

IN BRIEF

Deepavali Asthanams at Srivari temple on Oct 20

Tirumala, Oct 7 (UNI) : On the auspicious day of Deepavali, Asthanam will be held in Tirumala temple on October 20 from 7 am to 9 am. As part of the Asthanam, Sri Malayappa Swamy along with the Sridevi and Bhudevi, will be offered prayers on the Sarvabhoopala Vahanam facing the Garudalwar.

Sri Vishvaksena, the commander-in-chief, is also enshrined on another pedestal to the left of the Sri Malayappa, facing South. After that, special puja, harati and prasadams are offered to the deities by the priests, with which Deepavali Asthanam concludes. At 5 pm, Sri Malayappa Swamy along with Sridevi and Bhudevi will participate in Sahasra Deepalankarana Seva and walk around the four mada streets majestically to bless the devotees.

TTD has cancelled the Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva and Arjitha Brahmotsavam on October 20 owing to Deepavali Asthanam.

HC rejects anticipatory bail to liquor scam accused

Vijayawada, Oct 7 (UNI) : The Andhra Pradesh High Court here on Tuesday refused to grant anticipatory bail to one of the liquor scam accused Chevioreddy Mohit Reddy.

Chevioreddy Mohit Reddy is the YSRCP leader and former chairman of Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA).

He is Accused 39 in the liquor scam. After hearing the arguments, the High Court refused to grant anticipatory bail to Mohit Reddy. Mohit Reddy argued in the court that he was falsely implicated in the liquor scam to dent his reputation and sought anticipatory bail. He also promised that he would cooperate with investigating agencies. However, the court refused to grant anticipatory bail to him. The SIT, which is probing the liquor scam, has reportedly found that money was diverted through Mohit Reddy's companies for the 2024 election funds and he used the TUDA vehicles to dispatch money. With the High Court refusing to grant anticipatory bail, the investigating officers are likely to arrest him in the liquor case. The YSRCP Rajampet MP PV Mithun Reddy was in prison for about two months in the liquor scam and he was recently released as the court granted him bail.

Blood shortage can be tackled through rational usage, says state Health Minister



(Standard Post Bureau) Visakhapatnam, Oct 7 : Minister for Health Satya Kumar Yadav has felt that by adopting rationalized use of blood, the shortage for blood could be overcome.

A two-day national workshop on 'Rationalize Use of Blood' began here on Tuesday. Addressing the event, Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav said the need for blood in India with a population of over 140 crores is not easy and in such circumstances,

“rational consumption” should become a way of life, thereby overcoming the shortage of blood supply.

The annual blood requirement in India is estimated to be around 1.5 crore units, but reports indicate that there is a shortage of 10 to 40 lakh units across the country, he stated. The Minister explained that according to WHO standards, there is a requirement for at least 1 percent of the population to be blood donors, and

according to that, Andhra Pradesh requires 5.3 lakh units, and in the last financial year, we were able to collect more than 7 lakh units.

The Minister suggested that the results could be improved by separating the components like red blood cells, platelets, and plasma and using them only as needed. He emphasized that the goal is to provide blood and blood products to everyone who needs them in cases of accidents, surgeries, and clinical needs

in a timely manner and to use them effectively.

“According to reports from the National AIDS Control Organization, there are still challenges in providing safe and timely blood supply across the country, and comprehensive blood management can be achieved through awareness of blood donors, storage, distribution, and rational use,” the Minister highlighted. He revealed that there are 394 blood storage centers in the State

and efficient utilization is increasing through e-Blood Bank and other modern mechanisms. He emphasized that the number of voluntary blood donors is increasing, the infrastructure of blood banks is increasing, and digital tracking systems are bringing transparency.

As part of the national workshop, Director General of the union Health Ministry Dr. Sunita Sharma, Deputy Director General Dr. Megha Praveen Khobragade, NBTC Director Dr. Krishan Kumar, AP State Blood Transfusion Project Director Dr. K. Neelakanta Reddy and Joint Director Dr. B. Prasanna emphasized the need for efficient use of blood and blood products. Later, the NBTC (National Blood Transfusion Council) quarterly newsletter was released by the guests.

WHO Representative Dr. Madhur Gupta, R. Ganapathi Rao, Dr. Shanta Singh, medical officers of various States and union Territories, other officials and medical experts participated.

18 die as landslide buries bus in Bilaspur

Shimla, Oct 7 (UNI) : At least 18 people onboard a private bus were killed including the bus driver and conductor and three others injured after a massive landslide struck the ill-fated bus in the Balughat area of Jhanduta subdivision in Bilaspur district today evening.

The tragedy struck when the ill-fated bus, carrying around 35 passengers, was hit by falling debris triggered by incessant rainfall in the region. Among the deceased were the bus driver and conductor, officials said.

Rescue operations continued through the night as teams of the police, NDRF, and district

administration struggled through heavy rain and unstable slopes to recover bodies and search for survivors.

Authorities fear the death toll may rise further as several passengers remain missing under the rubble.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives, conveying his condolences to the bereaved families and praying for the speedy recovery of the injured. He said the state government stands firmly with the affected families and directed officials to intensify rescue and relief operations.

He also ordered that the injured be immediately

shifted to hospitals and provided with adequate medical care. The Chief Minister is personally monitoring the situation from Shimla.

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri rushed to the accident site after receiving the news, leaving the Kullu Dussehra festival midway. He is supervising the ongoing rescue efforts and coordinating with the local administration.

Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur also expressed grief over the tragic incident and offered condolences to the victims' families.

The state is witnessing unprecedented rainfall, triggering multiple landslides and blocking

several highways, while snowfall in high-altitude regions has further disrupted vehicular traffic.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condolences, saying he was saddened by the loss of lives due to the mishap in Bilaspur. “My thoughts are with the affected people and their families during this difficult time.

Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured,” the Prime Minister said in a post on X.

The Prime Minister also announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for the next of kin of each deceased, and Rs 50,000 for each of the injured.

YSRCP to take up 1 crore signature campaign

Vijayawada, Oct 7 (UNI) Former Chief Minister and YSRCP President Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy today announced that a one crore signature campaign would be launched opposing the privatization of medical colleges by Chandrababu Naidu headed Government.

Addressing party functionaries here, he highlighted the failures of Naidu headed Government, its rampant corruption, the brewing and trade of spurious liquor, and neglect of farmers.

The former Chief Minister stated that he would visit Narsipatnam Medical College on October 9 to expose the dubious designs of the coalition government in pursuing privatization.

He also announced that he would launch the campaign by distributing pamphlets and collecting one crore signatures through racha banda programmes to be held from October 10 to November 6.

“Rallies will be held at constituency headquarters on October 28. Rallies at district headquarters are scheduled for November 4. The one crore signatures collected will be submitted to the Governor on November 12 or on a date suggested by him,” the Ex-Chief Minister revealed.

Jagan Reddy noted that the governance has gone off track, with corruption rampant as Chandrababu, his son, and other leaders stash away looted wealth. While the YSRCP Government ensured transparency in liquor policy, the coalition Naidu led Government has handed over the distribution network to its favoured few and is now trading in spurious liquor, disregarding the plight of the poor.

Farmers are unable to get urea, and public health has taken a severe beating due to faulty policies, he criticised.

210 temples are being renovated at the cost of Rs 290 Crore : Minister

Vizianagaram, Oct 7 (UNI) : Minister for Endowments Anam Ramnarayan Reddy has announced that 210 temples are being developed in the state at a cost of Rs 290 crore. The Endowment Minister participated in a religious programme organized at the Paidithalli Ammavari temple, on the occasion of Dussehra festival here on Tuesday. The Minister presented silk robes to the goddess.

Speaking on the occasion, he revealed that the Government has decided to implement comprehensive changes in the temples across the State. Under the Common Good Fund, 210 temples will be renovated by spending Rs 290 crore. The Government is committed to protect the

ancient temples by renovating and protecting the religious wealth,” the acknowledged. Minister Ramnarayana Reddy noted that festivals in temples across the State were held with unprecedented grandeur. “The Tirumala Brahmotsavam and Vijayawada Kanakadurga Dussehra festivals were organized with great pomp. The Government has provided all the facilities to meet the faith of the people,” he maintained. Launching a scathing attack against the erstwhile YSRCP regime, the Endowment Minister alleged that the maintenance of temples was badly neglected during the YSRCP regime and the Naidu headed coalition government has taken all steps to maintain temples efficiently.

Kharge and Rahul Gandhi condemn lynching of Dalit Youth

Lucknow, Oct 07 (UNI) : In a strong and emotional joint statement, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi condemned the brutal lynching of a Dalit youth, Hariom Valmiki, in Uttar Pradesh's Raebareli, calling it a “heinous crime against the Constitution and humanity.” The 22-year-old was reportedly beaten to death by a mob after being falsely accused of theft. A video circulating on social media shows the victim allegedly taking Rahul Gandhi's name multiple times before his death. The shocking visuals have sparked national outrage, and the incident has quickly snowballed into a major political issue.

Reacting to the incident, the Congress party released a joint statement by Rahul Gandhi and Kharge, saying, “The Congress party strongly condemns the inhuman and brutal killing of Hariom Valmiki in Raebareli. What happened is not just a crime against an individual but a grave violation of the Indian Constitution. It is a crime against the Dalit community and a stain on our society.” The statement reaffirmed the party's stand on equality and justice “Our Constitution gives equal rights, dignity, and protection to every citizen. What happened in Raebareli is a direct assault on those values.” The Congress Party MP from Raebareli Rahul Gandhi also posted on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), saying, “The lynching of Hariom Valmiki in Raebareli is not just the murder of one man, it is the murder of humanity, the Constitution, and justice.”



Govt neglecting Maharshi Valmiki community ...

BJP State President N Ramchander Rao accused the Congress government of neglecting the community associated with Maharshi Valmiki's legacy. Speaking at a programme organised at the BJP State headquarters on the occasion of Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti, Rao paid floral tributes to the sage and recalled his contributions to humanity. The event was organised by the BJP State SC Morcha. Rao alleged that the Congress government had completely ignored the welfare of the Valmiki-Boyar communities, despite their inclusion among the Backward Classes.

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UP Minister stable after Brain Hemorrhage, quashes rumors



Uttar Pradesh Minister Dinesh Pratap Singh has suffered a brain hemorrhage and is currently undergoing treatment at Medanta Hospital in Lucknow. There are rumours that he suffered attack due to stress caused by political pressure.

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AAP holds protest over alleged shoe-throwing incident



The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) staged a protest today outside the residence of a lawyer who threw a shoe at Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai. The protest, led by AAP Delhi president Saurabh Bharadwaj, was met by police personnel who prevented the demonstrators from approaching the lawyer's home.

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IGPL board meets Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, discusses growth ...



The union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya met with the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL) co-founder and Ambassador Yuvraj Singh and CEO Uttam Mundy at his office and praised the efforts being done to promote the sport across India.

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Cabinet nod to four multitracking railway projects across Maharashtra, MP, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today approved four major railway multi-tracking projects with a total estimated cost of Rs 24,634 crore. These projects will extend the Indian Railways network by approximately 894 kilometres across 18 districts in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh, and are scheduled for completion by 2030-31, union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said at a press conference here. Besides improving logistics, the projects will contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing oil imports by an estimated 28 crore litres and cutting carbon dioxide emissions by 139 crore kilograms annually—equivalent to planting six crore trees.

These multi-tracking initiatives aim to boost connectivity to approximately 3,633 villages, home to nearly 8.6 million people, including two aspirational districts—Vidisha and Rajnandgaon. By increasing line capacity, the projects are expected to improve operational efficiency, reduce congestion, and enhance service reliability across these busy routes.

The projects are aligned with the Prime Minister’s vision of a New India, aiming to foster regional development and self-reliance by creating expanded employment and self-employment opportunities. They form part of the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan, which prioritises multimodal connectivity and logistic efficiency through integrated planning and stakeholder engagement, as per Vaishnaw.

Importantly, the railway sections involved connect key tourist destinations such as Sanchi, Satpura Tiger Reserve, Bhimbetka rock shelters, Hazara Falls, and Nawegaon National Park, thereby promoting tourism and local economies, said the Minister.

From a freight perspective, these routes are vital for transporting commodities including coal, containers, cement, fly ash, food grains, and steel. The enhanced capacity is expected to enable an additional freight traffic volume of 78 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), he added.

Equal access to education, healthcare, jobs and dignity to all is Govt's goal says Delhi CM

New Delhi Oct 7 (UNI) : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta today said that providing equal access to education, healthcare, jobs, and dignity for every citizen is the government's goal. Gupta today attended the Valmiki Dalit Mahapanchayat on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti, where she said that government's effort is to make sure every citizen moves forward equally towards progress. CM said, "Society is like a chariot; it moves forward smoothly only when all its wheels are balanced." She asserted that it is only when Delhi progresses with equality and mutual respect, the dream of Viksit Bharat and Viksit Delhi will be truly realized.

She reiterated that, "Our goal is to ensure that every citizen enjoys equal rights to growth, dignity, and opportunity." Speaking about Maharishi Valmiki, Gupta said that his life and teachings continue to inspire generations with the message of compassion, equality, and the dignity of labour. Speaking at the Dalit Mahapanchayat held in Trilokpuri, CM said that through his immortal work, the Ramayana, Valmiki reminded society that true strength comes from harmony and humanity. "Maharishi Valmiki gave the world the Ramayana, through which we came to know the life and character of Lord Shri

Ram in all its depth. His message of compassion and equality is timeless and continues to guide us even today," Gupta added. The event was attended by citizens, community leaders, and public representatives from different walks of life, who shared their thoughts on Valmiki’s philosophy and teachings.

Talking about the message of the Ramayana, the CM said that both Lord Shri Ram and Maharishi Valmiki showed how equality and compassion form the foundation of a just society. She further stated, "Lord Shri Ram walked hand in hand with everyone Kevat, Nishadraj, Shabari, and the Vanar Sena teaching us that progress happens only when every section of society moves forward together."

Gupta also said that Valmiki’s own life shows that anyone can transform their destiny through self-awareness and discipline. "His life was one of deep reflection and service. He showed that real religion lies in compassion, truth, and helping others." Gupta said. CM also said that in present times, when society faces many challenges, Maharishi Valmiki’s message of harmony is even more relevant, while she added that Delhi government works with the same spirit of inclusiveness, ensuring that no one is left behind.



Damaged Dudhia iron bridge after landslides and heavy rainfall, in Darjeeling on Tuesday.

SC declares footpath use a right, orders safety rules in 6 months

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) : Retaining that the right to use footpaths and footways is an essential facet of the fundamental right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court today issued a set of guidelines for enhancing pedestrian and road safety across the country.

With the judgment, the apex court has set a six-month deadline for all states and union Territories to complete the rule-making process, thereby laying the foundation for a nationwide framework to ensure pedestrian-friendly, safe, and accessible roads across India.

The apex court directions also cover the regulation of footpaths, the wearing of helmets, the prevention of wrong-lane driving, and the use of unauthorised hooters and lights on vehicles.

A bench comprising Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice KV Viswanathan

passed the order in a long-standing writ petition concerning pedestrian safety and safe road infrastructure.

The court directed all states and union Territories to formulate rules within six months under Section 138(1A) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, to regulate the activities and access of non-mechanically propelled vehicles and pedestrians on public roads and national highways.

The Bench directed that States and UTs also frame and notify rules under Section 210D of the Act to set design, construction, and maintenance standards for all roads other than national highways.

The bench, while elaborating the scope of its order, referred to various statutory provisions having a direct bearing on pedestrian safety including Sections 138 (power of state government to make

rules), 198A (failure to comply with road design and construction standards), 210C (power of Central government to make rules), and 210D (power of state government to make rules) of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Justice Pardiwala, while pronouncing the order, noted that the court had taken into account the Central government’s exercise of powers under Section 210C, under which the Motor Vehicle Rules, 2020, were framed.

The judgment also referred to the “Guidelines for Pedestrian Safety (Second Revision, June 2022)” issued by the Indian Roads Congress (IRC), and reaffirmed that properly maintained footpaths are a judicially recognised right under the landmark ruling in Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation and subsequent judgments.

The court’s directions also addressed specific safety concerns such as

proper maintenance of pavements and pedestrian crossings; Mandatory use of helmets; Curbing wrong-lane driving and unsafe overtaking; and regulating unauthorised use of white LED lights, red and blue beacons, and vehicle hooters. During the pronouncement, Justice Pardiwala remarked that while the court has provided an extensive framework for pedestrian safety, “all now depends on how effectively the guidelines are implemented.” In earlier proceedings of this PIL, the Supreme Court had already held that the right to use footpaths and footways is an essential facet of the fundamental right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution. In May 2024, it directed states and UTs to ensure that footpaths are accessible and usable by persons with disabilities and to adopt uniform design standards for pedestrian pathways.

Do not turn Bihar SIR into a roving inquiry, says SC, seeks clarity from Election Commission of India’s

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) : The Supreme Court, while hearing a batch of petitions challenging the Election Commission of India’s (ECI) SIR process in Bihar, said, “The question of probing so much will arise when there are genuine people”.

A bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi observed that there appeared to be “some confusion” over whether the voters added to Bihar’s final electoral rolls during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) were among those previously deleted from the draft list or were entirely new entrants.

The bench made this oral observation while hearing a batch of petitions challenging the Election Commission of India’s (ECI) SIR process in Bihar.

The petitioners have demanded that the ECI publish the names of 3.66 lakh voters who were additionally deleted from the final list and 21 lakh voters who were newly included.

The Bench asked the ECI to obtain and present the relevant information and adjourned the hearing till next Thursday (October 9). Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the Association for Democratic

Reforms (ADR), contended that the SIR exercise had disproportionately excluded women and Muslims, thereby “compounding the problems” instead of cleaning up the voters’ list.

He further submitted that the ECI had neither provided reasons for the deletions nor published the list of the 3.66 lakh voters who were removed after the draft rolls were released.

When the Bench asked whether deleted voters could file appeals, Senior Advocate Dr A.M. Singhvi said that without knowing the reasons or the names of those deleted, filing appeals was impossible.

“Persons who are deleted do not get notice or reasons. There is no question of appeal because no one knows. The least they can do is inform,” Singhvi said.

Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, representing the ECI, countered that deletion orders had been issued to those concerned.

Justice Kant remarked, “If anyone can give us the list of voters out of these 3.66 lakh who have not received orders, we will direct the EC to provide them. Everyone has the right to appeal.”

Bhushan urged that the list of deleted names be published on the ECI website. Dwivedi responded that no affected voter had approached the Court and that “only politicians and NGOs sitting in Delhi” were raising the issue.

Justice Bagchi observed that there was still “confusion” over the nature of additions and deletions. “The final list appears to be an appreciation of numbers... There is confusion about the identity of the add-ons. Are they deleted names re-included, or entirely new ones?” he asked. Dwivedi clarified that most of the added names were new voters. Emphasising transparency, Justice Bagchi said, “This exercise is in aid of the electoral process, so that confidence in it is fortified.” Justice Kant added that appropriate directions could be issued if any genuinely affected persons approached the Court.

Bhushan insisted that the ECI must publish the lists, offering to produce “hundreds” of affected voters. He also handed over an affidavit from an individual whose name had been allegedly deleted. Justice Kant responded

that the Court would pass directions if a prima facie case was shown.

The bench reminded the parties that this should not turn into a “roving inquiry.” Justice Kant observed, “The question of probing so much will arise when there are genuine people. There are also illegal immigrants who do not want to be exposed. Let’s have a list of 100-200 people who say they want to appeal but don’t have the order.” Senior advocate Vijay Hansaria, appearing for petitioner Ashwini Upadhyaya, opposed the demands of ADR and others, alleging that they were “defaming” the ECI through media campaigns under the label of “vote chori.”

During the hearing, the bench also took note of procedural issues, with the ECI objecting to documents being handed across the bar, insisting that submissions be made through proper affidavits.

Dwivedi further cited Article 329, reminding the court that judicial interference in the election process is discouraged once it has commenced.

Posting the matter for further hearing on October 9, the bench asked the ECI to “cull out” and provide

New aviation book by senior CISF officer demystifies air travel

New Delhi Oct 7 (UNI) A new book aiming to be a comprehensive guide to the world of aviation was launched in the capital today. ‘Above and Beyond-Exploring the Amazing World of Aviation’, authored by Shiv Kumar Mohanka, a Deputy Inspector General with the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), was released by Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu.

The book draws from Mohanka’s three decades of experience in the civil aviation sector. The 445-page volume is presented as a "must-carry for all fliers," covering a wide range of topics from airport codes and the science behind in-flight meals to future technologies like vertical take-off and landing aircraft. At the book launch event, Minister Ram Mohan Naidu described it as "an encyclopaedia of India’s aviation sector." He added, "It is a rare and remarkable feat. DIG Mohanka has thoughtfully covered every agency and

individual who contributes to making aviation what it is today."

The book moves beyond technical details to address passenger experiences. Based on a survey of 1,500 flyers, it identifies 262 common issues faced by travellers, offering insights on how India’s aviation ecosystem can evolve. It also traces the evolution of air travel from a luxury to a mass-connectivity service. Former Civil Aviation Minister Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain endorsed the work, stating he believes it "will serve as the bible in aviation in India and beyond." In a statement, Mohanka said, "Aviation is not just about planes and passengers - it’s about people, precision, and progress. Through this book, I wanted to demystify flying and share what happens behind the scenes." Published by Juris Press, "Above and Beyond" is now available for purchase on major online platforms like Amazon and Books Central.

PM Modi, Putin talk on phone, reaffirm commitment to deepen India-Russia Special and Privileged Partnership

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin today and both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further deepen the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

Prime Minister Modi warmly congratulated President Putin on his 73rd birthday and conveyed best wishes for good health and success in all his endeavours.

The two leaders also reviewed the progress in bilateral agenda, an official spokesman said.

Prime Minister Modi also conveyed to President Putin that he looks forward to welcoming the Russian leader to India for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit.

CBI arrests 8 in global cybercrime crackdown as part of INTERPOL Operation

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced today its active participation in INTERPOL’s Operation HAECHE-VI, a global crackdown targeting seven specific types of cyber-enabled financial crimes.

These include voice phishing, romance scams, online sextortion, investment fraud, money laundering from illegal online gambling, business email compromise, and e-commerce fraud.

During the operation, the CBI’s International Operations Division worked closely with the FBI’s US Department of Justice and German authorities.

The agency arrested eight offenders and identified 45 suspects involved in transnational cyber-enabled financial crimes, including the online sexual exploitation of minor girls. A cash amount of USD 66,340 was recovered, and 30 bank accounts linked to the criminal activity were frozen.



A potter makes earthen lamps at a workshop ahead of the ‘Diwali’ festival, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday.

Unnati Foundation launches new Vocational Training Centre

Kakinada, Oct 7 (UNI) : Unnati Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides students from under privileged backgrounds with vocational training, launched a new training centre in city.

This milestone, made possible through the generous support of Captain Subbarao Prabhala, will enable young people to gain crucial employability skills and access to job opportunities. Unnati began its training programmes in Kakinada in 2024, successfully training 70 youth and helping them secure employment. Alongside, the organization has been running the UNXT training programe in colleges, currently reaching nearly 1,700 students across Kakinada.

With the addition of the newly established vocational training centre, together with the UNXT

model, Unnati will provide skilling, vocational training and employment opportunities to more than 2,000 youth in Kakinada every year. At the vocational training centre, every trainee is assured a job by the 35th day of training, laying the foundation for long-term, sustainable careers.

“With the launch of this centre, we aim to equip many more young people in Kakinada with the skills they need to thrive in today’s workforce. We are extremely grateful to Captain Subbarao Prabhala for his generous support in making this centre a reality. His belief that the well-off should give back to society is truly commendable, and it is an honour for Unnati to collaborate with him,” said Dr. Ramesh Swamy, Director, Unnati Foundation.

Sharing his thoughts on the initiative, Captain Prabhala said, “Andhra

Pradesh has immense potential, but education alone is not always enough to secure meaningful employment. Supporting Unnati in establishing this centre is my humble contribution towards ensuring that the young people of Kakinada have access to opportunities that will help them stand on their own feet and serve society with dignity.”

Unnati’s training centres and UNXT in Kakinada have enabled youth to secure a range of entry-level professional roles across sectors. Unnati Foundation works closely with the Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation to conduct training in ITIs, government and colleges. In Kakinada alone, Unnati has partnered with 5-6 colleges, while across the state of Andhra Pradesh, more than 29,000 youth have benefitted from its programmes.

Rs171 cr PM-KISAN aid released for disaster-hit J&K farmers

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) : In a significant relief measure for flood and landslide-affected farmers of Jammu and Kashmir, the Centre today released in advance Rs 171 crore as installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme.

The amount was directly transferred to the bank accounts of 8.55 lakh farmers, including over 85,000 women farmers, providing immediate financial support in these trying times, said a statement from the union Agriculture Ministry.

Highlighting the ongoing support, union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that since the inception of PM-KISAN, farmers in Jammu & Kashmir have cumulatively received over Rs 4,052 crore under the scheme. “This advance installment aims to assist farmers in meeting urgent needs arising from the recent calamities,” he said, according to the statement.

The Minister further outlined the government’s comprehensive rehabilitation efforts, including the sanction of Rs 85.62 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-Gramin) for reconstructing approximately 5,100 damaged houses across the union Territory.

This package also includes financial aid for toilet construction and additional

funds under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to support affected families in rebuilding their homes.

To enhance livelihood support, Chouhan also announced an increase in MGNREGA workdays from 100 to 150 for affected households, subject to the Jammu & Kashmir government’s proposal.

This initiative aims to provide additional employment opportunities during the recovery phase.

He also mentioned the Jammu & Kashmir government’s approval for sand sales under the ‘Jiska Kheth, Uski Reth’ (the sand belongs to the landowner) policy, which will aid farmers in repairing their fields. Additionally, Chouhan noted that compensation will be provided to insured farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) once the Jammu & Kashmir government submits the relevant proposal, ensuring direct transfer of funds to the affected farmers’ accounts.

The event held via video conferencing here was also attended by union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, Agriculture Secretary Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, ICAR Director General Dr. Mangi Lal Jat, along with senior officials. Jammu & Kashmir Agriculture Minister Javed Ahmad Dar and representatives from the union Territory, including farmers, joined virtually, said the statement.

Assembly Speaker to participate in Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

Vijayawada, Oct 7 (UNI) Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu will take part in 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to be held in Barbados from October 7 to 10.

Ayyanna Patrudu will represent Andhra Pradesh Branch of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) as a Delegate in the conference. He is accompanied by Prasanna Kumar Suryadevara, secretary-general to the Legislature.

The CPC offers a global platform to the presiding officers of legislative bodies in Commonwealth countries

to share their experiences, exchange ideas and address critical issues being faced by today’s legislative bodies.

The 68th CPC is being hosted by the Parliament of Barbados and the CPA Barbados Branch. The CPC is the largest gathering of Commonwealth parliamentarians. The 68th CPC will be attended by Speakers, presiding officers and members of Parliament and parliamentary staff from across the membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

The Indian contingent will be led by Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha.

Telangana has prioritised completion of key irrigation projects, says Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy

Hyderabad, Oct 7 (UNI) : Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday emphasised that the state government is giving top priority to completing pending irrigation projects with strict adherence to timelines, technical transparency, and institutional accountability.

Speaking to the media after a review meeting with senior officials at the Dr B R Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, Reddy highlighted several projects on the priority list, including the Dr B R Ambedkar Pranahita–Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project, Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel, and the restoration of Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages under Kaleshwaram.

He said engineering teams were evaluating two alternative alignments for the Thummidihetti component of the Pranahita-Chevella project,

with a final decision expected by October 22.

The Minister confirmed that the SLBC tunnel project, a lifeline for southern districts connecting the Srisailem reservoir to drought-prone areas, is on track for completion by December 2027, with fortnightly progress reviews and technical surveys being conducted to ensure safety and efficiency.

Reddy also provided updates on the restoration of Kaleshwaram barrages, stating that a premier IIT will lead structural design and rehabilitation work in coordination with the Telangana Irrigation Department.

He stressed that adherence to NDSA recommendations and strict accountability would guide the restoration process.

On the legal front, he reviewed the progress of Telangana’s case before the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II, ensuring detailed documentation

Embassy developments completes prestigious 'Indiabulls Sierra' project

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Oct 7 Embassy Developments limited, one of India’s leading real estate developers, announced the completion and delivery of the prestigious project, ‘Indiabulls Sierra’, a 4.8-acre development in the city. With Occupation Certificates (OCs) now secured, 620 families are finally moving into their homes - marking the revival of the project that once faced years of delay and uncertainty. Besides, EDL has delivered three landmark projects in Mumbai and Thane. The Blu Estate & Club in Worli, spanning 10.8 acres with 1.4 million sq. ft. and 374 residences, received phased OCs between 2018 and 2022, with condominium association elections being scheduled to enable EDL’s exit and transfer of governance to residents. Building on this

success, The Sky Forest project in Lower Parel, covering 4.4 acres with 1.6 million sq. ft. and 438 residences, received its OC for Towers A2 and A3 in November 2023. Handovers are largely complete, with final transitions to resident-led management in progress. Two major developments have reached completion in the National Capital Region too: Enigma in Gurugram, a 19.9-acre project comprising 1.8 million sq. ft. and 480 residences launched in 2010, secured OCs between 2018 and 2021, with final handovers expected by the end of the year; and Centrum Park in Gurugram, spread across 22 acres with 2.1 million sq. ft. and 1,025 residences, has already completed its handovers and now operates as a fully self-governed community, marking EDL’s complete exit. Overall, Embassy

Developments has announced the completion of six legacy projects across these cities, delivering homes to over 3,000 families. The completion of these projects represents a pivotal milestone for EDL.

Commenting on this, Sachin Shah, CEO & Executive Director, Embassy Developments Ltd., said: “The successful resolution and delivery of these long-pending projects mark a turning point for Embassy Developments. With OCs secured, possessions underway, and independent associations taking charge, we have demonstrated its execution strength and commitment to customers. Our priority remains to complete, hand over, and unlock value across all projects while upholding the highest standards of governance, delivery, and customer trust.”

teams, telemetry-based reservoir monitoring, and continuous supervision to ensure the successful execution of all irrigation initiatives.



SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
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No: C/E-Auctions Catalogue/SC/2025-26.
Date: 06.10.2025

For and on behalf of the President, Union of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway invites e-Auction for Commercial earning and NFR contracts. Accordingly, SC division has processed an e-Auction for the following Categories, which are notified in the [https://www.irops.gov.in](#) website

Sl No	Cat egory	Catalog ue No.	Auction Start Date & Time	Correspo nding station(s) /Train(s)	Auction Details
1	PAY AND USE	ACWH-W L-KMT-01	10-Oct-25 12:00	WL	Operation and Maintenance of Premium Pre paid AC Waiting Hall at Warangal Railway station on Platform-1
2	PAR CELS	SCPARCE LS-1725	11-Oct-25 12:00	12721, 17030, 07030, 17039, 12437, 22850/49	Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment) in 12721, 17030, 07030, 17039, 12437 and Parcel space in parcel van in 22850/22849
3	PAY AND USE	PNU-SC- SCTOI-1	11-Oct-25 14:00	SC	Pay & Use Toilet Contract at Platform# 1 to 7 at Secunderabad Railway Station.(5 blocks)
4	PAR CELS	SCPARCE LS-1825A	14-Oct-25 12:00	07030, 12774/73, 17007/08, 22718/17	Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment) in 07030 and Parcel space in parcel van in 12774/73, 17007/08, 22718/17
5	PAY AND USE	HTCY-TOI	14-Oct-25 14:00	HTCY	Pay and Use Toilet contract at Hi-Tech City Railway Station.
6	PAY AND USE	PNU-ACW H-KMT-1	15-Oct-25 12:00	KMT	Operation and Maintenance of Premium Pre paid AC Waiting Hall at Khammam Railway station
7	PAR KING	PRKG-IO 9-25-37	15-Oct-25 14:00	GT, SNF, JET, BG, MLY	Parking contract at Ghatkesar, Sanatnagar, Jamesstreet, Bhongir and Mouali Stations.
8	MISC -STA TIC	SC-CLRM SGEV-01	16-Oct-25 14:00	HFZ, SC, CHZ, BMT	1. Contract for Electrical Vehicle Charging station at Hafiz Peta Railway Station. 2. Contract for Battery Swapping station at Hafizpeta Railway Station. 3. Contract for setting up and operation of Digital cloak room near Gate-2 entrance towards platform-1 at Secunderabad railway station 4. Contract for setting up and operation of relaxation chair near Gate-2 entrance towards platform-1 at Secunderabad railway station 5. Installation, Maintenance, and Operation of Health Kiosk at Concourse Area of Cherlapalli Railway Terminus. 6.Contract for Installation, maintenance, and Operation of a Health Kiosk at Begumpet Railway Station
9	PAR KING	PRKG-JO 9-25-38	16-Oct-25 14:00	SC, CHZ	Radio Taxi parking at Secunderabad, Charlapalli stations
10	PAR KING	PRKG-A1 -25-39	20-Oct-25 14:00	PRLI, CT, GNP, LKPL	Parking contract at Parli, Chittapur, Ghanpur and Lakdikapuli Railway stations
11	ADVE RTIS ING	SC-ADVT S-MIXED	21-Oct-25 13:00	ACROSS SC DIV, CHZ, MCI	1. Contract for Advertisement through Digital Screens in Concourse Area of New Station Building of Charlapalli Railway Terminus 2. Contract for STATIC advertisement through Vinyl Wrapping inside the LIFTS for the area as mentioned in the conditions at stations across Secunderabad division. 3. Non-Digital contract for Manchiryal Railway station 4. Contract for Display of C o m m e r c i a l S t a t i c Advertisements within the Circulating Area of Manchiryal Railway Station.
12	PAY AND USE	SC-RDM ACWH-P RK	21-Oct-25 13:00	RDM	Contract for operation and maintenance of Pre-paid ACWH and Parking of two/four wheeler at RDM.

Interested parties and contractors are to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for detailed information about the E-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications, please contact the office of the undersigned.
A1578 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Secunderabad

Mediation for nation' drive settles 575 cases in Telangana, reduces court burden

Hyderabad, Oct 7 (UNI) : The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), in association with the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of the Supreme Court of India, successfully concluded its 90-day nationwide campaign 'Mediation for the Nation', aimed at resolving pending cases through mediation across all levels of the judiciary.

As part of this initiative, the Telangana State Legal Services Authority (TSLSA), following the directions of the High Court for the State of Telangana, referred a total of 6,923 cases for mediation between July 1 and September 30, 2025. Of these, 575 cases—spanning matrimonial

disputes, domestic violence, accident claims, cheque bounce, and other civil matters—were successfully settled through amicable resolution, an official statement said today.

The campaign, guided by Justice Surya Kant, Judge of the Supreme Court and Executive Chairman of NALSA, aimed to promote faster, cost-effective, and relationship-preserving alternatives to traditional litigation.

TSLSA Member Secretary, Ch Panchakshari, who actively oversaw the campaign, said the settlements not only eased the burden on the courts but also provided significant relief to the litigants by saving time, money, and reducing mental stress.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Notice No. eT-Central-WAT-35-2025, Dt. 27.09.2025
Name of the Work: DE-SILTING OF SIDE DRAINS, CATCH WATER DRAINS, TUNNELS INSIDE DRAINS, JUNKER CLEANING OF TUNNEL FACES, DE-WEEEDING THE TRACK AND SUPPLY OF EXCAVATOR FOR MRT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/CENTRAL MAINTAINR (SOUTH)/WALTAIR.
Approx cost of the work : ₹ 98,26,448.57.
EMD: ₹ 1,96,500/-, Completion Period of the work: 12 months.
Tender closing date & time : at 1500 hrs. of 22.10.2025.
No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.
Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website [www.irops.gov.in](#)
Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 10 (Ten) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/ corrigendum issued for this tender.
Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), Waltair
PR-663/Q/25-26

EAST COAST RAILWAY
(1) Notice No. eT-WAT-SOUTH-22-2025, Dt. 26.09.2025
Name of the Work: SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION OF WELDING PORTIONS OF FUSION WELDING OF 60 KG/EO I-R260 GRADE RAILS ON CESS/TRACK FREE OF TRAFFIC CONDITION BY ALUMINO THERMIC PROCESS INTO SHORT WELDED PANELS OR OTHERWISE WITH ROSO APPROVED UNDER SR. DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (SOUTH)/WALTAIR.
Approx cost of the work : ₹ 1,71,83,502.73.
EMD: ₹ 2,35,900/-.
Completion Period of the work: 12 months (for both tenders).
Tender closing date & time : at 1500 hrs. of 20.10.2025 (for both tenders).
No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.
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STANDARD POST

BJP deploys UP leaders for Bihar elections

Well before the Election Commission announced the dates for the Bihar Assembly elections, the ruling the BJP has deployed its top leaders from Uttar Pradesh to campaign in the neighbouring state.

Only a few days ago, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya was appointed co-in-charge for the Bihar elections. Now, the party has assigned several ministers, including cabinet minister Swatantradev Singh, former Minister Upendra Tiwari, and former minister Siddharthnath Singh, to campaign on the ground.

Upendra Tiwari, former Minister of the Uttar Pradesh government and in charge for the Darbhanga Lok Sabha constituency, said, "The people of Bihar are benefiting from the public welfare schemes of the Central and state governments. It is the duty of party workers to spread these achievements to every household and ensure BJP's victory."

He added that the party has consistently won elections in the Darbhanga Nagar Assembly constituency. It is fully expected that the BJP and NDA will win this seat with a landslide majority this time too.

Responding to a question about Prashant Kishore, Tiwari said that the former psephologis is discussed only in the media. "He has no presence on the ground. The people of Bihar had and continue to have faith in PM Modi. The steps the Prime Minister has taken for Bihar's development have transformed the state. People like Prashant Kishore only make accusations," said Tiwari.

Upendra Tiwari has been given the responsibility of diaspora in-charge in Bihar. Swatantradev Singh has also been deployed in the elections. According to BJP sources, Siddharth Nath Singh has been tasked with promoting the development initiatives of ally JDU leader and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, comparing his previous rule with the corruption allegations during the previous tenures of RJD chief Lalu Prasad.

Siddharth Nath, who was the spokesperson and cabinet minister of the Uttar Pradesh government during Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's first term, has been given the additional responsibility of leading the BJP's social media campaign in Bihar.

Singh stated he would work closely with the state leadership to ensure that the party's election issues reach every corner of the state.

Sources said the party plans to set up special social media centers in Bhagalpur and Muzaffarpur to accelerate the campaign. Singh said the party is in no mood to focus on PK (Prashant Kishore), who is primarily driven by the "accuse and run" strategy.

A senior BJP official stated that the party is well aware that Kishore has a relatively clean image and could emerge as a serious player in Bihar's electoral dynamics. A senior BJP leader said, "The party cannot afford to make PK the Arvind Kejriwal of Bihar." However, Kishore is focusing his election campaign on opposing prohibition and the rehabilitation of 5 million migrant workers in Bihar. Kishore urged the people of Bihar to vote for the future of their children, their education, and their livelihoods.

Innovation, skill and imagination are keys to India's growth: Dr Krishna Ella at UoH Convocation

(Standard Post Bureau)

Dr Krishna Ella, Founder and Executive Chairman of Bharat Biotech International Limited, called upon students to focus on innovation, skill, and imagination to drive India's progress.

Delivering the chief guest address at the 25th Convocation of the University of Hyderabad (UoH), held at the Global Peace Auditorium, Brahma Kumaris, Gachibowli, on Tuesday, Dr Ella — who received his degree more than four decades ago — reflected on how education and opportunities have evolved over time.

"A university degree gives knowledge, but two other components — skill and imagination — must be added to make innovation meaningful," he said. Citing his own journey in molecular

biology that led to vaccine development, he stressed the importance of practical skills in entrepreneurship.

He urged students to think beyond classroom learning. "Innovation is in front of us. It's not taught; it must be visualised," he remarked, citing examples of traditional Indian products like coconut oil and herbal remedies that gained recognition abroad only after being validated by foreign researchers.

Dr Ella highlighted India's historical contribution to global innovation, noting that the country once accounted for nearly 25 per cent of the world's GDP in the 1700s. "We lost that edge when we stopped taking risks and became job seekers instead of job creators," he said, adding that entrepreneurship should

aim to solve societal problems, not merely generate profits.

Discussing the rapid pace of scientific advancement, he pointed to artificial intelligence, synthetic biology, and quantum science as transformative forces shaping the future. "The future belongs to those who integrate science with imagination," he said, urging students to shed negative mindsets and believe in Indian innovation.

Recalling Bharat Biotech's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Ella spoke of the skepticism the company faced. "Many doubted that Indian scientists could deliver. But we proved that India can lead in science and innovation," he asserted.

He urged graduates to become creators rather than seekers. "Don't

blame the government. Innovation begins with you. Even if you fail as an entrepreneur, your skills and knowledge will always bring you back stronger," Dr. Ella told the graduating students, inspiring them to contribute to building a self-reliant and innovative India. In his address, Telangana Governor and Chief Rector of the University, Jishnu Dev Varma, expressed immense joy on the occasion, describing the convocation as a celebration of perseverance, integrity, and vision for a brighter future.

Quoting Dr B R Ambedkar, he said, "Cultivation of minds should be the ultimate aim of human existence," and reminded students that education is not merely about earning degrees but about building a just and

inclusive society. He urged them to balance technological advancement with empathy, noting that "technology must serve humanity, not replace it."

The Governor advised graduates to remain humble even as they soar to new heights and to become job creators who drive innovation and progress. He encouraged them to pursue research and entrepreneurship that uplift lives and contributes to national growth.

Concluding with Swami Vivekananda's words — "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached" — he urged the students to lead with empathy and let their intellect be the light that dispels ignorance.

In his presidential address, UoH Chancellor Justice L. Narasimha Reddy congratulated the

faculty members, Ph.D. awardees, and medal winners for their achievements. He commended the Vice-Chancellor and faculty for advancing the university's research and academic excellence.

He urged students to apply their knowledge for national development, citing Dr. Ella and Bharat Biotech's contribution during the pandemic as a shining example. Emphasising the importance of values, he said success must be rooted in integrity, service to society, and placing the nation above personal interests. UoH Vice-Chancellor Prof Basuthkar Jagadeeshwar Rao presented the university report, stating that 1,717 students received their degrees during the convocation, including 182 medal winners and 242 Ph.D. awardees.

India slams Pakistan for its 'delusional tirade,' for distracting world with misdirection, hyperbole

New York/New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) India today slammed Pakistan for its "delusional tirade" (against India) and attempts to distract the world with misdirection and hyperbole.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish, in a statement at the UNSC Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security, said Pakistan that bombs its own people and conducts systematic genocide, can only attempt to distract the world with misdirection and hyperbole.

"Every year, we are unfortunately fated to listen to the delusional tirade of Pakistan against my country, especially on Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian territory they covet... A country that bombs its own people, conducts systematic genocide can only attempt to distract the world with misdirection and hyperbole," he said.

Asserting that India's pioneering record on Women, Peace and Security agenda is unblemished and unscathed, Ambassador Harish said Pakistan is a country that conducted Operation Searchlight in 1971 and sanctioned a systematic campaign of genocidal mass rape of 400,000 women citizens by its own army.

"The world sees through Pakistan's propaganda," he asserted.

Ambassador Harish was responding to the remarks made by Saima Saleem of Pakistan during the debate. The debate was held to mark 25 years of Resolution 1325.

Pointing out that India's commitment to the Resolution predates by several decades, he said India's

peacekeeping legacy is not merely the scale of India's contribution but pioneering recognition of women as indispensable agents of peace.

This early commitment found its more pronounced expression in 2007 when India deployed the first-ever all-female Formed Police Unit in the history of the UN to Liberia.

"As early as the 1960s, much before the adoption of resolution 1325, India deployed women medical officers to the Congo, marking one of the earliest instances of women serving in UN peacekeeping operations. This was not merely a symbolic gesture but a practical acknowledgment that women's perspectives, skills, and presence are essential to effective peacekeeping."

Reaffirming India's "unwavering commitment" to the Women, Peace and Security agenda, he said "we stand ready to share our expertise with partners, particularly those in the Global South, fostering collective solutions to shared challenges."

He said today, over 160 Indian women peacekeepers serve in the field and all-women Female Engagement Teams have been deployed in Democratic Republic of Congo, Abyei in Sudan and South Sudan. "We believe that it is no longer a question of whether women can do peacekeeping. Rather, it is whether peacekeeping can do without women."

Through these deployments, India has demonstrated the profound impact of women peacekeepers in peacekeeping operations.

'Ameenji Rubber Ltd', debuts on BSE SME Exchange

(Standard Post Bureau)

Ameenji Rubber Ltd., a leading manufacturer of industrial rubber engineering products such as bridges bearings, expansion joints and various kinds of rubber pads, made its debut on the BSE SME Exchange today. The company's shares were listed following a successful SME Initial Public Offering (IPO) that received strong investor interest, with over 2.12x times subscription.

The symbolic bell-ringing ceremony was held at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) office in Hyderabad, marking the commencement of trading of Ameenji Rubber Ltd.'s equity shares.

This was the first-ever bell ringing ceremony held at the Hyderabad office of BSE. Mr. Mufaddal Deesawala (Ameenji), Chairman & Managing Director of Ameenji Rubber Ltd., led the ceremony in the presence of company executives,



investors and members of the exchange.

The company had floated its SME IPO with a price band of INR 95 – 100 per share, successfully raising INR 30 crore through the sale of 30,00,000 equity shares at the upper end of the price band.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mufaddal Deesawala (Ameenji), Chairman & Managing

Director said, "Our listing on the BSE SME platform marks a significant milestone in Ameenji Rubber's growth journey. The overwhelming investor response to our IPO reinforces confidence in our vision and business fundamentals. We remain committed to driving innovation, quality and sustainability in our products while delivering

consistent value to our shareholders."

Ameenji Rubber Ltd is a Hyderabad based manufacturer of industrial rubber products for railways, infrastructure and construction sectors.

Over the years, it has established itself as a trusted supplier to major government and private infrastructure projects across India, especially to the Indian Railways.

UP Minister stable after Brain Hemorrhage, quashes rumors

Lucknow, Oct 7 (UNI) : Uttar Pradesh Minister Dinesh Pratap Singh has suffered a brain hemorrhage and is currently undergoing treatment at Medanta Hospital in Lucknow.

There are rumours that he suffered attack due to stress caused by political pressure.

Appealing to ignore the rumors circulating on social media, he said, "In just four days, I will be back in the same political arena and will be at your service."

Amidst questions about his health, Minister Dinesh Pratap Singh shared a post on social media, writing, "I humbly request my dear well-wishers, brothers and sisters, that I am not just healthy, but completely healthy. Please do not worry at all and do not pay attention to any rumors."

He stated, "It's true that I needed some treatment, especially in a peaceful environment. Therefore, the respected Deputy Chief Minister, Brajesh Pathak, is supervising my treatment. In just a couple of days, I will be back in the political arena and will be present at your service."

Singh wrote, "I will contribute my body, mind, and money to forming the party's government in Bihar. You are all witnesses to the hardships I have endured with courage, patience, and humility to reach this point. Your blessings have made this possible. These minor obstacles are not my diet, but breakfast for me."

It's noteworthy that Dinesh Pratap Singh was admitted to Medanta Hospital in Lucknow on October 4th for treatment. Doctors conducted an

MRI scan, which confirmed a brain hemorrhage. He has suffered injuries to one arm and one leg due to the stroke. Family members say his health deteriorated due to mental stress.

It is reported that Minister Dinesh Pratap Singh has been under political pressure for the past two months. First, former Congress MLC Deepak Singh leveled serious allegations against him. Subsequently, BJP MLA Aditi Singh also attacked him. Minister Dinesh Singh was in the news during Rahul Gandhi's visit to Rae Bareilly. He, along with his supporters, staged a sit-in protest in Rahul Gandhi's path, shouting "Rahul go back!" He also had an altercation with police officers. An angry Dinesh Pratap Singh wrote a letter to BJP state president

Bhupendra Chaudhary, questioning the Uttar Pradesh Police's working style.

Dinesh Pratap Singh began his political career with the Congress party. He became a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) for the first time in 2010 and a second time in 2016. He joined the BJP in 2018. In 2019, the BJP fielded him against Sonia Gandhi, a candidate he lost to by 1.67 lakh votes.

Dinesh Pratap Singh again became an MLC from the BJP in 2022. He was appointed Minister of State for Horticulture and Food Processing in the Yogi government. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Dinesh contested against Rahul Gandhi from Rae Bareilly. However, he lost the election by a margin of 390,000 votes.

“Swachh Railgaadi, Happy Passengers” - From Pitlines to Coaches: Central Railway’s Solapur Division in Action During Swachhata Pakhwada 2025

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Oct 7 The Solapur Division of Central Railway continued its dedicated efforts under the theme “Swachh Railgaadi” (Clean Train) on 5th and 6th October 2025, focusing on ensuring cleanliness and hygiene standards onboard trains and at maintenance depots, as part of the ongoing Swachhata Pakhwada 2025.

5th Day – 05.10.2025: Clean Train Inspections and OBHS Counselling

On the fifth day, intensive inspections of trains were carried out by Senior Section Engineers (SSEs) and Chief Health Inspectors (CHIs) at various locations across the division. Trains included:

- Pandharpur–Mysuru Exp at Pandharpur
- Latur–Yesvantpur Exp at Latur
- Harangul–Pune Exp at Harangul

- Latur–LTT Mumbai Exp at Latur

Material availability for cleaning and maintenance was also verified to ensure smooth functioning of On-Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS). OBHS staff were counselled to enhance service standards and minimise passenger complaints. Additionally, primarily maintained rakes were examined for proper display of cleanliness and anti-littering posters inside coaches. Posters were affixed to further spread awareness among passengers.

6th Day – 06.10.2025: Intensive Cleaning at Pit Lines

On the sixth day, trains were intensively cleaned at the pit lines at Solapur using modern tools and mechanised equipment. The cleaning was inspected by SSEs. Trains included:

- Siddheshwar Express
- Hassan Express
- Hutatma Express
- Vande Bharat Express

Passenger feedback forms were collected by OBHS staff to gauge satisfaction levels and identify improvement areas. Rakes were again thoroughly checked to ensure the continued availability of cleanliness awareness posters in all coaches.

The Solapur Division continues to uphold the spirit of Swachhata Pakhwada by maintaining high standards of cleanliness both onboard trains and in maintenance areas. The Division remains committed to providing passengers with a clean, safe, and pleasant travel experience while fostering awareness on the importance of cleanliness and responsible travel habits.

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Oct 7 :General Manager, Central Railway Shri Vijay Kumar felicitated 4 Central Railway staff from Solapur Division with Safety Award in a function held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai on 07.10.2025.

The Safety awards were presented in recognition of the respective employee’s alertness during duty, their contribution in averting untoward incidents and ensuring safety in train operations during the previous months. Each award consists of a medal, commendation certificate, a citation of exemplary safety work and cash prize of Rs 2000/-

Details of the Awardees

1. Shri Pratap Heeru, Pointsman, Wadi, Solapur Division, during the shunting work on 11.09.2025, he noticed that there is a rail defect on the nearby RD4 line. He immediately informed all concerned. A potential accident was averted by his vigilance.
2. Shri Shivraj Hanumant Chinchore, Train Manager, Solapur, Solapur Division, on



01.09.2025 during the work in the goods train during the signal exchange with the goods train passing from the adjacent line, he

noticed that smoke was coming out from the axle box of the 6th wagon from brake van. He notified all concerned. Upon

inspection, a hot axle was found. A potential accident was averted with his alertness.

3. Shri Sanjeet Kumar,

Track Maintainer, Parewadi, Solapur Division &

4. Shri Bhawar Singh Yadav, Track Maintainer, Parewadi, Solapur Division“During the night patrol on 28.07.2025, both of them noticed that the tongue rail of SEJ near Bhopalpet bridge was broken. They informed all concerned while defending the railway line. Meanwhile, train no 22160 had departed from Parewadi station. A potential accident was averted by their alertness and prompt action.

The General Manager in his address congratulated the awardees and complimented them for their alertness and dedication towards their duties. He said that such acts of alertness and bravery will motivate others to sincerely work towards the safety of passengers and avert loss of life, freight and railway property. Additional General Manager Shri Prateek Goswami, Principal Chief Safety Officer Shri Chandra Kishore Prasad, other Principal Heads of Departments and Senior Officers of Central Railway were present on the occasion.

CEO Rohan Ghuge transferred to the post of District Collector, Jalgaon

(By Rajesh undi)

Thane, Oct 7 : Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad Thane, Rohan Ghuge (Bhaphrase), has been transferred to the post of District Collector, Jalgaon. He has given a new direction to development by implementing many innovative and people-oriented initiatives during his tenure in Thane Zilla Parishad.

In the last few months, under his leadership, Zilla Parishad Thane has achieved remarkable success in the fields of digital administration, education, health, rural development, people-oriented, dynamic and transparent governance.

During this tenure, Zilla Parishad, Thane has come first in the state under the ‘Office Evaluation- 100-day Action Plan’ jointly implemented by the Maharashtra Government and the Quality Council of India (QCI).

Notable initiatives during the administrative tenure:

1. Door Step Delivery Government at the doorstep of citizens“An innovative initiative “Door Step Delivery” was implemented to ensure that citizens get government documents at home. Through this, the service was implemented in 431 Gram Panchayats and citizens received documents directly at home.

2. Disha Initiative Revolution in Education 31 lakh AI-based tests were conducted under the “Disha Initiative” to increase the quality of rural students.

The study level of students in language and mathematics has more than doubled, and the Maharashtra Government has included this initiative



in the “Nipun Maharashtra” scheme.

3. E-Office and Digital Governance

The “e-Office” system was implemented by digitizing all files and correspondence.“Paperless work, settlement of grievances within seven days and transparent administration became the hallmark of Thane Zilla Parishad.

4. Scheme Application Porta

A unified portal was created for information on all Zilla Parishad schemes and submission of digital applications, which made it easier for citizens to avail the benefits of the schemes.

5. Block Facilitation Committee

A “Block Facilitation Committee” was formed at the taluka level to immediately resolve the complaints of the villagers, through which the officers directly visited the village level and resolved the problems.

6. E-Work Allocation and E-HRMS

Transparent allocation of development works and digital service books of more than 500 officers and employees were made available through these systems.

7. Use of AI – Moving towards smart



reports, presentations and document analysis.

8. Zilla Parishad Beautification

Efforts were made to ensure that the citizens get easy services by cleaning, painting, setting up a visitor's room, a Hirkani room and an information kiosk in the Zilla Parishad building.

Dapurmal development



administration

Government work was made faster and more effective by using ChatGPT, NotebookLM, Canva, Gamma and Myka App for government notes,

works started directly; Construction of roads, huts, water supply and schools accelerated

Various development works were accelerated in the remote area of Dapur

Mal, which is under Gram Panchayat Ajnup in Shahapur taluka.

Major works started in Dapurmal:

- Roads: Work on a road of about 5 km up to Dapur Mal has started with the cooperation of the Forest Department.
- Huts: Construction of a total of 33 approved huts has started, special assistance from the CSR fund.
- Water supply: Water supply scheme implemented in two phases through lifting from Ajnup village.
- Schools and Anganwadis: Construction has started directly after completing the transportation of materials.

Recognition of work Rohan Ghuge's Mission Deepstambh" initiative has received the 'Scotch Award' for the improvement in the quality of students.

AAP holds protest over alleged shoe-throwing incident targeting CJI

New Delhi Oct 7 (UNI) : The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) staged a protest today outside the residence of a lawyer who threw a shoe at Chief Justice of India(CJI) B.R. Gavai. The protest, led by AAP Delhi president Saurabh Bharadwaj, was met by police personnel who prevented the demonstrators from approaching the lawyer's home. During the protest, AAP leaders carried a garland of shoes, symbolizing their condemnation of the alleged act. Party leaders linked the incident to the Chief Justice's Dalit background, framing it as an attack on the community and the Constitution. Saurabh Bharadwaj accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of enabling the incident through a permissive environment. "The BJP wants to silence the voice of the people," he stated.

He further claimed that if the BJP ever succeeded in changing the Constitution, it would lead to the oppression of Dalits.

He also criticized what he described as a coordinated social media campaign glorifying the accused lawyer.

"None of this could be written or said without state protection. It is supported by the BJP government sitting at the Centre; only then do small trolls get such courage," Bharadwaj alleged.

AAP MLA Kuldeep Kumar stated that the incident was an attack on every Dalit, backward class, and minority in the country. "Babasaheb Ambedkar gave us the power of the vote, and with that power we will take revenge on this hate-spreading BJP government," he said.

Mahavitaran's 'Go-Green' scheme is getting a lot of popularity

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Oct 7 : The 'Go-Green' scheme launched by Mahavitaran to stop the use of printed papers for electricity bills is getting a huge response from electricity consumers. In the last three months, as many as 2 lakh 3 thousand 340 electricity consumers have participated in this scheme.By completely stopping the use of printed papers for electricity bills and opting for only 'email' and 'SMS' options, 7 lakh 6 thousand 924 environmentally friendly consumers in the small pressure category have participated in this scheme till Monday (6th) and are getting an annual benefit of Rs 8 crore 48 lakh 30 thousand 880.The increasing response and participation of electricity consumers in the 'Go-Green' scheme is welcome. Electricity bills are being sent to them in digital form. To contribute to the environment, electricity consumers should participate in this scheme,' said Mr.Lokesh Chandra, Chairman and Managing Director of Mahavitaran.

Over 2 lakh consumers participate in the last three months – The response in the state to the Go-Green scheme, which is voluntary for electricity consumers, is increasing. Notably, 2 lakh 3 thousand 340 consumers have joined this scheme in the three months of July, August and September. This includes the highest number of 87 thousand 40 consumers in the Pune regional division and 78 thousand 829 consumers in the Konkan regional division.So far, 7 lakh 6 thousand 924 environmentally friendly electricity consumers have participated in this scheme. These consumers are getting an annual benefit of Rs. 8 crore 48 lakh 30 thousand 880. In this (financial benefit in Rs. in brackets), Pune regional division has the highest benefit of 2 lakh 88 thousand 238 (3.46 crore), Konkan- 2 lakh 62 thousand 237 (3.15 crore), Nagpur regional division- 84 thousand 531 (1.01 crore) and Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar regional division. 71 thousand 918 electricity consumers participating in the scheme are getting an annual benefit of 86 lakh 30 thousand rupees.

Become a participant in the scheme – There is a separate facility to register for the Go-Green scheme on Mahavitaran's website www.mahadiscom.in or on the mobile app. Only the customer number has to be submitted and the copy of the printed bill will be cancelled and the bill will be sent to the concerned on the registered mobile number and email every month. The facility to change the registered mobile or email is also available at the same place. Annual benefit of Rs. 120 - If Mahavitaran chooses the Go-Green option, a discount of Rs. 10 is being given per bill. In this, the consumers are getting an annual benefit of Rs. 120 in their electricity bill. Notably, after opting for the Go-Green scheme, a lump sum discount of Rs. 120 is being given in the first electricity bill of the concerned customers for the next 12 months.

Benefits of Go-Green scheme – Electricity bills are being sent to the customers who have participated in Go-Green on their registered 'email' and mobile 'SMS' every month. If the amount is paid promptly within seven days from the date of the electricity bill, a one percent discount is given. For this too, online bill payment has become convenient. The monthly electricity bill received through email can be saved in a computer or mobile. Electricity consumers have the facility to download it at any time or print it in original color as per the requirement.



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India beat Sri Lanka for second win

Guwahati, Oct 7 (IANS) Hosts India continued their march to the knock-out stages of the mixed team championships with yet another clinical performance in their Group H clash against Sri Lanka while Philippines upset Hong Kong in a thrilling Group F clash on the second day of the BWF World Junior Badminton Championships for the Suhandinata Cup at the National Centre of Excellence here on Tuesday.

India are favourites to advance to the knock-out stage as group toppers and the second seeds lived up to those expectations to register a 45-27, 45-21 win over Sri Lanka, who had got the better of United Arab Emirates in a thriller on Monday. Among the other top nations, 14-time champions China and former champions South Korea registered their second wins in their respective group while Philippines upset Hong Kong 42-45, 45-28, 45-43. China playing in Group D defeated England 45-22, 45-19 while South Korea hammered debutant Bhutan 45-5, 45-17 in Group G. Playing on the adjacent

47th All India Railway Women’s Kabaddi Championship begins in Secunderabad

Hyderabad, Oct 7 (UNI) : The 47th All India Railway Kabaddi Championship for Women, organised by the South Central Railway Sports Association (SCRSA) under the aegis of the Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), began today at the Railway Sports Complex Grounds in Secunderabad. The championship was inaugurated by Satya Prakash, Additional General Manager, South Central Railway (SCR), in the presence of Ms. Aroma Singh Thakur, President, SCRSA and Principal Chief Security Commissioner, SCR; Shri P. Koteswara Rao, General Secretary, SCRSA and Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer (Stores & Workshop); along with other senior Railway officials and sports enthusiasts. A total of nine teams -- South Eastern Railway, Eastern Railway, Western Railway, Central Railway, Integral Coach Factory, North Eastern Railway, East Coast Railway, and the host South Central Railway -- are participating in the four-day tournament, which will run from October 7 to 10. The event will feature several national and international players, ensuring a high level of competition and sporting excellence. In the opening knockout match, South Central Railway (SCR) defeated North Eastern Railway (NER) with a score of 48-25, setting the tone for the championship. Speaking on the occasion, Satya Prakash extended his best wishes to all participating teams and urged the players to exhibit true sportsmanship, sincerity, and determination to achieve excellence in the competition.



court to the Koreans, the Indian team hardly broke any sweat despite the team management fielding a fresh bunch of players who had not got a chance to play in the match against Nepal on Monday in the opening set. Lalthazuala Hmar gave the team a confident start, beating Keneth Arunggoda 9-2 in the boys' singles match and Bhavya Chhabra and Mithileish P Krishnan extending the lead to 18-6 against Sanuda Ariyasinghe and Thisath Rupathunga. It was only girls' singles

player Rakshitha Sree, who was playing the team relay-scoring format for the first time, struggled to get going against Ranithma Liyanage and was trailing 3-8 before winning six of the next seven points to take the score to 36-21. Junior Grand Prix finalist in Pune C Lalramsanga and Taarini Suri then wrapped up the set 45- 27, beating Arunggoda and Liyanage 9-6. Rounak Chouhan started the proceedings for India in the second set and though the hosts played a completely fresh line up in

the set, the outcome was in similar lines as they wrapped up the tie with a 45-21 win in the second set. Philippines then glued the fans to their seats as Jamal Pandi played the starring role in both singles, doubles and mixed doubles to help the team register their biggest victory in the history of the competition. Jamal not only won all his boys' singles matches handsomely but also teamed up with Ralph Nino Dalojo in the men's doubles match of the final set to pull off an incredible win.

Canada Super 60 set to make history at BC Place- Where Cricket Meets Celebration

Vancouver (Canada), Oct 7 (UNI) : The stage is set for Canada Super 60, a first-of-its-kind ten-over-a-side cricket league that launches tomorrow, October 8, 2025, at BC Place, Vancouver- one of North America's most iconic stadiums. For the first time ever, both men's and women's competitions will begin together in a global cricket league, showcasing Canada's growing stature in world cricket and reinforcing its commitment to inclusion, diversity, and sporting excellence. The week-long event will feature some of the biggest stars in world cricket - including Suresh Raina, Shikhar Dhawan, Shoaib Malik, Shakib Al Hasan, and Jason Roy- alongside top Canadian talent. The league will also feature women cricketers from across Canada and abroad, including Afghan refugee cricketers, symbolizing resilience, hope, and opportunity. Beyond the boundary,

fans can look forward to live concerts, cultural performances, and food festivals — creating an unforgettable experience that blends sport, music, and community under one roof. Yuvraj Singh who is Global Ambassador of Canada Super 60 said “It’s an incredible feeling to see the Canada Super 60 finally take shape. Cricket at BC Place - a venue that’s iconic in its own right - is something truly special. What excites me most is the quality of players who are coming here and the fact that this tournament celebrates both men’s and women’s cricket from day one. I want everyone- families, kids, and fans - to come together under this roof and enjoy cricket, concerts, and celebrations like never before. It’s more than a tournament; it’s a festival of sport and unity.” President of Cricket Canada Amjad Bajwa expressed delight at the launch of the league “The Canada Super 60 marks one of the most

pivotal moments in the history of cricket in Canada. Hosting a global league at BC Place, with both men’s and women’s competitions, puts Canadian cricket on the world stage. This platform will transform the way cricket is played, viewed, and celebrated in the country - while giving women’s cricket the right impetus to grow and thrive. We are proud to support this vision and look forward to seeing Canada’s cricket community come alive.” Former Indian batsman Suresh Raina from Toronto Sixers said “I’m really looking forward to being part of the Canada Super 60. It’s a privilege to play in this beautiful city of Vancouver, at such an iconic venue, and help grow the game in Associate Nations. For players like us, it’s a joy to share experiences and help the next generation of cricketers from countries like Canada. I can’t wait to get out there, play hard, and be part of something historic.”

'Exposure to artistic swimming can attract youngsters in India

Ahmedabad, Oct 7 (UNI) : For the past eight years, Thailand has placed its trust in Italian siblings Claudia Tapparelli, Head Coach, and Massimo Tapparelli, Assistant Coach, to lead the country's artistic swimming program. At the ongoing 11th Asian Aquatics Championships 2025 at the newly built Veer Savarkar Sports Complex in Ahmedabad, the duo has been among the loudest supporters, cheering passionately for their team. Interestingly, their enthusiasm has been matched by the Indian spectators, many of whom are witnessing artistic swimming live for the first time. Drawn in by the high-energy music, colourful routines, and athletic grace of the competitors, local audiences have added to the electric setting. "We'd like to thank India for hosting the Asian Aquatics Championships because it's not easy to find competitions in Asia where athletes can really measure themselves against other nations. It's also easier and

more affordable for countries in the region to participate in Asian meets, which helps athletes gain valuable experience. We've received tremendous support from spectators, and it's been wonderful to see kids dancing along in the stands. Even though India is just hosting artistic swimming this time, this exposure can definitely attract youngsters to the sport," said Claudia. Artistic swimming, one of the most visually captivating aquatic disciplines, demands immense strength, control, and coordination. Similar to diving, athletes must declare their movements beforehand and are then scored on their execution, synchronization, artistic impression, and difficulty. Reflecting on the journey of Thai artistic swimming, Claudia said, "In Italy, artistic swimming is quite big, almost every city has two or three clubs, adding up to about 300 across the country. But in Thailand, we only have two clubs in total.

Focus shifts to Delhi Test as India hunt 2-0 sweep

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) India's Men in Blue are smelling a sweep. After steamrolling West Indies by an innings and 140 runs in Ahmedabad, they head to the Arun Jaitley Stadium starting October 10 with a chance to seal a 2-0 series win. Head coach Gautam Gambhir, ever the motivator, will be hosting an informal dinner for the squad today evening, proof that good food and team banter can be as potent as a fast bowler's spell. The Delhi pitch promises drama: patches of grass, bald areas, and a black-soil base favouring batsmen early, with spinners ready to pounce as the surface dries. Short boundaries, a quick outfield, and a rich batting history make this venue a playground for strokemakers. Sachin Tendulkar leads the run charts with 759, followed by Dilip Vengsarkar (671), Sunil Gavaskar (668), Rahul Dravid (635), and Sourav Ganguly (582), names that still make bowlers sweat. West Indies, bruised from Ahmedabad, were torn apart by Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammad Siraj, folding in 44.1 and 45.1 overs. KL Rahul, Dhruv Jurel, and Ravindra Jadeja lit up the scoreboard, the latter also taking eight wickets. The 'Great Gavaskar' didn't hold back, calling most visitors "trundlers" while reminiscing about Caribbean legends: the Three Ws - Sir Everton Weekes, Sir Frank Worrell, and Clyde Walcott, alongside Clive Lloyd, Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Viv Richards, and Brian Lara. Bumrah, carefully managed after a serious back injury, will spearhead the attack with Siraj, workload protection firmly in place as India eyes the Asia Cup, T20 World Cup, and 2027 ODI World Cup. Delhi promises high-stakes cricket, with India hunting glory and West Indies scrabbling to avoid a whitewash. With Gambhir's morale-boosting dinner, the Men in Blue look ready to write the next chapter of their capital conquest.

Chennai ace Kavin Quintal finishes fourth in Spanish Superbike debut

Chennai, Oct 7 (UNI) : Kavin Samaar Quintal, the 19-year-old ace from Chennai and member of the BMW EasyRace team, made history as the first Indian to finish inside the top four at Spain's prestigious Copa de España de Velocidad Superbike round held at Jerez de la Frontera in Spain. According to reports received here today, Spain's Daniel Saez, took the top spot aboard Yamaha. In the second race, he finished seventh. The Gaman Racing promoted Kavin rode a BMW M1000RR against a highly-competitive grid and qualified fourth among 24 riders. The 11 May 2005 born Kavin, clocked 14:20.782 in one of Spain's premier National championships held from October 3 to 5. Bengaluru, Oct 7 (UNI) : Kolkata's Viraj Madappa and Nepal golfer Subash Tamang posted scores of six-under 65 to hold the joint lead after round one in the Bengaluru Open being played at the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) here. The five players bunched in tied third place at five-under 66 included Sri Lankan N Thangaraja, Bangladesh's Md Muaj, Lucknow's Sanjeev Kumar, Chandigarh's Akshay Sharma and Greater Noida's Saptak Talwar. The highest-placed among the Bengaluru-based players were Mari Muthu R, Chikkarangappa

India face do-or-die double header against Singapore

Singapore, Oct 7 (UNI) : India's quest for an unprecedented third consecutive qualification for the AFC Asian Cup had begun in March 2025, but the FIFA International Window seven months later in October may yet prove to be the most important for them. Facing Singapore in back-to-back matches on October 9 (away in Singapore) and October 14 (at home in Goa), India find themselves in a do-or-die situation, after having garnered a single point from their first two matches against Bangladesh (0-0) and Hong Kong, China (0-1). Singapore, on the other hand, are currently at the top of Group C with four points from their two games. India defender Rahul Bheke outlined the importance of the double-header against Singapore. "These two are perhaps the most crucial games for us all. They are playing at home, and it will not be easy. We need to make sure that we do everything we can to get the points. "We've seen videos of Singapore's game, and we are preparing to that effect," he continued. Things stand pretty evenly between the two

sides, when it comes to the head-to-head record. Singapore have the upper hand over India when playing the Blue Tigers in the South-East Asian city-state, having eight wins to India's six, with one match being drawn. They also marginally lead India in terms of the number of goals scored 26-24. The last time these two sides squared off in Singapore, the Lions came out on top, winning 2-0 in an international friendly in 2012. India have the upper hand, however, in the overall head-to-head record, winning 12 matches to Singapore's 11, while four games ended in draws. The last meeting between the two sides was a 1-1 draw, India's Ashique Kuruniyan cancelling out Ikhsan Fandi's strike in 2022. India goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, who was in goal during that match in Vietnam, recalls how close the game was. "It was a very tight match, the last time we played them, but for sure, they have improved since then. They've got some very good players who can affect the game any moment," said Sandhu. "But we want to make sure that we step up on this

occasion and get the win." Gavin Lee, who was appointed as the interim head coach in June, is yet to win a match with Singapore, having drawn against Myanmar (1-1), and lost against Malaysia (1-2) last month. The Lions, however, will be buoyed by the return of captain and defender Hariss Harun, who was injured for the friendlies against Malaysia and Myanmar in September. Singapore also boast some firepower up front, who are based in overseas leagues. The most notable among them is forward Ikhsan Fandi, who has 21 international goals to his name from 41 caps. The 26-year-old, who plies his trade for Ratchaburi FC in the Thai League 1, however, is yet to find the net for his club in the six matches that he has played. Another overseas prospect, 19-year-old Jonan Tan, plays for Vizela FC in the U23 national league of Portugal, has earned his maiden Lions' call-up. Seven players from the 26 probabilities called up by Lee are from Lion City Sailors, who currently top the league, suggesting that Lee has opted for in-form players to tackle India's threat.

IGPL board meets Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, discusses growth of Golf in India

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) : The union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya met with the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL) co-founder and Ambassador Yuvraj Singh and CEO Uttam Mundy at his office and praised the efforts being done to promote the sport across India. IGPL, the country's first-ever franchise-based golf league, is set to debut in January 2026 and will feature six franchises. The tournament is being organized in partnership with Indian Golf union (IGU), WGAI (Women's Golf Association of India) and PGA of India, and will follow a city-based franchise format, welcoming both professional and amateur men and women golfers in team-based competitions. The discussion revolved around the growth of golf in India and how IGPL aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Khelo Bharat Neeti', a comprehensive framework aimed at strengthening the sports ecosystem across every level. The Sports Minister during the conversation also stressed on the importance of grassroots sports development and how franchise-based tournaments will help in nurturing the growth of future talent. The IGPL stakeholders also showcased their desire to contribute towards government's grassroots initiatives while also contributing to PM Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat'. On his meeting with the Hon'ble

Sports Minister Yuvraj Singh added, "We are incredibly grateful for the recognition and support from the Hon'ble Sports Minister. His encouragement is a tremendous motivation for us to continue our mission of making golf more accessible and popular across India. This is a huge step forward for the sport, and we are committed to working together to nurture the next generation of golfers." Uttam Mundy expressed his gratitude to the Minister for his support and said, "We are thrilled with the Minister's kind words and his strong support for our efforts. It's a huge boost for everyone involved with IGPL and a testament to the growing interest in golf in our country. This association with the government will be key to helping us find and nurture future champions, bringing more glory to India." With veteran stars such as Jeev Milkha Singh, Jyoti Randhawa, Gaganjeet Singh Bhullar, Gaurav Ghei, Shiv Kapur, and SSP Chawrasia already putting their names in as the Icon stars- there is tremendous buzz for the inaugural edition of the new, revamped style of fast-paced professional golf format. The IGPL also plans to provide international-standard training and coaching to over 10 lakh school and college students over the next three years- a major push towards grassroots sports development, with the support of the Indian Golf Union.

Viraj Madappa & Subash Tamang hold joint lead after Round 1 at Bengaluru Open

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S and Manoj S, all of whom shot 69 to be placed tied 19th. Defending champion Abhinav Lohan too was placed tied 19th. Viraj Madappa, who

became the youngest Indian to win an international event at the age of 20 at KGA in 2018, made a steady start with three birdies and a bogey on the back-nine.

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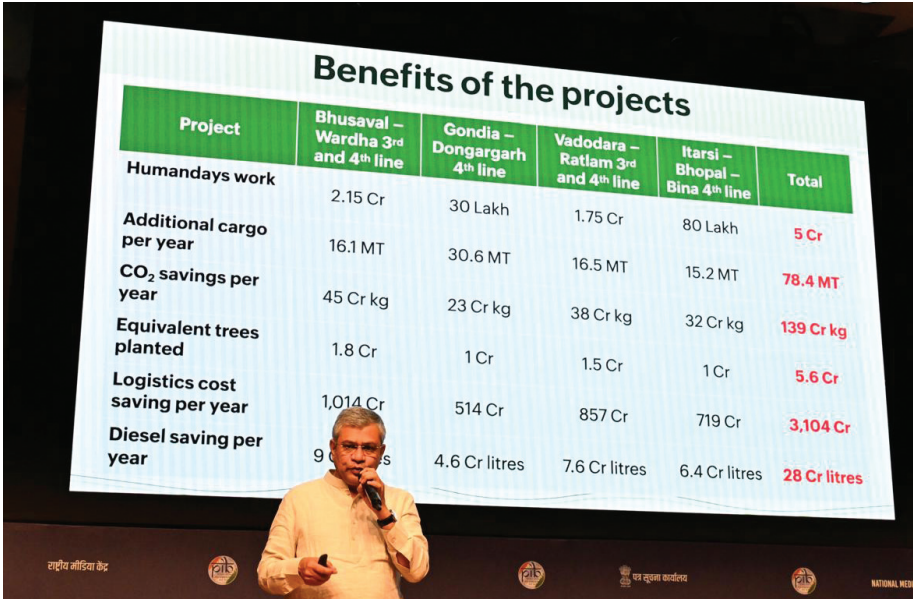
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Cabinet approves Four multi-tracking projects covering 18 Districts in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh increasing the existing network of Indian Railways by about 894 Kms

(Standard Post Bureau)
Hyderabad, Oct 7 The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri.Narendra Modi, today has approved Four projects of Ministry of Railways with total cost of Rs.24,634 crore (approx.).
These projects include:
a. Wardha - Bhusawal - 3rd & 4th line - 314 kms (Maharashtra)
b. Gondia - Dongargarh - 4th line - 84 kms (Maharashtra & Chhattisgarh)
c. Vadodara - Ratlam - 3rd & 4th line - 259 kms (Gujarat & Madhya Pradesh)
d. Itarsi - Bhopal - Bina 4th line – 237 kms. (Madhya Pradesh)

The four projects covering 18 Districts across the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 894 Kms.



The approved multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to approx. 3,633 villages, which are having a population of about 85.84 lakh and two Aspirational Districts (Vidisha and Rajnandgaon).
The increased line capacity will significantly enhance mobility, resulting in improved operational efficiency and service

reliability for Indian Railways. These multi-tracking proposals are poised to streamline operations and alleviate congestion. The projects are in line with the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji’s Vision of a New India which will make people of the region “Atmanirbhar” by way of comprehensive development in the area

which will enhance their employment/ self-employment opportunities.
The projects are planned on PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan with focus on enhancing multi-modal connectivity & logistic efficiency through integrated planning and stakeholder consultations. These projects will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people,

IRCTC launches ‘Bhavya Gujarat’ Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train

(Standard Post Bureau)
Hyderabad, Oct. 7: The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has announced a special “Bhavya Gujarat” Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train, offering pilgrims and travellers from the Telugu states an opportunity to explore Gujarat’s spiritual and cultural heritage.
The train will depart from Renigunta Railway Station on October 26, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. and will cover prominent destinations

such as Dwarkadhish Temple, Nageshwar Temple, Bet Dwarka, Somnath Temple, Sabarmati Ashram, Modhera Sun Temple, Rani Ki Vav at Patan, and the Statue of Unity.The nine-night, ten-day journey will offer boarding and de-boarding facilities at key stations en route — Gudur, Nellore, Ongole, Chirala, Tenali, and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh; Khammam, Kazipet, Secunderabad, and Nizamabad in Telangana; and Hazur Sahib Nanded and Purna in

Maharashtra.
The package includes travel by rail and road, accommodation, and catering arrangements such as morning tea, breakfast, lunch, and dinner both on-board and off-board. All coaches will be equipped with CCTV surveillance, public announcement systems, and dedicated IRCTC staff to ensure comfort and safety throughout the journey. Travel insurance is also included for all passengers.

The tour will be conducted from October 26 to November 4, 2025, covering a duration of nine nights and ten days. The tariff per person is Rs 18,400 for Sleeper Class (Economy), Rs 30,200 for 3AC (Standard), and Rs 39,900 for 2AC (Comfort). For children aged between 5 and 11 years, the fare is Rs 17,300 for Sleeper Class, Rs 28,900 for 3AC, and Rs 38,300 for 2AC. Accommodation will be arranged in budget hotels,

goods, and services.
Project section also provides rail connectivity to prominent destinations such as Sanchi, Satpura Tiger Reserve, Rock shelter of Bhimbetka, Hazara falls, Nawegaon National Park etc. attracting tourists from across the country.
This is an essential route for transportation of commodities such as coal, container, cement, fly ash, food grain, steel, etc. The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 78 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum).
The Railways being environment friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimizing logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (28 Crore Litres) and lower CO₂ emissions (139 Crore Kg) which is equivalent to plantation of Six Crore trees.

Waltair Division launches ‘Amrit Samvaad’ to enhance passengers engagement under special campaign 5.0 : ECoR



(Standard Post Bureau)
Visakhapatnam, Oct 7 In alignment with the vision of Amrit Kaal and the “Panch Pran” (Five Resolves) articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Waltair Division has today (07.10.2025) launched a flagship citizen-centric initiative titled Amrit Samvaad under Special Campaign 5.0.

Amrit Samvaad is designed to foster direct engagement between railway authorities and passengers, with a special focus on sustainable solutions, energy efficiency, integration with city transport systems, and suggestions for additional passenger amenities.
The campaign was inaugurated by Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra at Visakhapatnam Railway Station on 2nd October. The inaugural session of Amrit Samvaad was subsequently held at Duvvada Railway Station, where Divisional Commercial Manager Smt Pooja Singh interacted with commuters and rail users, including ZRUCC member Shri K Eeswara Rao, to gather valuable feedback

on recent improvements. Notably, participants who offered outstanding suggestions were recognized and felicitated during the event.
Amrit Samvaad is being conducted from October 2 to October 31, 2025, across all major stations of Waltair Division, creating a month-long platform for open dialogue on enhancing passenger experiences, upgrading infrastructure, and improving services. Passengers are encouraged to actively share their feedback to help shape the future of rail travel in the region.

Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty winds likely in Telangana in next 5 days: Met

Hyderabad, Oct 7 (UNI) : Thunderstorm accompanied by lightning and gusty winds with speed ranging from 30-40 kmph is likely to occur at isolated places in Telangana in the next five days, the Meteorological Centre said on Tuesday.
In a daily weather report here, it said that light to moderate rain or

thundershowers is likely to occur at a few places or at isolated places over the state during the next seven days.
The southwest monsoon was normal over Telangana.Heavy rainfall occurred at isolated places in Mancherial, Nalgonda, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Warangal districts of the state during the last 24 hours.

AI-based digitization of power system; MoU between Mahavitaran and ‘GEAPP’



An MoU was signed between Mahavitaran and GEAPP in Mumbai for AI-based digitization of the power distribution system. On this occasion, Chairman and Managing Director of Mahavitaran Mr. Lokesh Chandra, Vice Chairman of GEAPP Saurabh Kumar were present.

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Oct 7 : An MoU was signed between Mahavitaran and Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP, India) Company to digitize substations, power lines, transformers, etc. based on artificial intelligence to increase the efficiency of the power distribution system. Chairman and Managing Director of Mahavitaran Mr. Lokesh Chandra and Vice President of ‘GEAPP’ (India) Mr. Saurabh Kumar signed the MoU.As per the instructions of Chief Minister Hon. Shri Devendra Fadnavis, the efficiency of Mahavitaran is being increased by using modern information technology.
As a part of this, it was decided to digitize the power system. A MoU was signed at the union office in Mumbai on Tuesday (7th) for this digitization, which will set a new

standard in technology in the power sector. On this occasion, Director (Operations/Projects) of Mahavitaran Mr. Sachin Talewar, Director (Commerce) Mr. Yogesh Gadkari, Executive Director Mr. Dhnanjay Aundhekar were present.
Chairman and Managing Director of Mahavitaran Mr. Lokesh Chandra said that through digitization, more accuracy will be achieved in the management of the power system. Based on this, along with reducing the financial and power losses of Mahavitaran, prompt and quality power supply will be provided to the consumers. Along with this, this digitization will also be very important for the use of green energy and strengthening the power system network. On this occasion, Vice President of ‘GEAPP’ Mr. Saurabh Kumar said that the digitization of

Mahavitaran’s power system and the various benefits obtained through it will be a guideline for other power companies in the country.
According to this MoU, ‘GEAPP’ will take the support of artificial intelligence and machine learning for the digitization of Mahavitaran’s power distribution system across the state. This digitization will make the management of all power distribution systems more accurate. Power losses will be reduced
. The potential accurate need for power purchase will be known. Real-time analytical information will be available regarding the maintenance and repair of the system for smooth power supply, as well as load management or overloaded systems, etc. On the basis of this, the system can be managed more effectively for quality power service and power supply.

Western Railway Launches ‘Sugamrail’ - Smart Digital Monitoring system for lifts, escalators and earthing pits

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Oct 7 : Western Railway has taken a pioneering leap in digital governance and passenger safety with the launch of SUGAMRAIL, a first-of-its-kind software-based platform on Indian Railways designed for real-time monitoring of lifts, escalators and earthing pits.
According to a press release issued by Shri Vineet Abhishek, Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, the application has been developed under the leadership of Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager/WR, with the objective of integrating technology into core safety and maintenance systems. Earlier, the supervision of lifts, escalators and earthing infrastructure was dependent on manual registers maintained at



Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager of Western Railway, inaugurated the SUGAMRAIL digital monitoring platform in the presence of senior officers.

multiple depots, which led to delays in fault detection, fragmented reporting and limited accountability. With the implementation of SUGAMRAIL, more than 470 lifts / escalators and around 21,500 earthing pits across Western Railway have now been brought under a unified digital dashboard accessible to officers at both divisional

and headquarters level. The system ensures round-the-clock visibility of equipment health, automatically flags repeated failures or overdue inspections and enables timely intervention with high compliance. It provides detailed asset-wise and cause-wise failure analysis, while Key Performance Indicators

(KPIs) such as Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) and Maintenance Compliance Rate are used to assess asset reliability
Beyond its operational advantages, the initiative significantly enhances passenger convenience and safety. The digital tracking of lift and escalator performance ensures faster attention to breakdowns,

benefitting senior citizens, Divyangjan passengers and women travelling with children. Simultaneously, the structured monitoring of earthing resistance helps prevent electrical hazards and ensures strict adherence to safety standards at stations and railway establishments. By replacing physical registers with a digitised, analytics-backed mechanism, Western Railway has set a new benchmark in railway infrastructure management.
With the commissioning of SUGAMRAIL, Western Railway has reaffirmed its commitment to adopting intelligent digital solutions for safer, smarter and accountable railway operations. The platform stands as a model of innovation designed to address evolving demands in public service delivery.

Fintech in India nationwide enabler of economic empowerment: FM

New Delhi, Oct 7 (UNI) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today said financial technology 'FinTech' has not merely digitized payments but has democratized finance empowering millions to save, invest, borrow, and insure with transparency.
“Global FinTech Fest has evolved into a forum shaping the international discourse on financial

technology. It reaffirms India’s ascendancy as a Global FinTech leader,” she said while addressing the 6th edition of Global FinTech Fest 2025.
The Minister said Fintech in India is not a niche urban convenience, it is a nationwide enabler of economic empowerment. India’s Fintech journey has transformed everyday payments into an invisible

and inseparable habit, powered by UPI and digital public infrastructure.
"In a span of a single decade, we have connected a population equivalent to that of the entire European union (EU) to the formal banking system, opening over 56 crore Jan Dhan bank accounts," the Finance Minister said.
“India now ranks 3rd in the world for the number of

Fintech companies and also leads in digital payment volumes, having processed over 18,580 crore UPI transactions worth Rs 261 lakh crore in 2024-25. Nearly half of the world’s real-time digital transactions happen in India, with adoption rates of 87pc compared to a global average rate of 67pc.” Sitharaman said.
The Minister,

highlighting the pace of growth in India’s Global Capability Center (GCC), said “India’s Global Capability Center (GCC) landscape has evolved from cost-arbitrage hubs into high-value engineering, R&D and innovation centers—particularly in the banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) domain.”