

IN BRIEF

CM condemns attempted attack on CJI, describes it as dark day in country's history

Hyderabad, Oct 6 (UNI) Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy today strongly condemned attempted attack on Chief Justice of India B. R. Gavai, saying that "Words cannot express my condemnation at this dastardly attempt to attack and intimidate the highest functionary of the country's judicial pillar." "This is a dark day in our country's history," the CM wrote on 'X'.

"I stand with all citizens in expressing solidarity with our intrepid CJI", he tweeted. "His Lordship B. R. Gavai who bravely declared he won't be fazed or cowed down by such cowardly attacks," he added.

Bathukamma Young Filmmakers Challenge 2025 draws overwhelming response

Hyderabad, Oct 6 (UNI) The "Bathukamma Young Filmmakers Challenge - 2025" organized by the Telangana Film Development Corporation (TFDC) has received an overwhelming response from aspiring filmmakers across the state.

More than 500 entries, including short films and songs, were submitted by young directors, writers, and technicians, showcasing their creativity and talent. The short films highlighted themes of public administration and social awareness in Telangana, while the video songs reflected the state's rich history, cultural heritage, and the vibrancy of the Bathukamma festival.

Speaking on the occasion, TFDC Chairman Dil Raju said the main objective of the competition was to encourage young filmmakers and to introduce the cultural pride of Telangana, particularly the Bathukamma festival, to a wider audience. "We enjoyed watching the videos on governance, Telangana's history, and Bathukamma traditions. The response from the youth has been truly inspiring," he said.

Jubilee Hills bye-election to be held on Nov 11

Hyderabad, Oct 6 (UNI) : The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced that the bye-election for the Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency in Telangana will be held on November 11, 2025, following the demise of sitting MLA Maganti Gopinath.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudharshan Reddy said that necessary arrangements are being made to ensure free, fair, and peaceful polling.

According to the election schedule, the official notification will be issued on October 13. The last date for filing nominations is October 21,

while scrutiny will take place on October 22. Candidates can withdraw their nominations until October 24. Counting of votes will be held on November 14, and the entire election process will conclude by November 16. Polling will be conducted using Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) systems at all polling stations. The CEO assured that adequate numbers of EVMs have been tested and deployed to ensure smooth polling.

Voters can cast their ballots by producing their Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) or 8 other approved identification

documents, including Aadhaar, driving licence, passport, PAN card, or pension papers.

The Model Code of Conduct has come into immediate effect in the Hyderabad district. The Commission has also directed all candidates and political parties to disclose any criminal antecedents through newspapers, television, and digital platforms to ensure transparency.

"The Election Commission is committed to conducting the Jubilee Hills bye-election with complete neutrality, transparency, and efficiency," CEO C. Sudharshan Reddy said,

urging citizens to verify their names in the electoral rolls and actively participate in the democratic process.

Meanwhile, addressing a press conference here, District Election Officer and GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karan said that about 3,92,669 voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in the Jubilee Hills Assembly bye-election.

The Returning Officer for the constituency is the RDO, Secunderabad, who will oversee the election process. A total of 407 polling stations will be set up in the constituency. Counting of votes will take place at Kotla Vijayabhaskar Reddy Indoor Stadium,

Yousufguda. He added that voters with any queries can contact the helpline number 1950. Those who missed the enrollment deadline still have 10 days to apply.

Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said that the elections will be conducted in a strict, free, and fair manner. He informed that special squads and check-posts have been arranged to maintain law and order.

Licensed weapon holders have been directed to deposit their arms at the concerned police stations. Citizens were urged to dial 100 and inform the police in case of any violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

Governor Jishnu Dev Varma launches 76th TB seal sale campaign in Hyderabad



(Standard Post Bureau) Hyderabad, Oct 6 : Governor Jishnu Dev Varma today inaugurated the 76th Tuberculosis (TB) Seal Sale Campaign at a special function held at Raj Bhavan here. Addressing the gathering, the Governor said the campaign was not just a tradition but a shared moral responsibility to build a healthier and compassionate India.

He stressed that tuberculosis remains a major public health and social challenge, closely linked to

poverty, nutrition, and awareness, and called for collective participation in eradicating the disease.

"TB Mukh Bharat does not mean preventing TB; it means removing TB completely," the Governor said, urging youth icons, artists, sports persons, NGOs, corporates, and educational institutions to actively join the mission to make India TB-free.

The Governor appreciated the continuous efforts of the Tuberculosis Association of Telangana in

awareness-building, testing, nutritional support, and research. He also suggested exploring ways to provide hand-held X-ray machines in every district with corporate backing under CSR initiatives. He reaffirmed that Raj Bhavan would act as a coordinator and catalyst in driving the TB-free Telangana mission with compassion, cooperation, and commitment.

The event was attended by M. Dana Kishore, IAS, Principal Secretary to the

Governor; senior Raj Bhavan officials; Dr. B. Sai Babu, Retd. Additional Director of Medical & Health Services, United AP, and Trust Board Member of the Association; D. Balachandra, Honorary General Secretary, TB Association of Telangana; Dr. A. Rajesham, Joint Director (TB) and Honorary Secretary (Official), TB Association of Telangana, along with members of the Association, healthcare professionals, and volunteers, a Raj Bhavan communique said.

243-member Bihar assembly to go to polls in two phase, counting on Nov 14

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) : Bihar will go to polls in two phases on November 6 and November 11 to elect the 243 member state legislative assembly, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said today.

Counting of votes will take place on November 14, the Chief Election Commissioner announced at a press conference here. Election Commissioners Vivek Joshi, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and other officials were also at the press conference. In the first phase, elections will be held in 121 assembly constituencies, while the second phase will cover 122 constituencies. The Gazette notification for the first phase will be issued on October 10 and the last date for filing nominations will be October 17. Nominations will be scrutinised on

October 18 and candidates can withdraw their nominations until October 20. For the second phase, the Gazette notification will be issued on October 13, with October 20 as the last date for filing nominations. The scrutiny of nomination will take place on October 21, while the deadline for withdrawal of nominations is October 23. With the announcement of the election schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has come into immediate effect across the state.

For the conduct of free and fair elections in Bihar, Gyanesh Kumar said directions have been issued to District Magistrates, police authorities and enforcement agencies to ensure "zero tolerance" against any violence. There will be no scope for any kind of intimidation or threat to

voters and candidates.

He said the Special Intensive Revision was carried out for the purification of electoral roll in Bihar to ensure no eligible elector was left out and no ineligible person was included.

He thanked the people for actively participating in this process.

He said that for the first time there will be one general observer for each constituency who will act as the eyes and ears of the Election Commission.

The ECI had revised guidelines to make EVM ballot papers more readable. Starting Bihar, EVMs will have colour photographs of candidates for the first time.

Gyanesh Kumar said there will be 100 percent webcasting at polling stations to ensure that activities take place

smoothly without any violation of the poll process.

The Bihar election will also see polling station limit of 1,200 voters so as to reduce crowding, shorter queues and additional booths in high-rise residential complexes and societies.

The Election Commission has also made arrangements of mobile deposit facility at polling stations.

A total of 90,712 polling stations will be set up in the state including 1,044 managed by women and 38 by youth. About 7.43 electors are eligible to vote out of which approximately 3.92 crore are male while 3.50 are female.

Moreover, the electors also include about 14,000 centenarians and 4.04 crore very senior citizens with the age of 85 plus.

Man tries to disrupt SC proceedings, attempts to throw object at CJI Gavai

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) In an unusual incident at the Supreme Court this morning, a man dressed in a lawyer's robe allegedly attempted to throw an object at Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai during court proceedings. The individual, who was heard shouting slogans inside the courtroom, was swiftly overpowered and escorted out by security personnel. The disruption led to a brief halt in proceedings before normalcy was restored.

Eyewitnesses reported that the man shouted, "Sanatan Dharma ka apmaan nahi sahega Hindustan" ("India will not tolerate disrespect towards Sanatan Dharma") while being removed from the courtroom. Some witnesses claimed he tried to hurl a shoe, while others suggested it was a roll of paper. Displaying composure, CJI Gavai resumed the session immediately after the interruption. Asking the next lawyer to continue arguments, he remarked calmly, "Don't get distracted. We are not distracted by this." Security around the courtroom was later tightened following the incident.

PM condemns attack on Chief Justice

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today strongly condemned the reprehensible attack on Chief Justice BR Gavai earlier in the Supreme Court premises. Prime Minister Modi spoke to Justice Gavai following the incident and appreciated the calm and composure displayed by him in the face of adversity.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister said "Spoke to Chief Justice of India, Justice BR Gavai Ji. The attack on him earlier today in the Supreme Court premises has angered every Indian. There is no place for such reprehensible acts in our society. It is utterly condemnable.



India will work with any government that emerges ...

India said today that it will work with any government that emerges through the mandate of the people of Bangladesh, in the elections slated for February 2026. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, interacting with a group of journalists from the Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (DCAB), also said that regarding former PM Sheikh Hasina's extradition, that there is a judicial and legal process involved which involves consultations between the two governments and New Delhi is looking into the issue.

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Sanju Samson named EPL ...



Indian cricketer Sanju Samson has been appointed as the official ambassador for the English Premier League (EPL) in India. Samson, a self-professed Liverpool fan, shared his admiration for the club and discussed his deep-rooted connection with football,

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Bye-polls to be held in seven Assembly constituencies on November 11: EC

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI): Bye-elections in eight Assembly constituencies across six states and one union Territory will be held on November 11 to fill vacancies arising due to resignations, deaths or disqualification of sitting MLAs, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar said here today. Counting of votes will be done on November 14. In the union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, bye-elections will be held in Budgam following the resignation of former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and in Nagrota due to the death of sitting MLA Devender Singh Rana.

In Rajasthan the bye-election in Anta has been necessitated by the

disqualification of sitting MLA Kanwarlal while Jharkhand will see a poll in Ghatsila (ST) following the death of sitting legislator Ramdas Soren. In Telangana the seat of Jubilee Hills has fallen vacant due to the death of sitting MLA Maganti Gopinath.

In Punjab, bye-elections will be held in Tarn Taran. The seat fell vacant due to the death of sitting MLA Dr. Kashmir Singh Sohal. Similarly, Dampa (ST) in Mizoram and Nuapada in Odisha have fallen vacant following the deaths of sitting MLAs Lalrintluanga Saila and Rajendra Dholakia, respectively.

Schedule for these bye-elections will be announced shortly, said the CEC.

BJP slams Mamata over attack on party leaders

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today condemned the alleged attack on its leaders Khagen Murmu and Shankar Ghosh in West Bengal, accusing Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of having "crossed all limits" and dismantling law and order since assuming power.

Speaking at a press conference here, BJP MP and National Spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi criticised the Mamata government for its alleged negligence in addressing the severe floods and landslides in North Bengal, pointing out the Chief Minister's attendance at a Tollywood

music carnival in Kolkata instead of focusing on the crisis.

"Violence and the breakdown of law and order have become normal in West Bengal since TMC came to power. The insensitivity of the West Bengal Government and Mamata Banerjee has crossed all limits," said Trivedi.

"While much of North Bengal is grappling with floods, there are videos of the Chief Minister dancing at a carnival in Kolkata. These contrasting images are heart-wrenching. The attack on our leaders is both dangerous and unfortunate."

NHRC notices over death of 5-year-old student allegedly beaten by teacher in Jharkhand

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notices to the Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand, and the Superintendent of Police, Hazaribagh, seeking a detailed report within two weeks in the reported death of a 5-year-old student at a residential school allegedly due to severe beating by a teacher.

The incident reportedly occurred on September 24 when the child was assaulted for refusing to eat, according to his brother who is also a student at the same school.

In a statement issued here today it said that it has taken suo motu cognizance of the reports about the tragic death of the kid.

The NHRC observed that if the reports are true, the matter constitutes a grave violation of human rights. According to media reports the accused teacher and the school manager are currently absconding, said the statement.

AAP submits public petitions to Goa CM demanding road repairs

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today said that it has delivered over one lakh signed letters to the Goa Secretariat, demanding the state government address the deteriorating condition of the public roads. The AAP said that the letters were collected as part of the party's 'BJP Che Burak' campaign.

AAP National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal, who flagged off a truck carrying the petitions in Panjim, said that the signatures represent approximately one-third of all families in Goa.

He cited his own recent travel experiences in the state, claiming that road conditions were so poor that detours were necessary to avoid the worst sections. Kejriwal also alleged that citizens face intimidation when demanding road repairs and accused the government of corruption in road construction projects.

"The people want proper roads. Every day, accidents are taking place because of these potholes," Kejriwal said during the event in Panjim.

He also expressed concern that the poor infrastructure damages India's reputation among the international tourists who frequently visit Goa. AAP leaders, including Goa President Amit Palekar and MLAs Venzy Viegas and Cruz Silva, later submitted the letters to the Secretariat. Palekar said that the party would follow up with the government to ensure actual repairs are conducted, noting that past government assurances on this issue have not yielded results.

MLA Venzy Viegas claimed that several fatalities and injuries have occurred due to the poor road conditions, citing a recent incident where an ambulance reportedly overturned in Porvorim. MLA Cruz Silva added that public trust in the government's promises has diminished.

Three scientists including two from US and one from Japan awarded 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) The Nobel Committee has decided to award the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to three scientists including two from the United States and one from Japan for discovering how the immune system is kept in check, the Nobel Committee announced today.

Mary E. Brunkow of the Institute for Systems Biology, Seattle, Fred Ramsdell of the Sonoma Biotherapeutics, San Francisco and Shimon Sakaguchi of Osaka University, Osaka, Japan, were awarded the Nobel Prize for their "discoveries concerning peripheral immune tolerance. They discovered how the immune system is kept in check," the Nobel Committee said in a statement.

The body's powerful immune system must be regulated, or it may attack our own organs, it said.

Every day the immune system protects from thousands of different microbes trying to invade human bodies. These all have different appearances and many have developed similarities with human cells as a form of camouflage. So how does the immune system determine what it should attack and what it should defend?

The laureates identified the immune system's security guards, regulatory T cells, which prevent immune cells from attacking our own body.

"Their discoveries have been decisive for our understanding of how the immune system functions and why we do not all develop serious autoimmune diseases," says Olle Kämpe, chair of the Nobel Committee.

Shimon Sakaguchi was swimming against the tide in 1995 when he made the first key discovery. At the time, many researchers were convinced that immune tolerance only developed due to potentially harmful immune cells being eliminated in the thymus through a process called central tolerance. Sakaguchi showed that the immune system is more complex and discovered a previously unknown class of immune cells, which protect the body from autoimmune diseases.

Mary Brunkow and Fred Ramsdell made the other key discovery in 2001, when they presented the explanation for why a specific mouse strain was particularly vulnerable to autoimmune diseases.

They had discovered that the mice have a mutation in a gene that they named Foxp3. They also showed that mutations in the human equivalent of this gene cause a serious autoimmune disease, IPEX.

Two years after this, Shimon Sakaguchi was able to link these discoveries. He proved that the Foxp3 gene governs the development of the cells he identified in 1995. These cells, now known as regulatory T cells, monitor other immune cells and ensure that our immune system tolerates our own tissues.

Mumbai imposes ban on sky lanterns, drones

Mumbai, Oct 6 (UNI) : Mumbai Police Commissionerate has imposed a 30-day ban on the sale, storage, and use of flying lanterns (sky lanterns) across the city from October 12 to November 10 public in view of the safety and security during the upcoming festive season. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) Akbar Pathan issued the order, stating that the release of sky lanterns poses a significant fire hazard and could endanger public safety and peace.

The ban is being implemented in two phases. A complete prohibition on the flying of drones, remote-controlled micro-light aircraft, paragliders, paramotors, hand gliders and hot air balloons will be in effect from tomorrow to November 5, 2025. Separately, the use, storage, and sale of flying lanterns are strictly prohibited for a 30-day period, commencing on October 12 and lasting until November 10, 2025.

The only exception to this order is aerial surveillance conducted by the Mumbai Police or any activity granted explicit written permission by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations).



Mr. N. Mahendar Naik, Mohammed Fasi Quadri and Mohammed Fasi Uddin felicitated Mr. Mohammed Fahad Shareef on the account of opening ceremony of Green Bawarchi Restaurant and Mandi at Dammaiguda.

Special Train services between Muzaffarpur - SSS Hubballi and Danapur - Yesvantpur : SWR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 6 : East Central Railway has notified the operation of weekly special trains between Muzaffarpur-SSS Hubballi and Danapur-Yesvantpur to clear the extra rush of passengers during the upcoming Deepavali and Chhath festivals.

1. Train No. 05543/05544 Muzaffarpur-SSS Hubballi-Muzaffarpur Special (06 trips):

Train No. 05543 will depart from Muzaffarpur at 12:45 hrs every Friday from 10.10.2025 to 14.11.2025 and will arrive SSS Hubballi at 12:20 hrs on Monday. In the return direction, Train No. 05544 will leave SSS Hubballi at 09:00 hrs every Tuesday from 14.10.2025 to

18.11.2025 and will reach Muzaffarpur at 05:00 hrs on Friday. Both trains will make six trips in each direction.

The train will have stoppages at Motipur, Chakia, Bapudham Motihari, Sagauli Jn., Bettiah, Narkatiaganj Jn., Bagaha, Kaptanganj Jn., Gorakhpur Jn., Gonda Jn., Aishbagh, Kanpur Central, Orai, Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jn., Bina Jn., Bhopal Jn., Itarsi Jn., Amla Jn., Nagpur, Chandrapur, Balharshah, Ramagundam, Kazipet Jn., Kacheguda, Mahabubnagar, Dhone, Dharmavaram Jn., Hindupur, Yelahanka Jn., Tumakuru, Arsikere Jn., Birur Jn., Chikjajur Jn., Davangere, Ranibennur, and SMM Haveri stations

in both directions.

The train will consist of 22 coaches, including 2 AC 2-Tier, 2 AC 3-Tier, 12 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class, and 2 Second Class Cum Luggage-cum-Brake Vans with Divyangjan Coach.

2. Train No. 03261/03262 Danapur-Yesvantpur-Danapur Special (12 trips):

Train No. 03261 will depart from Danapur at 10:00 hrs every Saturday from 11.10.2025 to 27.12.2025 and will arrive Yesvantpur at 21:30 hrs on Tuesday.

In the return direction, Train No. 03262 will leave Yesvantpur at 07:00 hrs every Tuesday from 14.10.2025 to 30.12.2025 and will reach Danapur at 12:00 hrs on Thursday.

Both trains will make twelve trips in each direction.

The train will have stoppages at Ara Jn., Buxar, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Prayagraj Chheoki Jn., Manikpur Jn., Satna, Katni Jn., Jabalpur, Narsinghpur, Pipariya, Itarsi Jn., Amla Jn., Nagpur, Chandrapur, Balharshah, Ramagundam, Kazipet Jn., Kacheguda, Mahabubnagar, Dhone, Dharmavaram Jn., Hindupur, and Yelahanka stations in both directions.

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Putin flays protectionism, says many European countries 'eager to return' post Trump's appeal to NATO

Moscow/New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI): Russian President Vladimir Putin has slammed the practice of protectionism, saying such an approach fosters separatism and is harmful both to those who adopt it and to the global economy as well as international trade.

It fosters separatism, both regional and national. Nothing positive comes from pursuing such a policy, as today's world is highly interconnected and driven by possibilities and technological development," President Putin said at the 10th Eastern Economic Forum at Russky Island in Peter the Great Gulf in the Sea of Japan. Indirectly referring

to the US trade and tariff war President Putin said Isolating oneself within a purely national framework is difficult and counterproductive as it inevitably undermines competitiveness. Referring to US President Donald Trump's appeal to NATO countries not to buy energy from Russia, President Putin said that for political reasons, many European companies had "exited - yes, at a loss to themselves."

He, however, said many European countries are "eager to return." "Many are eager to return as soon as political restrictions are lifted.

We do not turn our backs on anyone." He said

Russia had not turned away anyone or forced anyone out and those who wish to return are always welcome, but based on the conditions that are developing at the moment.

"We proceed from the fact that Russia is open to cooperation with all countries of the world, and above all with those who are willing to work with us, with our friends. At the same time, we are not shutting ourselves off from anyone," he said. According to the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA), the European union spent 1.15bn euros on Russian fossil fuels in August.

The five largest

importers accounted for 85 percent of that total, buying 979 million euros worth of Russian oil and gas. The top buyers of Russian energy include France, Netherlands, Belgium, Hungary and Slovakia. Referring to analogy of the "dragon and the elephant dancing together," (China and India) and the understanding witnessed between Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Putin at the SCO Summit in Tianjin, the Russian President said this analogy was originally made by President Xi Jinping.

"Later the bear was added. The bear, of course, symbolises Russia."

NAREDCO Telangana Property Show to begin in Hyderabad from Oct 10

Hyderabad, Oct 6 (UNI) : The 15th edition of the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) Telangana Property Show 2025 will be held at the Hitex Exhibition Centre, Madhapur, from October 10 to 12.

Announcing the event at a press conference here today, NAREDCO Telangana President Vijaya Sai Meka said the property show has grown steadily over the years, emerging as the state's biggest platform for homebuyers, builders, and developers. This year's three-day show will showcase residential, office-commercial, and retail-commercial spaces catering to a wide range of prospective buyers. The exhibition, spread across one lakh square feet, will feature 95 stalls — including 74 developers and builders, six banking and financial institutions, five suppliers, and two stalls related to tourism. Major sponsors include Vasavi Group, Ramkey Farms & Estates, Anvita Group, ASBL, Vertex Homes, Radhey Group, Rajapushpa Properties, and Telangana Tourism.

Highlighting the robust growth of Hyderabad's real estate market, Vijaya Sai Meka said, "Hyderabad is witnessing steady growth in real estate, unlike speculative

markets. The city's real estate area has grown by 95 per cent over the years, supported by strong infrastructure, availability of land, and mega projects such as the Regional Ring Road." He noted that Hyderabad's spread has expanded from 247 sq. km to 519 sq. km in the last 35 years.

NAREDCO Telangana Secretary General K Sreedhar Reddy recalled that the property show, which began with just 35,000 sq. ft. space 14 years ago, has now tripled in size with increasing participation from builders and stakeholders.

He stressed that upcoming infrastructure projects — including the Regional Ring Road and the proposed "Fourth City" — would further boost Hyderabad's real estate prospects, making it an ideal time for investment. Special offers are also being lined up for visitors, with the State Bank of India (SBI) offering discounts on processing fees for loans availed during the property show. Tourism partners will also provide coupons for visitors. Executive Vice President Kali Prasad Damera explained the growth trajectory of the property shows over the years. Treasurer R Venkateswara Rao also present at the press conference.

STANDARD POST

WHO issues new guidelines to tackle deaths from excessive bleeding after childbirth

The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued new guidelines to prevent, diagnose, and treat postpartum haemorrhage (PPH), which causes excessive bleeding after childbirth, to millions of women across the globe.

The maternal health guidelines, co-published with the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) and the International Confederation of Midwives, highlight the urgent need for earlier detection and faster intervention to prevent death among new mothers.

PPH is one of the leading causes of maternal mortality globally, causing nearly 45,000 deaths due to excessive bleeding after childbirth.

Even when not fatal, it can lead to lifelong physical and mental health impacts, from major organ damage to hysterectomies, anxiety, and trauma.

"Postpartum haemorrhage is the most dangerous childbirth complication since it can escalate with such alarming speed. While it is not always predictable, deaths are preventable with the right care," said Dr Jeremy Farrar, Assistant Director-General for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and Care.

"These guidelines are designed to maximise impact where the burden is highest and resources are most limited -- helping ensure more women survive childbirth and can return home safely to their families," Farrar added.

The guidelines, launched at the 2025 FIGO World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, also introduced new objective diagnostic criteria for detecting PPH.

While PPH has typically been diagnosed as a blood loss of 500 mL or more, the guidelines advise clinicians to act when the blood loss reaches 300 mL, and in case of any abnormal vital signs.

To diagnose PPH early, doctors and midwives are advised to monitor women closely after birth and use calibrated drapes -- simple devices that collect and accurately quantify lost blood -- so that they can act immediately when criteria are met.

The guidelines recommend the immediate deployment of the MOTIVE bundle of actions once PPH has been diagnosed. This includes: Massage of the uterus; Oxytocic drugs to stimulate contractions; Tranexamic acid (TXA) to reduce bleeding; Intravenous fluids; Vaginal and genital tract examination; and Escalation of care if bleeding persists.

In rare cases where bleeding continues, the guidelines recommend effective interventions such as surgery or blood transfusion to safely stabilise a woman's condition until further treatment becomes available, the WHO said. The guidelines also emphasise the importance of good antenatal and postnatal care to mitigate critical risk factors such as anaemia, which is highly prevalent in low- and lower-middle-income countries. Anaemia increases the likelihood of PPH and worsens outcomes if it occurs. Recommendations for anaemic mothers include daily oral iron and folate during pregnancy and intravenous iron transfusions when rapid correction is needed, including after PPH, or if oral therapy fails.

Robotic Era Redefines Urological Surgeries: Global Experts at "Robo-Lap" Conference by AINU

One of India's largest Urology Conferences dedicated to advancing excellence in urological laparoscopy and robotics surgery



(Standard Post Bureau)

The era of robots in urological surgeries has arrived, and patients, whether from urban or rural areas, increasingly demand minimally invasive surgeries with smaller incisions. International medical experts noted that the perception of robotic surgery as less painful and offering faster recovery is now widely accepted. Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology (AINU), India's largest single-specialty hospital chain for urology and nephrology, successfully hosted the Robo-Lap 2025 conference—one of the country's most significant gatherings dedicated to robotic and laparoscopic advancements in uro care. More than 1,000 Urologists across India, the England, USA, Belgium, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka attended the conference, where complex urology cases were

discussed with the esteemed panel of experts. This unique conference led by AINU became a vibrant hub for exchanging clinical knowledge, future-ready surgical practices, and global perspectives to redefine patient outcomes in this specialty.

The two-day academic exchange featured complex case discussions, workshops, and high-level deliberations on future technologies shaping urology and nephrology.

Speaking about the conference, Dr. Mallikarjuna C, Managing Director & Chief Consultant Urologist, AINU, said, "At AINU, we have always believed that advancing patient care begins with advancing clinical knowledge. Robo-Lap 2025 was not just about showcasing surgical innovations—it was about creating a forum where specialists from across the

globe could engage, share insights, and collectively reimagine the future of Urology care. By curating platforms of this scale, we ensure that the urology community has access to the latest breakthroughs in robotics and minimally invasive surgery. Clinical knowledge exchange lies at the heart of AINU's mission, and this conference reaffirms our commitment to shaping the future of care in India and beyond. A trailblazer in laparoscopic and robotic urological surgery."

"Today, whether—urban or rural—patients are asking for smaller incisions, because they know it reduces pain, ensures faster recovery, and helps them return quickly to normal life. However, training in such procedures, particularly in the urology field, has not traditionally been part of medical college education.

For this reason, the conference proved extremely useful to practitioners who enhanced their knowledge and skills and are now better equipped to return to their states or countries and provide satisfactory treatment to patients there." He added.

Sandeep Guduru, Chief Executive Officer at AINU, said, "The 'Robo-Lap' initiative reflects AINU's commitment to clinical excellence, continuous learning, and technological innovation in the fields of urology. At AINU, we believe in pushing the boundaries of innovation, and Robo-Lap is a shining example of that spirit."

The conference also served as a vital knowledge-sharing platform on the management of advanced uro-oncology surgeries, reconstructive surgeries, complex pediatric surgeries. Renowned experts deliberated on surgical solutions for challenging cases, demonstrating how robotic and laparoscopic techniques are transforming precision, reducing invasiveness, and enabling faster patient recovery.

Robo-Lap 2025 stands as a testament to AINU's thought leadership in fostering collaboration, innovation, and academic rigor for the benefit of the global urology and nephrology community.

Delhi govt will urge SC to allow use of green firecrackers on Diwali: CM

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta today said the government, respecting the sentiments of the residents of the national capital, will request the Supreme Court to grant permission for the use of certified green crackers during the upcoming Diwali festivities.

Gupta, while replying to a question while speaking to reporters at the secretariat on Monday, said that the government believes that there must be a balance between environment protection and public sentiments.

Gupta said that she feels that the public should get the permission, be it in the form of green crackers, so that they can celebrate the festival with enthusiasm, and accordingly the government will express in writing its intention, that it is responsible for the pollution control, and will abide by its responsibility.

She said that the objective of this initiative is to further strengthen the government's commitment towards controlling pollution, while also respecting the traditions and sentiments of the people.

CM said that it will also ensure that all green firecrackers are manufactured only by authorized institutions, and certified and tested by competent and concerned departments.

She reiterated that the Delhi government is fully committed to environmental protection and pollution control, adding that the apex court will be assured that the government will fully comply with its directions and standards. Gupta said that the government's aim is to ensure that the festivities are full of happiness, while the environment also stays safe and clean.

The CM has said that Diwali is the most significant festival in the country's culture, deeply rooted in the emotions of the people.

She added that based on past experience, a complete ban on firecrackers has not yielded the desired results, and despite restrictions, violations have continued, which led to the use of highly polluting firecrackers and worsened Delhi's air quality. Therefore, the government wishes to allow the use of green firecrackers in the city.

She also reaffirmed that the Delhi government remains unwavering in its commitment to environmental protection and will assure full cooperation with the central government and the SC to implement any directions issued in this regard.

Gupta also mentioned that allowing green crackers would also help the city's economy, with regard to the small traders, while art and culture will also flourish together.

Presently, due to the pollution issue there has been a ban on firecrackers since a while, and it is said that if effective anti-pollution measures had been taken during the past, such a situation could have been avoided. During the past, due to lack of a proper system for identification, certification, and distribution of green firecrackers in the national capital, the complete ban on the use continued.

SC issues notice to Centre on plea challenging Constitutional validity of STT

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) The Supreme Court today issued notice to the Central government on a writ petition challenging the constitutional validity of the Securities Transaction Tax (STT), which is levied on the buying and selling of stocks and other securities on Indian stock exchanges under the Finance Act, 2004.

A Bench comprising Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice K.V. Viswanathan issued the notice, returnable in four weeks.

"The principal argument canvassed before us is that the Securities Transaction Tax is the only tax levied in the country on the mere act of carrying out a profession and is sought to be levied irrespective of whether a profit is derived or not.

This, according to the petitioner, renders the levy almost punitive or deterrent in nature.

Otherwise, all other taxes in India are levied on profits at the year-end, but the STT is imposed even if the stock market trader operates at a loss.

Issue notice, returnable in four weeks," the Court recorded.

The writ petition, filed by stock market trader Aseem Juneja, seeks a declaration that STT is unconstitutional as it violates Articles 14, 19(1)(g), and 21 of the Constitution.

In the alternative, Juneja has sought a direction to allow adjustment of STT paid during a financial year against short-term or long-term capital gains tax liability, similar to how Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) is adjusted for salaried individuals.

The petitioner has argued that STT amounts to double taxation, since traders pay capital gains tax on profits while also being charged STT on every transaction.

He pointed out that while short-term or long-term capital gains taxes are levied on profits, STT currently 0.1 percent on both buy and sell sides for delivery trades, is imposed regardless of whether profit or loss is made.

Juneja further contended that STT is unique because it applies even when a trader incurs losses, making it punitive in nature.

"STT is applicable to

the rupee value of shares bought or sold, not on actual profits. There is no other tax in India where a professional is taxed despite making a loss. Such a levy on transactions rather than profits is arbitrary and violates Articles 14, 21, and 19(1)(g)," the plea states.

Drawing an analogy, the petitioner compared STT to taxing a doctor on every consultation fee received even if the practice ultimately incurs a loss.

The petition notes that while STT was introduced in 2004 to curb tax evasion and function like TDS, it lacks any mechanism for adjustment or refund against final tax liability, effectively forcing traders to pay both STT and capital gains tax.

The plea also highlights that major global financial markets such as the United States, Germany, Singapore, and Japan do not impose such a tax.

The petitioner has urged the Supreme Court to either strike down the STT as unconstitutional or direct that it be adjusted against capital gains tax liability.

Darasing Khurana Hosts Heart-stirring Donor-Recipient Meet In Pune, Calls For More Blood Stem Cell Donors



(Standard Post Bureau)

Actor, emcee, and philanthropist Darasing Khurana, Brand Ambassador for DATRI Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry, led an emotional donor-recipient meet organized by DATRI in collaboration with Sahyadri Hospital. The highlight was a rare reunion where twin sisters Shaurya and Aarya, both diagnosed with Acute Lymphoid Leukemia at three-and-a-half, met their lifesaving donor Mr. Meeneshwar of Hyderabad, who had donated his blood stem cells and "gave them a second chance at life." Addressing attendees, Khurana saluted the resilience of the twins' parents and urged more Indians to register as voluntary blood stem cell donors, noting that each new registration can be a potential match for a patient fighting a fatal blood disorder. His appeal aligns with his long-running advocacy as DATRI's Brand Ambassador, a role publicly featured by the organization. The Sahyadri medical team, led

by Dr. Kannan Subramanian with guidance from Dr. Shashikant Apte, performed the unique transplants and emphasized the critical need for expanding India's donor base. "With every new donor, we increase the chance of saving lives," said Dr. Subramanian.

For the family, the meet was profoundly personal. "We could never imagine that one person's selfless act would give us back our children," the parents shared, thanking DATRI, Sahyadri Hospital, and the donor. Mr. Meeneshwar called the reunion "the most emotional moment" of his life. Since inception, DATRI has facilitated more than 1,645 blood stem cell donations and built a registry of over six lakh donors, underscoring the momentum behind such lifesaving matches. About Darasing Khurana: Winner of Mister India International 2017, Khurana is a known advocate for youth and health causes and frequently fronts DATRI's awareness efforts across events and campaigns.



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Health

Are you chained to your office desk for long hours at a stretch with little to no daily exercise? Does your life circle around your laptop?

Is typing while hunched over a tiny desk how you spend each day? If the answer is yes, then you need to get proactive about your mental and physical state of being. To help you achieve just that, here are eight yoga asanas for the office that will help you combat mental and physical stress by increasing your concentration levels and relaxing any muscle tensions. Read and practise right away!

1: Wrist Stretches- Perform these simple stretches as a warm up exercise before starting your work and you'll never complain of wrist pain. (1) Extend and stretch both wrist and fingers acutely as if they are in a hand stand position and hold them up for a count of 5. (2) Make a tight fist with both hands and then bend wrist down while keeping the fist and hold it for a count of 5.

2: Neck Asana- Breathe in as you bend your head in the right direction. Try and aim at a point where your shoulder touches the ear.



Bring back your childhood Exercises

The fun, excitement, fights and the boisterous yelling of childhood is etched in all our hearts.

We all share a similar memory, returning from school, indulging in snacks and hustling down to play with your friends. Most of us knew ourselves to be strong, agile and energetic back then. Then why is that the very activities that worked for us and made us fit as kids are relegated to 'childhood' memories alone? We take a look at childhood activities and exercises that can help us shape up through adulthood. Begin today!

Skipping rope: How do you reduce body fat and build stamina in a short period of time? Skipping rope is your answer; you can skip at home, it doesn't cost much, is convenient and a great exercise if you are on the run. Take notes: It will help you increase your cardio vascular capacity and lung capacity, also builds your agility, speed, balance, and coordination. You can burn roughly 1,000 calories per hour. But remember - skipping rope for an hour is stuff athlete workouts are made of.

Monkey bars: You want to build your strength, get primitive, well not literally. Most playgrounds and schools have monkey bars and kids love it. It helps in back development and is a great addition to any upper body workout. It gives a whole new meaning to hanging around with friends.

Cycling: All of us have fallen off a bicycle, but



that didn't deter us from cycling around and popping a wheely. But now a car or a bike is the most preferred mode of transport. Well yes, it is convenient but doesn't make us sweat. Cycling is a full body workout, builds your cardio respiratory health, also muscle and strength. Whatever the problem-stress, weight loss, heart disease or shaping your body cycling is perfect for you.

Running: From the time we are toddlers to adulthood we are always running. It comes naturally to kids but it's a stretch for adults. Run if you want to be fit, lose weight, increase stamina, tone your body and the list goes on. But a word of caution, running can cause certain injuries.

Hula hoop: A baby of the 60s, hula hoops are evergreen with young girls. Once you get the rhythm of the twirl, you can sweat out 100 calories in ten minutes. Hula hoop wards off cardiovascular illness; it improves your co-ordination and helps in

muscle tone. But if you're going to hula hoop for fitness, check out workout hula hoops meant for exercise. They are different from the ones available in stores.

Climbing: As kids we have scaled walls and climbed trees; now that you're an adult you can't do the exact same thing, but you can still engage in rock climbing. Along with the above activities, climbing also improves cardiovascular health, weight loss and improves muscle tone. This common trend running through childhood games makes you want to go back to the past.

Swimming: This is one activity we wish was included in our school curriculum. Swimming is the best activity during summers. Besides, swimming can do wonders to your body mentally and physically. It builds muscles, improves strength, and you are guaranteed a healthy heart and powerful lungs. A full body workout, swimming improves co-ordination, posture, and is a great way to bust stress.

Outdoor sports: As Indians, sport is the last thing we want to engage in unless it plays on the tube. But if we did engage in sports we wouldn't be obese, sluggish, or have a string of ailments. They say laughter is the best medicine, but outdoor sports can beat it any day. It's beneficial for heart problems and other diseases, co-ordination, conditioning, and builds you mentally, keeps you alert and is a lot of fun.



8 yoga asanas for the Office

Exhale as you bring your back to the normal position. Make sure you keep your neck and spine long. Now do the asana on the left side. Perform five breathing cycles on each side.

3: Reversed Shoulder Rotation and Thoracic Wave-

Inhale as you move your shoulders in an upward and backward direction. Exhale as you move them in a downward and frontward direction. Pay key attention to the breathing cycle and keep your neck and spine comfortably straight. Perform eight to ten rotations on each side.

4: Cow Face Pose for your upper back-

Take both your hands and clasp your hands behind your back. If you are unable to clasp, don't try too hard, comfortably stretch your fingers towards one another. Release with an exhalation. Now shake your arms for about 30 seconds and repeat.

5: Cat Asana for the lower back-

While exhaling, bend your back in a backward direction creating a sharp curve in your spine.

Now bend in a forward direction with the point between the shoulder blades and inhale. Do it for 5 breathing cycles to relieve your body of long hours at the desk.

6: Konasana for toned arms-

Stand straight with legs wide apart. Now bend forward from your waist. Try and touch the ground with the tips of your fingers, if possible place both your hands on the ground while standing. Your upper body should be in a straight line. Look ahead by about 3 inches. Perform konasana for 10 to 30 seconds and breathe normally throughout the asana.

7: Bhastrika for your abdomen-

Sit in a comfortable position with your back straight. Close your eyes and start exhaling and inhaling via nose by focusing on the abdominal muscles. As soon as you release your abdominal muscles you'll realize that your diaphragm contracts before you start to inhale. Hear the sound of your breath and perform this asana 5 times at a stretch. Give it a pause. Breathe normally. And start again. Complete one to two rounds on a daily basis and increase the number of your breaths by 5, each week.

8: Leg Extension Asana-

Sit in a comfortable position with one leg bent and placed on a chair or desk in front of you. Place both your hands on your feet. Keeping your spine straight, inhale and extend your leg



outward while holding it with your hands. Stay in this position for 3 to 5 breaths. Exhale as you come back to the normal position, while moving your hands and placing them on your waist. Stay in this position for 3 to 5 breaths. Relax. Perform 5 to 10 rounds like this. Read more Personal

In today's fast paced world, stress and running around are an inevitable part of most peoples lives. And while lethargy and tiredness are commonplace, if you find yourself constantly thinking of doing nothing but just lying down, you may have a problem on your hands.

While there may be several underlying issues when it comes to feeling drained out, some of the most common ones include...

- An iron deficiency or anaemia is one of the first things that your doctor will check for when you complain of frequent tiredness. A lack of iron in your diet will result in lethargy after some time. While anaemia is more prevalent among women, men also get affected. And doctors say that an increasing number of young women today are suffering from this ailment (menstruating women are most prone to anaemia). One of the best ways to keep this ailment at bay is to eat a diet rich in



Reasons why you feel tired most of the time

iron — think green, leafy vegetables.

- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) is another common ailment that makes one feel constantly exhausted, which eventually affects the quality of one's life. Patients often complain that in spite of sleeping for the stipulated

hours daily, they still end up feeling tired the next day. While doctors say that it is difficult to pinpoint what exactly causes CFS, some reasons include a hormonal imbalance, a viral infection, low immunity or even stress. Treatment differs from patient to patient and include a range of therapies.

- Another reason could be fluctuating blood sugar levels. Diabetes may have different symptoms and one common one happens to be often feeling exhausted. Other symptoms include

frequent trips to the washroom and feeling thirsty. A simple blood test will help you figure out if your blood levels are in control.

- Feeling depressed or anxious about something? This could cause to feel tired often, worsening other symptoms. Don't hesitate to visit a mental health care expert for treatment.

Should you eat curd at night?

The hot season is here and so is the urge to consume foods that cool down your system. Curd, evidently, stands on top of the list. And why not. Curd is an excellent source of good bacteria and aids digestion. It is good for your teeth and bones. But as with most of the foods, there are some rules that you need to follow for consuming curd. One of the most commonly heard rules is to avoid eating it at night. But is it valid for everyone. Here are some of the rules:

- Do not eat curd at night, especially if you are prone to cough and cold. Ayurveda explains that curd consumption at night is not good as it leads to mucus development. But if you can't do without it, opt for buttermilk instead. - If you are eating curd during the day, have it without sugar but if you are eating curd at night, add sugar or

some black pepper. It will assist in digestion and calm your digestive system.

- Never have hot curd.

While the basic rules apply, if you are a curd lover, we bring you some easy options to include it in your diet, anytime of the day:



Curd rice: This is very good for the stomach and a light option for the summers too. **Curd with sugar:** Add a spoonful of sugar to your curd and you are good to go.

Buttermilk/ Lassi: Ditch aerated drinks for these two options.

Raita: A common Indian side dish, you can add onion, cucumber, tomato to your curd with some herbs and a healthy option is all set.

Kadhi: Mixing gram flour (besan) with buttermilk makes for an appetizing curry called Kadhi. It is mostly eaten with rice (you might want to opt for brown rice).

Ayan scores yet another super 10 as Pirates take down Yoddhas



Chennai, Oct 6 (IANS): Patna Pirates produced a composed all-round performance to defeat UP Yoddhas 36-28 in a tense contest that swung several times before settling in favour of the three-time champions.

The Pirates, who began the evening at the bottom of the table, showed determination to claw back from an early deficit and eventually seal a morale-boosting victory. Ayan Lohchab scored 15 points, and in defence, it was Navdeep's high five that took their team to the win. For the Yoddhas, Gagan Gowda, Super 10 went in vain. It was a close, high-tempo start between the Yoddhas and the Pirates. Gagan Gowda was in stellar form, notching nine raid points from just four raids, including a super raid that sent Ankit Kumar, Navdeep, and Balaji D off the mat. Mahender Singh added to the tally with a sharp tackle on Sudhakar M. After a cautious opening, the Yoddhas found rhythm through Gagan's brilliance to take early control.

For the Pirates, Ayan was the standout. His sharp movements and fearless approach saw him dismiss Sumit, Bhavani Rajput and Mahender Singh to keep the pressure on the

Yoddhas' defence. Both raiders – Gagan and Ayan – dominated the mat with skill and precision, trading points in style. As the first 10 minutes ended, the Yoddhas held a slender but deserved four-point lead at 12-8.

The second phase saw momentum shift towards the Patna Pirates, who tightened their defence and capitalised on the Yoddhas' errors. The Yoddhas could manage only two points as compared to the Pirates' eight points in the next 10 minutes as Gagan and Bhavani struggled to break through. A super tackle by Deepak on Bhavani added to the Pirates' confidence.

Ayan continued to be the main threat, executing decisive raids that sent key Yoddhas defenders like Hitesh off the mat. His clever do-or-die raids maintained pressure, while Deepak and Ankit supported with strong defensive work. At the end of the first half, the Pirates had turned the tide to lead 14-16.

Ayan continued his fine form, completing his super 10 with a series of confident raids that kept the Yoddhas' defenders on edge. His quick movement and ability to convert do-or-die situations made all the difference as Patna

slowly built momentum. The Yoddhas, meanwhile, struggled to find rhythm in attack despite occasional points from Shivam and Bhavani.

The turning point came with the first all out of the night, inflicted by the Pirates on the Yoddhas, which gave them a crucial lead. Deepak and Ankit were key in setting up the defensive traps, while Ayan's raids ensured the pressure never eased. Gagan and Mahender's attempts to rally were cut short as their opponents' balance across departments stood out.

In the closing stages, the Pirates maintained their composure to see off a late Yoddhas push. Ayan, who crossed the 300-point milestone in the PKL, continued to lead from the front with his 15-point effort. Meanwhile, Navdeep marshalled the defence to perfection to complete a high five.

For the Yoddhas, Gagan's super 10 and Mahender's defensive grit stood out, but it wasn't enough to turn the tide. The Pirates' all-round consistency helped them hold firm and register an eight-point victory – a result that lifted them off the bottom of the table and reignited their campaign.

India land in Singapore for Oct 9 AFC Asian Cup qualifier

Singapore, Oct 6 (UNI): The Indian men's football team arrived here this evening ahead of their crucial AFC Asian Cup 2027 Qualifier match against the hosts, scheduled for October 9. The Blue Tigers will have their first training session here tomorrow to fine-tune preparations for the away fixture. Head coach Khalid Jamil, who recently took charge as India's first full-time Indian coach in over a decade, has named a 23-member squad for the two-legged tie, with goalkeeper Hrithik Tiwari and forward Muhammed Suhail kept on standby for the return leg in Goa on October 14.

India currently sit at the bottom of Group C with one point from two matches, and the Singapore clash is seen as a must-win to revive their qualification hopes for the AFC Asian Cup 2027. Singapore, on the other hand, lead the group and will be looking to consolidate their advantage at home.

Veteran Sunil Chhetri returns to the side to lead the attack, while goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and defender Rahul Bheke are among the key figures expected to play crucial roles. Jamil has stressed that the team's focus will be "one game at a time", urging players to stay composed and deliver a result away from home. The team's opening training session will focus on adapting to local conditions, with tactical drills and set-piece routines expected to dominate proceedings.

The second leg of the fixture will be played on October 14 at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa, where India will look to finish strong in front of home fans.

Two stands of Cricket Stadium to be named after 'Mithali Raj', 'Raavi Kalpana'

Vijayawada, Oct 6 (UNI): Andhra Cricket Association has announced that two stands in the ACA-VDCA Visakhapatnam Cricket Stadium would be dedicated to legendary Indian women cricketers 'Mithali Raj' and 'Raavi Kalpana' on October 12, 2025, aligning the unveiling with the India vs Australia ICC Women's Cricket World Cup fixture in Visakhapatnam.

The decision was fast-tracked following star batter Smriti Mandhana's request during the "Breaking Boundaries" fireside chat in August 2025 with Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh, where she highlighted the absence of stadium stands named after leading Indian women cricketers, including at

Visakhapatnam. She mentioned that renaming such stands would honor the contribution of women cricketers, while also spotlighting their contributions to the game. It would also inspire the next generation of women to enter cricket as a profession.

Acting on Mandhana's appeal, Minister Nara Lokesh immediately consulted the Andhra Cricket Association, leading to a prompt resolution to honor women's cricket icons by naming stands after them at the Visakhapatnam venue.

"The ACA will inaugurate the 'Mithali Raj Stand' and the 'Raavi Kalpana Stand' on October 12, 2025, ahead of the India-Australia match, marking a first-of-its-kind

tribute to women cricketers at the stadium," an official release here on Monday said. Minister Nara Lokesh said: "Smriti Mandhana's thoughtful suggestion captured a wider public sentiment. Translating that idea into immediate action reflects our collective commitment to gender parity and to acknowledging the trailblazers of women's cricket." Mithali Raj - former India captain and one of the game's most accomplished batters, is a path breaking figure who broadened the horizons for women's cricket nationwide, while Raavi Kalpana, Andhra-born wicketkeeper-batter whose rise from the state system to the India side has galvanized local talent and strengthened the pathway for girls in cricket.

Former Karnataka footballer dies in accident

Bengaluru, Oct 6 (UNI): Former Karnataka State footballer Sachindra Rao, 71, died following an accident here on Sunday.

Rao, a talented midfielder, represented BEL, Madura Coats, and the Karnataka State team, and played alongside former Indian international Aslam Khan.

Rao's funeral was held today at Hebbal Electric Crematorium. He is survived by family.

Tributes poured in from former players, coaches, and football officials, including KSFA Honorary Deputy Secretary Aslam Khan.

A stalwart of Karnataka football during the 1980s, Rao served BEL Football Club for over a decade under the guidance of former Asian Silver Medalist Ethiraj and international player Sampath.

He later joined the debutant Madura Coats team, coached by the late Krishnoji Rao, leading them to numerous state and national-level triumphs, including the George Hoover Cup (1979), Mysore Dasara Championship (1980), Nizam Gold Cup, and the Santosh Trophy (Rourkela, 1981; Calcutta, 1983).

Renowned for his precise passing and midfield mastery, Rao earned wide respect across the football fraternity.

The Karnataka State Football Association observed a one-minute silence during the Super Division League Championship match between HAL FC and United Stars FC at Bangalore Football Stadium today in his memory.

Sanju Samson named EPL Ambassador

Mumbai, Oct 6 (UNI): Indian cricketer Sanju Samson has been appointed as the official ambassador for the English Premier League (EPL) in India.

Samson, a self-professed Liverpool fan, shared his admiration for the club and discussed his deep-rooted connection with football, which he attributes to his upbringing in Kerala and his family's footballing background. Owen expressed his surprise at the number of Arsenal supporters present at the event, highlighting the growing football culture in India. Sanju Samson's Association with Kerala Blasters FC in ISL

In addition to his association with the EPL, Samson has a deep-rooted connection with football in India through his role as the brand ambassador for Kerala Blasters FC, a prominent team in the Indian Super League (ISL).

Sanju's involvement with the Blasters reflects his commitment to promoting football in his home state of Kerala. Samson's first appearance as the brand ambassador was during a match against Hyderabad FC, further cementing his influence in the footballing community.

Sanju Samson's Kerala: The Heart of Indian Football Kerala has emerged as a significant center for football in India, with a passionate fan base and a rich history in the sport. The state has produced numerous talented footballers and has been home to several successful football clubs.

Stadiums like the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi have hosted numerous domestic and international matches, solidifying Kerala's status as a footballing hub and inspiring young athletes to take up the sport.

This development underscores the EPL's commitment to expanding its presence in the Indian subcontinent. Samson, known for his dynamic performances on the cricket field, is expected to play a pivotal role in promoting the EPL's brand and engaging with fans across the nation.

Sanju Samson Meets Liverpool Legend Michael Owen As part of his ambassadorial duties, Samson met former England and Liverpool striker Michael Owen during a Premier League fan engagement event in Mumbai. The event featured a fan-park style screening and community activities at the NESCO Centre.

Prakaash, Hruthik and Tavish cruise into second round

New Delhi, Oct 06 (UNI): The boys' u-16 singles main draw at the ongoing Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship saw three seeded players, Prakaash Sarran, Hruthik Katakam and Tavish Pahwa record dominant wins to march into the next round at the DLTA Complex in New Delhi on Monday.

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Aminul Islam Bulbul re-elected Bangladesh Cricket Board chief

Dhaka, Oct 6 (UNI): Aminul Islam Bulbul has been re-elected as the president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) following the board elections held at a city hotel here today.

Former national skipper Khaled Mashud, who captained Bangladesh during the early phase of its Test cricket journey, was elected as one of the 23 directors on the new board.

Mashud secured 35 votes from the category reserved for former cricketers, government, and autonomous bodies (Category 3). According to Returning Officer Dr Sheikh Jubayed Hasan, the

election was conducted in accordance with the BCB constitution, which divides representation into three categories — 10 directors from district and division representatives, 12 from Dhaka clubs, and one from the former players' category. Following the board elections, Aminul Islam was unanimously chosen as president, while Mohammad Shakhawat Hossain and Faruque Ahmed were elected as vice-presidents.

"Aminul Islam has been elected unopposed as BCB president," Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Hossain told reporters. "There were only two

candidates for the two vice-president posts, and both Shakhawat Hossain and Faruque Ahmed were

elected unopposed. We ensured a free and fair election process," he added. Out of 156 eligible voters, 115 votes were cast, marking a 73.71 per cent turnout — reflecting strong participation from all categories, including district and club representatives and the former players' quota. Under Category 1, ten directors were elected from district and divisional representatives, including Aminul Islam and Nazmul Abedeem Fahim from Dhaka, Abdur Razzak from Khulna, and others from

Chattogram, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Sylhet, and Barishal divisions.

From Category 2, twelve directors were chosen from Dhaka clubs, with Ishtiaque Sadeque, Shanian Taneem Naveen, and Faruque Ahmed leading the votes.

In Category 3, former Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud was elected as the sole representative from the former cricketers, government, and autonomous bodies quota.

From the National Sports Council quota, M Isfak Ahsan and Yasir Mohammad Faisal Ashiq have joined the board as representatives of the sports regulatory authority.

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RPF, NDRF and IRIDM sign MoU to strengthen railway disaster response and "Golden Hour" readiness

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Oct 6 : A tri-party Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today among the Railway Protection Force (RPF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the Indian Railway Institute of Disaster Management (IRIDM), Bengaluru, at the Panchvati Conference Room, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

The MoU was executed by Shri B. V. Rao, IG (Training), RPF; Shri Narendra Singh Bundela, IG, NDRF; and Shri Srinivas, Director, IRIDM, in the presence of Shri R. Rajagopal, Member (Traction & Rolling Stock), Railway Board; (MTRS); Ms. Aruna Nayar, DG/HR; Shri Piyush Anand, DG/NDRF; Ms Sonali Mishra, DG/RPF; and other senior officers of NDRF and RPF. The partnership establishes a clear institutional framework for integrated relief operations and capacity building tailored to railway accident scenarios, with a focused emphasis on saving lives during the Golden Hour.

Director General, Railway Protection Force, Ms Sonali Mishra stated that, there should be effective collaboration and coordination among all stake-holders and SOPs must be framed in this regard.



In his address, Shri R. Rajagopal, Member (Traction & Rolling Stock), Railway Board asserted that apart from man-made distress, focus should also

be on natural disasters like cyclones downpours and heat-waves. He appreciated the initiatives of JRRPF Academy and IRIDM in capacity building related to

rescue and relief operations with special focus on the golden hour.

In his address, Shri Piyush Anand, DG/NDRF emphasized that all agencies

involved in mitigation of disaster effect should make as a team. Other agencies of Railways should also be involved in capacity building efforts.

This collaboration operationalizes a scalable, repeatable ecosystem to enhance national railway disaster readiness - delivering faster, safer and more coordinated relief to passengers and staff when every minute counts

Key Highlights

- Prime Focus on Golden-Hour Rescue outcomes: Every drill and protocol is aimed at cutting critical minutes for faster access, triage and evacuation from coaches.

- Railway-specific first response: RPF will build sharper, coach-and-track oriented capabilities - especially confined-space rescue - so the very first actions at site are the right ones.

- Standard, shared coach-extraction SOPs: IRIDM will align entry sequencing, stabilization, cutting plans, patient packaging and hand-over

- Interoperability by design: Common radio etiquette, shared checklists and joint scene-coordination drills ensure agencies operate as one integrated unit during rescue & relief operations

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR reviews Safety of Train Operations



(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Oct 6 : Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway held a detailed review meeting on Safety of train operations across the Zone today at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad along with Shri Satya Prakash, Additional General Manager, SCR and Principal Heads of Departments. Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) of all the six divisions viz., Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur, Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Nanded

Divisions participated through video conference. Mr Sanjay Kumar Srivastava reviewed the adherence of safety protocols by field staff particularly while carrying out track maintenance works, shunting operations etc.

He emphasized on conforming to all safety standards, without fail. The General Manager stated that all supervisors should constantly monitor the field level activity and any issue should be attended instantly and rectified at

the earliest. The General Manager also reviewed the status of various safety drives undertaken across all six divisions of the zone to further enhance safety consciousness and improve train operations. Key areas of focus for the safety drives included safety of tracks, operational efficiency, shunting operations, Signal safety etc. The General Manager stressed that any deficiencies noticed during inspections must be rectified promptly to ensure seamless train operations.

Western Railway continues Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 with focus on clean stations and clean trains



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 6 : Western Railway is observing Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 from 1st to 15th October, 2025 to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental awareness across stations, offices, workshops, and trains. Building on the launch and initial activities, the campaign progressed with focused initiatives on Swachh Stations and Swachh Railgadi during Days 3rd, 4th and 5th.

According to press

release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, intensive cleanliness drives were carried out at more than 80 major stations, covering platforms, circulating areas and passenger facilities. At 31 stations, cleaning machines, tools, plants and protective gear were inspected to ensure proper working conditions. Dustbins and their maintenance were verified at 123 stations, while 37 stations received comprehensive cleaning of

drains, toilets, approach roads, foot over bridges and waiting halls. Additionally, inspection and proper stacking of hydrant pipes to support ongoing sanitation operations were carried out at stations.

On the fourth day, 4th October, cleanliness drives were carried out and measures to discourage plastic usage were implemented, accompanied by passenger awareness campaigns. Eight Plastic Bottle Crushing Machines (PBCMs) were installed

under CSR funding to promote eco-friendly disposal and recycling of PET bottles. Functioning and maintenance of solar power equipment were checked to ensure green energy utilization. Segregated dustbins for biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste were installed and comprehensive cleaning of drains and toilets were carried out at stations, to maintain hygiene and prevent foul odours.

On the fifth day, 5th October, the focus was on

Swachh Railgadi (clean trains). Intensive cleanliness drives were conducted at train washing lines, focusing on toilets, gangways, and vestibule areas, with 27 trains thoroughly cleaned. About 20 important trains were inspected by officers, verifying adequate OBHS staff, linen quality and pantry car cleanliness.

Passenger awareness campaigns were held at several locations to educate passengers on proper use of bio-toilets, flushing systems, and anti-littering practices both on trains and at stations.

Through these sustained efforts, Western Railway reiterates its commitment to the Swachh Bharat Mission, ensuring cleaner, safer and healthier stations and trains for passengers and communities across its network.

India will work with any government that emerges through the people's mandate in Bangladesh: FS Misri

New Delhi, Oct 6 (UNI) India said today that it will work with any government that emerges through the mandate of the people of Bangladesh, in the elections slated for February 2026.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, interacting with a group of journalists from the Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (DCAB), also said that regarding former PM Sheikh Hasina's extradition, that there is a judicial and legal process involved which involves consultations between the two governments and New Delhi is looking into the issue. "We will work with any government that emerges through the mandate of the people of Bangladesh, and there is no doubt that a certain mandate will be expressed through the election," he said. Regarding the ban on the Awami League, the party of former PM Sheikh Hasina, he said: "When it comes to some of the conditions that shape that mandate, India will not get into that; That is something the people of Bangladesh should be more invested in that decision and in those circumstances."

He said the people and civil society in Bangladesh will have to make their own assessment of how these elections are viewed both domestically and internationally, if the AL is

kept out of participating in the elections.

"We will work with the government that is sworn in and enters into office following the elections," FS Misri said, pointing out that even after the events of July-August last year when Hasina was forced to quit and flee to India, New Delhi has continued to work with the authorities in Dhaka.

He also reiterated that India firmly supports "free, fair, inclusive, and participatory elections" in Bangladesh at the earliest possible time. On Hasina's presence in India and Dhaka's request for her extradition to face charges, the FS said: "On the impact of her presence on the bilateral relationship, all I will say is this is a judicial and legal process, and it requires engagement and consultations between the two governments. We are examining this issue and we look forward to working together with the Bangladesh authorities on these issues. Beyond that I don't think it will be constructive to say anything at this point."

On several members of the interim government, including the Chief Advisor, accusing India of sheltering Hasina and towing a pro-Hasina line, the FS said: "There mustn't be an attempt to shift blame because we are overwhelmed by a problem or an issue, and we are not immediately

able to find a solution. And the answer to that is to double down and try and find solutions, and it is not that there are no solutions. And in fact, there are solutions on the table, and what it will take is to shed the models and templates of the past and look to the future of our relationship." He also termed the bilateral relationship as mutually beneficial, and said they are working to expand it. "And we have made very good progress over several years. It would be a pity to let the gains be frittered away over what I feel are transient issues at the present moment. There may be some different approaches that may be taken in the present moment, and I hope that we can look beyond these." "What I mean is that we should set a future-oriented relationship rather than look at it from the lens of the past," the FS said.

He said the bilateral relationship offers the possibility of an "extremely fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship", adding, "it has been so in the past and there is no reason why it cannot be more so in the future". "We need to look at a forward oriented agenda and narrative for our relationship, and emphasise that it should be people-centric, people should be at the centre of all our activities," the FS said.

A Few WR trains affected due to upgradation work at Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi station

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 6 : In view of the ongoing work of upgradation at Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi station over Jhansi division of North Central Railway from 25th November, 2025 to 08th January, 2026, a few Western Railway trains will be affected.

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

Cancellation of Trains:

1. Train No. 09043 Bandra Terminus - Barhni Special, Journey commencing from 30th November, 2025 to 04th January, 2026.
2. Train No. 09044 Barhni - Bandra Terminus Special, Journey commencing from 01st December, 2025 to 05th January, 2026.
3. Train No. 05560 Udhna - Raxaul Special, Journey commencing from 30th November, 2025 to 04th January, 2026.
4. Train No. 05559 Raxaul - Udhna Special, Journey commencing from 29th November, 2025 to 03th January, 2026.

Diversion of Trains:

1. Train No. 09189 Mumbai Central - Katihar Special, Journey commencing from 29th November, 2025 to 03rd January, 2026 will be diverted via Prayagraj Chheoki - Manikpur - Katni Murwara - Bina stations.
2. Train No. 09190 Katihar - Mumbai Central Special, Journey commencing from 25th November, 2025 to 06th January, 2026 will be diverted via Bina - Katni Murwara - Manikpur - Prayagraj Chheoki stations.
3. Train No. 04156

4. Train No. 04155 Subedarganj - Udhna Special, Journey commencing from 01st December, 2025 to 05th January, 2026 will be diverted via Prayagraj - Manikpur - Satna - Itarsi stations.
5. Train No. 09465 Ahmedabad - Darbhanga Special, Journey commencing from 28th

6. Train No. 09466 Darbhanga - Ahmedabad Special, Journey commencing from 01st December, 2025 to 05th January, 2026 will be diverted via Kanpur Central - Etawah - Gwalior - Guna stations.
7. Train No. 14320 Bareilly - Indore Express, Journey commencing from 26th November, 2025 to 07th January, 2026 will be diverted via Gwalior - Guna - Bina stations.