

India sends urgent relief supplies to typhoon-hit Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam



Security personnel dispatch relief material to Typhoon Yagi-hit Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos. (PTI)

NEW DELHI, Sept 15 (PTI)

INDIA on Sunday sent urgent relief materials to Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam under an operation christened 'Sadbhav' to assist them in dealing with the impact of a major typhoon.

Various parts of Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam have been reeling under massive floods

after Typhoon Yagi, said to be Asia's most powerful storm this year, hit the three countries.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said 10 tonnes of aid including dry ration, clothing and medicines were dispatched to Myanmar onboard Indian naval ship INS Satpura.

A military transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force is car-

rying 35 tonnes of aid to Vietnam and 10 tonnes of relief materials to Laos.

"India launches #OperationSadbhav. Demonstrating our solidarity with the people affected by Typhoon Yagi, India is dispatching aid to Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos," Jaishankar said on 'X'.

Modi launches projects, flags off 6 Vande Bharat trains in J'khand

RANCHI, Sept 15 (PTI)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday virtually launched various projects worth Rs 660 crore from Ranchi in Jharkhand.

These include laying the foundation stone for the Madhupur bypass line in Deoghar district and the Hazaribag town coaching depot.

"The depot will help start several new trains and services," Modi said.

He also dedicated to the nation doubling of the Kurkura-Kanaroon line, which is a part of the Bondamunda-Ranchi single-line section and the Rourkela-Gomoh route via Ranchi, Muri and Chandrapura stations. The project will help in increased mobility of goods



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a public meeting in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand on Sunday. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is also seen. (PTI)

and passenger traffic.

Besides, the PM also launched four road-under-bridges (RUBs).

"The work of laying railway lines, doubling of these and developing modern facilities

at railway stations are underway at a fast pace in Jharkhand," Modi said.

The Prime Minister is on a three-day visit to Jharkhand, Gujarat and Odisha beginning Sunday during which he is

scheduled to lay the foundation stones and launch projects worth more than Rs 12,460 crore. Modi on Sunday virtually flagged off six Vande Bharat trains for Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar and UP at Ranchi.

Earlier, the PM was scheduled to flag off the trains from Tatanagar but his chopper could not take off due to poor visibility and inclement weather conditions.

On the occasion, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar were present at Tatanagar station. The new trains will run on the Tatanagar-Patna, Brahmapur-Tatanagar, Rourkela-Howrah, Deoghar-Varanasi, Bhagalpur-Howrah and Gaya-Howrah routes.

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Vande Metro to revolutionise inter-city travel

BHUJ (Gujarat), Sept 15 (PTI)

INDIA'S first Vande Metro, which will be virtually flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday in Gujarat is poised to transform inter-city travel with its advanced medium-distance capabilities, the Railway Ministry said.

While PM Modi will be in Ahmedabad, the train will start from Bhuj and reach Ahmedabad covering 359 km of distance in 5.45 hours.

For passengers, its regular service will start from September 17 from Ahmedabad and the total journey will cost Rs 455.

"While the other metros cover only short distances, Vande Metro trains will connect cities from the heart of the city to the peripheral cities," the ministry said.

It added that the word 'metro' gives an impression of urban landscape, however, Vande Metro was conceptualised by incorporating numerous advancements.

Giving a comprehensive overview of the Vande Metro and other Metros being operated in the country, the ministry said, "Vande Metro operates at a maximum speed of 110 km/h, offering faster acceleration and deceleration to passengers. This speed advantage ensures quicker commutes and improved efficiency."

It added, "With ergonomically designed seats, fully air-conditioned cabins and modular interiors, Vande Metro definitely proves to be superior than the other metros."

Highlighting its safety aspects, the Railway Ministry said that Vande Metro is

equipped with advanced safety systems like KAVACH for collision avoidance, fire detection, and aerosol-based fire suppression, along with emergency lights.

So far it's accessibility is concerned, according to the Ministry, it has been designed with inclusivity in features such as Divyangjan-friendly toilets, a fully sealed flexible gangway and meal service among others. Emphasising its superior technology, the Ministry said that Vande Metro incorporates cutting-edge technology, including under slung propulsion and advanced braking systems, offering a smoother ride.

"Featuring 12 coaches with seating for 1,150 passengers, the Vande Metro offers a host of innovative features. It boasts double-leaf automatic sliding doors, similar to those in urban

metro trains, and a fully sealed flexible gangway that ensures a dust-free, quiet, and rain-proof interior," the Ministry said. A significant upgrade, according to the Ministry, from traditional suburban trains and metro coaches is the Vande Metro's modular design that includes ejector-based vacuum evacuation toilets.

PRAYER

Lord said: I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.

The sun shall be done to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the lord comes.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the lord shall be saved.

Prayer: Lord, I will set right my path to meet you. Amen.

Missile fired by Yemen's rebels lands in Israel, triggers sirens at airport

JERUSALEM, Sept 15 (AP)

A MISSILE fired by Yemen's Iran-backed rebels landed in an open area in central Israel early Sunday and triggered air raid sirens at its international airport, in the latest reverberation from the nearly yearlong war in Gaza.

Israel hinted that it would respond militarily.

There were no reports of casualties or major damage, but Israeli media aired footage showing people racing to shelters in Ben Gurion International Airport. The airport authority said it resumed normal operations shortly thereafter.

A fire could be seen in a rural area of central Israel, and local media showed images of what

appeared to be a fragment from an interceptor that landed on an escalator in a train station in the central town of Modiin.

The Israeli military said it made several attempts to intercept the missile using its multi-tiered air defences but had not yet determined whether any had been successful.

It said the missile appeared to have fragmented midair, and that the incident is still under review.

The military said the sound of explosions in the area came from interceptors.

The Yemeni rebels, known as Houthis, have repeatedly fired drones and missiles toward Israel since the start of the war in Gaza between Israel and the Palestinian militant

group Hamas, but nearly all of them have been intercepted over the Red Sea.

In July, an Iranian-made drone launched by the Houthis struck Tel Aviv, killing one person and wounding 10 others. Israel responded with a wave of airstrikes on Houthi-held areas of Yemen, including the port city of Hodeidah, a Houthi stronghold.

Israel indicates it will respond to attack: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hinted at a similar response in remarks at a Cabinet meeting after Sunday's attack.

"The Houthis should have known by now that we exact a heavy price for any attempt to harm us," he said. "Anyone who needs a reminder is invited to visit the port of Hodeidah."

India seeks investments, tech transfer from South Korea, Japan to set up shipbuilding

GOA, Sept 15 (PTI)

INDIA is seeking investments and technology transfer from South Korea and Japan to establish shipbuilding and ship repair clusters to promote the domestic shipping supply chain in the country, according to a senior Government official.

Currently, India holds less than 1 per cent of the global shipbuilding market, dominated by China, South Korea, and Japan.

“We are looking at South Korea and Japan for investments and technology transfer for establishing shipbuilding and ship repair clusters in

India,” TK Ramachandran, Secretary in Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), told a group of journalists here.

Ramachandran was in Goa to participate in the 20th Maritime State Development Council (MSDC), where plans for a mega shipbuilding park, spanning multiple states, were discussed.

“We have communicated to them (South Korea and Japan) that you come with your technology and investments, we will provide you land for setting up shipbuilding and ship repair clusters,” Ramachandran further said.

Two Navy women officers on blue-water voyage



Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K would be embarking on the extraordinary expedition of circumnavigating the globe.

(PTI)

NEW DELHI, Sept 15 (PTI)

TWO Indian Navy women officers -- Lt Commander Roopa A and Lt Commander Dilna K -- would be embarking on an arduous blue-water voyage around the world soon.

The duo will be undertaking the expedition of circumnavigating the globe on board Indian naval sailing vessel (INSV) Tarini, Navy spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said on Sunday.

The two women officers have been preparing for the 'Sagar Parikrama' expedition for the last three years, he said.

"Sagar Parikrama would be a gruelling voyage requiring extreme skills, physical fitness and mental alertness. The officers have been training rigorously and gained thousands of miles of experience under their belt," Commander Madhwal said.

The two officers are undergoing training under the mentorship of ace circum-

navigator, and 'Golden Globe Race' hero, Commander Abhilash Tomy (Retd).

The officers, as part of a six-member crew, had participated in trans-oceanic expedition from Goa to Rio de Janeiro via Cape Town and back last year. Thereafter, they undertook a sailing expedition from Goa to Port Blair and back in double-handed mode.

Further, the duo successfully undertook a sortie from Goa to Port Louis, Mauritius again in dual handed mode early this year.

"Indian Navy has made significant efforts to revitalise the sailing tradition, emphasising its commitment to preserve maritime heritage and promote seamanship skills," the Navy spokesperson said.

He said the Indian Navy has taken a centre stage in ocean sailing expeditions through the pioneering efforts of sail training ships INS -- Tarangini and INS Sudarshini, and circumnavigating onboard INSVMhadei and Tarini.