed an overwhelming response from homeowners, design enthusiasts, and industry professionals. The event brought together some of India's most trusted and emerging interior brands—including Homelane, Homelane Luxe, Interior Plus, Livin Interior, Dream Modular, Design Innovation, HomeWiz Interiors, Disha Interior, Stails Kitchens—under one roof,

showcasing a diverse range of modular, décor, and smart home solutions.

The expo that took place on October 11, served as a comprehensive platform for homeowners to explore new trends, compare design possibilities, and interact directly with brand experts. From modular kitchens and wardrobes to furnishings and automation technologies, the event highlighted the city's growing appetite for functional, storage-led, and design-forward interiors.

According to Magicbricks' insights, Hyderabad has emerged as one of India's most design-conscious cities, with strong demand from homeowners in the INR 5–8 lakh range opting for Full Home Design (FHD) solutions. Living and dining spaces are seeing notable upgrades, now accounting for nearly 20% of total interior spending, reflecting a rising preference for aesthetic, social, and host-ready homes.

Speaking about the success of the event, Sudhir Pai, CEO

Magicbricks said, "The response from Hyderabad has been very encouraging. Following successful expos in Bengaluru, we are pleased to see similar engagement here. At MagicInteriors, our focus is on enabling consumers to make informed decisions by exploring reliable interior brands, evaluating the best options and prices, and ensuring a smooth experience. The Home Interiors Mega Expo effectively connected people with innovative and practical brands that enhance modern living."

Jairam Ramesh warns of 'systematic erosion' of RTI Act, says govt undermining transparency

New Delhi, Oct 12 (UNI) Congress leader Jairam Ramesh today issued a stark warning about the "gradual erosion" of India's landmark Right to Information (RTI) Act, accusing the current government of systematically weakening this critical pillar of transparency and accountability.

Speaking at a press conference marking 20 years since the RTI Act's full implementation, Ramesh recalled the transformative impact of the law on governance and citizen empowerment.. "Exactly 20 years ago today, the historic RTI Act came into full effect, ushering in a new era of citizen empowerment and transparency," he said.

Placing the RTI in the broader reform wave of 2005–2013, Ramesh highlighted that the period saw the enactment of several rights-based legislations on rural employment, forest rights, education, food security, and land acquisition — all aimed at empowering marginalized citizens and deepening democracy.

However, Ramesh lamented, "Since May 2014, we have witnessed a deliberate and continuous effort to dilute these rights." He singled out the July 2019 amendments to the RTI Act, which were "forcibly pushed through Parliament." "I opposed these changes in the Rajya Sabha and challenged them in the Supreme Court, but the petition has languished for six years," he added.

Further setbacks, he noted, came with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act passed in August 2023. "I warned the concerned minister in March 2025 that this law would render the RTI Act even more irrelevant," Ramesh said.

The current state of the Central Information Commission (CIC) also drew sharp criticism. "The CIC is functioning with only two commissioners, with nine posts—including that of the Chief Information Commissioner—lying vacant for over 15 months," said Ramesh. "For the Modi government, RTI now stands for 'Readiness To Intimidate'—a readiness to intimidate those demanding transparency."

Beauty

Madonna is over fifty, has delivered two kids and still continues to give every twenty-five year old model a run for her money. The secret lies in coconut which has been easily accessible to us but we never really learnt its multiple beauty benefits. Coconut is a nature's gift which is packed with the "Magical Laurites".

Use it as a Foundation Primer: All you make up addicts will agree that a perfect make up is never complete without a primer. Did you know coconut oil works as the perfect primer for a foundation? Simply dab some on your face, let it soak in and then apply your tinted moisturizer or foundation. You will notice how much smoother and longer your makeup stays on. You can also dab some coconut oil on your cheekbone to highlight them and you are sure to sparkle!

Lovely locks that you can flaunt:

Using coconut oil regularly not only enhances the beauty of your hair, but also keeps them ultra- soft & smooth. It also constantly repairs damage and protects them from the polluted environment. The magical Laurites gives your hair everything it needs. It binds the hair proteins and holds them giving you stronger, shinier and healthier hair. It also helps reduce frizz and repairs split ends faster and works wonders for your hair.

Your skin will love it too:

If you love your skin, then you know that moisturizing is the key. Coconut Oil is a natural moisturizer which keeps your skin hydrated and protects from pollution and the changing weather. Use of coconut cleanses and neutralizes the toxins, which not only detoxifies but also builds the skin's natural immune system. Even Gwyneth Paltrow claims to regularly use coconut oil to moisturize her skin after a shower.

Oil Pulling for that clear and luminous skin:

Swishing coconut oil around in your mouth for 20 minutes a day will help to detoxify your body, cure headaches, avoid acidity and whiten the teeth. 'Oil pulling' is an age-old tradition in India that cleanses your system from within. Hollywood diva, Angelina Jolie has been known to start her day with little more than a spoonful of coconut oil and a handful of cereal to keep that glowing and younger looking skin. Now you know why she still looks so fabulous with every passing year.

Apply for a Silky Smooth Shaving

Cream:

Who said shaving cream has to lather? Use coconut oil as a base to get a closer shave that leaves your skin smooth and supple instead of leaving your skin dry, patchy and a lot of times with bruises too.

Make a Body Scrub:

If you are a DIY (Do It Yourself) experimentalist, then coconut oil is a vanity essential for your kit! Here's what you can do to get that luminous skin - Mix half a cup of coconut oil with granulated sugar and apply the concoction for exfoliation. You will notice the magical glow on your skin immediately and you are all set for a special evening with your boyfriend.

Also doubles up as a Makeup Remover:

Even the most resistant waterproof mascara does not stand a chance against coconut oil. Apply it directly to the face as an oil cleanser or let it sit on your skin with a

cotton pad. Your makeup is sure to melt away. The 'Magical Laurites' lifts the dirt and bacteria from deep within the skin leaving it feeling fresh. This is a trick you can even share with your BFFs.

Rub some coconut oil for Softening Cuticles:

Have you ever wondered why your grandmother still continues to rub few drops of coconut oil on her palms and hands before she goes to bed. If you wash your hands often or your cuticles just need a little extra tender care, apply coconut oil to your fingers twice daily to keep them soft, supple and nourished. You can make out the difference in just a few days.

Dab it as Under-Eye Cream:

Don't want to spend and experiment with plethora of under eye creams and serums present in the market? Apply some coconut oil enriched with vitamin E and packed with to cure the under-eye bags and fine lines. It's light enough for the most delicate skin on your face. Coconut oil is packed with antioxidants that helps fade and reduce the appearance of dark spots. Women whose skin is sensitive to creams and serums should definitely use coconut oil.

Tips for soft and luscious Pink lips

Pollution, smoking, cosmetics and over-exposure to sun are some of the factors that cause darkening of lips. In fact, hormonal imbalances also make your lips look darker. Here are a few tips that will help you in regaining the luscious pink colour of your lips:

Scrub your lips: Exfoliating your lips is an absolute must. Use a mixture of one tablespoon each of honey and baking soda. Leave the mixture on your lips for 10 minutes before washing it off with warm water.

Use a lip pack: Take one tablespoon of sugar and mix it with half a tablespoon of water. Gently scrub your lips with this mix to remove dead cells and then leave it on for five minutes to brighten the natural colour of your lips.

Lip toner: Use lemon juice for this. Take five

drops of lemon juice and mix it with one drop of glycerine. As the last thing before going to bed, dab this mix on your lips, let it dry for 15 minutes, rinse with cold water. Your lips will become soft, supple and will get a healthy sheen.



Beauty tips to hide a hangover

If you've gone all-night partying mid-week and have to report to work the next day, here are a few tips that will conceal all the signs of a hangover!

-Since alcohol dehydrates the body, you need to keep drinking plenty of water to rehydrate yourself. Dehydration will cause your skin to look dry, so the first tip is to drink plenty of fluid, to get that glow back on your face.

-Before you apply any make-up on, use a thick moisturiser on your face. This will pamper your skin and keep it healthy.

-If your eyes have become puffy due to lack of sleep, apply cold teabags on it. You can also try cucumber pieces or wrap some ice in a cloth and use it on your eyes for ten to fifteen minutes. This will help reduce any swelling around the eyes and make you look fresher.

Strobing is the new contouring

Master the art of getting a glowing, sculpted face with one simple technique that is popular online.

sites have already come up with filters to support strobing.

Step 1: Start by applying a hydrating moisturiser and eye cream.

Step 2: You need to even out the skin first before you try to enhance it with a glow. So apply a generous layer of light foundation with a dual-fibre brush. Optionally, you can use BB cream.



Can't quite master the art of contouring makeup for sculpted cheekbones? It's time to ditch those pricey makeup palettes that come with too many colour options and instead pick up one simple highlighter that'll do all the work for you. Called strobing, this new technique is all about stripping down your skills to just focus on where the natural light hits you. Apply highlighter there to really amplify it, and you have a glowing, sculpted face. The technique borrows its name from actual strobe lights, because Kim Kardashian started using it to illuminate up her selfies on social media. Naturally, online photo-sharing

Step 3: Apply a concealer a shade lighter than your skin to accentuate your spotlight areas (undereyes, chin, forehead and nose). Dot the areas you want to highlight so it's not too heavy.

Step 4: Blend with a flat kabuki brush. Sponges or beauty blenders press things on and keep (makeup) on longer, but you should go for a luminous and natural look. Blend the concealer into the foundation so there's no demarcation.

Step 5: Apply a translucent powder to set the makeup. In areas that the concealer runs (like under the eyes), push the powder into the skin gently.

Don't let rain ruin your Beauty



Spas and salons are stress-busters, and act as our go-to destination to rejuvenate giving a refreshed look. Although home remedies are convenient, a visit to a salon has a lasting effect. From basic clean-ups to advanced skin therapeutic facials, salons offer a wider range of solutions for every type of skin. Particularly for the monsoon season, one can indulge in facials to refresh their mind, body and soul.

As the rain pours in, here's what you can do:

1. Get funky with your hair color this monsoon season, get the ombre look or highlight outstanding features of your hair with full head highlights or colour stripping treatments.
2. Gone are the days of manicure and pedicure, brighten up your gloomy day with vibrant nail art.
3. During monsoons the hair becomes limp and loses its sheen, a trip to the salon for a protein restore treatment will never leave

you disappointed! Tame your tresses with nature's gift of essential oils, and oil massages.

4. Keep your make-up to a minimum; we all know the monsoon season welcomes a very damp and humid atmosphere and frequent downpours accelerate oil-secretion, using non-greasy and light, make-up provides a clean matte finish, always opt for waterproof brands.

- You can also, catch up on some home remedies to get the last minute salon look!

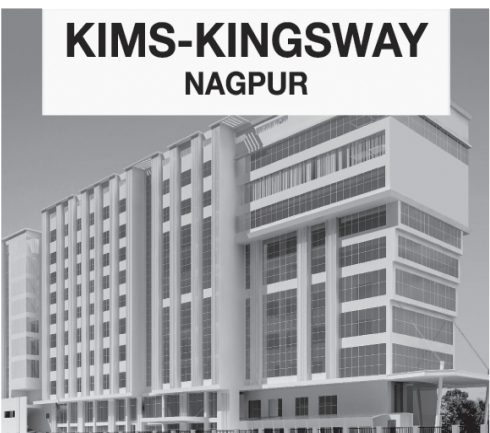
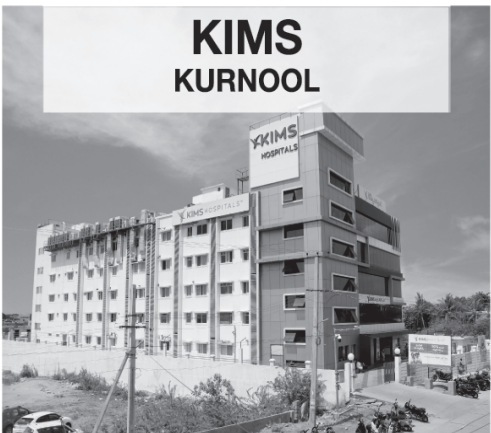
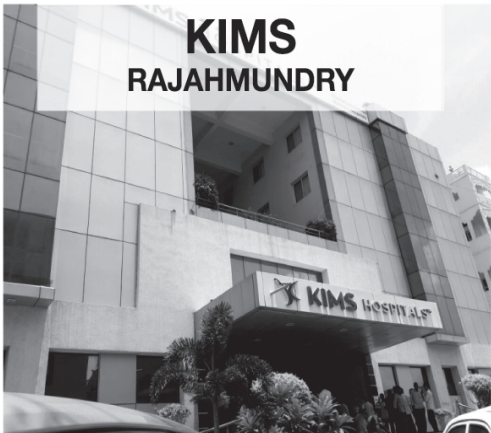
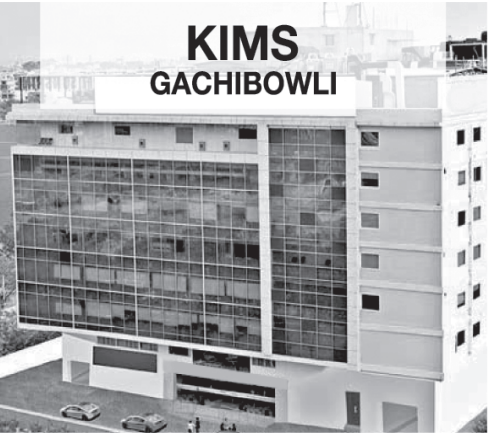
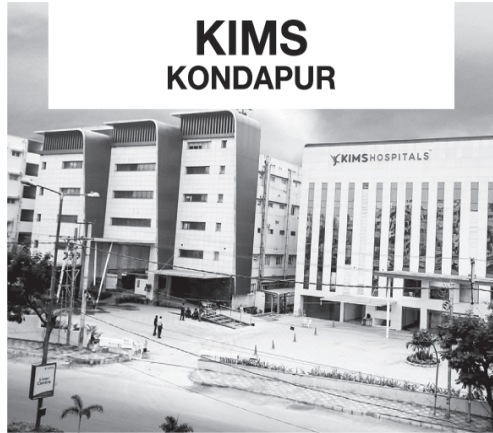
Match the matte: Papaya works as a great de-tanner; curd clears blemishes; aloe vera soothes the skin; and lavender boosts rejuvenation.

Eliminate the roughness: Take some almond paste, mix this with some milk to make a smooth and thick paste. You can also mix almond oil with milk cream (malai) to make a winter face pack. Apply the pack to get a smooth and flawless skin.

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Kuldeep's spin gives India edge: Doeschate

New Delhi, Oct 12 (UNI) : India assistant coach Ten Doeschate today highlighted the decisive role of Kuldeep Yadav's mystery spin in India's ongoing second Test against West Indies, describing it as a key factor in challenging conditions on a deteriorating pitch.

Speaking at stumps, Doeschate said the slowing wicket required bowlers to adapt constantly. "You have to fire the ball in, but then there's less chance of spinning. It was quite a tricky afternoon," he noted, praising West Indies batsmen like John Campbell for their skillful counterplay. Despite this, he emphasised that Kuldeep's variations kept the opposition under pressure.

"The difference with Kuldeep is he's not the easiest to pick. That element of danger makes him effective compared to other spinners," Doeschate said. He explained that

Kuldeep's accuracy, ability to spin both ways, and use of small but critical margins helped India take key wickets, even on an unresponsive surface.

Doeschate also highlighted that India's strategy balances match-winning goals with player development. Tactical decisions—such as bowling rotations, limited use of pace bowlers, and adjusting the batting order, were made to maximise the effectiveness of key players like Kuldeep, while giving opportunities to young talents.He praised the team culture, noting Shubman's leadership, the contributions of experienced players like Ravindra Jadeja, and the focus on playing for the team first. "Hopefully we come in tomorrow and put a clinical performance in on the back of a very tough session," Doeschate said, underscoring the team's intent to capitalize on Kuldeep's impact in the final stages.

Raiza, Bhavtegh miss finals as USA win Skeet golds

New Delhi, Oct 12 (UNI) : Bhavtegh Singh Gill and Olympian Raiza Dhillon missed out on finals qualification as the skeet events at the ISSF World Championship Shotgun 2025 concluded at the Malakasa Shooting Range in Athens, Greece, on Sunday (Oct 12). The day belonged to the United States, as World No.1 Samantha Simonton and four-time Olympic champion Vincent Hancock claimed the women's and men's skeet world championship respectively, leading to a remarkable clean sweep of all four skeet gold medals for Team USA, with the men and women team golds also going to them.

In the women's skeet final, Simonton shot 57 to take gold ahead of Mexico's Gabriela Rodriguez, who secured silver with 54 hits, while Sweden's Victoria Larsson clinched bronze with 44.

Earlier in qualification, Simonton had topped the field with 122 hits, followed by Rodriguez on 120 (8 in shoot-off) and Larsson, who claimed the sixth and final qualification spot with 119 (3), edging out veteran Kimberly Rhode and Slovakia's Vanesa Hockova.

Among the Indians, Raiza Dhillon finished 16th with a total of 116 hits (23, 22, 24, 22, 25), while Parinaaz Dhaliwal (21, 23, 22, 21, 23) and Ganemat Sekhon (21, 22, 24, 21, 22) finished 44th and 47th respectively with 110 hits each.

In the women's team event, the American trio of Samantha Simonton, Kimberly Rhode, and Dania Jo Vizzi (15th individually) clinched gold with a combined score of 358. Cyprus (349) took silver, Slovakia (348) secured bronze, and India finished eighth with 336.

Rajputana Royals crowned champions of the inaugural Archery Premier League

New Delhi, Oct 12 (UNI) : The inaugural Archery Premier League (APL) saved its best for the last as the final between the Rajputana Royals and the Prithviraaj Yodhas produced an edge-of-the-seat thriller, at the end of which the Royals held their nerves to not just storm back into the title clash but also win it in a shootout to be crowned the APL champions.It boiled down to a hit-and-miss match in the tiebreaking shootout in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister, Rekha Gupta, where the two most consistent Royals' compound archers – Ojas Deotale and Ella Gibson – hit the target, while none of the four Yodhas' players found the yellow dot.

But the Yodhas can

hold their heads high, not just for giving Royals a tough fight but for also becoming the first APL team to register a perfect rotation of eight arrows in a set, scoring a perfect 80 with all 10. But still it didn't turn out to be enough despite taking a 4-2 lead, headed by their in-form senior compound archer, Abhishek Verma, who teamed up with Matias Grande, Gatha Khadake and Andrea Becerra.

For the Royals, recurvers Mete Gazoz and Ankita Bhakat partnered Gibson and Deotale to help their team lift the trophy, having lost just once in 12 matches on their way to winning the title.The drama started in the first set itself, which ended with one of Khadake's arrow getting



Kenya's Alex Matata, center, Ethiopia's Boyelign Teshager, right, and the former's compatriot James Kipkogei after finishing first, second and third respectively in the men's elite overall category race at the 'Delhi Half Marathon', in New Delhi on Sunday.

Ahmedabad Defenders register sensational comeback win over Hyderabad Black Hawks

Hyderabad, Oct 12 (UNI) Ahmedabad Defenders scripted an unforgettable comeback win in the RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League powered by Scapia at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, Hyderabad on Sunday, defeating the hosts Hyderabad Black Hawks 9-15, 7-15, 15-9, 15-11, 15-8. Battur Batsuuri was named the Player of the Match.

While Hyderabad dominated in the first half of the game, the hosts lost steam midway through the

game, and Ahmedabad fought back hard to claim a win.

With Guru Prashanth back in the starting line-up for the Hawks, Hyderabad made their attacking intentions clear. Vitor Yudi Yamamoto and Niyas Abdul Salam tested the Hawks' defence. The hosts dominated the middle zone with John Joseph and Shikhar Singh early on.

Setter Preet Karan took center stage, improving the overall passing of the side. Sahil Kumar's super serve

caught Ahmedabad off guard, and the Hawks took control of the game.

Running out of options, Ahmedabad Defenders captain and setter Muthusamy Appavu looked towards left-handed Universal Harsh Chaudhary and brought him into the fold. The youngster opened up the doors for a comeback for his side with a sensational super serve.

Batsuuri found his rhythm at the right time as he started troubling

Hyderabad's defence. Akhin and Abhinav made impressive blocks as the momentum began to swing towards Ahmedabad. Harsh made his second super serve of the night to push the game to the fifth set.

Harsh's magic with the serve continued in the final set as he made another super serve to silence the home crowd. Batsuuri's powerful spikes proved too hot to tackle, and Ahmedabad registered a sensational comeback win.

Campbell, Hope stage brave fightback in Delhi

New Delhi, Oct 12 (UNI) : After a bruising morning that left them reeling, the West Indies roared back in the evening with fire and resolve, reaching 173 for 2 by stumps in their second innings as John Campbell's unbeaten 87 and Shai Hope's composed 66 reminded everyone that when Caribbean batsmen trust their instincts, even India's finest must wait their turn. It all started ugly — 35 for 2 at tea, the same old story brewing. But something changed after the break. Campbell and Hope, two men under pressure, decided to fight fire with timing, placement, and a touch of Caribbean swagger. From the moment

Hope got down on one knee to slog-sweep Washington Sundar into the stands at midwicket, fans knew this wasn't going to be another collapse.

Campbell, calm and clever, picked his moments. He danced down to Kuldeep Yadav and lofted him straight for his first fifty of the series — the first by any West Indian in this entire contest. Then came that brutal sweep through square leg, the kind that makes bowlers question their line, length, and life choices.Jadeja and Kuldeep kept teasing, but Campbell just kept finding gaps — square drives, sweeps, and that lovely nudge to bring up 100 for

the side.Hope, on the other hand, looked a different player altogether — controlled, stylish, and finally enjoying himself. He punched Sundar through covers, cut him behind point, and when Kuldeep floated one up, he simply launched him over long-on for six. Fans could almost see the weight lift off his shoulders when he reached fifty with a classy drive through cover (41.2). His teammates rose to their feet; it was that kind of moment.And, the DRS drama added spice. Campbell survived twice — Sundar thought he had him trapped, but technology said "Not today." Even umpire Illingworth had a

wry smile as the Indians reviewed and reviewed again, but the left-hander stood firm. It was gutsy batting under pressure, and it told India they weren't going to roll over this time.

Kuldeep, the hero of the morning with five wickets, looked less menacing now. Bumrah, brought back to restore order, was steered and flicked for back-to-back boundaries. The 100-run stand came quietly, but it meant everything. By the time Campbell and Hope were walking off, shoulders high, the West Indies dressing room was buzzing again — the fight was back.

West Indies were struggling at 35 for 2 in their second innings at tea after

a brutal morning that saw their first innings collapse for 248.

Kuldeep was the star of the session, spinning a web around the visitors with a five-wicket haul marked by flight, dip, and control, while Mohammad Siraj, Jasprit Bumrah, Washington Sundar, and Ravindra Jadeja offered relentless support. The pace and spin combination left West Indies clueless, with only brief resistance from Khary Pierre and Jayden Seales.

In their second innings, early wickets of Teginarine Chanderpaul and Alick Athanaze pushed the visitors deeper into trouble. India are miles ahead,

having declared on 518 for 5 and knocked over the tourists for 248. But this evening session wasn't about the scoreboard; it was about pride. It was about Campbell's fire and Hope's calm, about refusing to bow down.

Tomorrow, they'll walk out again. The pitch will spin, India will sniff blood — but for now, West Indies can say with their chins up: "We're still in this, boss."

Scores at Stumps (Day 3):
India 1st Innings: 518/5 decl
West Indies 1st Innings: 248 all out (Kuldeep Yadav 5/82)
West Indies 2nd Innings: 173/2 in 49 overs (John Campbell 87*, Shai Hope 66*)

Smriti Mandhana, Pratika guide India to 330

Visakhapatnam, Oct 12 (UNI) : Smriti Mandhana and Pratika Rawal produced a sensational opening stand to propel India Women to a commanding 330 for 10 in 48.5 overs against Australia Women in the 13th league match of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium here today.

The duo stitched a 155-run partnership, setting the tone for India's innings. Mandhana scored a fluent 80 off 66 balls with nine boundaries and three sixes, while Pratika contributed a steady 75 from 96 deliveries, showcasing impeccable timing and aggressive stroke play.

India's middle order added valuable runs with Harleen Deol (38), Harmanpreet Kaur (22), Jemimah Rodrigues (33), and Richa Ghosh (32), maintaining momentum

before a late collapse saw five wickets fall for 36 runs in the final overs. Annabel Sutherland (5/40) and Sophie Molineux (3/75) led the Australian attack, putting pressure on the lower order.Australia's pacers Megan Schutt (1/37) and Ashleigh Gardner (1/40) also chipped in, but India's opening partnership had already laid a solid foundation. Extras contributed 24 runs,

including 13 wides and 5 penalty runs, boosting the total further.Earlier, Australian women had won the toss and opted to bowl, hoping to exploit the conditions, but Mandhana and Pratika's dominance left the visitors chasing shadows.India now look to defend their imposing total with their spin duo Deepti Sharma and Sneh Rana likely to play a crucial role on a surface expected to assist turn.

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Vande Bharat express Trains enhanced facilities for Divyangjan

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Mumbai, Oct 12 : In a significant step towards fostering inclusive and accessible transportation, Indian Railways has introduced a wide range of state-of-the-art facilities for Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) aboard the Vande Bharat Express trains. These enhancements are aimed at ensuring a safe, dignified, and comfortable travel experience for all passengers, reaffirming Indian Railways’ unwavering commitment to universal accessibility and passenger convenience.

According to press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, Vande Bharat Express running between Mumbai Central and Gandhinagar exemplifies these thoughtful measures to facilitate smooth boarding and deboarding for divyangjan passenger. A sloping assembly has been provided for passengers using wheelchairs with Divyangjan logos displayed on the designated doors for easy identifications.

This train is equipped with automatic doors that opens and closes seamlessly to aid divyangjan passengers. A gentle incline has been integrated to ensure ease of access and comfort for wheelchair users. To make access easier, portable



ramps are available in designated coaches ensuring effortless wheelchair movement. In addition, special seating areas with extra surrounding space have been created, identified by the Divyangjan logo on the coach side wall. Wheelchair parking spaces with handrails is available for

stability and safety during travel. Stickers and signage are marked clearly for easy identification and convenience.

Mr Vineet further added that, to assist visually impaired passengers, Braille signage has been installed at vital points such as seat numbers, coach entrance and

lavatories facilitating independent mobility and comfort.

With these comprehensive upgrades, Indian Railways is not only advancing accessibility but also reinforcing its vision of a barrier - free inclusive and dignified travel for all. The Mumbai Central - Gandhinagar Vande Bharat Express stands as a proud achievement of Western Railway. It serves as a shining example of progress, innovation, and inclusivity on the national rail network.

Through such initiatives, Indian Railways continues to redefine standards in modern rail travel by integrating speed, comfort and inclusivity ensuring that every journey is not just efficient, but also equitable and respectful of the needs of all passengers.

Mumbai Division of Central Railway conducts Seminar on the theme “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility”

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Mumbai, Oct 12 : 'Vigilance Awareness campaign-2025' is being observed across Indian Railways. In the line with this, a Vigilance seminar on the theme “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility” was organised by Mumbai Division of Central Railway on 9th Oct 2025, in association with Vigilance Department, Central Railway, Mumbai. “Addressing the gathering, Shri Neeraj Kumar Dohare, Senior Deputy General Manager (SDGM) and Chief Vigilance Officer, Central Railway emphasized the importance of maintaining personal and professional integrity, adherence to rules and commitment to transparency. He also guided the participants on various Railway rules and codes and transparent working practices essential for ensuring vigilance in day-to-day functioning.

During the seminar, the Deputy Chief Vigilance Officers provided detailed guidance & information in curbing corruption. They also highlighted case studies and guided Officers to adopt a corruption-free and integrity driven work culture. A quiz competition on the Railways Code of Conduct was also organised and Officers & staff who provided correct answers were appreciated and awarded prizes, reinforcing the importance

of knowledge and awareness in maintaining ethical standards. The seminar was attended by Shri. Hiresh Mina, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Division; Shri. Tarun kumar, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infra & Admin) Mumbai Division; Shri. Mangilal L.Vishnoi, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (OP & Safety) Mumbai Division; Shri. Pradeep S Pol, Chief Vigilance Officer (Engineering & Medical) Central Railway; all Vigilance Officers and other Officers from Parel, Matunga and Byculla workshop along-with all Branch Officers of Mumbai Division and staff of Mumbai Division also participated actively. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri. Manish Singh, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, Mumbai Division who lauded the efforts of the Vigilance Department and encouraged all staff to imbibe vigilance as a collective responsibility. Through such initiatives, Mumbai Division of Central Railway reiterates its commitment towards transparent accountability and building a corruption free Railway system.

will also extend support to *students, teachers, research teams, and organizations, offering them access to cutting-edge technology resources, mentorship, and real-world project opportunities.

Speaking on the launch, Rannjit Maayengbam, MD & Chairman of 3CITS, said: This Centre of Excellence is not just about technology—it’s about creating opportunities. I’ve been fortunate to receive guidance and education from humble beginnings in Manipur, and now it’s my turn to support students, teachers, and innovators who will drive India’s digital future. Our partnership with AMD reinforces our vision to deliver high-performance, future-ready solutions that create lasting value for society.

The initiative marks a significant milestone in (3CITS).“ Growth journey, strengthening India’s technology ecosystem while bridging the gap between academic excellence and industrial innovation. It represents a proud moment for Manipur and the North-East, as one of its own leads, a transformative step in India’s digital advancement.

innovation-led, customer-centric IT and telecom solutions.

Mr Ranjit is also one of the Founding Members of AMAND (Association of Manipuri Diaspora), Pune.

Continuing his mission to give back to society, Ranjit Mayengbam announced the launch of Maharashtra’s first AMD Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Pune, in collaboration with global technology leader AMD.

The 3CITS–AMD Centre of Excellence will serve as a hub for innovation, research, and advanced technology enablement, focusing on AI, high-performance computing, and next-generation digital infrastructure. The centre

Excellence.

From the humble beginnings of a farmer’s family in Manipur to leading a publicly listed IT company, Rannjit Mayengbam, Managing Director and Chairman of 3C IT Solutions & Telecoms (India) Limited (3CITS), has emerged as an inspiring example of determination, innovation, and leadership.

A proud alumnus of a government school in Manipur, Rannjit’s journey reflects the power of education, hard work, and vision. Today, his company, 3CITS, stands as a symbol of Indian enterprise and technological excellence, enabling digital transformation across industries and empowering organizations with

he is now shedding “fake tears” in front of auto-rickshaw drivers and daily wage earners.

Sachdeva claimed that despite remaining in power for ten years, Kejriwal did nothing to improve the lives of auto-rickshaw drivers or

other daily wage workers.

The Delhi BJP chief said the Rekha Gupta government is now committed to not only improving the living standards of auto-rickshaw drivers and daily wage workers but also enhancing

their working conditions.

According to Sachdeva, the BJP-led government in Delhi is preparing plans to fulfil all election promises made to every section of society.

“The government will

ensure better housing, better education, and better healthcare for the weaker sections within the next one year,” he added, noting that welfare and development projects are being implemented in a time-bound manner.

C. S .Parameshwar appointed as President of Indo American Society

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Mumbai, Oct 12 : Mr. C.S Parameswar, CEO of Paramin Advertising & Marketing Associates, with extensive experience in advertising, public relationsand communicationshas been elected as President of the Indo American Societyfor the year 2025-2026.

He follows in the footsteps of stalwarts such as Nani Palkhivala, Viren Shah, Keshub Mahindra, and Adi Godrej.

The Indo-American Society is providing dedicated service of fostering India – US relationship, for the last 66 years.Mr. Parameshwarhas been associated with IAS for nearly five decades and is committed to use his expertise and valuable networking in political and government circles to create new milestones and take the Indo-American Society to even greater heights.

Other Office Bearers of the Society include Vice President Mrs. Asha A Vakil,



Vice President Mr. Surenra Kotadia, SecretaryCA Dr.Shardul ShahJoint Secretary Mr. Sanjay Mehta and Hon. TreasurerDr.Harikrishnan Nambiar.

Western Railway to run three pairs of festival special trains to various destinations

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Mumbai, Oct 12 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Diwali & Chhath Puja, Western Railway will run Festival Special Trains on Special fare between Mumbai Central – Shakur Basti, Bandra Terminus - Gandhidham and Sabarmati –Haridwar.

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

1. Train No. 09003/ 09004 Mumbai Central – Shakur Basti AC SuperFast Special [92 Trips] Train No. 09003 Mumbai Central – Shakur Basti AC SuperFast Special will depart from Mumbai Central daily at 10:30 hrs and will reach Shakur Basti at 08:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 15th October to 29th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09004 Shakur Basti – Mumbai Central AC SuperFast Special will depart from Shakur Basti daily at 10:15 hrs and will arrive Mumbai Central at 10:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 16th October to 30th November 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar,

Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Ratlam, Nagda, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Hindaun City, Bharatpur, Mathura, Kosi Kalan and Delhi Safdarjung stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC – 3 Tier Coaches.

2. Train No. 09471/ 09472 Bandra Terminus – Gandhidham Weekly SuperFast Special [10 Trips]

Train No. 09471 Bandra Terminus - Gandhidham Weekly SuperFast Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Tuesday at 12:30 hrs and will reach Gandhidham at 01:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 14th October to 11th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09472 Gandhidham – Bandra Terminus Weekly SuperFast Special will depart from Gandhidham every Monday at 20:20 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 09:45 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 13th October to 10th November 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Halvad and Samakhiali stations in both directions.

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

3. Train No. 09425/

09426 Sabarmati –Haridwar Bi – Weekly AC Special [28 Trips]

Train No. 09425 Sabarmati – Haridwar Bi – Weekly AC Special will depart from Sabarmati every Wednesday and Saturday at 08:50 hrs and will reach Haridwar at 05:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 15th October to 29th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09426 Haridwar – Sabarmati Bi – Weekly AC Special will depart from Haridwar every Thursday and Sunday at 21:40 hrs and will reach Sabarmati at 21:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 16th October to 30th November, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Falna, Marwar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Gandhi Nagar Jaipur, Dausa, Alwar, Rewari, Gurgaon, Delhi Cantt, Delhi Jn., Ghaziabad, Meerut City, Muzaffarnagar and Roorkee stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC – 3 Tier Coaches.

The booking for Train No. 09003, 09471, 09472 and 09425 will open from 12.10.2025 at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Akhilesh Yadav honors Ram Manohar Lohia, vows to uphold social justice amid criticism of UP govt

New Delhi, Oct 12 (UNI) Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav today paid homage to socialist leader Ram Manohar Lohia on his death anniversary, reaffirming his commitment to Lohia’s ideals of social justice and equality.

Posting on his WhatsApp channel, Yadav said, “Heartfelt tributes to the great socialist and freedom fighter Dr Ram Manohar Lohia ji on his death anniversary! Today, we renew our resolve to translate Lohia ji’s ‘seven revolutions’ against

injustice and inequality into practical action.”

Stressing the party’s focus on empowering the PDA community, Yadav added, “Securing political power to uplift the oppressed, distressed, and humiliated sections of society will be the truest tribute to Lohia ji’s profound humanitarian philosophy.” At the same time, Yadav sharply criticized the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh, accusing it of presiding over a record number of atrocities

against Dalits. “The current administration has witnessed the highest cases of violence against Dalits. Recently, a young man from the Valmiki community was killed, yet the government chose silence. BJP’s claims of zero tolerance are hollow,” he asserted. This tribute highlights the Samajwadi Party’s ongoing commitment to social equality and justice, principles at the heart of Lohia’s legacy, while signaling its determination to address pressing social issues in Uttar Pradesh.

‘Kejriwal did nothing for auto-rickshaw drivers & daily wage workers ’

New Delhi, Oct 12 (UNI) Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva today accused topmost Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and former Chief Minister of the union Territory Arvind Kejriwal of playing word games, alleging that