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Patancheru registers season's lowest minimum temperature at 9 deg cel

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : The season's lowest minimum temperature of 9 degrees celsius was recorded at Patancheru in Sangareddy district on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday, the Meteorological Centre said.

In its daily weather report, the Met office cautioned that cold wave conditions are likely to prevail at isolated pockets in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Nirmal, Sangareddy and Medak districts over the next 24 hours. Minimum temperatures are expected to remain 3 to 4 degrees Celsius below normal at isolated locations across Telangana for the next two to three days. Dry weather is likely to continue across the state for the next week, the report added.

Adibatla town planning officer, assistant caught taking bribe

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday caught the Town Planning Officer of Adibatla Municipality and his outsourcing Assistant while they were allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 75,000 for issuing a building permission.

According to the ACB statement on Friday, Bandela Varaprasad (AO-1), Town Planning Officer of Adibatla Municipality in Ibrahimpatnam mandal of Rangareddy district, was trapped at his office after he demanded and accepted the bribe through his assistant, Vadala Vamshi Krishna (AO-2). The bribe was reportedly sought for processing and issuing permission for a G 4 building construction. It said that the amount of Rs 75,000 was recovered from Vamshi Krishna's possession. Both the officers acted dishonestly and misused their positions to obtain undue advantage. The accused were being arrested and produced before the Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Nampally.

Congress' Naveen Yadav wins Jubilee Hills by-election by 24,729 votes



Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : Congress candidate Naveen Yadav has won the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election, defeating BRS

nominee Maganti Sunitha by a margin of 24,729 votes. Naveen Yadav V (Congress) secured 98,988 votes, Maganti Sunitha

Gopinath (BRS) received 74,259 votes, and Lankala Deepak Reddy (BJP) polled 17,061 votes. The Election

Commission issued the formal declaration, after which District Election Officer R V Karnan handed over the certificate of election, officially confirming Naveen Yadav as the MLA from Jubilee Hills.

Yadav maintained a clear lead from the very first round of counting, steadily widening the gap as the rounds progressed. BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha was unable to gain an edge at any stage. The decisive win has boosted the morale of the Revanth Reddy government and the Congress cadre.

Both the BRS and the BJP polled fewer votes compared to the 2023 Assembly elections, with the BJP losing its deposit.

CM thanks Jubilee Hills electorate for overwhelming majority to Congress in bypoll

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy extended special thanks to the people of Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency on Friday evening after the Congress party candidate Naveen Yadav won with an overwhelming majority in the byelection. The CM said "the development of Jubilee Hills constituency is now our responsibility".

On 'X', the CM said: "From the PCC leadership level to the worker level, everyone standing united and working together has proven through these results that no force can stop the Congress party's victory." "This victory is dedicated to the workers," he said. "This victory has further

increased our responsibility towards the development of Hyderabad city and the welfare of the poor here," the CM tweeted. For the past two years, regarding city development our thoughts, vision and actions on metro expansion, Musi River rejuvenation, Fourth City construction, Regional Ring Road – the people have given their approval through the results of these elections, said the CM.

The results of these elections have given us a brand new enthusiasm and encouragement to continuously work in that direction for the coming three years, he said. Politics only during elections and for the coming three years, development and welfare of the poor is our mantra, he added.

Telangana to introduce pension scheme for Govt employees with support from PFRDA: Spl Chief Secy

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : Government is planning to introduce a pension scheme for all State Government employees, with support from PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority), said Jayesh Ranjan, state Special Chief Secretary. Jayesh said, "Standardising pension schemes for all government employees is the need of the hour," and urged industry players to continue innovating and introducing new products and services for the underserved.

Addressing a gathering at a 'Corporate Conclave on National Pension System (NPS)' — Empowering Corporates, Enabling Bharat' organized by PFRDA, in association with KFinTech, here, he observed

that many people are still reluctant to discuss retirement planning.

With India's large population and its demographic dividend, he stressed the need to prepare for the ageing population, which is projected to rise by 10% in the next decade.

Telangana, he noted, has a well-structured pension framework for government and organised-sector employees.

"But what about people in the unorganised sector?" he asked. Jayesh highlighted that gig and platform workers in Telangana are set to receive social protection under the upcoming Telangana Gig and Platform Workers (Registration, Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2025, which is expected to be tabled in the next

session. Delivering a special address, S. Raman, Chairperson, PFRDA, said that during his four-month tenure he observed that people generally avoid conversations about retirement savings, especially pensions.

"Many people remain unaware of financial planning, wealth creation, and financial instruments. Our mandate has always been—grow rich before you grow old," he noted.

The objective of the conclave was to enhance corporate participation in NPS and explore how technology can expand pension access across the country, especially to underserved sections, he said and emphasised the need for technology-driven

financial inclusion. "In a digital world, we must reach a stage where anyone with a mobile phone can open a pension account instantly. It may take time, but that is the direction we must move towards. We also seek KFinTech's support in this effort. Technology must be infused into every financial product," he added.

Raman pointed out that India has a workforce of over 55 crore, of which only 10 crore are in the organised sector. "This presents a massive opportunity for pension products. With just ₹3,000 a month and a moderate 2–3% annual increase in contribution, one can expect a return of about 9.2% CAGR," he explained.

Sumit Kumar, Chief General Manager, PFRDA, delivered a comprehensive

Govt launches statewide friendship groups for adolescent girls

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : A new initiative aimed at empowering adolescent girls across Telangana was formally launched on Friday, with Women and Child Welfare Minister Dasari Anasuya Seethakka inaugurating the state's first "friendship groups" at a programme held at Praja Bhavan. The friendship groups, designed on the lines of women's self-help groups, will bring together girls aged 15 to 18 to build awareness, confidence and life skills. The initiative covers 19.13 lakh adolescent girls across the state. CERS CEO Divya Devarajan attended the launch event, along with Commission member Gogula Saritha and TG Foods Chairperson Fahim. So far, 6,138 friendship groups have been formed, bringing together 65,615 girls. Minister Seethakka said the government's aim is to ensure that every teenage girl becomes part of such a group. The groups will focus on health awareness, mental well-being, menstrual hygiene, reducing anaemia, encouraging proper nutrition, cyber safety, prevention of online abuse, skill development, career guidance and financial independence.



Bihar results bolster NDA; govt stable till 2047: Bawankule

Senior BJP leader and Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Friday said that the Bihar Assembly election results have doubled the strength of the NDA, ensuring it remains in power until 2047. "Bihar Assembly election results have doubled the strength of the NDA, and it will remain in power until 2047, as the Congress leadership is not acceptable to the people," Bawankule said.

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Venezuelan President Maduro calls on US public to unite



Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro has called on the people of the US to unite with Venezuela "for the peace of the Americas," amid escalating tensions following the deployment of US warships to the Caribbean.

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Manu Gandas triumphs in 3-way playoff at Trident Open ...



Manu Gandas endured an ordinary final round of one-over 73 before fighting back and keeping his nerve to triumph in a three-way playoff at the inaugural Trident Open played at the Chandigarh Golf Club here today.

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Delhi to emerge as national model of cooperative ...



Delhi's Cooperation Minister Ravinder Indraj Singh today said that efforts are underway to establish the capital city as a National Model of Cooperative Innovation, ensuring a strong contribution to the vision of a 'Developed India' and 'Developed Delhi'.

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NDA stuns opposition to steamroll to victory

Patna/New Delhi, Nov 14 (UNI) : In a stunning electoral performance, the NDA juggernaut steamrolled the opposition Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance) to win a landslide victory in Bihar on Friday with 202 seats out of a state assembly strength of 243. The Congress-RJD-Left Grand Alliance had to face a bitter defeat, managing to win 35 seats as compared to the 110 it had won in the 2020 Assembly polls.

Speaking in New Delhi after the trends became clear, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exulted,

"Jungle Raj will now never return to Bihar" as his partymen celebrated in Patna and Delhi. While Nitish Kumar is likely to emerge as the chief minister despite his party garnering fewer seats than the BJP, the tensions between the two partners are likely to increase as the BJP has emerged as the senior partner with 89 seats, compared to JD(U)'s 85 seats.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) spearhead Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had won 75 seats in the previous election. The JD(U), however, this time

managed to nearly double its tally of 43 seats in the 2020 polls.

Among other NDA partners, the Lok Jan Shakti (Ram Vilas) of Chirag Paswan also performed impressively and ended up with 19 seats, the Hindustan Awam Morcha (Secular) of Jitan Ram Manjhi got five, while the Rashtriya Lok Morcha emerged victorious in four seats. The GA, which came up with a pathetic show, saw its mainstay, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, end up with 25 seats, its tally less than half of its 2020 count of 53. The

Congress could pick up only half a dozen seats, less than one-third of its total of 19 seats five years back. Among other GA partners, the CPI-ML (Liberation) won two seats, and the CPI-M and the India Inclusive Party bagged one seat each.

Outside the two alliances, the AIMIM secured five seats, as it cut into the Muslim vote bank of the GA candidates in the Seemanchal area. The party had drawn a blank in the previous poll. The Bahujan Samaj Party grabbed the remaining seat.

The Jan Suraj Party, formed by political strategist Prashant Kishor with much fanfare, failed to even open its account. Despite fielding candidates in 238 seats, the fledgling outfit could garner only two per cent of the valid votes, with 98 per cent of its aspirants losing their deposit. On the other hand, the big victory sparked celebrations in the offices of the various NDA partners. Addressing euphoric party workers at the BJP headquarters in Delhi in the evening, PM Modi said "good governance has won, (Contd on page 3)

Bihar results bolster NDA; govt stable till 2047: Bawankule

Mumbai, Nov 14 (UNI) : Senior BJP leader and Revenue Minister Chandra shekhar Bawankule on Friday said that the Bihar Assembly election results have doubled the strength of the NDA, ensuring it remains in power until 2047.

"Bihar Assembly election results have doubled the strength of the NDA, and it will remain in power until 2047, as the Congress leadership is not acceptable to the people," Bawankule said.

He added, "The central government is strong, but with today's results, the NDA will become even stronger. Our government will now remain at the Centre and in the states until 2047."

Bawankule highlighted the nationwide impact of the Bihar polls: "The Bihar elections will influence elections across the country. The people have faith in the NDA. We will win 51 percent of seats in Maharashtra as well. The people of Maharashtra trust our double-engine government. Therefore, our victory in the forthcoming local civic body elections is certain. Devendra Fadnavis is committed to making Maharashtra number one, and the people will support him."

"The Congress party is getting smaller and the Congress will make efforts to somehow keep Rahul Gandhi's leadership alive. Seeing the mood of the people, Rahul Gandhi went

abroad. The Congress will once again cry about EVMs to maintain Rahul Gandhi's leadership of the Congress," Bawankule said. "The people do not like those who have raised doubts about voters' lists. Whenever we lose, we never blame EVMs, but the Congress only makes allegations. Rahul Gandhi will go abroad and talk about EVMs and vote theft," Bawankule said.

He added, "The people of Bihar are in favour of development. They have complete faith in the double-engine government. The people have shown faith and voted for the NDA because this government can develop Bihar. The people have voted for us in Bihar as a party which keeps its promises."

"Many names get duplicated in the voter list and they must be changed, but there is nothing like the vote theft like Rahul Gandhi has alleged.

Rahul Gandhi never took up the issue of a developed Bihar, but the NDA has always focused on the issue of a developed Bihar, due to which people voted for the NDA," Bawankule said.

He stated, "The NDA is getting a big majority in Bihar. 140 crore people of the country have stood behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Congress party is weakening every day. The Congress leadership does

not have the approval of the people of the country. The Congress is wasting time by blaming the voters' list only to maintain its workers, party and politics."

"Since they do not have a single issue of development, they are doing politics by raising the issue of caste, religion and sect. Due to this, no one is ready to board their sinking ship. The people of Bihar have shown the Congress the way out. The Congress will be the smallest party in 2029," Bawankule added.

Reacting to the Bihar assembly election results, BJP's Mumbai President Amit Satam said that "The fake narrative of vote theft has been debunked by the people of Bihar.



JDU members celebrate as the NDA alliance leads during the counting of votes of the Bihar Assembly elections, in Patna on Friday.

Sanjay Raut slams Bihar poll result saying ...

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Bihar as well. The Congress should change this attitude now," Ambadas Danve added.

Reacting to the Bihar assembly election result, Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena leader Sushma Andhare said, "The Bihar election result is not the downfall of the Congress or the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), but the downfall of parliamentary democracy itself. If autonomous bodies like the Election Commission of India act as the pawns of the ruling party, there cannot be any other result than what has been witnessed in the Bihar assembly election. So, there is no need to be shocked

by the Bihar assembly election result. Looking at the way that the Election Commission and the BJP have been functioning hand-in-glove, it was not possible for any different result."

Sharad Pawar-led NCP leader Rohit Pawar tweeted on his X account today that "The Bihar assembly election result means that democracy, reservation and the Constitution are in danger.

The people's mandate was with the INDIA block during the assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra.

This picture was also clear in the postal voting. However, during the first

hour of EVM voting, the trend remained exactly the same as that of postal voting results. But in the next hour-and-a-half, the entire picture changed. The BJP surprisingly moved ahead and the shocking results came out. Today, the same pattern has been seen in the Bihar assembly election results."

"The results have confirmed that there is a mess in the vote counting. The government's broken system and the Election Commission, have definitely put democracy and, consequently, reservation and the Constitution in danger! Just as the journey of forming the government in

Maharashtra took place via Guwahati via Surat, the journey of the Election Commission to announce the Bihar election results appears to be from Haryana to Bihar via Maharashtra. Anyway, this election is directly between the people of Bihar and the Election Commission of India," he said.

"Going by the huge crowds at Tejaswi Yadav's meetings and the questions he raised about the youth and farmers, no matter what the results are today, there is no doubt that Tejaswi Yadav is the real choice of the people of Bihar and the Chief Minister in the minds of the people," Rohit Pawar added.

Delhi: Slight improvement in AQI, but still 'very poor'

New Delhi, Nov 14 (UNI) With a minor improvement, Delhi's average Air Quality Index (AQI) on Friday was recorded in the 'very poor' zone, stepping down from the 'severe' category.

However, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's daily bulletin, national capital's air quality index value was 387, which is 17 points lesser as compared to Thursday's 404, but still is 'very poor.'

Going according to the Indian Institute Tropical Meteorology's (IITM) air quality and weather bulletin for Delhi, there seems to be lesser scope of much improvement for now, as it has forecast that the air quality is likely to be in the 'Very Poor category from Saturday to Monday.

IITM's air quality early warning system has stated in its bulletin on Friday, "The outlook for the subsequent 6 Days: The air quality is likely to be in the Very Poor to Severe category.

Meanwhile, Delhi's residents continue to witness discomfort while, breathing, especially those already suffering with medical conditions, and the elderly Talking of the city's adjoining Delhi, Ghaziabad's AQI on Friday was (370), Greater Noida (368) Noida (364), Faridabad (258) and Gurugram (278).

According to the CPCB, AQI levels that are between 301-400, fall under the 'very poor category, can cause respiratory illness on prolonged exposure,

Amid the bad air situation, the pollution control measures under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) stage- III remain in effect across the national capital and NCR.

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas is keeping a watch on the situation and accordingly monitoring the actions being taken by the agencies concerned

EBG Group launches “Children of Life”, aims to uplift one lakh children by 2030

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : Former Indian Women's Cricket Captain Mithali Raj unveiled 'Children of Life,' a flagship social impact mission of the Coimbatore-based educational group EBG Foundation, in Hyderabad on the occasion of Children's Day today.

The mission aims to qualitatively uplift the lives of 100,000 children by 2030 at an estimated cost of Rs 60 crore through structured, measurable, and community-driven impact.

"Children of Life" is built on six core pillars -- Food, Shelter, Clothes, Health, Education, and Safety, childrenreating an integrated ecosystem that addresses child hunger, learning continuity, physical and mental well-being, and child protection.

As a symbolic beginning, ten student ambassadors attended the inauguration, representing the voices and aspirations the initiative seeks to serve and protect. Childrens. "For every child, every right" is the theme of the Chidren's Day for 2025. The Day is celebrated annually on November 14 to mark the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru fondly called 'Chacha Nehru' by children in appreciation of his great affection for them.

In Phase 1 (2025), the initiative will begin with three pilot districts—Hyderabad (urban) and Wanaparthy (semi-rural) in Telangana, and Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.

These locations were strategically chosen to represent diverse socio-economic contexts like metro, semi-rural, and coastal which can be replicated across the country.

The project's first 12-month budget stands at Rs 12 crore (USD 1.4 million), with a five-year outlay of Rs 60 crore (USD 7 million), funded through EBG Group CSR allocations, partner contributions, and publicmicro-donations via the Children of Life digital platform.

Notably, 80 percent of all expenditure is earmarked for direct programme delivery, with less than 10 percent for administration and less than 10 percent for audits and

communications.

Dr. Irfan Khan, Chairman & Founder, EBG Group, said, "Our mission was built on six fundamental pillars—Food, Shelter, Clothes, Health, Education, and Safety—and it is designed to address child hunger, sustainlearning continuity, support physical and mental well-being, and safeguarding children from neglect and abuse."

Unveiling the mission, Mithali Raj said, "I applaud EBG Foundation for committing to long-term, measurable impact. With these young student ambassadors beside us, we are reminded that when communities and corporates act together, every child's dream can find a path."

"The programme will be implemented under six core pillars. Under the Food pillar, the programme will deliver 1.5 million nutritious meals through school meal top-ups and weekend ration kits.

For Shelter, a rapid repair programme will cover 200 vulnerable homes identified through schools and ward offices. The Clothes initiative will provide seasonal "DignityKits"—including uniforms, sweaters, and footwear—for 9,000 children. In Health, the initiative will conduct 12,000 screenings (vision, dental, and posture), followed by necessary follow-ups and referrals.

Under Education, 15 study rooms will be set up in government and community schools, creating digital-free spaces with books, lights, and mentors.

The Safety pillar will include a dedicated child-protection helpdesk, POC SOP training in 300 schools, and integration with 1098/112 emergency routing systems.

By 2030, the initiative aims to support 100,000 children in 26 districts, serve 20 million meals, conduct 200,000 health screenings, build 1,000 study rooms, and certify 2,000 schools under the Six-Star School Safety Framework.

The program will be managed through the EBG Foundation's central program office in Hyderabad and delivered in collaboration with verified district NGO and school partners under MoUs with local authorities.

BRS respects people's verdict, says KTR

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : BRS Working President K T Rama Rao (KTR) on Friday said the party respects the mandate delivered by the people in the Jubilee Hills by-election. Speaking to senior leaders at Telangana Bhavan after the results were declared, he appreciated the hard work of local party teams and commended BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha for putting up a determined

fight despite having no previous political experience.

KTR said the BJP losing its deposit was indicative of what he termed the "BJP–Congress understanding" and the "RS Brothers equation." He reiterated that the BRS continues to be the principal alternative in Telangana and will carry forward its role as the main opposition. "We will stay with the people, stand by them, and continue the fight until KCR becomes Chief Minister again," he said. He thanked voters who supported the party and noted that the BRS secured a substantial vote share. He stressed that the party campaigned solely on public issues and avoided divisive politics.

KTR said the BRS had consistently highlighted what it saw as gaps in the implementation of the Congress government's six

guarantees and other alleged irregularities. "Everyone saw how the elections were conducted. Every survey predicted our win," he said, adding that the verdict still reaffirmed BRS as the "clear alternative" in the state.

He also acknowledged social media teams, party workers and leaders who campaigned tirelessly, including those who continued their efforts despite personal losses.

Several people were seen wearing masks to save themselves from the ill effects of the pollutants.

The air pollution hotspots across the city are being monitored, while measures like sprinkling of water, dust mitigation with mechanized sweeping and others have also been intensified as per officials to tackle the pollution.

Maha Yuti gets pole position

Mumbai, Nov 14 (UNI) : With the landslide victory of the BJP-led NDA in Bihar, Maharashtra's ruling Maha Yuti alliance is in a pole position in the mega local bodies polls - which comes months after the 2024 Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha polls. The opposition MVA continues to raise the issue of 'Vote Chori' and said that what happend in Bihar is repeat of Maharashtra.

The State Election Commission has announced polls for 246 Nagar Parishads and 42 Nagar Panchayats, which will be held on 2 December, 2025 followed by counting the next day.

The elections to 29 municipal corporations besides the 32 Zilla Parishads and 336 Panchayat Samities will be announced later.

The Supreme Court has directed that the process of local bodies polls in Maharashtra be completed by 31 January 2026.

While the Maha Yuti alliance, comprising BJP, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-led NCP, has principally agreed to pre-poll and post-poll alliances, the Maha Vikas Aghadi, comprising Congress, Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP), are yet to take a call. The Congress has made it clear it will not have alliance with Raj Thackeray-led MNS and Asaduddin Owaisi-headed AIMIM in the local bodies elections. In Mumbai and other major cities, the Congress wants to go alone.

Uddhav's party has been pivoting for inclusion of MNS in the MVA, however, Congress seems to be opposed to it because of Raj's stand on North Indian migrants and Muslims, which is a strong

Congress vote bank.

Samajwadi party state president Abu Asim Azmi has also made it clear that his party will not have electoral alliance with any party and will contest the civic election alone.

AIMIM city president Farook Shabdi had yesterday said while addressing media that his party will contest on 50 seats in Mumbai

On the other hand, the Congress may think of alliance with the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) in Nanded, the Raju Shetti-led Swabhimani Paksha, the Mahadev Jankar-led Rashtriya Samaj Paksha (RSP), the Rajendra Gavai-led Republican Party of India faction and the Wamanrao Chatap-led Swatantra Bharat Paksha in several places. Interestingly, both Shetti and Jankar are former allies of the BJP.

Bihar mandate endorses PM 's leadership: Jai Ram Thakur

Shimla, Nov 14 (UNI) Calling the mandate of Bihar a strong endorsement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies and leadership, former Himachal Chief Minister and current Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur on Friday said that the results of the Assembly elections have conveyed several clear messages. Addressing a celebration event organised at CTO Chowk in Shimla on Thursday, he said that the people of Bihar have once again given an overwhelming majority to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), proving that the country is no longer willing to fall for the lies, deception, and theatrics of the Congress and the Mahagathbandhan.

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given Indian politics a new definition of pro-incumbency. Even after 20 years, such a massive mandate reflects the people's continued faith in the Prime Minister's leadership, policies, and development-oriented politics. According to him, the transparent and

welfare-oriented governance model under Modi ensured that every rupee reached the beneficiaries directly, eliminating the role of middlemen. Jai Ram Thakur congratulated Prime Minister Modi, union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda, and all NDA leaders on the resounding victory.

Targeting the Congress and the opposition alliance, he said that the people of the country and Bihar have repeatedly rejected the negative, divisive, and disruptive mindset of Rahul Gandhi and the Congress. He said that false promises, populist slogans, or fabricated guarantees can no longer mislead the public. Whenever Rahul Gandhi made indecent remarks against Prime

Minister Modi, the people gave him a strong response. Even in these results, the Congress is virtually invisible in Bihar, and its leaders have failed to gain public acceptance. Launching a scathing attack on Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Jai Ram Thakur said, "Sukhu is notorious for making false claims and had gone to Bihar as a star campaigner of the Congress, becoming the brand ambassador of 'guarantees'.

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
ENGINEERING WORKS
Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms / contractor for the following works. Tender Notice No. 14-2025-SrDENC , Name of Work - Annual Sectional Contract for Zone 'B' for Kurduwadi (Incl) including Kurduwadi Workshop Dhavalvas, Bhalwani, Poplaj, Washimbe, Parewadi, Jinti, Malthan, Borbel, Bhigwan, Kettur, Jeur, Kem etc. in service building, office building & Staff qtrs. (Year:2026-27, 2027-28 2028-29, 2029-30). Annual Sectional Contract for Zone 'C' ADEN/UTS sub division Kurduwadi(Excl) to Dudhani (Incl) Wadginge, Madha, Angar, Wakav, Malikpeth, Mohol, Bale, Akkolkot road, Pakni, Tiltati, Hotgi etc in service building, office building & Staff qtrs. (Year:2026-27, 2027-28 2028-29, 2029-30). 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Jubilee Hills verdict mandate for development, says TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Friday said the Jubilee Hills by-election result is a clear endorsement of the Congress government’s development and welfare agenda.

Speaking to the media in Nizamabad, he said the people had delivered a decisive verdict in favour of the Congress and rejected the BRS once again.

Goud said the victory belongs to every Congress worker who worked tirelessly for the campaign. He noted that the people of Jubilee Hills, much like those in the recent Cantonment by-election, backed the Congress for its governance, delivering a massive majority to party candidate Naveen Yadav.

He said the verdict reaffirmed that the BRS has “no future” in Telangana, pointing out that the party was already reduced to zero in the recent parliamentary elections. The Jubilee Hills result, he said, further proved that the party has lost public trust in the state.

Goud credited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers, MLAs, MPs, and party leaders for their coordinated efforts.

He said that electing a BC leader like Naveen Yadav reflects the people’s confidence in the government. He also reiterated the Congress party’s commitment to ensuring 42 per cent reservations for BCs, stating that the verdict sends a strong message to the BJP, which he accused of blocking BC reservations.

Looking ahead, Goud said the Jubilee Hills victory marks the beginning of the Congress campaign for the upcoming GHMC elections, expressing confidence that the party will secure a commanding win there as well.

He added that the people’s support shows that Congress is poised to win over 100 seats in the next Assembly elections and continue in power for at least a decade.

He thanked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on behalf of the party for his leadership.



Security personnel keep vigil during the counting of votes for the Nagrota assembly constituency bypoll, in Jammu district.

Govt, ADB explore funding tie-ups for development projects, including metro expansion

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : The Telangana government on Friday held an extensive meeting with an Asian Development Bank (ADB) delegation to push forward several major infrastructure and social development projects planned under the Chief Minister’s leadership.

Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao briefed the visiting team, at the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, on a wide range of initiatives, including Young India Integrated Schools, the Musi River beautification project,

Young India Skill and Sports University, and ongoing road expansion works across the State.

As part of the long-term “Telangana Rising 2047” vision, officials also detailed proposals for Phase-II expansion of the Hyderabad Metro, creation of infrastructure in Integrated Schools, new sewage treatment plants in municipalities, upgrades in Warangal civic infrastructure, and improvements to Hyderabad’s drinking water systems.The discussions covered financial models

and ADB support for HAM road projects, solar power connectivity for agricultural pump sets under the Clean and Green Energy Policy, procurement of TSRTC e-buses, and development of the proposed Skill and Sports University.

The meeting concluded with both sides agreeing to expedite the identified projects through close cooperation.

Speaking afterwards, the Chief Secretary said Telangana continues to be one of the most investment-friendly and fastest-

growing states in the country.Senior officials including Roads and Buildings Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Energy Principal Secretary Naveen Mittal, Planning Secretary Jyoti Buddha Prakash, Municipal Administration Secretary T K Sridevi, Education Secretary Yogita Rana, Hyderabad Metro Rail MD Sarfaraz Ahmed, TGHC Director Shashanka, HMWS&SB MD Ashok Reddy and Musi Riverfront Development Corporation MD E.V. Narasimha Reddy were present, an official statement said.

Jubilee Hills victory an alert before an earthquake for opposition: CM

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : The Congress party’s victory in the Jubilee Hills byelection, is “an alert before an earthquake” for the Opposition, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy warned on Friday.

In byelection results declared for the Jubilee Hills, the stronghold of BRS for nearly a decade, Congress candidate N Naveen Yadav defeated his nearest BRS rival Maganti Sunitha by a margin of 24,711 votes. BJP candidate Lankala Deepak Reddy lost the deposit.

The Jubilee Hills seat fell vacant after the sudden demise of sitting MLA Maganti Gopinath on June 8 this year. The BRS’ candidate is the widow of Maganti Gopinath. Gopinath had represented

the constituency for three consecutive terms—2014, 2018 and 2023—cementing the BRS’ hold in this urban segment.

Buoyed by the Congress victory, CM Revanth Reddy while addressing a media conference here, said that the Congress showed tremendous performance by securing 51 per cent votes whereas BRS could get only 38 per cent and the BJP forfeited deposit by getting only 8 per cent votes.People were closely observing the two-year rule and gave this verdict in the bypolls, the CM maintained.

Congress vote bank has been increasing since the assembly elections, he said. In the 2023 elections, Congress secured 39.5 per

cent and 41 per cent in the 2024 parliamentary elections, while in Jubilee Hills, now it was 51 per cent votes for Congress.

No force can defeat the Congress when the leadership is united, the CM noted.

Highlighting the poor performance of the BRS and BJP in the byelections, the CM said that union Minister Kishan Reddy took responsibility for the victory of the BJP candidate but he secured only 17,000 votes.

"The union minister should change his behavior because the bypoll outcome is like an alert before an earthquake," he remarked. If the union minister does not change his behavior, the BJP will be buried in political tremors in

the future, he said.

Kishan Reddy should analyse the results and cooperate with Telangana’s development, the CM said, and invited Kishan Reddy to the state secretariat to discuss the pending projects and central funds to Telangana state.

The CM also suggested that BRS Workng President KTR and senior BRS leader Harish should mend their ways. "KTR’s arrogance and Harish Rao’s jealous attitude should be changed at least now," he said, adding that power is not permanent for anyone.

The total votes polled by Congress is more than what the two parties -- BRS and BJP-- secured in the byelections, he said.

The CM said that the appeal to the opposition is

to support the Telangana development.

"I will do politics during the elections only," the CM said, adding the opposition has every right to raise the issues and hold dharnas. The social media is posting the comments made by the BRS leaders and the leaders should not live in illusions.

Further, the CM said that some media houses are spreading false information for their own business interests.

This victory has increased our responsibility even more, he stated, adding that the state government has envisaged plans to develop Hyderabad as a global city.

"We are preparing plans for Metro Rail expansion, elevated corridors, Musi project, solving traffic

problems and lifting Godavari water to Hyderabad," the CM said criticizing the BRS for obstructing the development by spreading canards on social media. The opposition created hurdles to HYDRAA and Musi projects, he said.

Congratulating the entire Congress cadre and workers for securing a big mandate, the Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has said that the big mandate given by the voters to the Congress demonstrated outstanding performance of the People’s government in the last two years.

The CM suggested that Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka conduct a review on pending projects and central funds and submit a report to the MPs.

Kishan Reddy hails NDA’s Bihar victory, says Congress won Jubilee Hills through money power

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy on Friday said the NDA’s emphatic win in Bihar reflects the people’s

NDA stuns opposition to steamroll to victory

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development has won and it is the pro-people spirit which has won."He expressed gratitude to the people of the state for giving the NDA a historic victory in the assembly polls, and said the verdict has bolstered public confidence in the Election Commission. Nitish Kumar said the people had shown strong trust in the government.

Expressing his pleasure on his social media account X, Kumar said the NDA alliance fought the election with full unity, which helped them secure such a big victory.

As the counting neared its end, Janata Dal (United) highlighted the role of women voters in the mandate.

The party said the trust of Bihar’s women had prevailed, the NDA had emerged victorious, and Bihar as a whole had triumphed. In a post on X, JD(U) shared: "The trust of Bihar’s women has triumphed... The NDA has triumphed, Bihar has triumphed. (Jeeta hai Bihar ki mahilao ka vishwaas... jeeta hai NDA, jeeta hai Bihar)."

desire to prevent a return of “jungle raj” and continue the development achieved under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

He said even survey agencies had not anticipated such a strong mandate for the NDA.

Reddy said rapid reforms under Modi and the steady growth of the national economy were key factors behind the Bihar result. Citing recent outcomes in Haryana, Maharashtra and now Bihar, he claimed the electorate had “rejected the Congress everywhere.”

He attacked the Congress for its criticism of the Election Commission, saying the party opposed the removal of illegal votes and was now “losing public

support.” Rahul Gandhi, he said, should apologise to election officials and the people for making “baseless allegations” about the poll process.

On the Jubilee Hills by-election, Kishan Reddy said the BJP has historically not won the segment — not even at the corporator level — but the party had taken the contest seriously because the constituency falls under a BJP-held parliamentary seat. He said the party would review the loss and prepare for future polls, including the GHMC elections.

He alleged that both the Congress and BRS distributed large sums of money during the campaign and said the BJP would file a complaint with the Election Commission.

“Crores were seized near a polling booth a day before voting. Who is responsible for that?” he asked, claiming the Congress won the by-election only because of cash distribution.

Reddy dismissed claims that the result was an endorsement of the Revanth Reddy government. “Did people vote for development in Jubilee Hills? No—they were given money. IFEVs worked properly in Bihar, how is it that they didn’t work only in Jubilee Hills?” he said.

The union Minister asserted that the BJP continued to gain ground in Telangana. He pointed to the party’s performance — eight Assembly seats, eight MP seats, strong results in

People rejected BRS lies: Seethakka on Congress’ big Jubilee Hills victory

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : Panchayat Raj Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Friday described the Congress’ emphatic victory in the Jubilee Hills by-election as a “historic mandate” endorsing two years of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s governance.

In a statement, she thanked the voters for delivering an “unprecedented win” to the party and praised Congress workers for their efforts. She also congratulated party candidate Naveen Yadav on his “resounding victory,” calling the outcome one that “will be remembered for years.”

Seethakka said the verdict was a clear rebuke to the BRS for its “false propaganda and endless lies,” adding that the result showed the development and welfare programmes of the Congress government were reaching people effectively. “There is no

turning back from Congress rule,” she asserted.

She said the public had not forgotten the “frauds and failures” of the former TRS government. “Even after two years out of power, the sins of their ten-year rule remain fresh in people’s minds. That is why they were chased and defeated,” she said.

Accusing the BRS of running a fake social media campaign with “looted money,” Seethakka said the Jubilee Hills result proved the party exists only online and has lost relevance among the public. “The people have built a tomb for your senseless politics. At least now, act responsibly,” she said.

Urging the opposition to focus on constructive politics, she said: “Politics is not about drama; it is about ideology. Winning and losing is natural. Cooperate for the development of the state, or your party will fade away.”

Congress marches toward big win in Jubilee Hills by-election

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) : The counting of votes in the Jubilee Hills by-election is underway, with the Congress establishing a commanding lead as the rounds progress.

Congress candidate Naveen Yadav has maintained his lead consistently, staying ahead through all seven completed rounds.

In the seventh round alone, Yadav extended his margin by 4,000 votes, bringing his overall lead to 19,797 votes. Counting for the eighth round is currently in progress.

With the gap continuing to grow, Congress workers remain upbeat, while signs of distress are visible in the rival camp. Several BRS and BJP polling agents were seen leaving the counting centre one after another, as the prospect of a heavy defeat for their parties became increasingly clear.


For Congress, winning the Jubilee Hills Assembly seat has strengthened its urban presence and validate its governance model since coming to power.

Telangana Minister Vakiti Srihari said voters had delivered the "referendum" that BRS leader KTR had highlighted during campaigning. He added that Congress respects the people's verdict and will work to address local shortcomings, while expressing gratitude to voters for their trust.

For the BRS, it is a fight for relevance, victory would signal a revival after recent electoral setbacks, while defeat could deepen its decline and undermine its position as the principal Opposition.

For the BJP, the bypoll tests its ability to expand in Hyderabad’s urban pockets and break beyond its traditional strongholds.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender No. SANDT_WAT_25_S_PDT
NAME OF WORK : PROVISION OF HOT STAND BY ALONG WITH DUAL VDU AT PENDURTHI (PDT) STATION OF WALTAIR DIVISION. (EXISTING EI - HITACHI MAKE).
Advertised Value (₹) : 1,13,83,417.00.
EMD (₹): 2,06,900.00, Period of Completion : 12 Months.
Bidding Start Date : 19.11.2025.
Date and Time of Closing of Tender : At 1500 Hrs. of 03.12.2025
Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Complete details and Tender documents will be available at website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Waltair
PR-793/Q/25-26

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Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.

E-Tender Notice

Following Tender is invited in prescribed Tender forms for following Works/Items from reputed E-registered contractors with MSEDCL for following work.

Tender Number	Name of Tender	Tender Amount (Lakhs)	Tender Fees	Last submission date
EE/VS/I/2025-26/T-12	E- Tender of Annual Contract for Monthly Meter Reading of LT consumers (i.e. IP, Commercial, PWW etc.) having load Above & Below 20 KW through CMRI, Bill Printing & Bill Distribution under Wada Sub Sub Division.	30	2500/-+GST@ 18%	27.11.2025
EE/VS/I/2025-26/T-13	E- Tender of Annual Contract for Monthly Meter Reading of LT consumers (i.e. IP, Commercial, PWW etc.) having load Above & Below 20 KW through CMRI, Bill Printing & Bill Distribution under Vasai (Urban) & Vasai Rd. West Division.	26	2500/-+GST@ 18%	21.11.2025

The tender documents are available at our website <https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/> from 15.11.2025. For updates visit to our official website of MSEDCL.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, VASAI DIVISION

STANDARD POST

Social Banking:
A mission adrift

The Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are fast losing not only their 'regional and rural' character but, unfortunately, their inherent social banking nature, the very purpose of their establishment fifty years ago. Started with five RRBS, one each in West Bengal, Rajasthan and Haryana and two in UP, on a pilot basis, on 2 October 1975, they are now spread to 700 districts in 26 States and three union territories, Puducherry, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh; only two states, Goa and Sikkim, and five union territories do not have an RRB, yet.

The reform measures introduced in the RRB sector in different phases starting from the early 1990s were definitely not with the intent to strengthen their original goals, which they had admirably delivered in certain respects, but with new tasks, pure commercial as opposed to social benefit. The new approach of the government, guided by the goals of the overall neo-liberal economic policies, has facilitated the changes, regardless of the fact that the rural credit doesn't fit into the market forces doctrine in view of its critical importance in developing the farm sector, farmers' welfare, and rural employment.

Moreover, the RRBs' experiment was far superior to all the earlier measures put in place since the early years of independence for strengthening rural institutional credit.

A cursory review of the earlier steps for strengthening rural institutional credit reveals the importance of RRBs, particularly the current need to revive their establishment goals. Even the British government, for whom their own colonial interest was supreme, had to focus its attention on the government's lending to the farm sector, as evidenced by passing of the consolidated law, the Land Improvement Loans Act in 1883.

To facilitate the setting up of rural credit societies, the government enacted the first-ever cooperative Act in the country in 1904; it subsequently brought subject of the cooperatives under the states' legislative competence in 1919, following the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms.

Later, the independent Indian government considered supporting agriculture as its top priority and found credit to be an important input for farm development, and thus, an issue of national importance; the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said, it is apt recall here, "anything can wait, but not agriculture!". The RBI undertook the first rural credit survey in 1951-52 to take stock of the agricultural credit scenario in the country.

The survey highlighted the deplorable state of the then-existing rural credit scenario. It found that the cooperative system, the only institutional arrangement at that time, was neither effective nor adequate to deal with the problem of rural credit.

Worse was the informal segment comprising traditional money lenders who fleeced the farmers with usurious interest rates and the exploitative conditions attached to their lending, leading to borrowing farmers ending up in eternal bondage or losing what little assets they had to their creditors. The major among several steps following recommendations of the committee on direction on Rural Credit Survey (Gorawala committee 1955) was the conversion of the Imperial Bank into the State Bank of India, with the main goal of taking banking to rural areas.

The SBI initially set up 400 branches within the next five years, meeting its mandate. Several other steps, including the strengthening of cooperatives, were also initiated.

A National Credit Council (NCC) was set up in 1967 to assess credit demand and supply. The prioritization of areas for credit deployment and the coordination of credit allocation with national priorities were its other tasks. Later, in 1968, social control on banks for channelizing credit towards the areas of national importance was experimented with. As social control without government ownership was not found to be effective, fourteen major commercial banks were nationalized in 1969, and another six in 1980. Although banks made good progress after nationalization, their reach, particularly to the poor, continued to be nowhere near the expectations.

The Banking Commission (under R.G.Saraiya) in its report in 1972 recommended, among other things, increasing banking coverage in rural areas and for an appropriate institutional arrangement suitable to rural requirements to bridge the wide gap between rural credit need and supply, particularly in relation to the small and marginal farmers.

Despite all these concerted efforts, including outright nationalization of banks, it was found that credit was not reaching the needy in the quantity required and in the method convenient to them.

Therefore, the government in 1975 appointed a working group under the chairmanship of M Narasimham, then Additional Secretary in the Finance Ministry, to study the problem and recommend the establishment of a suitable lending institution for the poor in rural areas. Based on the recommendations of this working group, the government established the Regional

Rural Banks in 1975 through an ordinance, without even waiting for parliament to make a law; the presidential ordinance was later converted into the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976. The preamble of the Act clearly set out the goals of the new institution.

World Diabetes Day



(Standard Post Bureau)

The theme of this year's WHO World Diabetes Day, "Diabetes across life stages," recognizes that every person living with diabetes should have access to integrated care, supportive environments and policies that promote health, dignity

and self-management.

A 2025 study found the prevalence of young-onset type 2 diabetes in India to be 17.2% in individuals under 40, with a higher prevalence in males (10.6%) than females (6.5%). The prevalence increases with age, being highest in the 36-40 year old group.

The covid pandemic

worsened risk factors by increasing sedentary behavior, disrupting sleep, and promoting unhealthy eating habits among young people

On top up of genetic predisposition in our south Asians, busy lifestyle, not giving priority to health , increasing young onset obesity all predisposing to earlier onset of diabetes in young population in india

We need to take care of Diabetes Across life stages

At Younger age we need to screen high risk population to catch early, once they are diabetic, we need to focus on preventing complications such as Heart attack, stroke, amputation, eye disease, kidney failure, neuropathy.

This can be possible only with Regular monitoring of dietary habits, exercise, sleep, stress level, blood investigations , Doctor visits, patient support programs, involvement of family members and shared inform decisions.

Book Launch of Dr. Mehra
Shrikhande's 'Mystic World
Decoded' on 16th November

(Standard Post Bureau)

The launch of Mystic World Decoded (English) and its Marathi translation 'Urjeche Gudh Vishwa' both authored by Dr. Mehra Shrikhande, will take place on Sunday, 16th November 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Lemon Tree Premier, near Pune Railway Station.

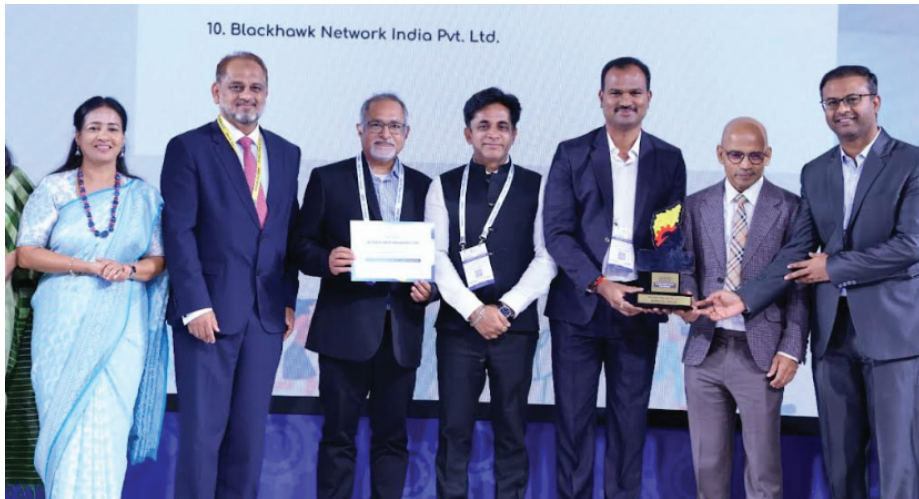
The books will be formally released at the hands of Dr. Narendra Vaidya, Chairman and Director of Lokmanya Hospital. The Marathi



translation has been done by Mumbai-based journalist Ashok Shinde. Both editions are published by Snehal Singh under her institution Mind Spirit Works.

The books offer

guidance on the importance of energy that exists in various forms in the universe and how one can absorb this energy to lead a more positive life. They explore energy-absorption practices from diverse cultures and traditions around the world. Various modalities such as Kabbalah, Angel Numbers, Bach Flower Therapy, Sound Healing, Aroma Therapy, Mantras, Yoga, Healing, and Quantum Therapy are explained in detail.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Wins Two
Kaushalya Karnataka Awards

(Standard Post Bureau)

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has been conferred with two prestigious awards at the Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025, recognizing the company's outstanding contributions to skill development and human capital building in India.

TKM received Kaushalya Karnataka Corporate Excellence Award in Skilling (Large Industries Category) and the Kaushalya Karnataka Award for the Best Institution in Skill Competitions for the Toyota Technical Training Institute (TTTI).

Organized by the Government of Karnataka and the Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC), the Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025 celebrated exemplary institutions, trainers, and

organizations driving excellence in the skilling ecosystem. The event, held at The Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru, on November 6, was graced by Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister of Medical Education & Skill Development, Smt. Shivakantamma (Kanta) Naik, Chairperson, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation and Dr. E. V. Ramana Reddy, IAS(R), Chairman, Karnataka Skill Development Authority.

These recognitions reaffirm TKM's long-standing commitment to nurturing globally competitive talent under its philosophy of "Grow India and Grow with India." Through sustained collaboration with the Government of Karnataka, Toyota continues to empower youth with advanced

technical expertise, work discipline, and the core values that define Toyota's culture of excellence.

At the Toyota Technical Training Institute (TTTI), the company provides rigorous and holistic training to rural youth, ensuring they acquire not only technical proficiency but also leadership qualities, life skills, and a deep sense of social responsibility. These initiatives align closely with both the Government of India's Skill India Mission and the Government of Karnataka's Kaushalya Karnataka Vision, contributing to India's journey toward becoming a global hub for skilled talent.

Appreciating the recognition, Mr. G. Shankara, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said:

Bridging the Himalayas: India,
Bhutan, and the China Factor

(By Jayanta Roy Chowdhury)

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi flew to Thimpu earlier on Tuesday for talks with Bhutan's monarch King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the agenda went far beyond bilateral friendship.

India's proposal to link the Himalayan kingdom to its rail network through routes in West Bengal and Assam may appear as an infrastructure project, but its strategic implications reach deep into the heart of the eastern Himalayas, where India, Bhutan, and China intersect in a complex and fragile triangle.

India has long seen strengthening connectivity with Bhutan as both a reaffirmation of trust and a subtle counterweight to Beijing's expanding presence along the disputed Bhutan-China border.

Nestled in the high Himalayas, Thimphu, views the initiative as offering economic opportunity and strategic reassurance at a time when it is delicately balancing between two powerful neighbours, India, its long-standing ally to the South, and China, its assertive neighbour in the North.

The latest India-Bhutan engagement comes amid a notable thaw in India-China ties. In August 2025, just weeks before Modi's scheduled visit to Beijing for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, New Delhi hosted the 24th round of Special Representative (SR) talks with China.

Both sides agreed to create an expert group under the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) to explore an "early harvest" solution for border delimitation.

While the discussions primarily focused on stabilising the long and disputed boundary, they also have implications for Bhutan, the only neighbouring state with which China has neither diplomatic relations nor a settled border. As India cautiously reopens channels with Beijing, Bhutan finds itself facing renewed Chinese pressure and a rare opportunity to finally conclude its own protracted boundary dispute.

Bhutan Between Two Giants

Bhutan shares deep civilisational and strategic ties with India, but it has managed to maintain a careful neutrality with China. Since 1984, it has held 25 rounds of border talks with Beijing over three disputed sectors — the North, West, and East. Yet, progress has been agonisingly slow and with no clear results in sight. The most sensitive zone is Bhutan's Western sector, abutting India's Sikkim state and the Chumbi Valley, a dagger-shaped wedge of Tibetan territory, that points menacingly toward India's narrow Siliguri Corridor, the "Chicken's Neck"

connecting mainland India to its northeast.

At the core of this contest lies the Doklam Plateau, where India, Bhutan, and China meet. In 2017, India's intervention stopped the Chinese construction of a road toward the Jampheri Ridge, sparking a 73-day military standoff. The plateau's strategic significance is immense: if China were to occupy the ridge, it would gain direct observation and artillery advantage over India's vital corridor. Bhutan and India both recognise Batang La as the trijunction point, while China insists it begins at Gipmochi, several kilometres south, a seemingly minor difference with enormous geopolitical consequences.

Bhutan's vulnerability to Chinese pressure is rooted in history. For centuries, the kingdom shared a symbiotic, if uneasy, relationship with Tibet, which extracted tributes and enjoyed influence based on the spiritual leadership of the Dalai Lama over the Himalayan Buddhist world. However, when China formally annexed Tibet in 1951, it inherited its ambiguous frontier with Bhutan and began asserting historical claims based on old Tibetan grazing routes and monastic records. During the 1950s and 1960s, Beijing oscillated between threats and inducements. It issued maps showing swathes of Bhutanese land as Chinese territory even as it offered trade concessions and friendship.

The annexation of Tibet also deepened India's strategic anxieties. New Delhi, which guided Bhutan's foreign policy at the time, moved swiftly to strengthen ties with Thimphu, an alignment that has endured ever since. For Beijing, however, Bhutan remains an unfinished business, the only neighbour, apart from India, with which it has no demarcated boundary with it. To make matters worse, it is the only neighbour that has not yet allowed China to send a permanent minister. In Chinese eyes, settling the Bhutan border is essential to consolidating control over Tibet, reducing Indian influence in the Himalayas, and expanding its strategic reach toward the Siliguri corridor.

Over the decades, China has perfected a slow-motion strategy of encroachment, which analysts term "gray zone warfare", in Bhutan. Through the 1980s and 1990s, Chinese herders and patrols gradually pushed southward, setting up camps, outposts, and eventually roads. Recently, satellite imagery has revealed entire Chinese-built villages inside territory

internationally recognised as Bhutanese, some in the Menchuma Valley in the north, others near Doklam in the west. A 2024 report counted 19 such settlements housing around 7,000 residents, an unmistakable effort to establish "facts on the ground." In 2020, Beijing even expanded its claims to include Sakteng, in eastern Bhutan, a move that caught Thimphu by surprise and underscored the scale of Chinese ambitions.

India's Stakes

For New Delhi, the stakes in Bhutan's border dispute with China are far greater than a few square miles of snow-covered wilderness. Control over Bhutan's south-western sector, particularly the Doklam Plateau, could determine whether India retains secure access to its northeastern states or lives with a permanent vulnerability at its narrowest strategic hinge, the Siliguri Corridor.

India cannot prevent this by military posturing alone. It needs a layered, patient strategy that combines deterrence, development, and diplomacy to ensure that Bhutan's sovereignty and India's security are not eroded ridge by ridge or, for that matter, valley by valley. The most effective defence against coercion is interdependence. By accelerating rail and road links from West Bengal and Assam to Bhutan, particularly the Kokrajhar-Gelephu and Banarhat-Samtse corridors, New Delhi can both anchor Bhutan's economy more firmly in the Indian market and extend logistical reach across the eastern Himalayas. Fast-tracking these projects under special funding windows would signal commitment at a time when China's own infrastructure is increasing by leaps and bounds southward through Tibet.

Similarly, expanding hydropower cooperation, concessional financing, and cross-border electricity trade can bind Bhutan's long-term growth to India's grid, offering Thimphu prosperity without dependency on Beijing's inducements. Economic connectivity, in this context, becomes strategic connectivity.

India's defence relationship with Bhutan is rooted in quiet trust, not an overt alliance. To preserve that balance, New Delhi's focus should be on capacity-building, enabling Bhutan to monitor and manage its own frontier effectively. This includes expanding training for the Royal Bhutan Army, facilitating logistics and mountain mobility, and deepening cooperation on border roads and all-weather access routes.

Equally vital is the transfer of surveillance technology.

The goal is not militarisation but awareness, ensuring that every new Chinese road, herder's camp, or "model village" is visible, recorded, and diplomatically actionable.

House of Red Fort blast key accused demolished in J and K's Pulwama

The Ministers expressed satisfaction with the progress made in strengthening bilateral economic engagement and reaffirmed their shared commitment to elevate the economic partnership to reflect global developments and evolving supply chain and trade dynamics.

They emphasized the importance of maintaining momentum in the bilateral dialogue and supporting people-to-people ties, which provide a strong foundation for the partnership. The Ministers agreed to having sustained ministerial engagements with the trade and investment community in both Canada and India early next year.

relevant stakeholders on both sides, the Ministers agreed to encourage long-term supply chain partnerships in critical minerals and clean energy collaboration essential for energy transition, and new-

Collective action of society will prove to be last nail in coffin of terrorism: LG Sinha

highlighted his contribution in the freedom struggle and inspiring the society.

He said, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay had strengthened the bond between Maa Bharti and her sons and inspired people to secure independence.

“Every Indian heart has an inner song and that is Vande Mataram. During freedom struggle when Vande Mataram was sung by someone, other hearts were humming it back.

Thus, a strong bond was created which should inspire the young generation today to serve “Maa Bharti,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

“Our effort for industrialization is showing impressive growth. We have taken bold decisions taking Jammu Kashmir into a brighter future and

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Extracts of Statement of Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September, 2025

		(Rs. In Lakhs Except for EPS)											
Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended		Half Year ended		Year Ended		Quarter Ended		Half Year ended		Year Ended	
		30-Sep-25	30-Jun-25	30-Sep-24	30-Sep-25	30-Sep-24	31-Mar-25	30-Sep-25	30-Jun-25	30-Sep-24	30-Sep-25	30-Sep-24	31-Mar-25
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total income from operations (net)	32.42	32.63	69.73	65.05	229.68	374.79	72.43	64.53	223.51	136.96	463.60	653.40
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period from ordinary activities (Before tax, Exceptional and for Extraordinary items)	8.19	25.65	31.53	33.84	221.06	-623.00	-13.53	13.91	155.93	0.37	345.05	-571.70
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	8.19	25.65	31.53	33.84	221.06	-623.00	-13.53	13.91	155.93	0.37	345.05	-571.70
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	0.06	17.49	20.72	17.55	202.98	-660.48	97.38	-95.07	155.12	2.32	356.08	-638.71
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit or (loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive income (after tax))	0.06	17.49	20.72	17.55	202.98	-660.48	98.05	-93.60	153.59	4.46	358.61	-635.78
6	Paidup Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 1/- per share)	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.50	377.50	377.50	377.50	377.50	377.50
7	Reserves(excluding revaluation reserve)	NA	NA	NA	-5,577.70	-4,731.79	-5,595.24	NA	NA	NA	-4,423.17	-3,433.23	-4,427.63
8	Earnings per share (Basic and Diluted) (of Rs. 1/- each) (not annualised for the quarters)	0	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.54	-1.75	0.26	-0.25	0.41	0.01	0.94	-1.69

Notes : Standalone

1 The above results of the Company for the quarter ended and half year ended 30th September 2025 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 13th November 2025.

2 i. The Company had an outstanding principal loan of Rs. 60.00 crores. Interest amounting to Rs. 11.07 crores was provided and paid up to 31st March 2022. Subsequently interest was waived off at the each year end till 31st March 2024 based on mutual agreement. Based on the above waiver, interest was not provided in quarterly results upto 31st December 2024. However, at the year end 31st March 2025, the Company did not receive any waiver for the and accordingly interest has been provided at the rate of 7.15 % at negotiated rate for the full year. In the current half year interest is not provided as per negotiated terms of loan, had the interest been provided on principal outstanding as per the negotiated rate of interest, finance cost, loss and liabilities would have been higher by Rs 2.18 Crores and reserves and surplus would have been lower by Rs. 2.18 Crores.
ii. Also another loan outstanding principal of Rs. 72.55 crores . No interest was provided in the quarterly results as being the terms and conditions were under negotiation upto nine months ended 31st December 2024. However, in the previous quarter ended 31st March 2025, the Company have negotiated the terms of the interest and payment with the lender and accordingly interest has been provided at the rate of 9% for the full Financial year. In the current half year ended interest is not provided as per negotiated rate term of loan, had the interest been provided on principal outstanding as per the negotiated rate of interest, finance cost, loss and liabilities would have been higher by Rs 2.91 Crores and profit for the quarter and reserves and surplus would have been lower by Rs. 2.91 Crores

3 During FY 22-23 year, the one of the major wholly owned subsidiary company viz. IndiaNivesh Shares and Securities Private Limited (INSSPL)- has restarted its trading terminals on NSE Cash Segment w.e.f. April 18, 2022 Vide SAT passed an order dated March 7, 2022 granting a stay on the impugned order of the NSE's Member & Core Settlement Guarantee Fund Committee (MCSGFC). However approval of Bombay Stock Exchange is still pending. Standalone and Consolidated network of the Company is eroded. Directors/Management of the Company will induct the funds as and when required to meet its various cost and losses and the company will able to meet its obligation in future course of business and also short-term borrowings has been utilized for the long-term investment cost amounting to Rs 72.99,042 (Rs. In Hundreds) and fair Value Rs. 76.96,103(Rs. In Hundreds) as per standalone financial.

4 The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standard and Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended from time to time, and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.

5 The segment reporting of the Company has been prepared in accordance with Ind AS – 108 on "Operating Segment" (Refer - Annexure 1)

6 Pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Discloser Requirement) Regulation 2015 (as amended), the standalone results of the Company are available on the website of the Company www.indianivesh.in & on the website of BSE www.bseindia.com.

7 Corresponding figures of the previous periods / year have been regrouped or rearranged, wherever considered necessary.

Notes : Consolidated

1 The above results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended on 30th September 2025 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 13th November 2025.

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ii. Also another loan outstanding principal of Rs. 72.55 crores . No interest was provided in the quarterly results as being the terms and conditions were under negotiation upto nine months ended 31st December 2024. However, in the previous quarter ended 31st March 2025, the Company have negotiated the terms of the interest and payment with the lender and accordingly interest has been provided at the rate of 9% for the full Financial year. In the current half year ended interest is not provided as per negotiated rate term of loan, had the interest been provided on principal outstanding as per the negotiated rate of interest, finance cost, loss and liabilities would have been higher by Rs 2.91 Crores and profit for the quarter and reserves and surplus would have been lower by Rs. 2.91 Crores

3 The above consolidated results represent results of IndiaNivesh Limited, its subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with Ind AS 110 - "Consolidated Financial Statement".

4 The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standard and Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended from time to time, and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.

5 During FY 22-23 year, the one of the major wholly owned subsidiary company viz. IndiaNivesh Shares and Securities Private Limited (INSSPL) - has restarted its trading terminals on NSE Cash Segment w.e.f. April 18, 2022 Vide SAT passed an order dated March 7, 2022 granting a stay on the impugned order of the NSE's Member & Core Settlement Guarantee Fund Committee (MCSGFC). However approval of Bombay Stock Exchange is still pending. Standalone and Consolidated network of the Company is eroded. Directors/Management of the Company will induct the funds as and when required to meet its various cost and losses and the company will able to meet its obligation in future course of business and also short-term borrowings has been utilized for the long-term investment cost amounting to Rs 59,1486.16 (Rs. In Hundreds) and fair Value Rs. 52,63,503 (Rs. In Hundreds) as per consolidated financial result.

6 The segment reporting of the Group and its subsidiaries has been prepared in accordance with Ind AS – 108 on "Operating Segment" (Refer - Annexure 1)

7 Pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Discloser Requirement) Regulation 2015, the consolidated results of the Group are available on the website of the Group www.indianivesh.in & on the website of BSE www.bseindia.com.

8 Corresponding figures of the previous periods / year have been regrouped or rearranged, wherever considered necessary.

For and Behalf of the Board

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Managing Director

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Over 3,000 Boeing workers
vowed to end their strike

Moscow, Nov 14 (UNI/ SPUTNIK) : More than 3,000 Boeing workers voted to ratify a new contract with the company, ending a strike that lasted more than three months, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) said.

"Approximately 3,200 members of IAM union (International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers) District 837 at Boeing in the St. Louis area have voted to ratify a new contract with Boeing, ending the strike that began on Aug. 4, 2025," the organization said in a statement on Thursday.

Union members will begin returning to work on November 16, the statement added.

The media reported previously that the striking employees are involved in the assembly and maintenance of high-tech military systems, including F-15 and F/A-18 fighter jets, as well as advanced missile and defense technologies.

Md Yunus discusses illegal
immigration, Rohingya crisis
with UK minister

Dhaka, Nov 14 (UNI) Bangladesh Chief Advisor (CA) Md Yunus, during his meeting with British Minister for International Development Baroness Jenny Chapman on Nov 13, discussed a whole array of bilateral topics such as migration, trade, tackling illegal migration, boosting trade, the Rohingya crisis, and enhancing cooperation in the aviation and maritime sectors.

Expressing particular concern about the abuse of the UK asylum system by migrants from countries, with Bangladesh being one of its biggest exploiters, Chapman stressed the importance of safe and legal migration, instead of abusing political mechanisms, reports Business Standard BD.

Concurring with her assessment, the CA emphasised his govt's commitment to promoting safe migration and encouraging Bangladeshis to seek overseas employment through legal channels.

Discussing the Rohingya crisis and the need for continued humanitarian support for more than a million refugees living in camps in Bangladesh, Yunus said: "The young people in the camps are growing up without hope -- angry and frustrated. We must ensure they receive education."

He further noted that Bangladesh is purchasing a British research vessel to conduct maritime studies in the Bay of Bengal.

The British minister called for stronger aviation ties between the two nations, adding that the head of Airbus International is expected to visit Bangladesh soon. Also present at the meeting were National Security Adviser Dr Khalilur Rahman, SDG Coordinator Lamiya Morshed, and British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke.

COP30 Presidency launches
Belém Action Plan for Health
and Climate Adaptation

Belem (Brazil), Nov 14 (UNI) : The COP30 presidency has officially launched the Belém Action Plan for Health and Climate Adaptation following discussions during the World Health Organisation's recent General Assembly.

The initiative comprises over 80 members, including numerous countries and organisations, backed by investments and support from philanthropic bodies and civil society.

The report highlights a significant gap in global health finance regarding adaptation; as climate change impacts escalate, health systems find themselves at the forefront of the crisis.

With the Indian representatives endorsing the Belém Health Action Plan, they emphasised that this marks a crucial step toward prioritising health within the framework of climate action.

"The air pollution crisis we face, with millions exposed to toxic air daily, underscores the urgency of this commitment. This issue is not just a singular event; it's part of a growing trend of dangerous air quality extending across the Indo-Gangetic plain and beyond," they stressed during a recent press conference.

As noted in India's 2023 national communication to the UNFCCC, to adapt to climate change under a business-as-usual scenario, the nation will need 643 billion USD by 2030, as shared by Dr. Vishwas Chitale, a Fellow at the Council for Energy, Environment & Water and Research Fellow at United Nations.

He indicated that India has already made notable strides, having invested 146 billion USD in 2021-2022, accounting for 5.6% of the GDP, a significant increase from 3.7% in 2015-2016.

Dr. Chitale also highlighted the recently launched Climate and Health Funders Coalition, which has pledged an initial 300 million USD for coordinated efforts to address both the root causes of climate change and its health repercussions — focusing on delivering solutions where they are urgently needed.

Jeni Miller, Executive Director of the Global Climate and Health Alliance, remarked, "The establishment of the Climate and Health Funders Coalition, with an annual commitment of 300 million USD in philanthropic contributions, sends an important and encouraging message."

She underscored the necessity of adaptation finance to bolster health systems, emphasising that such funds must be just, equitable, transparent, and accessible to enhance health resilience, particularly in vulnerable nations.



President Donald Trump signs the funding bill to reopen the government, in the Oval Office of the White House, in Washington.

US approves \$330m aircraft parts sale to
Taiwan, drawing anger from Beijing

Washington/Taipei/ Beijing, Nov 14 (UNI) : The US has approved a \$330 million sale of fighter jet and transport aircraft parts to Taiwan — the first such package since President Donald Trump took office in January, drawing Beijing's ire.

Taiwan's presidential office welcomed the announcement, describing it as further evidence of sustained US support.

"The deepening of the Taiwan-US security partnership is an important cornerstone of peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region," presidential office spokesperson Karen Kuo said.

The move comes at a particularly sensitive time amid heightened regional tensions, as China has been amping up its military presence in the island country's maritime zone

through its constant incursions, while the US has been maintaining its role as Taiwan's main weapons supplier, and military supporter under the Taiwan Relations Act, reports Taipei Times.

Announcing the presidential greenlight, the Pentagon said the proposed sale would enhance Taiwan's defensive readiness by supporting the upkeep of its F-16 fighter jets, C-130 transport aircraft and other platforms, which "will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats by maintaining the operational readiness of the recipient's fleet."

Although Washington formally recognises Beijing's political position, it maintains unofficial ties with Taipei and is legally required to help the island

maintain sufficient self-defence capabilities.

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence also thanked Washington, saying the package — expected to take effect within one month— would boost the air force's fighter readiness, reinforce air defences, and strengthen the island's ability to counter China's expanding "grey-zone" pressure.

The ministry noted that the deal aligns with US commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances.

Beijing, in line with its predictable state rhetoric, expressed strong condemnation, reiterating its long-held claim that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China, something which Taipei has completely rejected.

"The Taiwan question is the core of China's core

interests and the first red line that must not be crossed in China-US relations," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian told reporters in Beijing.China's military has dramatically increased its operations around Taiwan in recent years, flying larger numbers of warplanes and sailing naval vessels near the island, as part of its pressure and intimidation tactics by projection of its military might.The approval of the arms package comes shortly after Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in South Korea late last month, where economic negotiations took centre stage.

The meeting had prompted concern in Taipei that Taiwan's security interests could become entangled in the broader US-China bargaining.

China cracks
down on AI
deepfakes of
public figures in
live-streams

Beijing, Nov 14 (UNI) : Chinese cyberspace authorities said on Friday they were cracking down on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated deepfakes to impersonate public figures in live-streaming e-commerce, targeting false propaganda and online infringement.

The Cyberspace Administration of China said in a statement that authorities had recently "severely dealt with" several online accounts that used AI to mimic celebrities to promote products in live-streams and short videos, misleading users.

The regulator said online platforms have been urged to launch a cleanup, which has so far removed over 8,700 pieces of non-compliant content and dealt with more than 11,000 accounts that impersonated others.

Cyberspace authorities would maintain a "high-pressure" stance, continuing to hold platforms accountable and to "dispose of and expose" malicious marketing accounts to maintain a positive online environment, it added.

Poland receives full
delivery of 180 South
Korean K2 Black
Panther tanks

Warsaw, Nov 14 (UNI) : Poland has received the delivery of 180 K2 Black Panther tanks from South Korea, Polish Minister of National Defense Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz announced, a move aimed at transforming its armed forces into one of Europe's most powerful land forces.

"We are growing stronger. Another 20 K2 Black Panther tanks for the 16th Mechanized Division have just arrived in Poland, meaning we now have a full complement of 180 tanks under the first contract," Kosiniak-Kamysz wrote on X. He added that Warsaw and Seoul will begin implementing the next contract, signed in August, in 2025.

The initial USD 6.7 billion contract, signed on August 1, 2022, covers 180 K2 Black Panther tanks. Kosiniak-Kamysz said, "The new units will be better equipped than the existing ones, and production will be launched next year. Between 2028 and 2030, we plan full-scale domestic production."

Under the framework agreement, Poland can acquire up to 1,000 K2 tanks, which could become the mainstay of its land forces. The first 64 tanks were delivered in the K2PL configuration — a

customized variant featuring enhanced armor, Polish-made battle management systems, and NATO standard communications.

Of the latest order, 61 tanks will be produced domestically at the Bumar-Labedy plant in Gliwice, with serial production expected between 2026 and 2030.

The contract also includes 81 support vehicles, comprehensive logistics and training packages, and maintenance infrastructure.

A significant technology transfer provision allows Polish firms to take over parts of the tank's production, maintenance, and future modernization, strengthening the domestic defense industry and reducing reliance on foreign suppliers.

The delivery follows Poland's second multi-billion-dollar deal with South Korean industrial and defense group Hyundai Rotem, reflecting Warsaw's push to strengthen NATO-aligned defenses amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Poland, which borders Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus, allocated 4.7 pc of its GDP to defense in 2025, with a plan to increase it to 5 percent in 2026.

Awami League
ineligible for
contesting elections

Dhaka, Nov 14 (UNI) : Bangladesh Chief Advisor Muhammed Yunus has told a visiting UK Minister that the Awami League has been barred from contesting the February 2026 polls, due to its current ban and suspension of all its political activities under the country's anti-terrorism laws.

Speaking to visiting British Minister for International Development Baroness Jenny Chapman, Yunus however reaffirmed his administration's determination to ensure that the upcoming polls are "free, fair, and inclusive". "The election will be participatory. There will be a big turnout," he added.

He told Chapman that the Election Commission had also subsequently removed the party's name from its official list of registered political parties, as per Daily Star.

In May 2025, the interim government, led by Muhammad Yunus, issued an executive order banning all activities of the Awami League and its affiliated organizations under the country's anti-terrorism laws.

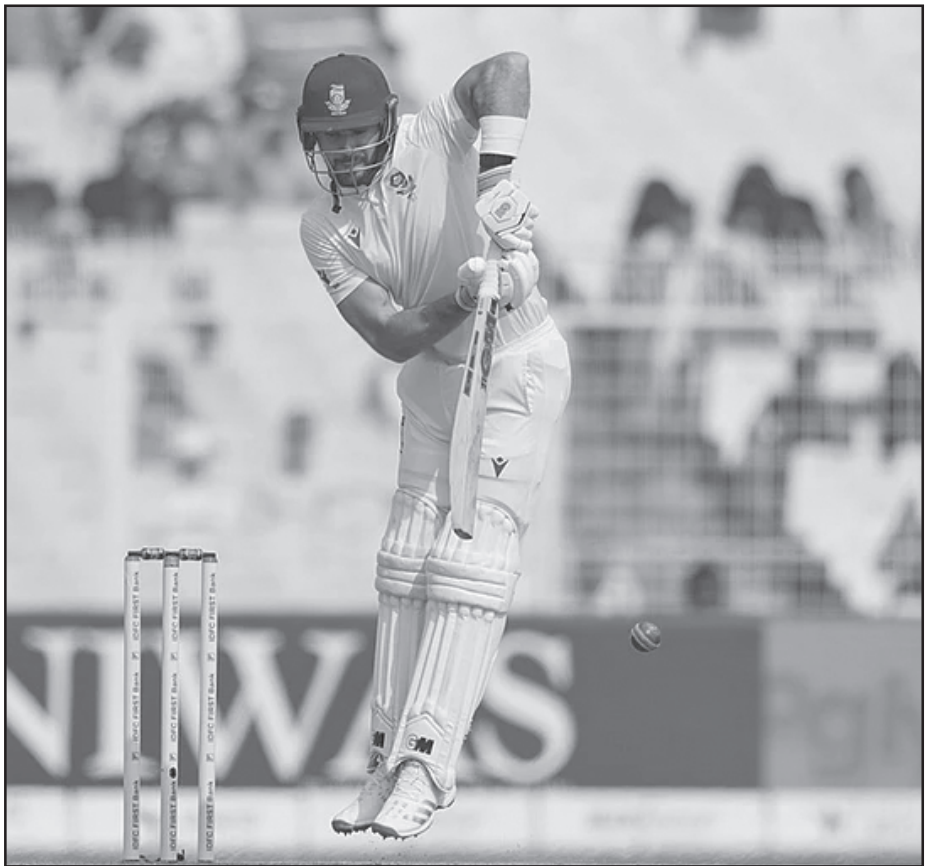
The Awami League, founded in 1949, played a significant role in the struggle for Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan. Since then, it has remained one of the country's major political forces, with its long-standing association with the ideals of democracy, secularism,and social justice garnering a substantial voter base.

Yunus also said that tens of millions of the nation's youth are expected to cast their first ballots, since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina led AL regime last year, who he accused of rigging polls for three consecutive terms.

The 85-year-old added that the country's new constitutional overhaul document — the July National Charter — would "mark the beginning" of a new Bangladesh, as it will restructure and overhaul much of the country's existing political, legislative, social, institutional framework in favour of a new one, based on the values of the July Uprising.

While proponents have called the Charter a step toward strengthening democracy, and electoral process, it has been condemned for its pandering to Islamic hardliners, as well as their influence in shaping it, leading many to view the document as reinventing Bangladesh's once secular democracy to one striving closer for the establishment of an Islamic theocratic regime.

The July Charter was signed by Bangladesh's largest Islamist party, Jamaat-e-Islami, and several allied Islamist groups.Critics point out that during the drafting process, the word "secularism" was reportedly removed from the nation's guiding principles and replaced with "pluralism," a change viewed by some as a concession to Islamist demands.



South Africa's Aiden Markram plays a shot on the first day of the first cricket test match between India and South Africa in Kolkata.

KL Deemed to be University alumna makes India proud with Double Gold at Asian Archery Championships

Hyderabad, Nov 14 (UNI) KL Deemed to be University today congratulated its distinguished alumna and Arjuna Awardee, Ms. V. Jyothi Surekha Vennam, for her outstanding double-gold triumph at the Asian Archery Championships 2025 held in Dhaka.

Showcasing her remarkable precision and competitive excellence, Jyothi secured both the women's individual gold and the women's team gold on Thursday , contributing significantly to India's four-medal finish, which included three gold medals.

In the women's individual event, Jyothi delivered an exceptional performance, defeating Taipei's Chen Si-yu 149–

143 in the semifinals and then overcoming India's rising talent Prithika Pradeep 147–145 in a tightly contested final.

Earlier, she teamed up with Prithika and Deepshikha to guide India to the women's team title, defeating South Korea 236–234 with a flawless display of consistency, scoring 59 points in all four ends.

With these victories, Jyothi has reached a historic career milestone of 90 international medals, comprising 33 gold, 33 silver, and 24 bronze. This achievement further strengthens her position as one of Asia's most successful archers.

Her performance also adds to her impressive

record at the Asian Archery Championships, where she now holds eight titles between 2011 and 2025, including three individual championships in 2015, 2021, and 2025.

Reflecting on her achievement, KL Deemed to be University Chancellor ,Er. Koneru Satyanarayana, said, “We are immensely proud of our B.Tech as well as MBA Alumna Jyothi Surekha Vennam. Her dedication and discipline reflect the highest standards of sporting excellence.

Her recent victories bring great pride to India, to Andhra Pradesh & Telangana , and to the KL University family. She is an exceptional role model for young achievers across the country.”

Indian shooting contingent departs for Tokyo Deaflympics

New Delhi, Nov 14(UNI) Indian shooting contingent left for Tokyo on Friday to participate in the 25th Summer Deaflympic Games, scheduled from November 15 to 26, 2025. The 15-member squad, including three coaches, will represent India across five individual events in men's and women's category, and two mixed team shooting events at the Ajinomoto National Training Center (East). The squad will be led by Deaflympic double gold medalist Dhanush Srikanth who will lead India's challenge alongside fellow Deaflympic medallists Shourya Saini and Abhinav Deshwal. The contingent also features World Deaf Championship medallists Mahit Sandhu, Anuya Prasad, Pranjali Dhumal, Natasha Joshi, Chetan Sapkal, Kushagra Singh Rajawat, and Mohammed Vania, forming one of India's most experienced line-ups at the Games. Two newcomers, Komal Waghmare and Rudar, will make their international debut, marking an important step in expanding India's emerging talent pool in deaf sport shooting. The athletes are accompanied by coaches Anuja Jung, Priti Sharma, and Harmit Patel.

Bumrah's Stump-Mic Remark Steal Day 1 Spotlight

Kolkata, Nov 14 (UNI) Day 1 of the first Test between India and South Africa at Eden Gardens was highlighted not only by Jasprit Bumrah's masterful five-wicket haul but also by a minor stump-mic incident that drew attention off the field.

During South Africa's innings, Bumrah reportedly remarked "bauna bhi hai" to Proteas captain Temba Bavuma while debating whether to take a DRS. The comment, picked up by the stump microphone, was widely discussed in the media, though it did not affect the spirit of the game.

South Africa opted to play down the incident, with batting coach Ashwell Prince saying: "No, there will be no discussion. It's the first time, obviously, it's come to my attention. I

don't think there'll be any issues with what's happened out in the middle." On the field, India's pacers and spinners combined expertly to dismantle the South African batting lineup. Bumrah, leading the attack on a tricky Eden Gardens pitch, finished with 5 wickets for 27 runs in 14 overs, earning plaudits for his control, patience, and tactical acumen. Speaking at the post-day press conference, Bumrah said: "If you want success in Test cricket, you need patience. This is a ground where the outfield is very fast and the wicket is hard, so if you are more desperate or if you go to bowl more magic balls, then the runs come very fast. If you bowl continuously in a good area, then you will

get wickets."

Bumrah also reflected on adapting to overseas conditions and challenging pitches: "This is the challenge of Test cricket. We go to England, the atmosphere is different. We go to Australia, the challenge is different. We as a team will not point fingers and complain... It is our job to adapt and find ways because that's how professional cricket works."

The match also saw a tactical surprise, with Washington Sundar promoted to No.3 in the batting order following the exclusion of Sai Sudharsan. Sundar remained unbeaten on 6 runs at stumps. Bumrah, when asked about the decision, said: "I am not really aware of what was the whole thought process. We

back all our players to do the job. But I don't know what was the conversation behind it."

India's strategy of deploying two fast bowlers and four spinners, a combination not used since 2012, proved effective. Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja, in tandem with Bumrah, triggered a mini-collapse after lunch, leaving South Africa's remaining wickets to fall for just 39 runs. Clever field placements, including a backward short leg, ensured maximum pressure on the visitors.

South Africa, missing their star pacer Kagiso Rabada due to injury, struggled to recover after an early promising start by openers Ryan Rickelton and Aiden Markram. The visitors reached 57/0 in 10

overs but collapsed to 159 all out, highlighting India's depth and adaptability in both bowling and strategy.

India ended Day 1 at 37/1, trailing by 122 runs, with KL Rahul and Washington Sundar negotiating the final overs under fading light to prevent further damage.

While the stump-mic comment drew attention off the field, India's performance underscored the team's professionalism, tactical intelligence and dominance in home conditions. With Day 2 ahead, India will look to leverage their bowling advantage and maintain pressure on the South African batting lineup, while the stump-mic incident remains a talking point about the fine line between competitive banter and controversy in modern Test cricket

Kalinga Stadium gets new aquatic sports facility

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14 (UNI) : The World Aquatics Discover Water Country Leads' Training Course for Asia was inaugurated at the Aquatic Centre, Kalinga Stadium, here. The initiative, a collaborative effort between World Aquatics and Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS), is aimed at strengthening aquatic sports development across Asia through knowledge sharing, leadership training and capacity building among aquatic sports administrators, coaches and technical experts. Under this co-operation agreement, World Aquatics provides technical expertise, curriculum design and expert resource persons for the course, while IIS co-ordinates all on-ground arrangements in collaboration with the Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha.

The Discover Water Programme is a global development initiative by World Aquatics that promotes aquatic participation and water safety through a holistic, physical-literacy-based

approach. It focuses on equipping individuals and organisations with the knowledge and tools to implement water-safety and aquatic-participation programmes for children and communities worldwide.

The objective of the programme is to develop national leaders who will champion the Discover Water Programme in their respective countries, promoting water safety, aquatic education, and community participation through a holistic, physical-literacy-based approach. The training course in Bhubaneswar brings together 20 participants, 2 lecturers, and 1 World Aquatics official from 17 countries, including India. Notably, four coaches from Odisha, currently engaged with the Odisha IIS JSW Swimming Grassroots Centres, are also participating in this prestigious international programme.

In his welcome address Technical Director – Swimming, World Aquatics Douglas Eagar expressed delight in hosting this international training in Bhubaneswar.

Manu Gandas triumphs in 3-way playoff at Trident Open 2025 to return to winning ways

Chandigarh, Nov 14 (UNI) Manu Gandas endured an ordinary final round of one-over 73 before fighting back and keeping his nerve to triumph in a three-way playoff at the inaugural Trident Open played at the Chandigarh Golf Club here today.

Gurugram-based Manu (66-73-69-73), PGTI Order of Merit leader and local lad Yuvraj Sandhu (72-69-70-70) and twenty-one-year-old Shubham Jaglan (71-69-71-70), who made his PGTI debut this week, ended the regulation 72 holes with matching totals of seven-under 281 to take the match into a playoff. Manu prevailed in the playoff with a par to return to winning ways after one year and 10 months.

Gandas' ninth professional win saw him pick up a cheque worth INR 15 lakh that also lifted him from 14th to seventh position in the PGTI Order of Merit. Seventeen-year-old rookie Manoj S, the third-round leader, who was looking to become the youngest player to win as a professional on the

PGTI, shot a last round of 75 to finish tied fourth at six-under 282 along with Shaurya Bhattacharya (71),

the winner of PGTI's last event. The strong support of PGTI's Tour Partners all year round is helping elevate the stature of Indian professional golf. PGTI's Tour Partners are Rolex, Amul, IndusInd Bank, Victorious Choice, Campa, Amrutanjan Electro Plus, Golf Plus Monthly and Golf Design India.

Former PGTI Order of Merit champion Manu Gandas, who was one shot off the lead in second place after round three, made an early gain on

Friday when he played a terrific chip to set up a tap-in birdie on the second hole. Manu, who hails from the DLF Golf & Country Club, then slowed down with pars all the way till the ninth and a bogey on the 10th. A 27-foot birdie conversion on the 13th made Gandas the top contender for the title. However, finding the trees with his drive on the 16th resulted in a double-bogey for Manu which was a big setback for him.

Both Yuvraj and Shubham made five birdies and three bogeys to catch up with Manu and join him in the playoff. Manu produced the best drive in the three-way playoff as

both the others missed the fairway. Gandas then played a quality chip that left him a four-foot par putt for victory which he went on to convert.

Manu, who played on the DP World Tour for one year following his PGTI Order of Merit win in 2022, said, “The thought-process today was to continue doing what I had been doing well earlier in the week. I had posted seven top-10s in the last nine events, so the game was trending well and I knew that it was just a matter of time before I won.

“I was a little frustrated with the double-bogey on the 16th but then just decided to let it pass and rather focus on what I had in my control. On the playoff hole (18th), I thought I would play it like I had done through the week by ensuring that I found the centre of the fairway. That's exactly what I did and it paid off for me. “This year has become even more special for me as I became a father just two months back. This is the first time my two-month-old son has travelled to an event and I'm delighted to lift the trophy with him in my arms and my wife beside me.”

ISSF Cairo World Shooting Championship: Esha wins bronze in women's 25m pistol

New Delhi, Nov 14 (UNI) : Former Asian, Mixed Team and Junior World champion Esha Singh nailed a maiden individual world championship medal, claiming bronze in the women's 25m Pistol Olympic event at the Olympic Shooting range in Cairo on Friday.

The Indian shot a score of 30 in the final to finish behind in-form Chinese Yao Qianxun (silver, score: 38) and Korea's reigning Olympic Champion Yang Jiin (gold, score: 40).

Esha's effort came as India wrapped up engagements in the 10-Olympic events on schedule at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Rifle/Pistol, Cairo 2025,

with a historic haul of one gold, four silver and two bronze medals. Overall, India lie third on the table with three gold, five silver and four bronze medals, behind leaders China with 10 golds and Korea, who are second with six gold medals.

Beginning the day in fourth and seventh spots respectively, Esha and double Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker, shot confident rapid-fire rounds to sail into the top eight with scores of 587 and 586 respectively. Esha took fifth while Manu took the sixth qualifying spot in the field of 86.

Yang topped qualifications as well with 591, which came on the back of a stunning 300/300 in the rapid round.

Mixed team silver medalist in Paris Sevvall

Tarhan of Turkey along with the experienced Iranian Haniyeh Rostamiyan and France's former European and junior world champion Lamolle Mathilde, also went through. Unknown North Korean Kim Hyon Suk made up the final eight. Rahi Sarnobat's 572 was not enough for the Indian trio to win a team medal as they finished fourth with a tally of 1745, three short of the bronze winning French team.

Yang laid the gauntlet with a perfect five to start the 10-series final comprising of five rapid-fire shots each. Both the Indians began with four hits, but at the first elimination stage after series four, Esha was third and Manu joint fourth, as Sevvall was the first to bow out.

Yang and Yao broke away at this stage and the fight for bronze reached a climax, when Esha, Manu and Lamolle tied at 23-hits each after the seventh series. That brought about Manu's exit as she managed two hits even as Esha and Lamolle shot a perfect five.

The Frenchwoman then shot three as Esha

struck a four to confirm her medal, bowing out after the ninth series as Yang outgunned Yao for gold. It was Esha's third individual ISSF medal of the year, having won gold and silver in the World Cup stages earlier. Her final international engagement will be at the ISSF World Cup Finals in Doha in December.

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Central Railway introduces Mobile UTS Sahayaks for easy and fast ticketing

Registers earnings of Rs.20.33 lakhs in a span of 13 days



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Nov 14 : Central Railway has always been at the forefront in providing ease of ticketing for its passengers through ATVMs, UTS system, Mobile UTS etc. “The latest to join the

bandwagon is the Mobile UTS Sahayaks.

Central Railway has introduced this facility at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus(CSMT) on 31.10.2025 with 3 Sahayaks catering to passengers waiting for

purchasing tickets

The M-UTS Sahayaks as they are known are provided with a mobile phone and a small ticket printing machine strapped on them selves. These M-UTS Sahayaks go from person to person waiting

on the concourse or in the holding areas or on railway premises and issue tickets on payment of the ticket fare. Alternatively they are also permitted to sit inside counters and issue tickets. Passengers have the option of digital or cash payment.

Since its introduction on 31.10.2025 till 12.11.2025, the earnings through Mobile UTS Sahayaks has been Rs.20.33 lakhs from sale of 12,733 tickets.

In addition to CSMT, Mobile UTS Sahayaks have also been introduced at New Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru & Chennai railway stations on Indian Railways.

The facility of Mobile UTS Sahayaks is yet another initiative by Central Railway in easing ticketing facilities and thereby providing better facilities to its passengers. “

Passengers are being encouraged to avail the services of Mobile UTS Sahayaks as it is convenient and time saving.

Western Railway to run a special train between Bandra Terminus - Durgapur

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Nov 14 : For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand to clear extra rush of passenger traffic, Western Railway will run a Special Train on Special fare between Bandra Terminus – Durgapura station.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of this train is as under: Train No. 09730/09729 Bandra Terminus – Durgapura Superfast Special [02 Trips]

Train No. 09730 Bandra Terminus – Durgapura Superfast Special will depart from Bandra Terminus on Monday, 17th November, 2025 at 10:00 hrs and will reach Durgapura at 05:30 hrs, the next day. Similarly, Train No. 09729 Durgapura – Bandra Terminus Superfast Special will depart from Durgapura on Sunday, 16th November, 2025 at 12:25 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 07:00 hrs, the next day.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Ratlam, Nagda, Bhawani Mandi, Ramganj Mandi, Kota, Sawai Madhopur and Banasthali Niwai stations in both directions. This train comprises of First AC, AC - 2 Tier, AC - 3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

The booking for Train No. 09730 opens from 15th November, 2025 at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Delhi to emerge as national model of cooperative innovation: Indraj

New Delhi, Nov 14 (UNI) Delhi’s Cooperation Minister Ravinder Indraj Singh today said that efforts are underway to establish the capital city as a National Model of Cooperative Innovation, ensuring a strong contribution to the vision of a ‘Developed India’ and ‘Developed Delhi’.

According to the minister, continuous meetings are being held and work is being done to strengthen Delhi’s cooperative banks and thrift credit societies so they can emerge as reliable and accessible banking options for citizens.

Indraj also informed that necessary amendments will be introduced in the cooperative laws of Delhi to create an enabling and supportive environment for cooperative sector institutions.

He said that constructive suggestions from experts and cooperative organisations are being welcomed in this regard.

Arjit Amol More Wins Inspire Award for His Innovation “Illumbrella



(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Nov 14 : In a remarkable achievement, Arjit Amol More, a talented student of Swami Vivekanand High School, Chembur, has won the Best Project Award at the prestigious INSPIRE–MANAK District Level Exhibition & Project Competition 2024–25. His project, “Illumbrella – Umbrella that Shines the Lives,” developed under the guidance of Mrs. Seema Narula, has been selected to represent both Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban District at the State-Level Competition, to be held from 26–28 November 2025 in Bhandara District.

This competition was organized by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, at V.N. Sule Gurji English Medium School, Dadar (East), on 12 and 13 November 2025. Arjit’s innovation gained attention

for its social relevance, frugal engineering approach, and multi-utility solar design. His model, the Illumbrella, is a solar-powered multifunctional umbrella that provides LED lighting, cooling, mobile charging, protection for street vendors, and enhanced hygiene for street stalls. The highlight of the project is the Movable Illumbrella EVC Station - a Hatgadi-based solar charging cart that offers affordable e-bike charging for delivery workers along with additional income opportunities for vendors.

The award ceremony was attended by distinguished dignitaries including:

Dr. Narendra Deshmukh, Senior Scientific Officer (TIFR), Mrs. Sujata Khare, Education Officer, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Dr. Vaishali Veer,

Education Inspector, Mumbai South Division,

Mr. Sanjay Javir, Education Inspector, Mumbai West Division,

Ms. Parul Singh, Project Associate, NIF–India,

Ms. Sandhya Tiwari, Project Associate, NIF–India,

Mr. Kailas Chavan, Chief Coordinator, Inspire Awards – Mumbai City,

Mr. Shrikant Shingare, Chief Coordinator, Inspire Awards – Mumbai Suburban,

Mr. Sagar Sule, President, Indian Education Society,

Mrs. Shyamal Kalagutkar, Principal, V.N. Sule Gurji School,

Arjit’s Illumbrella reflects the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat, proving that young innovators are ready to drive India’s progress toward a sustainable and self-reliant \$5 trillion economy.

PM to visit under-construction Bullet Train Station in Surat today

(Standard Post Bureau)

Mumbai, Nov 14 : Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on 15th November. At around 10 AM, Prime Minister will visit the under-construction Bullet Train Station in Surat to review the progress of the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR)—one of India’s most ambitious infrastructure projects symbolizing the nation’s leap into the era of high-speed connectivity.

The MAHSR spans approximately 508 kilometres, covering 352 km in Gujarat and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and 156 km in Maharashtra. The corridor will connect major cities including Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat,

Bilimora, Vapi, Boisar, Virar, Thane, and Mumbai, marking a transformative step in India’s transportation infrastructure.

Built with advanced engineering techniques on par with international standards, the project features 465 km (about 85% of the route) on viaducts, ensuring minimal land disturbance and enhanced safety.

So far, 326 km of viaduct work has been completed, and 17 out of 25 river bridges have already been constructed.

Upon completion, the Bullet Train will reduce travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad to nearly two hours, revolutionizing inter-city travel by making it faster, easier, and more

comfortable. The project is expected to boost business, tourism, and economic activity along the entire corridor, catalyzing regional development.

The Surat–Bilimora section, covering around 47 km, is in an advanced stage of completion, with civil works and track-bed laying fully completed. The design of the Surat station draws inspiration from the city’s world-renowned diamond industry, reflecting both elegance and functionality. The station has been designed with a strong focus on passenger comfort, featuring spacious waiting lounges, restrooms, and retail outlets. It will also offer seamless multi-modal connectivity with the Surat Metro, city buses, and the Indian Railways network.

Special trains between Visakhapatnam - Kollam - Visakhapatnam : ECoR

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Nov 14 : Keeping in mind the demand, in order to clear extra rush of Ayyappa devotees, East Coast Railway has decided to run special trains between Visakhapatnam - Kollam as per the following schedule.

The train No. 08539 Visakhapatnam- Kollam special express train will leave Visakhapatnam at 08.20hrs on every Tuesdays from 18.11.2025 to 20.01.2026 which will reach Kollam at 13.45hrs on

Wednesdays (Total 10 trips). In return direction the train No. 08540 Kollam-Visakhapatnam special express train will leave Kollam at 17.00hrs on every Wednesdays from 19.11.2025 to 21.01.2026 which will reach Visakhapatnam at 23.00hrs on Thursday (Total 10 trips).

Stoppages: This pair of special trains will have stoppages at Duvvada, Samalkot, Rajahmundry, Tadepalligudem, Eluru, Vijayawada, Tenali, Ongole,

Nellore, Gudur, Renigunta, Katpadi, Jolarpettai, Salem, Erode, Tiruppur, Podunur, Palakkad, Thrichur, Aluva, Ernakulam Town, Kottayam, Tiruvalla, Chengannur and Kayamkulam between the Visakhapatnam and Kollam stations.

Composition: These trains have the composition 2nd AC-02, 3rd AC-03, 3rd AC Economy – 03, Sleeper Class - 08, General Second Class - 04, Second Class cum luggage coach-01, Motor Generator/Brake Van-01.

East Coast Railway to host All India Railways bridge championship from Nov 17

(Standard Post Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14 : East Coast Railway will host the 47th All India Railways Bridge Championship from 17 to 19 November at the state-of-the-art Railway Indoor Stadium, Mancheswar in Bhubaneswar.

This is the first time East Coast Railway has been entrusted with organising this prestigious national event on behalf of the Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB)—a responsibility that reflects the organisation’s rising stature in the field of sports.

The initiative has been championed and guided by Parmeshwar Funkwal,

General Manager, East Coast Railway, whose leadership has been instrumental in strengthening sports infrastructure and fostering a culture of sporting excellence across the zone.

Funkwal’s emphasis on professional organisation, athlete support, and facility enhancement has enabled East Coast Railway to emerge as a preferred venue for major national-level championships.

His encouragement and keen interest in developing mind and strategy-based sports like Bridge has significantly contributed to ECoR being chosen as the host

for this major event. The championship is being conducted with active support from the Odisha Bridge Association.

Teams from Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway, Metro Railway, Central Railway, and East Coast Railway are participating.

The tournament features some of India’s most accomplished bridge players, including Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumder, Sagnik Roy, Gopinath Manna, Sayantan Kusuri, and Sandeep Datta, many of whom have proudly represented India at international events such as the Asian Games, Commonwealth

Championships, and the World Cup.

The three-day championship includes Team Events, Board-A Matches, and Pairs Competitions.

Importantly, it also doubles as the selection trial for the Indian Railways Bridge Team, which will represent the Railways at national-level competitions.

By hosting this prestigious event, East Coast Railway underscores its commitment to nurturing sporting culture, providing world-class facilities, and promoting excellence across all disciplines of Railway sports.

Waltair Division organizes diabetes awareness drive : East Coast Railway

(Standard Post Bureau)

Visakhapatnam, Nov 14 : Medical Department of Waltair Division of East Coast Railway organized a special awareness event to mark World Diabetes Day-2025, focusing on the importance of diabetes prevention, healthy dietary habits, and lifestyle modification. The event, held at the Divisional Railway Hospital, Visakhapatnam, included a Healthy Diet Exhibition, a Walkathon, and a Comprehensive Health Awareness Programme. Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra inaugurated the Healthy Diet Exhibition in the presence of senior railway officials, healthcare professionals, and hospital staff led by Dr. D. Sharath Babu, Chief Medical Superintendent.

The exhibition showcased informative displays on balanced nutrition, meal planning, and diet strategies tailored for individuals managing diabetes. Dr. V Sunitha, Eminent Endocrinologist, Indus Hospital and Dr Sujatha, Renowned



Cardiologist, Indus Hospital gave advises on various aspects of diabetes management, including diet, exercise, and lifestyle modifications.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Lalit Bohra emphasized the need for early detection and prevention of diabetes. He urged railway employees

and their families to adopt healthy lifestyle practices, maintain a balanced diet, and regularly monitor their blood sugar levels to ensure overall well-being.