

IN BRIEF

4 die in diesel can explosion in Nashik

Nashik, Oct 14 (UNI) Four members of a family who were injured in a diesel can explosion in Satpur's Mahadev Wadi area on October 8 succumbed to their injuries while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Mumbai yesterday.

The deceased have been identified as Sonali Gadekar (35), Durga Akash Dobade (22), Kailas Chhagan Dobade (57), and Pankaj Kailas Dobade (33).

The incident occurred when around six members of the same family were watching workers cut a tree branch using a machine. Diesel was being used to operate the cutter, and a diesel can had been kept by the roadside.

A four-wheeler passing through the area accidentally overturned the can, causing diesel to spill near the Borade family's house. At the same time, a person nearby was smoking a cigarette, which ignited the spilled diesel, leading to an explosion. Six people sustained serious burn injuries.

Police and the fire brigade responded to the scene, and the injured were initially admitted to Nashik Civil Hospital.

They were later shifted to a hospital in Mumbai for advanced treatment. Unfortunately, four of them died during the course of treatment yesterday.

Rajnath to hold meeting with Brazilian Vice President, Defence Minister today

New Delhi, Oct 14 (UNI) : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hold a high-level meeting with the visiting Vice President of Brazil, Geraldo Alckmin here tomorrow.

The Defence Minister of Brazil, José Múcio Monteiro Filho, will also be present during the interaction, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The leaders will review the entire range of multifaceted relations in the field of defence between the two countries.

Both the countries will also exchange views on areas of mutual interest covering military-to-military and defence industrial cooperation.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Cabinet approves 2,228 new positions for Bombay HC

Mumbai, Oct 14 (UNI) : The government has approved the creation of 2,228 new staff positions for the Bombay High Court and its benches in Nagpur and Aurangabad, marking a significant step toward resolving long-standing manpower shortages that have hindered judicial efficiency.

The state cabinet's approval includes Group A to Group D positions, with full budgetary sanction granted to allow immediate commencement of recruitment. This major staffing expansion follows the High Court's suo motu intervention in December 2024, which brought attention to severe personnel shortages affecting essential administrative and procedural work.

The High Court registry had initially reported a

shortfall of 1,245 employees at the principal seat in Mumbai alone, later revising the total requirement to 2,228 posts after incorporating the staffing needs of the Nagpur and Aurangabad benches.

Persistent understaffing had resulted in delays in document annexing, pagination, record binding, and case listing, disrupting smooth judicial proceedings and prolonging case disposal times across the state. The court had also faced operational challenges in managing its growing digital and storage needs amid the gradual transition toward e-filing and paperless case management systems.

The newly sanctioned positions include a wide range of roles vital for court functioning, such as clerks, stenographers, translators, interpreters, drivers, and support staff. The High

Court has recently expanded its recruitment initiatives to enhance linguistic and administrative accessibility, including hiring for Junior Translator and Interpreter (Marathi) positions. Recent recruitment drives for clerk-level posts have seen record participation from qualified candidates statewide.

According to officials, the 2,228 approved positions will be distributed proportionally across all three judicial seats; Mumbai, Nagpur, and Aurangabad, based on respective caseloads and workload assessments. With financial allocations already cleared, the recruitment process is expected to commence in the coming weeks, providing substantial employment opportunities while significantly strengthening judicial infrastructure and service delivery in Maharashtra.

India, Mongolia 'spiritual siblings'. Both countries have 'soulful and spiritual bond' : PM

New Delhi, Oct 14 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today described India Mongolia relations as a "soulful and spiritual bond" between the two countries, not merely diplomatic, which had gained new depth and breadth in every aspect over the past decade. Addressing a joint press conference with Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa who arrived here yesterday on a four-day visit to India, the Prime Minister announced that India would provide free e-visas to Mongolian citizens and sponsor the annual visit of young cultural ambassadors from Mongolia to India. "The

relationship between India and Mongolia is not merely diplomatic—it is a soulful and spiritual bond between us. The true depth and breadth of our relationship is reflected in our people-to-people ties... For centuries, both countries have been bound by the thread of Buddhism, which is why we are also called spiritual siblings," the Prime Minister added. The Mongolian President also held delegation-level talks with the Prime Minister.

Earlier in the morning, the Mongolian President visited Rajghat. He will meet President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today

evening. Pointing out that India has been a steadfast and reliable partner in Mongolia's development, the Prime Minister said the Oil Refinery Project, being built with India's 1.7 billion Dollar Line of Credit, will provide new boost to Mongolia's energy security.

"This is India's largest development partnership project in the world," the Prime Minister said. Highlighting the vital role Nalanda University has played in the development of Buddhism in Mongolia, he said India has decided to bring new energy to this historic relationship by linking Nalanda and Gandan Monastery.

Bombay HC mandates compensation for pothole-related deaths

Mumbai, Oct 13 (UNI) : The Bombay High Court has issued a landmark ruling establishing a uniform compensation framework for accidents caused by poorly maintained roads and potholes across Maharashtra.

The court directed that families of victims who die due to pothole-related accidents will receive Rs 6 lakh, while those who sustain injuries will be entitled to compensation ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 2.5 lakh, depending on the severity of the injuries.

The ruling was delivered by a division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Sandesh Patil while hearing a suo motu public interest litigation (PIL) concerning the growing number of pothole-related fatalities and injuries in Mumbai and other parts of the state. The PIL originated from a 2013 letter written by former Justice G.S. Patel, which highlighted the alarming deterioration of Mumbai's road infrastructure and the frequent loss of lives due to civic negligenc

The bench expressed serious concern that despite ongoing judicial oversight since 2015, the condition of roads continues to worsen annually during the monsoon season, exposing commuters to grave danger.

The judges observed that such recurring failures reflected systemic negligence by authorities

responsible for road maintenance, including the BMC, MHADA, MSRDC, and CIDCO. In its detailed order, the court declared that ensuring safe and motorable roads is a constitutional obligation of the government and municipal agencies under Article 21 of the Constitution, which guarantees the right to life. It stated that pothole-free and safe roads form an integral part of citizens' fundamental rights, and the government's failure to maintain them constitutes a violation of those rights.

The bench further clarified that the compensation to victims or their families will be independent of any other legal claims they may pursue. It also directed that concerned authorities disbursing compensation will have the right to recover the amount from contractors or officers found responsible for negligence.

Expressing dismay at the continued loss of lives due to road accidents in Mumbai, Thane and Bhiwandi, the High Court criticised government departments for indulging in mutual blame-shifting instead of taking concrete action to prevent such tragedies. The order reinforces judicial accountability in civic infrastructure management and sets a binding precedent for compensation in all future pothole-related cases across Maharashtra.

Govt approves Rs 500 crore for Dr Ambedkar's Educational Society

Mumbai, Oct 14 (UNI) In a historic step towards educational empowerment and heritage preservation, the Maharashtra government has sanctioned Rs 500 crore for the development of The People's Education Society, representing the largest-ever investment in institutions founded by Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar.

The five-year scheme, approved by the state cabinet, aims to renovate, conserve, and modernise nine educational institutions and two hostels located in Mumbai and Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar.

The initiative is designed to upgrade essential infrastructure while preserving the historical and ideological significance of these learning centres, originally founded by the architect of the Indian Constitution.

Established on July 8, 1945, The People's Education Society operates on five guiding principles including knowledge, compassion, democracy, equality, and justice. It currently manages 12 colleges across Maharashtra and Karnataka, including six affiliated with the University of Mumbai, five with Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, and one with Savitribai Phule Pune University.

The cabinet-approved programme will address long-pending infrastructure deficiencies, with several aging buildings requiring structural repair and technological advancement. The plan includes modernisation of classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and digital infrastructure, alongside enhanced hostel facilities to better serve students from Buddhist, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Other Backward Class communities. The overall initiative will directly benefit over one lakh students across the society's network of colleges.

Among the prominent institutions operated by the society are Siddharth College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Dr Ambedkar College of Law in Mumbai, and several engineering and polytechnic institutes across the state. The Rs 500 crore allocation will be released in phased installments over five years, ensuring continuous progress and accountability in implementation.

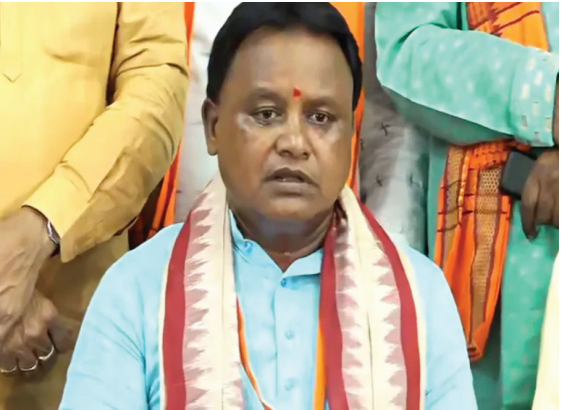


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'Odisha's second Regional Plant Resource Centre to come up ...



Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi today announced that the state's second Regional Plant Resource Centre (RPRC) will be established at Sanaghagara in Keonjhar district.

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BWF World Junior Championships: Tanvi Sharma ..



Medal hopefuls Tanvi Sharma, Unnati Hooda and Rakshit Sree R launched their BWF World Junior Championships campaigns with comfortable victories, while all four boys' singles players also sailed through the next round at the National Centre of Excellence here today.

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Cong's Jairam Ramesh reflects on Dr Ambedkar's historic ...



Congress leader Jairam Ramesh marked the 69th anniversary on October 14 of a transformative moment in Indian history — Dr BR Ambedkar's conversion to Buddhism. Highlighting a journey that spanned nearly five decades, Ramesh paid tribute to Ambedkar's deep and enduring engagement with Buddhist philosophy, which culminated in a bold public declaration in 1950.

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Tharoor questions India’s low-level representation at crucial Gaza Peace summit

New Delhi, Oct 14 (UNI) Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has raised concern over the government’s decision to send a junior minister to the Gaza Peace Summit in Egypt, where over 20 heads of state, including US President Donald Trump, are meeting to seek an end to the Israel-Hamas conflict.

“India’s presence at the Sharm el-Sheikh Gaza peace summit, represented only by a Minister of State, sharply contrasts with the heavyweight leaders attending. Is this strategic restraint or a missed diplomatic opportunity?” Tharoor questioned yesterday in a post on X.

Clarifying his stance, Tharoor stressed that his critique was not aimed at Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh’s capabilities but rather at the message India’s level of representation sends.

“With so many global leaders present, India’s choice may signal an undesired strategic distance, which doesn’t align with our public statements,” he noted.

Tharoor also voiced concerns about the diminished influence India might face at the summit, particularly on critical discussions around reconstruction and regional stability.“Simply due to protocol and access, India’s voice risks carrying less weight than it deserves,” he said.

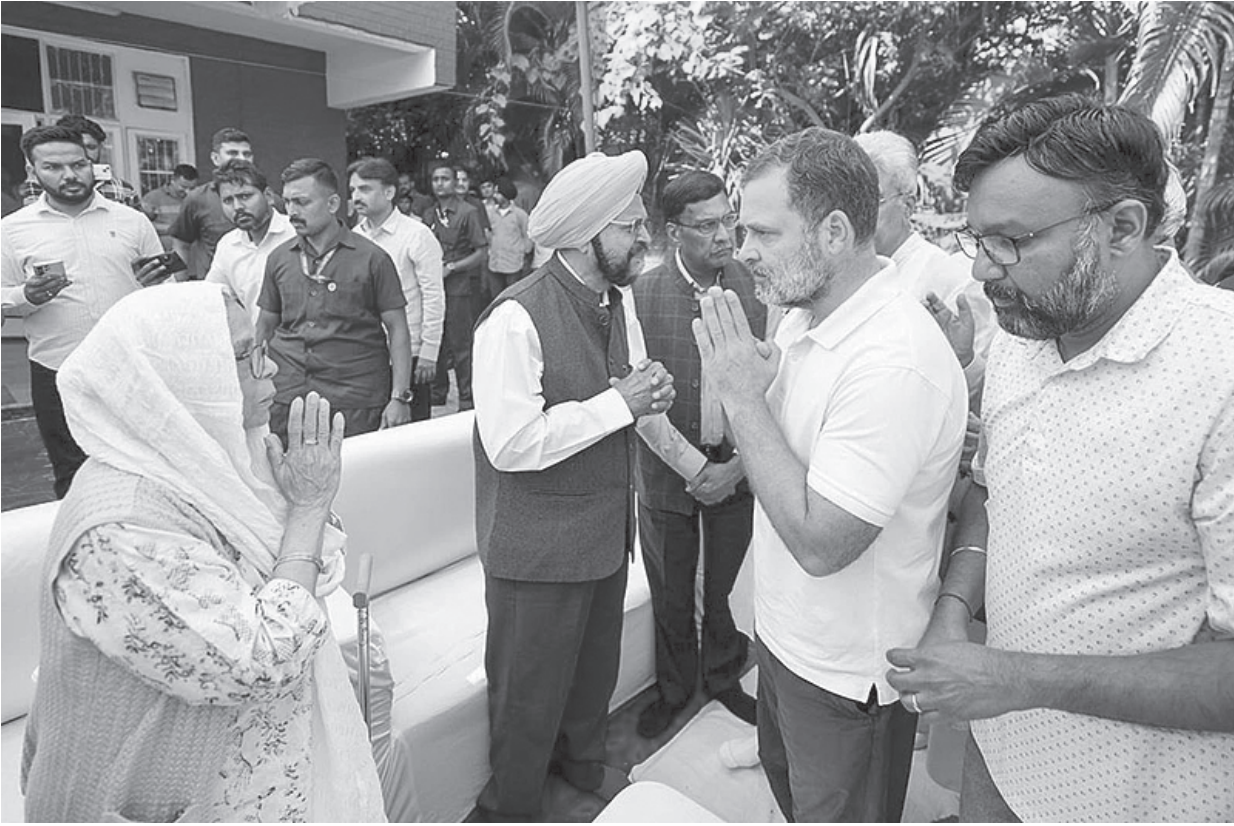
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The Defence Minister and the Mongolian President highlighted that the two nations share a strategic partnership and defence is a key pillar of this cooperation. The bilateral defence engagements have expanded over a period of time to include wide-ranging contacts between the two countries including Joint Working Group meeting, military-to-military exchanges, high-level visits, capacity

building, training programmes and bilateral exercises.

The visiting President thanked India for the cooperation in cybersecurity and the capability enhancement of the Mongolian Armed Forces. He also recalled the ground-breaking ceremony of the oil refinery project by Rajnath Singh when he was the Home Minister and invited him, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Mongolia for its inauguration.



Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi meets the family members of Haryana IPS officer Y. Puran Kumar, in Chandigarh.

Omar Abdullah terms Rajya Sabha contest a direct fight between NC and BJP; urges parties not to abstain

Srinagar, Oct 14 (UNI) Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections would be a direct contest between the National Conference (NC) and the BJP, cautioning that abstaining from the polls would only benefit the saffron party.

Omar said that all four of the NC’s candidates had today appealed to various political parties for support. “They appealed to PDP, AIP and everyone. At that time, no statement had come from Sajad Lone (saying that he would abstain from voting). Our candidates also appealed to Sajad to vote in favor of the NC. Now Sajad has decided to stay out of the election. You and I both know who will

benefit from it,” Omar told reporters in Baramulla after attending a meeting.

He said he could not comment on the reasons behind Lone’s decision to abstain but stressed that staying away from the election would give the BJP an upper hand. “But I appeal to the rest that they should not stay out of the election. They should vote and prove that they are really against the BJP. Because this is a direct competition between the NC and the BJP. So not voting for the National Conference means that the BJP is being helped. We want the BJP to lose all three seats,” the Chief Minister said.Omar also rejected Sajad’s allegation that the NC had acted on the BJP’s instructions by not leaving a Rajya Sabha seat for the

Congress, calling such claims “baseless and politically motivated.” He defended his party’s decision to field a fourth candidate, explaining that the move was made only after the Congress decided not to contest. “If we had to help the BJP, why would we put our candidate on the fourth seat? Then we would have made a compromise,” Omar said. “And anyway, Sajad and I have a slight difference in political thinking.

We (NC) tried our best for Congress to fight on the fourth seat because it was the best opportunity for success if Congress had fought. But Congress decided not to fight — that’s why we had to put our candidate on the fourth seat.”

He reiterated that if

Sajad was serious about defeating the BJP, he should support the NC. “His staying out of the election is beneficial to the BJP. So before accusing us, he should see what he is doing. If he wants to defeat the BJP, then he should vote,” Omar said.

The Chief Minister emphasized that the alliance with Congress remains intact and maintained that the Congress would have been better positioned to win the seat, given the existing House composition and its association with the INDIA bloc, which includes the PDP.

“The numbers we saw and the way the composition of the House stands, we thought it would be best to win if Congress fought that seat.

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Last date for submission of bids:
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OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Open Tender Notice No. BB.M. LTT.TC.52.Drainpipe Dated 10.10.2025. Name of the Work with its Location: Work of modification to pipe laying for wastewater from lavatory and wash basin drainpipe in LHB Coaches at LTT Coaching Depot of Mumbai Division. Approx. cost of Work: ₹ 23,89,500/- (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakh Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only). Date of Completion: 180 Days. Bid Security: ₹ 47,800/- (Rupees Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Only). Date and Time of Closing of Tender Submission: 01.11.2025 up to 11:00 hrs. Tenders shall be accepted only in E-tendering format through the website www.ireps.gov.in Tender document is available in the website. "This tender complies with Public Procurement Policy Order 2017/ Dated 15.06.2017."

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**EAST COAST RAILWAY**

Auction Catalogue No. CAT-ADVTD-005-1

Seq. No. AA/1/Lot No./Category: ADVT-WAT-VSKP-OH-229-25-1 (ADVERTISING-OUT OF HOME), DESCRIPTION: THE WORK INVOLVES INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ONE UNIPOLE (1600 SQ.FT.) AND VIDEO WALLS (600 SQ.FT. TOTAL)FOR DISPLAY OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH E-AUCTION POLICY CC-14 OF 2020 AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT OF CC 14 OF 2022.

Seq. No. AB/1/Lot No./Category: ADVT-LOCO-WAT-VSKP-225-25-1 (ADVERTISING-LOCO EXTERIOR), DESCRIPTION: DISPLAY OF THE ADVERTISEMENTS ON THE 10 NOS. OF WAP-7 LOCOMOTIVES OF ELECTRIC LOCO SHED-VISAKHAPATNAM OF WALTAIR DIVISION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

Seq. No. AC/1/Lot No./Category: ADVT-INT-250702-1-25-1 (ADVERTISING-TRAIN INTERIOR), DESCRIPTION: THE CONTRACT COVERS THE PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISING THROUGH MIRRORS OF 20803-GANDHIDHAM EXPRESS ALONG WITH 32 TRAINS UNDERGOING PRIMARY MAINTENANCE AT VISAKHAPATNAM COACHING DEPOT, AS SPECIFIED IN THE LIST. NO OTHER TRAINS SHALL BE INCLUDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee (for all Seq. Nos.), Trips/Days: 1826 (for Seq. No. AA/1) & 1096 (for Seq. No. AB/1 & AC/1), Lot Start Date & Time: 23.10.2025 at 1000 hrs. (for all Seq. Nos.), Lot End Date & Time: 23.10.2025 at 1030 hrs. (for Seq. No. AA/1), at 1040 hrs. (for Seq. No. AB/1) & at 1050 hrs. (for Seq. No. AC/1), Minimum Increase(%): 0.2 (for all Seq. Nos.), Lot Status: New in Draft Catalogue (for all Seq. Nos.).

Note: Complete information is available in website www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/

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Security personnel stand guard as ticket aspirants protest outside the official residence of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections, in Patna, Bihar.

BJP Media Cell chief Navanath Ban takes a dig at Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut

Mumbai, Oct 14 (UNI) Bharatiya Janata Party Media Cell Chief Navnath Ban today took a dig at Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut, saying Raut is making all the announcements about alliances with MNS or its possible tie-up with Congress on behalf of the UBT faction, and asked mockingly if he had taken full control of the party.

Ban sarcastically congratulated Raut for declaring himself the party chief of the Uddhav Thackeray group.

Speaking at a press

conference held at the BJP's state headquarters, Ban said, Raut has announced that he will be holding discussions with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi.

This implies that Raut, in the capacity of the party chief, and Uddhav Thackeray, as the state president, will be meeting Kharge.Ban further made a cutting remark that Raut seems to have taken full control of the UBT faction and wished him well ironically for the party's progress under his leadership.Ban said,

whenever UBT or MVA (Maha Vikas Aghadi) loses an election, they start blaming the EVMs and crying foul about vote theft.

"But when they win more seats, the same EVMs seem to work perfectly, this is sheer hypocrisy."

He added that MVA leaders and workers, who claim to defend democracy, don't go among the people but instead rush directly to the Election Commission.

"If you have the courage, go among the people. The public will respond to you appropriately," Ban said.

Ban further stated that Raut has completely changed his stance.

"Until recently, Raut wanted Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde to be part of the delegation. Now he says he doesn't even recognize Ajit Pawar's NCP or Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena as legitimate parties. Raut should stick to one position and not speak from both sides like a two-mouthed worm. Don't indulge in hypocritical, double-faced politics, one stance for Lok Sabha, another for the Assembly," Ban warned.

Dr Ambedkar's conversion to Buddhism: A defining step toward social equality

Nagpur, Oct 14 (UNI) Sixty-nine years ago, on October 14, 1956, India witnessed a historic moment when Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the

chief architect of the Indian Constitution, embraced Buddhism in Nagpur, an act that profoundly reshaped the nation's social and spiritual fabric.Accompanied by his wife, Dr Savita Ambedkar, Dr Ambedkar was initiated into the Buddhist faith by the Burmese monk, Bhikku Chandramani.This event, commemorated annually at Nagpur's Deekshabhoomi, symbolized his decisive break from caste oppression and his quest for a more egalitarian path through the teachings of the Buddha.

Marking the anniversary, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh noted, "On October 14, 1956, Dr Ambedkar and his wife were formally initiated into Buddhism by Bhikku Chandramani. This act of spiritual and social transformation continues to shape India's collective conscience."

Following his initiation, Dr Ambedkar administered Deeksha to nearly five lakh followers who had gathered at Deekshabhoomi. He also led them in taking 22 vows, principles he had personally drafted ,which rejected caste-based discrimination and renounced Hindu rituals that perpetuated social hierarchy.

These vows, now engraved on a black stone monument at Deekshabhoomi, stand as lasting symbols of his reformist vision.

While some affirm commitment to Buddhist teachings, others explicitly reject the worship of Hindu deities such as Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh, Ram, Krishna,

Gauri and Ganapati and prohibit Brahmins from performing religious rituals.

Ambedkar's conversion was not merely a change of faith , it was a revolutionary assertion of human dignity and equality.

His decision continues to inspire millions across India to this day, reaffirming the enduring power of his message against caste injustice.

Top Maoist leader surrenders in Gadchiroli with 60 other Maoists

Mumbai, Oct 14 (UNI) Top Maoist leader, 70-year-old Mallojula Venugopal Rao, who has a bounty of more than Rs 10 crore on his head, is reported to have surrendered today along with 60 other Maoists, somewhere in the forests of Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. However, the Maharashtra Home Affairs Department headed by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has not issued any official statement yet about the reported surrender.

So far, only the Gadchiroli police made an informal statement to a section of the media about the reported surrender of the top CPI (Maoist) politburo member, who is also known by his aliases "Sonu" and "Bhupathi".

The major development is yet to be officially confirmed by the Maharashtra police or the home ministry, which is headed by CM Fadnavis.

"Please wait for an official statement which will be issued in due course," is all that a Maharashtra home ministry official said, without giving any details about its time or date.

However, according to the police, Mallojula Venugopal Rao and the 60 Maoists who surrendered along with him in Gadchiroli are presently under police protection.They have been assured of their safety under the government's surrender and rehabilitation scheme, the police stated. Police sources who spoke on

condition of anonymity said that the reason behind not issuing an official statement on the Maoist leader's reported surrender could be because he is scheduled to "officially lay down arms and surrender" on Thursday, October 16, in front of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

According to a police official who was formerly posted in Gadchiroli's Anti-Naxal squad, CPI (Maoist) leader's wife Vimala Chandra Sidam alias Tarakka had surrendered herself before Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Gadchiroli along with ten senior Maoists on January 1, 2025. Maoist leader Mallojula Venugopal alias Bhupathi alias Sonu, who reportedly surrendered to the Gadchiroli police on Tuesday, was active in the Maoist insurgency for a long time and held posts in the Maoist party's politburo, which is its highest policy making body, as well as the party's central committee.

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According to the police, Mallojula Venugopal Rao alias "Bhupathi" is considered an influential strategist of the Maoist insurgent organisation. He used to work as a platoon guide on the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border for several years.However, differences had grown between him and the top leadership of the Maoist party in the last few months. In various recent statements, Venugopal had admitted that the armed struggle had failed and

Zonal Committee member, participating in 35 encounters against security personnel.

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appealed for a ceasefire. In these statements, Venugopal Rao had stated that since the mass following of the Maoist party had declined and hundreds of Maoists had died in police encounters, dialogue was the only option left.

Yet, Venugopal Rao's stance was opposed by some Maoist leaders who took the stand that the armed struggle must continue under the leadership of the Maoist party's general secretary Thippari Tirupati alias "Devuji". Later, the Maoist party central committee exerted pressure on Venugopal and ordered him to lay down his arms.After this development, Venugopal announced that he had resigned from the party and finally surrendered to the Gadchiroli police along with 50 of his Maoist colleagues, police sources said.According to the police, the surrender policy of the Maharashtra state government has weakened the Maoist party. In the last two decades, more than 700 Maoists surrendered in Gadchiroli district, which has been a hotbed of Maoism, and the surrender of a senior Maoist leader like Mallojula Venugopal Rao is expected to weaken the Maoist party further.

Police sources stated that the future of the 50-year-old Maoist insurgency is extremely bleak and even remaining Maoists yet to surrender will be neutralised soon.

Rajasthan-based student ends life in Nagpur, cites harassmment and blackmail by girlfriend

Nagpur, Oct 14 (UNI) A 21-year-old agriculture student from Rajasthan allegedly took his own life in Nagpur after facing continuous harassmment and blackmail from a woman he was romantically involved with, police said.

The deceased, identified as Ishwarlal Kanwarlal Chaudhary, a native of Barmer, Rajasthan, was pursuing his seventh semester in agriculture and staying at a boys' hostel near Kachipura Chowk.

According to police, Ishwarlal was found dead in his hostel room on October 1, having reportedly died by hanging.

Officers recovered a two-page purported suicide note addressed to the Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister, in which he made serious allegations against a woman named Gunjan, accusing her of blackmailing him and inflicting severe mental torture.

In the note, Ishwarlal claimed that Gunjan had been extorting money from him and pressuring him to marry her, even though she knew he was already married.

He further stated that she had threatened to take legal action if he failed to comply with her demands.

Expressing despair, he wrote that certain laws were being misused, saying, "In India, the law is the same for everyone and it should be. But girls are misusing it. Those who wronged me must face justice. I still have faith in the judiciary."

He also quoted Gunjan as allegedly saying, "Your death won't matter to me. Since I am a girl, the judiciary will always be on my side."

In an emotional message to his friends, Ishwarlal appealed to them to look after his parents, writing, "Those whom I helped should now support my parents and make sure they don't feel my absence."

In another part of the note, he wrote, "Don't post sad status after my death.

It will change nothing. I am the only son. I have lost. I am taking a wrong step. My family will have to bear the consequences of this."

Police later recorded statements from Ishwarlal's wife, who confirmed that Gunjan had been repeatedly demanding money and forcing him to agree to marriage, which caused him deep mental distress.

Following the suicide note and corroborative statements, Bajaj Nagar police have registered a case against Gunjan under

relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code for blackmail and abetment to suicide.

An in-depth investigation is currently in progress, police added.

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SOLAPUR DIVISION

Signalling Work

Tender Notice No. SUR-N-T-2025-26-18 Date: 13.10.2025 DRM (S&T)'s Office, Central Railway, Solapur for and on behalf of President of India invites online e-tenders on Railway's e-procurement website www.ireps.gov.in from the capable, reputed firms /Contractors for the following works: **Name of Work with its Locality:** Provision / Shifting of Telecom Facility including FOIS Network for Development of various goods shed and changing room on Solapur Division of Central Railway. **Approximate Cost of the Work:** Rs. 1,22,45,668.66. **Cost of the Tender Form:** NIL. **Earnest Money to be Deposited:** Rs. 2,11,200.00/- **Completion Period of the Work:** 8 Months. **Date & Time of Closing of tender on www.ireps.gov.in** 04.11.2025 after 15:30 hrs. The details are available in ireps website.Corrigendum/amendments if any will be uploaded only on above e-procurement website. Only online tenders will be accepted. Manual/postal/e-mail, FAX, by hand tenders will not be accepted. Bidders are requested to obtain Class III Digital Signature Certificate with company name and register the same with www.ireps.gov.in. The Payment of Earnest Money (EMD) will be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. For further details please visit www.ireps.gov.in.

DRM (S&T Branch)
Central Railway, Solapur

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CENTRAL RAILWAY

SOLAPUR DIVISION

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APEX-74 टिकट के लिए यूटीएस ऐप डाउनलोड करें

WESTERN RAILWAY TO RUN UNRESERVED FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN BANDRA TERMINUS ⇌ BARAUNI

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09079	BANDRA TERMINUS - BARAUNI (Unreserved Special)	15.10.2025 to 27.10.2025	20:30 hrs (Daily)	12:15 hrs (Third Day)
09080	BARAUNI - BANDRA TERMINUS (Unreserved Special)	17.10.2025 to 29.10.2025	15:05 hrs (Daily)	11:00 hrs (Third Day)

Halts: Borivali, Boisar, Vapi, Valsad, Bhestan, Chalthan, Nandurbar, Amalner, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur and Shahpur Patoree stations in both directions.

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Document No.	Bid No. 2025_MCGM_1228791_1
Name of Organization	Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai
Subject	Work of shifting and re-installation of EPABX along with additional extension pair in main hospital building of K. B. Bhabha Hospital, Kurla (W).
Scrutiny fee of Tender	Rs 726/- + 18.0% GST
Bid Security Deposit / EMD	Rs 4000/-
Date of Issue and sale of tender	15-10-2025 from 15.00 Hrs
Last date & time for sale of tender & Receipt of Bid Security Deposit	29-10-2025 upto 15.00 Hrs.
Website	https://Mahatenders.gov.in
Opening of Packet A	30-10-2025 after15.00 Hrs.
Opening of Packet B	30-10-2025 after15.10 Hrs.
Opening of Packet C	03-11-2025 after15.00 Hrs.
Address for communication	Office of the : - Medical Superintendent, MCGM Khan Bahadur Bhabha Hospital Kurla (W), Mumbai - 400070.
Venue for opening of bid	On line in Medical Superintendent Office.

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Khan Bahadur Bhabha
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STANDARD POST

More than 1 in 3 people worldwide live with brain disorders, 11 million die annually

One in three people worldwide is living with conditions that affect their brain, while 11 million lives are lost every year due to neurological disorders, according to a new report by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Stroke, neonatal encephalopathy, migraine, Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, diabetic neuropathy, meningitis, idiopathic epilepsy, neurological complications linked to preterm birth, autism spectrum disorders, and cancers of the nervous system were identified as the top 10 neurological conditions contributing to death and disability.

The report stated that while these neurological conditions now affect more than 40 per cent of the global population, less than one in three countries around the world has a national policy to address the growing burden of neurological disorders.

Alarmingly, low-income countries have more than 80 times fewer neurologists compared to high-income nations despite the high burden of these diseases.

Many low- and middle-income countries also lack national plans, budgets, and workforce.

“With more than 1 in 3 people in the world living with conditions affecting their brain, we must do all we can to improve the health care they need,” said Dr Jeremy Farrar, WHO Assistant Director-General, Division of Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Control.

“Many of these neurological conditions can be prevented or effectively treated, yet services remain out of reach for most – especially in rural and underserved areas – where people too often face stigma, social exclusion, and financial hardship. We must work together to ensure we put patients and their families first and that brain health is prioritised and properly invested in,” Farrar said.

The report, based on data from 102 countries, showed that 63 countries have a national policy addressing neurological disorders, but only 34 reported having dedicated funding to address them.

Without strong policy frameworks, health systems remain fragmented, under-resourced, and ill-equipped to meet the needs of patients and families.

Further, essential services were also found out of reach for most people, with only 49 countries including neurological disorders in their universal health coverage benefit packages.

Critical services such as stroke units, pediatric neurology, rehabilitation, and palliative care are frequently lacking or concentrated in urban areas, leaving rural and underserved populations without access to lifesaving and life-sustaining care.

The WHO has urged governments to make neurological disorders a policy priority through bold leadership and sustained investment; expand access to neurological care through universal health coverage and health system strengthening.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Inaugurates Sonik Integrated Logistics Hub and Flags Off Two New Door-to-Door Freight and Parcel Services

‘Door-to-door Services are Essential for the Country, As they Will Enhance Efficiency and Significantly Reduce Logistics Costs’

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, virtually inaugurated the Sonik Integrated Logistics Hub and flagged off two new Door-to-Door Freight and Parcel Services today.

The Union Minister said that door-to-door services are essential for the country, as they will enhance efficiency and significantly reduce logistics costs. He highlighted that industries can now send a specific number of containers without the need to fill an entire rake to their destination. Shri Vaishnaw added that the logistical gap between factories and the loading/unloading points of trains will now be bridged by Indian Railways through comprehensive door-to-door services. He further said that goods sheds or logistics terminals will be equipped with facilities for stuffing and de-stuffing containers, allowing customers to fully benefit from the new service model. The Union Minister mentioned that Sonik has become the first integrated logistics hub offering this facility. Under the Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals initiative, 115 terminals have been developed to provide multimodal services, delivering substantial benefits to customers.

Starting with the Mumbai-Kolkata corridor, more services will soon be operational to ensure the smooth movement of goods and expand connectivity to more cities. The Minister added that another experiment has also proven successful—transporting equipment such as tractors at affordable rates to benefit farmers. Just as car cargo is moved efficiently, similar transportation facilities will now be extended for tractors and heavy construction equipment (JCB). Shri Satish Kumar, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board emphasized that the door-to-door delivery represents a paradigm shift in rail-based logistics—where a consignee’s consignment is picked up directly from the warehouse or factory and delivered to the final destination by Indian Railways. Aligned with the logistics vision of Viksit Bharat, this initiative signifies the beginning of Indian Railways’ transformation from being a transporter of goods to becoming a complete logistics service provider for freight customers.

It is noteworthy that Bhartiya Rail (Indian



Railways) is the world’s second largest freight carrier, transporting 1.6 billion tonnes of goods annually.

Details of Logistics Hub/Services:
1. Railway Goods Sheds as Integrated Logistics Hub (Sonik, Lucknow Division)
Strategic Location: The terminal is situated approximately 50 km from Lucknow and 20 km from Kanpur, effectively bridging the capital city and a major industrial center.

Comprehensive Services: It will cater to the burgeoning logistics needs of the Kanpur and Lucknow regions, offering end-to-

end solutions including Door-to-Door logistics to customers, distribution hubs for cargo, and inventory management services.

Operational Management: Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) will manage all terminal operations and provide crucial First & Last Mile connectivity, ensuring seamless cargo movement.

Cargo Profile: The terminal is poised to handle a diverse range of commodities, including Fertilizer, Food-grains, Cement, and Tractors.

Infrastructure: The facility boasts state-of-the-art infrastructure, including

warehousing, Door-to-Door services, and essential amenities for both customers and laborers.

2. Assured Transit Container Train Service (Delhi to Kolkata)
Objective & Route: This premium service guarantees transit times, providing a reliable alternative to road transport. The route connects Delhi – Agra – Kanpur – Kolkata.

Key Service Parameters:
· Assured Transit Time: 120 hours.
· Frequency: Bi-weekly departures (every Wednesday and Saturday).
Operations: The service

includes loading and unloading (Lift on/Lift Off) operations at intermediary terminals, including Tughlakabad (Delhi), Agra, Kanpur (ICDG Siding), and Kolkata (ICDG Siding), with a standardized dwell time of 6 hours at each location.

Flexible Booking: Customers can choose from multiple booking options to suit their supply chain needs: Door-to-Door, Door-to-Terminal, Terminal-to-Door, and Terminal-to-Terminal.

Digital Integration: First Mile and Last Mile services for the assured transit service can be easily booked and managed through the user-friendly CONCOR e-Logistics Mobile App.

3. Door to Door Parcel Service by Utilising Railways Parcel Van (Mumbai to Kolkata)
Service Model: This integrated service is a three-part process:
· First Mile: Handled by CONCOR’s certified Business Associates.
· Middle Mile: The core transport is done via Indian Railway’s Parcel Train service, with an impressive runtime of 48 to 60 hours.
· Last Mile: Final delivery is again fulfilled by CONCOR’s Business Associates.

Pilot Route & Clients: The service is currently operational on the Mumbai (Bhiwandi Road) to Kolkata (Sankrail) route, spanning 1930 km. It successfully handles consignments for major brands including Castrol India (Lube oil), VIP Industries (Bags), Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Ltd. (Refrigerators and Consumer Durables), and Nestle (FMCG products).

Infrastructure Support: The service is backed by a substantial 5400 CFT cargo storage facility at both the Mumbai and Kolkata hubs. Compared to road transport, the Rail Parcel service results in a 7.5% reduction in logistics costs. Additionally, rail transit is significantly faster, offering nearly a 30% saving in transit time.

This Festive Season, Sansaar Brings Warmth & Character To Your Home Decor

(Standard Post Bureau)
The festive season in India is more than just rituals. It’s a time when families come together, old friends drop by unannounced, and neighbours stop in for a quick cup of chai that turns into hours of laughter. Naturally, homes must reflect the spirit of the season - welcoming, vibrant, and full of character. If you’re looking to give your home a festive refresh, Sansaar is the perfect answer. A sustainable décor brand under the D’Décor umbrella, Sansaar offers an effortless way to elevate your home with sophisticated soft furnishings and elegant accents that add warmth and charm without overwhelming your space.

The living room, where your home hosts its most memorable moments, is the first place to set the festive



tone. Sansaar makes it easy to curate a space that’s inviting and full of personality through its wide range of multipurpose home fabric collections. Opt for the understated luxury of the rich-toned natural weaves from the Ritz collection, and complement it with the versatile patterns of Matte Jacquards and sophisticated dry-look drapes from Mystique. And voilà! You have set the perfect mood for celebrations. Festivals are also the perfect excuse to

indulge and pamper yourself, making your bedroom the ideal place for some quiet luxury. Sansaar’s 100% organic cotton bedding range brings elegance and softness to your space, offering a sense of occasion and comfort. Whether you opt for the sleek design and natural finish of the Simply Organic collection, or the delicate embroidery and vibrant hues of Enchanted, this range of bedsheets, comforters, duvets, and pillowcases is all you need

for the season.

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For those who can’t entirely escape work during the festive season, Sansaar also offers creative ways to add a touch of warmth to workspaces and studies. The recycled leather look of the Integra collection, for example, brings sophistication to your setup while keeping the festive cheer alive. With just a few thoughtful additions, even your WFH corner can feel professional yet joyful.

‘Odisha’s second Regional Plant Resource Centre to come up at Sanaghagara’

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14 (UNI) Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi today announced that the state’s second Regional Plant Resource Centre (RPRC) will be established at Sanaghagara in Keonjhar district.

The proposed centre, a brainchild of the Chief Minister, will be developed over approximately 134 acres and will focus on biodiversity conservation, eco-tourism, research, and education. It will serve as a community hub promoting environmental awareness and nature-based learning.

Visitors will experience a variety of natural and thematic gardens showcasing orchids native to Odisha, as well as roses, bamboo, cactus, and wild fruits, adding to the area’s scenic beauty. Majhi reviewed the project plans during a meeting with officials of the Forest, Environment, and Climate Change Department and the Keonjhar District Administration at the Lok Seva Bhavan. He directed that the centre remain open to tourists and the public year-round, transforming Sanaghagara into a major tourism destination. Given the region’s frequent elephant movements, the Chief Minister instructed officials to adopt preventive measures such as constructing deep trenches to reduce human-elephant conflicts. He also emphasized maintaining a steady water flow in the Machkundana River, which passes through the project area, to preserve ecological balance. The proposed centre will feature an Orchid Conservation and Display Unit, Lotus Garden, Wild Edible Fruit Garden, Fern Garden, Medicinal Plant Garden, Flower Market, and a children’s play area. All structures will use locally sourced stone and wood. The project is expected to be completed by 2027, officials said.

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Mumbai Meteors win hard-fought battle against Kochi Blue Spikers

Hyderabad, Oct 14 (UNI) Mumbai Meteors defeated the Kochi Blue Spikers in a five-set thriller, winning the match 15-7, 7-15, 13-15, 15-8, 15-11 in the RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League powered by Scapia at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, here today.

Karthik was named the Player of the Match. Despite trailing early on, Kochi fought hard to push the in-form Meteors on the back foot. But in the end, the Meteors managed to hold on to continue their winning run in the tournament.

Mumbai setter Om Lad Vasant started strong with his passes. Petter Alstad Ostvik blocked Erin Varghese's spikes as Mumbai took an early lead. Tremendous defence from the Meteors allowed them to get ahead.

In need of a response, Kochi brought on Hemanth and Amal K Thomas to provide much-needed attacking flair. Amrinderpal Singh continued his form in the defence as he made solid blocks.

Hemanth earned a super point and Kochi levelled the game. The confidence grew in Kochi's camp with each passing minute. Setter Moushin played a key role for Kochi with his distributions.

A b h i s h e k ' s contributions in the attack helped Kochi take the lead. To find a way back, Mumbai brought veteran blocker Karthik A and setter Vipul Kumar on the court, and the game began to swing towards Mumbai once again.

Amit Gulia's smart receptions helped the Meteors push the game to the fifth set. Shubham Chaudhary showed his defensive strengths, making crucial blocks.

Despite service pressure from Amal, Mumbai managed to script a hard-fought victory, with Mathias Loftesnes leading the attack charge.

With the win, the Mumbai Meteors retained their top spot in the table with 11 points in 4 games. Meanwhile, Kochi Blue Spikers are presently lying on the 9th position in the table after 5 matches

Cameroon misses out on automatic World Cup spot as Cape Verde qualifies

Yaounde, Oct 14 (UNI) Cameroon's bid for direct qualification to the 2026 FIFA World Cup ended in frustration after a goalless draw with Angola in its final Group D match here.

Needing victory in Yaounde to keep their hopes alive, the Indomitable Lions squandered several chances and were left to rue their wastefulness on Monday.

Even a win would not have been enough in the end, as Cape Verde beat Eswatini 3-0 to finish top with 23 points, sealing its first-ever World Cup berth.



India's players celebrate with the trophy after winning the cricket Test series against West Indies at Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday.

UP Yoddhas thump Tamil Thalaivas in late thriller to fuel momentum in late-season surge

New Delhi, Oct 14 (UNI) UP Yoddhas' late-season revival gathered further momentum as they edged past Tamil Thalaivas 32-31 in a tense, high-quality contest at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium, here, in Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12.

The victory, coming close on the heels of their dominant win over U Mumba, further puts the spotlight on the team's growing belief, composure, and ability to seize the big moments.

In a match that swung dramatically in both directions, the Yoddhas showed maturity beyond measure, staying patient under pressure and executing their tactical plans with precision.

Every point was hard-

fought, and it was UP's ability to hold their nerve in the closing stages that ultimately made the difference. Guman Singh once again led the charge with eight raid points, continuing his fine run of form and setting the tone early with his sharp footwork and measured aggression. He was ably supported by Gagan Gowda, who turned in a valuable performance with six points, keeping the Thalaivas' defence constantly guessing. Bhavani Rajput chipped in with three crucial points, adding depth and balance to the raiding unit.

If the raiders laid the platform, the defence sealed the deal. Hitesh was exceptional, registering seven tackle points and

leading the backline with confidence. Mahender Singh added two points, ensuring that the Thalaivas' key raiders never got into rhythm. The Yoddhas' defensive coordination, highlighted by three Super Tackles, played a decisive role in keeping the opposition in check despite sustained pressure in the dying minutes.

The statistics told a story of a contest fought on fine margins. Tamil Thalaivas were behind in tackle success rate (45% to UP's 50%), while UP led extensively in raid strike rate (40.48% vs 31.7%). When it mattered most, it was the Yoddhas who found that extra gear, capitalising on crucial moments and closing the game with tactical clarity.

The coaching contingent of Jasveer Singh and Upendra Malik will take immense satisfaction from how the team has evolved over the last two outings, turning learning into results and displaying the hallmark of a side hitting form at just the right time.

With back-to-back wins now boosting both confidence and momentum, UP Yoddhas have well and truly reignited their campaign. Their growing chemistry, controlled aggression, and focus on execution have made them one of the in-form teams in the league's closing stretch. UP Yoddhas will next play the Haryana Steelers on October 16, whereas the Tamil Thalaivas are poised to take on the Gujarat Giants tomorrow.

IOC announces Paris 2024 Fair Play Awards winners

Lausanne (Switzerland), Oct 14 (UNI) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced that two individuals and one federation have received the Paris 2024 Fair Play Awards for gestures of friendship, sportsmanship and solidarity.

Norway's decathlete Sander Skotheim, Spain's Antonio Rojas, and the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB), received the awards at the Olympic Museum on Sunday.

The International Fair Play Committee, an organization recognized by the IOC, chose Skotheim after he continued competing despite failing to clear a height and register a score in the pole vault in the men's decathlon competition.

Rojas was the DJ at the Eiffel Tower Stadium during the 2024 Paris Olympics. He helped to defuse

a row between Ana Patricia Silva Ramos of Brazil and Canada's Brandie Wilkerson during the women's beach volleyball final by playing John Lennon's classic song, Imagine.

The DOSB and its national rowing federation offered one of their boats to single-sculls rower Yauheni Zalaty - an Individual Neutral Athlete from Belarus - after Zalaty's own boat was held up in customs. Zalaty went on to take a silver medal as Germany's Oliver Zeidler won gold.

BWF World Junior Championships: Tanvi Sharma, Unnati Hooda register easy wins to kick-off campaign

Guwahati, Oct 14 (UNI) : Medal hopefuls Tanvi Sharma, Unnati Hooda and Rakshitha Sree R launched their BWF World Junior Championships campaigns with comfortable victories, while all four boys' singles players also sailed through the next round at the National Centre of Excellence here today.

Top-seeded Tanvi thrashed Poland's Wiktoria Kaletka 15-2, 15-1 in just 11 minutes while eighth seed Unnati eased to a 15-8, 15-9 win over Hong Kong's Liu Hoi Anna in 23 minutes. Rakshitha Sree then overcame the challenge of Lucy Yang of Canada 15-5, 15-9 to get her campaign going. Indonesia's Thalita Wiryawan, seeded seventh, was the highest girls' singles player to be knocked out. Chinese Taipei's Shu-Yu Wen fought back from a game down to beat 12-15, 15-7, 15-8 in 34 minutes. BWF president Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul also visited the National Centre

of Excellence and interacted with the Badminton Association of India officials and watched some exciting matches on Tuesday. In the boys' singles category, 11th seed Rounak Chouhan defeated Sri Lanka's Thisath Rupathunga 15-3, 15-6, 15th seed Suryaksh Rawat beat Yigitcan Erol of Turkiye 15-5, 15-8 while Lalthazuala Hmar got the better of Rylan Tan of USA 15-11, 15-5. A few hours later, Gnana Dattu TT joined his teammates in the round of 32, beating Brazil's Joaquim Mendonca 15-10, 15-13.

In the next round, Gnana Dattu will face Suryaksh for a place in the pre-quarterfinals. The only reversal for India in the singles category came when Asian Junior champion's bronze medalist Vennala K could not find her rhythm and went down 6-15, 5-15 against fifth seed Tonrug Saeheng of Thailand in the second round. In the mixed doubles events, 14th seed Bhavya Chhabra and Vishakha

Toppo and C Lalramsanga and Taarini Suri advanced to the next round in contrasting manner, while two Indian pairs were knocked out.

Bhavya and Vishakha struggled to drive home the advantage in the second game but recovered well to beat Indonesia's Ghian Sofyan and Salsabila Aulia 15-4, 13-15, 15-5 while C Lalramsanga and Taarini Suri dominated the second game to win 15-12, 15-5.

Also advancing to the next round were Mansa and Gayatri Rawat, who had an easy 15-3, 15-5 win over Alya Elghandour and Fatema Rabie of Egypt while Aanya Bisht and Angel Punera got the better of Poland's Wiktoria Kaletka and Olga Szwarnowiecka 15-12, 15-11 in girls doubles.

In boy's doubles, sixth seeds Bhargav Ram Arigela and Viswa Tej Gobburu defeated Andrej Macek and Andrej Suchy of Slovakia 15-7, 15-6 in the boy's doubles second round. Later in the day, Bhavya and

India show grit in epic 3–3 draw against Pakistan at Sultan of Johor Cup

Johor (Malaysia), Oct 14 (UNI) The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team played out a thrilling 3–3 draw against Pakistan in their third group-stage match of the ongoing Sultan of Johor Cup 2025 here tonight.

In a pulsating encounter that swung both ways, India fought back from a two-goal deficit to take the lead, only for Pakistan to strike late and ensure the points were shared. The result also means that India are still undefeated in the tournament.

For India, Aarajeet Singh Hundal (43'), Sourabh Anand Kushwaha (47'), Manmeet Singh (53') netted goals, while for Pakistan, Hannan Shahid (5') and Sufyan Khan (39', 55') were on the scoresheet.

The Indian colts made a bright start, dominating possession and making several early circle penetrations that kept Pakistan on the back foot. Their early pressure earned them a penalty corner in just the third minute, but the opportunity went begging.

Against the run of play, Pakistan hit back through a quick counterattack and earned a penalty stroke soon after. Captain Hannan Shahid (5') made no mistake, slotting the ball low to the goalkeeper's right to give his team an early lead. Buoyed by the breakthrough, Pakistan began to find their rhythm, stringing together quick passes and launching a few threatening raids into the Indian circle. They came close again through a penalty corner in the 10th minute but failed to extend their advantage.

India, meanwhile, continued to press hard for the equaliser, testing Pakistan's defence with pace and precision and even came close to scoring on multiple occasions but couldn't as the opening quarter ended 1–0 in Pakistan's favour. Pakistan began the second quarter on the front foot, launching an early attack that earned them another penalty corner.

However, the Indian defence stood tall, denying them any chance to extend their lead. Moments later, India faced a setback when Anmol Ekka was shown a yellow card for a sliding tackle in the 20th minute, forcing the team to play a man short for the remaining 10 minutes of the second quarter. Despite the numerical disadvantage, the Indian colts displayed admirable discipline and composure. They not only kept Pakistan from capitalising on the situation but also continued to test their opponents' defence with quick transitions and clever passing. Yet, the equaliser remained elusive, as Pakistan maintained their slender 1–0 lead going into half-time.

Determined to fight their way back into the contest, India began the third quarter with renewed intent, focusing on maintaining possession and building patient attacks.

Andrea Hernandez (Philippines) 15-12, 15-5; Vansh Dev/Dianka Waldia lost to 11-Datu Asrah/Zi Low (Malaysia) 15-6, 5-15, 10-15; Vishnu Kode/Keerthy Manchala lost to Wei Jian Zhen/Liang Yu En (China) 13-15, 10-15

Men's doubles: 6-Bhargav Ram Arigela/Viswa Tej Gobburu bt Andrej Macek/Andrej Suchy (Slovakia) 15-7, 15-6; Vishnu Kode/Mithileish Krishnan lost to 7-Thibault Gardon/Mady Sow (France) 11-15, 10-15; Sumith AR/Bhavya Chhabra lost to Philip Boe/Salomon Thomasen (Denmark) 15-12, 10-15, 14-16.

Women's doubles: 16-Aanya Bishu/Angel Punera vs Wiktoria Kaletka/Olga Szwarnowiecka (Poland) 15-12, 15-11; Vennala K / Reshika U bt 9-Dominika Bartlomiejczuk/Kaja Ziolkowska (Poland) w/o; 7-Gayatri Rawat/Mansa Rawat bt Alya Elghandour/Fatema Rabie (Egypt) 15-3, 15-5.

SL-NZ Women's WC match rained off

Colombo, Oct 14 (UNI) : The 15th match of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 between Sri Lanka Women and New Zealand Women at R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo ended with no result due to rain. The hosts, after winning the toss and electing to bat, posted 258 for 6 in their allotted 50 overs. C h a m a r i

Athapaththu top-scored with 53 off 72 balls, while Vishmi Gunaratne contributed 42 runs. Harshitha Samarawickrama made a brisk 26, and Nilakshi de Silva remained unbeaten on 55. Despite contributions from the middle order, the match could not proceed further owing to persistent rain.

Both the teams shared points, with Sri Lanka moving to two points and New Zealand to three. Both skippers shook hands in a truce. This is the second no-result of the tournament, and both have occurred in Colombo. The groundsman tried to cover the field, but two bouts of rain prevented any further play.

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12 Employees of Western Railway felicitated with General manager’s Safety Award



Mr Vivek Kumar Gupta -General Manager of Western Railway is seen along with Additional General Manager, Principal Head of Departments and the recipients of GM’s Safety Award.

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Oct 14 : Mr Vivek Kumar Gupta - General Manager of Western Railway, felicitated 12 employees at the Western Railway Headquarters in Mumbai for their exemplary

performance that contributed to safe train operations. These employees were recognized for their alertness and dedication during duty, which played a crucial role in preventing untoward incidents in August &

September, 2025. The awardees included two employees each from the Mumbai Central, Vadodara, Ratlam, Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Bhavnagar Divisions. According to a press release issued by Shri Vineet Abhishek, Chief

Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Gupta appreciated the alertness displayed by the awarded staff and stated that they serve as exemplary role models for others to follow. He acknowledged

their high level of commitment and dedication towards ensuring the safe operation of trains, highlighting their vigilance in various areas of safety such as detection of smoke and sparks, broken

coupler body, dangling parts in wagons, brake binding e.t.c. Western Railway commends all the awardee employees for being vigilant and acting promptly, which helped in averting untoward events.

Western Railway to run Eight pairs of unreserved restival special trains to various destinations

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Oct 14 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Diwali and Chhath Puja, Western Railway will run eight pairs of Unreserved Festival Special Trains on Special fare between Bandra Terminus – Barauni, Valsad – Barauni, Udhna – Bhagalpur, Udhna – Samastipur, Pratap Nagar – Katihar, Pratapnagar – Jaynagar, Sabarmati – Gorakhpur and Sabarmati – Begusarai stations

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Mr Vineet Abhishek, the details of these trains are as under:
1. Train No.09079/ 09080 Bandra Terminus – Barauni Unreserved Special Train [26 Trips]
Train No. 09079 Bandra Terminus – Barauni Unreserved Special will depart from Bandra Terminus Daily at 20:30 hrs and will reach Barauni at 12:15 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 15th October to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09080 Barauni – Bandra Terminus Unreserved Special will depart from Barauni Daily at 15:05 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 11:00 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 17th October to 29th October 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt Borivali, Boisar, Vapi, Valsad, Bhestan, Chalthan, Nandurbar, Amalner, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj

Chheoki, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur and Shahpur Patoree stations in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

2. Train No. 09089/ 09090 Valsad – Barauni Unreserved Special [28 Trips]
Train No. 09089 Valsad – Barauni Unreserved Special will depart from Valsad Daily at 12:50 hrs and will reach Barauni at 06:05 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 14th October to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09090 Barauni – Valsad Unreserved Special will depart from Barauni Daily at 11:00 hrs and will reach Valsad at 04:30 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 16th October to 29th October, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Navsari, Udhna, Sayan, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Ujjain, Maksi, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Saugor, Damoh, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur and Samastipur stations in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

3. Train No.09081/ 09082 Udhna – Bhagalpur Unreserved Special Train [28 Trips]

Train No. 09081 Udhna – Bhagalpur Unreserved Special will depart from Udhna Daily at 11:15 hrs

and will reach Bhagalpur at 20:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 14th October to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09082 Bhagalpur – Udhna Unreserved Special will depart from Bhagalpur Daily at 22:50 hrs and will arrive Udhna at 09:00 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 15th October to 28th October 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Chalthan, Vyara, Nandurbar, Dondaicha, Amalner, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patna, Bakhtiyarpur, Mokama, Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur and Sultanganj stations in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

4. Train No. 09091/ 09092 Udhna – Samastipur Unreserved Special [28 Trips]

Train No. 09091 Udhna – Samastipur Unreserved Special will depart from Udhna Daily at 22:00 hrs and will reach Samastipur at 11:35 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 14th October to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09092 Samastipur – Udhna Unreserved Special will depart from Samastipur Daily at 14:30 hrs and will reach Udhna at 04:33 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 16th October to 29th October 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Sayan, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Ujjain, Maksi, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Saugor, Damoh, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur,

Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur and Muzaffarpur stations in both directions. Train no. 09092 will have an additional halt at Surat station.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

5. Train No. 09123/ 09124 Pratap Nagar – Katihar (Weekly) Unreserved Special [04 Trips]

Train No. 09123 Pratap Nagar – Katihar Weekly Unreserved Special will depart from Pratap Nagar, on Wednesday, 15th & 22nd October, 2025, at 16:30 hrs and will reach Katihar at 07:15 hrs, on Friday. Similarly, Train No. 09124 Katihar – Pratap Nagar Weekly Unreserved Special will depart from Katihar, on Friday, 17th & 24th October, 2025, at 11:15 hrs and will reach Pratap Nagar at 02:30 hrs, on Sunday.

Enroute this train will halt at Vadodara, Chhayapuri, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur, Barauni and Khagaria stations in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

6. Train No. 09151/ 09152 Pratapnagar – Jaynagar Unreserved Special (Weekly) [04 trips]

Train No. 09151 Pratapnagar - Jaynagar special will depart from Pratapnagar on Sunday, 19th & 26th October 2025, at 16:35 hrs and reach Jaynagar at 10:00 hrs, on Tuesday. Similarly, Train No. 09152 Jaynagar - Pratapnagar special will depart from Jaynagar on Tuesday, 21st & 28th October, 2025 at 14:00 hrs and reach Pratapnagar at 05:30 hrs, on Thursday.

Enroute this train will halt at Vadodara, Chhayapuri, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Cheokki, Mirzapur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga and Madhubani station in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

7. Train No. 09429/ 09430 Sabarmati – Gorakhpur Unreserved Special (Tri-Weekly) [12 trips]

Train No. 09429 Sabarmati – Gorakhpur special will depart from Sabarmati on Thursday, Friday & Sunday at 08:50 hrs and reach Gorakhpur at 10:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 16th to 26th October, 2025.

Similarly, Train No. 09430 Gorakhpur – Sabarmati special will depart from Gorakhpur on Friday, Saturday and Monday at 13:00 hrs and reach Sabarmati at 15:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 17th to 27th

October, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Marwar, Ajmer, Jaipur, Gandhi Nagar Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui, Bharatpur, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Etawah, Govindpuri, Unnao, Lucknow Jn., Barabanki, Gonda, Manakpur and Basti station in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

8. Train No. 09431/ 09432 Sabarmati – Begusarai Unreserved Special [28 trips]

Train No. 09431 Sabarmati – Begusarai special will depart from Sabarmati Daily at 12:05 hrs and reach Begusarai at 08:00 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 14th to 27th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09432 Begusarai – Sabarmati special will depart from Begusarai Daily at 12:00 hrs and reach Sabarmati at 05:00 hrs, the third day. This train will run from 16th to 29th October, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Falna, Marwar, Beawar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui, Bharatpur, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Etawah, Govindpuri, Subedarganj, Mirzapur, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur, Hajipur and Barauni station in both directions.

This train comprises of General Second Class Coaches.

For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Temporary Restriction on Platform Ticket Sales at Central Railway Stations to Avoid Festive Rush

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 14 : To manage the heavy rush and ensure smooth passenger movement during the forthcoming Diwali and Chhath Puja festivals, Central Railway has imposed temporary restrictions on the sale of Platform Tickets at select major stations. This measure aims to regulate crowding on platforms and ensure hassle-free movement within station premises.

The restriction on the sale of Platform Tickets will remain in effect from 16.10.2025 to 28.10.2025.

Stations where platform ticket sales are restricted:

- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT)

- Dadar
- Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT)
- Thane
- Kalyan
- Panve

Platform tickets will, however, be issued to senior citizens, ailing passengers, children, and lady passengers who require assistance, as per Railway Board guidelines.

Passengers are requested to plan their travel accordingly and cooperate with railway authorities to ensure a smooth and safe journey experience during the festive period.

Western Railway to run weekly superfast special train between Bandra Terminus - Jaipur

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 14 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Diwali and Chhath Puja, Western Railway will run a Superfast Special Train on Special fare between Bandra Terminus – Jaipur stations. According to a press release issued by Public Relations Department of Western Railway, Train No. 09726 Bandra Terminus – Jaipur Weekly Superfast Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Thursday at 14:40 hrs and will reach Jaipur at 10:50 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 16th October to 30th October, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09725 Jaipur – Bandra Terminus Weekly Superfast Special will depart from Jaipur every Wednesday at 16:05

hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 12:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 15th October to 29th October, 2025. Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Mandsor, Nimach, Chittaurgarh, Bhilwara, Bijainagar, Nasirabad, Ajmer and Kishangarh stations in both directions.

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

The booking for Train No. 09726 will open from 15th October, 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.

PM to inaugurate and lay foundation stone for Major railway projects of ECoR from Kurnool

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Oct 14 : In a memorable event, Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay foundation stones for several key railway projects of Waltair Division of East Coast Railway from Kurnool on 16.10.2025. With a focus to enhance railway operations and encourage economic growth, the foundation stone will laid for the fourth railway line between Kottavalasa and Vizianagaram, alongside a robust rail flyover between Pendurti and North Simhachalam. These projects, once completed, are expected to enhance operational efficiency, reduce congestion, and bring far-reaching benefits to passengers and freight services alike.

At the same time, dedication to the nation of two vital double-line projects: the doubling of railway lines between Kottavalasa–Boddavara and Shimiliguda–Gorapur sections will be done. The completion of these sections marks a significant milestone in creating faster, safer, and more reliable rail transport, fostering sustained growth and socio-economic progress in the region. The newly launched and upcoming projects exemplify Indian Railways’ vision of enhancing network capacity, improving passenger amenities, and fostering connectivity that reaches every corner of the nation.

Cong's Jairam Ramesh reflects on Dr Ambedkar’s historic embrace of Buddhism

New Delhi, Oct 14 (UNI) : Congress leader Jairam Ramesh marked the 69th anniversary on October 14 of a transformative moment in Indian history — Dr BR Ambedkar’s conversion to Buddhism.

Highlighting a journey that spanned nearly five decades, Ramesh paid tribute to Ambedkar’s deep and enduring engagement with Buddhist philosophy, which culminated in a bold

public declaration in 1950. “Dr. Ambedkar’s fascination with the life of the Buddha was almost half a century old, but it was only in 1950 that he began speaking regularly about his conversion in public forums,” Ramesh shared in a heartfelt post on X.

The landmark day, October 14, 1956, saw Dr Ambedkar and his wife Savita Ambedkar formally initiated into Buddhism by

Burmese monk Bhikku Chandiramani in Nagpur. The event, held at Deekshabhumi — a site that has since become a symbol of social and spiritual emancipation — witnessed Dr Ambedkar administering 22 revolutionary oaths to nearly half a million followers.

These oaths were a solemn pledge to reject caste discrimination and

embrace the egalitarian ideals of Buddhism.

Deekshabhumi remains etched in history as the place where Ambedkar’s vision of social justice took a spiritual form, inspiring generations to challenge deep-rooted inequalities.

Jairam Ramesh also highlighted Ambedkar’s seminal work on Buddhism, published

posthumously in January 1957, which continues to illuminate his profound understanding of the religion’s principles.

In addition, Ramesh drew attention to Ashok Gopal’s biography, A Part Apart: The Life and Thought of BR Ambedkar, which offers fresh perspectives on this epochal event.

The choice of Nagpur as the site for the mass

conversion was no accident, thanks largely to the efforts of Wamanrao Godbole, whose role in this historic decision is often overlooked.

As India reflects on this anniversary, the legacy of Dr. Ambedkar’s embrace of Buddhism serves as a powerful reminder of the quest for equality, dignity, and human rights — a journey that continues to inspire the nation today.