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Yogi Meets PM Modi In Delhi Ahead Of UP Assembly Elections

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Ahead of the upcoming Uttar Pradesh elections, chief minister Yogi Adityanath met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence on Saturday seeking guidance to steer the BJP for a third consecutive term in power in the state. On Friday, Adityanath held talks with the Union home minister Amit Shah at Greater Noida. Besides focusing on the ongoing “Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan” to mark the Prime Minister’s 25 years in public life, sources said that the meeting also delved

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Revanth Seeks Bharat Ratna, Memorial for Manmohan Singh

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday urged the Centre to confer the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award, posthumously on former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh and establish a memorial with a knowledge centre in his name in New Delhi. Revanth Reddy made the demand after unveiling a statue of Dr Singh at Wipro Junction in the Financial District here on the former prime minister’s birth anniversary. He said Dr Singh, then the finance minister, had pulled India out of the severe economic crisis of the early 1990s through landmark economic reforms and laid the foundation for the country’s subsequent growth.

Revanth Reddy said the liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation policies that Dr Singh introduced during that period had opened up the Indian economy to global investments and helped transform Hyderabad into a major IT and financial services hub. He said several global companies, including Google and Microsoft, had established operations in the Financial District. The Chief Minister said the Financial District now contributed nearly 49 per cent of Telangana’s GDP, while Telangana accounted for about five per cent of the country’s GDP. Installing Dr Singh’s statue in the heart of the Financial District was therefore an appropriate tribute to his contribution.

Revanth Reddy said Dr Singh’s contribution extended beyond economic reforms, recalling legislation and programmes enacted during his tenure as Prime Minister, including the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Right to Information Act and Right to Education Act. The RTI Act, enacted in 2005, created a statutory framework for citizens to seek information from public authorities. He also credited Dr Singh and then UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi with facilitating the creation of Telangana state. Revanth Reddy said the statue incorporated a reference to Dr Singh’s signature on the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 creating Telangana state and recalled the then-Prime Minister’s role in fulfilling the decades-old aspiration for a separate state. “Some issues should be decided by rising above politics,” Revanth Reddy said, questioning why there should be any objection to conferring the country’s highest civilian honour on Dr Singh. He said political considerations should not come in the way of honouring leaders who have made significant contributions to the nation.

Revanth Reddy described Dr Singh as a person of simplicity, gentleness, honesty and lofty ideals, saying his life was an

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Gyanesh Kumar Deserves Padma Bhushan for SIR: Bengal BJP Chief

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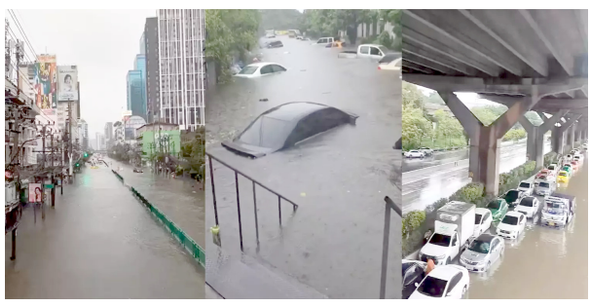
West Bengal BJP chief Samik Bhattacharya said Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar deserved a Padma Bhushan "at the very least", and credited him with ensuring a violence-free assembly election in the state and "cleansing" the voter list by removing illegal Bangladeshis. Bhattacharya's defence of the CEC came amid a major controversy over the poll panel's functioning after reports surfaced that two election commissioners had objected to decisions allegedly taken in their names during the SIR exercise.

The Padma Bhushan is India's third-highest civilian award. Speaking to reporters at Panihati in North 24 Parganas district on Friday, Bhattacharya also dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's statements where he branded Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and CEC Kumar as "traitors" and said they would be investigated for "destroying" the foundation of India's democracy -- the vote of the common man -- by rigging polls.

"Gyanesh Kumar deserves to be awarded, at the very least, with the Padma Bhushan.

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Bangkok Declares Flood Disaster After 48 Hours of Heavy Rain



BANGKOK
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Bangkok authorities declared a flood disaster across the Thai capital on Saturday after almost 48 hours of heavy rain left homes, shops and roads waterlogged and residents wading through deep water.Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul cut short a trip to London to return home after almost 300 millimetres (11.8 inches) of rain fell between Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning, according to officials.

"The water keeps coming in. It's hard to go out now. It's like at my waist level now," said Somkid Pheukngam, 67, a vendor who lives near a canal just north of central Bangkok."I cannot go anywhere. I have been closing my shop for two days now," she told AFP.Bangkok is no stranger to wet weather and September is the peak of the rainy season, but several residents said it felt worse than usual. "I feel like in all the many years I've lived here, I've never encountered anything like this, where it rains continuously for days," said 63-year-old resident Anutin Meechamnan.

The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) declared a disaster for all the city's 50 districts, a move which gives local organisations special powers to act.Bangkok Governor Chadchart Sittipunt said on Saturday afternoon that the situation had "stabilised", adding: "If more rainwater doesn't fall in the area, it will be solved.""If the rain stops, it is expected that it will take two to three days to drain the floodwater," he said in an update broadcast on social media.

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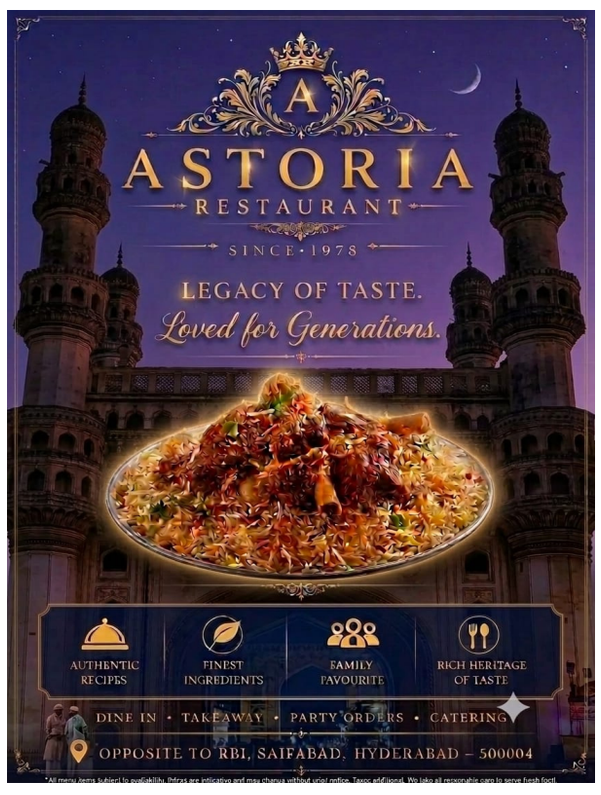
19 Die After Drinking Spurious Liquor in Nagaland

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At least 19 people have died in Nagaland over the past two days after allegedly consuming spurious or adulterated liquor, prompting police to launch a major investigation into the source and supply chain of the suspected illicit alcohol.According to police, eight deaths were reported in Mokokchung district, while Tuensang district recorded 11 deaths. The incidents have raised serious concerns in the state, which has had a prohibition law in place since 1990.A Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed to investigate the deaths and identify those responsible for supplying the suspected adulterated liquor.

The team is being headed by Additional Superintendent of Police I Bunglang Chang, Senior Superintendent of Police Vesupra Kezo said on Saturday.Police have sent samples of the suspected liquor to Guwahati for forensic examination to determine whether toxic substances or other contaminants were responsible for the deaths. Authorities are also working to establish the exact cause of death.“We have obtained some leads, but it is too premature to disclose details,” Kezo said.

Following the deaths, police carried out multiple raids across the affected areas. During the operations, 19 people were arrested, while nearly 3,000 bottles of liquor were seized.Authorities have warned residents against consuming unidentified, unlabelled or suspected illicit liquor, particularly given the ongoing investigation.Police have also urged anyone who develops symptoms such as dizziness, blurred vision, breathing difficulties or loss of consciousness after consuming alcohol to seek immediate medical attention.The investigation is continuing, with authorities focusing on tracing the suspected supply network and determining how the adulterated liquor reached consumers. Further details are expected after forensic test results are received.



Gyanesh Kumar Offered Me BJP Ticket: Ex-Kerala CS Jiji Thomson

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In a revelation that has stirred political circles, a former Chief Secretary of Kerala has alleged that the country’s current Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Gyanesh Kumar, once acted as a political recruiter for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The explosive disclosure, made to a Malayalam daily, comes at a time when the CEC is already under intense scrutiny and facing nationwide opposition protests over his alleged bias and administrative style.

According to Jiji Thomson, who served as Kerala’s top bureaucrat between 2015 and 2016, the offer was made during a flight to Delhi. Thomson claimed that Kumar, known for his proximity to the BJP leadership, praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s popularity before making a direct political overture. “He openly asked if I was interested in contesting as a BJP candidate from the

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Telangana Govt Launches Digital Tourism Initiatives

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and tourism minister Jupally Krishna Rao launched the initiatives at an event here: Reports

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The government on Saturday unveiled a slew of digital initiatives to give tourism a technology-driven push and promote the state's attractions globally, on the eve of World Tourism Day. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and tourism minister Jupally Krishna Rao launched the initiatives at an event here, held on the theme "Digital Agenda – Reimagining Tourism with AI". The initiatives include a redesigned Telangana Tourism website, online homestay registration system, new tourism trailers, an interactive AR/VR-based Learning Management System, a



coffee-table book on tourist destinations, the "My Telangana, My Story, My Destination" video and poster campaign and an eco-tourism promotional video.

Bhatti called for greater use of digital technology and AI to take Telangana tourism to international standards and put the state on the global tourism map. He said Telangana had considerable potential in health, temple, rural and nature tourism, citing its tiger reserves, forests, waterfalls, ancient temples and historic structures. He said work on wellness centres had commenced in Vikarabad and directed officials to step up international marketing of the state's tourist destinations.

Krishna Rao said tourism had been accorded greater priority in the state budget and that the government was focusing on visitor safety and quality infrastructure. He called for attracting large investments in international-standard hotels and tourism facilities through the public-private partnership (PPP) model. Bhatti suggested special weekend tourism packages for software professionals in Hyderabad and proposed "tourism coupons" to encourage them to visit nature-based destinations across the state. He directed Krishna Rao and tourism secretary Vani Prasad to hold discussions with CEOs of leading IT companies and tourism project operators on the proposal.

Bhatti said tourism was not merely entertainment but also an opportunity for cultural exchange, and expressed hope that Telangana would gain greater international recognition as a tourism destination. Meanwhile, an MoU was signed between the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Telangana archaeology department in the presence of Krishna Rao. ASI superintendent Nikhil Das and Vani Prasad were present to promote archaeological tourism in Telangana.

Congress Guided by Family First, BJP by Nation First: Bandi Sanjay

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The Congress is guided by 'family first,' while the BJP and Sangh Parivar stand for 'nation first,' Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar said on Saturday. In a post on X, he took exception to Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's comments in Keralam on September 25 that the political contest was between the "Sangh Parivar" and "Gandhi Parivar", alleging that the former was trying to divide the country along caste, religious, regional and linguistic lines.

"For us, it is Nation First. For Congress, it is always Family First. Reddy has yet again made the difference very clear. He is asking the country to fight and sacrifice for the Gandhi Parivar," Bandi Sanjay Kumar said in the post, which also carried a video of Reddy's comments. Invoking an RSS prayer, Bandi Sanjay Kumar said a "swayamsevak" was taught from day one to dedicate himself to the nation.

"Mahamangale punyabhume tvadarthe, patatvesha kayo namaste namaste" (O most auspicious and sacred motherland, may this body of mine be dedicated and fall in your service. I bow to you again and again), he said. This showed the Sangh Parivar's commitment to Bharat Mata, the nation, its unity and security, he said. Asserting that no political family could be bigger than the country, he said no surname could demand the nation's sacrifice.

"Your call is for Parivar First. Our resolve is Nation First," the union minister said. Reddy, who received the Aryadan Muhammed Award at Nilambur in Keralam on September 25, had alleged that the Sangh Parivar was the biggest threat to the country and democracy.

"The fight between Sangh Parivar and Gandhi Parivar-I am asking this nation to stand with Gandhi Parivar to defeat Sangh Parivar," he had said.

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.

30 Lakh Devotees Visited Khairatabad, 15 Lakh Balapur Ganesh Idols: Sajjanar

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Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar dancing near Telugu Talli statue near Tank Bund during immersion of Ganesh idols on Saturday.

A whopping 30 lakh devotees and 15 lakh devotees visited the popular Khairatabad and Balapur Ganesh idols during Vinayaka Chavithi festival commenced on September 14, said Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar here. The police department has made elaborate security arrangements for the peaceful conduct of the festival. A meticulous planning in coordination with all stakeholders including GHMC, Hydraa, TGSPDCL and other wings ensured successful completion of the immersion in Hussainsagar.

As Balapur is now in the limits of Hyderabad Police Commissionerate, the task of making arrangements for early commencement of procession from the pandal became easy. Similarly, the procession of the tallest Khairatabad Ganesh idol also started quite early. While Khairatabad Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), K Shilpavalli supervised security arrangements at Khairatabad Ganesh idol, Shamshabad DCP B Rajesh monitored the arrangements at Balapur Ganesh idol.

"We ensured seamless darshan to devotees at Khairatabad and Balapur idols even though the turnout increased every day during the festival," he said while speaking to media persons at Telangana Talli statue on Saturday afternoon. The 20,000 police force of Hyderabad Commissionerate coupled with 8000 personnel from other district and those drawn from other wings helped in making fool-proof arrangements for the festival with a special focus on centralized immersion that commenced from Balapur.

Sajjanar said it was a big challenge for the police department to make security arrangements on a massive scale to the immersion of Ganesh idols. The planning made for the last three months yielded positive results. Sajjanar expressed happiness for the successful conduct of the immersion and thanked the people for assisting them during the immersion. Meanwhile, the Hyderabad police lifted traffic restrictions at Telangana Talli statue in the afternoon after the immersion was concluded. As the immersion concluded peacefully, the police celebrated it by dancing to the folk songs.

Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar also danced with the police personnel. The Task Force police lifted Sajjanar on their shoulders and danced with him on a song from the latest movie "The Paradise".

Chakali Ailamma's Legacy Celebrated in Bowepally

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The birth anniversary of legendary peasant leader and freedom fighter Chakali Ailamma was celebrated with fervour at the Bowenpally Rajaka Sangam building, where community members and local leaders paid floral tributes to her portrait.

Former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap, who attended as the chief guest, recalled Ailamma's courageous struggle against oppressive feudal forces, landlords and the Razakars. He said her fight represented not only the struggle for land but also a broader movement for dignity, rights and social justice for oppressed communities.

Pratap urged the younger generation to draw inspiration from Ailamma's courage, resilience and determination.

He called upon youth to uphold her ideals and work collectively to address social injustices in modern society.

As part of the programme, Pratap distributed fruits among attendees and local residents. The Bowenpally Rajaka Sangam honoured him with a traditional shawl in recognition of his support to the community.

Community leaders Narsing Rao, Balraju, Ramulu, Bhujandar and Jagir participated in the programme.

Youth leaders Varaprasad, Mukesh Yadav and Om Prakash Yadav were also present, along with a large number of local residents who paid tribute to Ailamma's enduring legacy.

CMRF Continues to Support Needy Families: Dr. Kota Neelima

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Razia Bee, a resident of Begumpet Division in Sanathnagar Assembly Constituency, has been sanctioned ₹60,000 financial assistance under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF).Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kota Neelima, TPCC Vice President and Sanathnagar Constituency In-charge, said that the Chief Minister's Relief Fund is providing valuable support to poor and middle-class families facing financial difficulties.Dr. Kota Neelima expressed her happiness over the sanction of ₹60,000 assistance to Razia Bee and thanked Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy for extending financial support to needy families through the CMRF.She also expressed her gratitude to Hon'ble Minister Sri Ponnam Prabhakar for his support and for ensuring that the concerns of people in the constituency receive due attention.Dr. Kota Neelima stated that she would continue to coordinate with the concerned authorities to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive timely assistance under the CMRF and other government welfare schemes.She reiterated her commitment to working for the welfare of the people of Sanathnagar Constituency and ensuring that eligible families receive the benefits of government

Passenger Raises Concerns Over AbhiBus–Verma Travels Journey Issues

A passenger has raised concerns over a series of service issues involving an online booking through AbhiBus and Verma Travels, relating to a Surat–Hyderabad journey on September 18, 2026.

According to the passenger's complaint, despite reaching the designated boarding point and attempting to contact the concerned staff, the passenger was not able to board the scheduled service and subsequently had to make alternative travel arrangements. The passenger submitted ticket details, call records, GPS-stamped evidence and other supporting documents to AbhiBus.The passenger further reported difficulties during the subsequent journey, including a prolonged wait for a connecting service at Bhopal and being dropped at Suchitra, Secunderabad, instead of the ticketed Lakdikapul destination.

The passenger also raised a separate concern about facilities at the Verma Travels waiting point at Bhopal ISBT, citing inadequate seating and concerns regarding basic passenger amenities during prolonged waiting periods.AbhiBus has acknowledged the complaint, apologised for the inconvenience and informed the passenger that the feedback was shared with the bus operator.

BRS alleges discrimination against SC sarpanch for opposing illegal sand

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has alleged that Scheduled Caste (SC) public representatives were being discriminated against and humiliated in the Revanth Reddy government for opposing illegal sand mining.

BRS State General Secretary RS Praveen Kumar on Saturday came to the support of Kashamma, sarpanch of Jajala village in Vangur mandal, which falls in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's home mandal. Kashamma has been opposing alleged illegal sand mining in the region. As a result, she was being denied bill payments and was not receiving cooperation for village development, he alleged.

Praveen Kumar accused Congress MLA from Achampet Chikkudu Vamshi Krishna of mentally harassing the woman sarpanch by refusing to clear her bills. He also condemned the alleged remarks made by the MLA, claiming that he had threatened to "skin alive"



an SC sarpanch.

Kashamma was fighting to bring water to her village and demanding a halt to the sand trade, Praveen Kumar said. He alleged that she had obstructed sand mining operations by the Chief Minister's associates on the outskirts of Jajala, Ulpara and Pothareddypalli villages in Vangur mandal, following which her bills were not being cleared.

The BRS leader visited the sand reaches in the Dundubi stream. BRS leaders alleged that excavators were being used in the stream in violation of regulations and that sand was being stockpiled. They also alleged that sand trade was continuing without waybills. "The sand-laden lorries operate day and night right in front of the Chief Minister's residence in Kondareddypalli, yet no official takes any action," Praveen Kumar said. The BRS General Secretary also alleged that MLC Balmoori Venkat was harassing NSUI State president Venkata Swamy, who belongs to the Dalit community.

He further alleged that while the Revanth Reddy government had promised to make women millionaires, a woman entrepreneur, Sobha Reddy, was being harassed and pressured to visit a guest house after she sought a contract.

"Why is Revanth Reddy, who keeps referring to the Speaker by his Dalit identity, not calling on Kashamma, a Dalit woman representative?" Praveen Kumar asked.

The BRS leader also alleged that a committee constituted under GO 134 to investigate land issues was intended to harass BRS leaders for questioning the State government. "If the Congress government is transparent, a probe should be conducted into the land holdings of Revanth Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and other Congress leaders under GO 134," Praveen Kumar demanded.

Muslim man wins laddu for Rs 4.45 lakh at Bhimra in Sangareddy district

As winning the Ganesh laddu had brought him good fortune multiple times, a Muslim man from Bhimra village in Kagti mandal bought the Ganesh laddu for Rs 4.45 lakh in an intensely fought auction at the pandal in the village.

Sheik Mohin (41), who bought the laddu for Rs 1,11,111 last year, had also entered the competition this year, which was held on Friday night. Though many people competed this year, he again made the highest bid, spending three times more than he had spent last year, and won the auction.

Mohin said he had made his parents buy the laddu for three consecutive years, in 1997, 1998 and 1999, when he was in school. Since they had moved to Karnataka for a few years in search of a livelihood, they could not participate in the auction.

Congress Announces Statewide Protest March Over SIR, Electoral Rolls

Congress leaders Usman Bin Mohammed Alhajri, Karwan in-charge, and Motha Rohit Mudiraj, Khairatabad DCC President, urged party leaders and workers to participate.

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The Telangana Congress will organise a statewide protest march on September 28 against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, raising objections over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and alleged irregularities in electoral rolls.

The protest march will be led by Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud. The march is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. from the Indira Gandhi statue and proceed towards the Election Commission office in Hyderabad.

Congress leaders said the protest is aimed at highlighting concerns over alleged irregularities in the preparation and revision of electoral rolls, including objections relating to



Usman Bin Mohammed Alhajri



Motha Rohit Mudiraj

the deletion and addition of names and the transparency of the electoral process.

Congress leaders Usman Bin Mohammed Alhajri, Congress in-charge of the Karwan Assembly constituency, and Motha Rohit Mudiraj, President of the Khairatabad District Congress Committee, appealed to party leaders and workers from Hyderabad and Secunderabad Assembly constituencies to participate in the programme.

They particularly urged senior leaders, block presidents, division presidents, contested corporators, Mahila Congress, Youth Congress, Seva Dal, BC Cell, Minority Department representatives and other party functionaries to attend the march.

Members of Parliament, state ministers, MLAs, MLCs, chairpersons of various corporations and institutions, senior Congress leaders and other party representatives are also expected to participate.

The organisers have called for an independent, transparent and time-bound inquiry into the alleged irregularities and complaints concerning the SIR and electoral rolls. They said such an inquiry would help ensure accuracy in voter lists and maintain public confidence in the electoral process.

The Congress leaders further stated that if an independent inquiry establishes evidence of any cognisable offence or violation of law, appropriate legal action should be initiated by the competent authorities in accordance with the law.

They emphasised that a free, transparent and credible electoral process is essential to a democratic system and called for an impartial examination of complaints concerning the revision of electoral rolls and the SIR exercise.

Fusion-2026 Focuses on AI, Quantum and Cybersecurity Risks

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Emerging cybersecurity challenges arising from Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Computing and other advanced technologies took centre stage at Fusion-2026, the annual conference of the ISACA Hyderabad Chapter.

Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, urged technology and cybersecurity professionals as well as the public to remain vigilant against evolving digital threats. Addressing the conference, he highlighted the growing importance of data protection, cybersecurity awareness and coordinated efforts to prevent digital and financial crimes.

Dr. Ramesh cautioned citizens about emerging risks such as deepfakes, digital surveillance and OTP-related fraud. He also stressed the need for responsible and secure adoption of new technologies as their use expands across sectors.

The conference was organised as part of the 26th anniversary celebrations of the ISACA Hyderabad Chapter, bringing together professionals from cybersecurity, IT audit, risk management and technology domains.

Key sessions focused on AI risk management, quantum-era cybersecurity, quantum security, the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act and emerging technology risks. A CXO Roundtable further explored future challenges and opportunities in the rapidly changing technology landscape. The event also featured felicitations for SIG Award winners, former chapter presidents, sponsors and volunteers in recognition of their contributions.

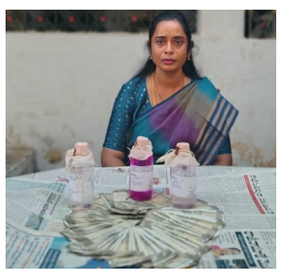
The conference was led by ISACA Hyderabad Chapter President Sujay Gankidi, along with Vice President Raj Pawar, Immediate Past President G C S Sarma, Secretary Rajnish Dasari, Treasurer G Vamsi Krishna and other board members and advisors.

Jagtial CDPO held by ACB while taking Rs 63,000 bribe

JAGTIAL
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A Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) from the Integrated Child Development Scheme was arrested by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials while she was allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 63,000 in Metpalli mandal centre on Saturday.

ACB officials said that the accused CDPO Daroju Padma was caught red-handed after she directly received the bribe from an



Anganwadi worker for not making adverse remarks during her inspection of Anganwadi centres. A case has been registered against her. She was produced before a special court for ACB cases in Karimnagar for judicial remand.

Water Security Gets Major Push in Mudhole Mandal

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In a significant initiative aimed at strengthening water security and preparing rural communities to meet future water challenges, a special Training and Awareness Programme on Water Security was organised in Mudhole Mandal on the directions of the Nirmal District Collector and DRDO.

The programme brought together Sarpanches, Upa-Sarpanches, Panchayat Secretaries, Technical Assistants, Field



Assistants and various mandal-level officials to create awareness about sustainable water conservation measures and effective planning under VB-G RAM G. Addressing the gathering, officials highlighted the prevailing climatic conditions, the possible impact of El Niño and the likelihood of reduced rainfall, warning that such conditions could pose challenges to both agricultural activities and drinking water availability.

They explained that under the Water Security category of VB-G RAM G, priority can be given to works such as farm ponds, borewell recharge structures, drainage systems and soak pits, which can help conserve rainwater, improve groundwater recharge and strengthen long-term water availability.

Officials stressed that water conservation plans should be prepared according to the specific requirements, available resources and geographical conditions of each village.

Dr. D. Kaval Kumar Eyes Union Government Standing Counsel Post

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Dr. D. Kaval Kumar, a Senior Advocate with more than two decades of legal practice, has submitted his candidature for appointment as Standing Counsel for the Union of India, bringing extensive experience in constitutional, administrative, municipal and public law matters.

Dr. Kumar began his legal career in August 2005 after enrolling with the Bar Council of Hyderabad. Over the past 20 years, he has built a substantial practice before the High Courts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, besides appearing before subordinate courts, tribunals and various statutory authorities.

His academic background adds another dimension to his legal expertise. He holds a Ph.D. in Law from Osmania University and has pursued an interdisciplinary academic path with degrees including LL.B., M.Sc. and B.Sc. He also qualified as an Advocate-on-Record in 2012, further strengthening his credentials in constitutional and appellate litigation.

Dr. Kumar has been associated with several significant and high-stakes legal matters, including cases involving constitutional interpretation, municipal governance, administrative law and implementation of public policies. His experience includes arguing and assisting in important Constitution Bench proceedings concerning complex questions of law and governance.

Beyond courtroom advocacy, his professional profile reflects an engagement with issues connected to public administration, urban governance and planned development. This combination of litigation experience and interdisciplinary knowledge has contributed to his understanding of legal challenges arising in the functioning of public institutions.

His candidature for the position of Standing Counsel for the Union of India comes against the backdrop of his long-standing legal practice and exposure to matters involving government bodies and statutory authorities.

Ramakrishna Slams 22-A Rules, Warns of Agitation

HYDERABAD
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Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board Vice-Chairman J. Ramakrishna has criticised the Telangana government's decision regarding Section 22-A, alleging that the restrictions are causing serious hardships to residents, particularly those in Mahendra Hills.

Addressing the media at Mahendra Hills in East Marredpally on Saturday, Ramakrishna alleged that the government's recent decision allowing reg-



istrations with conditions had failed to clearly address the concerns of Cantonment residents.

He said Section 22-A was preventing people from freely selling or purchasing properties and was also creating difficulties for those seeking loans against their properties for medical emergencies and other financial needs.

Ramakrishna alleged that the new restrictions could lead to unnecessary delays and settlement-related issues, and questioned the government's rationale behind the decision. He demanded that the government immediately resolve the issue and ensure that property owners face no further difficulties, or withdraw the restrictions.

He also recalled his earlier efforts to secure TPT funds for the Secunderabad Cantonment through legal action. Ramakrishna said he would continue to raise the 22-A issue until the concerns of residents were addressed.

He warned that if the government failed to resolve the matter, residents would be mobilised for a larger public movement. He said he was prepared to intensify the campaign in support of property rights and the interests of Cantonment residents.

Machana Raghunandan Leads Prayers for Scrapping CPS

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Machana Raghunandan, National General Secretary of the All India New Pension Scheme Employees Federation (AINPSEF), offered special prayers at the Sri Someshwara Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Palakurthi on Saturday, seeking the scrapping of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).

Raghunandan said over one crore employees ac-



ross India were seeking an end to the New Pension Scheme. He criticised governments for repeatedly promising to abolish CPS but failing to act, stressing that pension is vital for employees' financial and social security. Sudhakar and others accompanied him.

OU to Host Mala Students' Meet on Oct 4

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A meeting of Mala students, unemployed youth and employees will be held on October 4 at Tagore Auditorium, Osmania University, Hyderabad, to seek reforms in the roster system.

Kakatiya University ANSA president Gundu Rajesh unveiled the event poster at the university's First Gate on Saturday and called upon Mala students, unemployed aspirants and employees to participate in large numbers.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajesh said the



meeting would focus on protecting the rights of the Mala community and addressing concerns over alleged disparities in roster implementation. He urged members of the community to attend the Hyderabad gathering and make it successful.

Mala Students' Associations JAC convenor Madas Rahul, the chief guest, addressed the gathering. Assistant and associate professors, contract faculty, PhD scholars, postgraduate students and representatives of various Mala organisations participated in the programme.

Sangareddy DWO Warns Religious Leaders Against Child Marriages

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Sangareddy District Women & Child Welfare Department and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), along with SCOPE voluntary organisation, conducted an awareness programme on the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, urging religious leaders to play an active role in preventing child marriages.

The programme, held at the Mahila Pranganam in Sangareddy, was attended by priests, pastors and Muslim religious leaders. Officials explained their



legal responsibilities and stressed the need to verify the age of both bride and groom before solemnising marriages.

District Welfare Officer (DWO) Lalitha Kumari said religious leaders have an important responsibility in preventing underage marriages. She urged them to verify official date-of-birth documents and ensure that marriages are conducted only when the girl has completed 18 years and the boy 21 years.

She also said the department would work closely with religious leaders, government agencies and community organisations to make Sangareddy a child-marriage-free district.

Legal action against child marriages

DCRB CI Ramesh explained the provisions and penalties under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. He said individuals who perform, conduct, direct or abet a child marriage may face rigorous imprisonment of up to two years and a fine of up to ₹1 lakh, subject to the provisions of the law.

The officials also explained that under the Act, a child refers to a male below 21 years or a female below 18 years.

District Child Welfare Committee Chairperson Raja Reddy called for coordinated action by government departments, religious leaders, community organisations and the public to eliminate child marriages.

DCPO Ratnam outlined initiatives being implemented by the District Child Protection Unit and stressed the importance of religious leaders in identifying and preventing underage marriages.

SC Refuses To Halt Trial Of IAS Officer Pooja Singhal

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to quash a trial court order taking cognisance of a money laundering charge against Jharkhand IAS officer Pooja Singhal, allowing her trial to continue. Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, appearing for the Enforcement Directorate, told a three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana that the cognisance of the offence was taken a long time ago.

Senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, appearing for Singhal, said that sanction to prosecute an administrative officer as provided under Section 197 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) was not granted in this case.

Russia, Ukraine Trade Strikes as Death Toll Hits 7, Air War Intensifies

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Russian attacks killed four people across Ukraine Saturday, officials said, as the aerial war between Moscow and Kyiv intensifies. Russia has hammered Ukraine with cruise and ballistic missiles, powerful glide bombs and jet-powered drones while front-line progress has slowed, some 4½-years after Moscow launched a full-scale invasion of its neighbor. “It is essential that our partners not forget: Russia is escalating every single day. If the Russians have chosen to make their strikes even more brutal, the world must choose stronger responses to keep the war from spreading further,” Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on Saturday morning. He listed “numerous strikes on residential homes” in the cities of Kyiv and Zaporizhzhia, and the Odesa, Sumy, and Kharkiv regions. Two women in Zaporizhzhia died when they were trapped beneath the rubble of their destroyed home, Zaporizhzhia’s regional military administration said. A separate Russian attack on the city of Sumy also killed two people, local officials said.

Ukrainian drones target Russian refineries Zelenskyy appealed at the United Nations earlier this week to countries to starve Russia of revenue through sanctions and trade bans, denying Moscow the money it needs to prolong the war. But despite years of diplomatic efforts, there is no sign of a breakthrough in ending the war. Meanwhile, Ukraine’s long-range drones have targeted Russian oil refineries and businesses. A Ukrainian drone attack on the southern Krasnodar region killed three people and wounded two, local officials said Saturday.

Writing on Telegram, regional Gov. Veniamin Kondratyev said that a Ukrainian attack sparked fires at two industrial sites, but did not give further details. Russian media outlets later reported that a local oil refinery was targeted in the strike. Russian attacks spark fires in Kyiv Elsewhere in Ukraine, two people were injured in the Kyiv region overnight after a Russian drone attack caused a fire at a warehouse in the Boryspil district. Russian drones also hit several districts in the Ukrainian capital itself, injuring four and damaging residential and office buildings, officials said.

Russia's Ministry of Defense said Saturday that its attack on Kyiv had damaged a data center that supported both cellphone internet services and Starlink satellite communication systems.

Mamata Says INDIA Bloc Likely to Meet in Delhi on Sept 30 Amid SIR Row

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday said that an INDIA bloc meeting is likely to be held in Delhi to discuss EC-related issues and chart out the opposition's next course of action. Addressing a rally at Serampore in Hooghly district, the Mamata All India Trinamool Congress chief said she sent a message to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and told him that the opposition parties must sit together, amid protests against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

"I sent a message to Rahul Gandhi, and told him that we must sit together. A meeting of the INDIA bloc will most likely be held in Delhi's Constitution Club on September 30," she added. The proposed meeting comes amid efforts by opposition parties to coordinate their response to the controversy surrounding the functioning of the Election Commission and the SIR exercise. Sources said Banerjee also spoke to Rahul Gandhi over the phone and urged him to convene an INDIA bloc meeting at the earliest. She also had a conversation with CPI(M) general secretary M A Baby. The discussions are expected to focus on the opposition's next course of action against Kumar, the Election Commission and the SIR exercise, the sources added.

Yogi Adityanath Meets PM Modi In Delhi Ahead Of UP Assembly Elections

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Ahead of the upcoming Uttar Pradesh elections, chief minister Yogi Adityanath met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence on Saturday seeking guidance to steer the BJP for a third consecutive term in power in the state. On Friday, Adityanath held talks with the Union home minister Amit Shah at Greater Noida. Besides focusing on the ongoing “Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan” to mark the Prime Minister’s 25 years in public life, sources said that the meeting also delved on organisational preparedness and grassroots mobilisation for next year’s Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister’s Office said, “Chief minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath met Prime Minister Narendra Modi.” “Today, I had the privilege of a courtesy meeting with the world’s most popular politician, Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, in New Delhi. Your guidance always gives me renewed energy for the creation of ‘New Uttar Pradesh’. Heartfelt thanks, Prime Minister ji, for providing your invaluable time,” Adityanath posted on X.

The chief minister also met former BJP president and Union health minister J.P. Nadda. The meeting comes a day after Adityanath and Shah attended the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show 2026 in Greater Noida. At the trade show, Shah highlighted the investment climate in Uttar Pradesh and credited the Adityanath-led BJP government for improving the law-and-order situation in the state. Sources said that more meetings were lined up with Shah and the party president Nitin Nabin to discuss and review Uttar Pradesh poll preparations.

Adityanath, sources said, will discuss upcoming Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council polls in the state. Apart from Rajya Sabha and Assembly polls, the BJP leadership is reviewing several internal surveys and feedback collected from different sources at ground level to identify key areas requiring extra focus and working on strategies to strengthen ground presence while effectively countering aggressive Opposition poll campaigns,” sources said.

Currently, the Uttar Pradesh BJP unit is undertaking the month-long “Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan” from September 17 to October 17, commemorating Modi’s 25 years in public service.

Amit Shah and the Humane Aspect of Nasha Mukt Bharat 2029

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

In Toor Banzara, a village in Sangrur, a narrow lane flanked by open drains ends at a bare and nearly dilapidated two-room house, featuring a leaky ceiling and unplastered walls. In September, that house morphed into a frightfully unbearable portrait, magnifying Punjab’s narcotics tragedy. Gulzar Singh, a 53-year-old agricultural labourer, committed suicide after his family claimed he had been tormented by the unchecked availability of drugs and his 26-year-old son’s addiction. One household, one addicted young man, one grieving family: the geography is small, but the indictment is enormous.

Having already spiraled beyond the realm of state control, Punjab’s systemic drug crisis is no longer an abstraction that can be quarantined inside police files or election manifestos. It has rapidly escalated into a full-blown national-security crisis due to the state’s immediate contiguity.

SIR Should Not Be Used for Political Purposes: DK Shivakumar

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Wakeup telangana



Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said he had no objection to the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, but maintained that it should not be used for "political purposes". Speaking to reporters, he said all eligible citizens should be allowed to exercise their right to vote. "This is a democratic country, not a dictatorship," he said, responding to a question on the Election Commission.

He said it had become evident that decisions were not being taken by a majority in the three-member Election Commission and claimed that "no one is satisfied" with the situation. Supporting the demand for the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Shivakumar said, "Of course, opposition parties have every right to express their concerns."

To a question on Union Minister Pralhad Joshi allegedly criticising the state government for seeking advance financial assistance from the Centre, Shivakumar asked the Centre to clarify whether it had released advance funds to other states.

"Let them think whatever they want. They should understand what their responsibility is," he said. "Have they not given advance funds to other states? Let them send a team... We have sought an appointment with the prime minister (Narendra Modi) to take an all-party delegation. When we get the time, let Joshi also come, let everyone come," he added.

India Orders Crackdown on Nicotine Pouches Amid Health Concerns

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



India's government has ordered states to crack down on the sale of nicotine pouches, which it considers a major health risk, saying globally popular brands are being widely sold illegally in the country, a letter from the health ministry shows. Nicotine pouches have emerged as one of Big Tobacco's most important bets on a future beyond cigarettes, offering rapid growth, attractive margins and, for now, lighter regulation than many rival smoking alternatives.

In India, where tobacco kills 1.35 million people a year, the government has banned e-cigarettes but approved certain nicotine replacements like patches and chewing gums. Nicotine pouches - small packets placed under the lip that contain nicotine but no tobacco - remain illegal and unapproved, with a government source saying they are often smuggled into India for sale online and through local tobacco stores.

A federal study in June called them "a largely unregulated public health concern", with wide consumption among people aged 18 to 40 of brands such as Philip Morris' Zyn and Swedish Smokeless Solutions' White Fox. There is increased "availability of oral nicotine pouches through online and offline channels in the country ... Nicotine exposure is of particular concern among children," the health ministry wrote in a letter to all states on September 19, seen by Reuters.

"Initiate appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the law, in the interest of public health and protection of children," it added. The directive cited provisions of India's drug law that allow for the search and seizure of such products and the prosecution of those selling them. The ministry did not respond to requests for comment. Philip Morris and Swedish Smokeless did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Philip Morris on its website says the company has zero tolerance towards illegal trade, while Swedish Smokeless urges users to only buy original products from authorised outlets.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Bangkok Declares.....

Temporary shelters -Almost continuous rain since Thursday afternoon has swelled Bangkok's network of canals, sending murky water into surrounding homes, restaurants, shops and alleyways."Our problem is that the canals are full," Chadchart said."We are cooperating with nearby provinces and try to drain water out through other sides, minimising the amount that flows into Bangkok." Once dubbed the "Venice of the East", the city is built on former marshland and rests about 1.5 metres (five feet) above sea level.The BMA earlier said the city's pumping stations were operating at full capacity, pumping some 1,200 cubic meters per second combined. Reporters saw residents wading or pushing their motorcycles through high waters in several districts of eastern Bangkok, while on one major road, parked cars were partially submerged.In Bang Bua district, one woman tried to salvage goods from her shop as the floodwaters came up to her thighs. Khem Amnueilaph, an office worker who lives in Suan Luang district in eastern Bangkok, said the water in his neighbourhood was "higher than knee level"."My house is new so it was elevated, but some old houses near by the water have already flooded," the 36-year-old told AFP by telephone."I have food in my stock for two to three days, but I may have to wade through the floodwater for food later," he said, adding: "I have no idea how to get to work on Monday."- Empty shelves -Some convenience stores had empty shelves by lunchtime as residents raced to buy essentials.

Gyanesh Kumar.....

“He openly asked if I was interested in contesting as a BJP candidate from the Pathanamthitta constituency in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls,” Thomson revealed. “While he was quite persuasive, I politely and promptly declined the offer.”

Thomson noted that Kumar approached him after learning that other political factions had also been scouting the veteran bureaucrat for an electoral debut. For the opposition parties, Thomson's claim reinforces their accusation of him being a BJP stooge. Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi recently alleged that Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah handpicked Kumar for the CEC role to serve the ruling party's interests. The timing of the revelation could not be worse for the CEC, as Kumar is already facing a severe credibility crisis following an investigative exposé by a national newspaper, along with fierce criticism from opposition parties over the controversial Special Intensive Revision (SIR) voter roll exercise. Nationwide protests are already underway, demanding his immediate resignation.

Revanth Seeks.....

Revanth Reddy described Dr Singh as a person of simplicity, gentleness, honesty and lofty ideals, saying his life was an open book and that he remained accessible to all. He said the Centre’s failure to establish a memorial for Dr Singh in Delhi was unfortunate, and urged it to set up a memorial incorporating a knowledge centre to preserve and disseminate
his vast knowledge and contribution to public life.
Revanth Reddy also directed Congress MPs to raise the demand in Parliament and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to consider conferring the Bharat Ratna on Dr Singh.
The Chief Minister said unveiling Dr Singh’s statue was a matter of pride for him and that the memorial would inspire future generations to understand his contribution to the country.

Gyanesh Kumar.....

"The people of West Bengal have rarely witnessed an election like this. Therefore, the general public of West Bengal is grateful to Gyanesh Kumar and has blessed him with all their hearts," he added.
Bhattacharya's comment came a day after the youth-led group, Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), set a 48-hour deadline for Kumar to resign as
chief election commissioner and threatened to launch a nationwide agitation if the CEC continued to remain in his chair.

Responding dismissively to a question on Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's statement, Bhattacharya said, "The Congress itself doesn't pay heed to him.

CRIME

Religious expression by Indian police officers: One rule for all?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Mustakim Khan, Anuj Chaudhary, Bushra Bano and K Shilpavalli are all Indian police officers serving in different states, but that's where the similarity ends: while Chaudhary and Shilpavalli can take part in Hindu religious processions while on duty, Khan and Bano cannot openly participate in festivities connected with their faith and are 'punished'.

Their cases raise questions over how religious expression and participation are treated differently within the police force.

Several videos of Hyderabad Police officers on bandobast duty—both men and women—dancing exuberantly with devotees to religious tunes during the Khairatabad Bada Ganesh immersion have surfaced on social media platforms.

One such video shows Additional Commissioner of Police (ACP) Sanjay Kumar being lifted by his colleagues as he happily danced during the procession. Madhapur Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) and IPS officer K Shilpavalli was also seen cheering her officers, seeking blessings from Ganesha.

The videos are well received. And there is nothing wrong with praising one's faith.

But one cannot help but notice the stark contradiction or biased treatment a Hindu officer receives when compared to his/her Muslim colleague in the same situation.

Take the case of Bihar Police Sub-Inspector Mustakim Khan. His sword-wielding video (click here) during the Muharram procession in Muzaffarpur while on duty came under scrutiny, resulting in a show-cause notice. He was sent to the police lines as a punitive transfer.

Last year, Additional Superintendent of Police Anuj Chaudhary, then a Circle Inspector in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal district, participated in a Hindu religious procession, wielding a mace during a Gada Yatra procession.

Chaudhary and Mustakim Khan's actions were similar. Both were on duty, but only one faced departmental action.

The Indian Police Service (IPS) officers are facing alleged religious discrimination. West Bengal IPS officer Bushra Bano was the Additional Superintendent of Police in Kharagpur.

West Bengal IPS officer Bushra Bano was transferred after she posted a video, sharing her civil service journey. She greeted with "Assalamualaikum," "Inshallah" and signed off with "Jazakallah."

What followed was a complaint by the Hindutva organisation, Hindu Legal Fund, to the Bengal Home Secretary, alleging that Bano did not say Vande Mataram or Jai Hind, and that it is an insult to the uniform.

Bushra Bano's video largely focused on her journey from an assistant professor in Saudi Arabia to one of India's most prestigious government posts. But the Suvendu Adhikari-led government did not see that. They saw only three words: Assalamualaikum, Inshallah, and Jazakallah. She was immediately transferred as Deputy Commandant of the State Armed Police (SAP) 4th Battalion, again considered a punishment transfer.

But what about the time when CV Anand performed a pooja in his office when he took over as Telangana Director General of Police (DGP)?

Trinamool Congress (TMC) senior leader and Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra questioned IPS and IAS associations over their inability to address the alleged religious discrimination faced by senior Muslim officers in Bengal after the Bharatiya Janata Party

Woman belt shop owner in Hyderabad booked under PD Act

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



A 45-year-old woman was arrested by the Borabanda Police on Saturday, September 26, for operating an illegal belt shop in Hyderabad.

The accused, Vemula Sarala, was arrested under the Telangana Prevention of Dangerous Activities Act on the orders of the Hyderabad Commissioner of Police, VC Sajjanar.

According to the police, Sarala has been running an illegal belt shop within the jurisdiction of Borabanda Police Station for the past few years, and she has also been involved in several cases relating to the illegal sale of liquor. Considering her continued involvement in such unlawful activities, these orders were executed.

In a statement, the police said, "It has come to the notice of Borabanda Police that some persons are running illegal belt shops and selling liquor unauthorisedly within the limits of PS Borabanda, without a valid license, in violation of the Excise Act."

It said that any person found running a belt shop or selling liquor illegally would have stringent legal action taken against them as per law and a case will be registered under the Telangana Excise Act.

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.

Youth Stabs Constable during Ganesh Immersion Procession

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Tension prevailed in Parigi town of Vikarabad district after a police constable was allegedly stabbed while deployed for security during a Ganesh immersion procession on the night of September 25.According to preliminary information, the incident occurred when a clash reportedly broke out between two groups of youths during the procession.

Police personnel on duty intervened to prevent the situation from escalating. Constable Narsimhulu was reportedly attempting to control the groups when a youth, identified by police as Tarun, allegedly attacked him with a knife.

The accused allegedly stabbed the constable in the chest, leaving him seriously injured. Narsimhulu reportedly suffered significant blood loss and collapsed following the attack. Fellow police personnel immediately rushed him to the Parigi Government Hospital, where doctors provided initial treatment.However, as his condition was reportedly critical and he required specialised medical attention, Narsimhulu was subsequently shifted to Hyderabad for advanced treatment. Police officials were monitoring his condition and taking steps to ensure he received necessary medical care.Following the incident, police took Tarun into custody and began an investigation to establish the circumstances leading to the attack. Officials are also gathering information from witnesses and examining the events that preceded the clash.The incident created tension in Parigi during the festival procession, prompting police to maintain heightened security in the area. Authorities are expected to take further action based on the findings of the investigation.

Police officials appealed to people participating in immersion processions to remain calm, avoid confrontations and cooperate with security personnel to prevent such incidents from occurring.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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.



Thrive Pain Clinic Opens in Jubilee Hills

Thrive Pain Clinic Launches in Jubilee Hills, Bringing Advanced Pain Management, Wellness and Recovery Services Under One Roof

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Thrive Pain Clinic – Wellness & More has been launched at Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, offering integrated services for pain management, rehabilitation, recovery and wellness under one roof.

The newly opened centre combines advanced interventional pain management with physiotherapy, regenerative therapies, mental wellness support and specialised wellness technologies. Its approach focuses on addressing patients from "muscle to mind", with an emphasis on evaluating the underlying causes of pain rather than merely suppressing symptoms.

Founded by pain management specialists with an anaesthesia background—Dr. Dheeraj Kumar, Dr. Aparajitha Remalla, Dr. Spurthi Mallampati and Dr. Anahita Reddy—the facility features a state-of-the-art procedure and operation theatre equipped for advanced pain interventions and minimally invasive procedures.

The centre provides services including interventional pain management, radiofrequency ablation, regenerative treatments, physiotherapy, nutrition counselling, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), mental wellness support, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, infrared light therapy, molecular hydrogen therapy and cold plunge therapy.

A dedicated physiotherapy unit focuses on chronic pain rehabilitation, functional recovery and sports injuries, enabling patients to undergo structured rehabilitation alongside medical pain management.

The centre was inaugurated on September 26 in the presence of Telangana DGP C.V. Anand as the chief guest and Lok Sabha Member of Parliament D.K. Aruna as the guest of honour. Medical professionals, well-wishers and other distinguished guests also attended the launch.

The founders said Thrive was established with the vision of creating a comprehensive platform where pain treatment, rehabilitation, recovery and wellness could be coordinated rather than managed separately.

The clinic also has a dedicated nutritionist who provides individualised nutritional assessment and guidance, focusing on dietary patterns, metabolic health, body composition and nutritional adequacy as supportive components of overall care.

Mental wellness and behavioural support form another key component of the centre's approach. CBT sessions are intended to help individuals develop practical strategies for managing the challenges associated with persistent pain, including its impact on sleep, stress, mood and daily activities.

Thrive Pain Clinic – Wellness & More is located at 4th Floor, Bharathi Square, BNR Colony, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.

The centre aims to develop an integrated care model combining pain medicine, rehabilitation, regenerative approaches and wellness services to support recovery and quality of life.

Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Expo Opens in Secunderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (TNHDC), popularly known as Poompuhar, has organised a 10-day Mega Handicrafts Expo in Secunderabad to promote traditional handicrafts and handloom products while supporting the livelihoods of artisans across Tamil Nadu.

The exhibition is being held from September 26 to October 4, 2026, at Our Sacred Space, 9-1-84, Sardar Patel Road, East Marredpally, Secunderabad. The expo was inaugurated on Saturday at 11 a.m. by Nayana Tara, founder of Our Sacred Space, in the presence of officials from TNHDC.

Around 30 artisans from various districts of Tamil Nadu are participating in the exhibition, offering visitors an opportunity to purchase traditional products directly from the makers at affordable prices. The initiative aims to provide artisans with better market access, increase their earnings and strengthen their livelihoods.

The expo features a wide range of traditional crafts, including bronze icons, brass traditional lamps, Thanjavur paintings, Thanjavur art plates, papier-mâché dolls, wood carvings, stone sculptures, brass artware, clay and terracotta products, cane furniture, banana-fibre and jute products, palm-leaf crafts, fashion jewellery, incense, perfumes, handcrafted textiles and handlooms.

TNHDC conducts exhibitions across the country to connect artisans with art enthusiasts and promote India's rich traditional craftsmanship.

Entry to the exhibition is free, and the expo will remain open daily, including Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Organisers have invited art lovers and the public to visit the exhibition and support Tamil Nadu's artisans by purchasing their handcrafted products.

Zandu Balm Turns Gen Z Aches into 'Peedas'

From Tech Neck to Doomscrolling Fatigue Zandu Balm Gives Gen Z's "Peedas" a New Language #UndoWithZandu

NEW DELHI
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Zandu Balm, from the house of Emami Ltd, has launched its latest campaign, #UndoWithZandu, giving a contemporary spin to everyday aches and frustrations experienced by Gen Z.

The campaign reimagines modern discomforts such as screen-time headaches, tech neck, doomscrolling fatigue, overthinking and everyday stress as relatable "Peedas". Through humour and culturally relevant storytelling, the brand aims to connect with consumers aged 16 to 28 while strengthening its longstanding association with pain relief.

At the centre of the campaign is "Peedaland", a surreal world where young people encounter different forms of modern-day discomfort. A lively lead character enters the scene as the problem-solver, encouraging consumers to "Peeda ko karo Undo with Zandu."

The initiative represents a shift in how the heritage Ayurvedic brand communicates with younger audiences. While Zandu Balm continues to highlight its established role in providing relief from headaches, body aches and cold, the campaign broadens the meaning of "Peeda" to include contemporary lifestyle frustrations.

Mohan Goenka, Director, Emami Limited, said the campaign builds on Zandu Balm's cultural legacy while adapting the brand to the lives of digitally connected consumers. He noted that the challenge for a heritage brand is to continuously earn relevance with every new generation.

Developed by Tree Communications and Abbas Mirza, the campaign will run across television, digital platforms, OTT and social media. It will target key markets including Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Delhi-NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

With the campaign, Zandu Balm seeks to combine its legacy of pain relief with a younger, more contemporary cultural identity under the message: "Har Peeda Ko Karo #UndoWithZandu."

Earnings, FII Inflows Strengthen India's Market Breadth

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India's equity market showed improving breadth in August as stronger corporate earnings, renewed foreign institutional buying and continued domestic investor participation supported broader market segments, according to the latest PMS Monthly Newsletter released by PL Asset Management.

While the Nifty 50 declined 1.24% during the month, mid- and small-cap stocks advanced, reflecting stronger participation beyond large-cap companies. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) invested ₹29,631 crore in August, marking their strongest monthly inflow since September 2024. Domestic institutional investors (DIIs) extended their net buying streak to 38 consecutive months.

Corporate earnings also strengthened. Q1 FY27 recorded the broadest earnings acceleration in ten quarters, with Nifty 50 profit growth improving while mid-cap and small-cap profits rose approximately 20% and 28%, respectively. Capital goods, automobiles, metals, financials and healthcare recorded strong performances.

India's real GDP grew 7.8% year-on-year in Q1 FY27, while real gross fixed capital formation increased 11.9%, indicating continued investment activity. The RBI retained the repo rate at 5.25% in August.

PL Asset Management's strategies also reported gains. AQUA PMS returned 3.07%, MADP gained 2.84%, LEAP rose 3.5%, while ATOM delivered 9.9% during August.

DHL Express Announces 8.9% Price Hike in India From January 2027

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DHL Express has announced an 8.9% annual price adjustment in India, effective January 1, 2027, as the global express delivery company responds to inflation, currency fluctuations and rising industry-related costs. R S Subramanian, SVP, South Asia, DHL Express, said the adjustment will help the company maintain service reliability while continuing investments in its international network, digital technology, security and sustainable logistics solutions.

DHL said its operating costs are being influenced by energy prices, labour-market pressures, administrative expenses and evolving customs, regulatory and security requirements across international markets.

The company, which operates in more than 220 countries and territories, is also continuing to expand and modernise its global infrastructure. Recent initiatives include completing deliveries of its fleet of 28 Boeing 777 freighters, introducing more fuel-efficient aircraft and upgrading facilities across regions.

DHL Express said it crossed 500 TAPA-certified facilities worldwide in 2026, strengthening its focus on shipment security. The company is also expanding its digital capabilities, including AI-enabled solutions and the MyExpress platform, to improve shipment visibility and simplify cross-border shipping.

Sustainability remains another priority, with investments in Sustainable Aviation Fuel, electric vehicles, fuel-efficient aircraft and carbon-neutral facilities aimed at reducing emissions across its operations.

Carnatic Concert, Kolatam Mark Ganapati Celebrations

Ganapati Navaratri Celebrations Conclude With Carnatic Concert, Kolatam And Community Annadaanam

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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 devotional Carnatic classical concert, traditional Kolatam and Ganesha Nimmajjanam, drawing hundreds of devotees and residents.

The celebrations, held with the blessings of Lord Sri Ganesha, combined spiritual rituals, music, folk traditions and community participation. The programme concluded with Ganesha Nimmajjanam, accompanied by a vibrant Kolatam performance by the Vivekananda Kolatam Group from Molgara village in Uppununthala Mandal of Nagarkurnool district.

A major attraction was the Carnatic classical Sangeetha Gana Kacheri presented by Raaga Music Academy. The concert began with the traditional composition Mahaganapatim, followed by Carnatic compositions, Ashtakams and Slokams dedicated to Lord Ganesha. The musical programme featured vocal performances along with Mridangam by Kaliprasad, flute by Nagur, violin and performances by young artistes including Anusha and others.

The celebrations also emphasised community service through Annadaanam. Around 200 people were served meals every day during the festivities, while nearly 350 people were served on the Nimmajjanam day. Residents and devotees from surrounding areas participated without distinction, creating an atmosphere of togetherness and sharing.

Godi Vijetha Devi said this was the fifth consecutive year of Ganapati Navaratri celebrations at their residence. She said the family's objective was to promote happiness, peace, prosperity and a positive atmosphere while encouraging the younger generation to experience Indian traditions through active participation.

She highlighted the significance of combining daily pooja, Annadaanam, classical music and traditional arts, saying the participation of people without distinction reflected the spirit of unity in diversity.

The concluding Kolatam performance added a distinct Telangana cultural flavour to the celebrations. The traditional folk dance, performed by the Molgara-based group, complemented the classical music presentation and devotional rituals.

Godi Pitchi Reddy, Godi Padmavathi and other family members participated in the celebrations. The annual event continues to bring together devotion, community service and cultural expression, while keeping traditional Indian and Telangana art forms connected with the festive spirit of Ganapati Navaratri.

CBIT Hosts Lecture on Chemical Safety and Sustainability

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The Department of Chemical Engineering at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), in association with the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IIChE), Hyderabad Regional Centre, organised a guest lecture on "Chemical Engineering Industrial Safety and Sustainability – Way Forward" at the college Assembly Hall.

Dr. Sathish Suri, Managing Director of GreenPath Energy & Sustainability Services, Hyderabad, and a Chartered Engineer with 23 years of professional experience, was the resource person.

Dr. Suri explained industrial safety processes and methodologies and highlighted the skills and professional standards expected from young chemical engineers. He also discussed sustainability responsibilities, including energy auditing and Net Zero targets, and outlined career opportunities in the energy and sustainability sectors.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Dr. M. Mukunda Vani, Professor and Head of the Department, and coordinated by Dr. Snigdha Saha, Assistant Professor. Faculty members participated in the session, which provided students with practical insights into safety, sustainability and emerging career opportunities.

Ramayana promo event: Ranbir says film will introduce audiences to Indian culture



American YouTuber and digital creator Jimmy Donaldson, popularly known as MrBeast, surprised audiences on Saturday by chanting "Jai Shri Ram" during a promotional event for the upcoming epic film Ramayana.The ambitious film, based on the Indian epic, stars Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Ram, Sai Pallavi as Goddess Sita and Yash as Ravana. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, known for Dangal, the film is being produced on a large scale and is scheduled to release during Diwali 2026.

The memorable moment occurred when an audience member called out, "Jai Shri Ram, MrBeast." Kapoor then helped the popular content creator repeat the chant, prompting cheers from the audience. MrBeast responded, "Jai Shri Ram."Speaking at the event, MrBeast praised the film and said he had enjoyed the experience. Referring to the film's trailer, he said it looked "phenomenal" and expressed his appreciation for being able to witness a glimpse of the project.MrBeast was originally scheduled to interact with members of the Ramayana team, including Kapoor, Pallavi and director Nitesh Tiwari. However, the planned interaction did not take place. The event, which was scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm, eventually started around 5 pm.

Producer Namit Malhotra apologised for the delay, citing "logistics beyond our control."Kapoor spoke about the cultural significance of Ramayana and Lord Ram, saying the epic remains deeply embedded in the collective consciousness of Indians. He described Lord Ram as "Maryada Purshottam" and highlighted his sacrifice, sense of duty and commitment to his father's promise.Kapoor also explained the concept of "dharma" as duty and responsibility, expressing hope that the film would introduce international audiences to Indian culture, history and traditions.

Malhotra said the film explores the contrast between material wealth and fulfilment. He explained that while Lord Ram gives up worldly possessions, Ravana possesses everything but remains alone.

Ravi Dubey, who plays Lakshman, also expressed his excitement about the project. He said the film showcases Indian culture and heritage and hoped audiences, including MrBeast, would carry a meaningful experience back to the United States.Ramayana: Part One is set to hit theatres during Diwali 2026.

Actor Vishal Krishna injured during 'Purushan' movie stunt in Goa



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Popular actor Vishal Krishna on Saturday said he sustained an injury to his back while performing a stunt in Goa for his upcoming film 'Purushan.'

Days ago, while shooting the climax sequence for Purushan directed by Sundar C, "while filming an important stunt shot," he sustained an injury to his back.

In a statement, Vishal said that though he had performed many stunts, this one turned out to be a "mishap."

After a thorough examination, doctors advised him complete rest for three weeks to ensure a proper recovery.

Hence, the actor said he would not be in a position to take part in the AGM of the Nadigar Sangam, also known as the South Indian Artistes' Association.

"It has been a tough week and it is sad and irritating that due to my back injury I will not be in a position to take part in the most important AGM of Nadigar Sangam," the actor said.

Further, he said that the meeting on September 27, 2026, "means a great deal to me, and even though my health does not permit me to be there in person, my thoughts remain with the proceedings and everyone who are attending."

He regretted not being able to join the deliberations.

Neeta Dhadwe savours Asian Games gold as India women's kabaddi coach

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She knows what it means to be a gold medallist! For Neeta Dhadwe, coach of the Indian women's kabaddi team that won gold at the ongoing Asian Games in Japan on Saturday, it was yet another moment to cherish forever.

For Neeta, a winner of 14 consecutive gold medals representing Indian Railways and someone who had led India to championship wins in Asian-level events before calling it a day in 2002, when she last won gold playing for united Andhra Pradesh in the National Games, it was double delight in a way, having coached the 2014 Indian women's team to gold in the Asian Games.

"This is a much more memorable performance. For that team had stalwarts. Now, there are only three seniors and hats off to the juniors, especially Nikhita, who put up a great show and raised the bar," Neeta said in a chat with 'Telangana Today' from Japan.

"It is a complete team effort with a perfect balance in offence and defence. Yes, we did employ a different strategy for the final and I am glad it worked. We focused on the left-raider (Nikitha) and the gambit clicked to our delight," she said.

"The crowd support from the stands was just awesome and was truly inspirational," Neeta said about the vociferous fans during the Asiad final.

"This gold is a reminder, if needed, that Indian kabaddi is on a different plane. Yes, we need to keep working really hard and improving as there are very strong teams like Chinese Taipei and Iran, which are looking better and better in international tournaments," the Office Superintendent in South Central Railway said.

What does Indian kabaddi need? "We need a full-fledged Pro League which should give the girls a chance to play with some world-class internationals. At the same time, we are grateful to the Sports Authority of India and the Federation for facilitating two preparatory camps in Bellary and Gandhinagar before the 2026 Asian Games. They were really helpful in plugging some of the weak spots," she explained.

Virat Kohli says faith in teammates has helped him unlock freedom in ODIs

NEW DELHI
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Senior India batter Virat Kohli says he has consciously decided to play with greater freedom in ODIs, moving away from the anchor role he had carried for much of his career.

Kohli, who turns 38 in November, has enjoyed a productive run in the format, scoring three centuries, four fifties and a score in the 90s in his last 10 ODI appearances.

"What's changed is, firstly, I promised myself that I'm going to play more freely. I'm not going to worry about the expectations that people might have around me. My role had always been, for a long period of time, that I'm going to stabilise things. I know I can play; I know I can hit shots.

"But the demands are such that if it's a tricky situation… you eventually get into a space where you're like, 'I can hit, but I've been given a role'. Now, the game is changing in a way that, especially if the conditions are fast-paced and good, and other teams are looking to push you towards 340-350, we should be able to get 350-360 as well," Kohli told JioStar ahead of India's first ODI against the West Indies in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday.

Kohli said his trust in India's long batting lineup has been crucial to the change in approach.

"I'm very willing to take risks now because I know that if I make runs there, we'll get 350-360 easily. And if I do that and play longer, then I can hit more at the end," he said.

"I had to unlock a little bit of that freedom in my own mind. That's also helped me in the IPL as well… because I'm not thinking that if I get out, the situation might get difficult for us. I have faith in the fact that other players around me are very good and will be able to handle the situation," he added.

Kohli also highlighted the difference between bilateral 50-over cricket and the demands of a World Cup.

"T20 cricket in bilateral series was very different from World Cups. The intensity of the World Cup was extreme. ODIs are quite simple.

"Bilateral series run at a certain intensity, and you're always working towards a big competition… figuring out combinations and giving players game time under pressure. The intensity of a 50-over World Cup is greater because now it's about 10 games at a T20 level of intensity. To maintain that intensity for 10 games in a big tournament… especially in foreign conditions, is a big deal.

Samiksha Sundaravadivel Wins Gold at CBSE National Taekwondo Championship



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Samiksha Sundaravadivel, a student of The Shri Ram Universal School, Hyderabad, won the Gold Medal in the Under-14 Girls Under-38 kg category at the CBSE National Taekwondo Championship 2026 held in Haryana from September 20 to 25.

The championship featured 1,044 players from across the country. Representing Telangana, Samiksha defeated Akshita Tokas of Madhya Pradesh 14-6 in the quarter-final, Hitee Salvi of Kerala 7-0 in the semi-final and Insuma Tamang of Mizoram 8-3 in the final.

Her impressive performance brought national recognition to Telangana and was hailed by the school community as a proud sporting achievement.

Samiksha trained under Surender Singh Thakur, NIS Telangana State Taekwondo Coach. Dr. G. Jyothi Reddy, Director, Education and Founder Principal of The Shri Ram Universal School, congratulated Samiksha and appreciated her coach's contribution.The achievement is expected to inspire more young students to pursue sports and excel at national and international levels.

Hyderabad's Ganesh immersion concludes on Saturday afternoon; 1.2 lakh idols immersed

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The main Ganesh idol immersion procession which spilled over to the second day concluded peacefully at Hussain Sagar on Saturday around 2 pm. The last few vehicles carrying idols were seen at the lakeshore late in the afternoon.

Hundreds of towering idols, which accumulated overnight from Friday into Saturday morning, stood in long, vibrant queues stretching across key central corridors. A sudden morning surge saw between 500 and 800 idols along the city's main roads cleared and immersed between 6 am and 2 pm on Saturday.

The barricades put up on the roads leading towards the water bodies were removed to restore vehicular traffic in the afternoon.

Simultaneously, the GHMC sanitation teams were deployed along with mechanical sweeping units to clear festival debris along the main procession routes.

According to official estimates, about 1.2 lakh Ganesh idols were immersed on Friday and Saturday.

Tonnes of waste, including garlands, puja material, decorative items, coloured paper and broken coconuts, were floating on Hussain Sagar Lake. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has deployed floating trash collectors and an amphibious excavator to remove the waste.

Meanwhile, the GHMC which took up cleaning and sanitation initiatives post immersion, in a press release said around 4,527 metric tonnes of waste was cleared in the last two days. According to the civic body, this year's festivities saw a surge in waste collection, with 4,527 metric tons generated compared to the 3,266 metric tonnes during last year's festivities.

Sanitation workers were seen working round the clock to clear debris and restore the city's water bodies and streets.

Around 6,000 sweepers and 770 sanitation workers were deployed at immersion points and about 42 mini-tippers and 10 JCBs were operated, besides GHMC's regular fleet.

Workers removed discarded floral garlands, dried leaves, broken coconuts and puja offerings. Disposable meal plates, water bottles, plastic cups, snack wrappers and promotional flex banners were also cleaned along Tank Bund and NTR Marg.

Owaisi urges Centre to drop Hyderabad GPO downgrade plan

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AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday urged the Union Ministry of Communications to withdraw its proposal to downgrade the Hyderabad General Post Office (GPO) from Group 'A' to Group 'B' and merge it with the Hyderabad City Division.

In a letter addressed to the Minister of State for Communications, Owaisi forwarded a representation submitted by officials of the Hyderabad GPO opposing the proposed restructuring of the century-old institution. He sought the Centre's intervention to retain the GPO as an independent Group 'A' post office under the Chief Postmaster.Owaisi said the officials had highlighted the Hyderabad GPO's exceptional workload and its important role in providing postal and other public services. The representation noted that the GPO handles a significant share of the total mail operations in the Hyderabad Head Post Office Region. It also has an expanding delivery jurisdiction, increasing its importance in meeting the postal requirements of residents across the city.

The Hyderabad MP further pointed out that the GPO houses the only philatelic bureau in Telangana. He said the institution's long-standing heritage, metropolitan importance and public-facing role should be taken into consideration before any restructuring decision is made."Hyderabad GPO continues to play a vital public-facing role," Owaisi said in his representation, stressing the need to preserve its independent administrative status.He urged the Communications Ministry to reconsider the proposed downgrading and merger, citing the institution's heritage and identity as well as the need to maintain efficient and citizen-centric postal services.

Owaisi also said the matter was particularly significant because the Hyderabad GPO falls within his parliamentary constituency. He requested the Union government to examine the concerns raised by postal officials and consider the issue in the larger public interest.The MP maintained that retaining the Hyderabad GPO as a Group 'A' institution would help preserve its established role and ensure continuity in the delivery of postal services to citizens.

TGSPDCL spent Rs 17 cr for uninterrupted power at Ganesh pandals

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The Telangana government has borne an expenditure of Rs 17.80 crore to provide free power supply to 51,207 Ganesh pandals, Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL), stated on Saturday, September 26.

Despite the significant rise in power demand across the world due to the El Niño phenomenon, the Telangana government extended full support to the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations by providing free electricity supply to pandals, TGSPDCL said in a release.

A total connected load of 1,12,586 kW was sanctioned for the 51,207 Ganesh pandals in 21 circles under TGSPDCL.

Within Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC), and Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), 20,128 Ganesh pandals were installed, and a sanctioned load of 60,217 kW was provided at an estimated cost of Rs 9.04 crore.

Last year, a total of 47,649 pandals had been registered with the electricity department and a load of 98,627 kW had been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 15.59 crore.

Extended Tank Bund traffic curbs strand Hyderabad commuters

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Commuters, schoolchildren and healthcare workers were left stranded across the city on Saturday, September 26, as Ganesh idol immersions stretched into a second day, with roads around Tank Bund and the Old City shut for hours without advance notice to the public.

A doctor working at a hospital in Secunderabad and residing in Mallepally described being forced to turn back while heading to work via Tank Bund. "I had to turn back and reroute after the route was barricaded, with no notice of when it would be open again," Dr Amer told.

Several students from schools in Abids were sent back home after finding their usual routes barricaded. "Several of my son's classmates returned home with their autorickshaw drivers within 30 minutes of leaving. Auto drivers stated that roads were barricaded and the police would not allow them," said Zaira, whose son studies in Class 3 at All Saints' High School.

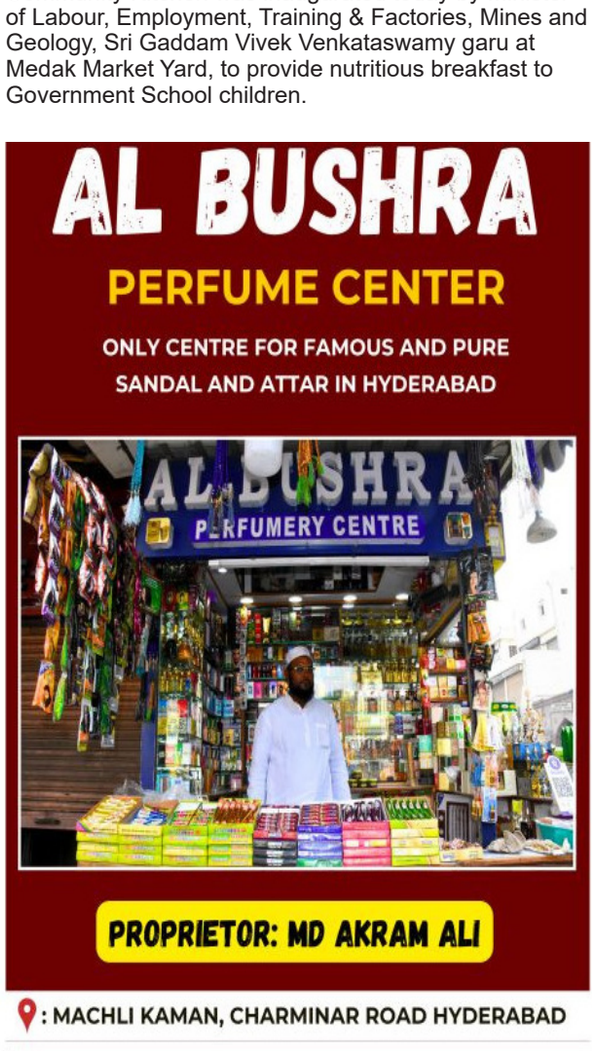
Public transport users were among the worst hit. Saleha, who commutes to her office at Lakdi-ka-Pul six days a week via the 8A bus from Moosarambagh to Nampally, said the Afzalgunj stop was barricaded and her bus was rerouted through Koti without warning.

"The bus driver told me I could get on, but he was uncertain about the road closures himself. They asked passengers where they wanted to get off, and stopped me near a metro station, so I had to catch a metro the rest of the way to my office," she said. "I was familiar with the route, so I could navigate, but people who aren't might get stranded. At least the bus drivers should have been informed, so that passengers and they don't face trouble."

A video circulating on social media on Saturday showed long lines of stalled traffic and barricades near the immersion routes, with commuters visibly stuck as idols continued to move towards Hussain Sagar. Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar said the immersion procession had continued peacefully, but acknowledged that the heavy turnout of devotees and vehicles had delayed the process. He asked residents to defer non-essential travel through Tank Bund, Necklace Road, NTR Marg, PV Statue and Indira Gandhi Rotary, where restrictions remained in force. The curbs, in effect since 6 am on September 25, were extended into Saturday afternoon over the pace of the immersions.



The Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation India's (HKMCF India) State-of-the-Art Centralized Community Kitchen was inaugurated today by Minister of Labour, Employment, Training & Factories, Mines and Geology, Sri Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy garu at Medak Market Yard, to provide nutritious breakfast to Government School children.



New Road To Link Bharat Future City To Ease Industrial Traffic

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The Telangana government is building a new road to ease access to its ambitious Future City project near Hyderabad. The road will run for eight kilometers from Takkellapalli, on the Hyderabad–Nagarjunasagar highway, through the villages of Kurmidda and Tatiparthi, at an estimated cost of Rs 30 crore. The existing single-lane track is being upgraded into a two-lane road to handle the surge in heavy vehicle movement and support the growing transport needs of industries and future commercial activity in the area.

Around 1,000 acres near Takkellapalli have been allotted to ten multinational companies for setting up factories.

These companies require the transport of heavy machinery and construction material, and have asked authorities for a dedicated route to support their operations, prompting the new road project. Currently, the main route to Future City runs via Tukkuguda and Meerkhanpet, and with construction activity picking up pace in Future City, heavy vehicle traffic carrying construction material and machinery on this route is expected to increase further, raising concerns about congestion.

Iylamma Jayanti Celebrated at NIMS

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The 131st birth anniversary of Telangana freedom fighter and social reformer Chakali Iylamma was celebrated at NIMS under the leadership of NIMS Director Dr. Rahul Devaraj.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Devaraj recalled Iylamma's unforgettable contribution to the Telangana Armed Struggle and said her courage and determination in fighting for the rights of poor, weaker and marginalised communities continue to inspire generations.

He said Iylamma stood firmly against social inequality and exploitation and instilled confidence among oppressed sections of society. Her struggle for land, self-respect and basic rights has earned a significant place in Telangana's history, he added.

Dr. Devaraj stressed the need for greater focus on the welfare and development of weaker sections. He said the official observance of Iylamma's birth anniversary was a fitting recognition of her contribution and enduring legacy.

Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, NIMS Medical Superintendent Dr. Nimma Satyanarayana, Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr. Krishna Reddy, Paramedical representative Srinivasulu, Media Cell representative Satyagoud, Nursing Officer Padma, Rajaka State Youth President Nallatigala Raju, Rajasekhar, Shyam, Sai Kiran and several NIMS employees participated in the programme and contributed to its success.

Malkajgiri Civic Chief Reviews Progress of Key Projects



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Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy held a review meeting with Town Planning, Projects, Land Acquisition and Legal Department officials on the progress of various projects. During the meeting, he asked officials to expedite pending land acquisition processes and commence works wherever TDR has already been issued.

He asked officials to complete the process of TDR at the earliest for landowners who have provided consent. He also wanted to ensure close coordination and time-bound action among all departments concerned. The Commissioner directed officials to coordinate land acquisition, TDR processing and project execution to ensure timely progress of civic infrastructure projects.

Over 1.19 lakh Ganesh idols immersed in Cyberabad limits

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A total of 1,19,667 Ganesh idols were immersed in water bodies within Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) limits. The CMC facilitated immersions at 53 designated points including IDL Lake, also known as Rangadhamuni Cheruvu, in Kukatpally as well as other water bodies.

Over the past 11 days, teams have also separately collected about 6,000 kg of flower waste from designated immersion points. The flowers are being segregated, dried and processed into incense sticks, dhoops and diyas, giving the offerings a second life and promoting responsible festival waste management, according to an official release.



CMC officials said arrangements and separate flower-waste collection would continue as more idols were expected to be immersed. Field teams will remain deployed for the remaining immersion activities, with the civic body focusing on safety, cleanliness at immersion points and sustainable festival practices, it added.

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