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Divis, MEIL Top Hurun India Rich List 2026

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Hyderabad has cemented its status as one of India's foremost wealth hubs, with 114 residents named on the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2026. Their combined net worth stands at Rs 10,03,800 crore, roughly Rs 10.04 lakh crore. This places the city fourth nationally by number of rich listers, after Mumbai (465), New Delhi (236) and Bengaluru (129), while Chennai follows with 96. In terms of aggregate wealth, Hyderabad trails Mumbai (Rs 53.21 lakh crore), New Delhi (Rs 26.83 lakh crore) and

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Khairatabad Bada Ganesh Immersed In Hussain Sagar

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The Khairatabad Panchamukha Sankatahara Maha Ganapati was immersed in Hussainsagar on Friday, amid chants and prayers of thousands of devotees and onlookers. The procession began at 10 am, and the 69-foot idol was immersed at 2.40 pm. According to members of the Khairatabad Ganesh Utsav Committee, the scheduled commencement of the procession at 6 am was delayed as the crane used to lift the idol malfunctioned multiple times during the night.

With thousands of devotees watching, the procession went through Meera Theatre road, and towards Telephone Bhavan. Devotees and onlookers inside the lane showered the idol with flowers and confetti, as the idol trudged along on the massive truck. The idol was then taken from Telephone Bhavan through the Telangana Talli flyover, and then routed in front of the Secretariat. Within minutes, the idol reached Crane 4, which was standing by the immerse the idol. Welders undid the welds and affixation beams at the immersion site, and at 2.40 pm, the idol was ceremonially immersed to chants from devotees.

Preparations for the immersion procession began on Thursday, with the workers removing the supporting wooden beams beside the idol and preparing the massive truck to transport the Bada Ganesh idol and those of Somnath Jyotirlinga and Kali Mata. After the final ceremonies at 10 pm, the organisers began prepping for the lifting of the 50-tonne idol. The operation to place the idol on the truck began at 5 am, and was completed an hour later. Welders took nearly three hours to affix the idol to the truck to ensure it doesn't sway during the procession, and at 10 am the procession began.

Put Social Reforms Above Politics: PM

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Urging BJP workers to focus on social reforms and positive changes rather than vote bank politics, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that over the past 12 years, the gap between cities and villages in India has significantly narrowed and infrastructure in villages has improved to a great extent. Virtually interacting with participants of 'Seva Yatra', an ongoing motorcycle rally travelling from Varanasi to Vadnagar, he said that self-reliance among women has also increased in the country.

The Prime Minister said, "When we look at the life of Mahatma Gandhi, we see that alongside fighting against the British and leading the freedom movement, he was also a great social reformer. He always worked against the evils prevalent in society. Therefore, we political workers too must continue working towards social reform and positive change, not look at vote banks. Those who serve society deserve to have their service

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Gandhi Parivar Stands for Sacrifice: Revanth



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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said the political battle over the future of India was a fight between two "parivars" — the Gandhi Parivar and the Sangh Parivar — and declared that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would become Prime Minister. Addressing a gathering at Nilambur in Kerala after receiving the Aryadan Muhammed Memorial Award 2026 for best public servant, Revanth Reddy said a "new breeze" had begun to blow from Kerala and would turn into a political storm across the country by the 2029 general elections.

He drew a parallel between Kerala's monsoon and its political trends, saying weather experts across the country looked to Kerala every year because the onset of the monsoon there helped predict rainfall patterns in Telangana, Karnataka, Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and eventually New Delhi. "Kerala is the bell-weather state," he said, adding that political developments in Kerala had also coincided with changes at the Centre in several instances. In 1991, when the Congress' K. Karunakaran was Chief Minister of Kerala, P.V. Narasimha Rao became Prime Minister; in 1996, when the Communists came to power in Kerala the Congress lost power in Delhi. Revanth Reddy also referred to 2001, when Congress' A.K. Antony became Kerala Chief Minister, followed by the Congress-led government coming to power at the Centre in 2004.

He contrasted this with the period after Left leader Pinarayi Vijayan became Chief Minister, when Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in 2014. "Now we see a new breeze, a new wind.

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EAM Turns Tables on Pakistan

NEW DELHI
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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday sharply responded to a Pakistani journalist who accused India of sponsoring terrorism in Pakistan, during an interaction with reporters at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

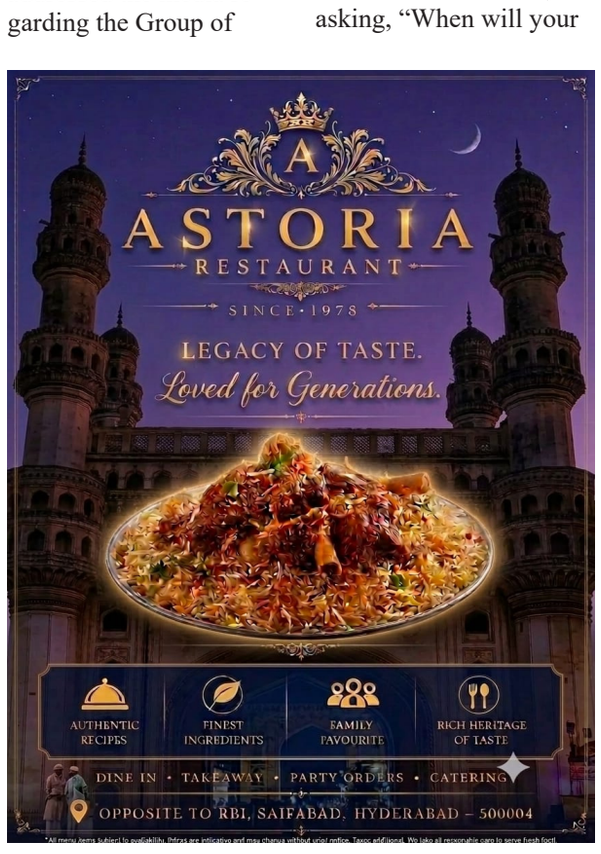
The exchange took place after Jaishankar and Liberian Foreign Minister Sara Beysolow Nyanti addressed the media regarding the Group of



Friends on Safety and Security of Shipping and Seafarers.As the two ministers concluded their remarks, a Pakistani journalist shouted a question directed at Jaishankar, asking, "When will your government stop sponsoring terrorism in Pakistan?"Jaishankar responded firmly, saying, "A terrorist country is asking me that question. Come on."India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Harish Parvathaneni, also intervened following the exchange.

Addressing the journalist, he said, "You have heard your reply. You have heard your response, loud and clear."The sharp exchange came amid continuing diplomatic tensions between India and Pakistan, with both countries frequently trading allegations over terrorism and cross-border militancy.

India has repeatedly accused Pakistan of providing support and safe havens to terrorist organisations operating against India, while Pakistan has rejected such allegations and, in turn, accused New Delhi of involvement in acts of terrorism on Pakistani soil.



Pak PM Sharif Raises Kashmir Issue, Credits Trump for 2025 Intervention

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Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday used the UN General Assembly podium to credit US President Donald Trump for his "timely intervention" in the 2025 conflict with India, as he again raked up the Kashmir issue in his address at the world organisation.India had launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 last year, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam attack that had killed 26 civilians. US President Trump has repeatedly claimed, as recently as in his address to the UN General Assembly this week, that he stopped the war between India and Pakistan.

New Delhi has consistently denied any third-party intervention. Sharif thanked Trump for his "resolute and visionary leadership", saying that the American leader's "timely intervention" saved hundreds of millions of lives in South Asia.

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Ganesh Immersions Across Telangana Remain Peaceful, Says DGP CV Anand

More than 25,000 police personnel were deployed in Hyderabad, with additional forces, CCTV surveillance and emergency services as immersions continued into Friday

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Ganesh idol immersions across Telangana continued peacefully on Friday, with the remaining processions and immersions expected to be completed by Saturday morning, Director General of Police (DGP) CV Anand said.

Addressing the media at the DGP office, Anand said 1.24 lakh Ganesh idols had been registered on the state's Ganesh portal this year, compared with around 1.15 lakh last year. Considering idols installed in homes, apartments and private premises that were not registered on the portal, the total number of idols across Telangana could be between 3.5 lakh and 4 lakh.



By Friday morning, around 88,000 idols had been immersed, while the remaining idols were expected to be immersed by approximately 10.30 am on Saturday.

In Hyderabad, more than 25,000 police personnel were deployed to manage the large-scale immersion processions and maintain law and order. Additional personnel from the Telangana State Special Police (TGSP), Rapid Action Force (RAF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and OCTOPUS were also deployed at sensitive and crowded locations.

Authorities made extensive arrangements at major immersion points, including the installation of CCTV cameras, cranes and emergency response facilities. The movement of processions and overall situation were monitored continuously through command and control centres.

Anand said the immersion process was delayed in some areas as processions began later than usual due to Friday's religious considerations. The expansion of areas under the Rajendranagar and Shamshabad police jurisdictions also contributed to the delay.

The DGP said 13 people had died and 26 others were injured in various incidents reported during the past 10 days of Ganesh festivities across the state.

He specifically recalled the death of New Kothagudem Sub-Inspector Venkanna, who had travelled to Hyderabad for immersion duty. He also referred to six deaths reported in Patancheru during the festivities.

Anand appealed to devotees and the public to cooperate with the police, follow safety regulations and take necessary precautions during processions and immersion activities. He also urged people to exercise restraint over noise pollution and ensure that celebrations are conducted safely and responsibly.

ABVP condemns screening of Umar Khalid documentary at NALSAR

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The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) on Friday condemned the 'unauthorised' screening of the documentary Prisoner No. 626710 on jailed activist Umar Khalid on the NALSAR University of Law campus here on September 23. It demanded a transparent enquiry into the circumstances that enabled the screening besides action on those responsible.

In a statement, the ABVP Greater Hyderabad said the film centres on an individual linked to controversies surrounding the JNU protests, the CAA–NRC protests, and the Delhi riots.

ABVP Greater Hyderabad secretary G Pruthvi Teja said, "Using educational premises for such content raises concerns about turning campuses into platforms for political propaganda rather than spaces for learning, academic discussion, and constructive debate".

Citing media reports, the ABVP said the NALSAR administration did not authorise the event and that no official permission was granted by the university authorities.

Stating that ABVP submitted a representation to the NALSAR Vice-Chancellor, seeking an enquiry into the matter and appropriate action, Teja said so far, they did not receive any response from the Vice Chancellor.

Apart from transparent enquiry, the ABVP demanded action, in accordance with university rules, against those responsible for 'unauthorised' screening.

The students' organisation wanted the university to come up with clear guidelines to ensure that future events comply with university norms, legal requirements, and the principles of academic responsibility.

Free Cancer Screening Camp in Bhuvanagiri on September 27

Aiming to promote early detection of cancer and improve access to preventive healthcare, the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri, in association with Malla Reddy Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospitals, Hyderabad, will conduct a Free Cancer Screening and General & Special Medical Check-up Camp in Bhuvanagiri on September 27.The health camp will be held from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Government Junior College premises, opposite the Bus Stand, Bhuvanagiri.The camp will offer Random Blood Glucose, BMI and Blood Pressure checks, along with cardiology consultations and 2D Echocardiogram tests wherever advised. Specialist consultations will also be available in Physician, Cardiology, Gynaecology and Oncology.For women, the camp will provide breast cancer screening, while eligible beneficiaries requiring mammography and Pap smear tests will receive tests worth approximately ₹12,000 free of cost, as announced by the organisers.Focus on Early Cancer DetectionRotary representatives said early detection can help people seek timely medical care and urged residents not to ignore warning signs or postpone routine health check-ups. They particularly encouraged women aged above 40 to undergo regular health screenings.Rtn. G. Gyana Prakash Reddy, Regional Chairman–Social Media, is among the key contact persons for the programme and has appealed to residents of Bhuvanagiri town and surrounding areas to make use of the free screening facilities.

Sangareddy Marks 9th Poshan Maah with District-Level Nutrition Programme

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The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah programme was conducted at the district level in Sangareddy on Friday, bringing together officials from various line departments, women and child welfare personnel, Anganwadi workers and beneficiaries to promote awareness on nutrition, maternal health and child development.District Welfare Officer (DWO), Sangareddy, Smt. Lalitha Kumari, who coordinated the programme, played a key role in bringing together the participating departments and frontline workers for the district-level event.District Collector Sri Prateek Jain participated in the programme along with officials from different line departments. The Sangareddy district administration officially lists Prateek Jain, IAS, as the Collector & District Magistrate.

The programme highlighted the importance of balanced nutrition, dietary diversity, maternal nutrition, child growth and early childhood development. Participants also showcased nutrition-related awareness material and activities aimed at encouraging healthy food practices at the community level.The photographs from the programme show women beneficiaries and Anganwadi personnel participating in the event, displaying awareness materials and receiving recognition/participating in programme activities.The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 is being observed throughout September under the theme "Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari", with emphasis on dietary diversity, adequate protein, nutritious hot-cooked meals, community participation, early childhood development and maternal nutrition.

As the district-level coordinator, Smt. Lalitha Kumari, DWO Sangareddy, coordinated the participation of the Women & Child Welfare Department and frontline workers in the Poshan Maah activities.The programme emphasised that nutrition is not limited to food alone, but is closely connected with health, childcare, hygiene, early learning and community participation. Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 specifically covers nutritional support for children below six years, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls, along with early childhood care and education. Officials from various departments participated in the district-level programme, reflecting the convergence approach being encouraged under Poshan Maah.

Maha Laddu Lucky Dip Marks Ganesh Navratri Finale

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Ganesh Navratri celebrations at New Bowenpally Bapujinagar concluded on Friday with a grand immersion procession, drawing a large gathering of devotees and local residents. The nine-day festivities, marked by traditional pujas and devotional programmes, ended on a spiritually vibrant note as devotees bid farewell to Lord Ganesha.

Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap attended the concluding ceremony as the chief guest and offered special prayers. He sought the blessings of Lord Ganesha for peace, prosperity and the well-being of the residents of Bapujinagar and the wider Cantonment area.



The much-awaited Maha Laddu Lucky Dip emerged as a major attraction of the final day. The sacred laddu, offered to Lord Ganesha during the nine-day celebrations, was distributed through a lucky draw organised by the mandapam committee. Local resident Sri Nidhi won the Maha Laddu. Jampana Pratap presented the prasadam to the winner and felicitated them with a traditional shawl.

The organisers also honoured Jampana Pratap for his continued support for community and cultural activities. Organisers Narender, Mahesh and Maruthi Goud played an active role in coordinating the celebrations. Large numbers of residents participated in the immersion procession and concluding rituals, bringing this year's Ganesh Navratri celebrations to a peaceful and festive close.

Grand Annadanam Held at Hanuman Temple in R. Itikyal

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R. Itikyal: A grand Annadanam programme was organised at the Hanuman Temple in R. Itikyal village of Regode Mandal as part of the Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations.

The programme was conducted under the aegis of Shanthalinha Youth. Special prayers were offered to Lord Ganesha, followed by the offering of traditional naivedyam with devotion.

Later, Annadanam was served to devotees and villagers who visited the temple. A large number of devotees, local residents and youth participated in the programme and received the food prasadam.

Members of Shanthalinha Youth expressed their wishes for the happiness, health and prosperity of all villagers, seeking the blessings of Lord Ganesha for the well-being of the community.

They said that combining spiritual celebrations with service activities helps strengthen community unity, devotion and social responsibility. The programme concluded successfully with the active participation and cooperation of villagers, devotees and youth members, creating a spiritual and festive atmosphere at the temple.

15 ER ESM Association Annual Family Meet in Aluva on October 10–11

The 15 ER ESM Association will organise its 15th Annual Family Meet on October 10 and 11, 2026, at the YMCA Auditorium in Aluva, Kerala.

The two-day gathering will bring together Ex-Servicemen, veterans and their families from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. The association has been organising the annual event continuously since 2012, providing members an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and strengthen bonds of camaraderie and brotherhood.

The programme will feature family gatherings, interaction sessions and various activities aimed at promoting unity and fellowship among members.

The association has invited all Muvvaindhe veterans and their families to participate in the event and make the gathering memorable. Members have been requested to confirm their participation and provide family details in advance to facilitate arrangements for reception, accommodation and other facilities.

Those travelling by train have also been advised to make reservations early.

Venue: YMCA Auditorium, Aluva, Kerala
Dates: October 10–11, 2026
Nearest Railway Station: Aluva Railway Station

Harish Rao Urges Uttam to Lift Godavari Floodwater and Fill Reservoirs

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Former minister and BRS leader T. Harish Rao has urged Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy to immediately utilise the ongoing Godavari floodwaters by operating all available pumps and filling Telangana's reservoirs. In a letter to the minister, Rao alleged that the government's failure to lift available water was leaving reservoirs depleted while farmers were facing water shortages.

Rao said the Kaleshwaram project system was developed during the previous government with the objective of making full use of Godavari waters. He pointed out that reservoirs with a combined storage capacity of about 141 TMC were created as part of the system. He argued that periods of heavy Godavari flows provide an opportunity to store water for irrigation and drinking-water requirements.

According to Rao, Annapurna and Ranganayaka Sagar reservoirs were in dead storage, while Mallanna Sagar had only around 13 TMC against its 50-TMC capacity. He said filling Mallanna



Sagar would help meet Hyderabad's drinking-water requirements and could also provide water for the proposed Musi-related works. Kondapochamma Sagar, he said, had around 6 TMC against its 15-TMC capacity.

Rao further said lifting water into Kondapochamma Sagar would benefit the Baswapur and Gandhamalla reservoirs in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. He proposed that water lifted from Yellampally should be transferred through the interconnected reservoir system, including Mid Manair, Annapurna, Ranganayaka Sagar, Mallanna Sagar, Kondapochamma Sagar, Gandhamalla and Baswapur.

He claimed that filling these reservoirs could support irrigation across nearly five lakh acres, while also strengthening drinking-water supplies to Hyderabad and other areas.

Rao also highlighted the condition of Lower Manair Dam, saying that its storage was around 11 TMC. He said transferring additional water to LMD could support irrigation and drinking-water needs in Karimnagar and Warangal regions and benefit farmers across several districts.

Referring to the palm-oil processing facility at Narmetta in Siddipet district, Rao said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had recently inaugurated the facility established during the previous government. He claimed that arrangements had earlier been made to supply water to the facility from Ranganayaka Sagar and that low storage in the reservoir was now creating difficulties for its operations.

Rao said the Godavari was continuing to receive substantial inflows at Yellampally and urged the government to make maximum use of the available water instead of allowing floodwaters to pass downstream. He alleged that inadequate water management was contributing to difficulties faced by farmers.

Ganesh Laddu Auctions Draw Huge Response in Sonia Gandhi Nagar



The Ganesh laddu auction held at the committee hall in Sonia Gandhi Nagar Phase-1 under Kushaiguda Division received an enthusiastic response from devotees and residents. The auction continued for around three hours, with residents actively participating in the bidding. Priya and Vishwaprasad secured the first laddu for ₹2,05,000, while Kanchana Rama Rao secured the second laddu for ₹1,05,000. Residents congratulated the successful bidders. As part of the celebrations, special decorations and pujas were performed for Lord Ganesha. An annadanam programme was also organised in Sonia Gandhi Nagar, serving food to more than 4,000 people.

Study planned to ease traffic bottlenecks on JNTU-Miyapur-Raidurg corridor

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The 8.5-km JNTU–Miyapur–Raidurg corridor is one of Hyderabad's most vital links between several major residential areas and a bustling employment zone in the IT corridor.

However, for scores of professionals who shuttle for work, several traffic bottlenecks mar their daily commute, mainly getting worse near the Raidurg Metro Station.

As the corridor approaches Raidurg, the road configuration abruptly shifts. Broad multi-lane avenues suddenly constrict into narrow, single-lane bottlenecks. This creates a 'funnel effect' where thousands of vehicles, surging from the Miyapur and Kukatpally directions, are forced to squeeze into a limited carriage space.

The sudden reduction in road width completely breaks the traffic flow, causing bumper-to-bumper tailbacks that paralyse the surrounding grid.

In the recent convergence meeting, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), TGSRTC and Cyberabad traffic police officials decided to map 'break-points' across the JNTU–Miyapur–Raidurg corridor through a study to eliminate missing footpath links and commercial encroachments.

The study will mandate the construction of continuous, barrier-free walkways and safe, highly visible pedestrian crossing zones.

"The strategic review meeting aimed to permanently re-engineer the heavily choked IT artery," a CMC engineering official told 'Telangana Today'.

The study is also aimed at dismantling one of Cyberabad's most punishing bottlenecks through a comprehensive blueprint for a traffic mobility and last-mile connectivity study on the 8.5-km JNTU–Miyapur–Raidurg corridor, he said.

The proposed last-mile transformation of the 8.5-km JNTU–Miyapur–Raidurg corridor will fundamentally alter how hundreds of thousands of people commute daily between Hyderabad's major residential suburbs and its prime IT district, the CMC engineer explained.

A structural overhaul of a Cyberabad corridor will separate school-zone bottlenecks from active traffic lanes, aiming to ease daily gridlock, improve traffic flow, and save commuters' travel hours, said the CMC official.

- Study of an end-to-end audit of the 8.5-km transit corridor
- Aim to optimise pedestrian safety, traffic management, and seamless multi-modal connectivity
- Dedicated pick-up/drop-off bays
- Regulated auto stands
- Decongesting school zones
- Off-carriageway drop-offs

Srinivas Goud Calls for Protection of IT Employees'

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Former Telangana minister V. Srinivas Goud has assured IT and ITES employees that he will stand by them in protecting their workplace rights and addressing issues related to unfair dismissals and employee welfare.

Goud was the chief guest at a meeting organised by the All India IT and ITES Employees Union at Sundarayya Vignana Kendra in Hyderabad. Speaking at the gathering, he said the IT sector supports the livelihoods of crores of people across the country and provides employment to around 10 lakh people in Telangana.

He said employment opportunities in the IT sector were comparatively limited in the state before the formation of Telangana. According to Goud, the sector witnessed significant expansion after state formation, with encouragement from then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and former minister K. T. Rama Rao, along with policies aimed at promoting IT and industrial investments.

Goud expressed concern over allegations that some IT companies were discriminating against Telangana employees and resorting to unfair dismissals. Referring to recent layoffs, he claimed that around 20,000 employees had been removed from jobs, of whom nearly 15,000 were from Telangana. He called for such concerns to be examined and assured employees that he would support them if they faced injustice.

He also stressed the need for companies to ensure adequate workplace security for women employees and said harassment of women should not be tolerated.

Goud urged IT employees and trade unions to work collectively to address workplace problems and safeguard employee rights. He said there should be no complacency when employees face alleged unfair or unethical termination.

All India IT and ITES Employees Union General Secretary Soubhik Bhattacharya, P. V. Harish, former Oracle employee Mukul Sridhar, Asha Abraham and others attended the meeting.

Rice Mills Face Intensive Inspections

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The Civil Supplies Department has intensified inspections at rice mills to prevent irregularities and ensure compliance with regulations. Enforcement Deputy Tahsildar Machana Raghunandan inspected several rice mills in Palakurthy on Friday and reviewed their operations and records.

Speaking on the occasion, Raghunandan said cases would be registered against millers found involved in illegal activities. He stressed that rice milling is a responsibility-driven process and warned that strict action would be taken against millers who violate rules or misuse the process. He added that regular inspections would continue to curb irregularities and ensure transparency in rice milling operations.

Carnatic Concert, Kolatam Mark Ganapati Navaratri Celebrations in Jubilee Hills

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Ganapati Navaratri celebrations at the residence of Godi Sathish Reddy and Godi Vijetha Devi at Road No. 65, Jubilee Hills, concluded with a blend of devotion, Carnatic classical music, traditional folk arts and community participation.

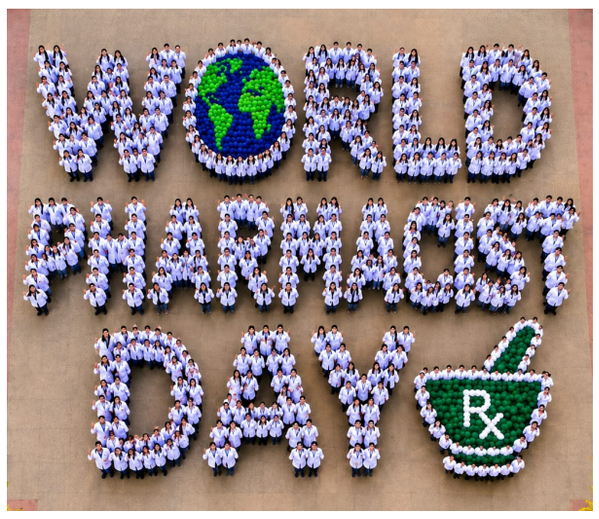
The five-day celebrations featured daily Ganapati pooja and Annadaanam, with around 200 people being served each day. Nearly 350 devotees were served on the Nimmajjanam day, promoting a spirit of unity and togetherness.

A major attraction was a Carnatic classical Sangeetha Gana Kacheri presented by Raaga Music Academy. The programme began with Mahaganapatim and included classical compositions, Ashtakams and Slokams dedicated to Lord Ganesha. Performances featured vocalists and instrumentalists, including Mridangam artiste Kaliprasad, flautist Nagur, violinists and young artistes such as Anusha.

Speaking on the occasion, Godi Vijetha Devi said the family has been celebrating Ganapati Navaratri for the fifth consecutive year with the aim of spreading happiness, peace and positivity while connecting younger generations with Indian traditions.

The celebrations concluded with Ganesha Nimmajjanam and a traditional Kolatam performance by the Vivekananda Kolatam Group from Molgara village in Nagarkurnool district. Godi Pitchi Reddy, Godi Padmavathi and other family members participated in the festivities.

Pranathi Thalka Extends Heartfelt World Pharmacists Day Wishes to Pharmacy Professionals



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On the occasion of World Pharmacists Day, Pranathi Thalka conveyed her heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all pharmaceutical industry employees, pharmacists and healthcare professionals across Hyderabad and beyond.

This year's World Pharmacists Day theme, "Empowering Pharmacists for Healthier Futures," highlights the vital contribution of pharmacy professionals to healthcare and the well-being of communities.

Pranathi Thalka appreciated the dedicated services of pharmacists and employees working across the pharmaceutical sector, whose efforts support the availability, safe use and responsible management of medicines.

She extended her warm wishes to everyone associated with the pharmaceutical industry and expressed hope that pharmacy professionals will continue to contribute to healthier communities through knowledge, dedication and professional service.

"Heartfelt wishes to all pharmacists and pharmaceutical industry professionals on World Pharmacists Day. May your dedication and service continue to contribute to healthier and brighter futures." — Pranathi Thalka

The World Pharmacists Day observance serves as an opportunity to recognise and appreciate the valuable role of pharmacy professionals in the healthcare system.

KK Apartments Celebrations Conclude with Grand Immersion

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The 12-day Ganesh Utsav celebrations at KK Apartments in Tarnaka concluded on Friday with a grand immersion ceremony, cultural programmes and strong community participation.

Organised by the KK Apartments Utsav Committee, the celebrations brought together children, youngsters, women, elders and families through devotional programmes, competitions and community activities. Residents and volunteers actively contributed to decorations, arrangements, prasadam distribution, food and other responsibilities.

Cultural competitions added excitement to the festivities, with prizes presented to winners and runners-up. The programmes also provided residents an opportunity to showcase their talents and strengthen community bonds.

A special highlight this year was the first-ever Laddu auction at KK Apartments. The Laddu was secured by a resident for ₹30,000, making the auction a memorable part of the celebrations.

The concluding day featured a unique orange dress code, with residents joining the immersion procession in coordinated attire. A grand community lunch featuring a variety of dishes was also organised.

The Utsav Committee thanked residents, volunteers and supporters for their contributions and cooperation in making the 12-day celebrations successful. The festivities concluded with prayers for peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being for all families.

Tragedy in Madigi: Senior Citizen Bhimshayya Driver Passes Away

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A senior citizen and resident of Madigi village in Mogudampally mandal, Bhimshayya Driver, passed away on Friday afternoon. His demise has left his family members, relatives and villagers deeply saddened.Bhimshayya Driver was known in the village for his gentle, humble and friendly nature. He maintained cordial relations with everyone and was respected by the local community.

On hearing the news of his death, family members, relatives and villagers expressed deep shock and grief.According to his family members, the last rites will be performed on Saturday afternoon.Senior Congress leader and Madigi Sarpanch arshad zama Patel expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

He prayed for the departed soul to rest in peace and wished the family members and relatives strength to bear the loss.

Sri Rama Enclave-4 Marks 11-Day Ganesh Utsav with Devotion and Unity

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Sri Rama Enclave-4 celebrated Ganesh Utsav with devotion, enthusiasm and community spirit over 11 days, bringing families, children, youngsters and elders together for prayers, cultural programmes and festive activities.

Sneha Dakey, President of the Sri Rama Enclave-4 Ganeshotsav Committee, played an active role in coordinating the celebrations. Committee members and volunteers supported decorations, daily arrangements, prasadam distribution, programmes and the concluding immersion ceremony.

The celebrations strengthened neighbourhood bonds and encouraged participation across generations. As the festivities concluded, residents prayed for peace, prosperity, happiness and good health for all families.

Changing Marriage Patterns: Rethinking Family and Future Generations

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Society is changing rapidly, and marriage is no longer viewed by many young people as an automatic stage of adulthood. Education, careers, financial independence, urbanisation, rising living costs and personal aspirations are influencing decisions about marriage, parenthood and family size.

These changes should not be reduced to claims that young women or young people are rejecting marriage or family values. Both men and women face economic, professional and personal considerations when deciding whether and when to marry.

The shift from joint families to smaller households is also changing family relationships. While smaller families can provide greater independence, they may also create challenges related to elderly care, childcare, loneliness and social support. However, family strength cannot be measured simply by the number of members. Love, trust, responsibility, respect and cooperation remain its foundation.

Marriage should not be governed by a single "correct age." Emotional maturity, mutual consent, financial stability, health and readiness to share responsibilities are more meaningful considerations. Young people should have the freedom to make informed choices while understanding the long-term responsibilities associated with marriage and parenthood.

Declining fertility and population ageing are emerging concerns in many countries, but these trends have multiple causes, including urbanisation, education, employment, living costs and changing family preferences. Public discussions should therefore rely on credible demographic data rather than unverified social-media claims.

The decision to have children is personal. Whether couples choose one child, two children or no children, their circumstances deserve respect. At the same time, families can thoughtfully consider the future implications for caregiving, relationships and social support.

Blaming young people, particularly women, will not address these challenges. What is needed is open dialogue between generations. Parents and children should discuss expectations, aspirations and concerns honestly, while couples should consider finances, careers, parenting and responsibilities towards elderly family members before marriage.

Family structures may change, but meaningful human relationships need not disappear.

NIA Arrests Two More In Nalagarh IED Case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested two more people, Harman Harry and Jashan Saini, in connection with an IED explosion at Nalagarh police station in Himachal Pradesh on January 1. Nalagarh police initially registered the case. The NIA took over the investigation and re-registered it on May 8 under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Explosive Substances Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

During the course of investigation, the involvement of two accused, Harry and Saini surfaced. NIA has arrested both accused persons pursuant to the investigation into the conspiracy connected with the IED explosion which is aimed at unravelling the wider.

Put Social Reforms Above Politics: PM

NEW DELHI
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Urging BJP workers to focus on social reforms and positive changes rather than vote bank politics, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that over the past 12 years, the gap between cities and villages in India has significantly narrowed and infrastructure in villages has improved to a great extent. Virtually interacting with participants of 'Seva Yatra', an ongoing motorcycle rally travelling from Varanasi to Vadnagar, he said that self-reliance among women has also increased in the country.

The Prime Minister said, "When we look at the life of Mahatma Gandhi, we see that alongside fighting against the British and leading the freedom movement, he was also a great social reformer. He always worked against the evils prevalent in society.

Therefore, we political workers too must continue working towards social reform and positive change, not look at vote banks. Those who serve society deserve to have their service respected."

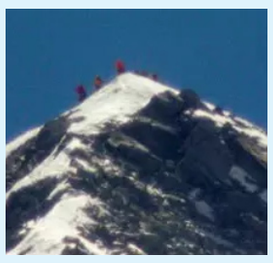
He praised those who carried out the cleanliness work in Prayagraj, noting that their efforts made the 'Kumbh Mela' famous worldwide for sanitation and elevated India's honour. "So, I felt compelled to wash the feet of those who have enhanced India's honour so much, to seek their blessings," the Prime Minister said. Modi said that the 'Seva Yatra' has played a very important role in his own life and there is hardly any district in the country that he has not had the privilege of visiting.

"There are countless districts where I have had the opportunity to spend the night. Every journey and every experience gathered along the way continues to guide me like a guru even today. These journeys have taught me so much," he said. Vadnagar in Gujarat is the birthplace of Modi, while Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh is his Lok Sabha constituency since 2014. The two rallies – Vadnagar to Varanasi and Varanasi to Vadnagar-- are passing through towns, districts, and villages to take the spirit of service directly to the grassroots.

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Ladakh Team Scales 20 Unclimbed Peaks In 23 Days

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A team of 20 climbers summited 20 previously unclimbed peaks above 6,000 metres in Ladakh in 23 days, the defence ministry said on Friday.

This is the first-ever recorded summiting of 20 previously unclimbed peaks in Chamser-Lungser, Gyama Nala and Chokula areas in Ladakh Range, the defence ministry said.

Singh on Friday flagged the first ascent mountaineering expedition that "scripted history by summiting 20 previously unclimbed peaks above 6,000m in Ladakh in just 23 days," an official statement said.

It was undertaken by a team of 20 highly skilled climbers from the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports, Dirang, led by Col Ranveer Singh Jamwal.

Interacting with the expedition team, Singh commended the climbers' courage and determination. He described the expedition as a demonstration of India's mountaineering excellence and leadership in adventure sports. Terming the climbers a source of inspiration, the minister said the successful expedition sets new benchmarks and would encourage young mountaineers across the country to pursue adventure and exploration and make the nation proud.

The expedition showcased exceptional planning, technical expertise, endurance and teamwork. It reflected the nation's capabilities in high-altitude mountaineering, strengthening its presence on the global mountaineering map, the ministry said. It was organised to promote the spirit of adventure and exploration in the high-altitude frontiers and inspire future generations of mountaineers.

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and other senior officials of the ministry were also present during the flag-in ceremony held at Kartavya Bhavan-2 in the national capital.

Major Landslide Damages 32 Houses In Sikkim's Rimbi Village After Heavy Rainfall

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Over 32 houses and four government quarters in Rimbi village under the Yuksom-Tashiding constituency of West Sikkim are at the risk of being buried or submerged by mud and debris, following recurring landslides and flash floods from the unstable Singlitam hillock. However, no casualties have been reported so far. The landslide occurred on Thursday night (September 24), with debris moving towards inhabited areas and causing damage to multiple structures, including government quarters of the Power Department. Several families have already left their homes and moved to relief camps or taken shelter with relatives. Most residents of the 32 affected houses have been shifted to the Rimbi Panchayat Bhawan.

The Yuksom-Rimbi area recorded 224.6 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours, the highest in Sikkim, triggering fresh landslides and flash floods and worsening the situation in the area. This has raised concerns among residents amid continued rainfall, with nearby houses, properties, and connectivity in the area facing risk. Authorities are assessing the extent of the damage and monitoring the situation in the affected area.

The incident comes amid continuous heavy rainfall in Sikkim, which has triggered multiple landslides, mudflows and road blockages across several areas.The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Gangtok, has initiated an extensive damage assessment following rain-related incidents reported across the district.A multi-agency team led by Kabi Tingda MLA Tshering T Bhutia, along with the OSD to the MLA, councillors, DDMA officials, Roads & Bridges Department engineers, the Ranka Block Development Officer and revenue surveyors, inspected several affected locations on Wednesday and Thursday.

The teams assessed areas affected by landslides, road blockages, mud and debris flows, and damage to residential structures.Several locations, including stretches of the Luing–Ranka Highway near Bojoghari, Lower Bojoghari, Lingding, High Court Road, TNA Gate, VIP Colony, Upper Z-Bojoghari, Pangthang–Lingdok Road, Pamro Gaon, Ling Perbing, Upper and Middle Luing, Phenzong, Ranka, Rakdong Tintek, Daragaon Upper Burtuk, Sichey and Arithang, were inspected.

ED Searches Kerala Jeweller In Loan Fraud Probe

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Enforcement Directorate on Friday searched premises linked to Arafa Gold and Diamond and the homes of its owner and partners in Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram in an alleged bank loan fraud case. According to the agency sources, searches were conducted at the company's headquarters and the residences of its owner and partners in Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram. The central financial probe agency recently registered a case based on a CBI probe into the alleged loan fraud involving the company, the sources said. The case was registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The CBI had registered a case in August 2025 in connection with the alleged fraud. ED officials said the company had initially availed a loan of over ₹17.5 crore from UCO Bank in 2022 for gold manufacturing and other purposes. The company later allegedly pledged properties as collateral and committed fraud in connection with the properties, resulting in a liability of nearly ₹19.56 crore.

Uttarakhand Waqf Board Plans Homes For Destitute Women

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The Uttarakhand Waqf Board plans to provide free homes to homeless Muslim women affected by triple talaq and nikah halala, as well as other destitute women in the community. Officials said a proposal would be placed before the board at its next meeting. Uttarakhand Waqf Board board is planning to provide free accommodations to the homeless victims of triple talaq and destitute women of the muslim community. Waqf Board Chairman Shadab Shams has stated that a proposal for this will be presented in the board meeting to be held next month. Claiming it to be an epochal move of the board for the rehabilitation of women who have been victims of traditional religious practices like Triple Talaq and Nikah Halala officials stated that if the plan is grounded as intended it will come as a great relief for the destitute women of the community. Officials shared that large section of such destitute women victims in the community have lost hope for resettlement in life and are found wandering from one place and persons to another for their rehabilitation.

Uttarakhand Waqf Board Chairman Shadab Shams confirmed the plans and said, "The board has prepared a plan to provide free accommodation to these victims and destitute women of the community. A proposal for this will be presented in the board meeting next month." Shams added that board will arrange for the homes of these women on thousands of bighas of land owned by it in every district of the state. "Illegal encroachments on the board's land will be eradicated with the help of the administration and the police. following this victimised daughters and sisters of the community will be provided their rights of ownership on encroachment free land and buildings" said the board head.

According to Shams husbands often remarry after Triple Talaq "forcing the victim sisters and daughters of the community to endure immense pain of their miserable circumstances and wander aimlessly in for getting proper rehabilitation. Board's new plan to offer them homes will be a great help in settling their lives." Shams emphasised that Dhami government aims to bring the women left destitute after triple talaq back into the mainstream of the society by providing a secure home. According to the Waqf Board Chairman "although the government has banned triple talaq by implementing Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

Nationalised Banks Waive ATM Charges During 3 Day Bank Strike

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Nationalised banks such as the State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, Indian Bank besides others have announced a temporary waiver of ATM transaction charges for three days amid the proposed nationwide bank strike scheduled from September 28 to September 30, 2026. The waiver will be available nationwide for the entire three-day strike period. This means nationalised bank customers can use their own bank and other banks' ATMs for their cash requirements without their own bank levying transaction charges during these dates.

"Your convenience remains our priority. From 28th to 30th September 2026, ATM transaction charges are waived for customers at any bank's ATM across India," said Bank of Baroda on X. Meanwhile, the co-operative banking sector has assured customers that banking services will continue uninterrupted during the three-day strike proposed by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU). The three industry bodies, namely National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies (NAFCUB), National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC), and National Federation of State Cooperative Banks (NAFSCOB), said cooperative banks are not participating in the strike and will operate as usual.

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He contrasted this with the period after Left leader Pinarayi Vijayan became Chief Minister, when Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in 2014. "Now we see a new breeze, a new wind. In 2026, Congress won in Kerala again; that political breeze is blowing from Kerala and is becoming a storm," he said. The Chief Minister said the "winds of change" were being felt across India and people were listening to the "goonj" of Rahul Gandhi's words of hope. He appealed to people to stand behind Rahul Gandhi to "save India from communal forces". Revanth Reddy said the Gandhi Parivar represented sacrifice, referring to the lives of Mahatma Gandhi, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi and saying that Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi had sacrificed "post, power and position". He accused the Sangh Parivar of seeking to divide India on the basis of religion, caste, region and language. He said he had no personal political ambition left and that his only remaining ambition was to see Rahul Gandhi become Prime Minister. Revanth Reddy alleged that the country's democratic foundations were under threat due to "vote ki chori, party ki chori, symbol ki chori and funds ki chori" by the BJP.

Pak PM Sharif.....

In his about 23-minute address, Sharif also raised the issue of Kashmir, saying that to ensure South Asia never reaches that precipice of the conflict of 2025 again, a just and fair solution to the Kashmir issue is required. India has repeatedly rejected Pakistan's assertions on Kashmir made at the UNGA forum as well as on other UN platforms, saying that the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India.

As is done every year, India will field one of its youngest diplomats serving in its Permanent Mission to the UN to exercise its Right of Reply and respond to the Pakistani leader's UNGA address. In his speech, Sharif also spoke about the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), which India has said will be held in abeyance until Pakistan, a global epicentre of terror, credibly and irrevocably ends its support for cross-border and all other forms of terrorism.

CRIME

Balanagar Schoolgirl's Death Sparks Outrage Over Traffic Hazards

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The death of a schoolgirl in a fatal road accident near Balanagar's Shobana Bus Stop has triggered widespread concern and anger among local residents, who are demanding urgent action to address longstanding traffic congestion, pedestrian safety risks and alleged footpath encroachments in the area.

The accident occurred on Thursday evening near the landing ramp of the Balanagar Flyover, a location residents describe as particularly hazardous because of the sharp gradient and the convergence of traffic from Kukatpally, Jeedimetla and other major routes.

According to local residents, heavy traffic descending from the flyover frequently merges with vehicles approaching from adjoining roads, resulting in severe congestion and restricted visibility. The resulting bottleneck, they allege, creates a dangerous blind spot for both motorists and pedestrians.



The tragedy has also renewed demands for the construction of a Foot-Over-Bridge (FOB) at Shobana Bus Stop. Residents say they have repeatedly approached authorities seeking safe pedestrian infrastructure at the busy junction.

With no dedicated pedestrian bridge or adequate crossing facility, schoolchildren, commuters and other pedestrians are often forced to cross the busy road amid moving traffic. Residents claim the situation becomes particularly dangerous during peak hours when traffic volumes increase substantially.

Local resident Medi Ashok said repeated requests for a pedestrian bridge had failed to produce action. "We have pleaded with officials time and again for a pedestrian bridge here. Crossing this road is like running a gauntlet every single day. Yesterday it was someone else's child; tomorrow it could be ours," he said.

Residents have also raised concerns over alleged encroachment of the public footpath near the flyover ramp. They allege that Sai Raj Kitchen Equipments, a commercial establishment in the vicinity, has been using portions of the pedestrian pathway to store heavy machinery and equipment, forcing pedestrians closer to the roadway.

Locals claim complaints regarding the alleged obstruction were submitted to traffic and municipal authorities but that effective enforcement did not follow.

Residents further said HAL, Balanagar, has reportedly come forward to support construction of an FOB under its CSR initiative, but approval from the concerned authorities is still pending.

Following the accident, residents and civic activists are demanding immediate clearance of footpath obstructions, enforcement against alleged encroachments, deployment of traffic personnel at the flyover landing and structural measures to improve visibility and traffic movement.

They are also seeking expedited approval and construction of the proposed FOB, along with other pedestrian-safety measures.

The incident has intensified calls for coordinated action by traffic and civic authorities, with residents urging officials to address the identified hazards before another serious accident occurs.

HC Questions Telangana's Criteria for Denying MDS Seat to Out-of-State Student Receiving State Scholarship

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court directed the state government and Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS) to explain the grounds on which they denied MDS admission in the local candidate quota to a BDS graduate. The petitioner, Voni Sahith, had completed BDS in Andhra Pradesh, but had received a post-matric scholarship from the Telangana government for pursuing the course at the Konaseema (KIMS) Dental College, Amalapuram, from 2019-20 to 2022-23.

When Sahith filed an online application seeking admission to the MDS in Telangana under the competent authority quota for 2026-27, the KNRUHS placed his name as ineligibility list on the ground that he had completed the BDS outside of Telangana. Challenging the same, he approached the High Court. The court directed the state and the university to file their counter-affidavits within two weeks and adjourned the matter.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar and Justice Vakiti Ramakrishna Reddy, while dealing the petition, inquired about the criteria prescribed for determining local status for MDS admissions and questioned how the state had provided the scholarship to the petitioner if he was not to be considered a local candidate. Advocate-General A. Sudharshan Reddy, relying on a judgment of a coordinate bench, submitted that only candidates who had completed MBBS, BAMS or BHMS in the "local area" defined under the Presidential Order, 1974 could participate in counselling for postgraduate medical courses in Telangana against seats earmarked for local candidates.

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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
Wakeup telangana

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.

Ameerpet Illegal Constructions Spark Demand for Vigilance Probe

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Allegations of unchecked illegal constructions in the Ameerpet area have triggered demands for a vigilance probe into the functioning of the GHMC Town Planning wing, particularly concerning Town Planning Assistant City Planner (ACP) T. Ramesh.Local residents and field reports allege that several unauthorised structures have continued despite repeated complaints and media reports over the past four months. The allegations come even as Ameerpet Deputy Commissioner Sujata has been attending to public grievances.Residents of Airlines Colony in Begumpet have reportedly raised concerns over multi-storey constructions allegedly violating height and setback norms. Similar alleged violations have been reported behind Paradise Hotel.Concerns have also been raised over deep cellars constructed by commercial buildings near the local swimming pool sports complex, with residents citing potential structural risks. In Sindhi Colony, near Shubham Bakery, residents have alleged serious deviations from approved layouts.

Across from Maitrivanam in Yousufguda, several multi-floor buildings are also alleged to have come up without properly approved building plans.Residents have urged senior GHMC officials to conduct an impartial inspection, verify permissions and take action wherever violations are established.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

HYDERABAD
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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.



Sensex gains 315 points, Nifty up 77 as crude eases, US-Iran deal hopes lift sentiment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Indian equity markets staged a measured recovery on Friday, supported by easing crude oil prices and reports of progress towards a phased agreement between the United States and Iran. The rebound followed a sharp decline in the previous session, with investors adopting a cautious approach amid continuing global economic uncertainties.

At the closing bell, the Sensex gained 315 points, or 0.43 per cent, to settle at 73,895. The Nifty rose 77 points, or 0.34 per cent, to close at 23,140. The Nifty Bank index also advanced 389 points, or 0.26 per cent, to finish at 55,762.Market sentiment received support from reports indicating progress in discussions between Washington and Tehran.

Hopes of a phased agreement and reduced tensions in the Middle East raised expectations of a gradual improvement in regional energy flows, helping crude prices ease during the session.Brent crude slipped towards $105.6 a barrel after climbing more than 7 per cent over the previous two sessions. West Texas Intermediate crude traded below $94 a barrel. The moderation in oil prices provided some relief to investors concerned about inflationary pressures and the impact of higher energy costs on global economies.

Despite Friday's gains, several factors continued to weigh on market sentiment. US Treasury yields remained above 5 per cent, while continued foreign investor selling and broader global macroeconomic risks kept investors cautious. Market participants remained watchful of developments in global bond markets, currency movements and crude prices.The broader market performance was mixed. The Nifty Midcap 100 declined 0.23 per cent, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 gained 0.17 per cent.

The Nifty Next 50 index rose 0.39 per cent. The divergence suggested that investors continued to favour selective opportunities rather than making broad-based bets.Most sectoral indices on the NSE ended higher, although IT, media, pharma and healthcare stocks remained under pressure. Nifty Auto, Consumer Durables and Realty were among the better-performing sectors, gaining 0.76 per cent, 0.87 per cent and 0.70 per cent, respectively.The rupee remained volatile through the week, moving within the 95.57–95.97 range and ending largely flat near 95.85. Fluctuations in crude and gold prices, combined with a stronger US dollar, limited the currency's ability to sustain gains.Analysts said Friday's recovery was driven mainly by selective value buying rather than a broad improvement in risk appetite. They noted that the sustainability of the rebound would depend on crude prices stabilising, global yields cooling and foreign investor selling pressure moderating. Investors are likely to remain cautious until greater clarity emerges on geopolitical and global economic developments.

Sennheiser Launches MOMENTUM 5 Series in India

HYDERABAD
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Sennheiser has launched its latest premium audio products in India — the MOMENTUM 5 Wireless headphones and MOMENTUM True Wireless 5 earbuds — priced at ₹39,990 and ₹29,990, respectively. Pre-orders began on September 24, while sales will start from October 1, 2026.

The new MOMENTUM 5 series combines high-fidelity audio with enhanced noise cancellation, spatial audio, connectivity and user-replaceable batteries, focusing on both performance and long-term usability.

The MOMENTUM 5 Wireless features HD 600-inspired 42mm drivers, Dolby Atmos spatial audio with head tracking, Hi-Res Audio certification, Snapdragon Sound and aptX Lossless support. Its eight-microphone hybrid ANC system provides up to three times stronger midrange noise suppression than the previous MOMENTUM 4.

The headphones offer up to 57 hours of battery life with ANC enabled, along with fast charging and a replaceable 700mAh battery. Replaceable ear pads further support long-term use.

The redesigned carrying case is 20% flatter. The headphones are available initially in Black and Denim, with White, Bronze and Lavender variants expected later.

The MOMENTUM True Wireless 5 features Sennheiser's 7mm TrueResponse transducers, supporting 24-bit/96kHz high-resolution audio, Dolby Atmos and Bluetooth 6.0. Its adaptive hybrid ANC, anti-wind mode and AI-powered speech enhancement are designed to deliver clearer audio and calls in different environments.

The earbuds provide up to 12 hours of playback on a single charge and 40 hours with the charging case. Both the earbuds and charging case have replaceable batteries.

The redesigned earbuds are also IP54-rated for dust, sweat and splash resistance.

Saahil Kumar, Country Head, Sennheiser (Consumer), India, said the company focused on refining the listening experience while retaining the signature sound of the MOMENTUM range.

Customers pre-ordering through Sennheiser's official website and participating online and offline retailers can receive a complimentary BTD 600 Bluetooth USB dongle worth ₹5,990, along with additional platform-specific benefits.

Rupee gains 19 paise, ends at 95.80 against US dollar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The rupee appreciated 19 paise to close at 95.80 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, holding above the 96-mark, on improved global risk sentiment and possible intervention by the Reserve Bank.

Forex traders said gains in the rupee were capped by US dollar demand from local importers, high crude prices and a stronger greenback driven by hawkish signals from the US Federal Reserve.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.92 against the American currency. During the day, the local unit slipped to an intraday low of 95.94 but recovered lost ground to close at 95.80 (provisional), a 19-paise rise from its previous close.

On Thursday, the rupee weakened by 26 paise to settle at 95.99 against the US dollar.



"We expect the rupee to trade with a slight positive bias on improved global risk sentiment amid optimism over the proposed US-Iran phased deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and the end of the US blockade. "Falling crude oil prices and a weak dollar may support the rupee at lower levels. However, any fresh escalations may pressure the rupee at higher levels. Traders may take cues from durable goods orders data from the US," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset Sharekhan.

According to Choudhary, the USD/INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 95.60 to 96.10.

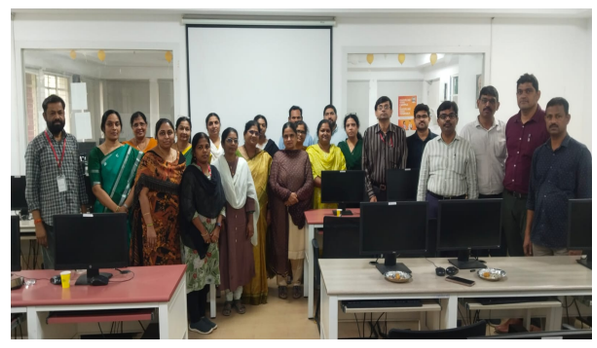
Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.18 per cent lower at 101.10.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, were trading 1.08 per cent lower at USD 105.45 per barrel.

The RBI is expected to step in as the rupee weakens towards 96, traders said, adding that India's economic adjustment remains controlled, backed by foreign exchange reserves close to USD 781 billion and strategic policies that have cushioned the domestic economy from global energy price shocks. On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex rose 315.20 points to settle at 73,895.74, while the Nifty settled 77.40 points higher at 23,140.50.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 5,027.36 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

CBIT Concludes National-Level Generative AI Short-Term Course



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A five-day national-level Faculty Development Programme and Short-Term Course (STC ICT-29) on "Generative AI" concluded successfully at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, on September 25.

Organised jointly by CBIT's Departments of Master of Computer Applications and School of Management Studies, in association with NITTTR Chandigarh and Intel under the Intel Digital Readiness initiative, the online programme was held from September 21 to 25.

The course covered GenAI fundamentals, practical applications, autonomous AI agents, prompt engineering, AI ethics, Large Language Models (LLMs), GenAI tools, model training, fine-tuning, optimisation, prototyping and responsible AI deployment.

Amazon Now Expands to Anantapur With Minutes-Based Delivery

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Amazon has expanded its Amazon Now delivery service to Anantapur, offering customers access to thousands of everyday products with delivery promised within minutes. The service has also been launched in several cities across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, including Sangareddy, Nizamabad, Nalgonda, Khammam, Warangal, Karimnagar, Nellore, Tirupati, Guntur, Anantapur, Chittoor and Kadapa.

Customers in Anantapur can order a wide range of products through Amazon Now, including fruits and vegetables, milk, bread, frozen food, cooking oil, ghee, biscuits, confectionery, personal care products, beauty items, fashion, home and kitchen essentials and small appliances.

Amazon said everyday grocery products remain among the most popular purchases in Anantapur. At the same time, customers are also showing increasing demand for premium products, particularly chocolates, personal care and home-care items.

Srikant Sree Ram of Amazon's Everyday Essentials business said the company has seen a strong initial response to Amazon Now in Anantapur. He added that the service has crossed $1 billion in annualised gross sales in India, with orders reportedly doubling every quarter since its launch.

Amazon Now has expanded to more than 60 cities and towns in India and is targeting 100 cities by Diwali. The service operates through a network of more than 750 micro-fulfilment and urban fulfilment centres.

Customers will also be able to access special offers through the Amazon Great Indian Festival, beginning October 8. Amazon said SBI Credit and Debit Card users can get a 10% instant discount on eligible transactions, while Prime members can receive additional savings.

Customers can check whether Amazon Now is available in their area by opening the Amazon shopping app and looking for the "Now" banner.

Credit Card Spending Growth Slows as UPI Competition Intensifies

Academy for Success and Achievement Opens Central Office, Free Police Coaching Announced in Seven Telangana Districts

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India's credit card industry saw a moderation in spending growth in August, even as the number of cards in circulation continued to rise. Credit card additions grew 10.3 per cent year-on-year, marginally higher than the 10.1 per cent growth recorded in July.

Net card additions stood at around 1.2 million during August, compared with approximately 1.3 million in July. At the same time, smaller card issuers continued to gain market share, while some of the larger players witnessed a decline.

Brokerages HSBC and Jefferies have highlighted slower spending growth, intensifying competition and pressure on profitability as key challenges facing the credit card industry.

According to HSBC, credit card spending increased 5.9 per cent year-on-year in August, while Jefferies estimated growth at 5.5 per cent. Both estimates indicate a slowdown from the 7.1 per cent growth recorded in July.

The broader digital payments ecosystem, however, continued to expand strongly. Combined spending across merchant networks through cards and UPI person-to-merchant transactions increased around 19 per cent year-on-year to Rs 11.3 trillion. The figures underline UPI's continued dominance in India's digital payments landscape.

A new UPI Merchant Discount Rate framework, scheduled to take effect from October 15, could narrow the cost differential between UPI and credit card transactions to some extent. However, HSBC and Jefferies remain cautious about the potential impact on the credit card industry.

Under the proposed framework, eligible UPI P2M transactions above Rs 2,000 will attract an MDR of 0.4 per cent. This remains considerably lower than the approximately 1-3 per cent MDR generally associated with credit card transactions, limiting the competitive relief available to card issuers.

Small merchants receiving up to Rs 1 lakh per month through UPI QR codes will continue to be exempt from MDR. RuPay debit card transactions will also remain outside the MDR framework.

The standard UPI MDR has been set at 0.4 per cent, with a maximum cap of Rs 300 for transactions of Rs 75,000 and above.

With nearly 96 per cent of UPI merchant transactions valued below Rs 2,000, the new MDR structure is expected to have limited impact on the majority of UPI transactions.

In short, while India's credit card base continues to expand, slower spending growth and strong competition from UPI are keeping pressure on the sector's growth and profitability.

Ganesh Navratri Celebrations Continue for 19th Year in Kapra

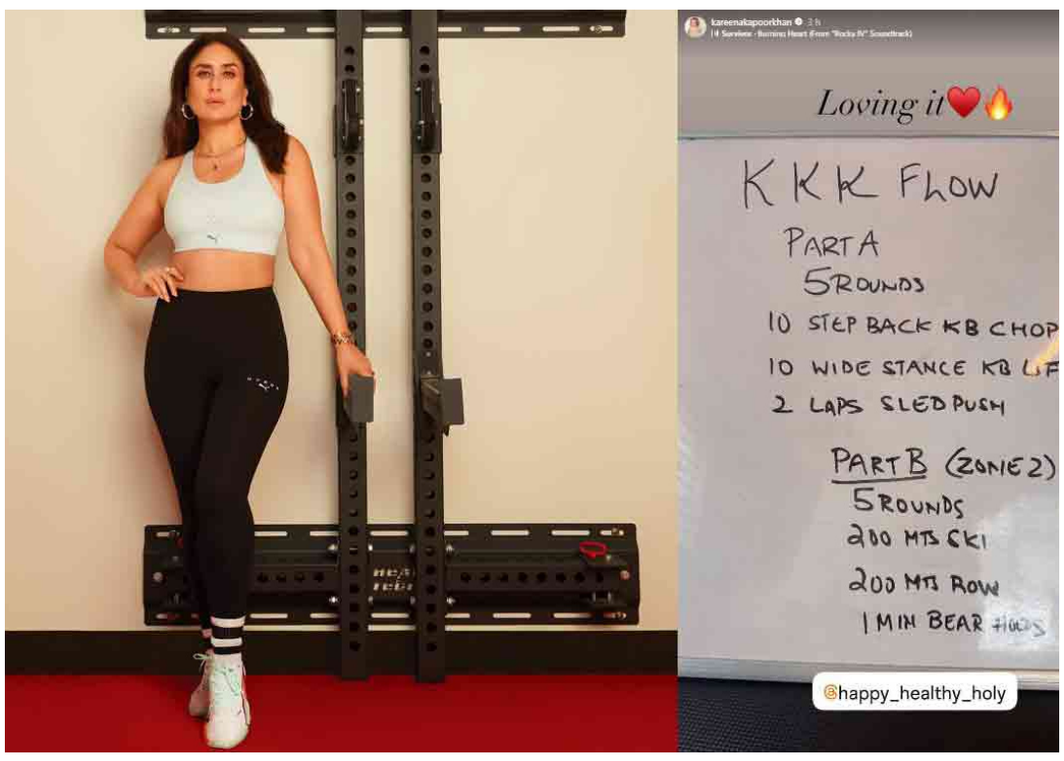


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Ganesh Navratri celebrations organised by the Kapra Junction Youth Association have been continuing with devotion and enthusiasm for the 19th consecutive year.As part of the celebrations, several service programmes were organised on Friday. A free medical camp was conducted from 9 am to 12 noon by Win Vision Eye Care Hospital and Gemcare Poulomi Hospitals. Around 200 people underwent various medical examinations and received health advice based on their medical needs.Later, an annadanam programme featuring 19 varieties of dishes was organised for devotees. Plates and basins were also distributed free of cost to women. A large number of local residents and devotees participated in the service activities.Special pujas and devotional programmes were conducted as part of the celebrations, attracting a large number of devotees who offered prayers to Lord Ganesha.The organisers said the Ganesh immersion programme would be held on Sunday, September 27, and arrangements were being completed for the event.The Ganesh Navratri celebrations and service programmes are being organised under the leadership of G. Shivakumar (GSK), a senior BRS leader from Kapra in the Uppal constituency.

Kareena Kapoor shares glimpse of latest workout routine, fitness chart

Bollywood actor Kareena Kapoor has offered fans a glimpse into her latest workout routine, sharing a detailed fitness chart on social media that highlights her focus on strength, conditioning and cardio.The actor posted a picture of a whiteboard titled “KKK Flow”, outlining a structured workout divided into two sections. Alongside the chart, Kareena wrote, “Loving it”, giving fans a peek into her current fitness regimen.The workout is divided into Part A and Part B, with both sections consisting of five rounds. Part A focuses on strength and functional conditioning. It includes 10 step-back kettlebell chops, 10 wide-stance kettlebell lift-to-row repetitions and two laps of sled pushes.Part B is labelled “Zone 2” and incorporates cardio and endurance-based exercises. It consists of 200 metres on the ski erg, 200 metres of rowing and a one-minute bear hold. The combination brings together resistance exercises and cardiovascular conditioning as part of a demanding full-body routine.Kareena has consistently spoken about maintaining a balanced



approach to fitness and nutrition. Rather than following extremely restrictive diets, the actor has often highlighted the importance of enjoying food while staying active and maintaining consistency in her workouts.Her fitness journey became a major topic of discussion following her transformation for the 2008 film Tashan. Her much-discussed “size zero” appearance became a prominent part of popular culture at the time. Kareena has repeatedly clarified that she did not believe in starving herself to achieve that physique.Even during that phase, she maintained that she enjoyed her favourite foods. The actor has spoken about eating traditional Indian dishes, including parathas, and has expressed her fondness for simple home-style meals.Her regular food choices have included dal, rice and khichdi with ghee, reflecting the balanced approach she has often associated with her fitness routine.Kareena’s latest workout post once again highlights her emphasis on combining exercise with a flexible approach to food and lifestyle, rather than relying solely on restrictive measures.On the professional front, Kareena Kapoor was last seen in Meghna Gulzar’s crime thriller Daayra, which released in theatres on September 18. The film marked Kareena’s first on-screen collaboration with Malayalam actor Prithviraj Sukumaran. The two actors portray police officers positioned on opposite sides of a controversial encounter case.

Shankar Mahadevan reveals 21-mix story behind Dil Chahta Hai title song



MUMBAI
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Music composer Shankar Mahadevan has revealed that the rough mix of the title track of the iconic film Dil Chahta Hai made it to the final cut despite the team producing 21 versions of the song.

Mahadevan said he, fellow composers Ehsaan Noorani and Loy Mendonsa, and sound engineer Vijay Benegal, known as Benny, had worked on 21 mixes of the track.

However, the scratch version was eventually retained after it received the most appreciation from the filmmakers and the team.

In a special video for Spotify, Mahadevan sat down for a conversation with Noorani, Mendonsa, playback singer Shaan and Meiyang Chang.

“Shall I reveal one more secret about this song? Benny did about 21 mixes of the song. And this, what you’re hearing is the rough mix. There was something, something magical about it,” Mahadevan said.

“What you’re hearing is actually the first scratch that we did of the song. The bass lines and all. We had some new samples and great drums, we experimented, and it paid off. People get scared of being minimalistic,” he added.

Mahadevan also spoke about the importance of restraint in music production.

“Most people in the business want to fill it up. That shows a person’s insecurity. If you’re very confident about your melody, if you’re confident about your groove and your bass line and that minimal thing, you don’t need stuff. If you have a good engineer who mixes it well, it fills up the space,” he said.

Dil Chahta Hai, directed by Farhan Akhtar in his directorial debut, became a defining film of modern Hindi cinema, particularly for its portrayal of urban friendship, romance and youthful independence.

Its Goa road trip became a cultural touchstone, inspiring generations of friends to recreate the journey. The film’s visual style, casual fashion and conversational storytelling also influenced Bollywood’s depiction of contemporary urban India.

Ireland’s Knight Says Israel Match ‘Should Not Be Played’

LONDON
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Ireland midfielder Jason Knight has become the first player from the national team to publicly voice opposition to the country’s Nations League fixture against Israel, saying he does not believe the match should be taking place.

Ireland are scheduled to face Israel on Sunday in the Hungarian city of Debrecen, despite calls from sections of Irish society for the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) to boycott the fixture. The FAI declined its allocation of tickets, meaning Irish supporters will not have tickets made available for the match.

Speaking after Ireland’s 1-0 defeat to Kosovo on Thursday, Knight acknowledged the controversy surrounding the fixture and said he believed the game should not go ahead.

“I don’t think the game should be going ahead but it is going ahead,” Knight told reporters. He added that the players would discuss the situation further and consider what it meant for the team.

Knight, who plays for English Championship side Bristol City, said the circumstances were unfamiliar for the players and that he would attempt to remain focused on football despite the heightened attention surrounding the match.

“I’ll try and focus on the football as much as I can,” he said, describing the situation as “very, very unusual.”

Ireland manager Heimir Hallgrimsson said last week that some members of his squad had expressed discomfort about participating in the Nations League fixtures against Israel. The two teams are also scheduled to meet again on October 4, with that fixture set to take place at a neutral venue in Backa Topola, Serbia.

The matches have attracted additional attention because of Ireland’s longstanding support for the Palestinian cause. Ireland formally recognised a Palestinian state in 2024, alongside Spain and Norway, and has repeatedly criticised Israel’s conduct during the Gaza conflict.

Israel has strongly rejected allegations that its actions in Gaza amount to genocide. With the first fixture approaching, Knight’s comments highlight the difficult position facing the Irish squad, as players prepare to fulfil their international commitments while navigating a politically sensitive issue that has generated debate both within Ireland and around the national team.

Asian Games 2026: Paddlers Yashaswini Ghorpade, Manush Shah Reach Singles

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Indian paddlers Yashaswini Ghorpade and Manush Shah advanced to the pre-quarterfinals of the women’s and men’s singles competitions at the ongoing Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya on Friday, keeping India’s campaign alive across multiple table tennis events.In the women’s singles competition, Yashaswini produced a composed performance to defeat Syria’s Hend Zaza 4-1 in the second round.

The Indian quickly established control, winning the first three games 11-5, 11-5 and 11-8. Zaza responded in the fourth game, securing an 11-8 victory, but Yashaswini did not allow the match to slip away. She regained her rhythm in the deciding fifth game and won it 11-4 to book her place in the pre-quarterfinals.Manush Shah also progressed to the next stage of the men’s singles event with a convincing 4-0 victory over Iran’s Faraji Benyamin. Manush started strongly, taking the opening game 11-9 before extending his advantage with victories of 11-6, 11-6 and 11-5.

His straight-games win ensured a comfortable passage into the pre-quarterfinals.However, India’s singles campaign also suffered two exits. Sreeja Akula was defeated 1-4 by North Korea’s Pyon Song Gyong in the women’s singles second round. Sreeja lost the opening two games 7-11 and 8-11 but fought back strongly to claim the third game 13-11. Pyon responded by winning the fourth and fifth games 11-7 and 11-7, ending Sreeja’s run in the singles event.In the men’s singles, Manav Thakkar also bowed out after losing to North Korea’s U Tae Ryong. Thakkar lost the opening game 4-11 but responded impressively, winning the next three games 11-2, 11-7 and 11-7. However, U Tae Ryong staged a comeback in the later stages and eventually prevailed 11-4 in the fifth game and 11-3 in the sixth to win the contest 4-2.

India has already assured itself of a table tennis medal in the mixed doubles competition. The eighth-ranked pairing of Diya Chitale and Manush Shah produced a major upset in the quarterfinals, defeating Hong Kong’s world No. 4 combination of Wong Chun Ting and Doo Hoi Kem 3-1. The Indian duo won 11-6, 13-15, 11-9 and 11-5 to secure a semifinal berth and guarantee at least a bronze medal.Chitale and Shah will face China’s Wang Chuqin and Sun Yingsha in the semifinals.

The medal will be India’s second-ever Asian Games mixed doubles medal, following Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra’s bronze at the 2018 Jakarta Games.Meanwhile, India’s other mixed doubles pair of Harmeet Desai and Yashaswini Ghorpade exited in the quarterfinals after losing 0-3 to China’s Lin Shidong and Kuai Man. The Chinese pair won 11-5, 12-10 and 11-9 to advance to the semifinals.

Hyderabad witnesses grand Ganesh farewell amid drums and devotion



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The centralised Ganesh idol immersion procession began across Hyderabad on Friday, marking the culmination of Vinayaka Chaturthi celebrations. Hundreds of idols, crafted in different sizes and themes, were carried in colourful processions towards various water bodies.

The main procession began after the traditional Balapur laddu auction, where the laddu fetched Rs 39 lakh. The procession passed through the Old City, Charminar, Moazzam Jahi Market and proceeded towards Hussain Sagar.

Large crowds of devotees gathered along the route to witness the festivities. Saffron flags, gulal, devotional music and folk performances added to the festive atmosphere, while youngsters danced to marfa, Teen Maar and traditional beats.

The Khairatabad Ganesh idol, one of the major attractions, began its journey about three hours late following a technical issue with the crane. The idol was eventually immersed at around 2.45 p.m.

Authorities deployed cranes, divers and police personnel at major immersion points, particularly around Hussain Sagar and Necklace Road, to facilitate the process.

Although officials initially expected the immersions to conclude by Friday night, the long queues of idol-laden vehicles meant the process extended into Saturday. Police officials expected the immersion operations to be completed by Saturday afternoon.





Devotees participate in the grand Ganesh immersion procession amid drums, dances and devotional celebrations in Hyderabad on Friday.



Muslims Set Up Food, Water Stalls for Immersion Volunteers

HYDERABAD
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:In an attempt to promote harmony and brotherhood, Muslims set up food and water stalls near Charminar on Friday, serving thousands of people who gathered for the Ganesha idol immersion procession in the Old City. Volunteers distributed water and food packets with vegetable pulao, lemon rice, puri saag and coconut sweets. The initiative helped visitors find food and water as shops in the area remained closed. Distribution continued until the last Ganesha idol passed through the Charminar route.

Among those involved was former GHMC corporator Mohammed Ghouse, who has been distributing food and water during the festival for more than two decades.

Md Haji Mastan, who was distributing food, said the initiative was aimed at promoting communal harmony and brotherhood among Muslims and Hindus. “I will continue to take part in the initiative



A Symbol of Communal Harmony in Hyderabad as One Person Carries a Ganesh Idol on His Head While Another Wearing a Muslim Cap Walks Alongside in Support.



*Young Devotees Perform Dance at Ganesh Mandapam in Maitri Nagar, Gaddiannaram, Hyderabad

Sabji Mandi Vinayaka Laddu Auction Fetches ₹3.15 Lakh

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Vinayaka Laddu auction organized by the Gangaputra Sangam Ganesh Utsav Samiti at Sabji Mandi concluded on a grand note, with Pittala Sujan winning the sacred laddu for ₹3.15 lakh. The auction attracted devotees and members of the local community, reflecting the festive spirit surrounding the Ganesh celebrations.

Following the auction, Pittala Sujan was felicitated by the organizers. Chairman of the Ganesh Utsav Samiti and President of Gangaputra Sangam Dorthula Srinivas, General Secretary Anandesi Venu Babu, Ganesh



Utsav Samiti President Nasa Sudhakar, General Secretary Katta Srikanth, Treasurer Nasa Pranay, Chinta Srikanth, Palle Saket, and other members participated in the felicitation ceremony and congratulated the successful bidder.

No Untoward Incident During 12-Day Ganesha Festivities, Says Sajjanar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar on Friday said that the Ganesha idol immersion process in the city was proceeding peacefully and arrangements had been made to complete it by Saturday morning. Speaking to media persons from the Command Control Room along with Officer of Special Duty to Intelligence Security Wing V.B. Kamalasan Reddy, the Hyderabad police chief said special measures were taken for the immersion of the Khairatabad Bada Ganesh. He said the immersion procession was slightly delayed due to a



delay in the Ganapati puja at Saidabad.

By 7.30 am on Friday, Ganesha idols had been moved from the Golconda and Rajendra Nagar areas. Sajjanar said no untoward incidents were reported anywhere between September 14 and 25.

Idols were also moved promptly from areas including Chatrinaka.

He said some Ganesha idols from Malkajgiri were shifted to Tank Bund due to lack of water in Kapra Lake.

Measures were being taken to ensure that no crane remained idle, while additional cranes were deployed at Tank Bund. Kamalasan Reddy said the Hyderabad immersion procession was being monitored using 12 drone cameras.

CCTV cameras across all commissionerates were linked to the Command Control Room.

He said technology was being used for monitoring and directed officials to promptly resolve complaints received through the 112 toll-free number.

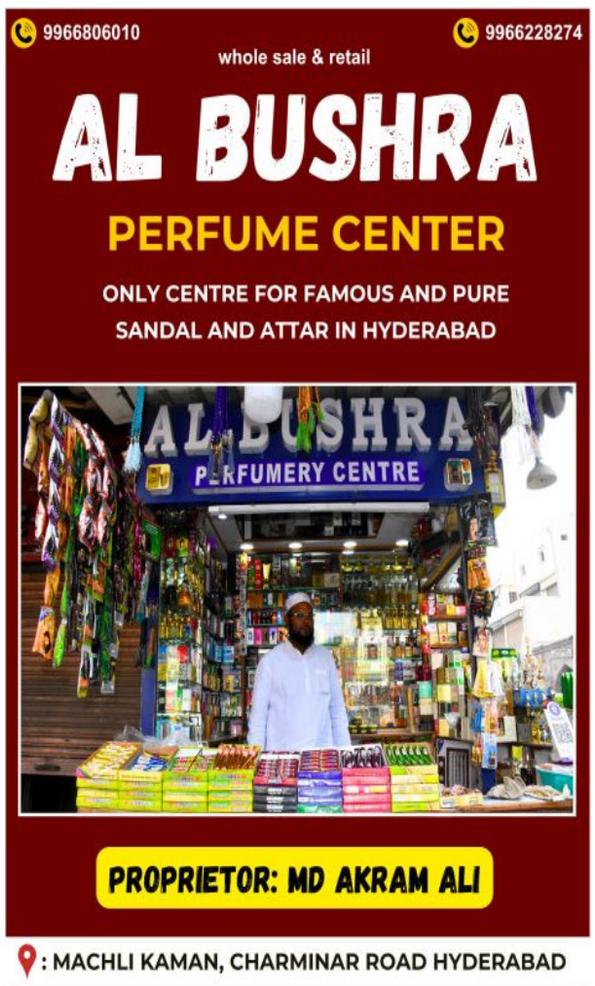
24-Yr-Old Crushed Under Mini-Truck In Ganesh Immersion Shobha Yatra At Lakdikapul

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A 24-year-old medicine delivery executive, Baswapuram Siva, died after reportedly falling under the rear tyre of a truck while attempting to board the moving vehicle during the Ganesh immersion procession at Lakdikapul here early on Friday, Khairatabad police said. The vehicle was proceeding towards Tank Bund. Police denied reports that they had caned the crowds leading to the death of the man. Police said they were investigating the circumstances surrounding the youth’s death based on a complaint.

According to the complaint, Srinivas was accompanying with a Ganesh idol in an open mini-lorry from Karmikanagar towards Tank Bund for immersion. At around 4.55 am, Srinivas reportedly attempted to board the vehicle but fell under its rear tyre and sustained severe head injuries.

He was shifted to Gandhi Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. Police registered an FIR based on the complaint and took up further investigation. The driver was reportedly detained by police as part of the investigation.



Telangana Politicians Use Immersion For Public Reachout

HYDERABAD
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Political parties used Ganesha immersion processions in the city to reach out to voters as they geared up for the Assembly and municipal elections and the Khairatabad byelection. Members of the Congress, BRS and BJP used the processions to connect with people, with songs associated with political parties being played and photographs of politicians prominently displayed on flex banners tied to heavy vehicles carrying Ganesh idols.

Several MLAs in Hyderabad visited pandals, met organisers and spent time at immersion processions. Former corporators and those seeking tickets for the posts of corporator or mayor were also seen at processions in their respective jurisdictions. This year, apart from decorated heavy vehicles carrying the idols, some pandal organisers used wheeled platforms resembling trolleys to display sculptures, artwork and other props.

The trolleys, placed in front of the heavy vehicles, featured sculptures of Chhatrapati Shivaji, Mahatma Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar and other figures. Some politicians used the displays, including the colours of flags used for decoration, to indicate their political ideology or affiliation. Politicians wearing party scarves spent considerable time at the processions,

dancing and greeting people as part of their outreach in their respective areas.

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