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PM welcomes President Trump's leadership as peace efforts in Gaza make decisive progress

New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi today welcomed the leadership of US President Donald Trump as peace efforts in Gaza make decisive progress and said the indications of the release of hostages represent a significant step forward in the ongoing humanitarian and diplomatic efforts.

The Prime Minister reaffirmed that India remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting all initiatives that contribute to a durable and just peace in the region.

“We welcome President Trump’s leadership as peace efforts in Gaza make decisive progress. Indications of the release of hostages mark a significant step forward. India will continue to strongly support all efforts towards a durable and just peace,” The Prime Minister posted on X.

The Prime Minister’s tweet came Hamas said it had accepted some elements of President Trump’s peace plan and was willing to release the hostages and hand over power to other Palestinians. President Trump also asked Israel to stop bombing Gaza.

Strict Action Ordered in Pune Car Accident

Pune Oct 4 (UNI) : Maharashtra Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Dada Patil today instructed police officers to take strict action against those responsible for the accident involving the car of dancer Gautami Patil in Pune.

The minister said that on September 30, a vehicle belonging to the dancer reportedly rammed into a rickshaw from behind near the Vadgaon Bridge. The rickshaw driver, Margale, was seriously injured and is currently receiving treatment at Dinanath Hospital. Today, members of the Margale family met Minister Patil, seeking help in the matter.

In response, Patil contacted DCP Sambhaji Patil over the phone and directed him to take strict action against the culprits.

Service entry rules for cadres will be amended, 2026 will be year of recruitment: CM Fadnavis



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 4 : Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday announced that the recruitment process of the Maharashtra Public Service Commission will be accelerated, and a large number of posts will be filled in 2026.

Keeping in mind that the posts and their responsibilities in each cadre of the state government

have changed over time, the service entry rules for all cadre posts in the state will be amended.

The Chief Minister was speaking at the state-level programme of the State Employment Fair, where appointment letters were distributed to 10,309 candidates in the clerical category on compassionate grounds by the General Administration Department.

On this occasion, appointment letters were distributed to 20 candidates by dignitaries, including Chief Minister Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, in a representative capacity.

CM Fadnavis said that to make the state government more efficient and dynamic, the government has focused on reforming the service entry

rules, resolving pending cases on compassionate grounds and implementing a transparent recruitment process through the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC).

"To speed up the recruitment process of the MPSC, a committee has been formed under the chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, General Administration, and a decision will be taken after studying various states. So far, 80 per cent of appointments have been completed. The remaining cases will be settled soon. In addition to strengthening the state administration institutionally, priority has been given to making it dynamic, sensitive and people-oriented, and for this, a 100-day and later 150-day programme was taken up. Many reforms were made through this," he added.

The chief minister

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Cyclone Shakti: Heavy rain alert for coastal Maharashtra

Pune, Oct 4 (UNI) : The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall along Maharashtra’s coastal belt from October 3 to 7 due to Cyclone Shakti.

Considering the risk of flooding in low-lying areas, the state government has directed district administrations to remain on high alert.

According to the forecast, Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Sindhudurg, and Ratnagiri districts are likely to witness intense rainfall accompanied by strong winds at speeds of 45–65 kmph.

The heavy downpour may lead to potential flood situations, and local administrations have been asked to stay prepared for emergency measures.

The IMD has also cautioned that the sea will remain extremely rough between October 3 and 5. Fishermen have been strictly advised not to venture into the sea during this period.



Rakesh spoils Devank’s heroics in Gujarat Giants’ win

The Gujarat Giants moved off the bottom of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 points after a dominant 47-40 win over the Bengal Warriorz at the SDAT Multi Purpose Indoor Stadium here tonight. It was skipper Rakesh Sungroya’s night to shine with 18 points to his name, but all-rounders Visvanth V, Ankit Dahiya and Mohammadreza Shadlou played equally important roles in the win. At the other end of the mat, Devank Dalal’s 25 points was a historic one, making him the first player to score 20 points in three straight matches.

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PM SETU will empower students with future-ready skills: CM



Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi today said that the PM SETU scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will equip students with future-ready skills and strengthen the nation’s skill ecosystem. Calling it a landmark initiative to modernize and upgrade Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country,

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US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff arrives in Egypt for



Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff arrived in Egypt on Saturday for negotiations aimed at securing a ceasefire in Gaza. Hamas representatives are expected to reach Cairo later tonight, with talks scheduled to start Sunday, according to Saudi outlet Al Arabiya.

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Babulal Marandi criticizes Hemant Soren govt for



Jharkhand BJP president and former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi has strongly criticized Chief Minister Hemant Soren, accusing his government of inaction in the Dhanbad cough syrup case and claiming that such negligence is putting the future of the state’s youth at risk.

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Uddhav Thackeray slams BJP, accuses it of dividing India and failing farmers

Pune, Oct 4 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (Thackeray faction) chief Uddhav Thackeray today launched a scathing attack on the BJP, alleging that the ruling party has turned India into a “hell”.

Speaking to reporters at Patrakar Bhavan, Fadnavis said BJP has failed to govern both at the Centre and in the state.

Thackeray accused the BJP of leading the country towards dictatorship by creating religious and caste divisions for political gain.

“The Centre could not resolve the Kashmir issue or restore peace in Manipur. They arrested Sonam Wangchuk in Ladakh for raising his voice, but do they even know who ignited

Manipur?” he questioned.

“Despite having a massive majority and strong backing from the Centre, Devendra Fadnavis remains a helpless Chief Minister,” Thackeray claimed. He alleged rampant corruption within the cabinet, saying that while officials are arrested for corruption, ministers continue unpunished.

“Fadnavis can’t decide whether to prioritize highways or help farmers,” he remarked.

Highlighting the plight of Marathwada farmers, Thackeray said crops have been destroyed, and the government has made crop insurance claims unnecessarily complicated.

“During my tenure, we

waived farm loans without being asked, provided aid during COVID, and launched welfare schemes like Shiv Bhojan,” he said.

Responding to critics who accused Shiv Sena of abandoning Hindutva, Thackeray said, “We left the BJP, not Hindutva. Our Hindutva is reformist — just like my grandfather Keshav Thackeray’s.”

He accused the BJP of using emotional religious issues for politics. Referring to the Pahalgam terror attack, he said, “When terrorists asked names and killed Hindus, it showed that Hindus are unsafe under BJP rule.”

Thackeray questioned why the BJP tolerates its ideological parent, the RSS, when its chief Mohan

Bhagwat visits mosques. “They include minorities in the party, play cricket with Pakistan, and distribute ‘Sougat-e-Modi’. Have you ever heard of ‘Sougat-e-Nehru’ or ‘Sougat-e-Gandhi’?” he mocked.

On his relations with Raj Thackeray, he said they reunited over the Marathi cause. “We will announce our alliance with MNS at the right time. United Marathi votes will shake our opponents,” he asserted.

Thackeray expressed disappointment with the judiciary, saying, “Those who betrayed us stole our party, our symbol, even our legacy. If the Supreme Court cannot ensure justice, where should people look?”

He

warned that public anger could boil over if justice remains elusive.

Criticizing the government’s bias toward industrialists, he noted, “Sugar barons joining BJP, get massive loans and government help, but farmers must mortgage their land and belongings for credit. This inequality must end.”

Calling for introspection, Thackeray said that India must rethink its development model. Natural disasters and environmental destruction are results of so-called progress.

“We’ve built cities but failed to provide adequate facilities. It’s time to prioritize sustainable development,” he concluded.

Double fees for cash payments from Nov 15 at toll plazas

New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) : In a significant move to promote digital payments and discourage cash transactions at National Highway toll plazas, the Government has amended the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008.

Effective from November 15, vehicles entering a fee plaza without a valid, functional FASTag will face higher user fees—twice the applicable fee if paying by cash and 1.25 times the fee if paying by Unified Payment Interface (UPI), an official statement said.

For example, if a vehicle needs to pay a user fee of Rs 100 through valid FASTag, the fee will be Rs 200 if paid in cash and Rs 125, if paid via UPI. This amendment aims to strengthen fee collection process, enhance transparency in toll collection and promote ease of commuting for the National Highway users.

The latest amendment to the National Highway Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008 reflect the Government of India’s commitment to leveraging technology for efficient toll collection and reducing congestion at the toll plazas.

The revised rules will encourage the adoption of digital payments, enhance transparency in toll operations and improve the overall user experience on National Highways.

BJP, JD(U) demand single-phase election in Bihar, RJD favours multi-phase assembly polls

Patna, Oct 4 (UNI) : BJP and JD(U) the main constituents of the NDA have demanded single-phase assembly elections in Bihar, while the RJD has favoured multi phase polls during their meeting with the full team of the Election Commission, which reviewed poll preparedness for the upcoming state assembly elections.

A full team of the Election Commission, headed by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar along with Election Commissioners Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr Vivek Joshi, held discussions with all

political parties to review the poll preparedness for the Bihar assembly elections in Patna.

Representatives of all major political parties, including JD(U), BJP, Congress, RJD, CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML), BSP, LJP (Ram Vilas), RLJP and others, met the Election Commission and offered their suggestions to ensure free and fair elections in the state.

Bihar BJP president Dr Dilip Jaiswal told media persons after the meeting that his party had demanded single phase polling for the Bihar assembly elections.

He said such an

arrangement would help voters who travel from other parts of the country to their homes during festivals.

JD(U) working president Sanjay Jha also supported single phase polling, saying that if single-phase elections could be held in other states like Maharashtra, they could be conducted in Bihar as well.

He emphasised that the law and order situation in Bihar had improved immensely, making single-phase polling feasible.

On the other hand, RJD MP Abhay Kushwaha said that his party had demanded two-phase polling in the Bihar assembly elections.

Pralhad Joshi Reviews Railway Projects with SWR General Manager at Rail Soudha

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 4 : Mr Pralhad Joshi, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy of India, chaired a review meeting of ongoing and proposed railway projects with Shri Mukul Saran Mathur, General Manager, South Western Railway at Rail Soudha, Hubballi, today.

The meeting was attended by Shri Mahesh Tenginakai, Hon'ble MLA Hubballi Central; Smt. Jyothi Patil, Hon'ble Mayor Hubballi-Dharwad; Shri Rudresh Gali, Commissioner Hubballi-Dharwad; Shri Vijay Kumar, Assistant Commissioner; Smt. Bela Meena, DRM Hubballi; officials of KIADB from State Government; and Principal Heads of Departments (PHoDs) and officers of SWR.

During the review, the Hon'ble Minister assessed the progress of key projects in Karnataka including the Hubballi-Ankola new line, Tumkur-Chitradurga new line, Dharwad-Belgaum new line, Bagalkot-Kudachi line, Gadag-Wadi line, and the ongoing works on Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs).

He was also apprised of the Gadag-Yalvigi new line DPR, which is to be submitted to the Railway Board by December 2025.



The Minister further reviewed the redevelopment of Hubballi station at an estimated cost of Rs 397 crore, along with details of the DPR for the Hubballi-Ankola new line project estimated at Rs 17,000 crore.

Minister took stock of SWR's achievements in new-line construction, doubling, and progress of ROB/RUB works during 2025. Shri Joshi emphasized the need for speedy

execution of railway developmental works and assured full support from the Central Government in resolving any bottlenecks. Additionally, the Minister examined progress under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) at Alnavar (Rs 17.2 crore), Badami (Rs 15.1 crore), Koppal (Rs 21.14 crore), and Bantwal (Rs 26.18 crore).

The Hon'ble Minister

reiterated the Government's commitment to fulfill proposals that benefit the public and directed that works be completed within stipulated timelines.

General Manager Shri Mukul Saran Mathur assured that the Minister's guidance will be acted upon in earnest and reaffirmed SWR's commitment to ensuring timely completion of developmental projects for the benefit of Karnataka and the region.

Uddhav's man Anil Parab hits back at Shinde Sena's Ramdas Kadam

Mumbai, Oct 4 (UNI) : Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena leader Anil Parab today hit back against Eknath Shinde-headed Shiv Sena leader Ramdas Kadam's recent sensational allegations here about late Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray's last moments.

Kadam alleged yesterday that Uddhav Thackeray had kept the corpse of his father and Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray at his Bandra East 'Matoshree' residence, for two days after he passed away and his fingerprints were taken.

"Ramdas Kadam behaved despicably at the Dussehra gathering by raising questions about the death of our god, Balasaheb Thackeray. So I will respond. In 1993, Ramdas Kadam's wife, Jyoti Kadam, set herself on fire. Did she burn herself or not? To know whether she burnt herself or if she was burnt by somebody else, a narco test must be conducted on Ramdas Kadam. His son Yogesh Kadam is the Minister of State for Home Affairs. An inquiry should be conducted into his father Ramdas Kadam's business dealings," Anil Parab said.

"I know what Balasaheb Thackeray's will is. I know the details in the will because I was responsible for getting it done. Moreover, I know whose signatures are on it, whose fingerprints are on it. Even if you take the fingerprints of a dead person, it is of no

use. I am telling you this clearly. Ramdas Kadam's knowledge is crude. These allegations have been made to poison the minds of the people against Uddhav Thackeray," Anil Parab said.

"When Balasaheb Thackeray passed away, I was given the responsibility to organise everything. I was there at (Balasaheb Thackeray's) Bandra East residence) Matoshree for 24 hours. I was a witness to everything that happened at that time. Now, after 15 years, why did Ramdas Kadam make noise? After Balasaheb Thackeray's death, Ramdas Kadam became a minister, because it was Uddhav Thackeray who made him a minister in 2014," Parab said.

He asked why Kadam did not complain against Uddhav Thackeray at that time and kept his mouth shut for the last several years.

"If Uddhav Thackeray was so bad, then why did Ramdas Kadam accept the ministerial post? In 2019, his son Yogesh Kadam became an MLA. So Uddhav Thackeray was good as long as Ramdas Kadam was getting everything from him," he said.

Parab said if Kadam had some self-respect, he should have left the party then.

"I am still looking for the bench (outside Matoshree) on which Ramdas Kadam slept in 2012. At that time, a team of doctors was there for 24 hours in the room where Balasaheb Thackeray was.

Maharashtra FDA launches statewide festive food safety drive

Mumbai, Oct 4 (UNI) : In a proactive move to safeguard public health during the festive season, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of Maharashtra has launched an extensive inspection campaign targeting food adulteration across the state.

The campaign, conducted under the initiative 'Festival of Maharashtra, Commitment to Food Safety', has already covered 1,594 sweet shops, with 2,369 food samples collected for laboratory testing, according to FDA Minister Narhari Zirwal.

Minister Zirwal stated that the campaign covers a wide range of food products including milk, khoya (condensed milk), ghee, edible oils, sweets, dry fruits, and chocolates.

Of the 554 sample reports received so far, 513 were certified safe, 26 were found substandard, 4 had labeling defects, and 11 samples were deemed unsafe for consumption.

Reports on the remaining 1,815 samples are still pending.

According to a statement issued here to bolster enforcement, the FDA has completed the recruitment of over 200 Assistant Commissioners (Food) and Food Safety Officers, posts that had been pending since 2022.

Additionally, a proposal for 750 new posts has been submitted to the Finance Department to enhance regulatory oversight.

Laboratory infrastructure has been significantly upgraded to ensure timely testing.

MBA graduate arrested in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar narcotics raid, LSD worth Rs 1 lakh recovered

Ch. Sambhajinagar, Oct 4 (UNI) : The spread of narcotic substances from major cities like Mumbai and Pune has now reached Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, where police arrested an MBA graduate allegedly involved in drug trafficking in the Begumpura area.

The accused, identified as Khadri Maroof Ahmed Shahid Ahmed, was found in possession of LSD, one of the most potent and expensive synthetic drugs.

According to Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ratnakar Nawale, police recovered ten small pieces of blotting paper imprinted with various pictures, each containing LSD, weighing a total of 0.09 grams and valued at approximately Rs 1 lakh.

He stated that LSD (Lysergic acid diethylamide) is among the most powerful hallucinogenic drugs and is increasingly being consumed by urban youth.

Acting on a tip-off received by the Anti-Narcotics Squad, police laid a trap on the night of October 2 near the Bibi Ka Maqbara area, where a suspect was expected to deliver drugs.

The team apprehended the man near the ticket counter and, upon interrogation, identified him as Khadri Maroof Ahmed.

A subsequent search led to the recovery of additional LSD slips from his possession.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused holds an MBA

Special Express Train Service Between Belagavi – SMVT Bengaluru : SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 4 : To clear the extra rush of passengers, South Western Railway will run a special express train service between Belagavi – SMVT Bengaluru for one trip in each direction.

Train No. 06221 Belagavi – SMVT Bengaluru Express Special on 05th October 2025 (Sunday), departing from Belagavi at 08:00 p.m. and reaching SMVT Bengaluru at 08:30 a.m. the next day.

In the return direction, Train No. 06222 SMVT Bengaluru - Belagavi Express Special will run on 6th October 2025 (Monday), departing from SMVT Bengaluru at 09:00 p.m. and reaching Belagavi at 08:30 a.m. the next day.

En route, Trains will have stoppages at Londa, Alnavar, Dharwad, SSS Hubballi, SMM Haveri, Harihar, Davangere, Birur, Arsikere, Tumakuru and Chikbanavar.

The train will run with a composition of 22 coaches, consisting of 20 Sleeper Class Coaches, 02 Second Class Cum Luggage & Brake Van & Disabled Friendly Compartment.

PM hails ‘Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar’ for transforming women’s health

New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi today praised the tireless efforts of those working at the grassroots level to make the nationwide ‘Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan’ (Healthy Woman, Empowered Family Campaign) — focused on the health of women and children — a success, calling it an excellent example of public participation.

The Prime Minister emphasized that such collective initiatives are key to improving lives and building a healthy and empowered society.

Responding to a social media post by union Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, Modi appreciated the efforts of those involved in the campaign and said it is a classic example of public participation aimed at bettering lives.

In his social media post, he said, “Commendable efforts! Congratulations to all those who worked tirelessly at the grassroots level to make this campaign so impactful and beneficial for our women power. This is a remarkable example of public participation towards improving lives.”

Nadda, in his post, stated that the Prime Minister had launched the two-week-long ‘Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan’ on September 17, which concluded on October 2. During this period, around 18 lakh health camps were organised, examining 6.5 crore women.

He noted that this extraordinary achievement reflects the nation’s collective resolve to emphasise women’s health for strong families and prosperous communities.

He added, “Let us continue this momentum by encouraging every woman to prioritise her health, get regular health check-ups, and move towards a healthy and empowered future.”

Under this initiative, jointly led by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Women and Child Development, millions of health camps were organised across the country at Ayushman Arogya Kendras, Community Health Centres (CHCs), district hospitals, and other government health facilities.

The Health Ministry had said yesterday more than 1,780 million citizens were screened for hypertension and 1.72 crore for diabetes during the campaign. More than 37 lakh women were screened for breast cancer, and over 19 lakh for cervical cancer. Oral cancer screening covered more than 69 lakh people.

More than 62.60 lakh antenatal check-ups were also conducted, while more than 1.43 crore children received life-saving vaccines. Besides, more than 1.51 crore were screened for anaemia, over 85 lakh for tuberculosis and 10.23 lakh for Sickle Cell Disease, the Ministry said.

Pune students rally for 'jiyo aur jeene do' on World Animal Day

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The initiative marked World Animal Day, observed globally on this date as the anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. It also echoed the teachings of Sadhu Vaswani, who dedicated his life to compassion towards all living beings.

Students of St. Mira's Primary School rallied through key city landmarks including Pune Railway Station, Aga Khan Palace, the National War Memorial Southern Command, and Sadhu Vaswani Chowk.

With hand-made placards carrying “Save Animals” messages and chanting slogans like “Stop All Killing” and “Shoot with cameras, not with guns,” the eight-nine year-olds turned bustling spaces into platforms of awareness.

Their energy drew in tourists, commuters, and even uniformed officers, many of whom pledged to observe Meatless Day on November 25, Sadhu Vaswani's birth anniversary.

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Wearing animal-themed masks and headbands, they echoed the same message through placards and chants, reminding society that compassion begins with everyday choices, according to a release today.



LoP in UP Assembly and Samajwadi Party leader Mata Prasad Pandey speaks to police personnel at his residence after he was stopped from visiting Bareilly, in Lucknow on Saturday.

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Thane collects 5,211 blood bags in historic drive

Thane, Oct 4 (UNI) : Thane district has created a record in blood donation by collecting 5,211 blood bags through 130 camps organised between September 17 and October 2. The initiative was part of the Swasth Nari, Sukhat Parivar Abhiyan (Healthy Women, Strong Family Campaign), with residents enthusiastically embracing the message that “a drop of blood gives new life to someone.”

The campaign also included comprehensive health check-ups for women, covering blood pressure, diabetes, cancer screening, hemoglobin levels, tuberculosis, and other medical tests. Key officials associated with the drive included District Surgeon Dr Kailash Pawar, Additional District Surgeon Dr Dheeraj Mahangde, Head of Blood Bank Girish Chaudhary, Dr Raju Kale, Matron Pratibha Barde, and Head Nurse Vijaya Pavle from Thane Civil Hospital. Dr Kailash Pawar emphasised that there is no substitute for blood, adding that mosquito-borne diseases like dengue and chikungunya often cause sudden spikes in blood demand. He appealed to citizens to continue donating blood regularly, noting that each unit of blood can save a life. With the Civil Hospital scheduled for an upgrade to a super-specialty facility, officials underlined the increasing need for blood to treat patients and support critical procedures such as cesarean deliveries. Officials praised the public's active participation, describing the community's collective effort as a remarkable demonstration of awareness, compassion, and social responsibility that strengthens the healthcare system in the district.

Service entry rules for cadres will be

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made a special mention of Additional Chief Secretary V Radha and initiated major changes after taking charge of the General Administration Department.

CM Fadnavis said that the service entry rules of many departments were 50 years old.

"Due to changes in technology, the nature and responsibilities of the posts, right from the clerk to the higher levels, have changed to a large extent, but the rules have not changed. An attempt was made to change these service entry rules to fill the vacant posts. Appointments on compassionate grounds were pending on a large scale. All the government decisions in this regard were changed, and a loose and simple government decision was made," he said.

"Giving jobs on compassionate grounds is not a favour, but the responsibility of the government. We worked with the feeling that if an accident happens at the home of the employees, it is the government's duty to take care of their families. Due to these changes, 80 per cent of the compassionate posts have been filled today, and the remaining 20 per cent of the posts will also be filled soon," he said.

"Anushka Prakash More, daughter of martyred Sub-Inspector Prakash Pandurang More, has been appointed in the compassionate list today. It is important that we were able to provide justice to the daughter of the officer who was martyred in the cowardly terrorist attack of 26/11/2008 after so many years.

Since Anushka is a B-farm, it was difficult for her to get the post of 'Drug Manufacturer Group B' on a compassionate basis due

to the rules, because that post was with the MPSC. But, we made a special request to the MPSC and got relaxation in the rules and provided justice to her. We are happy that Anushka has been provided justice," said the chief minister.

He further announced that it has also been decided to make appointments in the clerical cadre through MPSC. "If there is no transparency in the recruitment process in a state, then there is a great injustice to the hardworking people. Therefore, about 1 lakh people have been appointed after taking exams through good institutions like IBPS and TCS, which includes the recruitment of 40,000 police officers. In the future, appointments will be made by amending the service entry rules and speeding up the recruitment process," he said. Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar congratulated over 10,000 candidates on receiving appointment letters. He said that it is a historic day as the government has cleared nearly 80 per cent of the pending cases on compassionate grounds, and special emphasis has been laid on transparency and speed in the recruitment process.

The government has provided relief to many families by removing technical and administrative hurdles. "There is a living story behind every file, every citizen and every decision. Therefore, the three words t r a n s p a r e n c y , responsibility and loyalty should be the guide of every employee," said DCM Pawar.

He appealed to the newly-appointed employees to increase the use of e-governance, conduct people-oriented administration and discharge their responsibilities honestly.

Security Force jawan killed after falling from Mumbai crowded local train

Mumbai, Oct 4 (UNI) : A Maharashtra Security Force (MSF) jawan killed in a railway accident after falling from a crowded local train between Malad and Goregaon, Mumbai suburb officials said here today.

The incident that took place yesterday has once again raised serious concerns over commuter safety during peak hours.

The deceased has been identified as 31-year-old Ganesh Jagdale, who was attached to the Dahisar police station after finishing his night duty when he boarded a Churchgate-bound local from Dahisar around 8:30 am. The train,

packed with commuters during the morning rush hour, left him standing precariously close to the door. According to reports between Malad and Goregaon stations, Jagdale was reportedly caught in a wave of pushing and jostling inside the compartment. Unable to maintain his balance, he fell off the moving train and landed on the tracks. Gravely injured, he was rushed to Shatabdi Hospital in Kandivali, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. The Borivali Government Railway Police (GRP) registered a case of accidental death.

Raut accuses BJP, Shinde leaders of Rs 12,000 crore corruption

Pune, Oct 4 (UNI) : Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut today accused a BJP leader and two from the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction) of illegally pocketing a total of Rs 12,000 crore in the Pune Metro project. Speaking to reporters, Raut alleged that Pune's administration is effectively run by “three gang leaders” who have divided bureaucratic responsibilities among themselves.

He further claimed that the city's top officials, including the Police Commissioner, District Collector, and Municipal Commissioner, were all appointed at the behest of these leaders. Raut specifically alleged that Pune's Police Commissioner is a BJP worker.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) leader also strongly criticised Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, stating he has “sold out” to Mumbai industrialist Gautam Adani.

“He is a Chief Minister working on commissions and has turned a deaf ear to farmers’ problems,” Raut alleged.

He added that announcements of aid for farmers affected by heavy rainfall and floods would only be made through Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he visits Maharashtra. Raut called CM Fadnavis “very stingy” and demanded that he provide immediate relief to the rain- and flood-affected farmers.

Aviation sector key to PM Modi’s ‘developed India’ vision, says Gadkari

Nagpur, Oct 4 (UNI) : Union Surface Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Saturday said the aviation sector will play a vital role in realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a “developed India,” and highlighted Nagpur's potential to emerge as a national aviation hub.

Speaking at a symposium on Role of Aviation in Developed

India in Nagpur, Gadkari said the city's central geographical location could make it a major air traffic control grid, with the possibility of overseeing several airports across the country in the future.

He pointed out that the number of airports in India has doubled from 75 to 150, while the demand for air carriers has risen by 22 per cent. Helicopter aviation, he

Notice issued to dancer Gautami Patil in accident case

Pune, Oct 4 (UNI) : Popular dancer Gautami Patil has been served a police notice today in connection with an accident near Vadgaon Bridge.

In the early hours of Tuesday, Patil's car rammed into a stationary rickshaw on the roadside, leaving the

rickshaw driver and two passengers seriously injured.

After the accident, Patil's driver fled the scene but was later arrested by the police. Meanwhile, the family of the injured rickshaw driver, Samaji Vitthal Margale, has alleged that the investigation is not

being conducted seriously.

Senior Minister Chandrakant Patil took note of these allegations and directed Deputy Commissioner of Police Sambhaji Kadam to ensure strict action against those responsible.

According to Margale's family, the accident

occurred due to the negligence of Patil's driver, yet neither Patil nor her associates have responded to the victims, and police assistance has been inadequate.

With Minister Patil's intervention, the situation is likely to intensify further for Gautami Patil.

Complete e-KYC for Ladki Bahin Yojana

Mumbai Oct 4 (UNI) : To avail benefits under the Ladki Bahin Yojana, it has now been made mandatory for not only the beneficiary women but also their husbands or fathers to complete e-KYC.

If the husband's or father's annual income exceeds rupee 2.5 lakh, the woman concerned will be declared ineligible for the scheme. This could lead to a reduction in the number of beneficiaries under the Ladki Bahin scheme.

To qualify, the family's annual income must be below 2.5 lakh. For income verification, married women must provide their husband's e-KYC, while unmarried women must provide their father's e-KYC. The beneficiary's eligibility will be determined based on this verification. Many women have been facing problems in receiving OTPs on the portal developed by the Women and Child Development Department during the e-KYC process. Taking note of this issue, corrective measures are already underway. Soon, women will be able to complete the technical process smoothly, assured Women and Child Development Minister Aditi Tatkare.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge) Jayant Chaudhary during the unveiling ceremony of various youth-focused initiatives, in New Delhi on Saturday.

Pune CP assures seizure of notorious gangster Nilesh Ghaywal's passport

Pune, Oct 4 (UNI) : Pune Police Commissioner Amitesh Kumar today assured the people that notorious gangster Nilesh Ghaywal's passport will be seized and he will be brought back to India. Kumar claimed that the investigation has revealed that Ghaywal had obtained

the passport using forged documents and false information. Authorities have already initiated proceedings to cancel it.

In connection with the Kothrud firing case, Ghaywal and his associates have been booked under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA).

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[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]			
Public Notice:C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2025-26/1256	Date: 23/09/2025		
Reference:			
In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (2) companies in the state of Puducherry under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:			
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1	AB6807830	U33110PY2022PTC008877	HISA HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED.
2	AB6913612	U35200PY2025PTC009416	QUALITY BLUE DISTRIBUTION PRIVATE LIMITED.
2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.			
3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.			
4. Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.			
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For Gaza, a chance to return from destruction to reconstruction

Hamas’s cautious acceptance of United States President Donald Trump’s proposal for a solution may have cracked open a diplomatic door long sealed by warfare and mistrust. This was perhaps the window that the countries mediating a ceasefire in Gaza were waiting for.Negotiators from Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, and the United States can now be expected to shuttle between Hamas officials (mainly perhaps) in Doha and Jerusalem to iron out a ceasefire implementation.Under Trump’s 20-point blueprint, an immediate ceasefire would accompany the release of living hostages, followed by the return of remains of those deceased, in exchange for hundreds of Palestinians held by Israel in detention facilities outside Gaza.

While Hamas has accepted elements such as the release of hostages and the handover of Gaza’s administration, it has reportedly rejected disarmament demands and any permanent surrender of arms.

According to information available, an official statement -- released through the group’s Telegram channel -- has confirmed readiness to release all Israeli hostages, and bodies of those deceased. It has also abided by handing over the administration of the Gaza Strip to a technocratic Palestinian body supported by Arab and Islamic states. However, the group is said to have refused to lay down its weapons or disarm unconditionally, or allow foreign forces to oversee Gaza, or remove Hamas fighters from Palestinian territory.

These caveats underscore Hamas’s insistence on maintaining its role as a political and military actor in Gaza. Thus, negotiators will also need to grapple with the question of Gaza’s governance.

Trump’s plan envisages a technocratic, apolitical Palestinian committee to run the Strip under an international oversight board chaired by the US. Hamas, say reports, insists on a purely Palestinian administration endorsed by national consensus and backed by Arab and Islamic states.But Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly and unequivocally ruled out the establishment of a Palestinian state west of the Jordan River, which he reiterated in his recent address at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.Both he and Trump have condemned nations granting recognition to a Palestinian state, saying that the recognition of Palestine as a state without going down strongly on the Hamas organisation serves as a reward for it. Even as the leaders were delivering their respective statements at the UNGA, 156 of the 193 UN member-countries had officially recognised the state of Palestine. Meanwhile, legislative elections are scheduled to be held in Israel by October 2026, where Netanyahu’s governing coalition includes far-right parties that stand rigidly against any concessions toward a “two-state solution”.

In fact, some of his cabinet members have demanded the full annexation of the West Bank, making any move toward a sovereign Palestinian state politically untenable for Netanyahu. Disagreements over such and other issues remain the primary objective in the path to a comprehensive peace.

Yet, when the ground reality in Gaza remains grim, this moment of conditional optimism offers a fleeting chance to return from destruction to reconstruction.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Pain, in various forms, can severely disturb individuals, from children to the elderly. This could range from a simple injection pain, pain due to surgeries, or the intense discomfort associated with chemotherapy in cancer treatment or dialysis for kidney issues. Many times, people shy away from necessary treatments due to the fear of pain. To provide relief from various types of pain, Gachibowli KIMS Hospital unveiled the innovative XR technology on Saturday. This unveiling took place during the PainScape 2025 conference, and the launch was conducted by Dr. Bollineni Bhaskar Rao, Chairman and Managing Director of KIMS Hospitals. Speaking at the event, Dr. Bhaskar Rao said, “Some surgeries cause long-term pain. Muscle pain is also common. Cancer and its treatments often result in severe pain in nerves, neck, and head. Additionally, the pain experienced by pregnant women during normal delivery is extremely difficult to bear. XR technology provides the most effective solution for all these types of pain. I congratulate all our medical



experts for bringing these advanced technologies to our patients. KIMS Hospitals is always at the forefront in providing the latest technologies to our patients.”

Dr. Ankitha R. Chawla, Associate Medical Director and Senior Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Gachibowli KIMS Hospital, who acted as a patron at the conference, said, “In Telugu states, many patients suffer from chronic pain. Children, for example, often pull their hands away unknowingly when we try to administer an injection or insert a cannula, making it difficult to proceed. Similarly, many adults refuse necessary treatments due to severe pain. As for the pain associated with childbirth,

it is so intense that many women opt for a C-section because they fear the pain. For all these issues, we now have XR technology as a single solution. XR is a combination of Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR). Before injecting children or inserting a cannula, we apply an XR headset. It makes them feel like they are playing in a field, which distracts them mentally and helps us administer the treatment pain-free.

KIMS Gachibowli, Consultant Pain Medicine Dr. Randheer Annaram, said Similarly, dialysis patients, who often face intense pain, can now use the XR headset to feel like they are engaging in a favorite activity, which

helps them forget about the pain. This is the special feature of this technology: it mentally shifts the patient’s focus, causing them to forget the pain. Pain is a signal that the brain processes, and if the brain is engaged in other activities, the pain is no longer perceived. This is a simple, accessible method for everyone. I thank Dr. Bhaskar Rao, the CMD of KIMS Hospitals, Dr. Abhinay, the CEO, and others for their support in introducing this technology. If this technology becomes widespread, even rural areas will be able to easily manage pain during treatments. For example, patients undergoing chemotherapy often have

to be administered large doses of painkillers like morphine. With XR technology, such medications will no longer be necessary.”“The conference also featured other notable participants, including Dr. Manimala Rao, Director of Medical Education at KIMS Hospitals; Mr. Kishore Reddy, Cluster Head of Gachibowli KIMS Hospital; Dr. Randheer K. Annaram, Consultant in Pain and Palliative Medicine; Dr. Birappa, Director at NIMS Hospital; Dr. Pradeep Jain, Director of Pain Relief Unit at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi; Dr. Murali Dhar Joshi, and many others.

Scientific Chair Dr. Akhya Kumar Kar, Additional Director of the Anesthesiology Department at NIMS Hospital, and Program Coordinator Dr. M. Supraja, Senior Consultant in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Gachibowli KIMS Hospital, were also present. Several medical experts from the United States and renowned hospitals in the city participated as faculty and shared insights on pain management techniques and their significance for doctors from Telugu states.

PM SETU will empower students with future-ready skills: CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4 (UNI) : Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi today said that the PM SETU scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will equip students with future-ready skills and strengthen the nation’s skill ecosystem.

Calling it a landmark initiative to modernize and upgrade Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country, Majhi said the scheme reflects the government’s unwavering commitment to empowering youth through skill development and industry-aligned education.

Taking to his social media platform X, the Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for launching the transformative Rs 60,000 crore PM SETU scheme.

He said the initiative aims to integrate ITIs with advanced trades, modern infrastructure and global industry standards, enhancing employability, fostering entrepreneurship, and aligning education with national development goals.

TRAI releases Recommendations on “Formulating a Digital Radio Broadcast Policy for private Radio broadcasters”

(Standard Post Bureau)

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released its Recommendations on “Formulating a Digital Radio Broadcast Policy for private Radio broadcasters” along with terms and conditions and reserve price for commencement of digital radio broadcasting service in four ‘A+’ category cities viz., Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai; and nine ‘A’ category cities viz., Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Surat, Pune, Jaipur, Lucknow, Kanpur and Nagpur.

2. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) vide its reference dated 23rd April 2024 had sought recommendations of TRAI under section 11 (1)(a)(i) of the TRAI Act, 1997 on formulating a digital radio broadcast policy for private Radio broadcasters.

3. In this regard, a consultation paper was issued on 30th September 2024 seeking stakeholders’ comments on various issues relating to formulation of digital radio broadcast policy for private radio broadcasters. 43 comments and 13 counter-comments were received on the consultation paper, which are available on TRAI’s website. Subsequently, an Open House Discussion was held on 8th January 2025.

4. After considering all comments/counter-comments received and further analysis of the issues, the Authority has finalized its recommendations. The

salient features of the recommendations are as below:

a) The digital radio services should be commenced in Simulcast mode by new broadcasters. The existing analog FM Radio broadcasters should also be permitted to migrate to simulcast mode on voluntary basis.

b) The proposed simulcast mode will enable them to broadcast one analog, three digital and one data channel on the assigned spot frequency.

c) A single digital radio technology standard should be adopted in India for introduction of digital radio broadcasting in VHF Band II.

d) The Government should select a suitable Digital Radio Technology for deployment in India either by holding consultations with main stakeholders, that is, the radio broadcasters and the radio receiver manufacturers; or by incorporating selection of technology in the spectrum auction process; or any other method considered suitable by the government.

e) The government should prepare the frequency planning in single technology scenario for each of the four cities of category ‘A+’ and nine cities of category ‘A’ and place in public domain.

f) The frequency for new channels should be assigned by way of auction in accordance with Section 4(4) of the Telecommunication Act, 2023.

g) Immediately after the successful assignment of frequency through auction for digital radio broadcasting, an offer should be made to the existing FM Radio broadcasters to migrate to simulcast mode on voluntary basis.

h) A time limit of 6 months from the date of conclusion of auction process should be given to the existing broadcasters to exercise the option to migrate to simulcast mode.

i) For migration to simulcast mode, existing FM radio broadcasters will be required to pay an amount equal to the difference of auction determined price for digital radio broadcasting in a city and the proportionate amount of Non-refundable One Time Entry Fee (NOTEF) for the remaining period of the existing permission.

j) Radio broadcasters should commence simulcast operations within two years of conclusion of auction process or acceptance of option for migration.

k) The sunset date for the analog broadcasting should be decided after evaluating the progress of digital radio broadcasting at a later date.

l) Government should introduce a new authorisation for ‘Radio Broadcasting Infrastructure Provider’ for provision of active and passive digital infrastructure which can be leased to radio broadcasters. However, this will not be a pre-requisite for introduction of digital radio services.

m) The Government should issue an advisory regarding availability of

digital radio receivers in mobile phones and car infotainment systems, similar to the advisory issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for availability of FM Radio receivers in mobile phones.

n) The private terrestrial radio broadcasters should be allowed to stream their live terrestrial channels concurrently, without user control.

o) To oversee and monitor the development and proliferation of digital radio receivers and market dynamics, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) should constitute a high-level steering committee comprising of senior representatives from the MIB, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), radio broadcasters, device manufacturers, and the technology provider.

p) Eligibility conditions (including the minimum net worth criteria) for digital radio broadcasting service authorisation should be same as as provided in TRAI’s recommendations on ‘Framework for Service Authorisations for provision of Broadcasting Services under the Telecommunications Act, 2023’ issued on 21st February 2025.

q) Period of authorisation for digital radio broadcasting should be 15 years.

r) Definition of Gross Revenue as mentioned in the Policy Guidelines for Phase-III of private FM radio, notified by MIB on 25.07.2011 has been retained.

s) Revenue from streaming of a radio channel should be included in the definition of GR, if streaming is being provided by the radio broadcaster.

t) The Authorisation fee should be levied on Adjusted GR on similar lines as in Telecommunication authorisations.

u) Applicable Gross Revenue (ApGR) should be equal to the total Gross Revenue (GR) of the licensee as reduced by the revenue items not directly related to radio broadcasting services.

v) Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) shall be arrived at after deducting any GST paid

w) Annual/ Authorisation Fee shall be: (i) 4% of AGR for cities of category ‘A+’, ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, and ‘D’.

(ii) For cities of ‘Others’ category (in border and hilly areas of NE, J&K, Ladakh & Island Territory) and ‘E’ Category – 2% of AGR for initial period of 3 years, thereafter same as above.

x) An Authorised entity should not be allowed to own more than 40% of the total spot frequencies in a city subject to a minimum of three different operators in the city. y) Two new spot frequencies for digital radio broadcasting in each city out of total spot frequencies identified by MIB in category A+ and A cities should be auctioned at this stage. Auction of remaining frequencies in these cities to be considered after reviewing outcome of this round and the progress of

development and proliferation of receiver device ecosystem. The definition of spot frequency for digital radio has been provided.

z) Choice of genres on multiple radio channels of an entity in a city should be left to the market forces.

aa) The Central Government should notify separate Programme Code and Advertisement Code for Terrestrial Radio Services.

bb) In case of non-operationalisation of services within a period of 24 months, frequency assignment should be withdrawn, and the entity should be debarred from allotment of another spot frequency in the same city for a period of five years from the date of such withdrawal.

cc) Prasar Bharati should share its land and tower infrastructure (LTI) as well as common transmission infrastructure (CTI) with private broadcasters at concessional rental rates while taking full recovery of operational expenses.

dd) The condition for mandatory co-location of transmission infrastructure should be removed, and the authorised entities of Terrestrial Radio Service should be allowed to share infrastructure, on voluntary basis with the entities of broadcasting services, telecom services, infrastructure providers etc. as per technical and commercial feasibility.

ee) Reserve prices for auction of spectrum required for simulcast by new radio broadcasters in 13 cities of category ‘A+’ and ‘A’ should be as follows:

Two killed in shooting in Nice

Nice, Oct 4 (UNI/SPUTNIK) Two persons were killed and five others were wounded in a shooting in Nice that was linked to drug trafficking, local authorities said.The shooting occurred in the Les Moulins neighborhood in Nice last night.

"A shooting took place this evening in Nice in the Moulins district. Two died, 2 were seriously injured and 3 others more lightly. Law enforcement and firefighters are on site and have secured the perimeter. Laurent Hottiaux, Prefect of the Alpes-Maritimes, is on site and strongly condemns this despicable act," the Alpes-Maritimes department said in a statement on X.

The statement added that reinforcements will be mobilized today to ensure the return of security to the Les Moulins district and "will remain as long as necessary."

Mayor of Nice Christian Paul Gilbert Estrosi said, as quoted by BFMTV yesterday, that the shooting occurred when "an incursion against a backdrop of drug gangs led to automatic weapon fire."

An investigation is underway.

UN chief appoints special representative for children and armed conflict

United Nations, Oct. 4 (UNI) : UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday appointed Vanessa Frazier of Malta as his special representative for children and armed conflict.Frazier succeeds Virginia Gamba of Argentina, to whom the secretary-general is "grateful for her dedicated service and commitment to the United Nations," according to a press release.

Frazier holds a doctorate honoris causa in humane letters from Luther College in the U.S. state of Iowa and a master's degree in diplomatic studies with major in international law from the University of Malta. She is fluent in Maltese, English and Italian.

The mandate was created by the UN General Assembly in December 1996 to strengthen the protection of children affected by armed conflict, raise awareness, promote the collection of information about the plight of children affected by war and foster international cooperation to improve their protection.

China issues orange alert for Typhoon Matmo

Beijing, Oct. 4 (UNI) : China's national observatory on Saturday issued an orange alert, the second-highest in its four-tier system, for Typhoon Matmo, the 21st typhoon of the year, as it strengthens and heads toward the country's southern coast.

The typhoon, observed at 18 degrees north latitude and 117.7 degrees east longitude at 5 a.m. on Saturday, is moving northwestward at a speed of 25-30 km per hour, according to the National Meteorological Center (NMC).It is anticipated to make landfall along coastal areas ranging from Dianbai in Guangdong Province to Wanning in Hainan Province, both located in south China, during the daytime on Sunday, the NMC said.

From Saturday morning to Sunday morning, the typhoon is expected to bring strong winds and heavy rain to China's southern coastal regions.

The national observatory has urged local authorities to activate emergency response measures for the typhoon and stay alert for mountain torrents and geological disasters triggered by heavy rainfall.

China has a four-tier, color-coded weather warning system for typhoons, with red representing the most severe warning, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

Meloni calls for Gaza ceasefire, immediate release of hostages

Rome, Oct 4 (UNI/SPUTNIK) : Italian Prime Minister Georgia Meloni, commenting on the response of Palestinian Hamas to US President Donald Trump's plan, stated that the priority in resolving the Gaza conflict should be a ceasefire followed by the release of hostages.

"I am following developments in Gaza very closely and reiterate my full support for President Trump's efforts to bring peace to the Middle East. The priority for everyone must now be to reach a ceasefire that will lead to the immediate release of all hostages. Italy remains ready to do its part," Meloni wrote on X.

French President Emmanuel Macron said on X that the commitment made by Hamas will contribute to peace in Gaza."The release of all hostages and a ceasefire in Gaza are within reach! Hamas' commitment must be followed up without delay. We now have the opportunity to make decisive progress towards peace. France will play its full part in line with its efforts at the United Nations, alongside the United States, Israelis and Palestinians, and all of its international partners," Macron said, thanking Trump for his peace efforts.

Hamas said earlier on Friday that it had agreed to hand over governance of the Gaza Strip to a Palestinian committee based on a nationwide consensus. Hamas also expressed its readiness to release all living Israeli hostages and hand over the bodies of the dead in accordance with Trump's plan, adding that the movement will participate in discussions on the future of the Gaza Strip within the framework of a pan-Palestinian structure.In response to Hamas' statement, Trump said on Truth Social that he believed Hamas was ready for a lasting peace. Trump called on Israel to immediately stop the bombing of Gaza, since it was too dangerous at the moment to get the hostages out.On Monday, Trump unveiled a 20-point plan to resolve the Gaza conflict. The proposal calls, among other things, for an immediate ceasefire and the release of hostages within 72 hours. The plan also stipulates that Hamas and other factions must renounce their involvement in governing Gaza, both directly and indirectly



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri meets Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, in Bhutan.

US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff arrives in Egypt for ceasefire negotiation in Gaza

Cairo, Oct 4 (UNI) : US Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff arrived in Egypt on Saturday for negotiations aimed at securing a ceasefire in Gaza. Hamas representatives are expected to reach Cairo later tonight, with talks scheduled to start Sunday, according to Saudi outlet Al Arabiya.

Officials believe that there exists a short window to strike a deal, hence thus leading to immense rush to the negotiating table by all members party to the deliberations.

"We are heading into a dramatic week," a senior Israeli official told N12.

The discussions will revolve around the key demands of the 20-point-initiative proposed US President Donald Trump.

This includes the total-release of all hostages by the terror group, living and deceased, under 72 hours,

its total disarmament, and the cessation of hostilities by both sides, marked by a gradual IDF retreat.

Trump had issued a stark ultimatum to the outfit, giving it Sunday evening as deadline for either accepting the deal, or otherwise reap the whirlwind.

While Hamas has not formally accepted the plan, an anonymous official of the group said that Egypt will host intra-Palestinian talks on "unity and the future governance of Gaza," including how the war-torn Strip will be administered once fighting ends.

"We are ready to begin negotiations immediately to finalize all issues," the official added.

As per N12, Israel understands that the timetable for the hostages' release could be stretched out depending on the situation on the ground in Gaza, with security officials

in Tel Aviv already making a list of the Palestinian prisoners who could be released in parallel to the hostages freed by Hamas, in a bid to hasten the process.

Both sides are also preparing withdrawal maps, with the Israeli side notably ready to make several compromises on its original demands.

The Israeli delegation is reportedly trying to speed up talks on the hostages, and wants to table discussions on an IDF withdrawal from Gaza, the meaning of the full ceasefire, and the names of the prisoners set to be released.

This follows the comments delivered by American-Palestinian mediator Bishara Bahbah, who had hailed Trump's Gaza peace plan as the means to potentially end the whole war and return the hostages.

Backchannel US-Palestinian mediator hails Trump's Gaza peace plan

Washington, Oct 4 (UNI) : American-Palestinian mediator Bishara Bahbah described Hamas's response to US President Donald Trump's Gaza peace proposal as a "pivotal moment" that could mark both the end of the war and the release of all hostages, reports Jerusalem Post.

Speaking to Walla in an interview released Saturday, the 68-year-old, who has also served as the unofficial envoy to US special envoy Steve Witkoff, said he was "cautiously optimistic" that negotiations were moving toward a breakthrough.

"I truly believe that good things are happening now," he said. "I can see before my eyes the end of the war and the release of

all the hostages."Despite holding no official position in the US administration, Bahabab is a predominant backchannel figure in Washington's mediation efforts, acting as a conduit for facilitating talks, drawing both criticism and praise.He opined to Al Arabiya on Friday that mediators were already discussing disputed points of the US plan with Hamas.

He suggested Trump's rapid public response — calling on Israel to halt strikes so hostages could be freed — showed he had not consulted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu beforehand.

"This is a very special day, unprecedented in many ways," Bahbah said.

"Everybody was unified in wanting this war to end and seeing peace in the

Middle East, and we are very close to achieving that."Trump, in his own statement, urged Israel to stop bombing Gaza "immediately" to facilitate the release of hostages, a rare direct appeal to Jerusalem in the middle of its military campaign.

One senior Israeli official told N12 News that Netanyahu appeared "visibly surprised" by Trump's tone, which was noted to be rather aggressive and hostile. Netanyahu- who convened his security cabinet late Friday had notably excluded some of the extreme far-right ministers, such as Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich — and told advisors he considered Hamas's response to the plan a rejection.

Takaichi elected Japan's ruling party leader

Tokyo, Oct. 4 (UNI) : Japan's former Economic Security Minister Sanae Takaichi was elected leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) on Saturday after a runoff against Agriculture Minister Shinjiro Koizumi.

The winner of the party poll to succeed incumbent Shigeru Ishiba, who announced his resignation last month, is almost certain to become the country's next prime minister because the LDP remains the largest party in parliament.

LDP parliamentarians cast 295 votes in the first round of voting, while another 295 votes were allotted to rank-and-file members. Takaichi, who took the lead with 183 votes in the first round, entered the runoff with Koizumi who won 164 votes.

In the runoff voting, the LDP lawmakers cast the same number of votes, but the rank-and-file members' votes were reduced to one for each of the LDP's 47 prefectural chapters. Takaichi secured 185 votes in the round to defeat Koizumi, who received 156 votes.

Qatar welcomes Hamas' agreement to Trump plan

Doha, Oct. 4 (UNI) : Qatar on Saturday welcomed Hamas' acceptance of U.S. President Donald Trump's peace plan for Gaza and the group's willingness to release all hostages as part of the exchange outlined in the proposal."We also affirm our support for the statements made by the President calling for an immediate ceasefire to facilitate the safe and swift release of hostages, and to achieve rapid results that would put an end to the bloodshed of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip," Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesperson Majed bin Mohammed Al Ansari wrote on X.Al Ansari added that Qatar has begun working with Egypt, in coordination with the United States, to continue discussions on the plan and ensure a path toward ending the conflict.The U.S.-proposed 20-point plan combines a ceasefire-for-hostages deal, phased Israeli withdrawal, and international oversight on Gaza's post-war reconstruction and governance.Trump on Friday demanded that Israel immediately stop bombing Gaza, hours after Hamas said it had agreed in principle to release the hostages.

Qatar, along with Egypt, has played a central role as mediator throughout the conflict, previously helping broker humanitarian pauses and prisoner exchanges between Israel and Hamas.

Trump urges Israel to stop bombing Gaza after Hamas agrees to release hostages

Washington, Oct. 4 (UNI) : U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday demanded that Israel immediately stop bombing Gaza, hours after Hamas said it had agreed in principle to release hostages.

Earlier in the day, Trump set a deadline for Hamas to accept his "20-point plan" to end the Gaza conflict by 6 p.m. EDT (2200 GMT) on Sunday and rebuild the enclave, warning that otherwise "all hell" would break out against the group.

Hamas later announced it had submitted its response to regional and international mediators, saying it agreed in principle to release all Israeli hostages, both living and dead, under the exchange framework outlined in the plan. The group said it was ready to begin immediate negotiations through mediators on implementation details.

In a statement, Hamas also said it would transfer Gaza's administration to a Palestinian body of independent technocrats and backed by Arab and Islamic countries.

The group said it valued Arab, Islamic, international and U.S. efforts to end the conflict, allow humanitarian aid, prevent Palestinian displacement and reject any reoccupation of Gaza. Other issues raised in the U.S. proposal concerning Gaza's future and broader Palestinian rights would be addressed within a collective Palestinian framework, in line with relevant international laws and resolutions, it said.

The U.S.-proposed plan combines a ceasefire-for-hostages deal, phased Israeli withdrawal, and international oversight on Gaza's reconstruction and governance after the end of the conflict.

Under the ceasefire terms, Israel would halt military actions and pull back to the agreed lines.

Hamas, within 72 hours of Israel's public acceptance, must release all remaining hostages, living or deceased.

In return, Israel pledges to free select prisoners and detainees, while disarmed Hamas members pledging peaceful coexistence could receive amnesty or a safe exit.

South China provinces upgrade typhoon emergency responses

Guangzhou, Oct. 4 (UNI) : The southern Chinese provinces of Guangdong and Hainan on Saturday upgraded their emergency typhoon responses as Typhoon Matmo, the 21st named storm of the 2025 Pacific typhoon season, approaches.

The Guangdong flood control headquarters upgraded its emergency typhoon response to Level II, the second-highest level, from Level IV at 9 a.m., as heavy rains and strong winds are expected in the next 48 hours.At 9 a.m., Typhoon Matmo was located about 670 kilometers southeast of Xuwen County in Guangdong Province, packing winds of up to 33 meters per second at its center, according to the National Meteorological Center.Matmo, which has strengthened to typhoon level, was moving northwestward at a speed of roughly 25 kilometers per hour while still increasing in intensity.

Matmo is expected to make landfall as a typhoon or severe typhoon on Sunday morning along the coast -- in an area ranging from Dianbai in Guangdong to Wanning in Hainan.

Fishing boats in affected sea locations off Guangdong have been ordered to return to ports for shelter, while affected coastal cities have been urged to implement prevention measures in bracing for potential waterlogging, flash floods and landslides.

Local authorities in Guangdong have been instructed to enhance forecasts, issue timely warnings, implement emergency response measures, and relocate residents living in vulnerable areas.

Meanwhile, in Hainan, the provincial committee for disaster prevention, mitigation and relief upgraded their emergency typhoon response for vessels and marine operations in affected sea areas to Level III from a Level-IV emergency response at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.Haikou, the provincial capital of Hainan, plans to suspend classes (including tutoring institutions), work activities, public transportation, and park and business operations from Saturday afternoon to Sunday, according to the Haikou committee for disaster prevention, mitigation and relief.

Death toll in Philippine earthquake rises to 70, with 559 injuries

Manila, Oct 4 (UNI) : The death toll in Tuesday's magnitude 6.9 earthquake in Cebu province in central Philippines has climbed to 70, according to the latest official figure released by the Philippines' highest body for disaster risk reduction and management on Saturday.The National Disaster Risk Reduction

and Management Council (NDRRMC) reported that 32 of the fatalities were recorded in Bogo City, the quake's epicenter, 15 in San Remigio town, 14 in Medellin town, six in Tabogon town, and one each in the municipalities of Sogod, Tabuelan, and Borbon.The NDRRMC further reported that 559 people have been injured in the 5-

kilometer-deep, offshore quake that struck at 9:59 p.m. local time while villagers were asleep and preparing to go to bed.

More than 120,000 families, or approximately 457,000 people, were affected by the tremor, which damaged over 18,000 houses and more than 500 infrastructures, including

roads, bridges, and the city's hospital.The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology continues to record aftershocks, with more than 5,000 as of the time of writing, prompting people to stay in open spaces in makeshift tents due to their reluctance to return home because of the

aftershocks.All residents have now been accounted for.The Philippine government has announced the termination of search, rescue, and retrieval operations, focusing on relief efforts, early recovery, and rehabilitation activities.

Nearly four days since the quake struck, survivors

continue to depend on the dole out for food and water as they face daily struggles to live. The victims appeal for food packs, first aid kits, hygiene supplies, tents, sleeping bags, and generator sets amid power outages.The Philippines sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire," a region prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity.

Babulal Marandi criticizes Hemant Soren govt for inaction in Dhanbad cough syrup case

Ranchi, Oct 4 (UNI) : Jharkhand BJP president and former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi has strongly criticized Chief Minister Hemant Soren, accusing his government of inaction in the Dhanbad cough syrup case and claiming that such negligence is putting the future of the state’s youth at risk.

Marandi said that despite the CID taking over the case of the banned cough syrup consignment seized from Barwadda in Dhanbad last year, not a single arrest has been made even after 14 months.

He questioned the government’s silence, pointing out that everyone knows the seized Phensedyl syrup is used as an intoxicant, yet no action has followed.

“This is not only an administrative failure but also amounts to handing over our children and youth

to a deadly addiction,” Marandi said.

Accusing the Chief Minister of prioritizing financial interests over the well-being of young people, Marandi said, “Hemant Soren is putting the future of our youth at stake in the blind race for money.”

He also took to his social media account on ‘X’, asserting that the BJP had repeatedly warned the Chief Minister about the deep roots of corruption in his administration and highlighted the questionable functioning of the CID.

Marandi recalled that the cough syrup consignment was seized in Dhanbad following a tip-off from Gujarat Police, yet the illegal sale of the banned substance continues unchecked.

He wrote, “Chief Minister, are we so greedy that we will not even spare our children? The hunger

for money has locked your tongue while our youth are being pushed into drugs.”

Further criticizing the state government, Marandi pointed out that Chief Minister Hemant Soren also holds charge of the Home Department, but agencies like the CID and ACB have failed to submit timely chargesheets and conduct impartial investigations.

He alleged that the CID has consistently been found shielding paper leak accused, protecting drug traders, and facilitating land scams, leading even the courts to doubt its credibility.

Calling for decisive action, Marandi demanded a public inquiry into the extortion and corruption activities allegedly carried out by CID officials over the past year.“The people of Jharkhand are watching everything. The time has come for concrete action, not empty words,” Marandi said.

Bukhari alleges BJP-PDP political understanding; PDP hits back

Srinagar, Oct 4 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party president and former minister Altaf Bukhari today claimed that the BJP and PDP have a political understanding, saying the two parties “always play a fixed match.”

“PDP is a unit of BJP and they (PDP) walk on their (BJP) strength. ...Some parties openly say that they have a relationship with someone (BJP) and some parties don't say that,” Bukhari told reporters in Srinagar.

Bukhari, who was a minister in the PDP-BJP government, praised Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for demonstrating some “political honesty” by not joining hands with the BJP.

“Omar had taken votes on the promise of not aligning with the BJP, and now that he has repeated that stand, it shows political honesty,” he said.

Reflecting on past

political decisions, Bukhari said that in 2014, the PDP had promised to keep the BJP away but later joined hands with them.

“Mehbooba became Chief Minister with BJP support. By the grace of Allah, I told them to keep the BJP out. I was the only person. Allah has given us the courage to speak the truth. And this is the truth. It was the wrong decision of PDP, and you will see that PDP will suffer for a long time,” Bukhari said. “Omar learnt a lesson from that, and his latest statement reflects that.”

The PDP, however, hit back at Bukhari, accusing him of seeking a “backdoor route” to the Rajya Sabha through the National Conference.“After being rejected by the people and left politically orphaned, Altaf Bukhari is targeting PDP only to seek a backdoor route to Rajya Sabha through NC.

Assam CM inaugurates 5th Assam Police Commando battalion in Biswanath

Guwahati, Oct 4 (UNI) : In a major boost to the manpower and connectivity of Assam Police, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today inaugurated the headquarters of the 5th Assam Police Commando Battalion at Pabhoi in Biswanath district.

Spread over 218 bighas, the battalion is equipped with modern facilities for an elite commando force.

It may be noted that on July 18, 2022, during a Cabinet meeting, the Government of Assam decided to set up five Assam Police Commando Battalions in Biswanath, Hailakandi, Karbi Anglong, Sivasagar, and Tinsukia. Subsequently, on December 10 the same year, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of the battalion at Pabhoi in Biswanath. Within a span of three years, its infrastructure has been completed, and the Chief Minister today dedicated it to the service of the people.

The battalion has modern facilities, including residential accommodation for 400 commando personnel, advanced security with boundary fencing, nine watchtowers, underground bunkers with magazine vaults, barracks for 256 commandos, and 144 residential quarters for officers and staff. It also has extensive training and operational infrastructure such as a parade ground, drill shed, obstacle course, shooting range and classrooms with computer facilities. With these features, the Pabhoi Commando Battalion is expected to emerge as a centre of excellence for commando training and operations.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarma said that ever since the present state government assumed office, decisive steps taken by Assam Police have led to a remarkable reduction in the crime rate across the state. Referring to the development that has taken

place in Biswanath over the past few years, he said the district has been one of the most inspired recipients of the government’s vision for progress.

He further highlighted that a medical college is being established in the district, a stadium has been constructed, and new buildings for the District Commissioner’s office and the Circuit House have been completed. The inauguration of the Pabhoi Commando Battalion marks another milestone.

Although Biswanath is a newly created district, it has managed to surpass many others in terms of development, the Chief Minister remarked, adding that the progress achieved there is commendable.

Sarma pointed out that until 2016, there were very few paved roads in Biswanath.

However, now all roads in the district have been blacktopped. Roads inside tea garden lines have also been constructed.

Speeding car kills three women during morning walk, driver fled the scene in Ghaziabad

Ghaziabad, Oct 4 (UNI) : A speeding car ran over three women who were out for a morning walk in the Rakesh Marg area under the Sihani Gate police jurisdiction today.

The collision was so intense that the women were thrown several feet into the air. Two women died on the spot, while the third succumbed to her injuries at the hospital. Another man sustained injuries in the incident.

The accident occurred reportedly due to the driver dozing off behind the wheel. Eyewitnesses estimate the car’s speed to be around 100 km/h. The impact was so severe that the bonnet of the car was nearly torn off after it rammed into the road divider. The crash caused a massive traffic jam and drew a large crowd to the scene.

Police teams from Dial 112 and Sihani Gate police station quickly arrived at the location. Authorities have identified the car as a white Toyota Glanza registered in Ghaziabad. The driver, identified as Manjul, a resident of Nehru Nagar, is currently on the run.

He was reportedly returning from Bulandshahr at the time of the accident. Initial investigations suggest that he fell asleep while driving, leading to the fatal crash. Police confirmed that he also sustained injuries.

The deceased women have been identified as Kamlesh (55), wife of Dayanand; Meenu Prajapati (56), wife of Bhakt Singh; and Savitri (60), wife of Dariyab, all residents of New Kotgaon. They were walking near a cut on Rakesh Marg when the speeding car hit them from behind. Another local resident, Vipin Sharma from Shyam Bihar Colony, was also injured.

Left Front stages protest rally in Kolkata against Israeli actions in Gaza

Kolkata, Oct 4 (UNI) : Kolkata witnessed a massive rally on Saturday as the Left Front and its affiliated organisations marched from Rabindra Sadan to Lenin’s Statue at Esplanade, raising their voice against the recent Israeli attack on a humanitarian aid flotilla bound for Gaza.

The protesters also demanded the immediate release of internationally renowned activists, including environmentalist Greta Thunberg, who have reportedly been detained for standing in solidarity with the Palestinian cause. The rally, called by Left parties, was marked by a sea of banners, posters and placards condemning Israel’s actions. The demonstrators carried slogans demanding an immediate end to what they described as “genocide in Gaza” and condemned the United States for providing continuous support to what they termed “war crimes” by Israel. Senior Left leaders, including Left Front chairman Biman Bose, CPI(M) central committee member Suján Chakraborty, and Students’ Federation of India (SFI) general secretary Srijan Bhattacharya, were present at the forefront of the rally.

They walked shoulder to shoulder with a large number of activists, students, workers, and common citizens who had gathered in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Speakers at the rally strongly criticised the Israeli government for launching repeated assaults on civilian populations in Gaza, as well as the attack on the flotilla carrying humanitarian aid. “The attack is not only an assault on the people of Gaza but also on international humanitarian principles,” Suján Chakraborty said. He further alleged that such actions were possible only because of unconditional backing from the United States, which continues to shield Israel on international platforms.

The rally reiterated the student community’s solidarity with the Palestinian people and demanded the immediate release of Greta Thunberg and other activists who had stood up against what they called “ecological destruction and human rights violations in the name of war.”

The rally saw hundreds of participants chanting slogans such as “Stop genocide in Gaza,” “Free the detained activists,” and “Down with US-backed Israeli war crimes.” The protest concluded at Lenin’s statue in Esplanade, where participants took a pledge to continue mobilising public opinion in support of Palestine.

The leaders announced that similar rallies and meetings would be held across districts in West Bengal in the coming days to sustain the momentum.

LG Kavinder Gupta reviews security situation in Ladakh

Leh, Oct 4 (UNI) : With life gradually returning to normalcy in Leh town, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Kavinder Gupta today reiterated that maintaining peace, safety, and stability across the union Territory remains the administration’s top priority.

The Lieutenant Governor chaired a high-level security review meeting to assess the prevailing situation in Ladakh.

During the meeting, senior officials of the UT

Administration, Ladakh Police, the Army, and Central Armed Police Forces briefed the Lt Governor on the current security scenario, an official spokesperson said.

“The administration is committed to maintaining peace, safety, and stability across Ladakh. Vigilance and preparedness remain key to addressing any emerging challenges,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

The meeting also discussed a roadmap for the phased relaxation of

BJP invites public suggestions for Bihar Assembly Election manifesto

Patna, Oct 4 (UNI) The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will launch a statewide campaign from October 5 to collect public suggestions ahead of the upcoming assembly elections.

Senior leader and manifesto committee member Prem Kumar told reporters that the party is preparing a roadmap for the next five years and seeks public input before finalizing its election manifesto.

The campaign will run until October 20, during which BJP aims to gather suggestions from over one crore people across the state.

He said that around 3,000 suggestion boxes will be placed at prominent locations in all 243 assembly constituencies, including markets, bus stands, railway stations, and public squares.

Inputs will also be collected via missed calls, emails, WhatsApp, and a dedicated website. BJP spokesperson and committee member Suresh Rungta added that suggestions are also being invited from organisations such as the Bihar Chamber of Commerce, Bihar Industries Association, tempo drivers’ unions, washermen’s associations, and others.

restrictions.

Gupta emphasised that any easing of measures would be carried out carefully, balancing public safety with the resumption of routine socio-economic activities.

The Lt Governor lauded the people of Ladakh for their exemplary restraint and cooperation, stating, “The cooperation and resilience of the people have been instrumental in restoring normalcy in the region.”

He also stressed the need for continued



Border Roads Organisation (BRO) personnel pose for a photograph after the construction of the world's highest motorable road at Mig La Pass (19,400 ft) under 'Project Himank', in Ladakh.

BJP govt in UP acting undemocratic, anti-constitutional: Akhilesh Yadav

Lucknow, Oct 4 (UNI) Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav has charged that the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh is murdering democracy and is carrying out anti-constitutional and undemocratic actions.

"Stopping of the Samajwadi Party delegation traveling to Bareilly by police at the behest of the government is condemnable. The BJP government is resorting to dictatorship to hide its failures. With its authoritarian attitude, the government is attacking the very spirit of the Constitution," he said here in a statement on Saturday.

Akhilesh said a few

days earlier, a delegation led by senior Samajwadi Party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Ramji Lal Suman was stopped."The repeated stoppage of the delegation traveling to Bareilly, is a failure of the BJP government," he said.

Akhilesh said the Samajwadi Party delegation was to meet with the DIG and Commissioner of Bareilly to work towards restoring peace there.

"Surprisingly, the Bareilly District Magistrate, citing prohibitory orders, prevented the opposition leader and the Samajwadi Party delegation from traveling to Bareilly. The police also confined all members of the delegation,

including Mata Prasad Pandey, as well as Harendra Malik, MP, Iqra Hasan, MP, Ziaur Rahman Barq, MP, Mohibullah Nadvi, MP, Neeraj Maurya, MP, former MP, Veerpal Singh Yadav, former MP, Praveen Singh Aron, District President Shivcharan Kashyap, Metropolitan President Shamim Khan Sultani, MLA and State General Secretary of Samajwadi Party, Uttar Pradesh, Shahjil Islam Ansari, MLA, Bhagwat Sharan Gangwar, former Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, and State Secretary of Samajwadi Party, Uttar Pradesh, to their homes. This is condemnable and shameful," he said. The SP

president said," the BJP government's behavior is completely undemocratic and an abuse of power. Following the incident that occurred after Friday prayers on September 26, numerous houses and shops were bulldozed, with innocent people being arrested.

By preventing the opposition from accurately assessing the situation there and meeting the families of the victims, it has been demonstrated that the BJP government is taking all these actions to conceal its misdeeds."He further said the BJP government must understand that it will achieve nothing by repressing the people of Bareilly. "

UP govt launches 'Mission Shakti 5.0' for girls' safety during International Girl Child Week

Lucknow, Oct 4 (UNI) : The Mission Shakti 5.0 campaign in Uttar Pradesh is strengthening women’s safety, respect, and self-reliance during International Girl Child Week (October 3–11, 2025).

As part of the 90-day special initiative, the Women and Child Development Department organised self-defence workshops across all districts, blocks, and villages, connecting girls and women with practical safety training, legal rights, and government support systems.

The workshops taught self-defence techniques, emergency response, helpline usage, and cyber-security awareness. In schools, experts guided students on ensuring personal safety in both social and personal situations. Girls and women actively participated, gaining confidence and developing a positive attitude towards safety in their families and communities.

World C'ships Silver medalist Manju Rani, Ankushita, Arundhati, Priya and Parveen advance to SF's

Chennai, Oct 4 (UNI) : Women's draw produced some standout results as World Championships silver medalist Manju Rani (Railways) led the charge with a commanding 5:0 win to reach the semi-finals. World Youth champion Ankushita Boro (Assam), former Youth World Champion Arundhati Choudhary (Services), U-22 silver medalist Priya (Haryana) and World Championships bronze medalist Parveen Hooda (SAI) also cruised through with dominant victories, ensuring a high-quality line-up in the semi-final stage. In an endeavour to provide upcoming boxers a platform to showcase their skills and established stars an opportunity to test their preparations, BFI is hosting the inaugural BFI Cup 2025 in Chennai from October 1-7, featuring competitions for both Elite Men and Women across 10 weight categories each, aligned with World Boxing standards. Gold and silver medallists from the event will earn a pathway into the Elite National Camp.

In the men's section, World Cup Brazil bronze medalist Manish Rathore (AIP), U-22 Asian bronze medalist Rocky (AIP) and Asian Games gold medalist Amit Panghal (Services) continued their fine form to progress further, maintaining Services' strong momentum in the competition.

Boxers from State units and boards that finished in the Top 8 at the Elite Nationals are in action at the BFI Cup, joined by entries from SAI NCOE and host state Tamil Nadu. The lineup also includes participants from the last two Elite National Championships, Indian team members from the 2024 and 2025 Asian U-22 Championships, as well as medalists from international competitions since 2022. Adding further depth to the competition are medalists from the Goa and Uttarakhand National Games and the 6th Youth Nationals. All entries are routed through official State units and boards.

More big tournaments needed to take Tennis to the next level: Fenesta Open organizer

New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) : Chairman & Sr. MD, DCM Shriram Ltd. Ajay S. Shriram who is the organizer of the 30th Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship being held at DLTA Complex in New Delhi feels that India processes ample amounts of training facilities but what the players need is more tournaments.

Speaking exclusively to UNI, Shriram said "most of the private schools have tennis courts, and they have coaching camps, but more tournaments are required as that they can actually showcase their talent and become more competitive."

He explained what inspired him to come forward to support tennis "my son use to play Tennis at the national level, once he and his mother went out of Delhi for a tournament, the matches were scheduled to start at 9 am but they finally started vey late at 4 pm, the organization was not good no arrangements were made for water or food, there was no place to sit no proper schedule being followed. We wanted that

tournament should be organized in a proper way otherwise the player's focus is not on the game and on other things like these basic facilities."

Shriram expressed satisfaction that as many as 800 players are participating in the tournament this year and appeared confident that the numbers will rise further in the future.

He said that his biggest satisfaction over the 30 years has been the ability to provide the players with good facilities

"We are very happy that this tournament has been able to achieve 30 years of consistent growth and management.

What we are trying to provide is a quality atmosphere where the players don't have to worry about where do they get water, food, if their racket strings cuts then they should not have to worry about where they have to get it repaired from? where do they stay, where do they eat, we are taking care of everything, this year we had 800 participants, this shows the commitment of the players and the parents.



Gold medallist India's Nishad Kumar (centre), silver medallist Turkey's Abdullah Ilgaz (left) and bronze medallist USA's Roderick Townsend pose for photographs during the presentation ceremony of the Men's High Jump T47 event at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025, at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, in New Delhi.

Yogeshwar confident that India will excel in high weight categories in the future

New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) : 2012 London Olympics bronze medalist wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt is confident that the Indian grapplers, now doing well in the lower weight categories, would put up a strong showing in the higher weight sections as well in the near future.

Speaking to UNI on the sidelines of the 30th Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship at the DLTA Complex, Dutt said, "Earlier, we were not doing well even in low-weight categories. Now we are winning medals in those categories regularly, but in heavyweight categories, some of our grapplers have been performing well."

To buttress his point, he referred to Deepak Punia winning a silver medal at the World Championships

in the 86 kg category. "We have started to do well in the Greco-Roman category at the Asian level, and our women wrestlers are doing well. At present, we are strong in the 57, 65 and 74 kg weight categories," he said.

The Khel Ratna Awardee expressed satisfaction that wrestling has been growing in the country and has been a source of medals in big competitions like the Olympics

"Wrestling has fetched India medals consecutively in five Olympics from 2008 to 2024. Overall, sports is growing very well in India as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is keen on hosting the Olympics in India in 2036, and making India a superpower in sports.

"Government initiatives

like the Target Olympics Podium scheme and the various Khelo India games, giving a platform to players, have also supported them financially, which is very important as most of the players are from financially weak backgrounds," said Dut who was the chief guest in the function.

The Padma Sri awardee highlighted the role of village fairs and Dangals in the promotion of wrestling in the country

"Wrestling is a village sport, played in mud. The village fairs and Dangals have a big role in promoting wrestling. All famous wrestlers have fought in these dangals and fairs, when I started out, I fought bouts even for Rs 2. Even now, wrestlers fight for a very small amount of money in these events, they are

our heritage," said Dutt.

He spoke about the way he was inspired by India's exploits in tennis to do well in the Olympics. "It was Leander Paes's medal in 1996 (Atlanta Olympics) that inspired me to strive to be an Olympian; before that, I was not even aware of the Olympics. Besides this, I have been very close to Rohit (Indian Davis Cupper Rohit Rajpal),"

He warned wrestlers to steer clear of steroids and be perseverant if they wish to win medals for the country. "Make hard work your addiction and learn to be patient.

I played four Olympics and finally won a medal at the 2012 edition. So train for hours and never give up on your dreams," he added.

Railways Sports Promotion Board wins 5th Hockey India Sr Women Inter-Dept. Natl Championship

New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) Railways Sports Promotion Board crowned as the champions of the 5th Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2025 after defeating Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. - Women.

Sports Authority of India secured the third position in the tournament as they won the Bronze Medal against Central Board of Direct Taxes held at the Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi.

In the final match, Railways Sports Promotion Board defeated Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.- Women 5-1. Navneet Kaur (9', 21', 54') scored a stunning hattrick to affirm the intentions of her side to lift the trophy convincingly. Salima Tete (39') and Sangita Kumari (52') also scored one goal each to take the game further away from their opponent.

On the other side, Jyoti (60') scored the consolation goal in the last minute for Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.- Women and ended their campaign with a silver medal.

In the Bronze medal position, Sports Authority of India clinched the medal after defeating Central Board of Direct Taxes 4-1.

Ahmedabad Defenders wins five-set thriller against Delhi Toofans

Hyderabad, Oct 4 (UNI) : Ahmedabad Defenders came from behind to seal a thrilling 13-15, 13-15, 15-13, 15-8, 18-16 win over the Delhi Toofans in RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League (PVL) held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium here on Saturday. Angamuthu was declared as the Player of the Match. It was a game of two halves, with the Toofans leading early on, only to lose momentum midway, and the Defenders claiming the win.

Delhi skipper and setter Saqlain Tariq used the middle option effectively early on. Jasim made his presence felt in the front court with his blocks, but service errors from the Toofans kept the game in balance.

Delhi's Jesus Chourio troubled the Defenders' defence with attacks from the right, and Carlos Berrios' super serve tilted the game in Delhi's favour.

Gaining in confidence, Chourio provided unpredictability with his attacks, while Anu James, too, joined in on the action.

But Shon T John's presence on court gave Ahmedabad a newfound rhythm to begin their counterattack.

A risky super point paid dividends for the Defenders with Shon T's thunderous spike, and the Defenders opened up the doors for a comeback.

Bringing Abhinav on court also proved fruitful as Ahmedabad's defence improved, and the momentum shifted.

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

Bezzecchi blasts to pole with jumbled up grid in Indonesia

Jakarta, Oct 04 (UNI) : One of the most shaken-up grids of the year is headed by polesitter Marco Bezzecchi (Aprilia Racing) as the 72's form of recent rounds continues with domination at Mandalika. He heads up an exciting front row, including rookie Fermin Aldeguer (BK8 Gresini Racing MotoGP) and Raul Fernandez (Trackhouse MotoGP Team), whilst Marc Marquez (Ducati Lenovo Team) suffered his worst qualifying of 2025 in P9.

With both Marquez and teammate Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) contesting Q1, it was always going to be a battle for graduation. Marquez led Fabio Di Giannantonio (Pertamina Enduro VR46 Racing Team) in the provisional graduation spots after the first run, with Pecco P7, the Japanese GP winner with work to do. Lapping together, 'Diggia' and teammate Franco Morbidelli (Pertamina Enduro VR46 Racing Team) managed to improve their times with the #21 briefly into Q2 before Di Giannantonio snatched P1, demoting the #93 to P2 but at the chequered flag, he was safe. Di Giannantonio and Marquez moved into Q2, Morbidelli missing out by 0.048s. Bagnaia was only sixth, leaving him 16th on the grid. With Q2 underway, all eyes turned to the pole battle and the pre-session favourite Marco Bezzecchi, who was fastest on Friday and in FP2 on Saturday. He delivered the goods and by

the end of the first run was the rider to beat, but there was still time for it all to change. Further down the order, Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) suffered a fast crash at Turn 15 but was straight back on his feet and onto his second bike.

Going into the final run, Marc Marquez needed a lap and was down in P10 with less than three minutes remaining. Pedro Acosta (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing) and Fernandez were on the provisional front row, but Bezzecchi was in a different league up ahead, smashing the all-time lap record and becoming the first rider into the 1'28s at Mandalika. Just behind, Alex Rins (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) had put in a cracking lap to go third, whilst elsewhere, Alex Marquez (BK8 Gresini Racing MotoGP) fell at Turn 13. Nobody could catch Bezzecchi, who stormed to pole position, a second in three GP's and with a margin of 0.398s. In second place, a first front row in MotoGP for Aldeguer, following Bezzecchi home just like on Friday afternoon. Fernandez recovered his front row starting position from Rins, a first front row for him since he was third at the Sachsenring in 2024. Rins crashed on his final flying lap but with a best qualifying since COTA in 2023, he may have a say at the front. Acosta and Luca Marini (Honda HRC Castrol) round out the second row of the grid with all five manufacturers across the front two rows.

Rakesh spoils Devank's heroics in Gujarat Giants' win

Chennai, Oct 4 (UNI) : The Gujarat Giants moved off the bottom of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 points after a dominant 47-40 win over the Bengal Warriorz at the SDAT Multi Purpose Indoor Stadium here tonight.

It was skipper Rakesh Sungroya's night to shine with 18 points to his name, but all-rounders Visvanth V, Ankit Dahiya and Mohammadreza Shadloui played equally important

roles in the win. At the other end of the mat, Devank Dalal's 25 points was a historic one, making him the first player to score 20 points in three straight matches. However, lack of support from his teammates – with Punit Kumar being the second-highest scorer at 4 points – hurt his team's chances in the game.

Gujarat Giants made a strong start in the opening quarter against Bengal Warriorz, with their star raider Rakesh leading the

charge. He looked unstoppable on the mat, picking up raid points almost at will, including a crucial ALL OUT that broke the early resistance of the Warriorz. Supported by Mohammadreza Shadloui's sharp defensive tackles, the Giants quickly established control, leaving the Warriorz struggling to find answers in attack.

While the Warriorz's Devank tried to keep his side in the hunt with a few successful raids, the Giants'

defence stood tall, while the momentum remained firmly with them. The combination of Rakesh's incisive raids and timely tackles from Ankit Dahiya ensured the Giants held a commanding position as the first half progressed.

At the end of the first 10 minutes, Gujarat Giants led Bengal Warriorz 14-5.

The Giants turned their early dominance into a complete demolition job in the second phase of the first half, leaving the

Warriorz with no breathing space. Rakesh continued to dazzle with sharp raids, while Shadloui showcased his all-round brilliance by scoring both in attack and defence, including another thumping ALL OUT that widened the gap. Such was the Giants' supremacy that they rewrote the record books, becoming the first team in PKL 12 to inflict three ALL OUTs in the first 20 minutes, and also register the highest first-half score by any team.

WR to run two (one way special) trains from Mumbai Central - Sabarmati and Sabarmati - Gurgaon

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Oct 4 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand to clear extra rush of passenger traffic, Western Railway will run two Special Trains on Special fare between Mumbai Central – Sabarmati and Sabarmati - Gurgaon stations.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the

details of this train is as under:
1. Train No. 09153 Mumbai Central – Sabarmati Superfast Special [02 Trips]
Train No. 09153 Mumbai Central – Sabarmati Superfast Special will depart from Mumbai Central at 10:30 hrs and will reach Sabarmati at 17:20 hrs, the same day. This train will run on 05th & 06th October, 2025.
Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat

and Vadodara stations.
This train comprises of Executive Chair Car and AC Chair Car Coaches.
2. Train No. 09401 Sabarmati – Gurgaon Superfast Special [02 Trips]
Train No. 09401 Sabarmati – Gurgaon Superfast Special will depart from Sabarmati at 17:30 hrs and will reach Gurgaon at 08:25 hrs, the next day. This train will run on 05th & 06th October, 2025.
Enroute, this train will

halt at Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Marwar Jn., Ajmer, Jaipur, Alwar and Rewari stations.
This train comprises of Executive Chair Car and AC Chair Car Coaches.
The booking for Train Nos. 09153 & 09401 is open at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website.
For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Special Traffic and Power Block between Kharbao and Juichandra

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Oct 4 : Central Railway, Mumbai Division will operate Special Traffic and Power Block for launching of Open Web Girder at Kharbao RFO at Kms 66/25-31 in connection with work related to Dedicated Freight Corridor Project.
The block will be between Kharbao and Kaman Road from 00.00 hrs to 04:00 hrs on 06.10.2025 (Sunday/Monday mid-night) on UP and DOWN Main lines.

Regulation of Mail & Exp trains due to the block is as under:
• Train no 11049 Ahmedabad-Kolhapur exp will be regulated from 03.30 hrs to 04.00 hrs at Vasai Road.
• Train no 22193 Daund-Gwalior Superfast exp will be regulated from 03.49 hrs to 04.00 hrs at Bhiwandi Road.
• Train no 12297 Ahmedabad-Pune Duronto exp may be delayed by 10-15 mins.

These blocks are essential for infrastructure upkeep and safety. Passengers are requested to bear with the Railway Administration for the inconvenience caused.

Delhi BJP honours workers for constructing new party office

New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) : The Delhi BJP today organised a ceremony to honour all the workers and labourers who contributed with dedication and hard work to the construction of the party's newly built state unit office on Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg.
BJP's National General Secretary (Organisation) B L Santosh and state unit chief Virendra Sachdeva lauded the efforts of the labourers. They said that their hard work is the true foundation of the new building of the BJP family and that their contribution will always be remembered.

Speaking on the occasion, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta said that this year is one of positive change for the national capital. She noted that people who put in genuine hard work and support a good cause from behind the scenes are now being honoured. The CM also said that this year is proving to be the one when all the works that were stalled earlier are now coming back on track and being completed. The ceremony was held under the chairmanship of Virendra Sachdeva. B L Santosh presented the certificates of appreciation to all the workers and honoured them. CM Gupta and union Minister of State Harsh Malhotra also praised the workers for the timely, strong, and beautiful construction of the party's new Delhi unit office.

Delhi BJP's General Secretary Pawan Rana, MP Kamaljeet Sehrawa, MP and building committee member Yogendra Chandolia, State General Secretary Vishnu Mittal, and other office bearers of Delhi BJP were also present on the occasion.

No day Block on Sunday : WR

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Oct 4 : A Jumbo Block of 3.5 hours will be held from 01:00 hrs to 04:30 hrs during the intervening night of Saturday/Sunday, 04th/05th October, 2025 on UP and DOWN slow lines between Mahim and Santacruz stations for maintenance of track, signaling and overhead equipments.
According to a press release issued by Public Relations Department of Western Railway, during the block all DOWN slow

line trains will run on DOWN fast lines between Mumbai Central and Santacruz stations.
These trains will not halt at Mahalaxmi, Prabhadevi & Matunga Road stations for want of platform & will take double halt at Lower Parel, Mahim & Khar Road stations due to inadequate platform length.
Likewise, UP slow line trains will run on UP fast line between Santacruz to Mumbai Central/Churchgate. Hence, these trains will take double halt

at Khar Road station due to inadequate length of platform and will not halt at Mahim, Matunga Road, Prabhadevi, Lower Parel & Mahalaxmi stations for want of platform. Due to the block some UP and DOWN suburban trains will remain cancelled.
Detailed information to this effect is available with concerned Station Masters. Passengers are requested to take note of the above arrangements.
There will be NO BLOCK in day time on Sunday, 05th October, 2025.

CR Mega Block on Sunday

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Oct 4 : Special Traffic block for launching of conversion of DSS point at Byculla station on 04/05.10.2025 (Saturday/Sunday night time)
(A) Mega Block on 05.10.2025

Central Railway, Mumbai Division will operate Mega Block on its suburban sections carrying out various engineering and maintenance works on 05.10.2025 as under:
Matunga-Mulund UP and DOWN slow lines from 11.05 hrs to 15.55 hrs

DOWN slow line services departing CSMT Mumbai from 10.14 hrs to 15.32 hrs will be diverted on DOWN fast line between Matunga and Mulund stations halting at Sion, Kurla, Ghatkopar, Vikhroli, Bhandup and Mulund stations and further re-diverted on DOWN slow line at Mulund station and will arrive destination 15 minutes behind schedule.

UP slow line services departing Thane from 11.07 hrs to 15.51 hrs will be diverted on UP fast line at Mulund, between Mulund and Matunga stations halting at Mulund, Bhandup, Vikhroli, Ghatkopar, Kurla and Sion stations and further re-diverted on UP slow line at Matunga station and will

arrive destination 15 minutes behind schedule
Harbour & Trans-Harbour Line UP & DOWN Harbour lines between Panvel and Vashi stations (excluding PORT line) from 11.05 hrs to 16.05 hrs
Harbour Line Section
UP Harbour line services towards CSMT departing Panvel from 10.33 hrs to 15.49 hrs and DOWN Harbour line services to Belapur/ Panvel departing CSMT from 9.45 hrs to 15.12 hrs will remain cancelled.
Trans -Harbour Line Section
UP Trans-harbour line services towards Thane departing Panvel from 11.02 hrs to 15.53 hrs and DOWN Trans-harbour line services towards Panvel departing Thane from 10.01 hrs to 15.20 hrs will remain cancelled.
Special trains will be run on CSMT Mumbai – Vashi section during the block period.
Trans-harbour line services will be available between Thane-Vashi/ Nerul stations during the block period.
PORT line services will be available during the block period.

(B) Special Traffic block for launching of conversion of DSS point at Byculla station on 04/

05.10.2025 (Saturday/ Sunday night time).
Central Railway will operate Special Traffic block for conversion of DSS point 127A from 52 kg section to 60 kg section at Byculla. “The Block is to be operated as under:
Date of Block: 04/05.10.2025 (Saturday/ Sunday night time)
Duration and Block Section: On UP fast line between Parel(excluding) and Byculla(including) from 00.30 hrs to 04.30 hrs of 5.10.2025
Repercussions on Trains due to the Block:-
Short – Termination of Trains:
Train no 11020 (Bhubaneshwar - CSMT Konark Express) & Train No 12810 Howrah-CSMT Express will be Short Terminated at Dadar station.
NOTE: Late running Mail/Express trains, special trains if any or trains notified on later date, etc will be regulated / short terminated accordingly as per operational requirement or will arrive late at the destination.
These maintenance mega blocks are essential for infrastructure upkeep and safety. Passengers are requested to bear with the Railway Administration for the inconvenience caused.

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR interacts with passengers and Rail users during Amrit Samvaad Special Campaign 5.0 held Begumpet Railway Station

(Standard Post Bureau)
Hyderabad, Oct 4 : The Amrit Samvaad Programme, as a part of Special Campaign 5.0 was conducted today i.e., 4th October 2025 at Begumpet Railway Station. Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway interacted with passengers and rail users. Ms. Ity Pandey, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other senior officials also participated in the programme reinforcing the Railway's commitment to public engagement and service improvement.
During the session, passengers shared feedback on improvement of passenger amenities such as cleanliness, escalator access and onboard catering services. Shri Srivastava addressed these concerns directly and emphasized that Begumpet is one among the major redevelopment stations under the Amrit Station Initiative. He assured that suggestions regarding safety, hygiene, station cleanliness, watering facilities and catering would be acted upon to enhance the overall passenger experience.
The General Manager also highlighted the initiatives taken to improve cleanliness of stations, trains and provision



additional general coaches. He appelaed the passengers to use Rail One App as a valuable tool to submit feedback and track resolutions promoting accountability in serving passengers better through conducting Amrit Samvaad campaigns. Amrit Samvaad campaigns also held at Huppuguda and Falaknuma Stations, where rail users were informed about various initiatives undertaken for public benefit. Feedback was actively sought and the public appreciated the

Railway's direct engagement approach to improve passenger amenities to reach the expectations of passengers and Rail users through interactive campaigns.
Meanwhile, the Amrit Samvaad Programme at Kakinada Town Station saw enthusiastic participation from Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) Members and passengers. Suggestions included coach indication boards, punctuality of trains, lifts, baby feeding rooms and

increased train frequency. Passengers praised the courtesy of staff and the Railway Protection Force's role in maintaining safety.
As part of the Go Green initiative, General Manager, distributed jute bags to rail users, reinforcing SCR's commitment to sustainability. Earlier, Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division while delivering the welcome address briefed on the passenger amenities available at Begumpet Railway Station.

FM launches three-month nationwide awareness campaign on unclaimed assets

New Delhi, Oct 4 (UNI) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said today that if the three ‘A’s–Awareness, Accessibility and Action–are fulfilled, the money lying in safe custody can be rightfully claimed by the people with proper documents.
The Minister was speaking at the launch of a three-month (October-December 2025) Nationwide Awareness Campaign on Unclaimed Assets in the Financial Sector (Your Money, Your Right) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. “I urge you all to become ambassadors of this campaign, reach out to people you know, ask if they hold any papers of unclaimed financial assets, and guide them to register on the portal to claim what is rightfully theirs.
This initiative has the potential to benefit countless citizens. I humbly request you to spread the word about this campaign in your communities and nearby areas.” Sitharaman said.
“With concerted efforts, from all—the Finance Ministry, regulators, state governments, and banks in villages—if the entire chain is activated, everyone will be able to reclaim their money. This is not only our assurance, but also our duty.” Sitharaman added.
She said “I am very grateful to Prime Minister Narendra

Modi who once advised me to go among the people and call upon them to claim what is rightfully theirs. Acting on his advice, I am glad to share that Gujarat has taken the lead in launching this campaign.” Moreover, Secretary DFS, M Nagaraju said, “As of August 2025, more than Rs 75,000 crore of unclaimed deposits have been transferred to the RBI's Depositor Education and Awareness Fund. Unclaimed insurance proceeds stand at over Rs 13,800 crore, unclaimed balances in mutual funds to about Rs 3,000 crore and unpaid dividends worth more than Rs 9,000 crore.”
Unclaimed financial assets, including insurance policy claims, bank deposits, dividends, shares, and mutual fund proceeds, often remain unclaimed due to a lack of awareness or outdated account details.
During this campaign, citizens will be provided with on-the-spot guidance on how to search for their unclaimed assets, update records, and complete claim procedures.
Secretary, DFS, M. Nagaraju, Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India, whole-time members of IRDAI, SEBI, PFRDA, along with senior officials from the Government of India, State Government, and representatives of leading financial institutions, were also present in the event.

Tribute paid to Congress Leader Tajdar Baber in Delhi



(Standard Post Bureau)
New Delhi, Oct 4 : Delhi's Veteran Congress leader, Ex MLA Minto Road, Ex President Delhi paradesh Congress Committee, Tajdar Babar who passed away on 2nd October 2021, her 4th Tribute "Shardhanjali Sabha" held at Gandhi

Market, Minto Road, Under Matia Mahal Constituency, So Many people Congress Leader Paid Tribute to her, Senior Congress Leaders like Mr Ansar Ahmed, Maqsood Zia , Raju Puri , , Mr Rajesh Sharma@Kalay , Anita Sharma , Parvez, Salim Raza, Sanjay Yadav

, Siddiq Bhai .Ishaq Bhai , Zameer Ahmed and Other also paid Tribute To her . Tajdar Babar was the mother of Senior Congress leader and former Delhi Mayor Mr Farhad Suri. After Tribute Langer programme also started. in which free food distrubuted.

Nagpur hotelier, wife killed in Italy crash

Nagpur, Oct 4 (UNI) : Prominent city hotelier Javed Akhtar (57), proprietor of Gulshan Plaza at Sitabuldi, and his wife Nadira lost their lives in a road accident near Grosseto in Tuscany, Italy. Their three children Arzoo, Zazel and Shifa sustained critical injuries. The family, who had embarked on a Europe tour covering France and Italy since September 22, met with the

fatal accident while travelling in a nine-seater tourist mini-bus along with other Asian passengers. The incident occurred around 9 am on Thursday on the Aurelia state highway when a stationary van being pushed aside was struck by a truck, which in turn rammed into the mini-bus. The impact claimed the lives of Javed, Nadira, and the bus driver on the spot, leaving the vehicle mangled.