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WEATHER

MAX: 32.0°C
MIN:24.3°C
RH: 84%
RAINFALL 7.5 MM
FORECAST: LIGHT RAIN LIKELY
MAX/MIN temp. 32/24°C

Supreme Court Calls for Mandatory Preventive Detention in Illegal Mining Cases

NEW DELHI
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The Supreme Court on Wednesday called for mandatory preventive detention in cases involving illegal mining after being told that a forest ranger had died when a dumper allegedly hit him in Rajasthan. The incident was raised before a bench comprising Justice Vikram Nath, Justice Augustine George Masih and Justice Sandeep Mehta in a pending suo motu case, In Re: Illegal sand mining in the National Chambal Sanctuary and threat to endangered aquatic wildlife.

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Revanth Reddy reviews power crisis after BRS thermal plant inspection call

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Hours after the BRS announced visits to thermal plants to assess the power crisis, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday held a high-level review of the power situation and directed officials to ensure full-capacity generation at Yadadri Thermal Power Station before Dasara festival.

The timing of the review comes against the backdrop of a power shortage persisting for nearly three months, with industrialists seeking uninterrupted and quality supply and farmers staging protests at substations. The government had not held a similar high-level review despite these warning signs, including declining coal production from Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

Yadadri has also remained only partially operational during the Congress government's tenure. Though designed for 4,000 MW in five 800-MW units, only two of its four commercially operational units are currently generating power, with Units 3 and 4 shut due to critically low coal stocks. The fifth unit is still under commissioning.

Ironically, Revanth Reddy questioned the officials on G-9 grade coal required for operating the thermal plant nearly 33 months after the Congress government assumed office and more than a year after Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka launched generation from Unit-1 in August last year.

Officials told the Chief Minister that Yadadri plant requires G-9 coal under its long-term linkage arrangements, while Singareni does not have coal blocks capable of producing the grade. The government has now decided to source coal from Mahanadi Coalfields and Coal India. Bhatti was asked to meet union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy on the issue.

Banks To Remain Open On Sunday For Customers Amid Proposed Strike

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All banks, including Regional Rural Banks, will remain open on Sunday for the convenience of customers in view of a strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), the finance ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.The UFBU, which claims to represent 90 per cent of the banking workforce, is set to go on a three-day strike beginning September 28, primarily seeking a 5-day banking week, among other demands.

The strike, if it materialises, would coincide with the half-yearly closing of the banking sector. In view of the proposed three-day nationwide bank strike called by the UFBU from September 28 to 30, 2026, following the weekend holidays on September 26 and 27, the government has taken proactive steps to ensure the banking services needs of citizens, the statement said. "In order to ensure that the genuine banking needs of the public are not adversely affected for an extended period, all Public Sector Banks and Regional Rural Banks will function normally on Sunday, the 27th of September, 2026," it said.

The Reserve Bank of India has granted approval for all bank branches, offices, ATM-link branches and currency chests to remain fully operational on September 27, it said.

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Cases Against 20 Accused in Leh Violence Withdrawn

NEW DELHI
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Ahead of the first anniversary of the violent unrest in Leh that claimed at least four lives, Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Wednesday announced the withdrawal of criminal cases against 20 people. An official statement issued in Leh described the decision as a significant step towards fostering peace, public tranquillity and social harmony in Ladakh. "He has approved the withdrawal of criminal cases against 20 individuals related to the unfortunate violence that erupted in Leh on September 24 last year. The cases have been withdrawn under Section 360 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, on the recommendation of the Ladakh Police following a comprehensive review of the status of the investigations," the statement said. Leh witnessed severe unrest on September 24 last year, prompting police to register several cases of rioting and arson. Of the 87 accused identified in the rioting cases, 81 were arrested and criminal proceedings were initiated against them. After reviewing the cases, the Ladakh Police recommended the formal withdrawal of charges against 20 accused

EAM Jaishankar urges united push for UNSC reform

NEW DELHI
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External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Wednesday called on countries affected by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)'s failures to address crises and its slow reform process to join forces to push for change.

He co-chaired a consultative meeting of the foreign ministers of L.69, a group of more than 30 Global South countries working for reform, at which the leader of the C-10 African group also participated.

After the meeting, Jaishankar wrote on X, "As directly impacted stakeholders, L.69 and C.10 members join forces to keep pushing for UNSC reform".

Sierra Leone's Foreign Minister Swaray Rahman, coordinator of the C-10, a group of ten African nations advocating reforms, participated in the meeting.

Jaishankar wrote on X, stressing the need for reforms, "The Global South is at the receiving end of the unprecedented changes the world is undergoing, with the UN falling short of expectations".

"Continuing to delay reform perpetuates historical injustice", he said.

"The inability of the UN Security Council to address ongoing conflicts and threats to international peace & security only highlights the urgency of reform", he added.

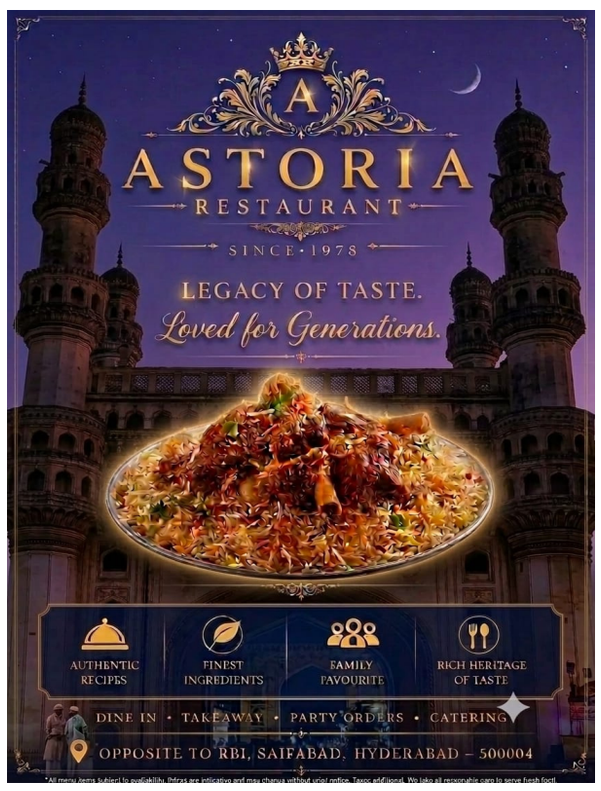
Earlier in the day, the Foreign Ministers of the G4 expressed "strong concern" over the failure of the UNSC reform negotiations to make headway after nearly two decades and said they would expand their outreach to other groups and forums.

In a joint statement after a meeting in New York on Wednesday, Ministers of the G4, the group made up of India, Brazil, Germany and Japan, said the Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN) framework for reforms.

Charminar Plaster Falls After Heavy Rainfall in Hyderabad



Heavy rains lashed Hyderabad's Old City for nearly 30 minutes last night, causing damage to a portion of the historic Charminar. The white cement plaster on the monument's side facing Laad Bazaar peeled off following the rainfall.------Photo Mir Zulfequar Ali



Deep Depression to Cross Coast Near Kalingapatnam Tonight

VISHAKAPATNAM
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The deep depression over the west-central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal is expected to cross the coast near Kalingapatnam in Srikakulam district around 11 pm on Wednesday Heavy rainfall, strong winds and flash-flood risks persist across North Andhra Pradesh. The system is expected to make landfall near Karipeta beach in Santhabommali mandal, between Vajrapukotturu and Bhogapuram. Gusty winds of 60 to 70 kmph are likely during landfall.

According to the IMD, the deep depression moved west-northwestwards at 7 kmph during the preceding six hours. At 5.30 pm, it was centered about 30km south-southwest of Kalingapatnam, 90 km east-northeast of Visakhapatnam and 160 km south-west of Gopalpur.

Managing director of the state disaster management authority Prakhar Jain

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BRS to send six teams to Telangana power plants amid shortage: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao announced that six party delegations will visit thermal power stations and Singareni headquarters across Telangana on Thursday. The teams will assess generation, coal supplies and shutdowns amid allegations of a power shortage.

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Amid a heightening power crisis, six BRS delegations are scheduled to visit thermal power stations across Telangana on Thursday to assess the ground-level situation and ascertain the reasons for the power shortage and shutdown of generation units. BRS working president KT Rama Rao made the announcement on Wednesday, demanding that the Congress government not obstruct them, unless it was misleading and hiding facts from the people of the State.

The teams will cover Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS) at Damaracherla, Kothagudem Thermal Power Station (KTPS), Bhadradri Thermal Power Station at Manuguru, Kakatiya Thermal Power Project (KTPP) at Bhupalpally, Singareni Thermal Power Plant at Jaipur in Chennur and the Singareni headquarters in Hyderabad.

"These are all public properties. If the government has nothing to hide, it must allow our elected representatives in," Rama Rao asserted. He attributed the severe power shortage to a coal shortage at Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). He demanded restoration of 24-hour power supply to farmers and said the six teams would place their findings before the public before deciding the party's further course of action.

He said the government was unable to supply



more than six hours of power to agriculture despite claiming 24-hour supply. Rejecting Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's explanation linking the shortage to El Nino, he said, "This is not El Nino. This is El Congo, a creation of the ruling Congress affecting the State."

The BRS working president said YTPS, with 4,000 MW capacity, was generating only about 400 MW due to coal shortage, while a 270-MW Bhadradri unit had shut down. Hydel units were also affected due to inadequate water availability, he said.

He stated that Singareni was supplying lower-grade G13 and G14 coal to Telangana plants while its best coal was being supplied to other States. Quoting a senior Singareni official, Rama Rao said the State government owed the company Rs 52,000 crore through GENCO. He also cited multiple news reports that poor-quality coal had caused an estimated Rs 2,900-crore loss to the State exchequer.

Rama Rao reiterated that 40 lakh tonnes of coal had gone missing from Singareni, involving an alleged Rs 1,600-crore irregularity. He questioned why thermal plants were shutting down and coal stocks were reportedly reaching zero if the coal was available. He said Singareni's production had fallen from 70 million tonnes in 2023-24 to 58 million tonnes in 2025-26.

Contrasting the situation with the previous BRS regime, he said nearly 20,000 MW of generation capacity had been created and the State achieved around 91 per cent PLF. He also pointed out that farmers from Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's native Kondareddypally were staging a road blockade over power supply and that growing numbers of industrialists were telling him that 30 per cent of their industrial requirement was being met through generators.

Karnataka agrees to release water to Telangana's Jurala project in phases

HYDERABAD
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Karnataka agreed to release water to Telangana's Jurala project in phases. Responding to a request from a delegation of Telangana Ministers and public representatives from the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar directed his officials to take necessary action by releasing water from the Almatti and Narayanpur reservoirs.

Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao and Vakiti Srihari met Shivakumar for the second consecutive day and explained the water shortage in Southern Telangana, the low water levels at the Jurala project and the difficulties faced by ayacut farmers. They urged Karnataka to release water from the Almatti and Narayanpur reservoirs in view of the El Nino conditions. Shivakumar responded positively and directed Karnataka irrigation officials to take immediate steps to release water to Telangana. He assured the delegation that water would be released for 10 days on a warabandi basis (a rotational water allocation method used in irrigation to distribute limited canal water fairly among farmers), as Karnataka too was facing water shortages.



The Telangana Ministers said the Karnataka Chief Minister discussed the issue with Irrigation Minister N Cheluvarayaswamy and Chief Secretary Dr Shalini Rajneesh. He directed them to extend assistance to Telangana and facilitate the release of water at the earliest.

The government said farmers dependent on Jurala, Bhima, Nettempadu and Koilsagar need not worry, and assured that steps were being taken to meet their irrigation and drinking water requirements.

A meeting of Ministers, MLAs and irrigation officials from the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district will be held on Thursday to discuss optimal utilisation of available water from the four projects for irrigation and drinking water needs.

Brain Stroke Patient Chekkala Balraju Seeks Financial Support for Treatment



Chekkala Balraju is reportedly undergoing treatment for a brain stroke at Supraja Hospital in Nagole. A financial assistance appeal has been circulated seeking support for his medical treatment.According to the appeal shared by his family and well-wishers, around ₹10 lakh may be required for the treatment and surgery. The family is seeking financial assistance from relatives, friends, well-wishers and members of the public to help meet the medical expenses.

Friends and well-wishers have appealed to the public to extend support according to their capacity. They said that even a small contribution could provide valuable assistance to the family during this difficult period. Payment details shared in the appeal: PhonePe / Google Pay: 8367449635

The payment details are reproduced from the appeal image provided to Wake Up Telangana. Donors are advised to independently verify the recipient details before making any payment.Wake Up Telangana wishes Chekkala Balraju a speedy recovery and extends its support to the family during this challenging time.

Revenue Officials Sealed The SNCU Ward At RIMS, Adilabad

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Revenue officials on Wednesday sealed the Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Adilabad, where five infants were reportedly affected by smoke following a fire incident in the ward.Officials said the ward was sealed to preserve evidence and prevent any possible tampering before the state government-appointed probe committee conducts its inspection.

The move came after an air-conditioning unit reportedly exploded, triggering a fire and filling the SNCU with smoke.A team of revenue officials led by Adilabad Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) P. Jagadeeshwar Rao inspected the SNCU and its surrounding premises before the ward was locked and sealed. Officials examined the condition of the facility and other aspects connected with the incident.

The Telangana government has constituted a committee to investigate the circumstances that led to the fire and identify any lapses or deficiencies at the hospital. The committee has been directed to submit its report to the government within 10 days.



The members of the committee are expected to reach Adilabad shortly and conduct a detailed inspection of the affected ward. They are also expected to assess the infrastructure and facilities available at RIMS and examine whether there were any shortcomings in hospital services.

Apart from investigating the immediate cause of the fire, the committee will study possible administrative or infrastructure-related lapses and service deficiencies being experienced by patients and their attendants at the government medical institution.Meanwhile, the state government is planning to establish a new mother and child health centre at RIMS, Adilabad. The proposed facility is part of efforts to strengthen maternal and child healthcare services at the institute.

The government is also considering measures to secure postgraduate medical seats in departments including paediatrics, radiology and psychology at RIMS. Such expansion is expected to strengthen both specialised healthcare and medical education facilities at the institution.In addition, the government is likely to establish a haematology department at RIMS to provide specialised treatment for patients suffering from Thalassemia and Sickle Cell disease. The department would particularly benefit patients from tribal areas of the erstwhile Adilabad district, where such genetic and blood-related disorders are reported among local communities.

Grand Ganesh Navratri Celebrations Conclude in New Bowenpally

HYDERABAD
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The nine-day Ganesh Navratri celebrations organized by Rana Pratap Yuva Sena at the Vidyaganapati Temple premises in Bowenpally concluded on a grand note amid devotional fervour and cultural programmes.

A special Ganga Aarti was performed by a group from Kashi, Uttar Pradesh, creating a spiritual atmosphere as devotees gathered for the darshan of Lord Ganesha. Devotees participated enthusiastically in the aarti and religious programmes.

The Navratri Laddu of



Lord Vigneshwara was auctioned for ₹1.74 lakh, with Satish of Pawan Vihar Colony securing the sacred offering. The concluding celebrations featured several cultural performances, including Sholapur Lajim, Pune Dhol performances, Telangana and Karimnagar Kolatam, and TTD Kolatam dances. Artists' stunts and traditional performances drew particular appreciation from the gathering.

Around 50 young women from Bowenpally entertained the audience in a special dress code. Teenmar performances and energetic dances by young men and women to Domara folk songs added further excitement to the celebrations.

Following the programmes, the idol was taken in a procession to the pond for immersion. Former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap, Rana Pratap Yuva Sena member Jampana Ravi, Ramu Goud, Dayanand Yadav, Ravinder Goud, Shakib, Mohan Kumar, Prabhukumar Goud, Goverdan Reddy, Anil, Nagaraju and others participated in the celebrations.

Dr Nahida Tarannum Leads Ayurveda Day Event

KAMAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

Dr. Nahida Tarannum, AYUSH Medical Officer (MO), NRHM, led the 11th Ayurveda Day celebrations at the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary (GAD) in Sadashivanagar.

The programme was organised in coordination with GAD, GHD and PHC staff.Dr. Nahida Tarannum conducted an awareness session for healthcare staff and patients, highlighting the importance of Ayurveda, preventive healthcare, healthy lifestyles and holistic wellness. Fresh fruits were also distributed among staff and patients to promote nutritious food habits.A medical camp was subsequently held at the dispensary, where beneficiaries received Ayurvedic medicines and pain-relieving oils as required. Dr. Nahida Tarannum thanked the staff of GAD, GHD and PHC Sadashivanagar for their support in conducting the programme. The celebrations concluded with a message promoting good health, happiness and wellness through awareness and healthy practices.



Dr Gopi Sathya to Lead Dubbing Workshop at Malla Reddy University

An expert workshop on dubbing, voice, tone and expression will be held on September 24 at Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth, Hyderabad, with Dr Gopi Sathya Garu leading the session. The programme, scheduled from 2 pm to 4 pm at L Block, Room No. 101, near the Barista Coffee Shop, will focus on the creative and practical aspects of dubbing and voice performance. The workshop will cover voice modulation, tone, expression, dialogue delivery and character-based voice performance.

It is expected to benefit students, aspiring voice artists, actors, content creators and media enthusiasts interested in dubbing and voice-over opportunities. Dr Gopi Sathya Garu will provide expert insights and practical guidance on developing effective voice performance skills. Participants will have an opportunity to understand professional approaches to dubbing and improve their voice, tone and expression techniques. Participants have been advised to reach the venue on time and attend the expert-led session.

NH-65 traffic diversion between Patancheru and Sangareddy from September 26

HYDERABAD
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Police have decided to divert the traffic from NH-65 for the two months beginning Saturday (September 26), to facilitate the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in completing the ongoing road widening works and construction of multiple road underpasses and fly-overs between Patancheru and Sangareddy.

According to Cyberabad Traffic Joint Commissioner Sunpreet Singh, road users going towards Sangareddy from Patancheru have to take a left turn at Novopan junction, located just a kilometer away from Patancheru bus station. They will have to take Shankarpally road here.

They will approach the NH-65 again at Kandi via Kardhanur Cross Road, IDA Pashamylaram, and Indrakaran. The road users who are coming from Outer Ring Road (ORR) and exiting at Muthangi (Exit Number 3) will also have to take the service road and merge with the same road at Kardhanur Cross Road.



Apart from dealing with the narrow road, the road users also have to travel nearly 10 km extra distance due to the traffic diversion.

The distance between Patancheru and Sangareddy is 22 km. With the diversion, the road users would need to travel eight to 10 km more. Moreover, the Kardhanur-Indrakaran-Kandi road is a narrow road compared to the NH-65. While the NH-65 witnesses nearly two lakh vehicular movements every day, the Kardhanur road would witness hardly 10,000 vehicular movements every day.

Industrialist P Chandu Kumar urged the officials to fast-track the works since the employees and transportation vehicles coming to the IDA Pashamylaram will face serious issues due to the diversion.

CM Focuses On Warangal's Future Development: Naini

Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was focusing on the city's future development and had directed officials to expedite underground drainage works, focus on the Outer Ring Road and improve road connectivity.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, Naini said the Chief Minister had also reviewed connectivity between Khammam, Warangal and Karimnagar, road development linked to the proposed airport and plans for a major bus terminal.

He said the Chief Minister called for developing Warangal on the lines of Hyderabad, with emphasis on temple and forest tourism.

Nizam Palace Partition Case Moves Ahead

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana High Court has dismissed a revision petition challenging the continuation of a major partition suit concerning five historically significant properties associated with the late Nizam VII of Hyderabad, allowing the proceedings instituted by Nawab Mir Najaf Ali Khan to move forward before the City Civil Court, Hyderabad.

Civil Revision Petition No. 1742 of 2026 was filed by Azmet Jah and Shekhar Jah through their General Power of Attorney holders, Mohammed Abul Faiz Khan and Mohammed Fateh Faiz Bin Jung. The petition challenged the order of the XI Additional Chief Judge, City Civil Court, Hyderabad, which had rejected an application in I.A. No. 79 of 2024 seeking outright rejection of the plaint in O.S. No. 404 of 2021.

The suit was instituted by Nawab Mir Najaf Ali Khan, son of Late Prince Hasham Jah Bahadur and grandson of His Exalted Highness Nawab Mir Osman Ali Khan Bahadur, the VII Nizam of Hyderabad. The matter before the High Court was contested on behalf of Nawab Najaf Ali Khan by his counsel, Mr. Mohd. Adnan.

In rejecting the revision, the High Court emphasised the restricted nature of its supervisory jurisdiction under Article 227 of the Constitution. The Court observed that this jurisdiction cannot be converted into an appellate jurisdiction and is intended to address jurisdictional errors or findings that are so contrary to law as to warrant intervention.

The Court recorded that the plaintiff had prima facie been able to establish that he had a share in the suit schedule properties. It further held that the question relating to court fee could be decided during the course of the trial, after the parties had an opportunity to lead



their respective evidence. The Court consequently found no strong case requiring interference at this stage.

The underlying partition proceedings concern Falaknuma Palace, Chowmohalla Palace, Purani Haveli, King Kothi Palace, and Harewood and Cedars Bungalow in Tamil Nadu. Nawab Najaf Ali Khan has sought partition and separate possession of the properties and has also sought a declaration that the sale deed relating to King Kothi/Nazri Bagh is void and illegal.

The latest order keeps the plaint alive and enables the suit to proceed to trial on its merits. The ruling at this stage does not finally determine the competing claims to ownership or the ultimate shares of the parties; those issues remain to be examined through the trial process and evidence.

Reacting to the development, Nawab Najaf Ali Khan said that another attempt to have his suit dismissed without a trial had failed. He stated that the High Court had made clear that the relevant questions should be determined on the basis of evidence. He further asserted that the properties and heritage of his grandfather, the VII Nizam, belong collectively to all legitimate heirs and expressed confidence that the truth would prevail.

With the High Court declining to interfere, the focus now shifts back to the City Civil Court, Hyderabad, where the partition suit will proceed in accordance with law and the parties will have the opportunity to place their evidence before the trial court.

Mohd Saleem Hits Out at SIR, Demands CEC Exit

TPCC Secretary Mohd. Saleem Slams SIR, Alleges BJP Plot to Delete Genuine Voters From Electoral Rolls

HYDERABAD
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TPCC Secretary Mohd. Saleem has strongly criticised the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging that the exercise could be used to disenfranchise genuine voters and benefit the BJP politically.

Saleem alleged that unlike previous elections, where issues such as the Ram Mandir, abrogation of Article 370, beef ban, NRC and Uniform Civil Code featured prominently, the BJP was now using SIR as another electoral strategy. He claimed that names of genuine voters were being deleted or notices issued over minor discrepancies in names, spellings and translations.

He pointed to instances involving variations in lengthy names, abbreviations and transliterations between Telugu, Urdu and English, saying such differences should not become grounds for questioning citizens' electoral rights.



TPCC Secretary Mohd. Saleem

Saleem further alleged that even senior political leaders and prominent citizens had faced notices during the revision process. He argued that citizens who have lived in India for generations should not be forced to repeatedly establish their identity through historical records merely because of documentation discrepancies.

Calling the exercise an "attack on democracy" and an insult to citizens' constitutional rights, Saleem demanded greater transparency in the electoral-roll revision process. He also demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging that democratic consultation was inadequate.

He further held Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Election Commission leadership politically responsible for what he described as serious concerns surrounding SIR. Saleem urged authorities to ensure that no genuine voter is excluded from the electoral rolls due to clerical or documentation errors.

SIR Meeting With Political Party Representatives



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A meeting on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was held under the leadership of M.N.R. Jyothi, ERO and Deputy Commissioner of the 70-Secunderabad Assembly Constituency, with representatives of recognised political parties. The ERO urged Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to cooperate during notice inquiries and assist BLOs during door-to-door notice distribution.

Voters receiving notices were asked to attend hearings at designated facilitation centres with required documents. BLAs were also urged to spread awareness and help prevent the wrongful deletion of eligible voters. P. Sudheer Singh and others attended.

VH Hanumantha Rao Joins Ganesh Utsav in Chatrinaka

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Telangana State Government Advisor for BC Welfare and Development and former Rajya Sabha member V. Hanumantha Rao visited the Mitra Youth Association (MYA) at Chatrinaka, Hyderabad, as the association marked its 59th Annual Ganesh Navratri Utsav Celebrations.

During the visit, Hanumantha Rao offered special prayers to Lord Ganesha and participated in the traditional Aarthi. The MYA committee felicitated him on the occasion and conveyed their greetings during the celebrations.



MYA General Secretary S.P. Kranthi Kumar, CFI Secretary Shambula Srikanth Goud, along with MYA members K. Bharadwaj, B. Nithin Chary, Santosh, S. Karan, B. Venkatesh, K. Saroj, Durga Prasad, Ritesh, Yajath, Rishiraj and Abhilash were present.

Several local devotees also participated in the celebrations and joined the special prayers, adding to the festive and devotional atmosphere at the venue.

NHRC Takes Cognisance of TG Hospital Safety Concerns

HYDERABAD
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Concerns over the safety and infrastructure of Telangana's government hospitals have reached the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), following a petition filed by Telangana High Court Advocate Damera Vinodkumar, who has sought intervention over alleged deficiencies in public healthcare facilities.

The petition raises concerns ranging from electrical and fire safety to neonatal-care infrastructure, staffing, sanitation and overcrowding, and invokes the constitutional protection of the Right to Life under Article 21.

The matter comes into sharper focus following the recent fire at the Special Newborn Care Unit of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Adilabad. The incident has since claimed the lives of five newborns, according to reports published on September 23. Officials have said a short circuit involving an air-conditioner is suspected, while the exact cause remains subject to inquiry.

The petition also refers to conditions at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) Hospital, Warangal, including alleged shortages of neonatal-care equipment and concerns over electrical wiring and emergency safety arrangements.

The issue has gained further urgency with another ceiling-plaster collapse reported at MGM Hospital on September 22, affecting areas including the Respiratory Intensive Care Unit and physiotherapy department. No patients or staff were present in the affected locations when the plaster fell, according to The New Indian Express.

The petition further highlights alleged problems such as damaged ceilings, rodent infestation, stray-animal entry and shortages of hospital beds, which the complainant says can compromise patient safety and dignity.



Case Details Submitted Before NHRC

The document accompanying the complaint records Diary No. 112620/CR/2026 and identifies the complainant as "Vinod Hindustani @ D. Vinodkumar, Advocate." The document lists his address as Indira Enclave, Neb Sarai, South West Delhi.

In his representation, Vinodkumar has sought measures including independent structural, electrical and fire-safety audits of government teaching and district hospitals, improved biomedical staffing, stronger sanitation protocols and appropriate relief for families affected by reported incidents.

Meanwhile, doctors' associations have also raised broader concerns about hospital maintenance and funding. The Telangana Government Doctors Association has pointed to pending Aarogyasri payments and their possible impact on maintenance of medical equipment, electrical systems and fire-safety compliance.

The NHRC's handling of the complaint will now be closely watched as questions over safety standards in Telangana's government hospitals continue to draw public attention.

BRS Leaders Appear Before Vatpally Police Amid Case Dispute

HYDERABAD
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BRS leaders Medikunda Ashok Kumar and DPS Chinnodu appeared before Vatpally police on Wednesday in connection with an ongoing case, with party leaders urging authorities to follow the High Court's directions and due legal procedure.

The two leaders appeared for police inquiry amid allegations from BRS members that the case was politically motivated. They claimed Ashok Kumar and Chinnodu had recently shared social media posts questioning the functioning of the Congress government, following which a complaint was lodged against them. The allegations concerning the complainant's social media account could not be independently verified.



BRS leaders said the High Court had issued directions regarding the matter and maintained that the police should follow the prescribed procedure before taking any arrest-related action. They said the appearance of the two leaders before police was in compliance with the ongoing investigation.

The party leaders accused the authorities of targeting political opponents and demanded adherence to due process.

They also warned that continued filing of such cases could have political consequences for the ruling Congress.

Senior BRS leaders Veera Reddy, Baswaraj, Ashok Goud, Narsimlu, Ramulu, Mallesham Yadav and Ganni Bhai Madhu, along with former sarpanches, former MPTCs and several party workers, were present. The police and Congress leaders' versions were not available.

Not Free Schemes, Governments Must Provide Free Education

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

CPI Sangareddy District Secretary Syed Jalaluddin called on governments to go beyond welfare schemes and take concrete steps to provide quality free education to every student, keeping their future in mind.

Addressing an AISF key activists' meeting held in Zaheerabad town as the chief guest, Jalaluddin said education should not be turned into a business and urged the government to strengthen public educational institutions.

He also demanded that the Central Government withdraw policies that, according to the CPI, promote the saffronisation of the education sector. He called for improved infrastructure in government schools and colleges and demanded the immediate filling of vacant teacher and lecturer posts. He also urged the authorities to release pending scholarships and fee reimbursement to students without further delay.



Health Camps Like These Essential for Better Public Health

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A free health camp was organised in Maniyar Palli village under the auspices of the Medical Trust of the Seventh-day Adventist, Sangareddy, with the aim of improving public health.At the invitation of the organisers, Sarpanch Raj Kumar visited the camp and appreciated the services being provided by the Seventh-day Adventist members and the Medical Trust.

He expressed his gratitude to the Sangareddy branch for organising the health camp in the village.Speaking on the occasion, Raj Kumar said that such health camps would help people access medical services and contribute to better health among villagers.



He welcomed the initiative and said that similar camps should be conducted regularly for the benefit of the public.Hospital doctors, Seventh-day Adventist members, pastors, ward members, villagers and others participated in the programme.

Srinivas Goud Condemns Attack on Vinay Bhaskar

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Former Telangana Minister V. Srinivas Goud condemned the alleged police attack on former government chief whip and four-time MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar in Warangal, demanding immediate action against the police personnel involved.

Srinivas Goud said Vinay Bhaskar had not participated in the proposed Danda Yatra and had instead visited MGM Hospital to see the condition of patients who were reportedly injured after falling from the second floor. He alleged that police deliberately targeted Vinay Bhaskar while he was proceeding peacefully and questioned who was behind the incident.

He demanded that the Director General of Police (DGP) take immediate action against police personnel accused of attacking Vinay Bhaskar. Goud recalled former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's fast-unto-death protest over the 14F issue and said the BRS would not spare police personnel who acted in an "overzealous" manner or politicians allegedly responsible for the incident.



Goud also raised concerns over irrigation water in the Krishna basin, alleging that despite substantial water availability at Jurala, farmers were not receiving adequate irrigation water. He alleged that Telangana's water was being diverted to Andhra Pradesh and specifically claimed that Krishna water was being diverted towards Kuppam, represented by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

He accused the government of pursuing "diversion politics" and warned that the BRS would intensify its response after returning to power. Goud said the party was preparing a detailed book on the issues and announced that activists would again approach Jurala if the gates were not lifted.

He also criticised irrigation advisor Aditya Nath Das, alleging that his role was harming Telangana's interests. Goud asserted that the BRS would continue its agitation until farmers received their rightful share of irrigation water.

TRAI mandates shorter-validity voice and SMS STVs for low-income consumers

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The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on Tuesday released the Telecom Consumer Protection (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulation, 2026, mandating special tariff vouchers with reduced tariffs exclusively for voice and SMS across shorter validity periods.

This amended regulation will provide low-income consumers with more options, allowing them to recharge according to their requirements and financial capacity, according to an official statement. The statement from the Ministry of Communications said the amendment requires telecom service providers to offer STVs for voice and SMS with validities corresponding to each validity period of 30.

Russia-Iran Sanctions Bill: Jaishankar Voices India's Concerns in Rubio Talks

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India and the US on Wednesday discussed bilateral relations, regional developments and New Delhi's concerns over the newly enacted Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act (SRIA) during a meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in New York.The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly, with Jaishankar reiterating India's interests and concerns regarding the US sanctions legislation.

The two leaders also discussed the situations in the Gulf and Ukraine, as well as broader regional and multilateral priorities."Good to meet @SecRubio of the US #UNHighLevelWeek. Reiterated India's interests and concerns with regard to SRIA (Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act). Also discussed the Gulf and Ukraine situations," Jaishankar said in a post on X after the meeting.The discussions come days after US President Donald Trump signed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 into law.

The legislation authorises the US President to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on countries purchasing Russian oil and gas. India and China are among the major buyers of Russian energy.New Delhi has expressed concern over the potential economic implications of the legislation. In its response, the Indian government said it would take all necessary steps to protect the country's economic interests and safeguard energy security.Rubio also described the meeting as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the India-US strategic partnership.

"Great to meet with Indian External Affairs Minister @DrSJaishankar in New York today," he posted on X. He added that the two countries were coordinating on key regional priorities and upcoming multilateral efforts.The latest meeting follows talks between Jaishankar and Rubio in Manila in July, where the two sides discussed a range of issues, including trade, tariffs, energy, defence, critical minerals and artificial intelligence.During the Manila meeting, India and the US also underlined the importance of finalising an interim trade agreement.

The US State Department had said the two countries agreed that concluding the deal would be an important step in advancing their broader economic relationship.Jaishankar arrived in New York on Sunday to lead the Indian delegation at the UN General Assembly session. His meeting with Rubio comes amid continuing discussions between New Delhi and Washington over trade, energy security, regional conflicts and the future direction of their strategic partnership.

Congress To Seek up to 200 UP Seats From SP

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The Congress plans to seek 150 to 200 seats from the Samajwadi Party in an alliance for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, while preparing to contest all 403 constituencies if seat-sharing talks fail, party sources said. Formal negotiations are expected to begin next month. The party has no objection to SP chief Akhilesh Yadav being projected as the alliance's chief ministerial candidate, but wants what sources described as an "equal share" in seat allocation.

"We have no problem with an alliance, but there has to be some compromise from both sides. We will make adjustments and expect others to do the same. If an agreement cannot be reached, we are prepared to contest all 403 seats and have been working on the ground," a senior party source said. The Congress will also seek a substantial share of the 11 Assembly seats falling within the Raebareli and Amethi Lok Sabha constituencies, which are important to the party, the source added.

For now, the Congress is focused on strengthening its organisation and cadre in Uttar Pradesh through its Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan. It has analysed electoral data from the past 20 years to identify seats it believes it can claim. Party sources said the exercise would inform its talks with the SP. The Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee could also see a reshuffle, including a possible change of state president Ajay Rai. Sources described any such move as a "routine" organisational exercise and sought to play down suggestions that it was linked to internal differences.

Congress MP Imran Masood is likely to be advised by the central leadership to exercise greater caution in his public statements, a party source said. Sources said the SP was free to hold talks with other prospective allies, while the Congress would decide independently which parties it was willing to work with.

International System Is Broken, Can't Address Conflicts Like India-Pakistan: Rubio

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Wednesday said it "would be great" if a functional international system existed to address potential conflicts around the world, including those between India and Pakistan. "We see the utility in the international system. We're here...I think the President has said that the United Nations, for example, has tremendous potential, but it's not living up to it...," Rubio told reporters.

"I think multiple leaders...pointed to the fact that the international system is failing, and it's failing because it has grown beyond its mandate. It has grown beyond its intent. It's involved in all kinds of things that shouldn't be involved in, and it's unable to solve virtually any major conflict in the world," he said. The top US diplomat said there's "unanimity and consensus" at the high-level UNGA week that the international system is broken.

"But it's broken because it broke itself. It needs to be brought back to its proper focus and its proper role. It would be great if we had a functional international system, for example, that could deal with a war between Thailand and Cambodia that occurred, or a potential conflict between India and Pakistan...Right now, we don't seem to have a functional international system that can address it," he said.

Rubio added that in the absence of that, nation-states will act in their national interest. "I want to be clear because this is not an attack on the international system. But at the end of the day, the US will always act, at least as long as President Trump is in office, we will always act in the national interest of our country, not in the interest of the international order. We will never put the international order above the interest of the United States," Rubio said.

His remarks came a day after Trump repeated his claim that he settled the war between India and Pakistan last year, among the eight conflicts he ended, as he addressed world leaders at the UN General Assembly here. Trump has consistently claimed credit for stopping the conflict between India and Pakistan, an assertion he has repeated since May 10 last year when he announced on social media that India and Pakistan agreed to a "full and immediate" ceasefire after a "long night" of talks mediated by Washington. India has been consistently maintaining that the understanding on cessation of hostilities with Pakistan was reached following direct talks between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of the two militaries. India has denied any third-party intervention.

Didi Seeks Arrest Of CEC, Fresh Assembly Polls

NEW DELHI
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Former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and her MP nephew Abhishek Banerjee on Wednesday demanded Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar's arrest following a media report alleging his role in indiscriminate addition and deletion of voters' names in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) to help BJP win assembly polls. Ms Banerjee also sought fresh polls in the states, where BJP won recently, with the old voters' list. She said in a Facebook address, "Mr Kumar has been exposed. We demand his arrest and criminal proceedings against him. Criminal actions must be taken also against those in the government and the Election Commission for aiding him. They include deputy election commissioners, IT officials, EROs and others."

Calling for fresh elections, Ms Banerjee added, "Can you bring it back? If you have a single drop of morality, bring back our election which you won forcibly. You didn't win it in Bihar, Haryana and Bengal. BJP thinks EC has become its shield.

Fadnavis Tours Drought-Hit Districts, Assures Farmers Of Relief

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday visited drought-hit areas of Latur, Dharashiv and Solapur districts to assess crop damage and meet farmers affected by prolonged dry spells and water shortages. Mr. Fadnavis began his tour in Latur, where farmers have reported significant crop losses after rainfall remained at around 50 per cent of the expected level. He visited Jau and Kharosa villages, where farmers apprised him of the worsening situation.

At Jau, a farmer broke down while telling the Chief Minister that there was no water for the crops. Mr. Fadnavis consoled him and assured farmers that the State government would provide assistance in view of the widespread damage. Mr. Fadnavis said the government was assessing the situation and would soon issue a drought notification. He said efforts were being made to provide assistance directly to affected farmers through their bank accounts.

He said the situation in Latur could prove more severe than the drought witnessed in 1972 and warned of a water crisis in Latur and Dharashiv in the coming days, with both districts having received only about 50 per cent of the expected rainfall. "I have decided to provide assistance to the farmers. Drinking water will also be made available," he told reporters. Explaining the plight of the farmer who had broken down during his interaction with him, Mr. Fadnavis said the farmer had initially had a good crop but was unable to irrigate it because of the lack of rainfall, resulting in crop damage. "His pain is genuine, as the crop is like a child for a farmer. If the crop is damaged, it is a big pain for the farmer," he said.

In Solapur, Mr. Fadnavis reviewed crop damage, particularly to soybean, which has been severely affected by prolonged gaps in rainfall. "The situation is very grave in Solapur.

Thackeray Demands Paper Ballot Re-Polls In Maharashtra

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday demanded that the assembly elections in Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Tamil Nadu be re-conducted using paper ballots. He insisted that all "flawed decisions" made by the Election Commission of India should be overturned, warning that public frustration could spark national anarchy if faith in elections collapses. Mr. Thackeray claimed that voter roll purges during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) wiped out 90 lakh voters in West Bengal and 70 lakh in Tamil Nadu. He further alleged irregularities in Maharashtra, pointing out that after 45 lakh voters were added ahead of the 2024 assembly polls, objections have now been raised against 40 lakh citizens on the rolls.

Calling for the dismissal and imprisonment of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Mr. Thackeray accused him of undermining democracy. He praised Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, commending them for allegedly challenging irregularities within the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Asserting that the two commissioners have effectively staged a revolt against Mr. Kumar, Mr. Thackeray suggested they hold the majority needed to override him. He also appealed to the judiciary to intervene and called on all opposition parties to band together to protect democratic institutions.

According to a report, Sandhu and Joshi had raised formal objections at least 14 times over 10 months, including concerns about changes to Form 6 and the centralisation of electoral roll data. The two election commissioners had also objected to changes in Form 6, calling them "illegal" and "unauthorised"" and arguing that the statutory form could not be altered without amendments to the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Deep Depression.....

Managing director of the state disaster management authority Prakhar Jain said warnings were being issued regularly to field-level officials and the public through the RTGS-based disaster alert system. He advised people to remain cautious even after landfall, as heavy rain was expected to continue in several parts of the state for another 48 hours.

The authority warned of possible flash floods in low-lying areas, particularly in North Andhra districts, and urged residents to avoid unnecessary travel and follow official advisories. As part of preparedness measures, five SDRF teams and four NDRF teams have been deployed in vulnerable districts. Three teams are stationed in Srikakulam district, two in Alluri Sitharama Raju district, two in Visakhapatnam, and one each in Polavaram and Anakapalle for rescue and relief operations.

The authority forecast heavy to very heavy rain on Thursday in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Manyam, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Polavaram, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalle and Kakinada districts. Moderate rain is likely in Konaseema, East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla and Palnadu districts, while Prakasam and Nellore districts may receive light to moderate showers. Rainfall intensified across coastal Andhra on Wednesday. By 7 pm, Vajrapukotturu in Srikakulam district recorded the highest rainfall at 88.2 mm, followed by Lakshminarsupet at 73.7 mm, Putre in NTR district at 67.6 mm, Reddygudem at 64.1 mm, A Konduru at 62.8 mm and Edulagudem in Eluru district at 57 mm.

Supreme Court.....

An advocate told the court that a forest officer had been crushed to death by a dumper. "Come prepared with a response," the court told counsel for Rajasthan. "There should be mandatory preventive detention in these cases," it added. The matter was posted for October 6. According to officials, forest ranger Pratap Singh Chundawat and a forest guard went to the Chhoti Sadri forest area late on Monday after receiving information about illegal mining. On July 22, the Supreme Court said preventive detention orders should be passed against people facilitating illegal sand mining in and around the National Chambal Sanctuary.

On May 26, it issued directions for the implementation of environmental and statutory safeguards in areas affected by illegal sand mining within and around the sanctuary.

The National Chambal Sanctuary is a 5,400-sq km protected area spanning Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. It is home to the endangered gharial, red-crowned roofed turtle and Ganges river dolphin. First declared a protected area in Madhya Pradesh in 1978, it is now co-administered by the three states.

Banks To Remain.....

The Reserve Bank of India has granted approval for all bank branches, offices, ATM-link branches and currency chests to remain fully operational on September 27, it said. The Department of Financial Services under the ministry of finance reiterated that the welfare and convenience of bank customers remains the government's foremost priority. The government and bank managements have appealed to unions to defer the proposed strike, and have also taken measures to ensure that essential banking services continue un-interrupted, it said.

UFBU's other demands include an update and improvement of pension, a uniform dearness allowance formula for all pensioners and an option for employees covered under the National Pension System (NPS) to switch to the old pension scheme (OPS). Many public sector banks have started issuing advisories to their customers to use digital channels
such as Mobile Banking, ATM, Internet Banking, BC Point and UPI for banking needs if the strike materialises. Banks have also advised their customers to complete essential banking transactions well in advance of the proposed strike dates to avoid any inconvenience.

The proposed 3-day strike period also coincides with the half-yearly closing of banks
on September 30, a date of particular significance for reconciliation, provisioning and treasury and market operations.

CRIME

Balanagar Police Issue Guidelines for Peaceful Ganesh Immersion

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Balanagar Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Pingili Naresh Reddy has appealed to Ganesh idol organisers and devotees to follow key safety and traffic guidelines during the Ganesh immersion procession scheduled for September 25. He said more than 200 police personnel would be deployed by the Cyberabad Police to ensure public safety, smooth traffic movement and peaceful conduct of the procession.

The arrangements are being coordinated by the Cyberabad Police, CMC, HYDRAA, TGSPDCL and the Water Board. Organisers have been asked to complete annadanam, laddu auctions and other programmes at the pandals as early as possible



and begin the immersion procession between 10 am and 12 noon. They have also been instructed to proceed without unnecessary delays and reach the designated immersion points on time.

Organisers should inform the police in advance if electricity wires, tree branches or other obstacles are found along the idol transportation routes. Police officials will coordinate with the concerned departments to address such issues and facilitate safe movement.

The ACP stressed that organisers must strictly comply with High Court directions. The use of DJs is completely prohibited, and organisers will be responsible for ensuring that no rules are violated during the procession.

Vehicles used for transporting idols should be inspected for roadworthiness and fitness beforehand. Only experienced drivers holding valid driving licences should be permitted to operate the vehicles. Responsible organisers must accompany every idol throughout the procession and ensure that vehicles are not parked unnecessarily on roads or obstruct traffic.

Extensive emergency response arrangements have also been made. Cyberabad Police and HYDRAA have deployed trained swimmers at major lakes to assist with safety during immersion activities. Devotees have been cautioned against standing beneath cranes or entering lakes and tanks directly.

Organisers have also been advised to ensure that flowers and other puja materials are not thrown into the water by people entering the immersion areas.

Police have urged devotees and organisers to strictly follow the instructions of personnel deployed at immersion points until the process is completed. With a large number of idols expected on September 25, ACP Naresh Reddy appealed to everyone to maintain communal harmony, exercise responsibility and cooperate with the police to ensure that the festivities conclude peacefully and safely.

Fake YouTube Journalists Target Home Builders in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Allegations of fake YouTube journalists targeting middle-class families involved in house construction and borewell works have raised concerns in Hyderabad.

According to the allegations, some individuals with backgrounds in commercial driving are allegedly posing as media personnel by using makeshift YouTube channel logos, fabricated PDF documents and other materials to create an appearance of legitimacy.The alleged modus operandi involves approaching construction sites and borewell operations, claiming to be journalists and threatening to publish adverse content unless money is paid. Middle-class homeowners and small-scale builders are reportedly among those being targeted, with the alleged intimidation causing financial and mental stress.Jai Bhim Sena leader P. Balwant Rao has called for strict action against such alleged extortion networks and urged authorities to protect ordinary citizens from harassment. He has sought immediate intervention from the Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda Police Commissionerates, along with the GHMC.The demands include verification of persons claiming to represent digital media, registration of FIRs wherever offences are established, and a comprehensive crackdown on alleged fake media and extortion operations. Authorities have been urged to ensure that genuine journalists and citizens are not affected while taking action against those misusing the media identity.



Hyderabad court sentences man to life imprisonment for 2020 SR Nagar murder

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A local court on Thursday sentenced a man identified as Raju Naik to life imprisonment and imposed a total fine of Rs 16,000 for the murder of P. Ramesh (50) in SR Nagar in 2020.

Ramesh had gone missing after leaving his Vikaspuri Colony home on February 1, 2020. Though a WhatsApp message was later sent from his phone, subsequent calls went unanswered and the phone was switched off.The SR Nagar lolice investigated

Woman Sentenced to Life for Murdering Husband

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A woman has been sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her husband in 2021. District SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao said the District Principal Court imposed life imprisonment and a fine of ₹6,000 on the accused in connection with the case registered at Manoharabad police station. Murali, a native of Parkibanda village, married Vijayalakshmi of Manoharabad 22 years ago. The couple had two children. Frequent disputes led to counselling sessions at the police station and mediation by village elders.

Murali broke his leg in a road accident 18 months ago and had been staying at home since, unable to work. Arguments between the couple increased. On the night of March 15, 2021, while Murali was asleep, Vijayalakshmi attacked him with a pestle, causing fatal injuries. Based on a complaint filed by family members, then SI Raju registered a case and initiated investigation. Police said meticulous investigation and strong evidence ensured conviction.

Two Killed After DU Student's Car Hits Workers on Dwarka Expressway

NEW DELHI
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Two labourers were killed, while three others, including the driver of a speeding hatchback, were injured after the car went out of control and hit the workers near Shri Ram Chowk along the Dwarka Expressway early Thursday, police said.The accident occurred when the labourers were installing iron grilles to secure the divider near Shriram Chowk. After positioning the grille, two of them were tightening the screws while the other two stood holding it in place when they saw a white Chevrolet Beat approaching from Delhi direction and going out of control.

The car, allegedly driven by a 20-year-old Delhi University student, ploughed straight into the youths who were standing by the crash barrier, leaving two youths dead on the spot, police said. The other two workers leapt towards the green belt along the middle of the expressway to save their lives. The car then came to a halt after crashing into a wall.

Burden on Waqf Board To Prove Land Ownership: High Court

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The Telangana High Court has made it clear that the burden was on the Waqf Board to sustain its notification issued declaring any land as Waqf property. When such notification was challenged, the Waqf Board had to place before the court the relevant records establishing compliance with the mandatory procedure followed under the Waqf Act. Justice Laxmi Narayana Alishetty faulted the Waqf Board for its failure to discharge the burden by producing the survey and enquiry records required to justify the impugned notification in regard to several parcels of land in Survey No.s 893, 894, 895, 896, 897 and others in Toopran, then in Medak district, which were declared Waqf properties. The court consequently held that the notification was unsustainable.

The judge was dealing with a petition filed by Syeda Ghousiya Sultana and 38 others challenging Gazette Notification No.46-A dated December 20, 2001, regarding the properties. The petitioners claimed rights over the land and contended that they had revenue records, pattadar passbooks and title deeds, besides being in possession of the properties. They argued that the land parcels were included in the prohibited properties list without notice, enquiry or an opportunity of hearing.

The Waqf Board, however, contended that a survey had been conducted in the 1960s under the Waqf Act, 1954, and that public announcements were made through "tom-tom" before the land parcels were identified as Waqf properties. The High Court found that the board had not placed before it the survey report, proceedings of the Survey Commissioner, inquiry material, objections, proof of public notice or other contemporaneous records demonstrating compliance with the statutory procedure.

The court observed that the survey and enquiry contemplated under the Act were substantive requirements and could not be treated as an empty formality. Mere publication of a Gazette notification, it said, could not substitute the statutory process that preceded such notification.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

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The Supreme Court's position that a "conscientious objector" should not be punished for refusing to sing 'Vande Mataram' has come as a welcome relief for those who believe that India belongs to all Indians; it has also struck a body blow to the propensity of the BJP, which leads the Union government, to push its divisive agenda even on matters of national importance. The court has reminded the government of its position in 1986 when it decided that a citizen can respectfully decline to sing even the national anthem and that the state is not going to subject him to criminal action. The court stopped short of sending notice to the Union government in deference to the request of its law officer and limited itself to seeking its response on the subject.

The contention of Carnatic vocalist and author T.M. Krishna before the court was that mandating the singing of all six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram' violated the country's secular character. Extending penal provisions to the national song, coupled with directions for rendition of all six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram', raises fundamental questions concerning freedom of speech and expression, freedom of conscience, equality, religious freedom and secularism as enshrined in Articles 19, 25 and 26. The court appeared to have agreed with him in the larger point and has said it will examine whether the rights of one who declines to sing on religious grounds are protected under the law.

'Vande Mataram', the national song, has been a venerated symbol of India's national movement, passed down by generations of patriots. The song in Bengali was sung by freedom fighters across the country, as they found it a means to unite them in the fight for a noble and legitimate cause. When the nation's political climate changed, the context of the song and its meaning also underwent a change, which resulted in the leaders of the movement restricting the rendition of the song to its first two stanzas.

Dr Rajendra Prasad's announcement in the Constituent Assembly that 'Vande Mataram' will be the national song of India and will be venerated at par with the national anthem was received with cheers.

Three quarters of a century later, the BJP has suddenly woken up to those forgotten stanzas and made it part of the national song. It also got a piece of legislation passed providing for the same protection to 'Vande Mataram' that the national anthem and the national flag command. It is not that there is a national emergency and people have revolted against all those symbols.

The party knows that this move has the potential to divide people on religious lines and that it can spread the message of hate through those fault lines. From the Preamble to the last Article, the Constitution talks about discarding the old baggage of bigotry and creating a new world for all Indians premised on the best of human attributes. Those ideals have stood the test of time. The Supreme Court's stand on the issue reaffirms the belief that it will stand in the way of attempts to undo all those values, and is hence reassuring.



Dreame Launches X60 Ultra Complete Robot Vacuum in India at ₹1.34 Lakh

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Dreame Technology has launched its flagship X60 Ultra Complete robot vacuum in India, introducing advanced AI-powered navigation, powerful suction and automated cleaning features aimed at delivering more autonomous whole-home cleaning.

Priced at ₹1,34,999, the X60 Ultra Complete is available through the Dreame India official website from September 22 and will go on sale on Amazon India from September 27. It will also be available through Croma and select retail outlets.

At 7.95 cm, the X60 Ultra Complete is positioned as Dreame's thinnest robot vacuum, allowing it to clean underneath low-clearance furniture such as beds, sofas and cabinets. Its retractable DToF sensor enables 360-degree scanning in open areas and retracts in tighter spaces.

The robot features an AI-powered binocular obstacle avoidance system capable of detecting and identifying more than 280 objects. Its Dual Flex Arm Technology extends the side brush and mop pads into corners and difficult-to-reach areas, with the company claiming up to 100% cleaning coverage in such spaces.

The X60 Ultra Complete also incorporates FlexiAdapt technology, allowing it to cross single-layer steps of up to 4.2 cm and double-layer obstacles of up to 8 cm.

For cleaning performance, the robot delivers 35,000Pa Vormax suction, which Dreame describes as the highest suction power in the robot vacuum category. Its PressureStream Detangling DuoBrush System 2.0 is designed to reduce hair tangling while cleaning carpets and hard floors.

The device combines vacuuming with advanced mopping, featuring 100°C ThermoHub mop self-cleaning, 230RPM dual omni-scrub mopping and 15N downward pressure. Thermal mop pads maintain temperatures above 40°C during cleaning.

AI OmniDirt Detection with Celeste Lighting helps identify dirt, pet hair, fine particles and light liquids, enabling the robot to adjust its cleaning approach. The AI-enhanced OmniSight system uses two 120-degree cameras and VersaLift navigation for improved obstacle recognition.

Manu Sharma, Managing Director, Dreame Technology India, said the launch reflects the company's vision of making smart-home technology more intuitive, adaptive and effortless.

The X60 Ultra Complete comes with a one-year warranty and Dreame's after-sales network covering more than 160 cities across India, along with eligible pick-up, drop and installation services.

Earnings, FII Return Boost India's Market Breadth as Gold and AI Rally

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India's equity market showed improving breadth in August as stronger corporate earnings, renewed foreign institutional investor (FII) buying and continued domestic institutional support helped offset a decline in the Nifty 50. According to PL Asset Management's August 2026 PMS Monthly Newsletter, Q1 FY27 earnings reached their strongest pace in ten quarters, while mid- and small-cap stocks outperformed large caps.

The Nifty 50 declined 1.24% during August to close at 24,074.86. However, the broader market remained stronger, with mid-cap and small-cap earnings growing approximately 20% and 28% year-on-year respectively. The report said the earnings improvement was broad-based across capital goods, automobiles, metals, financials and healthcare.

Foreign investors returned to Indian equities with ₹29,631 crore of buying in August, their strongest monthly inflow since September 2024. This followed ₹20,200 crore of purchases in July. Meanwhile, domestic institutional investors continued their buying streak for the 38th consecutive month, providing a strong domestic liquidity base.

India's economic indicators also remained supportive. Real GDP grew 7.8% year-on-year in Q1 FY27, while real gross fixed capital formation rose 11.9%, indicating continued momentum in investment activity. The RBI kept its repo rate unchanged at 5.25% in August.

Global developments influenced markets significantly during the month. Strong Nvidia results revived optimism around artificial intelligence spending, while gold gained around 10% amid renewed concerns over currency debasement and fiscal pressures. Brent crude also climbed 7.9%, reflecting continued geopolitical and shipping-related risks around the Strait of Hormuz.

The report also highlighted improving valuation conditions for large-cap Indian equities. The Nifty 50 traded at around 19.9 times trailing earnings, below its 10-year median of 23.3 times.

India's valuation premium over emerging markets narrowed to around 20%, while aggregate market ROE remained approximately 15.6%.

Several PL Asset Management strategies delivered positive returns during August. AQUA PMS gained 3.07%, compared with a 0.09% decline in the BSE 500 TRI, while MADP rose 2.84% against 0.28% for its benchmark. LEAP gained 3.5%, while ATOM delivered 9.9%, its strongest monthly alpha since inception.

MCCIA Announces State-Wide Protest Against UPI Charges

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Wakeup telangana

The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (MCCIA) on Wednesday announced a state-wide protest against charges levied on UPI transactions, with around 20,000 traders expected to participate across Maharashtra. As part of the protest, traders will observe 'Gandhigiri' on October 2, Gandhi Jayanti, by refusing digital payments and conducting transactions only in cash. They will also wear black bands and cover their UPI QR codes with messages reading "NO UPI DAY" to register their protest.

MCCIA president Ravindra Mangave said additional charges on digital transactions could increase the financial burden on small and medium-sized businesses. The chamber's opposition comes weeks after the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) notified a 0.4 per cent Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on person-to-merchant (P2M) UPI transactions above Rs 2,000, effective October 15, capped at Rs 300 per transaction. The MCCIA has demanded that the MDR be withdrawn.

Mangave said the traders were not opposed to UPI payments but were seeking the withdrawal of the MDR, which, he said, would ultimately affect consumers. "We are not opposed to UPI payments; however, we strongly oppose the newly imposed 0.4 per cent MDR on UPI transactions. Any decision that puts a further burden on traders' profits will not be accepted," he said. The Central government has said most UPI transactions will not be affected and that concessions for small traders will remain intact. However, Mangave said the transaction patterns of a large number of small traders and vendors in Maharashtra also needed to be taken into consideration. "Due to competition from online companies, small traders are already forced to operate on very thin profit margins. Under such circumstances, the additional cost on UPI transactions will further impact their profitability," he said.

Meanwhile, petrol pump operators across Maharashtra have urged the Central government to exempt fuel purchases from MDR and other digital payment charges, saying such fees would directly reduce their already fixed earnings. Speaking to this newspaper, Mangave said that if the government did not withdraw the MDR, traders would be forced either to pass on the additional cost to consumers or switch to cash transactions.

"Ultimately, the prices of commodities will increase. The traders will wear black bands on October 2 and cover the UPI QR codes with black cloth. They will protest across the state," Mangave said. Around 500 organisations affiliated with the MCCIA are also expected to join the protest.

CBIT Startup Converts Paddy Waste into Eco-Friendly Products



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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, inaugurated Bhojakshi Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a startup founded by V. Bhuvaneshwar, at the Concrete Lab of the Department of Civil Engineering.The startup, operating under the brand ORGO, aims to convert agricultural waste, particularly paddy straw, into eco-friendly and biodegradable products. Its product range includes Ganesh idols, diyas, floating diyas, plant pots, seed trays, sustainable packaging, cutlery and protective cases.CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu inaugurated the startup in the presence of Prof. V. Barla, Dr. Srikanth Reddy, Prof. Srinivas Sarma and Dr. G. N. R. Prasad, along with faculty members and representatives of the Civil Engineering Department.The initiative has been established under the guidance of Dr. U. K. Choudhury, Professor and Advisor–Innovation and Incubation, and Dr. K. Jagannadha Rao, Professor and Head of Civil Engineering, with institutional facilities and technical support from the department.Prof. Narasimhulu highlighted the importance of connecting academic innovation with practical solutions. Founder V. Bhuvaneshwar said ORGO seeks to demonstrate how agricultural waste can be transformed into useful, sustainable products.The launch marks another step in CBIT's efforts to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and environmentally responsible technology.

Business Activity Accelerates in September on Robust Domestic Demand: PMI

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Despite weaker export momentum and subdued hiring environment, India's business activities accelerated in September on stronger demand in both the manufacturing and services sector. The acceleration was stronger among goods producers, where sales growth hit a seven-month high and remained above that recorded by services companies, a private survey said on Wednesday. As per the survey, the HSBC Flash India PMI composite output index showed that India's manufacturing and service sectors posted 56.5 in September, up from a final reading of 54.3 in August. Therefore, the latest print was consistent with a sharper expansion in private sector activity and one that was the most pronounced since June.

Commenting on the survey, Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC said that activity in the private sector gained momentum, led by stronger manufacturing. "Output and new domestic orders rose at faster rates. Renewed tensions in the Middle East have once again led firms to build buffers to manage the uncertainties," Bhandari said. The survey also showed that the rate of input cost inflation across the private sector eased to its lowest mark since January. "Softer cost pressures at services companies more than offset a pick-up among manufacturers. Firms that signalled an increase in overall cost burdens attributed this to greater outlays," it said.

"However, the input purchases picked up pace and the stocks of finished goods index is now at an 11-and-a-half-year high. Price pressures firmed at manufacturers, with output price inflation gathering pace, signalling a renewed push to protect margins,
Bhandari added. Meanwhile, the survey also pointed out that there was a marginal uptick in outstanding business levels at the composite level, following declines in the previous two months. "Manufacturing companies and their services counterparts signalled only mild pressure on operating capacities," it said.

Kirthi Priya Bonthu Completes Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering

AI Research on Student Online Behaviour Marks Major Academic Milestone for Kirthi Priya Bonthu

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Kirthi Priya Bonthu, Research Scholar in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University, Jhunjhunu, has successfully completed her Ph.D. research and presented her findings in the Ph.D. Viva Voce.

Her research, titled "Using Machine Learning to Display Students Online Behavior and Scrutiny System," focuses on applying Machine Learning techniques to analyse students' online academic behaviour and develop an intelligent scrutiny system.

The research was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Prasadu Peddi, Research Guide, with Dr. Sk. Althaf Hussain Basha serving as Co-Guide. Her Registration No. is 26921106.

The study examines digital learning activities such as login patterns, session duration, page visits, clickstream behaviour, assignment submissions, quiz participation and discussion-forum interactions. By analysing such data using Machine Learning, the research explores ways to identify student engagement levels and behavioural patterns in online learning environments.

The study highlights the potential application of Machine Learning methods including Decision Trees, Random Forest, Support Vector Machines, Artificial Neural Networks and K-Means clustering in educational data analysis. These techniques can help institutions convert digital learning data into useful insights for academic monitoring and support.



Kirthi Priya Bonthu

A Machine Learning-based student behaviour analysis system can potentially assist faculty members in tracking online engagement, identifying participation patterns, preparing analytical reports and recognising reduced engagement at an early stage. Such insights may support personalised learning and timely academic interventions.

The research also emphasises the importance of protecting student information through data privacy, anonymisation and responsible use of educational data. Ethical handling of digital learning information remains essential while implementing technology-driven monitoring systems.

During the Viva Voce, Kirthi Priya Bonthu presented the objectives, methodology, Machine Learning approaches, analysis, findings and potential applications of her research before the concerned academic and research committee.

She expressed gratitude to her Guide, Co-Guide, university authorities, faculty members, research scholars, colleagues, friends and family for their guidance, encouragement and support throughout her doctoral journey.

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the academic community of Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University congratulated Kirthi Priya Bonthu on successfully completing her Ph.D. research. Her work is expected to contribute to further research in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Educational Data Mining, Learning Analytics and Intelligent Educational Systems.

Machana Raghunandan Completes 100 Blood Donations

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Civil Supplies Department Enforcement Deputy Tahsildar Machana Raghunandan marked a remarkable milestone by donating blood for the 100th time at the Jangaon Government Hospital on Wednesday. He donated blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank and urged people to come forward and donate regularly.

Speaking on the occasion, Raghunandan said blood donation can help save lives and is a meaningful expression of humanity. He described blood donors as "life saviours" and said donating blood provides an opportunity to help people facing medical emergencies.

He noted that a healthy person can donate blood up to three times a year, subject to medical eligibility. Raghunandan said blood donation not only provides personal satisfaction but also creates a sense of having contributed to a noble cause.He revealed that his journey began in 1999 and that he has now completed 100 blood donations, encouraging others to follow the same path.

Paramount Settlement Explained: What It Means for the Future of Movies

Movie studio Paramount on Monday agreed to settle an anti-trust lawsuit filed by 12 states, the last big obstacle blocking the company's $81 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery in a deal that would transform the movie industry landscape. In the settlement, which still needs to be approved by a judge, Paramount agreed to terms including a five-year movie production plan and to invest $1.5 billion in domestic movies.

State attorneys general say the settlement guarantees investment in domestic movie production and provides worker protection. But analysts say the deal is still likely to lead to less competition in the industry — and higher prices for consumers. "Where I'm looking at this is through the consumer's point of view and resoundingly consumers are concerned about price hikes and they are preparing for price hikes," said Forrester research director Mike Proulx. "They care less about the theatrical releases and some of



the other industry terms. What they care about is how this is going to hit their wallets."

Here's a closer look at the biggest terms Paramount agreed to in the settlement: Paramount says it will invest in domestic films and independent films Paramount said it will spend $1.5 billion over five years, or $300 million a year — on top of what it spent in 2025 on filming domestically. According to the state attorneys general, currently only about 5% of Paramount's production is in the U.S.

Paramount also said it would create a five-year, $25 million fund for buying independent films. The settlement lays out a five-year film production schedule The movie studio agreed to make 30 films a year in the first two years and 32 films a year in the following three years. It also said it will release at least four independent films each year. That dovetails with plans Paramount chairman and CEO David Ellison has previously laid out to grow the combined company's movie slate to more than 30 movies a year.

But the agreement includes penalties: If Paramount doesn't produce the required amount, the company will be forced to sell Miramax Studios and pay $30 million to health care and retirement trust funds associated with worker unions. The agreement includes a fund for laid-off workers Paramount has said it would look for ways to save some $6 billion through job cuts in "duplicative operations" when the deal goes through. Under the settlement, Paramount will create a $47.5 million workforce fund for training and career development for laid-off workers. It also agreed to honor previously established collective bargaining agreements and bargain in good faith with unions. Cable channels will be negotiated for separately and an independent board will be named Under the agreement, Paramount won't have to sell cable channels. But the company will have to hold negotiations over basic cable channels under Paramount and Warner Bros. separately for five years. If it doesn't, it might have to sell some channels under the agreement. The agreement also calls for the creation of a board to ensure that Warner-owned CNN and CBS, owned by Paramount, maintain editorial independence.

Dalit Film 'Ramnami' Named Best Hindi Docu at 72nd National Film Awards

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Ramnami, a documentary depicting the unique devotion of a Dalit community of Central India for Lord Ram, has been adjudged the best work in the section in Hindi at the 72nd National Film Awards. In a sharp departure from the tradition of the prestigious event of the country, the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony was held at the foot of the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, instead of New Delhi.

President Draupadi Murmu conferred the honour on the documentary to its maker Bharatbala Ganapathy at the ceremony, held on September 22. The honour put the spotlight on the Dalit community whose devotion to Lord Ram is inscribed in every inch of their skin in the form of tattoos. The origin of the Ramnami movement traces back to around 1890, when Parsuram Bharadwaj, a Dalit man barred from entering a local temple due to caste discrimination, responded by tattooing the word 'Ram' across his entire body.

Members of the community then followed the tradition to demonstrate that they cannot be separated from the divine and by inscribing the sacred name in the entire body, they turned their physical selves into temples- a radical visually striking act of spiritual reclamation born out of social exclusion. The community's rich and profound heritage received widespread recognition when prime minister Narendra Modi broke the protocol to honour them last year.

Singer-composer Kailash Kher lent his voice to the film's spiritual core through the track 'Ram Hi Paar Lagavenge'. The film maker dedicated the honour to the community, saying that "I see the honour as a recognition of the people who allowed us to enter their world and tell their story. The community's faith is not merely something they practice, it is something they carry on their bodies, in their lives and in their identity." Chief minister Vishnu Deo Sai hailed the honour of the documentary, calling it a recognition of the rich culture and heritage of Chhattisgarh. Culture minister Rajesh Agrawal congratulated the film unit of the documentary for the award.

Hyderabad Cricket Association plans RGICS revamp; elections set for November

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The Hyderabad Cricket Association is set to upgrade the facilities at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium (RGICS), secretary M. Jeevan Reddy told a press conference on Wednesday. The HCA secretary said the State got a boost at the recent BCCI Annual General Meeting which he attended at the national cricket body's headquarters in Mumbai. "A lot of things were discussed as a part of the AGM, one of them was improvement of infrastructure. For now, we have revamped the entire electrical system. The drainage system also has to be improved. The external appearance of the stadium needs to be done-up too. Dealing with fencing blocking the view of fans, improving parking facilities and providing a possible walkway from the Stadium Metro station to the RGICS are also on the agenda," Mr Reddy said. Asked about providing overhead cover to the spectators right around the stadium, the HCA chief was non-committal. "We will also be hosting the India vs West Indies T20 on October 14, tickets for which will go on sale from October 6. It's been two years since Hyderabad has hosted an international match and we are working towards showcasing our organisational expertise and provide a world class experience to spectators to ensure the City will be allotted more games in the future. The HCA will also provide about 2,000 tickets free of cost to students from government high schools," Mr Reddy said.

When pointed out that the Police drive away spectators from the stadium as soon as the match is over, not allowing those who want to witness the presentation ceremony, Mr Reddy said "we will address this issue, discuss with police officials and ensure that every willing spectator is there till the end of the presentation ceremony." Mr Reddy also sounded upbeat about the new cricket stadium that will come up at Future City, as announced by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy earlier. Asked about the time frame, he replied: "It could take us around three years to turn it into a reality once the groundbreaking happens." Answering a query about HCA polls that are due this month, Mr Reddy said: "We are discussing it... most probably the elections should happen sometime in November." As for development in the districts, "we have acquired grounds and basic infrastructure in Mahbubnagar and Karimnagar, where cricket academies are scheduled to come up soon."

Asian Games: Satnam-Salman Win Bronze, Roshibina Silver

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Indian rowers Satnam Singh and Salman Khan won the bronze medal in the men's double sculls event at the Asian Games here on Thursday, while star Wushu athlete Roshibina Devi secured a silver in the women's 60kg sanda category. Satnam and Salman clocked 6:13.25 at the Nagaragawa International Regatta Course. China's Yi Xudi and Yide Nie won gold with 6:09.37, while Uzbekistan's Pavel Sorin and Mekhrojbek Mamatkulov took silver in 6:10.49.

The Indian pair remained second until the 1,500m mark before slipping to third in the final 500m. Satnam had previously won a bronze at the Hangzhou Asian Games in the men's quadruple sculls event. Earlier, India narrowly missed another rowing medal as Balraj Panwar finished fourth in the men's single sculls final with a timing of 6:54.80. In Wushu, Roshibina lost the women's 60kg sanda final 0-2 to China's Zhang Xiaoyu but secured her third Asian Games medal. She had won bronze at the 2018 Jakarta-Palembang Games and silver at the 2023 Hangzhou Games.

Roshibina reached the final after defeating Vietnam's 2023 world champion Nguyen Thi Thu Thuy. Her medal came after controversy over her selection for the Indian squad following an injury to young rival Divyanshi Choudhary. Other Indian Wushu athletes could not reach the podium, with Aryan losing in the men's 56kg quarterfinals, Aparna exiting in the women's 52kg round of 16 and Vikrant Baliyan losing his opening-round bout.

Telangana Athletes Depart for National Mallakhamb Championships

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Telangana athletes selected for the All India Invitational Mallakhamb National Championships, scheduled to be held in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh from September 25 to 28, were provided tracksuit kits by Telangana Mallakhamb Association president M. Ramakanth Reddy.Speaking on the occasion, Ramakanth Reddy encouraged students to actively participate in sports along with their studies. He expressed hope that the selected athletes would perform well at the national-level competition and bring recognition to Telangana.In the Under-16 girls category, R. Gayathri, D. Harshitha, D. Sharada and S. Navyashree were selected for the championships. In the boys category, K. Meghanath and S. Varun were selected.Ramakanth Reddy congratulated the selected athletes and coach Sukapal and wished the team success at the national championships.



Hyderabad Ready for Massive Ganesh Immersion Procession on Sept 25

Hyderabad is preparing for the September 25 Ganesh idol immersion procession marking the end of 12-day festivities

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Hyderabad is gearing up for one of the city's biggest cultural and spiritual spectacles, with thousands of Ganesh idols scheduled for immersion on September 25. The grand procession will mark the culmination of the 12-day Ganesh festival and is expected to draw large crowds of devotees along several major routes across the city.

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), along with the newly formed Cyberabad and Malkajgiri civic bodies, has made extensive arrangements for the immersion processions. Dozens of immersion points have been identified and equipped across different areas to manage the large number of idols arriving from residential colonies, neighbourhoods and community celebrations.

Authorities have utilised traditional lakes and designated water bodies while also creating eco-friendly artificial baby ponds at several locations. The arrangements are aimed at ensuring that devotees can complete the immersion process safely and without excessive congestion at major water bodies.

The main Ganesh procession is expected to stretch across several kilometres. The route will begin from Balapur in southern Hyderabad and pass through several historic and prominent locations, including Chandrayangutta, Falaknuma, Charminar and Moazzam Jahi Market. The procession will eventually move towards the Telugu Talli flyover and NTR Marg, where large-scale immersion arrangements have been made.

Police and civic authorities have carried out detailed inspections of the entire procession route ahead of the event. Special attention has been given to ensuring that large vehicles carrying towering Ganesh idols can move smoothly without encountering obstacles.

As part of the preparations, civic officials undertook an intensive ground-clearance drive. Overhanging tree branches were pruned, damaged stretches of roads were repaired and height-related obstructions were addressed. Low-hanging internet, telecommunications and electricity cables were also removed, raised or properly bundled to prevent difficulties for large procession vehicles.

Additional barricading has been installed along Hussain Sagar to regulate the movement of devotees and maintain safety during the immersion process. Police and civic personnel are expected to remain deployed at key points to manage crowds and traffic.

The GHMC has also strengthened immersion infrastructure by deploying heavy-duty mechanical cranes at NTR Marg and PV Marg, popularly known as Necklace Road, three days ahead of the main event. Officials said the crane platforms have been made fully operational to handle the expected influx of idols and help complete the immersion process within a single day. With preparations being carried out across multiple civic jurisdictions, Hyderabad is set to witness a massive and highly coordinated Ganesh immersion procession on September 25.

KTR offers prayers at Khairatabad Bada Ganesh pandal in Hyderabad



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BRS working president KT Rama Rao offered special prayers to Lord Maha Ganapathi idol at Khairatabad on Wednesday as part of Ganesh Navaratri celebrations. He prayed for good rains, prosperity and the welfare of farmers.

Rama Rao was accompanied by BRSLP deputy leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav and other senior party leaders. He also performed special puja at Ganesh pandals in LB Nagar and other places across the State. He extended his greetings to devotees and Ganesh festival organisers.

Speaking on the occasion, the BRS working president said he had prayed for peace, happiness and prosperity in the lives of people across Telangana and the country. He also wished that people of different communities in Hyderabad continue to live together in peace and harmony. He said politics would always be there, but festivals came rarely, and urged people to set aside political differences and celebrate the festival with their families and children.

Harish Rao's Uncle Among 118 Persons Get Notices In Assignment Lands Issue In Siddipet

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Revenue officials issued notice to BRS senior leader T. Harish Rao's father-in-law Hanumanth Rao as well as those allegedly holding assignment land in Siddipet district on Tuesday, to be followed by a visit by officials of the survey and land records (SLR) department. Officials served notices on 118 persons in possession of land spread over 327.9 acres in Survey No, 271 on the outskirts of Velikatta and Ravindranagar in Kondapak mandal. A team of Congress MPs and MLCs led by Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy had visited Velikatta on September 18 and inspected the assignment land allegedly illegally encroached by BRS leaders and their relatives.

The Congress team had questioned how land allotted to ex-servicemen in Survey No. 271 was transferred to Harish Rao's relatives. The team also inspected land allegedly belonging to Harish Rao near the Ranganayakasagar on the outskirts of Siddipet. Referring to Survey No. 271 in Siddipet, the Congress delegation had claimed that about 300 acres had lavani pattas and that transactions in the survey number were prohibited.

They alleged that Hanumanth Rao purchased the land during 2009-10 and obtained a no-objection certificate (NOC) from the revenue divisional officer (RDO), though the document was required to be issued by the district collector.

They alleged that 6.18 acres near the Rajiv Rahadari highway were registered in Hanumanth Rao's name. The Congress team also alleged that of the 2,212 acres acquired for the Ranganayakasagar in 2016-17, about 2,183 acres were eventually utilised, leaving 30 acres. Of this, they alleged, Harish Rao had acquired 13.2 acres in 2018.

Khairatabad Bada Ganesh Darshan to End at Midnight Ahead of Friday Immersion

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With just hours remaining for the grand immersion of the Khairatabad Bada Ganesh, Hyderabad authorities have stepped up security, traffic management and crowd-control arrangements ahead of Friday's procession.

Officials said devotees will be allowed darshan only until midnight, while darshan will remain suspended on Thursday to facilitate welding works and complete arrangements involving lorries, trolleys and other equipment required for the immersion.

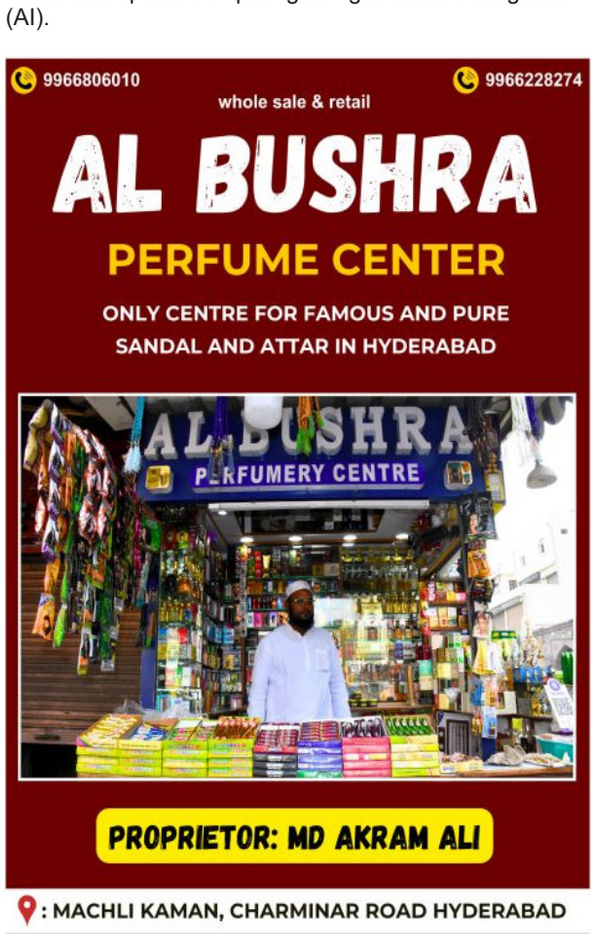
The main immersion procession is scheduled to begin on September 25.Khairatabad DCP Shilpavalli directed police personnel to maintain round-the-clock surveillance around the Ganesh pandal and along the entire immersion route.

Senior police officials will closely monitor the procession, which will cover nearly 19 km, from the Command Control Centre to ensure smooth movement and immediate response to any situation.Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar also inspected arrangements at the Khairatabad pandal and reviewed security and traffic measures put in place for the occasion.Traffic restrictions and diversions will be implemented in and around Khairatabad, including routes towards IMAX, Lakdikapul and NTR Marg. Police have installed special barricades and organised dedicated queue lines to regulate the movement of devotees and prevent overcrowding near the pandal.Director General of Police C.V. Anand visited the Khairatabad Ganesh pandal and offered prayers, seeking peace, prosperity and well-being for the people.

Anand appealed to Ganesh festival organisers and devotees to ensure that immersion processions are conducted peacefully, safely and in accordance with established guidelines. He specifically reminded organisers about Supreme Court directions concerning the use of DJs and crackers.



The International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H) and Hexagon R&D India will establish a centre of excellence (CoE) at the institute to advance research and education in digital twins, computer vision and spatial computing using artificial intelligence (AI).



Telangana Malala Samithi Forms New Team

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Telangana Malala Samithi State Vice President Gujju Narsing Rao offered prayers at the iconic Khairatabad Ganesha on Wednesday. The visit combined spiritual devotion with the organisation's ongoing efforts to strengthen its leadership and expand social welfare activities across Telangana.

Following the darshan, the Telangana Malala Samithi announced its core state leadership committee to coordinate upcoming public welfare programmes and social initiatives. Barigela Venkataswamy was named State President, while Gujju Narsing Rao was appointed State Vice President. C. Vijay Rao will serve as State Working President, M. Ramesh as State Secretary and G. Saillu as State Joint Secretary.

The newly constituted leadership is expected to focus on strengthening the organisation's activities and improving coordination among its members across the state.

MoD Signs ₹811-Crore Deal With BDL For 160 Smart Anti-Airfield Weapons

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The ministry of defence signed an ₹810.79-crore contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for 160 satellite smart anti airfield weapons (SAT-SAAW) and associated equipment for the Indian Air Force (IAF) to strengthen its precision strike capability with an indigenously designed system. The contract, signed in New Delhi on Wednesday in the presence of defence secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, has been placed under the Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured) category. The 160 weapons are scheduled to be delivered during 2027-28 and 2028-29.

The SAT-SAAW is an air-to-ground precision-guided glide bomb designed to strike enemy airfields from a long stand-off range. According to the defence ministry, it can be launched from Jaguar, Hawk and Su-30MKI aircraft, allowing the IAF to engage airfield targets without having to approach them directly.

The weapon has been designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and will have 60 per cent indigenous content, regional defence PRO Siva Hari Naik said.

Rs 5 Lakh Ex Gratia Announced for Families of RIMS Fire Victims



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Adilabad collector Rajarshi Shah on Wednesday said the state government had announced Rs 5 lakh ex gratia each to the bereaved families who lost their infants in the fire at the SNCU ward of RIMS, Adilabad. The collector said Health Minister C. Raja Narasimha announced the ex gratia on the instructions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He said the health minister had enquired about the health condition of infants undergoing treatment at various hospitals and instructed officials to shift them, if required, to corporate hospitals and government super-speciality hospitals in Hyderabad for better treatment. The collector further said the health minister had announced that a 150-bed mother and child care centre would be constructed at RIMS, Adilabad, on a war footing. Shah visited private hospitals in Adilabad where infants were undergoing treatment and asked doctors to provide better treatment for their early recovery.

Windstorm Creates Panic In Bhadradri-Kothagudem

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A windstorm caused damage at Morampally Banjara in Burgampadu mandal of Bhadradri-Kothagudem district on Wednesday evening, causing panic among residents. The Rajupeta bridge over the Akeru stream at Mulakalapally was also partially damaged due to heavy rain, disrupting road connectivity to several villages. As dark clouds covered the area, a dust storm uprooted several trees and damaged the sheet roofs of several houses. Strong winds forced residents to remain indoors for more than an hour. Several people reportedly suffered minor injuries.

In view of the heavy rain warning issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), holidays were declared for schools in the district on September 23 and 24. The order applied to government, private and residential schools. District Collector Ankit said the decision was taken to avoid inconvenience to students due to the rains. He instructed Mandal Education Officers (MEOs) and principals of residential schools to take precautionary measures to prevent.



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