



In this image received on Oct. 20, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi offers sweets to naval personnel aboard INS Vikrant, on the occasion of Diwali, off the coast of Goa and Karwar.

No polls until fake voters removed from Maharashtra list: Sanjay Raut

Mumbai, Oct 20 (UNI) : There are nearly 96 lakh to 1 crore bogus voters in Maharashtra's electoral rolls and fair elections are impossible unless they are removed, said Shiv Sena (Thackeray faction) MP Sanjay Raut.

Addressing media today, he warned that his party would not allow elections to take place until the voter lists are corrected.

Raut pointed out that Home Minister Amit Shah recently vowed to identify and remove infiltrators from

voter lists. "We welcome his statement. Let him start by removing the one crore infiltrators in Maharashtra's list," Raut said.

He noted that between the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, the state's voter list saw an increase of 50 lakh names, and within just four days after the Assembly polls, Mumbai alone added six lakh voters.

This infiltration was orchestrated by the BJP and the Shinde faction. Let Amit Shah show the courage to

clean it up, he challenged.

Raut said the Thackeray faction has questioned the State Election Commission about the discrepancies, while Rahul Gandhi has raised the issue with the Central Election Commission.

"Why are the BJP and the Shinde camp rushing to defend the voter list if they have nothing to hide? It's like the proverb — 'a thief feels the moonlight burn'," Raut quipped.

Drawing an analogy, Raut said, "Narakasura was

born in Guwahati, and similarly, the Shinde-led government was born in Guwahati after the sacrifice of 50 bulls. Just as Narakasura was crushed, the people of Maharashtra will crush these traitors."

He added that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had shown India the path of science, but today's Prime Minister and Deputy Chief Minister believe more in tantra-mantra and superstition than in science — a mindset that is dragging the country backward.

Shinde Sena leaders angry over BJP's seat-sharing policy

Mumbai, Oct 20 (UNI) : Tensions have reportedly arisen within Maharashtra's ruling Mahayuti ahead of the local body elections, particularly between the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and the BJP. During a recent internal review meeting of the Shinde faction, several district chiefs and office-bearers voiced frustration over the BJP's approach to seat-sharing and its growing influence in key constituencies.

In Mumbai, where no single party can secure power independently, unity among the alliance partners

is seen as essential. However, sources indicate rising friction from Thane to Nandurbar. In regions such as Thane, Kalyan-Dombivli, and Vasai-Virar, local BJP and Shinde Sena leaders are reportedly clashing over seat allocations and campaign control. Sena leaders have accused BJP of overstepping boundaries and encroaching on their traditional bastions.

In Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad, local BJP units have expressed their willingness to contest solo, while the Ajit Pawar-led NCP faction is pushing to expand

its own footprint. Similar discontent has been reported from Nashik, Nagpur, Amravati, and Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, where Sena representatives allege that the BJP is undermining coalition ethics and attempting to weaken the party by wooing rival candidates. According to several complaints raised during the review meeting, multiple current and former Sena office-bearers are believed to be actively supporting BJP candidates at the local level - deepening internal mistrust only months before the polls.

Two women die in hit and run accidents in Thane

Thane, Oct 20 (UNI) : Two women were killed in separate hit and run accidents here late last night. What has given these incidents a curious twist is that both victims had the same name. A 40-year-old woman employed at a hair salon died after a speeding car rammed into the two-wheeler she was riding along Ghodbunder Road. The victim, identified as Swati Kadam, had started working at a Naglabandar area salon just eight days before the tragic accident took place while she was returning home after work. According to available information, the salon had experienced heavy customer footfall throughout yesterday. Due to the late hour, salon owner Manoj Thakur decided to drop Ms Kadam home on his motorcycle. While they were travelling from Ghodbunder on the Eastern Express Highway towards Thane, a fast-moving car collided with their two-wheeler, throwing

both riders to the ground. Thakur sustained serious hand injuries, while Ms Kadam suffered severe head trauma. The car driver fled the scene without offering help. Both victims were rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared Ms Kadam dead on arrival. Kasarvadavali Police Station has registered a case in connection with the accident and initiated further investigation.

In a separate incident at around 11:30 pm the same night, another accident occurred under a skywalk bridge near the Vijay Garden housing society on Ghodbunder Road. A man and woman returning from a party were riding a two-wheeler when an unidentified vehicle hit them. The woman, also named Swati, fell and sustained critical head injuries, leading to her immediate death, while the male companion suffered a hand fracture and is undergoing treatment at a local hospital.

CR denies report of three youths falling from Karmabhoomi Express

Mumbai, Oct 20 (UNI) : The Central Railway today refuted social media reports claiming that three youths fell from the Karmabhoomi Express.

Some reports had also suggested that they fell due to overcrowding on the train. However, a railway official termed these reports as fake, clarifying that the individuals were not onboard the train but were trespassing on the tracks between Nashik and Odha.

According to the Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO), Central Railway, Swapnil Nila, the three individuals involved were not passengers on the train but were trespassing on the railway tracks late Friday night in an inebriated condition.

The clarification came after folk singer Neha Singh Rathore criticised the Railways on social media, questioning the management over the 12,000 special trains deployed during the festive season.

CM felicitates winners of 'Rang De Nagpur' wall painting competition

Nagpur, Oct 20 (UNI) : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis today felicitated the winners of the 'Rang De Nagpur' wall painting competition, organised by the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) as part of its Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from artists across the state, who transformed city walls into vibrant works of art.

A total of 118 entries were received, of which 92 groups qualified under the prescribed themes, with nearly 300 artists painting across various city locations. Participants competed in two categories: Students (18 years and above) and professionals. Student artists displayed their work along NEERI Road near Deekshabhoomi, while professional artists painted walls at Freedom Park in Sitabuldi. Notable

participation came from artists based in Nagpur, Mumbai, Thane, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Yavatmal, Chandrapur, and Wardha. Among the prominent institutions represented were the Government College of Art, Nagpur, Natraj Art and Culture College, and Government College of Art, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.

The Chief Minister awarded cash prizes ranging from Rs 25,000 to Rs 1.25 lakh to the winners in both categories and lauded the artists for their creativity and role in beautifying the city.

The event was also attended by Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule, Minister Atul Save, Minister of State Ashish Jaiswal, MPs, MLAs, and senior civic and district officials, including Municipal Commissioner Abhijeet Chaudhari and District Collector Dr. Vipin Itankar.



Medvedev wins first title

A resurgent Daniil Medvedev claimed his first title for 882 days with victory over Corentin Moutet in the Almaty Open final. The Russian former world number one has had a torrid year, winning just one match at the Grand Slams and suffering a meltdown at the US Open.

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2027 polls will decide the future of UP, Constitution: Akhilesh



Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav today said that the 2027 Assembly elections will be all about protecting the future of Uttar Pradesh and the Constitution. Addressing SP workers in Saifai, Akhilesh gave them clear guidelines regarding the assembly elections and said the coming polls will be much more than a mere change of power,

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NOTICE

Publication of list of Modifications/Changes in Draft Development Plan of Khopoli u/s 28(4) of Maharashtra Regional & Town Planning Act, 1966.

Whereas, Khopoli Municipal Council being Planning Authority, has published the Draft Development Plan of Khopoli u/s 26(1) of the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act, 1966, vide notice dated 11.02.2025 for inviting suggestions/ objections from public. The said Notice is published in Maharashtra Government Gazzette of Exta Ordinary Part Two dated 12.02.2025.

And whereas, after considering the suggestions/objections to the said Plan received within stipulated period, the Planning Committee constituted u/s 28(4) of the said Act, has submitted its report to the said Planning Authority on 01.09.2025.

And whereas, the said Planning Authority after considering the report submitted by Planning Committee, partly accepted it / suggested changes in it and passed. Resolution No.157 dated 17.09.2025 to make modifications/ changes to the said Plan and to submit the said Plan for sanction to the Government u/s 30 of the said Act:

And whereas, it is necessary to publish the said modifications/changes made in the said Plan for inspection of the public as per section 28(4) of the said Act;

Now, therefore, the list of modifications/changes made u/s 28(4) of the Act, by the said Planning Authority is hereby published as Appendix-A as per the provisions of said Act for information of the public. The said Draft Development Plan showing the modifications / changes is kept open for the inspection of the public in the following offices, on working days, during office hours for a period of 30 days.

1. Khopoli Municipal Council Khopoli

2. Assistant Director, Town Planning, Alibag Branch

Place:- Khopoli

The Chief Officer,
Khopoli Municipal Coucil

Appendix - A"

List of modifications/ changes made u/s 28(4) of the Act.

No.	Details of modification/changes
M1	Area of Reservation No.74 'Primary School' in village Katrang affected by existing constructions is deleted and included in adjoining zone as shown on plan.
M2	i.Reservation No.37 'Park' in village Shil is deleted and area released is included in adjoining zone. ii.9m. wide DP road is proposed from CTS 2104 and 2039 over existing road upto open space in CTS 2039 and 12m. wide DP road is deleted to its south and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M3	Width of proposed 18m. wide DP road in Bajarpeth is reduced to 12m. wide DP road as per sanctioned development plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M4	As per the order passed by Hon'ble Director of Town Planning uis 127. notice area under existing 'Telephone Exchange' in CTS 3525 in village Varose is deleted and included in the 'Residential Zone'.
M5	Reservation No.43 'Market and Shopping Center' in CTS 1111 at village Mulgaon (Kh) is deleted and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M6	i.Width of proposed 24m. wide DP road at village Takai is reduced equally from both sides to 12m. wide DP road and area released is included in adjoining zone. (CTS 2226 to 2262). ii.Width of proposed 24m. wide DP road at village Takai is reduced from north side to 12m. wide DP road and area released is included in adjoining zone. (CTS 2262 to 2240).
M7	Proposed 18m. wide DP road in Subhash Nagar in village Vasarang is shifted adjacent to boundary of 'Industrial Zone' as shown on plan and area released is included in the adjoining zone.
M8	Area of CTS 1517, 1530 and 1538 in village Ajoshi is deleted from ' Public Semi-Public Zone' and included in the 'Residential Zone'.
M9	Proposed 18m. wide DP road is realigned as per sanctioned layout of CTS 1639 in village Mulgaon(Kh) and is continued upto the corner of the open space in CTS 1601 and connected to east-west proposed 18m. wide DP road as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M10	i.Area with gradient less than 1:5 in CTS 3051 in village Mulgaon (Bk) is deleted from 'Hill/Mountain Zone' and included in 'Residential Zone'. ii. Area with gradient less than 1:5 in CTS 5369 in village Bhanvaj is deleted from 'Hill/Mountain Zone' and included in 'Residential Zone'.
M11	Approx. 0.4 Ha. area of CTS 1791, 1792(pt), 1797(pt) and 1790.1807(pt) in Mulgaon (Bk) is retained as Reservation No.54 'Playground' and remaining area of the said site is deleted and included in the 'Residential lone' as shown on plan.
M12	Reservation No.47 ' Stadium' is shifted in CTS 1729 in village Vyahari along the junction of proposed 18m. wide DP road at the north and proposed 9m. wide DP road at the west and area released is included in adjoining ,one as shown on plan.
M13	i. Reservation No.51 'Solid Waste Management Facility' is shifted in village Meel in place of M-7 (Trenching Ground) as per sanctioned development plan, existing 'Dumping Yard' is also included in the reservation as shown on plan. ii.Site for Reservation no.51 'Solid Waste Management Facility' in village Lavhej as shown in draft published development plan is redesignated as new Reservation no. 93 'Picnic Centre' as shown on plan.
M14	i.Proposed 18m. wide DP road is shifted towards south keeping north, side aligned with existing road in CTS 4281 in village Khopoli as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.

No.	Details of modification/changes
	ii.Proposed 18m. wide DP road is shifted at the south in CTS 4283 in village Khopoli as sanctioned development plan as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M15	i.Reservation No.27 'Playground' is redesignated as 'Primary School & Secondary School' in village Shedavali. ii.Reservation No.28 Primary School & Secondary School' is redesignated as 'Playground' in village Shedavali.
M16	Width of proposed 24m. wide DP road from north boundary of village Vasarang to north boundary of village Chinchavali Shekin is reduced from west side to 18m. wide DP road as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone
M17	Approx. area 10 R. of CTS 3986 in village Bhanvaj under Reservation no.69 'Extn. to Hopsital' which was also affected by Reservation No.64 Extn. to Hospital' of sanctioned development plan is deleted and included in 'Commercial Zone' as shown on plan.
M18	i.Reservation No.38 'Parking' is redesignated as 'Garden/Park'. ii.Area of existing Hanuman temple is deleted from redesignated Reservation No. 38 'Garden/Park' (as per M18-i) in village Shil and shown as 'Temple' as shown on plan.
M19	Proposed 9m. wide DP road in CTS 5345 in village Bhanvaj is shifted as M19 per sanctioned layout and continued upto proposed 12m. wide DP road towards south as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M20	i.Proposed 18m. wide DP road in S.no.57 of Bhanva. village is shifted towards west as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone. (CTS 4973 to 4758) ii.9m. wide flyover connection is proposed to N11-48 to the west of Bhanvaj underpass as shown on plan.
M21	Existing road starting from Jain temple upto Bhanvaj underpass via Janata Vidyalaya is proposed as 9m. wide DP road as shown on plan.
M22	Approx. 0.4 Ha. area from western side of Reservation No.33 'Fire Station' is proposed as new Reservation no.94 'Burial Ground' in village Meel and Mulgaon (Bk) as shown on plan.
M23	Width of proposed 24m. wide DP road in CTS 4385 and other in village Khopoli is reduced to 15m. wide DP road as per sanctioned development plan and area released is included in adjoining zone as shown on plan.
M24	Proposed 18m. wide DP road is realigned with equal widening from centreline of existing road in CTS 4147 and other in village Devlad as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M25	Width of proposed 45m. wide DP road in village Takai is reduced to 24m. wide DP road as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M26	Area of Reservation no.13 'Park' in village Takai affected by existing constructions is deleted and included in adjoining zone as shown on plan.
M27	Proposed 12m. wide DP Road passing through CTS 5350 in village Bhanvaj is shifted as 9m. wide DP road in CTS 5341. 5342. 5339 and connected to proposed 12m. wide DP road as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M28	Entire area in 'No Development Zone' of CTS 5283 in village Bhanvaj is deleted from 'No Development Zone' and included in the 'Residential Zone'.
M29	Proposed 18m. wide DP road from Janata Vidyalaya in village Devlad to CTS 5141pt in village Bhanvaj is shifted upto north boundary of the existing road and from CTS 5141pt continued upto eastern boundary of NH-48. New 18m. wide DP road is proposed in continuation of this alignment under HT line in CTS 5252 and connected to CTS 3518pt in village Varose from northern boundary of CTS 4810 as shown on plan. Proposed 18m. wide DP road from CTS 4742 to 3518pt is deleted and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M30	Reservation No.57 'ESR/GLR' is reshaped in CTS 3053 in village Mulgaon (Bk) as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M31	i. Area of CTS 4301 and 4302 in village Khopoli is deleted from 'Public Semi-Public Zone' and included in the 'Residential Zone'. ii.Area of CTS 4351, 4338, 4335, 4334(pt) in village Khopoli is deleted from 'Public Semi-Public Zone' and included in the 'Residential Zone' as per sanctioned development plan.
M32	Proposed 18m wide DP road in village Varose and village Katrang is realigned according to order passed by Hon'ble Joint Director, Town Planning. Konkan Division vide Letter no. सहस्रक्रोवि/मौ, वरोसे व कारांग/ता.खोपोली/सि.स.नं ३५१८(वि) व इतर/२०२५/१५२० दिनांक १८/०८/२०२५ and area released is included in adjoining zone. (CTS 3518 to 3514).
M33	i.The width of the Khopoli Railway Station DP road in village Deviad is shown on plan as 12m. ii. The width of the Laxminagar DP road in village Deviad and Khopoli is shown plan as 12m.
M34	The alignment of proposed 24m wide DP road (NH-48) is shifted by 1.5m. towards north in front of CTS 1945 to 1951 in village Shil and area released is included in adjoining zone as shown on plan.
M35	The alignment of proposed 18m. wide DP road is shifted towards west near Gagangiri Maharaj Ashram and shifted towards north near CTS 4293. 4294 in village Khopoli as shown on plan and Area released is included in adjoining zone
M36	i.Existing 6m wide road in front of CTS 5290, 5292 to 5293 in village Khopoli is widened to 9m. from both sides and shown as DP road as shown on plan. ii.Width of proposed 18m. wide DP road in Gaothan in village Khopoli is reduced to 9m. wide DP road as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M37	i.'Muslim Community Hall' shown in CTS 4785 in Bhanvaj is deleted from 'Public Semi-Public Zone' and included in 'Residential Zone'. ii.'Residential Zone' is deleted from CTS 4979 in Bhanvaj and included in 'Public Semi-Public Zone' and shown as 'Muslim Community Hall'.

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Adopt Swadeshi during festivals, participate in building a self-reliant India: Anurag Thakur

Samirpur (HP), Oct 20 (UNI) : Former union Minister and Member of Parliament from Hamirpur Lok Sabha constituency, Anurag Thakur, while extending his Diwali greetings, embraced Prime Minister Modi's Swadeshi mantra and prayed for the prosperity of the country and the state.

In his Diwali greeting message, Thakur said that every society expresses its joy through festivals. Our festivals are a part of our culture where we all come together and share our happiness with each other.

Wishing the people of the state a Happy Diwali, the festival of lights, he said, "I pray to Goddess Lakshmi that this festival brings happiness,

prosperity, and glory to everyone's life."

He said that Diwali is a harbinger of hope and aspiration for a better tomorrow. It highlights the importance of the victory of good over evil. May this festival of lights inspire a new resolve in everyone to move from darkness to light, from despair to hope, and from oppression to compassion. Prime Minister Modi has called for the purchase of Indian and Indian-made products so that all Indians can participate in building a self-reliant India.

He urged everyone to embrace indigenous products on this auspicious festive occasion and participate in building a self-reliant India.

Himachal HC grants bail, suspends sentence of convict in loan fraud case

Shimla, Oct 20 (UNI) The Himachal Pradesh High Court has suspended the sentence and granted bail to Kishan Chand, who was convicted by a CBI court in a multi-crore Kangra Central Cooperative (KCC) Bank loan fraud case.

Justice Virender Singh, while passing the order on Friday, allowed the plea seeking suspension of sentence awarded by the Special Judge (CBI), Shimla, in 2015.

The trial court had convicted Kishan Chand under various sections of the IPC in a Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, case sentencing him to rigorous imprisonment of up to four years with fines under each count.

The appellant had challenged the conviction on grounds that the trial court had misread evidence and ignored that, under KCC Bank's regulations, it was the empanelled advocate who was responsible for certifying the clear title of mortgage property, not the bank official.

Justice Virender Singh observed that since the appeal would take considerable time for disposal and the sentence was of a fixed term, the suspension of sentence was justified in light of Supreme Court precedents -- Bhagwan Rama Shinde Gosai vs State of Gujarat (1994) and Bhupathi Sartaj Thakor vs State of Gujarat (2024) -- which held that appellate courts may liberally suspend fixed-term sentences unless exceptional circumstances exist.

The court ordered suspension of the sentence during the pendency of the appeal and directed the appellant to furnish a personal bond of ₹50,000 with one surety of the same amount within four weeks.The court further directed him to deposit the fine amount, if not already done, and not to leave India without permission. The appeal against conviction is pending before the High Court.

Unsafe to consume crabs amid rodent outbreak, warn Mizoram agriculture officials

Aizawl, Oct 20 (UNI) : With a widespread rodent outbreak reported across several parts of the state, large-scale poisoning operation is currently underway in Mizoram to contain the surging rodent population. Agriculture Department officials have issued a warning against the consumption of crabs and other aquatic animals, which could feed on the dead rats.

Officials under the Agriculture Department said that large-scale poisoning is currently underway to contain the rodent population, which has surged following the gregarious flowering of bamboo (locally known as rawthing or Bambusa tulda).

Since poisoned rodents may die in or near water bodies, there are chances that crabs and other aquatic creatures feeding on them could become unsafe for human consumption.

“After poisoning the rodents, we cannot trace where all of them go. Some are believed to die near or inside streams, and since crabs often feed on them, eating such aquatic animals may be unsafe,” an agriculture official said.

Rodent outbreaks have been reported from all districts, with rats attacking both early and late-yielding paddy varieties. Farmers have been using baited rice mixed with poison to curb the infestation.

Mahadevrao Shivankar passes away at 85

Gondia, Oct 20 (UNI) : Former Maharashtra Finance and Irrigation Minister and senior BJP leader Mahadevrao Shivankar passed away today at his residence in Amgaon, Gondia district, following age-related ailments. He was 85.A veteran politician and parliamentarian, Shivankar served as a Member of Parliament from Chimur and was instrumental in the creation of Gondia district in 1999 during his tenure as guardian minister of Bhandara.

A native of Amgaon, born on April 7, 1940, Shivankar held master’s degrees in Economics and History and began his career as a lecturer at Bhavbhuti College, Amgaon, before entering public service.He was elected MLA five times between 1978 and 2004, and served as a cabinet minister from 1999 to 2004, handling key portfolios including Irrigation, Finance, and Planning.

He was twice elected to the Lok Sabha and remained active in parliamentary committees, including those on agriculture, railways and defence.

Shivankar played a pivotal role in enhancing irrigation infrastructure in Gondia, pushing projects such as Kalpathari, Bewartola and Kalisarar.Apart from his political legacy, Shivankar was also an author, with several Marathi publications to his credit, including Gajaaad, a diary of the Emergency period, and books on India’s economy, agrarian issues, and regional development.

BJP and leaders across the political spectrum have expressed condolences on his passing, hailing him as a visionary and champion of Vidarbha’s development.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 10am at Sakritola Ghat on the Saleksa road in Amgaon.

FIR filed after women offer ‘namaz’ Inside Shaniwarwada premises

Pune, Oct 20 (UNI) : An FIR (first information report) was registered today at Vishrambaug police station against unidentified women for allegedly offering ‘namaz’ inside the premises of the historic Shaniwarwada fort in the city.

The case was registered following a complaint lodged by officials of the Archaeological Department.

Videos showing a group of Muslim women offering ‘namaz’ recently within the fort premises went viral on social media, sparking controversy.

Following the incident, BJP MP Medha Kulkarni and several organization workers rushed to Shaniwarwada.

India’s largest radiation therapy hub coming up in Navi Mumbai

Navi Mumbai, Oct 20 (UNI) : ICICI Bank has partnered with Tata Memorial Centre to construct the country’s largest radiation therapy facility in Navi Mumbai at an estimated cost of Rs 625 crore. The state-of-the-art cancer treatment, research, and training centre is being developed under the bank’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative to establish advanced oncology hospitals across three Indian cities in collaboration with Tata Memorial Centre.The ambitious project, titled ICICI Foundation Block for Radiation Oncology, will comprise an eleven-storey structure spread across 3.4 lakh square feet, including two basements and a ground floor. The facility

will house twelve advanced LINAC machines designed to deliver highly precise radiation therapy. Construction will be overseen by the ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth, with completion targeted for 2027.Once operational, the new centre will provide radiotherapy to approximately 7,200 patients annually and conduct over two lakh treatment sessions. In addition, it will offer outpatient consultation and diagnostic facilities for nearly 25,000 new patients every year.The foundation stone for the centre was laid in the presence of ICICI Bank Chairman Pradeep Kumar Sinha, Executive Director Sandeep Batra, and Tata Memorial Centre Director Dr. Sudeep Gupta.



An anti-smog gun installed on a road by Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) sprays water droplets to combat air pollution, at Mahape in Navi Mumbai.

Southern Command training rigorously for upcoming Tri-Services Exercise 'Ex-Trishul'

Pune, Oct 20 (UNI) : As the nation celebrates the festive season, troops of the Southern Command remain deployed in

operational areas, training rigorously in preparation for the upcoming Tri-Services Exercise, “Ex Trishul”.

The upcoming Tri-Services Exercise “Ex Trishul”, to be conducted in close coordination with the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy, will serve as a true manifestation of the JAI - Jointness, Atmanirbharta and Innovation,” defining it as the cornerstone of India’s future defence preparedness. His vision calls upon the Armed Forces to translate this directive into reality by deepening jointness, promoting self-reliance, and fostering innovation across all dimensions of military planning and execution, the release said.

Troops from Southern Command will actively participate to validate joint operations across diverse and challenging terrains, including offensive manoeuvres in the creek and desert sectors, amphibious operations off the Saurashtra coast, and joint multi-domain operational exercises encompassing Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), Electronic Warfare (EW), and Cyber capabilities, said a defence release here today.The exercise will also highlight the effective employment of indigenous systems, the application of Atmanirbharta in operational practices, and the refinement of tactics, and procedures attuned to the

emerging threats and changing character of contemporary and future wars.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has articulated the guiding mantra of “JAI - Jointness, Atmanirbharta and Innovation,” defining it as the cornerstone of India’s future defence preparedness. His vision calls upon the Armed Forces to translate this directive into reality by deepening jointness, promoting self-reliance, and fostering innovation across all dimensions of military planning and execution, the release said.

Southern Command, under the leadership of Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth, stands at the forefront of translating this vision into practice. With jointness in its DNA, Southern Command has consistently demonstrated synergy across services, coordinated operational planning, and a deep commitment to Atmanirbharta and innovation-driven transformation.Their dedication and professionalism embody the true spirit of the Indian Army: Ever Committed, Ever Ready, said the release.

Charity Commissioner stays controversial Jain Boarding House land deal; Dhangekar intensifies attack on union Minister Mohol

Mumbai, Oct 20 (UNI) : The Charity Commissioner today stayed the controversial land deal involving the Jain Boarding House and directed that the status quo be maintained.

Charity Commissioner Amogh Kaloti issued the stay order following an urgent hearing on the matter during the day. Advocate Yogesh Pande represented the petitioners during the proceedings, while Laxmikant Khabia, Akshay Jain, and several members of the Jain community were present.

The controversy around the Jain Boarding House property in Pune surfaced recently amid allegations that the land deal was conducted without consulting the Jain community and involved political interference.

Critics also claim that government approval for the transaction and a large bank loan for the developer were both obtained within a single day—a swiftness they attribute to political influence.

Meanwhile, former MLA and Shiv Sena (Shinde faction) city chief Ravindra Dhangekar has intensified his attack on union Minister Murlidhar Mohol. Dhangekar released a caricature titled “Jagya Mohol” (“Land Mohol”), taking a swipe at the minister.

He alleged that there was a well-planned attempt to usurp the Jain community’s property and claimed that Mohol was actively involved in the entire deal. Although Mohol has stated that he is no longer a partner in the developer company, Dhangekar pointed out that the minister’s name still appears on the official portal along with partners Gokhale and Badekar.

According to Dhangekar, the actual value of the land is around Rs 3,000 crore, but the developers acquired it for only Rs 300 crore. He further claimed that the developers plan to construct two 34-storey towers on the property, expecting profits of around Rs 2,700 crore.

“The building plan has already been prepared, and we will soon make it public,” Dhangekar added.

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No.	Details of modification/changes
M38	Existing road from Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Hospital to Primary School No.1 in village Bhanvaj is proposed with 9m. wide DP road with required! widening as shown on plan.
M39	Area of ‘Public Semi-Public Zone’ in CTS 940 in village Chinchavali Shekin is deleted and included in the 'Residential zone'.
M40	Area of Reservation No.75 'Children's Playground' in village Bhanvaj and village Katrang affected by existing constructions is deleted included in 'Residential Zone' as shown on plan.
M41	Area under CTS 4828 - Plot no.14 & 15 in village Katrang in 'Transportation Zone' is deleted and included in 'Residential Zone'.
M42	50% area of Reservation No.16 Primary School & Playground' in village Ajoshi and Takai from western side is deleted and included in 'Residential Zone' as shown on plan.
M43	Areaof CTS 4400 and 4401 in village Khopoli affected by Reservation no.83 'Lake Beautification' is deleted and included in 'Residential Zone'.
M44	Existing building of temple in S.no.20 of village Shil is retained as 'Public Semi-Public Zone' and the remaining area of 'Public Semi-Public Zone' Proposed included in ‘Residental Zone’ as shown on plan.
M45	Proposed 18m. wide DP road passing through CTS 3195 in village Takai is realigned as per sanctioned development plan as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M46	Proposed 18m.wide DP road within Khalapur Taluka Shikshan Prasarak Mandal in village Devlad is deleted and area released is included in adjoining zone. New 9m wide DP road is proposed from south side of B. L.Patil Polytechnic College, connecting NH-48 as shown on plan.
M47	Proposed widening of 18m. and 12m. wide DP roads in CTS 1687, 2551 and 1475 in village Lavhej and Vasarang is deleted as per sanctioned development plan and area released is included in adjoining zone and New 18m. wide DP road is proposed at the boundary of industrial zone as suggested by applicant as shown on plan.
M48	Existing road of 4.5m. from road intersection on north side of Reservation No.83 'Lake Beautification' connected to 18m. wide DP road is widened to 9m. and futher upto NH-48 in CTS 4501 in village Khopoli new 9m. wide connection is proposed as shown on plan.
M49	Patrya Maruti Mandir in CM 5287 and 5288 in village Khopoli as per site is shown on plan.
M50	i.Reservation No.24 'Animal Crematorium' is redesignated as 'Animal Crematorium & Veterinary Hospital'. ii.Reservation No.25 'Veterinary Hospital' is redesignated as 'Hospital' in village Shedavali as shown on plan.
M51	New Reservation no.95 'Children's Playground' is proposed as per Reservation no.79 of sanctioned development plan in place of green belt in village Vyahari as shown on plan.
M52	Existing road in shown on plan as per sanctioned development plan near Reservation No.71 'Market' and Police Station in village Bhanvaj.
M53	New 18m. wide DP road is proposed from Khopoli Municipal Council road in village Varose to 18m. wide DP road in CTS 2668 in village Rahatavade as shown on plan.
M54	9m. road widening is proposed to existing road in CTS 3590, 3627. 3663. 3740 and 3741 in village Rahatavade and Devlad as shown on plan.
M55	Proposed 18m. wide DP road is realigned in CTS 5272, 5276, 5348 in village Bhanvaj as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M56	i.New Reservation no.96 'Elevated Service Reservoir/Sump Tank' of 625 sqm. area is proposed in CTS 3051 in village Mulgaon (Bk) as shown on plan. ii.New Reservation no.97 'Elevated Service Reservoir/Sump Tank' of 625 sqm. area is proposed in CTS 3479 in village Katrang as shown on plan.
M57	i.'Residential Zone' in CTS 4990 in village Bhanvaj is deleted and included in Public Semi-Public Zone' and shown as existing 'Mosque'.

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	ii.'Residential Zone' in CTS 2474(pt) in village Mulgaon (Bk) is deleted and included in 'Public Semi-Public Zone' and shown as existing 'Dargah'.
M58	i.Existing 'Milkai Mandir' is shown in CTS 3307 in village Meel. ii.9 in wide DP road is proposed as approach to 'Milkai Mandir' as shown on plan.
M59	Text for 12m. wide DP road is corrected as 9m. wide DP road in village Chinchavali Shekin as shown on plan.
M60	Existing settlement near Mumbai-Pune Expressway is shown as ' Dasturi' as per sanctioned development plan as shown on plan.
M61	Recreational Zone' (Garden) in CTS 5126, 5117, 5118 and 5127 in village Bhanvaj is deleted and area released is included in 'Residential Zone' as shown on plan.
M62	New Reservation no.98 'Parking' is proposed in CTS 5000, 5014 to 5022 in village Bhanvaj as shown on plan.
M63	Existing road from S.no.21 upto Datta Mandir in S.no.19 of village Vyahari is shown on plan.
M64	i.New 12m. wide DP road is proposed from Reservation no.32 'Parking and Commercial Complex' in village Shil upto Meel Dumping Yard in village Meel as shown on plan. ii.Road widening of 12m. is proposed to existing road from proposed 12m. wide DP road (as per M64-i) upto NH-48 as shown on plan.
M65	New Reservation no.99 'Municipal Purpose/Town Hall' of approx. area 3 hectares is proposed in CTS 1439 in village Ajoshi as shown on plan.
M66	Other industries' existing facility is shown as 'MK Market' as per sanctioned development plan in village Shil as shown on plan.
M67	9m. wide DP road is proposed adjacent to railway line as shown on plan. (CTS 586 in village Chinchavali Shekin to 1687 in village Lavhej).
M68	Width of proposed 12m. wide DP road in S.no.21 of village Vyahari is reduced to 9m. wide DP road as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M69	Proposed 18 in. wide DP road from CTS 3488 upto CTS 5477 is shifted as shown on plan in village Katrang and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M70	`Industrial Zone' shown in CTS 3012 in village Rahatavade and Varose is deleted and new Reservation no.100 'Sports Complex' is proposed as shown on plan.
M71	New Reservation no.101 of approx. area 1500 sqm for 'Parking' is proposed in CTS 3650 in village Rahatavade as shown on plan.
M72	New Reservation no.102 'River Front Development' is proposed along the Patalganga river in village Vyahari. Devlad and Khopoli as shown on Plan.
M73	Area of Reservation no.68 'Municipal Staff Quarter' is retained as per sanctioned development plan in villke Bhanvd.
M74	i.Proposed 9m. wide DP road from CTS 4415 upto Reservation No.87 'Urban Health Centre & Library' is proposed as 12m. wide DP road in village Khopoli. ii.New 12m. wide DP road is proposed from Reservation No.87 'Urban Health Centre & Library' upto NH-48 as shown on plan.
M75	Proposed road widening of 24m. wide DP road (NH-48) is shifted to south side from CTS 4566 keeping north side aligned with existing road upto intersection towards Tata company in village Khopoli as shown on plan and area released is included in adjoining zone.
M76	Reservation No.58 of approx. area 0.4 Ha 'Primary School' in village Varose is retained by proposing new Reservation No.103 'Parking' over remaining area as shown on plan.
M77	The alignment of the proposed 18m. wide DP road is partly shifted towards east as it is affecting layout sanctioned by KMC vide letter no.155 dated 17/04/2023 in CTS 2717A and 2717C at village Vyahari and area released is included in adjoining zone.
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STANDARD POST

Gen Z protest is more about alarm, a new weapon

After the shocking series of events marked by widespread violence and bloodshed in Nepal, the term 'Gen Z' emerges as a powerful entity, brimming with boundless, directionless energy that can be tapped by any force.

The term defines a new-age phenomenon, hitherto unknown, born out of the tech revolution that humankind is proud of, yet also one that opens the door to manipulation by creating a delusive world within. Gen Z may appear gregarious, but beneath the surface, there is little harmony -- cutthroat competition is the core, and everything has to be in reel.

Nepal is perhaps the first country where the term "Gen Z" was used to label and define a situation. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka also witnessed unrest led by students, but those movements were not tagged as Gen Z.

In both countries, students played a big role in overthrowing regimes and installing new ones. Nepal's situation, however, is entirely different.

The sudden surge of protests in Nepal, which led to the burning down of the three pillars of democracy -- Parliament, the Supreme Court, and the Executive -- can hardly be called a revolution. It was not merely the destruction of buildings or structures; it was more about the execution of a thought through the gullible minds of a generation which is not mature enough to grasp the consequences.Nepal today stands damaged by its own youth, who should have been the nation's building blocks.In a democracy, it is essential to protest and express dissent. Saying "no" is vital, and the biggest weapon is the electoral system. Elections are the best way to punish bad politicians.

In India, Indira Gandhi was punished in 1977 when people believed she had erred, leading to her defeat. In 2014, the corrupt Congress-led UPA regime was voted out, and since then, the grand old party has been on a steady decline, leaning on smaller parties for survival.

In Nepal, voter turnout for the November 2022 House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly elections stood at 61 per cent -- a healthy figure showing strong participation. If most of the electorate was willing to vote, why wasn't that power used to vote out the "corrupt" leaders?

The previous KP Sharma Oli government erred by ordering police to fire at protesting youths. Had it been patient and sensitive, those killings could have been avoided. Once the deaths occurred during the crackdown, mayhem erupted.

September 8-10 turned into one of the darkest days for Nepal, with its democratic pillars destroyed by a few thousand angry, misguided young people who could not distinguish between a corrupt politician and Parliament, a corrupt judge and the judiciary, or a corrupt bureaucrat and the administration.

In India, when the farmers' protest (2020–2021) turned violent and a section stormed the Red Fort, desecrating the National Flag, the government could have ordered a harsh crackdown. But wise leadership showed restraint, diffusing what had the potential to spiral into a major disaster and drag the country into a vortex of violence.

Before that, the anti-CAA protests launched by various Muslim outfits in December 2019 aimed to create a nationwide wave. Yet, through tactful handling, the Modi government contained the unrest, which fizzled out by March 24, 2020. The government's position on the CAA was later validated, while the claims of its critics -- including Leftist groups, Congress, and the then-ruling AAP government in Delhi -- collapsed.In both cases, external forces attempted to amplify the protests under the guise of human rights activism. Yet both failed due to effective handling by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

Despite attempts to project these protests as referendums against the Centre, the Modi-led NDA returned to power in 2019 and again in 2024, while those who fuelled the unrest were rejected in the states.

Nepalese voters had the same choice through their electoral system -- but they chose not to use it. Now, they are paying the price.

Who motivated the youths to resort to violence, or who decided to topple the pillars of democracy, may never be known. But the damage is done.

Protesters claim their demonstrations were peaceful -- yet why were jails broken into and police stations looted? Why were Gen Z members seen carrying lethal weapons, looting, carrying gas cylinders and burning everything in their path?

The Gen Z protest in Nepal may or may not have been an experiment by some thought-provoking minds within or outside the country, but one thing is clear: the cult-making power of social media has been tested and exposed.The power of such a cult has been demonstrated -- and this is what nations should be alarmed about.A thought created, propagated, and twisted to suit an agenda has the potential to harm a country. This is the new-age weapon. And there is no shortage of disgruntled or greedy groups, whether political, social or religious, ready to fall into the trap and unleash mayhem like witnessed in Nepal.

Nepal's Gen Z may be celebrating today, believing they have toppled a corrupt regime, which they have done successfully, but the price they have paid is immense.

Modi a man of 'profound inner power' : Brazilian Vedanta teacher

Acharya Jonas Masetti, Brazilian Vedanta teacher recognised for spreading Indian spiritualism and philosophy in Brazil, has described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a man of “profound inner power guided by something greater than himself.” Acharya Masetti, one of two foreigners awarded Padma Shri this year, in a message on the occasion of the Prime Minister turning 75, said Prime Minister Modi’s presence carries Shakti, a quiet force that transforms the atmosphere around him.

“In Prime Minister Modi, I did not just see a political leader, but a man of profound inner power, guided by something greater than himself. His presence carries sakti — a quiet force that transforms the atmosphere around him. Modi-ji’s leadership is not only political, it is deeply spiritual in the most silent and authentic way.” He said in his message.

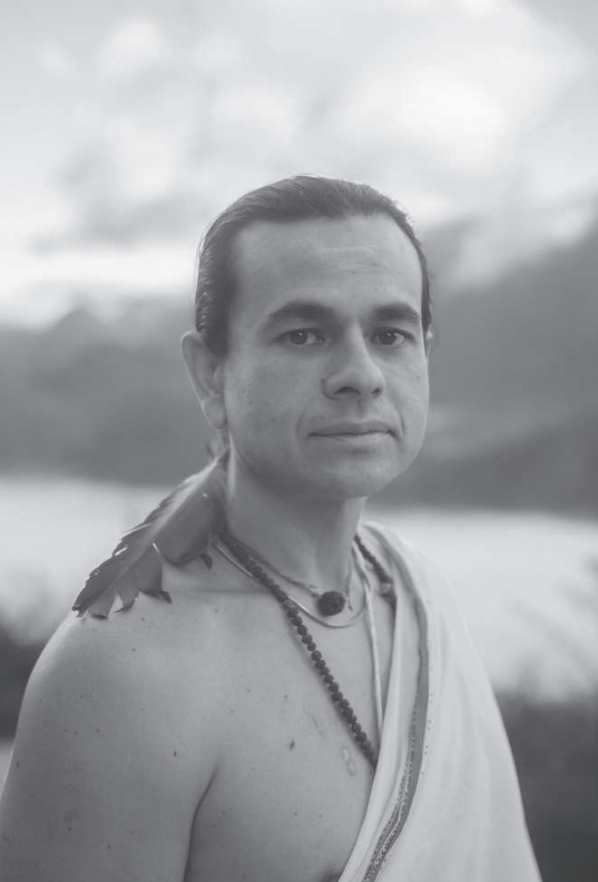
Rising from simple beginnings not through privilege but through purpose, at 75, Prime Minister Modi “stands as a beacon — reminding us that true greatness is measured not by status, but by the depth of one’s purpose. His unwavering

commitment reflects an understanding that Bharat’s future rests not just on economics or geopolitics, but on dharma, identity, and soul.”

The Acharya said he has had the privilege of seeing Prime Minister Modi up close not once, but several times and each time, he felt he wasn’t just in the presence of a political leader, but of a man with profound inner power, whose life seems to be guided by something greater than himself.

The Acharya said the first time he had met the Prime Minister was unforgettable. “It was in Brazil, and I was there to receive him—not as a politician, but as the living symbol of a tradition that has transformed my life. Along with my students, I stood to chant Vedic mantras as he arrived. For us, it was a moment of immense gratitude — an offering of sound, a gesture of reverence to the culture that has blessed us so deeply here in Brazil.”

And in that moment, something powerful happened. As he stepped into the room, they could feel the presence of sakti. The atmosphere changed. The space felt alive. His



posture, his silence, his unwavering gaze — it carried the weight of his practice, of his discipline, of his lineage.

“That was the moment I saw the spiritual force behind the man. And it marked me deeply.”

He said that since then, he had had the opportunity to see him again, during his second visit to Brazil, at the presentation of the Ramaya?a, and at the BRICS summit.

Later, he saw the Prime

Minister once more when he was given the Padma Shri. That recognition, usually offered to those in the twilight of their lives after decades of work, “came to me at the age of 44.”

“It was an extraordinary honour—and more than that, a deep responsibility. It made me ask myself: how can I give back to this culture that has given me everything?

That question gave birth to the Samba Shiva Festival — a cultural and

spiritual celebration that seeks to reconnect young people in Bharat with their own Vedic roots. But this is not just a festival. It is a gesture of offering, a bridge between the wisdom of Bharat and the vitality of Brazil.

And it is my heartfelt intention—when I arrive in Bharat this October—to personally present this project to Prime Minister Modi. “I truly believe it can support his mission of reviving and preserving the Vedic tradition in the hearts of Bharat’s youth. It is not a project about us. It is about reminding the children of this sacred land of the treasure they already carry within.”

The Samba Shiva Festival—a cultural and spiritual celebration that seeks to reconnect young people in Bharat with their own Vedic roots—will be held from October 29 to November 8 at three universities—BITS Pilani (from October 29–Nov 2), Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (from November 2–November 4), Bengal College of Engineering and Technology, Durgapur (from November 4–November 8)

“We will sing, share stories, chant the mantras, and celebrate the profound beauty of this tradition—not to teach,

but to reflect. Not to impose, but to invite. And to remind the youth of Bharat that freedom without grounding is confusion, and that ancestral knowledge is not a limitation—it is the very compass for a life well-lived.

He said Modi life is a reminder of this. He rose from simple beginnings not through privilege, but through purpose. His leadership is not only political — it is spiritual in the most silent and authentic way. You can feel it in his presence. You can see it in his unwavering commitment. And you can sense it in his deep understanding that Bharat’s future depends not just on GDP or geopolitics, but on dharma, on identity, on soul.

The Acharya said “this article is not a political statement. It is a personal offering — of love, gratitude, and respect. At 75, Narendra Modi stands as a beacon — not only for India, but for all of us who cherish the Vedic tradition across the world. He reminds us that greatness is not measured by status or popularity, but by the depth of one’s purpose and the sincerity of one’s path.”

Former Bilaspur Sadar MLA Dr. Babu Ram Gautam passes away

Bilaspur, Oct 21 (UNI) : Senior Congress leader and former Himachal Pradesh MLA Dr. Babu Ram Gautam passed away at his residence here last night after a prolonged illness, the party announced.Gautam, 72, was under treatment at AIIMS Bilaspur for some time.Gautam, remembered for his remarkable contributions in politics, administration, and social service, breathed his last surrounded by family members. He was serving as the State President of the Former Legislative Council and had remained actively involved in various social initiatives throughout his life.A respected figure in Bilaspur's political landscape, Dr. Gautam had contested the 1985 Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections on a Congress ticket and defeated the BJP's Sada Ram. In 1990, he was denied a ticket when the Congress fielded Major Shiv Ram.

Later, during the 1993 elections, he again represented the Congress but lost to BJP candidate J.P. Nadda by a narrow margin of just 22 votes. He contested once more in 1998 but was again defeated by Nadda. Before that, he had also served as Vice President of the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC).Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu expressed deep grief over Gautam's demise. In his condolence message posted on social media, Sukhu said, “The news of the demise of former MLA of Bilaspur Sadar, Shri Baburam Gautam ji, is very sad.

CM Yogi hits out at Congress, SP for neglecting, undermining Ayodhya's legacy

Gorakhpur, Oct 20 (UNI) : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath described the grand and divine Deepotsav in Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Shri Ram, as a symbol of prosperity and good governance, while criticizing past SP and Congress governments for neglecting and undermining Ayodhya's legacy.

He said, "Ayodhya was once insulted by invaders, denied by Congress, and conspired against by the SP government. Today, the same Ayodhya, renewed and divine, is drawing the world's attention."

Today, the Chief Minister celebrated Diwali with forest dwellers in Vantangiya village, Tinkonia No. 3—his ninth consecutive year marking the festival with them.

A day after setting new world records at Deepotsav 2025, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 133 development projects worth Rs 49 crore across the district.

Extending festive greetings, CM Yogi said the grandeur of Deepotsav was a divine spectacle that reflects gratitude toward heritage and ancestors.

"When people take pride in their culture and work with devotion, divine joy follows," he said, adding that Ayodhya's transformation has made it a living symbol of India's unity and pride, where every

section of society celebrates together.

CM Yogi emphasized that today's Ayodhya unites rather than divides. "The airport is named after Maharishi Valmiki, the restaurant after Mata Shabari, and the main intersection after Lata Mangeshkar. Statues of prominent South Indian saints and temples dedicated to Valmiki and Vishwamitra have been established on the Shri Ram Temple premises. Gates bear the names of Shankaracharya, Ramanujacharya, and Ramanandacharya," he remarked.Highlighting Ayodhya's development, he said the city is becoming India's first solar-powered city, with electricity supplied entirely through solar energy.The festival of lights here now stands as a symbol of prosperity and good governance.

"Festivals and celebrations are meant to spread joy and enthusiasm in society," he added.The Chief Minister underlined that discipline and dedication are the state's strengths. "Through these, Uttar Pradesh has set new benchmarks in security and law enforcement. Discipline and commitment will ensure even greater progress in the future," he said, urging citizens to embrace Swadeshi and reflect it in the state's prosperity.

CM Yogi recalled that 15 years ago, Vantangiya village lacked basic amenities, such as roads,

electricity, houses, or schools. "Today, every resident has a permanent home, children have schools, Anganwadi centers operate, and electricity and water are available. Locals benefit from ration cards, Ayushman cards, and pension schemes. Women are now achieving economic empowerment by cultivating vegetables through FPOs," he stated.

He reiterated the double-engine government's commitment to providing all underprivileged groups including forest dwellers, hill communities, and tribal populations with full access to facilities.

The government has resolved to lift Musahars, Tharus, Kols, Saharias, Cheros, and Buksas out of poverty and bring prosperity to their homes, calling on citizens to raise awareness and participate in this mission.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath urged people to support those in need and ensure that no one is deprived of the joy of Diwali. He urged citizens to light a lamp in every home, distribute sweets, and share the festival's happiness with at least one underprivileged family.He suggested taking selfies while giving sweets and gifts to the poor, spreading the message that joy is best shared.State Cabinet Minister Dr. Sanjay Nishad praised CM Yogi's public welfare initiatives, saying that festivals in Uttar Pradesh are now

celebrated in an atmosphere of harmony and love, free from fear and oppression. He added that by making the state crime- and corruption-free, CM Yogi has also strengthened the economy.

Dr. Nishad likened CM Yogi's respect for the marginalized today to Lord Shri Ram's respect for Nishadraj in the Treta Yuga.

Welcoming the Chief Minister at the Deepotsav in Vantangiya village, Gorakhpur Rural MLA Vipin Singh said that CM Yogi's visionary leadership has ended decades of neglect and accelerated development in Vantangiya villages.

Pipraich MLA Mahendrapal Singh added that even the most marginalized communities have been empowered under CM Yogi, with the Vantangiya community serving as a model example.The event was attended by prominent leaders, including Mayor Dr. Manglesh Srivastava, Kushinagar MP Vijay Dubey, MLC and BJP State Vice President Dr. Dharmendra Singh, MLA Shriram Chauhan, Dr. Vimlesh Paswan, Pradeep Shukla, Sarwan Nishad, State Women's Commission Vice President Charu Chaudhary, religious leaders, BJP officials, and representatives of the Vantangiya community.

From the stage, CM Yogi distributed symbolic keys under the Mukhyamantri Awas

Yojana, Ayushman cards, acceptance letters from the Animal Husbandry Department, certificates and mini seed kits from the Horticulture Department, along with Diwali gifts to all beneficiaries.

In addition to celebrating Deepotsav, the Chief Minister presented development works worth Rs 49 crore to various gram panchayats, inaugurating 128 projects worth Rs 32.81 crore and laying the foundation for 5 projects worth Rs 16.80 crore.

CM Yogi also toured exhibitions by departments including Forest, Agriculture, Horticulture, Women Welfare, Child Development, Disability Empowerment, Basic Education, Animal Husbandry, Health, ODOP, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Social Welfare, and Khadi, which showcased government welfare schemes.He interacted wth visitors, performed the Annaprashan ceremony for three children, participated in a baby shower for three pregnant women, and presented them with gifts.

During his village tour, the Chief Minister visited Ramganesh's home, head of the Vantangiya community, and lighted a lamp to inaugurate the festival for all villagers. He met and greeted locals, joked with children, and posed for photographs, spreading cheer throughout the village.

South Korea eyes bold investments in defense, aerospace industries

Seoul, Oct 20 (UNI) : South Korean President Lee Jae-myung on Monday vowed to make bold investments in the defense and aerospace industries during his single five-year term.

Lee made the vow in his address at the opening ceremony of the Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition (ADEX) 2025, saying that his government will inject funds of 32 trillion won (22.6 billion U.S. dollars) into the defense research and development (R&D) and 7 trillion won (4.9 billion dollars) into the aerospace R&D each by 2030.

The president set a vision to elevate the Asian country to one of the world's top four defense industry powers.Lee said the fiscal spending will focus on developing homegrown technologies, components and materials, such as special semiconductors, in a bid to secure core technologies and weapon systems for defense and build capabilities for independent space development.

The South Korean leader pledged to make a breakthrough improvement in policies and systems, which would speed up the adoption of innovative technologies by the military.

He also vowed to lower entry barriers for small and mid-sized enterprises and startups with excellent technologies in the defense and aerospace industries.

Mongolian president issues veto on resolution to dismiss PM

Ulan Bator, Oct 20 (UNI) : Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has decided to veto a resolution to dismiss Prime Minister Gombojav Zandanshatar that was passed by parliament on Oct. 17, Altankhuyag Uilstuguldur, a chief of staff at the president's office, said on Monday.In his veto message, Khurelsukh stated that "the voting formula was incorrectly used when discussing the issue at the plenary session of Mongolia's State Great Khural, the country's parliament. In addition, the attendance of the session was considered based on the attendance

on Thursday. When convening the plenary session of the current 126-seat unicameral Mongolia's parliament on Friday, the attendance should have been newly established."

On October 17, the Mongolian parliament passed a resolution to dismiss Zandanshatar. It was approved by a vote of 64 percent in the parliament.On June 13, Zandanshatar was appointed as prime minister at the proposal of the ruling Mongolian People's Party.

Cypriot Gov't urges stronger UN role after Turkish Cypriot election

Nicosia, Oct. 20 (UNI) : The Cypriot government will seek stronger United Nations efforts to resume talks on Cyprus reunification following the election of a new Turkish Cypriot leader, government spokesman Konstantinos Letymbiotis said Monday.

Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulides congratulated Tufan Erhurman, who won Sunday's Turkish Cypriot election by a large margin, and reaffirmed his readiness to resume negotiations on a federal solution under UN auspices.He said that an upcoming UN meeting in November could provide a key opportunity to restart peace efforts.

Letymbiotis said Christodoulides plans to meet Erhurman after returning from a summit of Mediterranean European union (EU) countries in Slovenia. Erhurman said after his victory that he would work for the reunification of the island and full EU citizenship for Turkish Cypriots, together with their Greek Cypriot compatriots.Cyprus has remained divided since 1974, when a Turkish military intervention followed a coup by Greek army officers.

Pakistani authorities demolish 1,200 Afghan refugee homes in Karachi as part of nationwide deportation campaign

Karachi, Oct 20 (UNI) : Pakistani authorities, amid an increased crackdown on the nationwide deportation of Afghan nationals in the country, demolished over 1,200 homes in a long-standing Afghan refugee settlements in the city of Karachi.

Targeting the metropolis' neighbourhoods of Gulshan-e-Maymar, and Manghopir, which for decades harboured thousands of Afghan refugees, police officials overseeing the five-day-long operation said the demolitions were a part of the government's policy to clear encroachments on state land and facilitate the repatriation of Afghans in the country.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Manghopir said that over 90% of the settlement's residents have already crossed back into Afghanistan, while another 800 to 1,000 people are expected to leave in the coming days, as per Pakistani media.

Many human rights groups have condemned Islamabad's actions, expressing concern over the pace of the demolitions, and harassment by border guards on the frontier, who barely give the displaced families any basic necessities for crossing over.

Activist groups have warned that the reckless pace of evictions is depriving many vulnerable families of shelter, food, and basic necessities.

The Afghan refugee camp spanned 215 acres and included more than 3,200 residential and commercial structures, and was cleaned out by teams from the Anti-Encroachment Force Zone One, Malir Development Authority (MDA), and District Police.

12 bodies recovered following mine collapse

Caracas, Oct. 20 (UNI) Twelve bodies have been recovered following a mine collapse in Venezuela's southern Bolivar state, Governor Yulisbeth Garcia said Monday.

Rescuers recovered the bodies at the Cuatro Esquinas mine in the town of El Callao after 168 hours of continuous search efforts, the official said on social media. The collapse, caused by heavy rains last week, had trapped 14 miners underground.

Garcia said the operation was a joint effort involving civil protection authorities, firefighters and miners "working in perfect popular-military coordination.""To all the families of the victims, we extend our deepest condolences and full support," the governor said.

Ukraine, Russia trade strikes on energy supply facilities

Moscow/Kiev, Oct 20 (UNI) : Ukraine and Russia on Sunday traded drone and missile attacks targeting each other's key energy supply facilities, according to official statements from both sides.

Ukrainian drones struck a major gas processing plant in Russia's Orenburg region near the Kazakh border, causing a fire and forcing a temporary suspension of gas intake from Kazakhstan, Russian and Kazakh authorities said.

The Orenburg plant, operated by state-owned energy giant Gazprom, is one of the world's largest facilities of its kind, with an annual processing capacity of about 45 billion cubic meters.

Regional Governor Yevgeny Solntsev said the attack set fire to a workshop and damaged part of the plant. Kazakhstan's Energy Ministry confirmed that Gazprom had halted the processing of Kazakh gas due to the emergency caused by the drone attack.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian officials said Russian forces launched a heavy attack on a coal mine in Ukraine's central Dnipropetrovsk region.

All 192 miners who were underground at the time were safely evacuated, the management said, adding that it was the fourth large-scale attack on the company's coal facilities in the past two months.

"Shortly before the start of the heating season, the enemy has once again struck a blow against the Ukrainian energy industry," the mine's management said in a statement on Telegram.

Vance says issue delivering Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine 'unsolved'

Washington, Oct 20 (UNI) : US Vice President JD Vance, commenting on the likelihood of Washington agreeing to deliver its Tomahawk cruise missiles to Ukraine, remarked that this was dependant solely on President Donald Trump's approach to the



In this image received on Oct. 20, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to meet naval personnel aboard INS Vikrant on the occasion of Diwali, off the coast of Goa and Karwar.

Cambodian PM officially opens kingdom's biggest airport

Kandal (Cambodia), Oct 20 (UNI) : Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet on Monday officially inaugurated the Techo International Airport (TIA) here, the biggest new airport in the Southeast Asian country.

Speaking during the inauguration ceremony, Hun Manet said the 2.3-billion-U.S.-dollar world-class airport has replaced the old Phnom Penh International Airport, which was completely closed.

"The TIA is Cambodia's

biggest airport at present," he said. "I'm confident that the TIA will become a catalyst for Cambodia's economic and tourism growth, helping attract more investors and tourists."

Hun Manet said the 4F-level international airport would facilitate air travel and air cargo transport, further broadening Cambodia's connection to the region and the world.

He added that the airport would become a main passenger and

logistics hub in the kingdom. According to the prime minister, the TIA, with a dual 4-km runway, is capable of accommodating long-haul flights and the landing of all kinds of aircraft.

Work on the airport project began in 2020, with the China State Construction Engineering Corporation being the contractor.

Invested by Cambodia Airport Investment Co., Ltd, the TIA has been developed on an area of

2,600 hectares in southern Kandal and Takeo provinces, some 20 km from the capital Phnom Penh.

Pung Kheav Se, chairman of Cambodia Airport Investment Corporation, the major shareholder in the TIA, said that in Phase 1, a main passenger terminal building, airfields, ancillary buildings, a general aviation and permanent VVIP Terminals, among other supporting infrastructures, had been constructed. "It is a

Laos on alert for tropical storm Fengshen

Vientiane, Oct 20 (UNI) Residents in Laos are being urged to prepare for widespread heavy rainfall as tropical storm Fengshen approaches, bringing potential landslides and flash floods.

The storm is expected to cross Vietnam before entering Laos, bringing light to moderate thunderstorms across the country, along with heavy to very heavy rainfall and strong winds in certain regions from October 23 to 24, according to a report from the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology under the Lao Ministry of Agriculture and Environment on Monday.

gateway, an economic catalyst, and a symbol of the aspirations of Cambodia," he said. Kheav Se said the TIA is built for the future, planned in 3 phases with the design capacity of 13 million passengers for Phase 1, 30 million passengers for Phase 2 and 50 million passengers for Phase 3. Cambodia currently has three international airports in operation. They are the TIA, the Siem Reap Angkor International Airport, and the Sihanouk International Airport.

We want positive ties with both India and Pakistan, no one can dictate to us: Afghan Taliban Defence Minister Md Mujahid

Kabul, Oct 20 (UNI) : Afghanistan's Defence Minister, Mawlawi Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid, has said that Kabul wants to maintain positive ties with both Pakistan and India, stressing that no one can dictate to the Afghan Taliban regime on its foreign policy.

Addressing an online press conference, Mujahid, on the Afghan Taliban's talks with Pakistan in Doha, said the issue of the "imaginary" Durand Line was not discussed by either party, and declared that no country has the right to violate Afghanistan's sovereignty or undermine its security.On the issue of the Afghan Taliban's foreign relations, Mujahid emphasised that Afghanistan is an independent nation, and wants to maintain positive ties with both Pakistan and India, stressing that no one can dictate to Kabul.

"We want relations based on mutual respect with India while maintaining good relations with Pakistan," he said. "Our ties with India are not against Pakistan, and our ties with Pakistan are not at the expense of India."

His remarks come days after the India visit of the Afghan Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, who held talks with India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in New Delhi, with both sides stressing on the increasing

warmth of the bilateral ties. India also announced upgrading its 'technical mission' in Kabul to the status of full-fledged embassy, and more humanitarian assistance.

In the media briefing, Mujahid referred to the Durand Line as a hypothetical construct, while describing the recent talks with Pakistan as "successful".He added that both sides had agreed not to support opposition groups nor engage in hostile actions against each other, and pledged that neither side will allow anyone to conduct activities which are detrimental to either side's interests on their soil.

According to Mujahid, the negotiations lasted around twelve hours and concluded with commitments to mutual respect, non-aggression and the establishment of a "complete and lasting ceasefire", adding that a joint technical committee will be formed to oversee the implementation of the ceasefire, and to strengthen the political-economic links between the two nations, under the supervision of Qatar and Türkiye. Responding to a query on the future of the Pakistani assurances, Mujahid said "Pakistan made its commitment in the presence of two other countries", adding that a betrayal of this commitment and subsequent future acts would be met with a decisive, reciprocal response.

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Two quick ways to cook corn



Hot corn tastes great in the monsoon. Here's how to cook with it in these two easy ways...

CORN SALAD
Yield:
Ingredients: Corn kernels - 1 cup Red bell peppers - 1 tbsp Onions and spring onions chopped - 1 tbsp each Chopped Kairi- ¾ tbsp Celery stalk, diced - 1 tbsp Cherry tomatoes - 5 Pineapple diced - 1 tbsp Parsley - 1 tsp Cilantro leaves - 1 tsp Basil - 3 leaves Avocado, diced - ½ each Olive oil - 1 tbsp Lemon juice - 2 tsp Black salt - to taste Tacos - 3 shells
Method: Blanch the corn in hot water with salt. Do not overcook it. Drain and set aside. Now, cut the onions, peppers, pineapple, kairi (raw mango), celery and avocado. Also dice the cherry tomatoes and add the herbs like basil, parsley and cilantro basil to the vegetables. Season this. Add the lemon juice and olive oil. Toss it well and serve it in the shells with herb buttered rice on the side.

Corn broth
Yield:
Ingredients: Onions, chopped - 1 Leeks, chopped - ½ cup Celery, chopped - ½ cup Potatoes, diced - 1 cup Corn kernels - 2 cups Yellow peppers, chopped - ½ cup Garlic, chopped - 1 tbsp Vegetable stock - 1 litre Milk - a cup Parsley - 1 tsp Chives - 1 tsp Cream - ¾ cup Olive oil - 1 tbsp Butter - to taste
Method: Heat a pan and drizzle the butter into it. When it melts add some of the oil and the onions, chopped potatoes, leeks, celery plus the yellow bell peppers and corn kernels, taking care not to over cook it. Add the garlic and saute too. Add the milk and vegetable stock. Cook till the vegetables turn soft. Blend this and add cream plus the seasoning, as well as the chopped herbs. Serve hot with garlic bread.

Gourmet products you must use in your kitchen

Don't be scared by the word Gourmet. Here we list some fancy ingredients along with easy ways to use them at your next party at home.
Vanilla Beans
The sweet aroma of vanilla can live up the most bland dish and that hold true even more for toothy desserts. You might have tasted vanilla in the form of artificial essences and now its turn to upgrade and treat yourself to the real deal. Even though a bit expensive vanilla beans can be used in desserts such as ice cream or waffle syrup and they will make you feel like you've seen heaven! Look for whole vanilla beans that are about 6 to 8 inches in length for best results. Glossy dark brown in colour and ever so slightly moist are the best ones.
Fish Sauce
Just the mention of fish sauce makes people rethink altogether. They probably imagine their dish soaked in fish liquid. The truth being much different, first fish sauce should be used in mild quantities. It is tangy in nature that adds zest to the preparations. Here are a few ways to include fish sauce in your food:
You can use a spoon of fish sauce in the marinade of a



large chicken waiting to be grilled. Use a drop or two in pastas and salads. Be careful not to use more than required as it may ruin your dish. For all Thai food lovers, a pinch of fish sauce can add a punch to your gravy.
Exotic Salts
You cannot even imagine any dish without salt. If normal salt can add such value to your food imagine what different gourmet salt can take the level of your food onto. Gourmet salt is mostly used to finish the dish and therefore sprinkled just before serving the dish. Some of the top gourmet salts are Black salt, Himalayan Pink salt, Sea Salt, Kosher Salt and Fleur de sel. Here are a few **useful tips:**
Flake salts do wonders to salads.
Japanese salts are ideal for fish preparations. Hawaiian Black Salt makes meat even more delectable.
Flavored Vinegars
Well, this ingredient may not be considered as gourmet but can definitely add X factor that will turn an ordinary dish to extraordinary.
Balsamic Vinegar is best for Italian preparations. You can also whip it along with salad dressings and you're good to go.
Wine Vinegar is also a result of fermented wine and does wonders to prep up a dish. Use it in sweet and sour dishes, pickles and even chutneys.

There might be a surfeit of food shows on TV but they will never replace the good old cookbooks, says chef Milind Sovani, who has, in his three-decade-long career, served Bollywood stars like Amitabh Bachchan, Madhuri Dixit and Sanjay Dutt - and created awareness about Indian cuisine in Singapore where he worked for 13 years.

"In the time of internet and TV, printed cookery books are facing a challenge of existence...but, no, things are not all that bad yet. We have to accept the forces of change, but still there are many positives in owning and using cookery books - and of course writing them too," Sovani told us in an e-mail interview.
"Cooking with the help of a cookery book in the kitchen is always the best help around. You can keep it on your table, you do not require electric connections, or WiFi and the like. You can always mark some points on them, make earfolds for important pages, make small notes on them for your future reference and pass them down to the next



TV shows will never replace Cookbooks

generation or even share them easily with friends," added Sovani, who has worked with establishments like New Delhi's Hotel Samrat and Hotel Jaipur Ashok.
Then, books are always handy to keep, loan and borrow and have good mobility.
This apart, "in a country like India, where internet or TV signals are not widely or easily available, books can be of great help in any place and location. The visual charm of using a cookery book, which is attractively and artistically printed with appetizing photos, is always a delight. Coffee table books also look good on your book shelves," Sovani maintained.
Elaborating on the theme, Sovani said: "While cooking using a cookery book, your imagination is also at work and you tend to draw from the experience and skill of the writer. Books can be handed over from one generation to another, especially books rich in traditional and regional cooking for newly-wed brides. Books are a rich source of history tradition and culture too.
"Lastly, but most importantly, I feel cookery books are more trusted than the cookery shows on TV or internet recipes. As these books are written by experts or chefs, they are also considered more authentic and accurate too,"



Sovani explained.
Now, he is penning an autobiography to inspire others with his journey. Writing a book on his life has been on the mind of the 52-year-old for the last five years, but it was in 2012 when he returned to India from Singapore that he gave it a serious thought.
"I have been working on it for a year and half now. I want to share with readers, especially youngsters, about the journey of a chef, the hardships faced and the sweet success moments. I wish to do this to inspire people and also spread awareness among the masses. Recipes... anyone can write, but the experiences I have and can share are unique," Sovani said.
To be available on stands after six months, the book "will be a very good read for everyone".
"It covers stories of my celebrity interactions, glorious moments, mega banquets, international experiences, my cookery tips, guidance to aspiring chefs and more," he said.
The chef often travels to Singapore as he has his own consultancy firm, Hospitality Innovations Pvt Ltd, which works for innovations in restaurants and cuisines. He was even honored with the 'Culinary Trail Blazer of Singapore' award by 'Michelin Star Guide' for his work of transforming the image of Indian cuisine from a mundane, ordinary five-to-seven-dollar-cuisine to a modern high-end one.
Asked how one can popularize Indian food in other countries, he said: "Firstly, you need to be honest with your roots and have in-depth knowledge of Indian cuisine.
"Secondly, understand the market need of that country, the current perceived image of Indian cuisine and how you can develop the taste buds of the local population towards Indian cuisine. Open Indian restaurants which can offer good, healthy and modern food."
But, as of now, he has plans of increasing the number of branches of his restaurant April Rain, which has two outlets in Pune."I plan to take this brand pan-India and the next outlet would surely be in Mumbai," said the Mumbai-based chef.

The many delectable avatars of Momos

The history of dumplings, it is said, dates back to the 16th century during the time of the Ming Dynasty. Today, dumplings can be found in dozens of versions, from the street food variety to the more nuanced, fine dining ones.

We take a look at some of the avatars. From classic Chinese dim sum to Italian ravioli, Japanese Gyoza and Tibetan momos, these little pockets of heaven have seen many transformations. Filled with meat, veggies and adequately flavoured with aromatics, the succulent wraps are everyone's comfort food. From crab fillings to spinach dumpling skins, you'd be surprised that the city has an array of

dumplings to offer. We scoured around looking for the most unique options available. Siu Mai Siu mai originated in China. Unlike wontons, these deceptively simple dumplings are wrapped but left open-faced and served as dim sum. Traditionally filled with pork and shrimp, dim sums are styled like a flower and served as appetizers. If you do not eat pork, choose from chicken



or fish filling.
Har gow Essentially prepared with minced shrimp meat stuffed inside almost-transparent dumpling skin with multiple pleats. The lump of shrimp mixed with scallions and water chestnuts is sauteed and flavoured with salt, pepper, garlic and sauces of your choice and steamed in a bamboo steamer. Juicy prawns wrapped in succulent wheat wrap — what's not to love?
Momos
These originated in Tibet and migrated to Nepal. Filled with veggies, meat (chicken, mutton, pork) and flavoured with spices, the dumplings are snugly folded and served steamed, fried or pan-fried. Momos are typically served with a red chilli and garlic sauce known as sepen and



chicken or vegetable stock.
Gyoza Dim sum's Japanese counterpart, the gyoza, is a delectable dumpling wrapped in a thin wanton wrapper, filled with finely minced meat, veggies, scallions, celery and served with a dipping sauce. The wrapper of a gyoza is thicker and chewier than other dumplings. Served as steamed fried, deep fried or pan grilled, a platter of gyoza is typically served with a gyoza sauce (made with soya sauce and chilli oil) and salad.
Wontons Some 2000 odd years back, wontons were simply known as dumplings. It was only during 618-912 that it got its name and has been on everyone's mouth ever since. A staple in China, wontons are dumplings filled with meat, fish or shrimp. Here is a variety of wontons available in and around the city — Chinese cabbage and pork wonton, chicken wonton dumped in clear soup, fried wontons served as appetizers with a puddle of zesty sauce and the classic steamed wontons served alongside. chicken broth or stock.

SA eye fifth straight win despite rain worries

Colombo, Oct 20 (UNI): Thundery showers are expected to play spoilsport when South Africa Women take on Pakistan Women in the 22nd match of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 at the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium here tomorrow.

The persistent Colombo rains have already disrupted the tournament schedule and could again force a curtailed game or a washout. Pakistan, in particular, have been hit hard by the weather, with their last two matches abandoned due to rain. The interruptions have left skipper Fatima Sana's side desperate for a full 50-over contest to revive their semifinal hopes. South Africa, on the other hand, enter the fixture on a high,

having registered four consecutive wins to become the second team to qualify for the knockout stages. Led by captain Laura Wolvaardt, the Proteas have shown fine balance in both departments and will look to maintain their unbeaten run. In their previous outing, South Africa registered a clinical victory over Sri Lanka in a rain-curtailed encounter. Openers Tazmin Brits and Wolvaardt once again provided a solid platform, while left-arm spinner Nonkululeko Mlaba continued her purple patch, claiming three wickets. Mlaba currently tops the tournament's wicket charts with 11 scalps at an average of 13.00. Wolvaardt, with 180 runs from five innings,

remains the team's leading run-scorer, while the presence of all-rounders Marizanne Kapp, Chloe Tryon, and Nadine de Klerk adds significant depth.

For Pakistan, the lack of consistent batting performances has been a major concern. Muneeba Ali and Aliya Riaz have offered glimpses of form, while skipper Fatima Sana has led from the front with nine wickets. However, the side will need a collective effort to challenge the in-form Proteas. South Africa have a perfect record against Pakistan in Women's World Cups, winning all four previous encounters. With an average first-innings score of 220 at the Premadasa surface this season, both teams are expected to prefer

bowling first if rain continues to threaten play. Based on current form, South Africa are firm favourites and are tipped to record another victory — likely via the DLS method — if weather permits.

South Africa Women Predicted Playing XI:

Laura Wolvaardt (c), Tazmin Brits, Sune Luus, Annerie Dercksen, Marizanne Kapp, Karabo Meso (wk), Chloe Tryon, Nadine de Klerk, Nondumiso Shangase, Masabata Klaas, Nonkululeko Mlaba

Pakistan Women Predicted Playing XI:

Fatima Sana (c), Sidra Nawaz (wk), Muneeba Ali, Omaidha Sohail, Aliya Riaz, Sidra Amin, Natalia Pervaiz, Sadia Iqbal, Nashra Sandhu, Diana Baig, Rameen Shamim

Lakshya leads India at Paris Open amid turbulent season

Cesson-Sevigne, Oct 20 (UNI) : A season of turbulence has tested India's badminton ace Lakshya Sen, but the Paris 2024 semifinalist is ready to reclaim his form as he leads India men's singles challenge at the French Open 2025, starting tomorrow.

The 23-year-old has endured 10 early exits yet showed sparks of brilliance by topping world No. 2 Anders Antonsen at the Denmark Open. Fellow singles contender Ayush Shetty, riding the high of his maiden US Open title, looks to break free from a run of first-round losses.

In men's doubles, Asian Games champions Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, world No. 7, seek to shake off six semifinal disappointments and finally clinch their first BWF World Tour 2025 crown. Women's singles features rising stars Anmol Kharb and Unnati Hooda after PV Sindhu's withdrawal. Paris 2024 Olympian Tanisha Crasto teams with Dhruv Kapila in mixed doubles, while Kavipriya Selvam-Simran Singhi and Rutaparna-Swetaparna Panda lead women's doubles.

The BWF Super 750 event at Glaz Arena, Cesson-Sevigne, will be streamed live in India on the BWF YouTube channel. India Squad: Men's singles: Lakshya Sen, Ayush Shetty; Men's doubles: Chirag-Satwik, Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy-Sai Pratheek K; Women's singles: Anmol Kharb, Unnati Hooda, Anupama Upadhyaya; Women's doubles: Kavipriya-Simran Singhi, Rutaparna-Swetaparna Panda; Mixed doubles: Dhruv-Tanisha, Rohan-Ruthvika.

Satwik-Chirag eye title run at French Open Super 750



New Delhi, Oct 20 (IANS) : Fresh from a string of consistent performances across Asia, India's top men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will aim to continue their excellent form when the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament starts in Paris on Tuesday.

The World No. 6 pair, finalists at both the Hong Kong Open and China Masters and semi-finalists at the Denmark Open last week, start their campaign against Indonesia's Muhammad Rian Ardianto and Rahmat Hidayat.

Having rediscovered their rhythm after an injury-hit mid-season, Satwik and Chirag will aim to turn their recent form into another title pursuit at one of their

favourite venues — the stage where they claimed their maiden Super 750 crown in 2022 and added a second in 2024. The duo also secured a second World Championships bronze earlier this year in Paris.

Among other Indian players, Lakshya Sen, who was runner-up at the Hong Kong Open, faces Ireland's Nhat Nguyen in his opening men's singles match — a rematch of their Denmark Open clash last week, which Lakshya won in three games. Meanwhile, young US Open champion Ayush Shetty faces a tough first match against Japan's Koki Watanabe.

In women's singles, the emerging Anmol Kharb, a semifinalist at the Arctic Open Super 500, has drawn

top seed An Se-young of Korea in the first round. Anupama Upadhyaya will face the fourth seed Han Yue of China, while World Junior Championships quarter-finalist Unnati Hooda meets Malaysia's Karupathevan Letshanaa.

The men's doubles event also features Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy and Sai Pratheek K, while the women's doubles will see an all-Indian first-round encounter between Kavipriya Selvam-Simran Singhi and the Panda sisters, Rutuparna and Swetaparna.

In mixed doubles, Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto, along with Rohan Kapoor and Rutvika Shivani Gadde, aim to make early progress against experienced international pairs.

England crush NZ by 65 run in second T20I

Christchurch, Oct 20 (UNI) : England dominated New Zealand by 65 runs in the second T20 International of the ongoing England tour at Hagley Oval, delivering a batting masterclass complemented by disciplined bowling to secure a comprehensive victory.

With this win, England take a 1-0 lead in the three-match T20I series, after the first encounter was abandoned due to rain.

After New Zealand won the toss and chose to field, England exploded to a record-breaking 236 for four in 20 overs, the highest T20I total ever at Hagley Oval. The innings featured a series of breathtaking strokes, including Phil Salt's 85 off 56 balls and Harry Brook's 78 off 35,

while Tom Batton remained unbeaten on 29, anchoring the late surge.

Jos Buttler (4) and Jacob Bethell (24 off 12) gave England an aggressive start, with the latter hitting successive sixes and fours to maintain momentum. England's innings saw multiple memorable moments: Brook hit consecutive sixes off Mitchell Santner and Matt Henry, Salt used his wrists to whip the ball behind square for boundaries, and Bracewell's deliveries were dispatched for towering shots. Notable fielding efforts by New Zealand included catches by Michael Bracewell, Tim Robinson, and Santner, dismissing key batsmen Salt and Brook. In reply, New Zealand was restricted to 171 all out in 18 overs

despite valiant efforts from Kyle Jamieson (86 not out) and Tim Seifert (39).

England's bowlers operated with precision and discipline. Adil Rashid starred with four crucial wickets, while Liam Dawson, Brydon Carse, and Luke Wood chipped in with key dismissals, including late strikes to finish the game. The tail fell quickly: Matt Henry was dismissed for a golden duck, and Jacob Duffy's stay ended at 1, caught by Brook off Wood to hand England a comfortable victory. Key moments of New Zealand's innings, included massive sixes from Santner and Seifert, clever boundaries by Rachin Ravindra and Mark Chapman, but regular wickets kept New Zealand under pressure. England's

fielders were alert throughout, executing sharp catches and run-outs that prevented any momentum shift.

With this win, England take a 2-0 lead in the five-match T20I series, cementing their dominance and putting significant pressure on New Zealand for the remaining fixtures.

England's innings featured an extraordinary display of power-hitting, including Banton's six over deep square leg, Brook's towering pulls and lofts over mid-wicket, and Salt's wristy drives and pulls.

The match showcased the effectiveness of England's aggressive batting strategy and sharp fielding, leaving New Zealand unable to chase a mammoth total despite moments of resistance.

Mumbai Meteors qualify for semi-finals with win over Chennai Blitz

Hyderabad, Oct 20 (UNI) : Mumbai Meteors defeated the Chennai Blitz 16-14, 11-15, 15-12, 21-19 in the RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League powered by Scapia at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, Hyderabad on Monday to book a spot in the semi-finals. Mathias Loftesnes was named the Player of the Match.

Chennai setter Sameer straightaway went towards Jerome Vinith and Luiz Perotto to make the attacks, while Mumbai captain Amit Gulia attacked from the center. Chennai defended well with middle blocker Azizbek on court but Amit kept finding gaps. Mathias did well to keep the pressure up on the Blitz and with Om Lad Vasant's timely block, Mumbai won the first set.

Tarun started leading the counter-attack for Chennai while the Blitz' supreme defence kept making it harder for the Meteors to find gaps. Suraj Chaudhary's confident block on Amit shifted the momentum, and Perotto's super serve put pressure on Mumbai. Despite a good fightback from Mumbai, Chennai held their nerve to level the game.

Chennai's libero T Srikanth thrilled the crowd with his impressive defensive performance. But blocker Karthik's presence brought stability back to Mumbai's defence. Petter Ostvik's all-round display helped Mumbai's cause. Despite service pressure from Perotto, the Meteors managed to hold their nerves. With Loftesnes' attack from the middle zone, Mumbai regained their lead.

In the fourth set, two crucial reviews went in Mumbai's favour, solidifying their lead. Perotto and Jerome continued to lead Chennai's fightback. At a crucial juncture Karthik and Shubham combined to block Tarun, earning the Meteors an important point. The marathon set ended with Shubham's super spike and Mumbai claimed a 3-1 win. find gaps. Suraj Chaudhary's confident block on Amit shifted the momentum, and Perotto's super serve put pressure on Mumbai. Despite a good fightback from Mumbai, Chennai held their nerve to level the game.

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Chamari's spell seals SL win; Bangladesh out of WWC

Navi Mumbai, Oct 20 (UNI) : In a gripping contest that swung like a pendulum till the very last ball, Chamari Athapaththu's ice-cool leadership with the ball and Hasini Perera's elegant 85 powered Sri Lanka Women to a pulsating seven-run victory over Bangladesh Women in the 21st match of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 at Dr DY Patil Sports Academy here today.

The drama reached its crescendo in the final over. Bangladesh needed just 12 runs off six balls, with captain Nigar Sultana well set and calm at the crease. Chamari, trusting her instincts, decided to bowl the last over herself — a captain's dare that defined the night.

Her first delivery was a teasing dot ball, followed by a well-placed single to deep mid-wicket. Then came the moment that changed everything — Sultana, trying to clear mid-on, miscued her slog-sweep. The ball hung in the night sky before nestling safely in the fielder's hands. Bangladesh's dugout fell silent.

The last few deliveries brought only desperate singles, and when the final ball was pushed tamely to long-off, the Sri Lankan players erupted in unrestrained joy. Chamari flung her arms skyward, Hasini raced in from the

boundary, and the team huddled in delight — sealing a famous seven-run triumph.

Earlier, Sri Lanka had posted 202 all out in 48.4 overs after being sent in to bat. It was Hasini who stood tall amid the turbulence, crafting a fluent 85 off 99 balls with 13 fours and a six. Her composure under pressure and her 72-run stand with skipper Chamari (46) rescued Sri Lanka from early trouble and provided a solid platform.

Bangladesh, however, fought back admirably through Shorna Akter (3/27), Rabeya Khan (2/39), and Nishita Akter Nishi (1/35), who shared six wickets and tightened the screws in the death overs.

Chasing 203, Bangladesh seemed poised for a memorable win. Sultana (77 off 98 balls) and Sharmin Akhter (64 not out) guided the chase with authority, steadying the innings after early setbacks. At 193 for 4 in the 49th over, victory looked within grasp. But Chamari, with her wily left-arm spin, spun a web around batswomen, claiming four crucial wickets for 42 runs.

Sugandika Kumari (2/38) and Udeshika Prabodani (1/29) supported her brilliantly, building pressure that eventually cracked Bangladesh's composure.

WI draft Hosein, Simmonds for Bangladesh ODIs

Dhaka, Oct 20 (UNI) : West Indies Cricket today announced changes to its One-Day International (ODI) squad for the remaining matches against Bangladesh, with Akeal Hosein and Ramon Simmonds drafted in as replacements.

The changes come after Shamar Joseph and Jediah Blades were ruled out of the series due to injuries. Blades has been diagnosed with a stress fracture in his lower back, which will prevent him from participating in the upcoming matches.

Joseph, meanwhile, had reported discomfort in his shoulder during the first training session ahead of the opening ODI in Dhaka. Following a detailed medical scan, he has been advised to consult a specialist in England to begin the rehabilitation process.

The inclusion of Hosein and Simmonds is aimed at strengthening the West Indies squad as they look to compete in the remaining fixtures of the series.

Team management emphasised that these changes were necessary to ensure the squad remains fit and competitive.

Medvedev wins first title for 882 days

Astana, Oct 20 (UNI) : A resurgent Daniil Medvedev claimed his first title for 882 days with victory over Corentin Moutet in the Almaty Open final.

The Russian former world number one has had a torrid year, winning just one match at the Grand Slams and suffering a meltdown at the US Open.

Medvedev's inconsistency on the ATP Tour - and struggles with his serve in particular - led to him dropping out of the world's top 10 and ultimately splitting with long-time coach Gilles Cervara.

Now working with Thomas Johansson and Rohan Goetzke, Medvedev has steadily improved in the past month - culminating in a hard-fought 7-5 4-6 6-3 victory over Frenchman Moutet. It is Medvedev's first title since the 2023 Rome Masters and first on a hard court since March of that year. Victory also means Medvedev has won 21 titles at 21 different tournaments, according to a BBC

news. "It's the first time I'm at a tournament with my two daughters together, so to get a title is really nice," said world number 14 Medvedev. "This title is in honour of my second daughter, Victoria, because the first title I got when my first daughter Alisa was born was for her." Medvedev, the 2021 US Open champion, had lost his past six finals, including in Halle earlier this year.

His defensive play style and frequent outbursts on court had led some to wonder if his ability to compete at the top level was over.

But the 29-year-old has made changes in recent weeks, making an effort to come to the net and play aggressively, backed up by an improved serve.

He came back from a break down in the first set against the tricky Moutet, winning four of the final five games to take the lead. The pair exchanged breaks in the second set before Moutet, bidding for his first ATP Tour title, took control to force a decider.

Kolkata thunderbolts celebrate Diwali with 3-1 win over Hyd Black Hawks

Hyderabad, Oct 20 (UNI) : Kolkata Thunderbolts returned to winning ways on the auspicious night of Diwali, defeating the hosts Hyderabad Black Hawks 15-9, 15-13, 9-15, 15-13 in the RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League (PVL) at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium here on Monday. Pankaj Sharma was named the Player of the Match.

With the win, the Thunderbolts climbed to 6th position in the table with 9 points. The Hawks started with setter Preet Karan spreading his passes between Sahil Kumar and Yudi Yamamoto to test Kolkata's defence.

Pankaj Sharma proved

prepared, as he combined with Muhammad Iqbal to halt Hyderabad's attacks.

The Thunderbolts appeared like a well-organised machine in defence, not allowing much room to the Hawks to get in their shots. Yudi's spike

went wayward costing the hosts a super point, and Kolkata took the lead.

Jithin acted as the mastermind behind Kolkata's tactics, allowing Ashwal Rai and Matin Takavar to lead effective attacks.

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Central Railway Diwali and Chhat Puja Festival Special Trains on tomorrow

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Mumbai, Oct 20 : The details are as under: **MUMBAI DIVISION-22.10.2025**

Details of trains departing from CSMT/LTT Train no 01031 CSMT-Banaras Special departing CSMT at 07.35 hrs

Halts: Dadar, Thane, Kalyan, Nashik Road, Chalisgaon, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur & Prayagraj Chheoki

Composition : One First AC cum AC-2-Tier, One AC 2-Tier, 18 AC 3-Tier, & 1 Generator Car.

Train no 01047 CSMT-Danapur Special departing CSMT at 15.00 hrs

Halts: Dadar, Thane, Kalyan, Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar and Ara.

Composition : Two AC-3Tier, 18 Sleeper Class / General Second Class, 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01079 CSMT-Gorakhpur Special departing CSMT at 22.30 hrs

Halts: Dadar, Thane, Kalyan, Nashik Road, Manmad, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Bhopal, Bina, Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi, Orai, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti and Khalilabad

Composition : Three AC-3Tier, 10 Sleeper Class, 5 General Second Class and 2 General Second Class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01143 LTT-Danapur Special departing CSMT at 10.30 hrs

Halts: Thane, Kalyan, Nashik Road, Bhusaval, Khandwa, -Itarsi, Jabalpur, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar and Ara.

Composition : Three

AC-3Tier, 10 Sleeper Class, 5 General Second Class and 2 General Second Class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01051 LTT-Banaras Special departing CSMT at 12.15 hrs

Halts: Thane, Kalyan, Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Bhopal, Bina, Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi, Orai, Govindpuri, Fatehpur, Subedarganj, Mirzapur & Varanasi.

Composition : Two AC-2Tier, 8AC-3Tier, 4 Sleeper Class, 6 General Second Class, 1 General Second Class cum Guard's Brake Van & 1 Generator car.

PUNE DIVISION-22.10.2025

Details of trains departing from Pune/ Hadapsar/Khadki/Daund/ Kolhapur.

Train no 01415 Pune-Gorakhpur Special departing Pune at 06.05 hrs

Halts: Daund Chord Line, Ahilyanagar, Kopargaon, Manmad, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Itarsi, Bhopal, Bina, Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda and Basti.

Composition : Four AC-3Tier, 6 Sleeper Class, 6 General Second Class and 2 General Second Class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01433 Pune-Sanganer Special departing Pune at 09.45 hrs

Halts: Lonavala, Kalyan, Bhiwandi Road, Vasai Road, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Ankleshwar jn, Vadodara, Ratlam, Ramganj Mandi, Kota, Sawai Madhopur.

Composition : 1 AC First Class, One AC-2 Tier, Two AC 3-Tier, 5 Sleeper Class, 6 General Second Class, 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01449 Pune-Danapur Special departing Pune at 15.30 hrs

Halts: Daund Chord

Line, Ahilyanagar, Kopargaon, Manmad, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Satna, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt.Deendayal Upadhyay Junction, Buxar and Ara

Composition : Four AC 3-Tier, 6 Sleeper Class, 6 General Second Class, 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01457 Hadapsar-Danapur Special departing Hadapsar at 08.30 hrs

Halts: Daund Chord Line, Ahilyanagar, Kopargaon, Manmad, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt.Deendayal Upadhyay Junction, Buxar and Ara“

Composition : 2 AC 2-Tier, 14 Sleeper Class / General Second Class & 2 Second Class-cum- Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01453 Hadapsar-Ghazipur City Special departing Hadapsar at 16.00 hrs

Halts: Daund Chord Line, Ahilyanagar, Belapur, Kopargaon, Manmad, Chalisgaon, Bhusaval, Itarsi, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Prayagraj Chheoki, Varanasi, Jaunpur & Aunrihar.

Composition : 2 AC 2-Tier, 14 Sleeper Class / General Second Class & 2 Second Class-cum- Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01430 Hadapsar-Latur Special departing Hadapsar at 16.05 hrs

Halts: Daund, Jeur, Kurduwadi, Barsi Town, Dharashiv, Murud & Harangul

Composition : One AC First Class, Two AC-2Tier, Four AC-3Tier, 8 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class and 2 General Second Class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01427 Khadki-Hazrat Nizamuddin Special departing Khadki at 16.45

hrs

Halts: Lonavala, Kalyan, Bhiwandi Road, Vasai Road, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara Junction, Ratlam, Bhawani Mandi, Ramganj Mandi, Kota, Gangapur city, Bharatpur Junction, Mathura and Kosi Kalan

Composition : Sixteen AC 3-Tier & 2 Luggage / Generator cum Guard's brake van.

Train no 01421 Daund-Kalaburagi Unreserved Special departing Daund at 05.00 hrs

Halts: Bhigwan, Parewadi, Jeur, Kem, Kurduwadi, Madha, Mohol, Solapur, Tikekarwadi, Hotgi, Akalkot Road, Boroti, Dudhani and Ganagapur

Composition : 10 General Second Class and 2 Second Class-cum- Luggage-cum Guard's Coach .

Train no 01451 Kolhapur-Kalaburagi Special departing Kolhapur at 06.10 hrs

Halts: Hatkanangale, Jaysingpur, Miraj, Arag, Belanki, Salagre, Kavathe Mahankal, Langarpeth, Dhalgaon, Jath Road, MhasobaDongargaon, Javale, Wasud, Sangola, Pandharpur, Modlimb, Kurduwadi, Madha, Mohol, Solapur, Akalkot Road, Dudhani and Gangapur Road.

Composition : Four AC 3-Tier, 6 Sleeper Class, 6 General Second Class, 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01418 Kolhapur-CSMT Special departing Kolhapur at 22.00hrs

Halts: Miraj, Sangli, Kirloskar Vadi, Karad, Satara, Lonand, Jejuri, Pune, Lonavala, Kalyan.

Composition : One AC 2-Tier, 3 AC 3-Tier, 10 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class, 2 General Second class cum Guard's

Brake Van.

SOLAPUR DIVISION-22.10.2025

Details of trains departing from Latur/ Kalaburagi

Train no 01429 Latur-Hadapsar Special departing Latur at 09.30 hrs

Halts: Harangul, Murud, Dharashiv, Barsi Town, Kurduwadi, Jeur & Daund

Composition : One AC First Class, Two AC-2Tier, Four AC-3Tier, 8 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class and 2 General Second Class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 06210 Kalaburagi - Bengaluru Cantontment Special departing Kalaburagi at 10.45 hrs

Halts: Shahabad, Yadgir, Krishna, Raichur, Manthralayam Road, Adoni, Guntakal, Anantapur, Dharmavaram, Hindupur & Yelahanka

Composition : 20 Sleeper class & 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

Train no 01422 Kalaburagi – Daund Unreserved Special departing Kalaburagi at 16.10 hrs

Halts: Ganagapur, Dudhani, Boroti, Akalkot Road, Hotgi, Tikekarwadi, Solapur, Mohol, Madha, Kurduwadi, Kem, Jeur, Parewadi & Bhigwan

Composition : 10 General Second Class and 2 Second Class-cum- Luggage-cum Guard's Coach .

Train no 01452 Kalaburagi – Kolhapur Special departing Kalaburagi at 18.10 hrs

Halts: Ganagapur, Dudhani, Akalkot Road, Solapur, Mohol, Madha, Kurduwadi, Pandharpur, Sangola, Wasud, Javale, Mhasobadongargaon, Jath Road, Dhalgaon, Langarpeth, Kavathe

Mahankal ,Salagre, Belanki, Arag, Miraj, Jaysingpur and Hatkanangale

Composition : Four AC 3-Tier, 6 Sleeper Class, 6 General Second Class, 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van.

NAGPUR DIVISION-22.10.2025

Details of trains departing from Nagpur

Train no 01207 Nagpur-Samastipur Special departing Nagpur at 10.40 hrs

Halts: Betul, Itarsi, Bhopal, Bina, Virangana Lakshmbai Jhansi, Kanpur Central, Aishbagh, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur and Muzaffarpur.

Composition : 4 AC-3Tier, 6 Sleeper Class and 6 Second Class including 2 General Second Class cum Guard's brake van.

B H U S A V A L DIVISION-22.10.2025

Details of trains departing from Amravati

Train no 01404 Amravati-Pune Special departing Amravati at 12.00 hrs

Halts: Badnera, Murtizapur, Akola, Shegaon, Malkapur, Bhusaval, Jalgaon, Chalisgaon, Manmad, Kopargaon, Blapur, Ahilyanagar & Daund Chord Line

Composition : Four AC 3-Tier, 6 Sleeper Class, 6 General Second Class, 2 General Second class cum Guard's Brake Van

Bookings for above Special trains already open at all computerised reservation centres and on website www.irctc.co.in

For detailed timings at halts of this special train please visit <http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or download NTES App.

Passengers are requested to avail the special train services and travel with valid tickets to avoid inconvenience.

Railways to run Solapur-Anakapalle Weekly Specials

(Standard Post Bureau)

Solapur, Oct 20 : Railways have decided to run weekly special trains between Solapur and Anakapalle. The details are as under:-

Solapur-Anakapalle Weekly Specials (12 Trips) - 01477 weekly specials will depart Solapur at 09:30 hrs every Friday from 24.10.2025 to 28.11.2025 and arrive Anakapalle at 13:00 hrs the next day. (6 trips) - 01478 weekly specials will depart Anakapalle at 17:35 hrs every Saturday from 25.10.2025 to 29.11.2025 and arrive Solapur at 23:50 hrs on the next day. (6 trips)

Stoppages: Akkalkot Road, Dudhani, Gangapur, Kalaburagi, Wadi, Yadgir, Krishna, Raichur, Mantralayam Road, Adoni, Guntakal, Anantapur, Dharmavaram, Kadiri, Madanpalle Road, Piler, Pakala, Tirupati, Renigunta,

Sri Kalahasti, Gudur, Nellore, Ongole, Chirala, Tenali, Vijayawada, Eluru, T a d e p a l l i g u d e m , Nidadavolu, Rajamundry, Samalkot, Annavaram and Elamanchili.

Composition: 1 AC-II Tier, 1 AC-III Tier, 11 Sleeper Class, 5 General Second Class and 2 Luggage Cum Brake Vans. (20 Coaches)

Reservation & Booking : Reservations for special trains 01477 on special charges will open on 22.10.2025 at all computerised reservation centres and on website www.irctc.co.in.

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

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

Railways to run Nanded-Hadapsar Special Trains via Solapur Division

(Standard Post Bureau)

Solapur, Oct 20 :Railways have decided to run special trains between Nanded and Hadapsar. The details are as under:-

Nanded-Hadapsar Specials (4 Trips) - 07607 weekly specials will depart Nanded at 08:30 hrs on Tuesay 21.10.2025 & 28.10.2025 and arrive Hadapsar at 21:40 hrs the same day. (2 trips)

- 07608 weekly specials will depart Hadapsar at 22:40 hrs every Tuesday on 21.10.2025 & 28.10.2025 and arrive Nanded at 12:15 hrs on the next day. (2 trips)

Stoppages: Purna, Parbhani, Gangakher, Parli Vajinath, Latur, Latur Road, Dharashiv, Barsi Town, Kurduvadi and Daund.

Composition: 1 First AC, 2 AC-II Tier, 6 AC-III Tier, 1 AC Hot Buffet Car, 6 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class and 2 Luggage Cum Brake Vans. (22 Coaches)

Reservation & Booking : Reservations for special trains on special charges will open at all computerised reservation centres and on website www.irctc.co.in. “Bookings for unreserved coaches can be done through booking counters at stations and UTS app also.For detailed timings and halts of these special trains, please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or download NTES App.

2027 polls will decide the future of UP, Constitution: Akhilesh Yadav

Etawah (UP), Oct 20 (UNI) ; Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav today said that the 2027 Assembly elections will be all about protecting the future of Uttar Pradesh and the Constitution.

Addressing SP workers in Saifai, Akhilesh gave them clear guidelines regarding the assembly elections and said the coming polls will be much more than a mere change of power, as it would also be about protecting the future of UP and the Constitution.On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, Saifai was awash in Samajwadi colours as thousands of workers, leaders and office-bearers from across the state gathered at the party office.

He said the SP's struggle is against forces that seek to weaken democracy and the Constitution. It is essential for the formation of an SP government to protect the rights of the people and address real issues.

He said the upcoming elections will determine the direction and condition of the state, and therefore, every worker must fulfil their role with full responsibility.

Regarding the upcoming Panchayat elections, Akhilesh said that the SP will not field its own candidates, but the organisation's role at the district Panchayat level will be decisive. He said that this election is an opportunity to strengthen the organisation and increase communication with the public.He urged workers to strengthen the organisation at every level, reach out to the public and spread the socialist ideology among the masses. Akhilesh, who arrived in Saifai from Lucknow at 4 pm yesterday, was at the party office today from 10-30 am to 4 pm.During this time, he personally met MPs, MLAs, former office bearers and workers from various districts of the state. All prominent members of the Samajwadi family were present at the party office. National General Secretary Prof Ramgopal Yadav, National General Secretary Shivpal Singh Yadav, MP Dharmendra Yadav, MP Aditya Yadav and MLA Tej Pratap Yadav welcomed workers from across the state and extended Diwali greetings

16 injured in major road accident on Yamuna Expressway

Mathura, Oct 20 (UNI) At least 16 passengers were seriously injured in a road accident at Yamuna Expressway in the Baldeo area in Mathura district late yesterday night, police said, adding an Etawah Depot roadways bus traveling from Noida to Agra collided with a truck moving in the third lane.

The impact was so severe that the front portion of the bus was completely mangled, leaving all 16 passengers on board seriously injured.

Initial reports said the bus driver while driving at a high speed allegedly dozed off. The bus, which departed from Noida late yesterday night, crashed into the rear of a truck, leaving the front of the bus shattered, with windows blown out and seats uprooted.Local police from Baldeo and emergency response teams from the expressway rushed to the scene and rescued the injured. All 16 injured passengers were immediately transported to SN Medical College in Agra for treatment.

South Western Railway hosts All India Inter-Railway RPF Photography and Videography Competition

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 20 : The All India Inter-Railway RPF Photography and Videography Competition – 2025 was successfully organized by the Railway Protection Force (RPF), Hubballi Division of South Western Railway, on 16th and 17th October 2025 at Hubballi.

The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony held at the RPF Reserve Lines, Gadag Road, Hubballi, at 10:00 hrs on 16th October 2025. Shri IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, South Western Railway, inaugurated the event and formally declared the Photography and Videography Competition open.A total of 27 participants representing various Zonal Railways across India took part in the two-day competition. The entries were evaluated by eminent jury members— Dr. Anand Prabhu, Scientific Officer, RFSL, Kalaburagi, and Dr. Mahantappa Limbitot, Scientific Officer, RFSL, Hubballi — who assessed the participants’ creative



and technical excellence.

The Closing Ceremony was held on 17th October 2025 at Shatabdi Bhavan, Hubballi. Shri Mukul Saran Mathur, General Manager, South Western Railway, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and addressed the gathering.

The event was also attended by IG-cum-PCSC/SWR, DRM/ Hubballi, Principal Heads of Departments of South

Western Railway, Heads of Departments of Hubballi Division, and other dignitaries.

During the ceremony, the General Manager presented trophies and certificates to the winners of the competition.

Winners of Photography Event:

1. Shri Nilesh Abhyankar, Head Constable, Mumbai Central, Western Railway – 1st Place

2. Shri Yogesh Yadav, Head Constable, North Western Railway – 2nd Place

3. Shri S. Ravichandran, ASIPE, Southern Railway – 3rd Place

Winners of Videography Event:

1. Shri Pawan Kumar, Constable, Agra, North Central Railway – 1st Place

2. Shri Ajay Pratap Singh, ASIPE, Kota, West

Central Railway – 2nd Place

3. Shri Giriyya, SIPE, South Central Railway – 3rd Place

The event provided a platform for RPF personnel from different zones to showcase their talent and creativity in the fields of photography and videography, highlighting the artistic side of the Force alongside its commitment to security and service.