

IN BRIEF

Passengers escape unharmed as private bus catches ire on Hyderabad-Vijayawada Highway

Hyderabad, Nov 11 (UNI) : A major accident was averted in the early hours of Tuesday after a private travel bus caught fire on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway (NH-65) near Pittampalli in Chityal mandal of Nalgonda district.All passengers on board managed to escape safely.The bus, belonging to Vihari Travels, was carrying about 29 passengers from Hyderabad to Kandukur when the incident occurred.

According to police, flames were noticed shortly after the vehicle reached Pittampalli. The driver acted swiftly, pulling the bus over to the roadside and alerting the passengers, enabling everyone to disembark before the fire intensified.

Firefighters rushed to the spot upon receiving information and managed to douse the flames, but the vehicle had already been fully destroyed.

A case has been registered and an investigation is underway, police added.

CM to participate in housewarming ceremony for three lakh houses built by govt

Vijayawada, Nov 11 (UNI) :Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will launch a massive housewarming ceremony for three lakh houses across the State from Devagudipalle village of Rayachoti manal in Annamayya district on Wednesday virtually.

The NDA-led Government, as part of the election manifesto promise, completed construction of three lakh houses in 17 months, and will now be handing over the keys to three lakh beneficiaries.

Under PM Awas Yojana 2,28,034 houses, PMAY Gramin 65,292 houses, PMAY Janman scheme 6,866 houses, totaling 3,00,192 houses were completed. The free sand policy of the NDA government also helped for speedy construction of houses. The NDA-led Government committed to provide houses to the poor and as part of it constructed three lakh houses in 17 months time.

CM, Naidu exhorts youth to come up with innovative ideas to become entrepreneurs

Ongele, Nov 11 (UNI) :Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has said Andhra Pradesh is attracting investments in a bigway after the NDA government came to power.

Chief Minister appealed to the youth to come up with innovative ideas and assured of extending required assistance to set up industrial units, announcing the development of plug and play systems in industrial parks of 175 constituencies. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated MSME Park at Pedagarlpadu village of Kanigiri constituency in Prakasam district on Tuesday.

He also laid foundations and inaugurated 49 MSME parks virtually. The parks were developed at a cost of Rs 873 crore. The Chief Minister also virtually inaugurated and laid foundations for 1597 MSME units. He also inaugurated 38 MSME units set up at a cost of Rs 25,256 crore. Later the Chief Minister interacted with entrepreneurs of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Anakapalli, Kurnool, Anantapur and Chittoordistricts.Addressing the programme, the Chief Minister revealed that during the CII partnership summit in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15, the State government would sign MoUs for Rs 10 lakh crore to provide employment opportunities to eight lakh people.“The State Government committed to the one family-oneentrepreneur norm. The NDA led Government is successful in reestablishing the brand image of Andhra Pradesh resulting in attracting huge investments,” he asserted.

Mr.Naidu noted that utilizing the services of Rata TataInnovation Hub entrepreneurs would be promoted and asked the youth to come forward to become entrepreneurs as vast opportunities are available inhorticulture, Aqua culture and service sectors. A target was set to achieve 15per cent growth rate, the Chief Minister highlighted.“Water will be released through the Veligonda project by nextyear. With the release of water drought-prone K a n i g i r i , Yerragondapalem,Giddalur, Markapuram will be benefited. A stable Government is essential for c o n t i n u o u s development,” he emphasized. MP Magunta Srinivasa Reddy, MLA Ugranarasimha Reddy, APIIC chairman Rama Raju and officials were present.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan Inaugurates Revived Waterbody In Andhra Pradesh



Amaravati, Nov 11 (IANS) : Union Minister for Rural Development, and Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, inaugurated a revived water tank in Andhra Pradesh’s Guntur district as part of ‘Watershed Mahotsav’ on Tuesday.

He, along with Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani and district incharge minister Kandula Durgesh, inaugurated the 21-acre tank, which has been revived at a cost of Rs 1.20 crore in Vengalayapalem in Guntur Rural Mandal.

Speaking to media persons, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the 150-year-old waterbody, which was lying unused, has been revived.

He congratulated the local administration for developing a plantation on a five-acre area with 250 coconut trees to use the income for maintenance of the waterbody. He called this an ideal sustainable model.

He also noted that a walking track, an open-air theatre and an open gym have also been developed, which will help undertake cultural activities. “This shows how a waterbody can be used for multipurpose activities,” he said.

“Water is life. There is no life without water, and there is no agriculture without soil. Conservation of both water and soil is essential,” he said and termed the watershed mission and ‘Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana’ a boon for water and soil conservation.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan noted that under the watershed mission, several waterbodies were built, which helped recharge underground water and benefited farmers.

“Under the Watershed Mission, while the construction of new water sources is essential, we must not forget that our old water structures are our invaluable heritage. Adopting this model across the country, we will restore all such old water sources and make them usable again so that we can save water and ensure water security for future generations,” he said.

A programme was also planned as part of the National Watershed Conference organised by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under the Ministry of Rural Development, in collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

However, the programme was cancelled due to Monday’s blast in New Delhi.

Syrma SGS investing Rs 1,595 Cr. in AP: IT Minister Lokesh

(Standard Post Bureau)

Vijayawada, Nov 11 : IT & Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh on Tuesday unveiled the state’s latest milestone, Syrma SGS’s Rs 1,595-crore investment to establish India’s largest multi-layer printed circuit board (PCB) manufacturing facility near Naidupeta, Tirupati district.

Announcing the development on his ‘X’handle, Minister Lokesh said the new facility will create 2,170 high-skill jobs and position Andhra Pradesh as the country’s foremost hub for advanced electronic component manufacturing. “This is not just an investment; it’s a vote of confidence in our people,” he said.

Minister Lokesh underscored that Andhra Pradesh’s defining advantage is its “Speed of Doing Business.” “We are translating intent into action. From land and water to power and skilled talent, we offer ready, tailor-made solutions so industries can move fast. With strategic proximity to ports and a robust infrastructure backbone, Andhra Pradesh continues to emerge as the first choice for next-generation manufacturing,” he wrote.

According to Minister Lokesh, Syrma SGS’s decision reflects how Andhra Pradesh’s proactive facilitation, policy clarity, and logistical strength are reshaping India’s electronics manufacturing landscape.

“This project will play a key role in reducing India’s \$70-billion annual electronics import bill and drive backward integration for the domestic PCB ecosystem,” he added.

New Delhi, Nov 11 (UNI) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday vowed that the “conspirators” behind the car explosion in Delhi “won’t be spared and will be brought to justice,” while police officials confirmed that the death toll in the Monday’s tragedy has gone up to 13.

The elite National Investigating Agency (NIA) took over the investigations as multiple investigating agencies probing the case, cracked down on suspects responsible for the blast.

“Our agencies will get to the bottom of this conspiracy. The conspirators behind this will not be spared. All those responsible will be brought to justice...I was in touch with all the agencies investigating this incident throughout last night,” the Prime Minister said while speaking in Thimphu where he arrived on a two-day State visit to Bhutan.

Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a series of high level security review meetings with senior officials of security agencies and his Ministry and instructed them to “hunt down” each and every culprit behind the incident.

“Chaired review meetings on the Delhi car blast with the senior officials. Instructed them to hunt down each and every culprit behind this incident. Everyone involved in this act will face the full wrath of our agencies,” the Home Minister said on X.

The first meeting was attended by the union Home Secretary, Director Intelligence Bureau, Director General of the National Investigation Agency, and Commissioner of Police of Delhi. The Director General of Jammu and Kashmir joined the meeting via video conference. The

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Nitish calls on Lalan Singh amid second phase of polling

As the polling for the second phase of Bihar assembly elections in 122 assembly constituencies are in progress, the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar called on JDU leader and union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh this morning. Kumar suddenly arrived at the residence of Singh, and spent about 15 minutes there. Party insiders said that their meeting, in view of the on going elections is quite significant.Both have been learnt to discuss various political issues including electoral scenario and polling percentage.

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Extend Aatmanirbharta to algorithms, data, and



Singh on Tuesday called for extending India’s self-reliance in defence manufacturing to digital sovereignty, asserting that true strategic autonomy will only be achieved when the nation gains control over the algorithms, data, and chips that drive modern technology.

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Prasad blames Patel’s long control for KSCA decline, to ...



Former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the long-standing control of Brijesh Patel over the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), while announcing his decision to challenge the “28-year-old backseat regime” by contesting for the presidential post in the upcoming elections on November 30.

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Soren unveils ‘Ulgulan 2050’ vision, sets 25-year roadmap ...



Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Tuesday released a long-term development blueprint titled Ulgulan 2050, outlining a 25-year vision for a prosperous, self-reliant and equitable Jharkhand rooted in identity, justice and dignity.

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Public Outreach Offices Inaugurated Across Ambarnath; MP Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde Reaffirms Mahayuti Unity and Leadership



(Standard Post Bureau)

Ambarnath, Nov 11: A series of public outreach offices were inaugurated at multiple locations in Ambarnath in the presence of Kalyan Lok Sabha MP Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from local citizens, party workers, and Shiv Sena leadership. Dr. Shinde interacted with residents and expressed confidence that these offices would play a key role in addressing local grievances and accelerating developmental work in the region. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shinde highlighted the long-

standing connection between Ambarnath and Shiv Sena. He stated that the trust and affection consistently shown by the people of Ambarnath remain the true strength of the party. The newly established outreach centres, he said, will serve as effective platforms for engaging with citizens and ensuring timely resolution of civic issues. During the event, Dr. Shrikant Shinde also made a firm statement regarding unity within the Mahayuti alliance. He said, "I am a committed worker of the Mahayuti. Whether someone says it one lakh times or two lakh times, my

stand remains the same as I have clearly stated before, and I am saying it again the President of the Municipal Council will be elected from the Mahayuti alliance. If anyone feels differently or wishes to try otherwise, they are free to do so. We have many strong and capable leaders within our alliance (Pahilwan). Every member should uphold the Mahayuti dharma of unity and discipline. We will stand together and follow the decision taken by the leadership of the Mahayuti." In Ambarnath (West), the renovated Shiv Sena branch, undertaken under the guidance of former

corporator Rajendra Walekar, was inaugurated in the presence of Shiv Sena City Chief Arvind Walekar, former Council President Manisha Walekar, and a large gathering of local residents. Reiterating the party's historic and emotional connection with the city, Dr. Shinde expressed confidence that Ambarnath's support for Shiv Sena will continue in the future as well. He appealed to all citizens to support the Mahayuti determinedly in the upcoming elections to ensure continued progress and development in Ambarnath.

Unusual Ritual Materials Found Outside Ulhasnagar Crime Branch Spark Local Curiosity

(By Bharat Dawre)

Ulhasnagar, Nov 11: An unusual incident outside the Ulhasnagar Crime Branch office early Sunday created curiosity and speculation among residents. Various items commonly associated with ritualistic practices including cut lemons, turmeric, vermilion, milk, ash, and rice grains were discovered scattered at the entrance of the police station. The objects were first noticed by a constable reporting for morning duty, who subsequently alerted senior officers. According to police, the items appear



to have been placed during the night. As news spread, several locals gathered near the site, discussing whether the act was linked to superstition, black magic, or simply a prank. While some residents suggested that the materials may have been

part of a ritual intended to ward off negative outcomes, others speculated that it could have been done by someone anxious about legal proceedings. The incident also drew reactions on social media, where users offered humorous takes,

suggesting that "even criminals are resorting to rituals to avoid arrest." Police officials, however, dismissed any concerns regarding security. "There is no indication of any malicious intent. It appears to be an act rooted in superstition or mischief," a senior Crime Branch officer said. No formal complaint has been lodged in connection with the incident. Nevertheless, the presence of the ritualistic materials added an unexpected and curious element to a routine Sunday morning in Ulhasnagar.

TMC demands resignation of Amit Shah holding him responsible in Delhi blast

Kolkata, Nov 11 (UNI): Mamata Banerjee led West Bengal ruling Trinamool Congress on Tuesday demanded resignation of union Home Minister Amit Shah holding him responsible for yesterday's Delhi blast near the Red Fort in which many people lost their lives. Minister for Industries, Commerce & Enterprises and Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Sashi Panja and TMC spokesman and MP Partha Bhowmick in a joint media conference demanded resignation of Amit Shah holding him responsible for security lapses that led to the fatal explosion in Delhi. "Preliminary inputs from intelligence sources indicate the use of an IED. Yet, when the union Home Minister Amit Shah was asked if this was a terrorist attack, his response was,

"It is very difficult to say what caused the incident," a TMC communique said. "If the Home Minister himself cannot identify the nature of the attack, how will he secure the nation? If he does not know, then who will know? Where are the intelligence reports? Where is the assessment mechanism? This is complete abdication of duty. He must resign immediately," another TMC communique said. The state ruling party also questioned the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bhutan when the national capital was shaken by the huge explosion that took about 12 lives so far. "Even after the deadly blast in Delhi that killed over 12 people, the Prime Minister left for a two-day visit to Bhutan. Is there no shame?," the TMC asked. Delhi Police is directly under the union Home

Ministry and there was no question of passing the blame. "The blast took place in the capital city, under the Home Minister's direct watch. How are such grave lapses being allowed?" the TMC said. Earlier in the day condoling the deaths in Delhi blast, TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee demanded an impartial, time-bound investigation by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) under court supervision to uncover the truth and ensure that those responsible are held fully accountable. Expressing deep shock and anguish to learn of the tragic explosion near Delhi's Red Fort, which reportedly claimed several lives and left many others injured. "It is extremely distressing that such an incident has taken place in

the heart of our National Capital. The Delhi Police, which is directly under the union Home Ministry, bears the primary responsibility for maintaining law and order. How, then, are such grave lapses in security being allowed to occur?," the nephew of state chief minister Mamata Banerjee, asked. He said only yesterday morning, nearly 350 kg of explosives and an assault rifle were recovered from Faridabad in Haryana. " Viewed together, these incidents raise alarming questions about internal security and the evident decline in vigilance," Banerjee opined. He demanded an impartial, time-bound investigation should be conducted by a Special Investigation Team (SIT), under court supervision if necessary, to uncover the truth and ensure that those responsible are held fully accountable.

Leopard enters in city, injures ranger

Kolhapur, Nov 11 (UNI) Commotion broke out when a leopard entered a densely populated Nagala Park area of the city and attacked a ranger on Tuesday afternoon. According to police and forest department, a leopard suddenly jumped into a garden of a hotel, situated in Tarabai Park area and attacked on a hotel employee. Later a forest office's ranger suffered minor injuries when he tried to stop the wild animal. The leopard then hid in a chamber in neighbouring BSNL office area. After receiving information, police team, forest office employees and Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC)'s fire brigade personal rushed to the spot and tried to catch the animal. According to latest report, forest team succeed to capture leopard after a search lasting for two hours. The forest team members shot an intoxicating injection and it away. The episode generated a commotion among the citizens, who gathered in the area.

Beed, Nov 11 (UNI) : A woman delivered a baby inside a moving car in Maharashtra's Beed city on Tuesday morning, shortly before the vehicle carrying her and family members fell into an under-construction drain near Ambika Chowk. Police confirmed that both the mother and the newborn are in stable condition following timely assistance from locals and medical personnel. The incident took place around 4 a.m. when the woman, who had begun experiencing labour pains late on Monday night, was being transported to a hospital for delivery. Her husband and a driver accompanied her in the vehicle. According to police, the woman went into active labour during the journey and gave birth inside the car before reaching the hospital. Soon after the childbirth, heavy bleeding began

Bombay HC allows withdrawal of plea seeking CBI probe into Rohit Arya encounter case

Mumbai, Nov 11 (UNI) The Bombay High Court on Tuesday allowed a petitioner to withdraw her plea seeking a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the alleged "fake encounter" of Rohit Arya, a 50-year-old man who held 17 children captive in a Mumbai studio but was later shot dead by the Mumbai Police during a rescue operation last month. A Division bench of Justices Ajey Gadkari and R.R. Bhonsale while allowing the petitioner to withdraw the plea, granted liberty to file a private complaint before a metropolitan magistrate. The petition, filed by Shobha Buddhivant, alleged that Arya was killed "under the pretext of self-defence and retaliation at the behest of a political leader." It further claimed that Arya, reported to be a filmmaker, had been under severe mental stress due to the state government's failure to clear his pending dues. Arya had worked with the state education department as a project consultant and had been making representations for settlement of his dues. In the petition Shobha Buddhivant, a practising advocate, contended that she had made a representation before the police but the police had refused to take cognizance of the complaint and requested the court to convert the plea into a public interest litigation (PIL). The bench declined, observing that the matter did not qualify as one of public interest.

Nitish calls on Lalan Singh amid second phase of polling

Patna, Nov 11 (UNI) : As the polling for the second phase of Bihar assembly elections in 122 assembly constituencies are in progress, the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar called on JDU leader and union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh this morning. Kumar suddenly arrived at the residence of Singh, and spent about 15 minutes there. Party insiders said that their meeting, in view of the on going elections is quite significant. Both have

been learnt to discuss various political issues including electoral scenario and polling percentage. They also discussed the scenario emerging after counting of the votes and the most coveted issue of the chief ministers post. As it is, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) comprising Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP), Janata Dal United (JDU), Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas), Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) and Rashtri Lok Morcha (RLM) as its

constituent units is contesting the assembly elections under Nitish Kumar as the chief minister face. On the other hand, the Grand Alliance (GA) with Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Indian National Congress, Vikas Sushil Insaan Party (VIP) CPI(ML), CPI, CPM and IIP has announced RJD leader Tejaswi Yadav as their CM candidate. Polling for the two phase Assembly Elections would conclude this evening and the counting of votes would take place on November 14.

Car crashes into drain soon after pregnant woman delivers baby in vehicle vehicle later crashes into drain

inside the vehicle. The driver reportedly lost control, and the car veered off the road, falling into a drainage construction pit adjacent to Ambika Chowk. The woman, her husband, and the newborn remained inside the vehicle until local residents arrived to assist. The husband contacted his acquaintance, Vikas Gavane, who reached the site with Sankit Kulkarni. The rescuers found the mother and child still connected by the umbilical cord, which prevented immediate removal from the vehicle. They then called Nurse Anjali Pople, a local medical practitioner, for assistance. Nurse Pople arrived at the scene with Dineshwar Lakhe, an assistant from the gynaecology department, and carried out the procedure to cut the umbilical cord under basic medical precautions. Both

mother and child were subsequently taken out of the car safely. The newborn was transported to Shri Bal Hospital, where Dr. Sachin Jaithalia examined the infant and provided necessary medical treatment. The doctor confirmed that the baby was healthy. The mother was later admitted to the same facility for post-natal care. According to hospital authorities, both the mother and newborn remain under observation but are in stable condition. Police from Beed City Police Station have documented the incident and are verifying the circumstances that led to the vehicle's fall into the construction site. Local authorities have stated that further inquiry will determine whether any safety lapses contributed to the accident.

Igatpuri Shiv Sena-UBT party president Sanjay Indulkar joins BJP

Nashik, Nov 11 (UNI) In a big setback to Shiv Sena (UBT) in Igatpuri, its former president Sanjay Indulkar and his deputy Naeem Khan, who have been in power in the Igatpuri Municipal Council in the district for past 30 years, joined the BJP along with their supporters, in the presence of state party president Ravindra Chavan, at the BJP party office in Mumbai today. Taking advantage of

the internal discontent within the BJP, Shiv Sena had managed to retain its power in the Igatpuri Municipal Council in the 2017 elections. At that time, BJP leaders had made this election very prestigious. The decision to give tickets to those who joined the party at the right time was a shock to the BJP. Shiv Sena's Sanjay Indulkar had won the post of mayor in this election. Shiv Sena had also contested this election

under his leadership. However, now, with Indulkar taking over the BJP's lotus position on the eve of the elections, Thackeray's Shiv Sena has suffered a big setback in Igatpuri. Meanwhile, in the last election, Shiv Sena had maintained its single-handed dominance by winning 13 out of 18 seats, including the post of Town Council President. While BJP had to be content with four seats.

Woman teacher humiliated by TMC leader, video goes viral

Kolkata, Nov 11 (UNI) A woman teacher in a state-run school in West Bengal was allegedly humiliated by the chairman of the educational institution's managing committee, who also heads the Trinamool Congress-run Jalpainagar Municipality, and a purported video of the incident has gone viral on social media. In the video, the school's managing committee chairman, Saikat Chatterjee, was seen forcing the woman teacher attached to Suniti Bala Sadar Girls High School in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal to perform sit-ups while holding her ears. The Leader of the Opposition in the West

Bengal Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, shared the video on his social media account and claimed that the humiliation of women in workplaces, often by grassroots leaders of the Trinamool Congress, has become rampant in the state. UNI however, could not verify the authenticity of the video shared by the leader of the opposition. Adhikari questioned how Chatterjee, who was appointed chairman by the government as a representative of the School Education Department, could indulge in such behaviour. Chatterjee, a Trinamool Congress councillor and former vice-chairman of the

Jalpaiguri Municipality, was recently promoted to the position of chairman of the semi-urban civic body. "It seems he has been rewarded for humiliating the woman teacher. In Trinamool Congress, such acts appear to be the norm for rising through the ranks; many have secured top positions by following this very path," Adhikari alleged. This is not the first time that Chatterjee has been embroiled in controversy. In 2023, residents of Pandapara Road in Jalpaiguri city, lawyer Subodh Bhattacharya and his wife Aparna Bhattacharya, allegedly died by suicide after consuming poison.

Central team for reviving Montha cyclone losses calls on CM Naidu

Vijayawada, Nov 11 (UNI) A Central team which is visiting various Montha cyclone affected districts to assess the loss, called on Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu in the Secretariat at Amaravati near here on Tuesday.

The Central team led by union Home Affairs Joint Secretary Pasumibasu met the Chief Minister and explained to him the areas they visited. The Central team told the Chief Minister they had visited the cyclone affected districts including Konaseema, East Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, Prakasam and Bapatla and saw the crop loss at the fields. The AP State government sent a report to the Centre about the cyclone loss of Rs 5,267 crore and sought Rs 2,622 crore interim aid. The State Government told the visiting Central team that 3,109 villages of 443 mandals were affected by the Montha cyclone storm and 10 lakh people were shifted to relief camps. The Central team was told that 9,960 houses were inundated. As many as 4,566 houses were damaged due to the cyclone. Earlier, the Central team visited some of the cyclone affected areas of Chirala mandal in Bapatla district on Tuesday. They saw the damaged roads, damaged crops, collapsed culverts at various places. Bapatla district Collector V Vinod Kumar submitted a 60 page report on the cyclone damage and loss to the Central team. The Collector explained to the Central team that 220 villages were affected with the Montha cyclone storm and 30 villages were marooned. "Bapatla district has incurred a total loss of Rs 370.02 crore due to cyclone and 21,894 people were shifted to relief camps. crops in 23,260 hectares were damaged while the horticulture farmers incurred a loss of Rs 3.01 crore due to the cyclone," the Collector said in his report. The Central team expressed of submitting its report to the Central Government at the earliest.

PM vows 'conspirators' behind car blast will be 'brought....

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second meeting was attended by union Home Secretary, Director, Intelligence Bureau, Director General of the National Security Guards (NSG), Director General, National Investigation Agency (NIA), Director Forensic Science Services, Chief Director of Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi and other senior officials. Investigations indicate that an i20 car, parked near the Red Fort parking area three hours before the blast, is under suspicion." CCTV footage shows the vehicle entering the parking lot at 3:19 pm and leaving at 6:48 pm, during a period when the area was crowded. It was a loud explosion that took place in a moving vehicle.

Fresh CCTV footage has surfaced in connection with the car blast near Delhi's Red Fort Metro Station, showing the Haryana-registered Hyundai i20, the same vehicle that later exploded, at a pollution-check centre in Faridabad on October 29 at around 4:20 p.m., just days before the blast. According to investigators, the footage captured three individuals inside the car while a pollution certificate was being issued. The location is reportedly near a petrol pump along the Delhi-Mumbai-Vadodara Expressway service lane in Faridabad. Sources said that among those in the car was a man with a long beard, identified as Tariq, in whose name the vehicle had been purchased by Dr. Mohammad Umar Nabi.

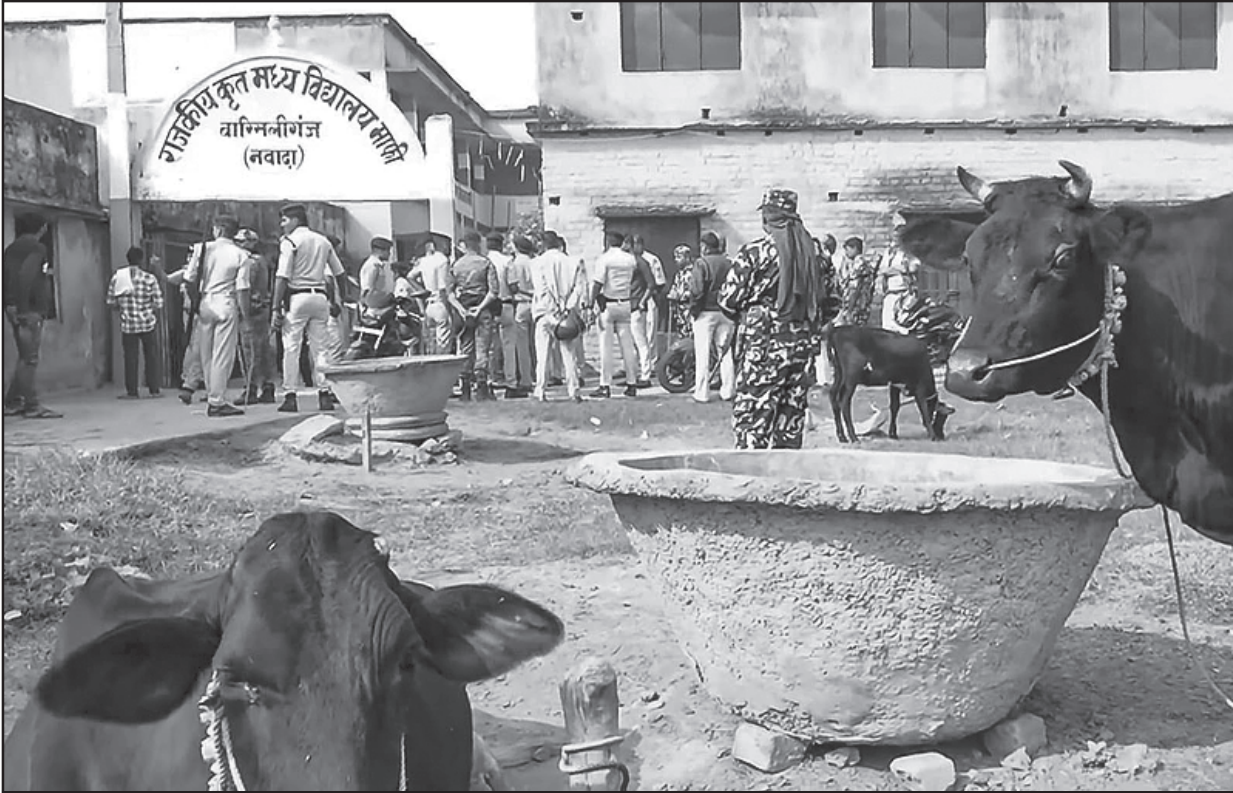
Police believe Dr. Umar Nabi, a resident of Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir, was driving the vehicle at the time of the explosion and may have detonated the explosives himself. The car, bearing registration number HR-26-CE 7674, is registered under the name of Mohammad Salman at the Gurugram RTO. Delhi Police have detained Salman, who claimed he sold the vehicle about 18 months ago. His

wife, Farah's mobile phone has been seized for forensic examination.

Investigators traced Salman's previous residence in Gurugram's Shanti Nagar through the registration address, where landlord Dinesh revealed that Salman had moved out five years ago. Police detained Dinesh for questioning before locating Salman at a housing society in Sohna. Salman, his brother Javed, and Dinesh are currently under interrogation.

Farah, Salman's wife, told police that the car had been exchanged through a dealership named "Symphony Motors" and that they had no knowledge of who subsequently bought it. Investigators are now probing the chain of ownership and its possible links to the Red Fort blast. Police are reviewing additional footage to identify individuals who parked, accessed and later retrieved the car. Efforts are underway to trace the vehicle's entire route from its origin before reaching the Red Fort to its movements immediately prior to the explosion.

Sources in the Delhi Police Special Cell said "There is an indication that the car blast could be linked to a Faridabad terror module which was busted on the night of November 9. The driver of the i20 car, seen in a video captured shortly before the explosion, wearing a mask, is suspected to be Doctor Mohammed Umar. Dr Umar is under suspicion and is part of the probe. He is absconding." According to the Delhi Police Special Cell, "There is suspicion that Doctor Umar was inside the i20 car at the time of the incident. However, a DNA test on the deceased will be conducted to confirm whether it was indeed Umar." The investigation has revealed chain of ownership of the car, which was initially sold by a man named Salman to another individual, Devender, in



Police personnel outside a government school after a clash broke out between Jan Suraj supporters and BJP workers in the Barbigha area of Warisaliganj constituency, in Nawada district

YSRCP to organize protests against medical college privatization

Vijayawada, Nov 11 (UNI) : YSRCP State Coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy on Tuesday asked the cadres to organise rallies on Wednesday across all

Assembly constituencies, protesting against the Naidu-headed Government's move to privatize government medical colleges.

Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy held a teleconference with party MPTCs and Parliamentary Observers on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, Ramakrishna Reddy urged the party leaders, parents, students, doctors, civil society, intellectuals, and social activists to join tomorrow's rallies and "make the government step back from this anti-people policy.

He said that former Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy created a healthcare revolution, establishing 17 new government medical colleges and

operationalising 5 within a record period, making quality medical education accessible to poor and middle-class students.

Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, during his Chief Ministerial stint, fulfilled the dreams of medical aspirants, but the incumbent Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu crushed them, Ramakrishna Reddy slammed.

He criticised the Naidu-headed government for trying to hand over public medical colleges to private hands without complete infrastructure, secured medical college permissions and ran them successfully.

"If Telangana can prioritise public medical education, why is Chandrababu destroying it in Andhra Pradesh?" he

questioned.

He stressed that these protests must become a national talking point to protect the healthcare rights of the poor.

The YSRCP senior leader directed the party cadres to stay battle-ready for the upcoming local body elections, prepare organisational committees, appoint booth-level agents, strengthen digital systems, and aggressively communicate both YS Jagan's welfare governance and the current government's failures and corruption to the public.

"Let us amplify people's voices through ground activism and social media. This is a public movement to save medical education and healthcare in Andhra Pradesh," Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy affirmed.

Khurda Road Division conducts mega camps under nation-wide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 4.0

Bhubaneswar, Nov 11 (UNI) The Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway is organizing a series of Mega Digital Life Certificate Camps at major stations and locations within its jurisdiction to facilitate hassle-free submission of Digital Life Certificates by pensioners and family pensioners from 1 to 30 November.

To ensure wide awareness among the beneficiaries, the Division has already undertaken publicity measures through display of banners and information at important Railway Stations. Three DLC camps have already been successfully conducted at Palasa,

Brahmapur, Balugaon and at Puri.

The upcoming Mega Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Camps under Khurda Road Division are scheduled to be held at Khurda Road Headquarters (Traffic Colony Kalyan Mandap) on 13 November along with Health Check-Up, Bhubaneswar (Station) on 15 November, Cuttack at Railway Institute on 17 November, Kendujhargarh Railway Station on 19 November, Angul (Electric Loco Shed Meeting Hall) on 20 November 2025, Talcher Railway Station on 24 November, Bhadrak Railway Station on 27 November, and Paradeep (Area Manager's Building)

on 28 November.

All pensioners and family pensioners are requested to attend the camp at their nearest location for smooth submission of their digital life certificates, and they are advised to bring their Aadhaar card, PPO number, pension account number, and registered mobile number (linked with Aadhaar).

Khurda Road Division appeals to all concerned pensioners and family pensioners to take advantage of these camps for timely submission of their Digital Life Certificates, ensuring uninterrupted pension disbursement.

Rs 202.93 cr released to Indiramma housing beneficiaries this week

Hyderabad, Nov 11 (UNI) : The Telangana government has released Rs 202.93 crore this week to beneficiaries under the Indiramma Indla housing scheme, Housing Corporation Managing Director V P Gautam said on Tuesday.

As part of the government's system of weekly payments, bill amounts corresponding to the stages of construction are deposited into the

bank accounts of beneficiaries every Monday. This week, a total of 18,247 beneficiaries received payments based on the progress of their house construction.

Of these, payments were released for 4,615 houses at the basement stage, 8,517 houses where wall construction has been completed (roof level), and 5,115 houses where slab laying has

been completed. Gautam said that under the Indiramma Housing Scheme, a total of Rs 2,900.35 crore has been disbursed so far. This includes Rs 1,610.79 crore for houses above the basement level, Rs 716.91 crore for houses at roof or wall level, and Rs 572.65 crore for houses that have reached slab completion stage. Across the state, construction work has started on 2,33,069 houses.

River Mobility opens its sixth retail outlet in Kakinada

Kakinada, Nov 11 (UNI) : Electric scooter manufacturer, River Mobility, has expanded its retail footprint in Andhra Pradesh with the launch of its sixth store, located in Kakinada.

The store offers customers an immersive brand experience, showcasing River's flagship scooter, 'the Indie' along with a curated range of accessories and merchandise. In recent months, River Mobility has rapidly expanded its presence nationwide with a particular focus on Western, Central and North India to meet rising demand for its electric scooters.

In line with its rapid expansion plans, the company aims to have a presence in more than 100 cities by 2026, strengthening its foothold across the South with new stores in Pondicherry, Calicut, and other emerging markets.

RiverStore in Kakinada has a vibrant atmosphere and is designed to showcase the brand's aesthetics that evoke the essence of rivers. At the core of the store's aesthetics is a carefully

designed habitat that depicts how Indie blends into daily life. The narrative aligns with Rivers ethos, taking people from where they are to where they want to be.


Speaking on the occasion, Aravind Mani, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, River Mobility said "The new store in Kakinada is another step in our journey to make electric mobility accessible across India. Andhra Pradesh continues to be a strong and supportive market, and our growing footprint here reflects that trust. With a focus on design, performance and service, we are committed to delivering the best possible experience for our customers." With the latest addition, River's retail network now includes 36 stores across Bengaluru, Pune, Chennai, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Vellore, Visakhapatnam, and more, reinforcing its commitment to building a strong pan-India retail and service presence. Strengthening its promise of reliability, River also rolled out an extended eight-year 80,000-km warranty on the battery and motor recently.

President Murmu to participate in Tiruchanoor Ammavaru Brahmotsavams

Tirupati., Nov 11 (UNI) : President Droupadi Murmu will be the Chief Guest at the annual Brahmotsavam of Sri Padmavati Ammavaru at Tiruchanoor, which is scheduled from November 17 to 25. TTD Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal accompanied by other Devasthanam and district officials reviewed the ongoing arrangements for the mega religious fete here on Tuesday. He said Vice-president CP Radhakrishnan took part in Srivari annual Brahmotsavam at Tirumala, while for Ammavari Karthika Brahmotsavam, President Murmu will grace the occasion. TTD will make elaborate arrangements for Annarasadam, water, sanitation and security to meet the requirements of the ever increasing number of pilgrim year after year, he said. Every day Annarasadam will be served to 10,000 pilgrims while on the day of Panchami Theertham on November 25, thousands of pilgrims will wait near holding points. TTD will arrange Annarasadam for these devotees, he said. Apart from the 24X7 monitoring through the Integrated Command Control Center, a total of 700 TTD security personnel, 600 police and 900 Srivari Sevaks besides 2000 sanitation workers will be deployed.

Executive Officer Veerabrahmam said Endowments Minister Anam Ram Narayana Reddy will present Pattu Vastrams to Sri Padmavati Ammavaru on behalf of the state government on November 17. District Collector Venkateswar said

special arrangements are being planned during procession of Sare on the day of Panchami Theertham on November 25 in the temple city. District SP Subbarayudu said keeping in view the previous experiences.

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1.Tender ID.: 85 Section: Dy.CE/GS/GNT Description of the work : GNT-NDKD: Construction of 2-lane ROB in lieu of L.C.No.06 at KM 9/13-14 in Nallapadu-Bandarupalli stations Approx Value In (₹) 37,90,07,655.61 EMD: (₹) 20,45,000/-
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NAME OF THE WORK : BALANCE WORK OF "PROTECTION TO SIDE SLOPES IN CUTTING BY WIRE ROPE NETTING, ROCK FALL BARRIER, GABION, RETAINING WALL ETC. IN BETWEEN CHIMDI PALLI - BORRA GUALU UNDER ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER / ARAKU ON KK-1 LINE OF WALTAIR DIVISION".
Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 2,38,85,474.34, EMD: ₹ 4,30,600.00
(2) Notice No.: eT-Central-WAT-42-2025 Dt.: 08.11.2025
NAME OF THE WORK : EXECUTION OF THROUGH BALLAST RECOUPMENT TBR-25.844 TRACK KM (BCM-8.392 TRACK KM & MANUAL-17.452 TRACK KM) UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER / ARAKU IN KK-4 LINE OF WALTAIR DIVISION.
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Completion Period of the Work : 12 (Twelve) Months (for both SI. Nos.).
Tender Closing Date and Time : 02.12.2025 at 1500 Hrs. (for both Tenders)
No manual offers sent by Post / Courier / Fax or in person 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

Goldman Sachs upgrades India to 'Overweight', sees Nifty at 29,000 by 2026

Global investment bank Goldman Sachs (GS) has turned bullish on India, upgrading its rating on Indian equities to "Overweight" and setting a Nifty target of 29,000 by end-2026, implying a potential 14 per cent upside from current levels.

In its latest report titled "Leaning In as Growth Revives; Raising India back to Overweight", the global investment bank said it expects a revival in India’s growth momentum, driven by supportive monetary and fiscal policies, an earnings rebound, and renewed foreign investor interest.

The bank's October 2024 downgrade, which was based on stretched valuations and a slowdown in earnings, has been reversed by the upgrade.

According to the report, due to significant \$30 billion outflows from foreign portfolios, Indian equities have underperformed MSCI EM by 25 percentage points over the past year, the largest difference in 20 years.

Goldman Sachs said recent trends suggest a turnaround in sentiment as valuations have cooled and foreign risk appetite improves. "We now see a case for Indian equities to perform better over the coming year," the report noted.

The investment bank said growth will be supported by the Reserve Bank of India’s easing measures, including rate cuts, improved liquidity, and bank deregulation, along with GST reductions and slower fiscal consolidation. These factors, it said, should bolster domestic demand over the next two years. Corporate earnings for the September quarter were "better than expected", leading to upgrades in select sectors. GS forecasts MSCI India profits to rise from 10 per cent in 2025 to 14 per cent in 2026, supported by a stronger nominal growth environment.

The bank believes that the next phase of market gains will be led by companies in the financial, consumer durables, defence, technology, media, and telecom (TMT), and oil marketing sectors.

It further stated that low food inflation, a robust agricultural cycle, GST rate reductions, impending state elections, and potential 8th Pay Commission wage increases are all likely to support mass consumption and raise demand and profits in consumer-related industries.

Diabetes and Men’s Health: How Deranged Blood Sugar Affects Testosterone and Sperm Quality

(Standard Post Bureau) Diabetes mellitus (DM), is one of India's fastest-growing chronic diseases, it is commonly known to affect the heart, kidneys and cause eye problems. However, a lesser-known fact is its impact on male reproductive system and sperm health.

Deranged blood sugar levels can silently impact male hormones including testosterone, interfere with sexual function, and potentially reduce sperm quality. Uncontrolled blood sugar causes damage to microscopic blood vessels and nerves thereby reducing the blood flow and sensations in the reproductive organs. This can result in reduced sexual desire, decreased libido,

erectile dysfunction and reduced sperm quality. Deranged blood sugars produce a double edge blow on male reproductive system by damaging the blood vessels hence reducing the penile blood flow and also leading to nerve injury that interferes with signals required to achieve an erection. Erectile dysfunction (ED) is quite common in men who are having long standing Diabetes mellitus. Studies suggest that one out of two men suffering from Diabetes mellitus can experience Erectile dysfunction in their lifetime. Apart from its physical impact, Diabetes mellitus can also affect self-confidence and relationships.



Dr. Gaurav Garg, Senior Consultant - Urology/Andrology, Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, Delhi

Diabetes can also affect the fertility potential of males by an impact on sperms health directly. Uncontrolled diabetes can lead to oxidative stress, an imbalance between harmful free radicals and the body’s

natural defences. It also can lead to sperm DNA damages, reduced sperm volume and overall poor sperm quality. As a result, men suffering from Diabetes mellitus may face various challenges during conception, and even when conception happens, the risk of developmental issues or miscarriage can be slightly higher. The good news is that many of these effects on the male reproductive tract can be prevented or reversed with proper diabetes control and management. Focus on a balanced diet: high-fibre foods, lean proteins, healthy fats, and complex carbs. Limit: sugary drinks, processed foods, alcohol, and excess red meat. Doing regular physical activity helps with improving insulin sensitivity and naturally raises testosterone levels. Limiting the alcohol consumption, quitting smoking, limiting, and maintaining an optimum weight further improves the blood flow to the reproductive organs and sperm function. Men living with Diabetes mellitus should do regular preventive check-ups, including hormone testing and fertility assessments when required. Doing early intervention through dietary changes, medication, and/or counselling can help restore blood flow, improve testosterone, sperm quality and enhance Men’s Health.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor and DRUM TAO Unite for a Spectacular India Tour 2025

(Standard Post Bureau) Toyota Kirloskar Motor, in collaboration with Japan’s globally acclaimed performance group, DRUM TAO, today announced the official schedule for the DRUM TAO India Tour 2025. This collaboration symbolizes a fusion of artistic excellence and cross-cultural connection, bringing together two nations that share a deep respect for tradition, innovation, and creativity. Toyota’s association with DRUM TAO represents the brand’s philosophy of “Mobility for All”, where connection goes beyond mobility, to include the movement of ideas, creativity, and human spirit.

Through this partnership, TKM celebrates the bond between Japan and India, encouraging cultural appreciation and meaningful engagement with India’s youth. The DRUM TAO India Tour 2025 will begin on 15th November with a grand performance at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Shillong, before travelling through 14 cities including Varanasi, Kisama, Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Chennai, Kolkata, and more. The tour will conclude in Bangalore on 21st December 2025, marking an extraordinary journey.

Each performance will bring audiences closer to

the heart of Japanese artistry while reflecting Toyota’s commitment to innovation, collaboration, and global unity, values that both India and Japan deeply share. DRUM TAO India Tour Dates and Cities: Date City Venue 15 Nov 2025 Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival 18 Nov 2025 Vijayawada PVP Mall 20 Nov 2025 Chennai Chennai Trade Center 23 Nov 2025 Bangalore Mall of Asia 25 Nov 2025 Delhi JLN Stadium 26 Nov 2025 Jaipur Albert Hall 28 Nov 2025 Kolkata The Aquatica 1-4 Dec 2025 Kisama/ Kohima Hornbill Music Festival/Science College 6 Dec 2025 Guwahati The Greenwood 8 Dec 2025 Indore Phoenix Citadel Mall 11 Dec 2025 Varanasi Namohat 13 Dec 2025 Mumbai NESCO Imperial Hall 14 Dec 2025 Pune The Mills Open Space 17 Dec 2025 Chennai Coming Soon 19 Dec 2025 Andaman Marine Park 21 Dec 2025 Bangalore Coming Soon Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Varinder Wadhwa, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business & Profit Enhancement, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said: “We

are thrilled to collaborate and host world-class artists, DRUM TAO in India. India’s youth, especially Gen Z, are increasingly engaging with cultures from around the world, through music, art, and lifestyle, thus, shaping a new era of dynamic expression. Music, above all, serves as a universal language, bridging diverse experiences and sparking creativity, energy, and joy. Through the DRUM TAO India Tour, we aim to connect with young audiences across the country, celebrating cultural exchange and inspiring them through the power of rhythm, performance, and shared experiences.” DRUM TAO, established in 1993, has enthralled millions worldwide by their performance—a spectacle merging Taiko’s raw power with graceful choreography and the haunting beauty of Shinobue flutes. The collaboration highlights the synergy between Japan and India, uniting the precision, discipline, and artistry of Japanese performance with the vibrancy, diversity, and creative spirit of India. Together, TKM and DRUM TAO aim to create an immersive cultural experience that resonates with audiences across generations, celebrating the universal language of rhythm and movement.

Extend Aatmanirbharta to algorithms, data, and chips: Rajnath Singh

New Delhi, Nov 11 (UNI) : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday called for extending India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing to digital sovereignty, asserting that true strategic autonomy will only be achieved when the nation gains control over the algorithms, data, and chips that drive modern technology.

Speaking at an event in New Delhi, Singh emphasised that India's software and data ecosystems must become as indigenous as its hardware capabilities to safeguard national security and technological independence. "Let us extend our Aatmanirbharta to algorithms, data, and chips," the defence minister asserted. He said true strategic autonomy will come only when "our code is as indigenous as our hardware". "We are, therefore, encouraging secure, indigenous software stacks, trusted semiconductor supply chains, and home-grown AI models trained on Indian data," the defence minister added. He cautioned that while technological advances bring immense potential, they must not replace human judgment.

"Amid all the excitement about machines and algorithms, we must remember that technology is not meant to replace human judgment, but to amplify it. We must invest in the ethical, psychological, and legal dimensions of these

emerging technologies. India, as a civilisational power, must lead the global conversation on responsible and humane use of military technology," he added. Underscoring that technology should be seen not only as a force multiplier but also as a resource optimiser, Singh urged the Armed Forces to leverage technology and data analytics in capital procurement to enhance transparency and ensure optimal use of resources. "In many advanced nations, the concept of life-cycle cost is deeply woven into their procurement frameworks. I have directed that we must begin assessing these sustenance costs right from the inception stage of every procurement proposal. This will help us see the full picture, not just what we invest today, but what we must sustain tomorrow," he noted. Calling on the Services to actively study and adopt global best practices, Singh emphasised that India must internalise excellence rather than import it. "It is far better to import best practices than to import the best equipment. Once our systems are robust, adaptive, and transparent, we will not merely purchase excellence from abroad — we will produce it here at home. MP-IDSA (Manohar Parikar Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis) can play a crucial role by studying, documenting, and disseminating such

practices to help our forces adapt them to the Indian context," he said. Highlighting the government's efforts to make India a leader in technology, Rajnath Singh stated that, today, the defence industrial base is expanding with renewed confidence and clarity, with the synergy among DRDO, Armed Forces, industry & academia creating a virtuous cycle of research, testing, field feedback, and innovation. He emphasised that India can no longer be content with merely catching up to global innovation, and there is a need to continue nurturing the culture of innovation by encouraging collaboration over silos and speed over procedural inertia. Technology leadership does not emerge from isolated brilliance; it grows from a national ecosystem that rewards ideas, tolerates failures, and celebrates breakthroughs, he said. The Defence Minister also made special mention of initiatives such as the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and the Technology Development Fund (TDF) that are nurturing a new generation of innovators who, he said, view national defence as a mission of national service. "They are the architects of a future where cutting-edge technologies from autonomous systems and quantum sensors to advanced materials and space-based surveillance will bear the imprint of Indian ingenuity.

Captain Polyplast Reports 48% growth in Total Income

(By Sachin Murdeshwar) Mumbai, Nov 11 : Captain Polyplast Limited (CPL, BSE: 536974), is one of the leading manufacturer and exporter of micro irrigation solutions, and has diversified its operations into solar EPC segment. The Company reported its unaudited financials for Q2 & H1 FY26.

Q2 FY26 Key Consolidated Financial Highlights: Total Income of Rs 80.09 Cr; EBITDA of Rs 8.24 Cr; EBITDA Margin (%) of 10.29%; PBT (Excluding Exceptional Gain) of Rs 5.76 Cr; Net Profit* of Rs 4.24 Cr; Net Profit Margin (%) of



5.30%; Diluted EPS of Rs 0.71 H1 FY26 Key Consolidated Financial

10.66%; PBT (Excluding Exceptional Gain) of Rs 11.12 Cr; Net Profit* of Rs 8.54 Cr; Net Profit Margin (%) of 5.68%; Diluted EPS of Rs 1.42 The Net Profit in Q2 & H1 FY25 includes as exceptional gain of Rs 15.61 Cr Commenting on the performance Mr. Ritesh Khichadia, a Whole Time Director of Captain Polyplast Limited said, “In Q2, we focused on strengthening our operations and maintaining steady progress across our core segments. We have reported healthy revenue growth of 48% YoY and EBITDA growth of 23%

YoY during the quarter on account of growth in both micro irrigation and solar EPC segment. We have continued to grow our solar EPC business by expanding our presence in both rooftop and solar pumps segment. We have secured vendor empanelment for supply of solar pumps under PM-KUSUM scheme in Maharashtra and Gujarat. Looking ahead, we expect strong government support continuing to drive demand for irrigation and solar solutions. The reduction in GST from 12% to 5% on drip irrigation, sprinklers, and solar

equipment has improved affordability which augurs well for demand.” Q2 FY26 Key Business Highlights- Maharashtra Solar pump: Received empanelment from MSEDCL under the “Magel Tyala Saur Krishi Pump” Yojna with initial order for supply of 200 off-grid solar water pumps worth Rs 5.97Cr; Gujarat Solar pump: Received LOA from Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd under the PM-KUSUM Scheme for empanelment to supply off-grid solar water pumps across Gujarat.

Travel

10 enchanting beaches in Odisha

With a coastline of 485 km along the Bay of Bengal, Odisha is home to some of the best beaches in India. From Balasore to Ganjam, these pristine and beautiful beaches have everything to offer to a visitor from a clean sea bed to turquoise blue waters to golden sparkling sand. Travellers can lie back and witness sea waves crashing melodiously on the shore or engage in fun-filled activities, including fishing with the local fishermen, besides uninterrupted sunbathing. Many of the beaches are surrounded by casuarina vegetation and palm trees, which add to the beauty. Almost all the unspoilt beaches are perfect destinations for travellers looking for tranquillity as well as adventure. Here's a look at the most scenic beaches of Odisha.

Paradip Beach

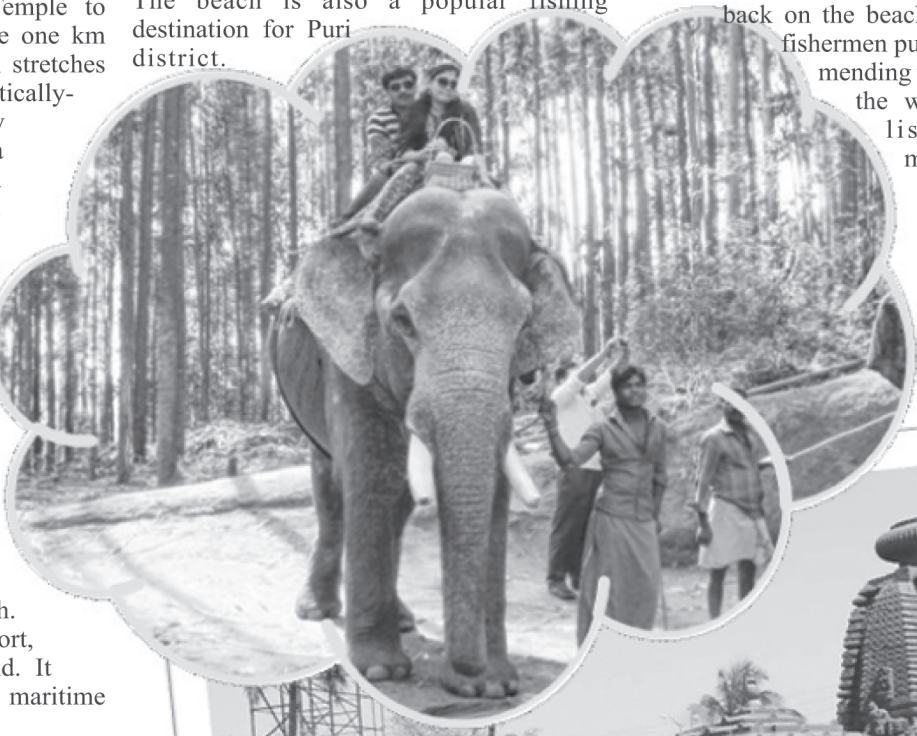
Paradip Beach in Jagatsinghpur district offers a gorgeous view of the Bay of Bengal. In fact, the beach is located on the confluence of the Mahanadi River and the Bay of Bengal. It has clear blue water, large stones on the shore and a good marine drive road. The place is ideal for a family trip, where one can go swimming or enjoy a stroll by the shimmering water. It is 94 km from Cuttack and 125 km from Bhubaneswar and connected by good roads. Although beautiful, the beach is rough many a times, particularly the two km stretch from Hanuman Temple to Sandakhuda in Paradip and the one km shoreline at Siali. These beach stretches have been identified as Scritically-vulnerable zones and are very risky for sea bathing. There is a lighthouse near the beach, which is armed with the latest differential global positioning system. There are several other attractions nearby. Visitors can relax at the sylvan gardens of Smurti Udyan, a place dedicated to the people who lost their lives in the 1999 Super Cyclone. The musical fountain inside the park is worth a watch. Odisha's biggest aquarium, the Paradip Marine Aquarium, is also located in the Paradip city. It has 28 tanks with different species of fish. Paradip is also famous for its port, one of the oldest in the world. It stands testimony to the rich maritime heritage of the region.

Gopalpur Beach

Situated 16 km away from Berhampur, Gopalpur-on-Sea is a splendid retreat for avid beach lovers. From golden sands to clear blue waters, the beach has everything that can entice visitors. Besides a sun-kissed beach, Gopalpur-on-Sea offers glimpses of its past glory as a commercial port. The crumbling walls and pillars of an ancient jetty can still be found on the beach. In fact, Gopalpur was once a bustling maritime zone in Odisha and a sea port through which early settlers of Southeast Asia sailed off. Established during the British rule, the port stopped functioning in 1942 during the Second World War. There are ruins of several bungalows and mansions belonging to the European merchants, which give it a colonial look. A red-and-white striped lighthouse also stands on the popular beach. Commissioned in 1871, it is one of the oldest lighthouses in the state. Every year during Kartika Purnima, people sail tiny boats made of banana stems and paper, with lamps, betel leaves, crackers, fruits and coins in them, to mark the rich maritime history of Gopalpur-on-Sea. The beach is well connected by an excellent all-weather road which branches off from NH-5 on the outskirts of Berhampur. Regular bus services, taxis and auto rickshaws are also available.

Astaranga Beach

Astaranga Beach is another popular beach resort near Puri. The beach offers an enchanting view of the horizon which becomes uncommonly colourful during sunset. In fact, the name Astaranga is a combination of two Odia words—asta (sunset) and ranga (colourful)—and this is why it's also called a photographer's delight. The beach is also a popular fishing destination for Puri district.



Puri Beach

This destination certainly needs no introduction. This beach in the pilgrim city of Puri is the most popular beach in Odisha and the largest in the country. The splendid beach stretches up to seven km and is a round-the-year destination for both domestic and international travellers. Visitors can enjoy both the sunrise and the sunset, sunbathe, sit back on the beach and watch local fishermen pulling their catch or mending their nets play with the waves, along with listening to the melodious rendition of the striking waves. Compared to other beaches in the country, the Puri Beach is

13th-century Sun Temple at Konark, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. According to historians, the ships took the Sun Temple as a reference point in the sea during the maritime trade between Odisha (Kalinga), Bali, Java and Sumatra, Later, a lighthouse was constructed on Marine Road in 1967 to guide the ships. As there are several mythological tales associated with the beach, a week-long Chandrabhaga Mela is organised here every year to honour the Sun god. Every year during December and January, the Tourism Department of the Government of Odisha hosts an annual International Sand Art Festival on the sidelines of the popular Konark Dance Festival at the World Heritage Site. The Chandrabhaga Beach can be visited anytime during the year and there are a lot of luxury and budget accommodations near the beach and the Sun Temple. There are also many restaurants and refreshment stalls near the beach. Visitors can purchase beautiful seashell handicrafts from stalls on the beach at affordable prices. People can hire taxis from Bhubaneswar or Puri to reach the destination.

Baliharchandi Beach

Swaying casuarina trees, an unending stretch of golden sand and the turbulent sea form the picturesque landscape of Baliharachandi Beach. Located 27 km away from Puri, the beach is a popular round-the-year picnic spot. A swim in the tumultuous sea is a delight for those seeking adventure. Besides the clean blue sea, the beach is famous for the temple of goddess Harachandi close by. The temple's sanctum sanctorum houses an asta bhuja (eight-armed) Mahisamardini Durga, who is worshipped as goddess Harachandi. She is regarded as the goddess of water and navigation who protects fishermen. All tourists coming to the beach make it a point to pay obeisance to the deity. A small river flows into the sea just 200 m away from the temple, and can be crossed in a boat for just Rs 5. On the other side of the river, there is a massive sandy dune with casuarina trees that makes for an ideal picnic spot for travellers. While the summer in Baliharchandi is extremely humid and hot, the beach experiences a tropical monsoon climate. The best time to plan a visit to Baliharachandi Beach is between the months of October and March. The beach is accessible with good roads, with the nearest railway station at Puri.

consi dered to be safer as it does not face high tide and undercurrent very often. High tides occur only during full moon, so taking a bath in the sea is an enjoyable experience. The area near the beach is dotted with hotels and lodgings for travellers of all categories. For food lovers, there are several shacks along the beach selling fried and grilled seafood like prawns, crabs and pomfrets, freshly caught from the sea, along with vegetable pakodas. There are also many shops selling Odisha handlooms and seashell handicrafts. Like Chandrabhaga, Puri also has a lighthouse which remains open from 4 pm to 6 pm. One can get a spectacular view of the sea and the beach from the top of the lighthouse.

Chandrabhaga Beach

Known for its mesmerising sunset, the Chandrabhaga Beach is considered to be one of the biggest assets of the state as far as tourism is concerned. One of the finest, cleanest and greenest beaches in eastern India, it is located at Chandrabhaga village which is just three km away from the

Balighai Beach

Situated eight km on the north-eastern side of Puri, Balighai is a pristine beach that remains relatively undiscovered. It is situated at the mouth of the Nuanai River, off the Konark-Puri Marine Drive road. The beach is also a nesting site for the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles who visit the beach every year from December to January for mass nesting. Migratory birds can be seen here during the winter months. In the evening, one can also

enjoy deep fried seafood at shacks on the beach. Other attractions near the beach are the Balihirana Deer Sanctuary, where visitors can spot the endangered Balihirana antelope and Indian blackbucks; the Sea Turtle Research Centre, and small temples like Barahi, Lakshminarayan and the Amareshra. In fact, the temple of goddess Barahi dates back to the 9th century and is related to early forms of tantric worship. There are very few accommodations in the area, except for some luxury resorts in the Konark-Puri Marine Drive road. Visitors can stay in Puri and hire a taxi to reach the beach. The best time to visit the beach is between October and March.

Aryapalli Beach

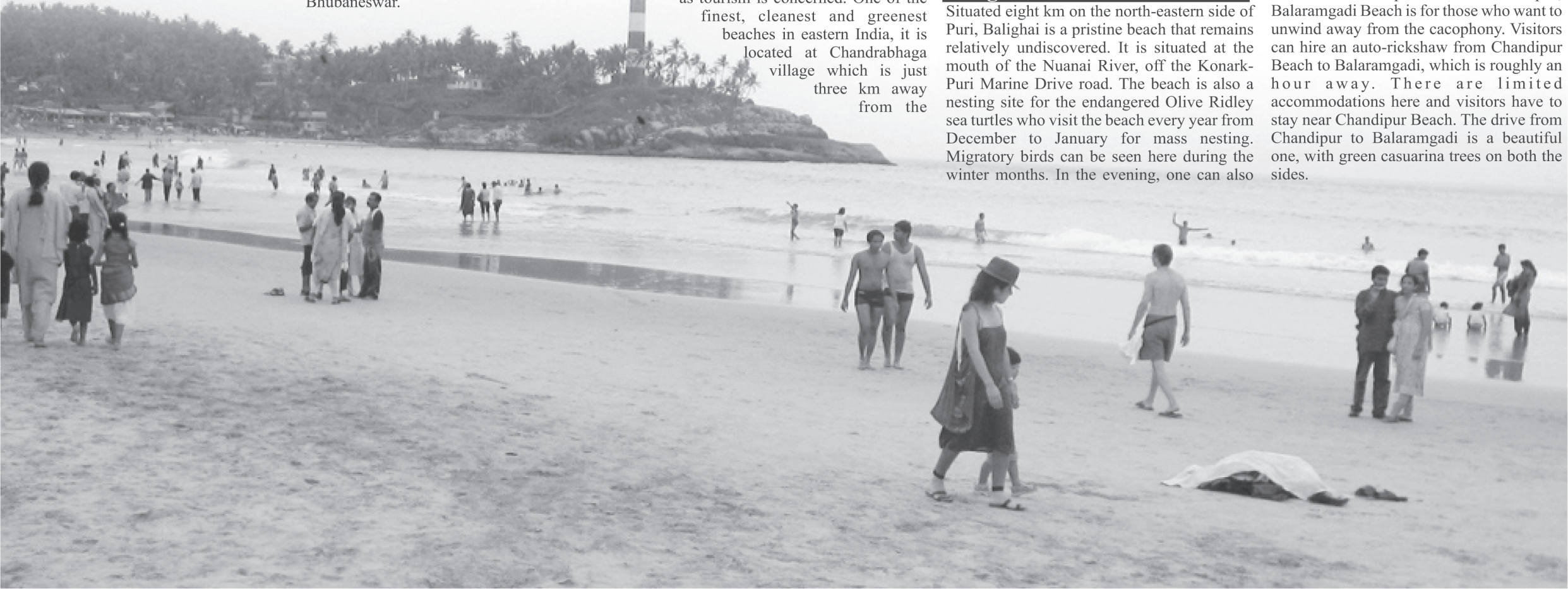
Far from the hustle and bustle of city life, the silvery, quiet beach of Aryapalli is ideal for unwinding. At a distance of 30 km from Berhampur, the golden beach is surrounded by casuarina plantations and crystal-clear blue waters. While the weather is a little humid in the noon, it is pleasant towards early morning and evening. During the sunrise and the sunset, the azure sky offers an amazing colour play. Unlike other beaches, Aryapalli does not have many vendors on the shore to hound visitors. After sunbathing at the beach, visitors can go round the hamlets nearby, inhabited by Telugu-speaking fishermen, and know the socio-cultural aspects of their lives. The Sand Mineral Project lies in the vicinity, and is another attraction that cannot be missed. The area near the beach has a number of resorts and sea-facing hotels that are equipped with all amenities. The ideal time to visit Aryapalli is between the months of October and June, when the weather is at its best. Travellers can reach Arypalli beach through a taxi or an auto-rickshaw after getting down at the Chatrapur railway station in Ganjam district. The beach is just eight km from the railway station. One can also hire a taxi from Berhampur city as the National Highway passing through the beach is also well-maintained.

Chandipur Beach

Chandipur beach in Balasore district is the only beach in the eastern India where the sea recedes up to five km daily at low tide and returns during high tide, offering a truly unique sight. Adding to the beauty are the casuarina trees dotting the area. When the tide returns, fishermen rush to collect the small fishes that the waves leave behind at the shore. The beach is replete with small red crabs that emerge from tiny holes on the sea bed and rush towards the vanishing water during low tide. It is equally captivating to watch the sunrise and sunset at the beach. Touted as one of the finest beaches of Odisha, Chandipur is just 16 km east of Balasore and easily accessible by road. A visit to the beach is not complete without a stroll on the dry sea bed with a packet of jhalmuri and coconut water in hand. After reaching Balasore, visitors cab hire an auto-rickshaw or taxi to reach Chandipur. There are plenty of accommodations near the beach. The Tourism Department of Odisha has a Pantha Nivas. Other places of interest like Remuna, Panchalingeswar, Aradi and Chandaneswar also lie close by.

Balaramgadi Beach

Soak up the sun at the wonderful beach of Balaramgadi, which lies at the convergence of the Budhabalanga River with the Bay of Bengal in Balasore district. Calm and clean, the beach is just two km away from Chandipur Beach. Here, a tourist can enjoy the sun, surf and the sand amidst casuarina plantations. While a walk on the beach in the evening is rejuvenating at any time of the day, the sunrise and sunset cast an especially magical spell. Besides swimming in the turbulent yet clean waters, one can take part in adventure sports, fishing and boat rides. Visitors wishing to fish in the sea can seek the help of local fishermen who will readily volunteer to take their boat for a small price. Smaller in comparison to Chandipur, Balaramgadi Beach is for those who want to unwind away from the cacophony. Visitors can hire an auto-rickshaw from Chandipur Beach to Balaramgadi, which is roughly an hour away. There are limited accommodations here and visitors have to stay near Chandipur Beach. The drive from Chandipur to Balaramgadi is a beautiful one, with green casuarina trees on both the sides.



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India's Sai Sudharsan with head coach Gautam Gambhir during a training session ahead of the first Test match between India and South Africa, at Eden Gardens, in Kolkata

Udhayanidhi flags off FIH Junior World Cup Trophy tour, unveils Official Mascot 'Kangeyan'

Chennai, Nov 11 (UNI) : Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin flagged off the Trophy Tour and unveiled ‘Kangeyan’, the official mascot of the FIH Hockey Men’s Junior World Cup to be held in Chennai and Madurai from November 28 to December 10

The Trophy tour was flagged off jointly flagged by Mr Udhayanidhi Stalin and FIH President Dato Tayyab Ikram.

The Trophy Tour will travel through 38 districts of Tamil Nadu, from Kanyakumari to Chennai, and return to the city on November 25, celebrating the state’s deep connection with the sport and building excitement among fans and young athletes ahead of the global event. Also present during the event were Dr. Atul

Misra, Additional Chief Secretary, J. Meghanatha Reddy, Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh and Sekar J. Manoharan, Treasurer, Hockey India and President, Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu.

The event also witnessed the unveiling of the official tournament mascot ‘Kangeyan’, drawing its name and inspiration from the Kangeyam Kaalai, a native breed of bull symbolising strength, pride, and Tamil identity.

Native to the Kongu region and revered across Tamil Nadu, the majestic Kangeyam is celebrated for its valour in Jallikkattu, especially in Madurai, where the sport thrived as a cultural emblem. For

generations, Tamil farmers have regarded the Kangeyam as a member of their family, a companion in labour, a guardian of tradition, and a reflection of perseverance. Through ‘Kangeyan,’ Tamil Nadu proudly showcases its deep-rooted heritage, connecting the passion of the sport with the enduring spirit of its people.

Hockey India President Dr. Dilip Tirkey said, “Tamil Nadu has shown exemplary commitment in hosting the FIH Hockey Men’s Junior World Cup. The committee’s detailed review and the launch of the Trophy Tour reflects the state’s enthusiasm and dedication. With the unveiling of ‘Kangeyan’, a symbol of Tamil pride and resilience, we are confident this edition will leave a lasting legacy for ‘Indian hockey.’”

J&K scripts history, clinches maiden victory over Delhi

Jammu, Nov 10 (UNI) : The Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has scripted a momentous chapter in its cricketing history, clinching their maiden victory over the mighty Delhi in the ongoing Ranji Trophy Elite Group encounter at the Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.

The architect of the landmark triumph was Qamran Iqbal, who scored an unbeaten century.

As per the reports reached here, Qamran’s unbeaten 133 off just 147 deliveries, embellished with 20 exquisite boundaries and three majestic sixes, showcased a rare blend of artistry and authority.

Resuming the day at 55 for 2, Jammu and Kashmir, fuelled by Qamran’s brilliance, steadily chased down the target in 43.3 overs with seven wickets in hand. Captain Paras Dogra provided steady support, remaining not out on 12, as the duo saw their side across the finish line and etched their names in the annals of J&K cricket.

For Delhi, Hrithik Shokeen emerged as the most successful bowler with two wickets, while Manan Bharadwaj chipped in with one. However, it was Qamran’s exceptional display that defined the day—a truly historic feat and a testament to his extraordinary talent and temperament. Earlier, on day-3, left-arm spinner Vanshaj Sharma delivered a performance reminiscent of skipper Paras Dogra’s first-innings heroics, weaving a web around the Delhi batters in the second innings. After a poor show in the first innings due to Aquib Nabi’s devastating spell, Delhi had produced a spirited performance in their second innings, amassing 277 runs.

Captain Ayush Badoni (72) and Ayush Doseja (62) were the major contributors.

For Jammu and Kashmir, Vanshaj Sharma had emerged as the standout performer, wreaking havoc with figures of 6 for 68 in 16.1 overs.

As Liu fired a 10.1, Tomar needed a 10.2 or more to win gold, but a 9.8, meant the Olympic Champion was also crowned World Champion. Young and talented Frenchman Romain Aufrere won bronze.

In the second final of the day, the 10m air pistol mixed team, India’s top pair of Esha and Samrat did exceedingly well to top qualifications with a combined effort of 586, with both shooting identical scores of 293. The second Indian pair of Suruchi and Shravan Kumar shot 579 to end in eighth position.

Esha and Samrat were up against it however as they faced Kai Hu and Qianxun Yao of China in the gold medal match, the world numbers one and two individually and in-form, having won silver and gold respectively in the individual event on Monday. The race to 16 points lasted for 13 rounds and both pairs were tied at nine points apiece after nine rounds. The Chinese then took the next three rounds and despite India tying the 13th, the match could not be salvaged. Esha had won the event with Shiva Narwal in the last worlds and also had to forfeit her crown whereas Rana ended his first ever worlds with an unprecedented two golds and one silver medal.

Prasad blames Patel’s long control for KSCA decline, to contest presidency

Bengaluru, Nov 11 (UNI) : Former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the long-standing control of Brijesh Patel over the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), while announcing his decision to challenge the “28-year-old backseat regime” by contesting for the presidential post in the upcoming elections on November 30.

Speaking at a press conference of ‘Team Game Changers’ at The Capitol Hotel, Prasad accused Patel of remote-controlling KSCA’s affairs for nearly three decades. “Brijesh Patel has been running the association for 28 years from behind the scenes. He’s a good cricketer and

administrator, but what’s the point in controlling everything from behind? It’s backseat driving syndrome,” Prasad said.

He alleged that the same pattern of control continues even today, with Patel “putting up candidates like puppets” to maintain influence. “At 73, why is he still controlling the association? What is the interest behind this? He cannot contest, yet he is the one deciding who contests. This isn’t cricket administration—it’s power management,” Prasad charged. The former India pacer said the decline of Karnataka cricket—especially in the last three years—was a direct outcome of this centralised control and

neglect. “There’s no women’s cricket, no proper league structure, no selection transparency. Our infrastructure is being ignored, and we’re losing international matches due to administrative lapses,” he said.

Referring to the recent stampede incident during a franchise celebration that led to Bengaluru losing international matches, Prasad said, “It raises serious questions about accountability and control. The same people responsible are now contesting again, despite resigning on moral grounds just months ago. What happened to that morality?”

Prasad recalled the 2010–2013 period—when he served as KSCA Vice

President—as the last time the association saw genuine cricket-led administration.

“Those were the only three years KSCA was not controlled from behind. We built world-class infrastructure then. Cricket flourished when politics took a backseat,” he said.

He added that several KSCA life members have demanded change.

“Every member I’ve spoken to wants new leadership—cricketers who understand the game, not those who treat KSCA as a private fiefdom,” he said. Prasad said *Team Game Changers*, comprising former India stalwarts Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, and Shanta Rangaswamy, will unveil its full panel soon.

Meghalaya pip Manipur to victory by 1 wicket

Shillong, Nov 11 (UNI) Meghalaya won their second one day match in a row in the U-23 men's State A Trophy 2025-26 plate group by one wicket against Manipur in Mohali on Tuesday.

Set a target of 193 to win, Meghalaya's last batting pair got the required runs in the very last over and Meghalaya now top the points table with a full 8 points from two rounds. They had previously defeated Sikkim on Sunday. Meghalaya won the toss today and fielded first, bowling Manipur out for 192 in 49.2 overs. Left-arm orthodox spinner Manish Sharma was both economical and destructive with the ball, taking 3/18 in 10 overs for Meghalaya.

Fast bowler PM Santhosh bagged 3/41 in 10 overs and there was also a wicket each for Shavian Blah (1/0 in 0.2), Gavineal Marpna (1/31 in 10) and Denikcheng Marak (1/48 in 10). Manipur's top scorer was Somokanta, who made 43 before being run out by Denikcheng. The chase began in a tricky fashion for Meghalaya as they lost three wickets in the space of four deliveries across two overs to go from 31/1 to 31/4. However, Josiah Momin (42 from 62 balls, 6x4s) and Rohit Yadav (65 from 112 balls, 5x4s) added 83 for the fourth wicket to pull Meghalaya away from danger. Santhosh also struck 32 from 55 balls (3x4s) to bring the team even closer to victory but a few late wickets gave Manipur hope. Two tailenders were dismissed in the 46th over, leaving the last wicket pair of Gulgul Sangma (7 not out from 13) and Denikcheng (9 not from 11) 16 runs to get. Despite Manipur piling on the pressure the two batters stuck it out and the winning runs were hit off the first ball of the 50th over.

Prasad bids for KSCA presidency

Bengaluru, Nov 11 (UNI) : Former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad on Tuesday announced that he will contest for the post of president of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), unveiling his Team Game Changers slate and vowing to bring transparency, accountability, and an end to decades of “backseat control” in the state’s cricket administration.

Addressing the media, Prasad said Karnataka cricket had suffered under prolonged centralised control. “Brijesh Patel has been running the association for 28 years from behind the scenes. He’s a good cricketer and administrator, but what’s the point in controlling everything from behind? It’s a back seat driving syndrome,” he said.

He criticised the handling of recent events that led to Bengaluru losing international matches. “The unfortunate incident during a franchise celebration that caused a stampede raises serious questions about accountability. The same people responsible are contesting again. One of them even resigned on moral grounds three months ago— what happened to that morality

now?” he asked.

Prasad said the need of the hour was change, transparency, and a return to cricket-first administration. “This is about restoring the glory of Karnataka cricket, improving infrastructure, and addressing past issues. Only passionate cricketers can take the game forward, not those who control it from behind,” he said. When asked about transparency measures, Prasad said, “We will work towards accountability, but there are institutional limits. Even when I was Under-19 India chairman of selectors, my proposal to record meetings was turned down by the BCCI.”

Prasad said several KSCA life members, many of whom had known M Chinnaswamy personally, have expressed their support. “They’ve seen the association grow from scratch and are deeply disappointed by its decline. They want change—and that’s what we’re here to deliver,” he said.

He dismissed criticism that he too had benefited from the same system. “Our academies and infrastructure are in a shambles. We must rebuild them, open academies across districts, and

develop the next generation of players,” he said.

Announcing his ‘Team Game Changers’ panel for the upcoming KSCA elections on November 30, 2025, Prasad listed the following:

Prasad announced his ‘Team Game Changers’ panel for the upcoming KSCA elections, featuring Sujith Somasundar as Vice President, Vinay Mruthyunjaya as Secretary, AV Shashidara as Joint Secretary, and BN Madhukar as Treasurer.

The zonal representatives include Srinivas Prasad (Mysuru), Parthasarathy Kanakavidu (Raichur), Harish C.R. (Tumakuru), Dr. Srikanth Rai (Mangaluru), Nagendra Pandit (Shivamogga), and Ahmed Raza Kittur (Dharwad).

For the Bengaluru region, ‘Team Game Changers’ has nominated Avinash Vaidya, Kalpana Venkatachar, and Ashish Amarall as Institutional Members, while BM Manjunath and Shalesh Poll will represent the Life Members. Prasad said legendary cricketers Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, and Shanta Rangaswamy have extended their full support to the team.

King’s Baton Relay for Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games kicks off in Delhi

New Delhi, Nov 11 (UNI) : Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, on Tuesday unveiled the King’s Baton for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG). The event was attended by President, Commonwealth Games Association of India Dr. P.T. Usha and British High Commissioner to India, Lindy Cameron.

The ceremony, hosted by Commonwealth Games Association of India, also saw the presence of various Olympic and CWG medallists including Yogeshwar Dutt, Achanta Sharath Kamal, and Gagan Narang, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Commonwealth Games Federation and Sports Authority of India.

The Baton, designed by renowned Indian visual artist Aaqib Wani, reflects the country’s vibrant spirit

of art, sports, and sustainability- themes that lie at the heart of this year’s relay. Its design draws inspiration from India’s rich cultural and natural landscape, blending traditional craftsmanship with contemporary aesthetics that capture the nation’s diversity and creative ambition.

Unveiling the Baton, the Minister said “The King’s Baton Relay embodies the values that unite the Commonwealth- harmony, perseverance, and progress. The artwork on the Baton beautifully captures the essence of our nation, rooted in culture yet forward-looking in spirit. It truly reflects how art and sport can together inspire sustainability and growth.

India has always believed in the power of sport to bring people and nations together, and this moment reinforces that belief. As the Baton travels across the world, it carries with it a

message of friendship, equality, and a shared commitment to a brighter, united future.”

The British High Commissioner said “The King’s Baton Relay is a powerful symbol of the enduring partnership between the United Kingdom, India and the wider Commonwealth family. Delhi’s celebration of this moment captures the shared values that unite us — friendship, inclusivity, and progress through sport. The Baton’s design, inspired by India’s art, culture, and sustainability, perfectly represents how creativity and collaboration can bridge nations and inspire generations across the Commonwealth.”

Sharing her thoughts on the occasion, CGA India President, Dr. P.T. Usha remarked “The Baton Relay stands as a testament to how sport connects communities and inspires excellence. As it travels

through Delhi, it celebrates not just athletic spirit but also India’s artistic expression and commitment to sustainability. This moment reinforces our shared belief in unity through sport.” The 2026 Commonwealth Games are scheduled to take place from July 23 to August 2, 2026 in Glasgow, Scotland. This will be the fourth time Scotland hosts the Games, following editions in Edinburgh (1970 and 1986) and Glasgow (2014).

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Vijay Kumar, General Manager, Central Railway passes away

(Standard Post Bureau)
Mumbai, Nov 11 : It is with profound sadness and grief that we announce the demise of Shri Vijay Kumar, General Manager, Central Railway, this morning on 11.11.2025. “Shri Vijay Kumar took over as General Manager, Central Railway on 01.10.2025. He was an Officer of Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRSME), 1988 batch.

Prior to taking over as General Manager, Central Railway, Shri Vijay Kumar served as General Manager, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW).

Throughout his illustrious career spanning over 35 years, he held several crucial positions over Indian Railways and has made significant contributions in North Western Railway, Railway Board, Northern Railway and Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO).

Known for his results-oriented leadership, Shri Vijay Kumar brought with him a proven track record of driving innovation,



quality, and efficiency. He envisioned Central Railway as a frontrunner in safety, passenger convenience, sustainability, and capacity enhancement, aligning with the vision of Indian Railways’ modernisation and “Make in India” goals for the achievement of ‘Vikasit Bharat’ by 2047. He was widely respected and loved due to

his affectionate and positive outlook. He was sensitive person who was concerned about the welfare of the employees. “Central Railway mourns the loss of a noble soul, an efficient administrator, and an inspiring leader whose contributions to Indian Railways will always be remembered amongst us.

Soren unveils ‘Ulgulan 2050’ vision, sets 25-year roadmap for Jharkhand

Ranchi, Nov 11 (UNI) Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Tuesday released a long-term development blueprint titled Ulgulan 2050, outlining a 25-year vision for a prosperous, self-reliant and equitable Jharkhand rooted in identity, justice and dignity.

Calling it a defining moment as the state completes 25 years of its formation, Soren said Jharkhand must now focus on building human capital, promoting value-addition to natural resources, strengthening indigenous knowledge systems and creating community-driven governance models.

He said the state’s next phase of growth would rely on education, skills and cultural confidence rather than extractive economic models. “Every child will be educated and every youth will be self-reliant,” Soren said, adding that Jharkhand’s development path must empower its

people instead of depending heavily on outside investment.

He invoked the struggles led by Birsa Munda and Shibu Soren and said the vision document carries forward their idea of a just and dignified Jharkhand.

The plan outlines universal school access, modern and mother-tongue-based learning systems and enhanced teacher capacity. It promises strengthened healthcare delivery, including trained health workers in every village, better primary medical facilities and wider immunisation coverage.

On the economic front, the roadmap calls for processing local minerals and natural resources within the state, transparent and community-linked investments and dedicated support for tribal youth to build enterprises. It also mentions job expansion in

sectors such as agriculture, tourism and renewable energy. The document places strong emphasis on land, water and environmental safeguards. Soren said the government is committed to protecting village land, improving access to water resources and strengthening traditional water management systems.

He said development will remain anchored in cultural roots and community aspirations.

“We are not chasing borrowed models. Our growth will reflect our identity, our land and our people,” he said. According to the government, Ulgulan 2050 sets measurable targets across education, health, economy and social justice. Soren described the roadmap as a collective commitment for the next generation and urged citizens, institutions and young people to participate in shaping the future of Jharkhand.

More than 75 percent enumeration forms distributed in West Bengal

Kolkata, Nov 11 (UNI) : The Election Commission of India (ECI) has completed the distribution of enumeration forms to 75 per cent of West Bengal’s voters, one week into the ongoing three-stage Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, even as the poll panel has initiated disciplinary action against Booth Level Officers (BLOs) for procedural lapses.

According to data released by the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) in West Bengal, enumeration forms have so far been distributed to 5.85 crore voters across the state as of 6 p.m. on Monday.

The total number of registered electors in West Bengal, as per the electoral roll dated October 27, 2025, stands at 7,66,37,529. Officials in the CEO’s office expressed confidence that the distribution process would be completed within the next few days.

However, concerns remain over the pace and manner of form distribution — particularly regarding how many enumeration forms have actually reached voters’ residences and how many were distributed from fixed locations by BLOs.

In response, the ECI has begun taking

action against erring BLOs, issuing show-cause notices to eight officials accused of distributing enumeration forms from a single point rather than conducting door-to-door delivery as mandated by the Commission’s guidelines.

As of Monday afternoon, the CEO’s office has received 1,45,744 applications from various political parties for the appointment of booth-level agents (BLAs). Of these, 1,44,657 applications are for BLA-2 positions and 1,087 for BLA-1 positions.

A BLA-1 represents a political party at the Assembly constituency level, while a BLA-2 serves as the party’s representative at an individual polling booth. Among the political parties, the Trinamool Congress leads with 52,068 BLA applications — including 51,888 for BLA-2s and 180 for BLA-1s.

The Bharatiya Janata Party follows with 45,960 applications, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) with 35,576, and the Congress with 10,263. The first phase of the three-stage SIR in West Bengal commenced on November 4 and is scheduled to conclude by March 2026.

ECoR, DRM inspected Dilimili - Koraput section of KK Line

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Nov 11 : Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra conducted comprehensive inspection of the Silakjhora- Jagdalpur-Koraput section of KK line today i.e. 11.11.2025. He was accompanied by the senior officials of Division belong to various departments including construction, Operations, Commercial, Signal & Telecom, Electrical, Mechanical, Security, Medical departments. He conducted inspection of the section including station yards, stations, colonies, LC gates, Curves, Points & Crossings, Signal equipment, Electrical units, OHE Supply, Medical and staff amenities.

He conducted thorough inspection of the Silakjhora station, Yard, Staff quarters and



other establishments at station. He reviewed the detailed passenger amenities, staff amenities at the station. DRM advised improvements in the amenities and staff quarters.

Further he inspected the Dilmili station where he focused on the improvements in the amenities at the station and in railway colony. He held elaborate discussions with the officers on the improvement of infrastructure at the station and facilities to the railway commuters and

staff.

Later DRM inspected the Level Crossing gate No. KK-88 between Jagdalpur- Naktisemra. He interacted with the Gateman to assess the safety protocols at the level crossing, ensuring gate functionality, and raising awareness about safety working rules.

DRM continued his inspection at Jagdalpur station where he inspected the various facilities like Health Unit, RPF Barrack, Running Room, Railway quarters etc. He engaged with residents to understand



grievances and identify facility improvements, including health infrastructure and a conducive environment for colony inhabitants. Later DRM inspected the Station where the Amrit Bharat Station works are in progress.

He reviewed the upcoming facilities and infrastructure developments at the station and future plans. He intensively reviewed the upcoming facilities and developmental activities of the station. Continuing the inspection, DRM Shri Lalit

Bohra inspected the Level Crossing gate between Khadapa- Dhanapur and took the opportunity to interact with the Gateman, emphasizing the importance of his role in maintaining safety standards.

Shri Lalit Bohra stressed the need for timely completion of ongoing works and the enhancement of passenger and staff facilities across the section. He directed the relevant departments to ensure and accelerate infrastructure improvements in section.

Additional ticket counters at Cuttack Railway Station : ECoR

Bhubaneswar, Nov 11 (UNI) : To facilitate the large number of passengers and pilgrims visiting Cuttack during the Bali Yatra Festival, East Coast Railway has undertaken several measures to ensure smooth ticketing, passenger convenience

and safety.

To manage the heavy passenger rush during Bali Yatra, Additional Ticket Booking Counters have been opened at Cuttack Railway Station and inducted personnel to help get tickets from ATVM to meet the sudden surge in

demand. Sufficient manpower has been deployed to assist passengers and ensure faster ticketing services.

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been placed on high alert to ensure the safety and security of passengers.

Continuous crowd monitoring and regulation measures are being implemented at Cuttack Station and its surrounding premises.

Additional staff from commercial departments have been mobilized to guide and assist

passengers for smooth crowd movement.

East Coast Railway has made an appeal to all passengers and pilgrims to cooperate with Railway officials and follow station advisories for a safe and pleasant journey during Bali Yatra.

Intensive Security Checks Conducted at Major Railway Stations over South Central Railway Jurisdiction

(Standard Post Bureau)

Hyderabad, Nov 11 : In view of the blast incident near Red Fort Metro Station, New Delhi, on 10th November 2025, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) have intensified security measures across all major and important railway stations over South Central Railway (SCR) jurisdiction to ensure safety and security of passengers and railway property.

Comprehensive security checks were carried out jointly by RPF, GRP, and Bomb Detection and Disposal Squads (BDDS)/ Dog Squads at Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Kacheguda, Kurnool, Nizamabad, Vijayawada, Vijayawada, Eluru, Rajahmundry, Ongole, Kavali, Nellore, Gudur, Guntur, Nanded, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and other key stations. The Anti-sabotage checks were carried out at platforms,

waiting halls, circulating areas, cloak rooms parking zones, and onboard trains.

Special emphasis was laid on passenger frisking, baggage screening using Hand Held Metal Detectors (HHMDs), and random checks inside trains and station premises. Dog squads were used at prominent locations to detect any suspicious articles or substances. CCTV surveillance was strengthened, and all on-duty staff, contractual

workers, and vendors were sensitized to maintain heightened alertness.

Joint teams of RPF and GRP also coordinated with local police and other law enforcing agencies to ensure seamless security arrangements. Passengers were requested to cooperate during checks and promptly report any unclaimed luggage or suspicious activity to the nearest RPF or Railway staff. During these intensified checks, no

suspicious activity or object was found, and train operations continued smoothly. All security personnel have been instructed to maintain enhanced vigilance and round-the-clock monitoring in view of the prevailing security situation. The South Central Railway appeals to all passengers to remain alert, extend cooperation with security personnel, and contribute to maintain a safe and secure travel environment.

Deepak Kaitke Urges CM and DCMs to Grant 100% Full Metro Fare Exemption for Differently-Abled Passengers

(By Sachin Murdeshwar)

Mumbai, Nov 11 : Senior journalist and noted social activist Deepak Kaitke, known for his work as a ‘Patrakar Rugnamitra’ (Journalist–Patient Friend), has appealed to the Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, and the Mumbai Metro administration to grant complete travel fare exemption to differently-abled passengers on Mumbai Metro services.

Kaitke drew attention to the precedent set by the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC), which offers a 50% concession to women passengers, with the remaining cost reimbursed by the government. He urged that a similar model be adopted for persons with disabilities (PwDs) on the metro network. The appeal, submitted through a formal representation, has received widespread

support from social organizations and disability rights groups.

In his memorandum, Shri Deepak Kaitke who is also the Chairman Accreditation Committee Mumbai Maharashtra has highlighted that metro stations and coaches are still not fully equipped with disabled-friendly facilities, compelling many differently-abled passengers to rely on assistance from others, which adds to their daily challenges.

“Considering these physical limitations, granting full travel concessions to differently-abled commuters would not only be a step toward social justice, but also a reflection of our moral and human responsibility,” Kaitke stated to our representative Sachin Murdeshwar. He further suggested that the state government could reimburse the metro authorities for the



Shri Deepak Kaitke, Noted Social Activist Senior Journalist and renowned as 'Patrakar Rugnamitra' (Reporter-Patients Friend) has voiced to the Government for 100% Exemption of the fare from the recently announced 25% concession by GoM through his efforts.

discounted fare, just as it does in the case of women commuters.

“The concession extended to differently-abled passengers should be seen as a mark of respect and inclusion, not charity.

In a metropolitan city like Mumbai, travel should be both accessible and dignified for all,” he emphasized.

Kaitke has been persistently following up on this issue at the government level for

the past several months.

Although the metro administration announced a 25% concession for differently-abled passengers in October, Kaitke reiterated that the demand for full exemption remains.

The appeal has garnered strong backing from social activists, organizations working for the disabled, and ordinary citizens alike. Supporters have urged the government to make a positive and prompt decision in the interest of the differently-abled community.

Observers believe that Kaitke’s campaign has already sparked an important discussion within Mumbai Metro circles regarding accessibility. If implemented, the initiative could serve as a model for other cities across Maharashtra, promoting greater inclusion and mobility for persons with disabilities.