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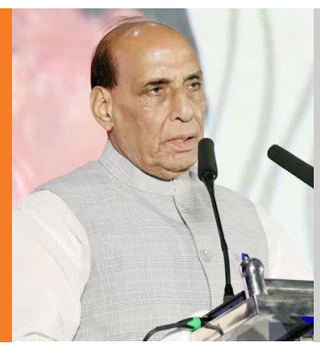
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MAX: 32.0°C
MIN:24.3°C
RH: 84%
RAINFALL 7.5 MM
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IndiGo Flight Suffers Tail Strike at Bengaluru Airport

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A Bengaluru-bound IndiGo flight from Guwahati suffered a tail strike during a second landing attempt at the Bengaluru airport on Sunday, sources said. IndiGo said in a statement that its aircraft operating its Guwahati-Bengaluru flight experienced "abnormal runway contact" while landing during gusty weather at the Kempegowda International Airport. All customers and crew are safe and have disembarked safely, the statement said. The IndiGo A321 aircraft faced a string of tail strikes at different airports in the country in the past as well. "The aircraft is undergoing maintenance checks.

KTR demands crop loss survey, compensation for Palamuru farmers

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Raising concern over crops withering due to a short supply of irrigation water, BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded an immediate crop loss survey and compensation for farmers in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district. He said more than 40 per cent of crops were damaged despite adequate water being available in the Krishna and Godavari rivers.

Rama Rao made the demand after visiting cotton and maize fields at Deshitikyal village in Nagarkurnool district and interacting with farmers while returning from Kollapur on Sunday. He said farmers had suffered heavy losses and were unable even to recover their investment. He demanded that the government conduct a crop survey covering every acre and announce a special package for affected farmers.



BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded an immediate crop loss survey and compensation for farmers in erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, alleging irrigation and power supply shortages had damaged crops. He sought a special relief package for affected farmers

Farmers told him that cotton crops had dried up and changed colour, with little possibility of fetching even Rs 4,000 a quintal. Maize farmers, too, had suffered severe losses, with farmer Shekhar Reddy reportedly borrowing Rs 2 lakh to cultivate maize on two acres but losing the crop.

The BRS working president held the Congress government responsible for the crop loss and accused it of criminal negligence in ensuring irrigation water supply, despite 248 TMCft of water being available this year. He reminded the government that weather experts had warned of the El Nino impact and said the Congress government should therefore have stored the available water, filled tanks and supplied water through canals. He alleged that the Kalwakurthy and Palamuru-Rangareddy projects were not being operated to their full capacity.

He also raised the issue of power supply shortages after farmers complained that only single-phase power was available after 7 pm and that three-phase supply was frequently interrupted, making it difficult to operate agricultural pump sets.

Rama Rao recalled that the previous BRS government provided irrigation to around 8-8.5 lakh acres in the erstwhile Mahbubnagar district through the Jurala, Kalwakurthy, Nettampadu, Koilsagar and Palamuru-Rangareddy projects. He stated that while Palamuru was facing crop losses, Krishna River water was being diverted to Andhra Pradesh from the Srisailam reservoir.

He assured the farmers that he would take up the issue with agriculture officials and the Agriculture Minister over their grievances. He also assured farmers that the BRS would continue its fight and mobilise BRS MLAs to press the government for relief until compensation was provided.

Bank Strike Deferred Following IBA-UFBU Talks

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In a major relief to bank customers across the country, the proposed three-day nationwide bank strike scheduled to begin on Monday has been deferred. The decision came following a crucial late-night meeting between the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) on Sunday. With the strike put on hold, all public sector banks, old-generation private banks, and regional rural banks will function normally on Monday, averting widespread disruptions to critical branch operations like cheque clearances, cash deposits, and withdrawals.

Earlier, the UFBU—an umbrella body representing seven prominent bank employees' and officers' unions—had called for a three-day agitation pressing for a five-day work week and other long-pending demands. The forum had also threatened an indefinite strike from October 26, 2026, if their issues remained unresolved. Following the breakthrough in the talks, branch operations and clearing systems that were anticipated to be hit

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Modi: Surgical Strikes Reset Our Terror Policy

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New Delhi, Sept. 27: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the 2016 surgical strikes marked a decisive change in India's response to terrorism and demonstrated to the world its policy of hitting back firmly at terror networks. Speaking in his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat, Modi said India followed a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism. From the Balakot air strike to Operation Sindoor, the country had repeatedly made clear that any terror attack would invite a befitting response, he said.

"A major historic achievement of India is set to mark its 10th anniversary in just a day — this achievement is the surgical strikes. Ten years ago, on September 28-29, 2016, the Indian Army carried out surgical strikes on terrorist hideouts in Pakistan," Modi said. He said the world was astonished by the manner in which Indian soldiers crossed the Line of Control (LoC) and acted against terror launch pads.

"The surgical strike boldly demonstrated to the entire world a new example of India's counter-terrorism policy," he said. The Indian Army conducted the strikes across the LoC following the September 18, 2016, terror attack on an Army camp at Uri in Jammu and Kashmir, in which 18 soldiers were killed. Recalling a period when serial bomb blasts had become frequent in India, Modi referred to the September 13, 2008, Delhi blasts and the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

"In the past too, there used to be demands for action against Pakistan following every terror attack, but such calls were often not given due attention; time to pass by was simply awaited," he said. Modi's remarks came two days after Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif raised Kashmir at the UN General Assembly. India has consistently rejected Pakistan's assertions, maintaining that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of the country.

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, 2025, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in

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Shah Flags Off India's First LNG Train

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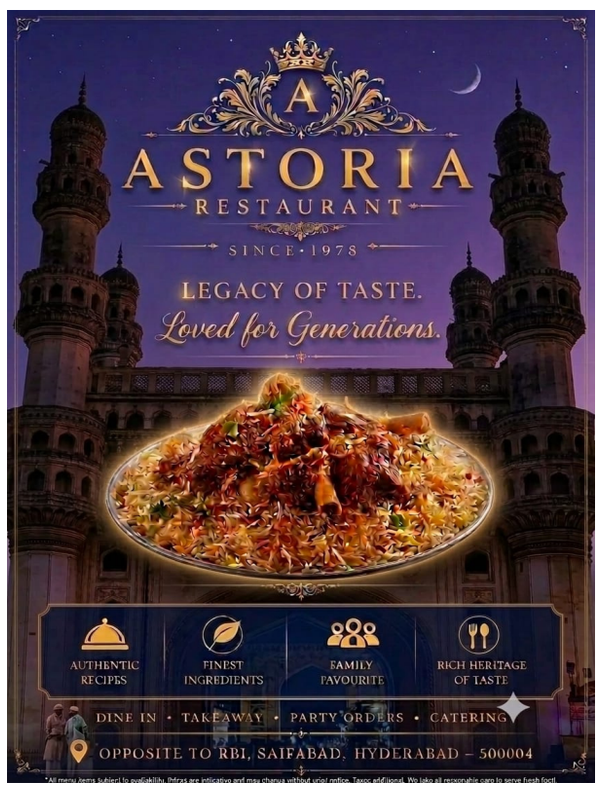
Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had transformed the railways and urged the public to challenge the Congress to a debate based on facts and figures. Addressing a gathering after flagging off the country's first LNG train from Sabarmati station in Gujarat, Shah accused the Congress of corruption during its tenure and claimed that no one had been able to accuse Modi of corruption in 12 years.



"Before 2014, this country was ruled by one family. I want to talk only about railways. Dedicated freight corridor, rapid rail system, premium stations, all these have been started by Modiji. And by inaugurating a train running on hydrogen, he has placed India among just 4 countries in the world," he said. "The Congress speaks nonsense. The people of the country should ask them to discuss figures. You (Congress) did nothing except fraud, scams and corruption worth Rs 12 lakh crore. But no one has been able to accuse Modi of corruption of even four annas in 12 years," Shah said.

During the programme, Shah also flagged off a WAG-12 electric locomotive and inaugurated, dedicated to the nation or laid foundation stones for rail-

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NVS Reddy Gets Key Role in Metro Operations, Common Ticketing

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N.V.S Reddy, former managing director of Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) and government adviser on urban transport and Metro Rail, was entrusted with additional responsibilities, including overseeing the operations and maintenance of the existing network and coordinating the proposed common ticketing system with the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) and other modes of public transport.According to an order issued by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Saturday, Reddy will coordinate with additional managing director B. Ajith Reddy to ensure that the operations and maintenance of Phase-I Metro Rail were carried out as per standard safety and operations and maintenance requirements. He will work on introducing daily, weekly and monthly Metro Rail passes, either independently or jointly with the RTC. The government has also tasked Reddy with providing inputs for planning traffic and transportation-related works and projects of GHMC, CMC, MMC, HMDA, FCDA.



BRS moves into election mode ahead of poll schedule

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Moving into election mode without waiting for the formal schedules to be announced, the BRS has commenced preparations for the Khairatabad Assembly bypoll and the two Graduate MLC elections. While the Election Commission has commenced voter registration for the Graduate MLC elections, which will fall vacant in March next year, the bypoll schedule is expected after the conclusion of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in the State next month.

The Supreme Court's dismissal of former BRS MLA Danam Nagender's challenge to his disqualification has cleared the way for the Khairatabad bypoll. The Telangana High Court had disqualified Nagender, with the order taking effect from April 23, 2024, after he joined the ruling Congress and contested the Lok Sabha election from the Secunderabad constituency while continuing as the BRS MLA. Rather than wait for the election notification, the BRS has started assessing its ground strength in Khairatabad and the prospects of potential candidates. BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao and working president KT Rama Rao have discussed the bypoll strategy, including candidate selection, organisational mobilisation and local issues.

The party is also planning division-wise assessments and coordination with local leaders, with an emphasis on strengthening the organisation and reaching voters before the formal election process begins.

The preparations have now extended to the two Graduate MLC constituencies, where the BRS is holding a series of meetings with leaders from the six districts covered by the elections. Rama Rao held separate meetings with leaders from Warangal, Nalgonda and Khammam at Telangana Bhavan on Saturday, with a focus on voter enrolment. He is scheduled to meet leaders from Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy and Hyderabad over the next two days.

Party leaders have been tasked with ensuring that every eligible graduate is enrolled as a voter and that they are fully prepared by the time the election notification is issued.

The BRS leadership also wants the party's organisational machinery and responsibilities to be finalised well in advance, indicating that it intends to use the enrolment process itself as an early phase of its election mobilisation.

The BRS lost the previous Graduate MLC election in the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda region by a narrow margin and is planning to leave no stone unturned to secure victory. While the candidates are yet to be finalised, the party leadership has asked the cadre to work collectively irrespective of the eventual candidate, as the contest would be fought on behalf of the BRS.

The party is seeking to convert its criticism of the Congress government into electoral support among graduates. Party sources said students, unemployed youth and graduates were dissatisfied with the government.

Jagadish Reddy Opposes Power Privatisation, Slams Congress Govt

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Former minister and BRS MLA G. Jagadish Reddy accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its promises and criticised it over irrigation, drinking water and electricity supply. He alleged that the government was attempting to privatise Telangana's power sector and warned that such a move could adversely affect farmers and consumers.Jagadish Reddy recalled that the BRS government under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had strengthened the transmission and distribution network and introduced 24-hour power supply. He claimed that thousands of kilometres of power lines were laid and substations were expanded to improve supply. He alleged that the present government was now attempting to hand over profitable power assets, including Transco, to private interests.He said the BRS would strongly oppose the proposed privatisation and launch a political struggle against what he described as an anti-people policy. Jagadish Reddy also expressed concern that privatisation could affect free electricity for farmers and subsidies available to certain sections.On the power shortage, he questioned the government's handling of coal supplies to thermal power plants. He alleged that good-quality G9 coal produced by Singareni was being diverted to neighbouring states while Telangana plants faced shortages. He cited claims regarding G9 coal production from 13 Singareni mines and questioned the reported discrepancy involving around 40 lakh tonnes of coal. These claims have also featured in recent BRS statements, while the government has cited coal availability issues in relation to Yadadri generation.Jagadish Reddy demanded immediate measures to restore full-scale power generation and questioned why the government was waiting until Dussehra to increase generation. He alleged that Telangana had sufficient capacity to meet additional demand and urged the government to act immediately.

Chekkala Balraju Dies During Brain Stroke Treatment



Chekkala Balraju, who had been undergoing treatment for a brain stroke at Supraja Hospital in Nagole, passed away on Sunday evening, according to information shared by his family members and well-wishers.Balraju had been receiving medical treatment after suffering a brain stroke and was undergoing care at the hospital. During his treatment, his family had appealed to relatives, friends and well-wishers for financial assistance, as the medical expenses, including surgery, were estimated at around ₹10 lakh.Responding to the appeal, several friends, relatives and well-wishers came forward to extend financial assistance and other forms of support.

Their contributions provided much-needed help to the family as they faced the financial and emotional challenges associated with his treatment.

Despite the medical treatment and efforts made to support his recovery, Balraju breathed his last on Sunday evening. His passing has left his son Prashant Chekkala, other family members, relatives, friends and well-wishers in deep sorrow.The Thalka family expressed heartfelt condolences to Prashant Chekkala and the bereaved family. They conveyed solidarity with the family and prayed that they find strength and courage to cope with the loss.Balraju's death has saddened those who had supported him during his treatment and stood by his family during the difficult period.

Khairatabad Assembly bypoll first test after SIR exercise in Telangana

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An inevitable by-election to the Khairatabad Assembly Constituency is set to be the first test of the prospects of different political parties after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the State.

Before the SIR process commenced, the Khairatabad Assembly constituency had 2,93,667 electors. However, the draft rolls brought the number down to 1,70,195, with only those who submitted enumeration forms included.

As many as 1,23,472 voter names have already been excluded from the draft rolls under the Absent, Shifted, Death and Double votes (ASDD) category. Of these, 95,082 electors were cited as having permanently shifted from their residences in the Khairatabad constituency.

In addition, 81,404 notices have been served on electors for not being linked to the SIR 2002 list and for discrepancies in their enumeration forms. It remains to be seen how many of the electors who have received notices will be included in the final electoral list to be published on November 9.

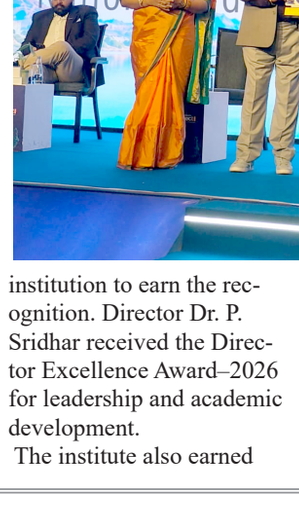
The Supreme Court recently dismissed former Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender's petition challenging the Telangana High Court judgment that disqualified him from the Assembly for defecting from the BRS to Congress. This judgement made the by-election to Khairatabad constituency inevitable. As per the rules, by-election should be conducted within six months of the vacancy.

In 2023 general elections, a total of 1,53,730 (52.34 percent) out of the 2,96,036 votes were polled and Danam Nagender contesting as the BRS candidate, won with 67,368 votes, while his opponent P Vijaya Reddy from Congress polled 45,358 votes.

Before the SIR process commenced, the constituency had more than 85,000 BC, 75,000 Muslim and 65,000 SC voters, who constituted a majority among the other groups. How does the composition of the electorate in the constituency emerge after the SIR exercise is to be seen.

All-Party Meeting on BC Census Scheduled in Delhi on Oct 8

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The BC Welfare Association will organise a national-level all-party meeting at Constitution Club in Delhi on October 8 to discuss the inclusion of an OBC column in the upcoming population census, along with the existing SC and ST categories, association national president Jajula Srinivas Goud said on Sunday.

Goud said the meeting would bring together representatives of political parties, social experts, intellectuals and BC organisations to build pressure for the inclusion of comprehensive OBC caste data in the census. He alleged that the Centre had promised to undertake a caste-based enumeration of BC communities but had failed to provide clarity on the OBC column.

He also criticised political parties for not raising the issue strongly and urged them to take a clear position on the demand for OBC representation in the census process.

Goud said the BC Welfare Association had earlier urged the Union government to convene an all-party meeting involving experts and civil society representatives, but claimed there had been no adequate response.

He demanded that the ongoing census process be stopped until an OBC column is incorporated. He also sought cancellation of the Gazette notification issued by the Centre on August 14 containing 40 questions.

Goud warned that BC organisations would launch a nationwide agitation if the Centre did not address their demands. He also called upon political parties to clarify their positions on the OBC census issue.

MLRITM Wins 13 National Recognitions at EduSkills Connect 2026

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Marri Laxman Reddy Institute of Technology and Management (MLRITM), Dundigal, has secured 13 national-level recognitions at EduSkills Connect 2026, held on September 25 and 26 at Jaipur Marriott Hotel, Rajasthan.

The awards were presented during the valedictory ceremony, attended by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Ramdas Athawale as chief guest. MLRITM received the Best Campus Placement Institution Excellence Award–2026, becoming the only Telangana institution to earn the recognition. Director Dr. P. Sridhar received the Director Excellence Award–2026 for leadership and academic development.

The institute also earned awards for AI skilling and performance across EduSkills, Wadhwani Foundation, Celonis, Zscaler, HPE Juniper, Ansys, Microchip and Siemens initiatives.

Sneha Vankudothu Enters HCU Polls as BSF General Secretary Candidate



Sneha Vankudothu is contesting for the General Secretary post in the Hyderabad Central University Students' Union elections as an independent candidate backed by the Bahujan Students' Front (BSF). The organisation is focusing on student rights, social justice and autonomy for Bahujan students.Hailing from a tribal village in Warangal district, Sneha studied at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya and completed her graduation from Delhi University. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Sociology at HCU.Sneha said reservations enabled students like her from Adivasi and Bahujan communities to access higher education and pledged to work for protecting such rights. BSF said its agenda draws inspiration from Buddha, Jyotirao Phule, Savitribai Phule, B.R. Ambedkar, Ramabai, Periyar and Kanshi Ram.Its key issues include timely fellowships and scholarships, affordable mess and canteen prices, and a safe and inclusive campus for women and persons with disabilities. The elections are scheduled for September 28.

Clear Accountability Needed for Meter Readings, Power Shutdown Notices

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Clear accountability is needed in rural areas regarding electricity meter readings and communication about planned power interruptions, particularly as consumers increasingly receive information through WhatsApp and other social-media platforms.

The Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) states in its official FAQ that under the Spot Billing system, an authorised meter reader visits the consumer's premises, records the meter reading and generates the bill using a handheld computer. Consumers therefore need a reasonable mechanism to verify the identity and authority of anyone collecting meter-reading information.

The issue is equally important when it comes to planned power shutdowns. TGSPDCL provides official channels for outage-related information, consumer services and grievances, including its 24×7 1912 helpline. The utility also publishes information regarding scheduled maintenance shutdowns through official channels.



However, official material does not establish that every individual cadre, such as a Deputy Engineer, Assistant Engineer or lineman, is personally responsible for publicly announcing every shutdown. This distinction is important when assessing messages circulated locally.

When a planned shutdown affects a village, feeder or specific locality, residents should ideally be able to identify the authorised source of the information, the affected area, the expected interruption period and, where available, the reason for the shutdown.

Messages circulated through WhatsApp or other social-media platforms should not automatically be treated as official merely because they mention an electricity department, employee or local area. At the same time, the circulation of a message alone does not establish that it is false. Consumers should verify important information through official TGSPDCL channels or by contacting 1912.

The need for clear communication is particularly significant in rural areas, where farmers depend on electricity for agricultural pumps, irrigation, livestock-related activities and water supply. Advance information about maintenance-related interruptions can help households and farmers make necessary arrangements.

A transparent communication system can also reduce confusion and misinformation while improving consumer confidence. Electricity consumers should have clarity not only about who is authorised to record their meter readings, but also about how official information regarding shutdowns and restoration is communicated.

The broader public-interest concern is therefore clear identification, verification and accountability. A defined communication chain between electricity officials and consumers can ensure that important information reaches the public accurately and through recognised channels.

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.

KTR welcomes Revanth to Sircilla, demands white paper on development

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has sought a white paper on Sircilla's development and details of an alleged 8,000-acre government land takeover ahead of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's visit, while raising demands concerning weavers, farmers and welfare schemes

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Welcoming Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to Sircilla on his first visit in three years, BRS working president and Sircilla MLA KT Rama Rao demanded that the Congress government release a white paper on the constituency's development since it came to power. He sought clear timelines for implementing promises made to the constituency.

He challenged Revanth Reddy to address people's concerns instead of confining his visit to political criticism and personal attacks on BRS leaders. He also sought answers to questions concerning land, weavers, farmers, youth, students and welfare schemes.

In an open letter to Revanth Reddy on Sunday, Rama Rao challenged the government to publish complete details of its allegation that BRS leaders had taken over 8,000 acres of government land and that 2,400 acres had been recovered. He sought details of the location, mandal, village, survey numbers, extent and ownership of the lands. If the allegations were true, he demanded that the government release a white paper; failing which, the Chief Minister should apologise to the people of Sircilla for what he termed false propaganda.

Questioning the Congress government's support for the textile sector, the Sircilla MLA demanded payment of Rs 60 crore in pending dues to weavers, restoration of the 10 per cent yarn subsidy, an exclusive yarn depot in Sircilla and revival of the Rs 5 lakh Nethanna Bima (life insurance) scheme. He also sought a timeline for operationalising the weaving park and setting up new industries in the apparel park.

For farmers, he sought clarity on pending Rythu Bandhu payments, the promised Rs 15,000-per-acre assistance, the Rs 2 lakh loan waiver, Rythu Bima (life insurance) and support for tenant farmers. He also demanded a timeline for taking water from the Malkapet reservoir to the Upper Manair project.

Rama Rao sought funds for the JNTU engineering college, clearance of pending school infrastructure bills, new industries, irrigation works and market infrastructure. He also questioned the government over the alleged cancellation of CESS and sought restoration of welfare schemes, including payment of pensions, fee reimbursement and other pending dues. "The Congress has been evading answering the people for nearly three years over its failure to deliver on electoral promises. You cannot escape anymore," he asserted.

BRS confident of victory in Khairatabad bypoll, says minority cell leader

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BRS Minority Cell General Secretary Abdul Muqeet Mohiuddin Chanda said the decade-long tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao witnessed significant development and welfare initiatives across Telangana, particularly in Hyderabad.

Chanda said the KCR-led government focused on improving living standards for people across different sections of society. He pointed to major infrastructure projects undertaken in Hyderabad, including road development, flyovers, link roads and other urban infrastructure works.

He also highlighted the steps taken by the previous government to address power supply issues, claiming that uninterrupted electricity was ensured for various sectors during the BRS administration.

According to Chanda, the BRS government also undertook large-scale recruitment to fill government vacancies and implemented several welfare programmes aimed at supporting economically weaker and vulnerable sections.

He cited Aasara pensions, Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaadi Mubarak, Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima among the key schemes introduced during the BRS regime. He said social security pensions were enhanced and financial assistance was extended to women and various communities.

"People of Hyderabad have witnessed the development and welfare programmes implemented during the BRS government and continue to remember them," Chanda said.

Speaking about the proposed Khairatabad Assembly constituency by-election, Chanda claimed that the BRS has a strong organisational network in the constituency. He expressed confidence that the party's candidate would receive public support whenever the by-election is held.

Chanda said the BRS would continue to highlight its record in development, welfare and social security while seeking support from voters in Khairatabad.

Telangana employees' JAC to continue stir, says agitation only paused

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Asserting that there was no question of compromising with the government on employees' interests, Telangana Employees Joint Action Committee (TG EJAC) Chairman Maram Jagadeeshwar said the JAC has not called off its proposed agitation over issues of employees, teachers and pensioners in the State.

Speaking at the State Teachers' Union's (STU) 80th anniversary celebrations held here on Sunday, Jagadeeshwar said the JAC had only announced a temporary pause and would continue its phased-wise protests in the coming days.

"The government has announced two DAs. A DA, which is due from July 2026, is yet to be released, and three DAs that are currently pending. Another DA will become due in six months. The PRC also has to be announced. We will fight as a JAC to secure these," he said.

Congress Leaders Protest SIR Process, Demand Gyanesh Kumar's Resignation

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TPCC Vice President and Sanathnagar Constituency In-charge Dr. Kota Neelima organised a protest against alleged irregularities and concerns surrounding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. SR Nagar Division President Devulapalli Ravi Kiran also participated in the programme and expressed concern over changes being made to voter lists.

The protesters demanded that the Election Commission ensure that the names of eligible voters are not removed during the revision process. They stressed that voting is a fundamental democratic right and said every eligible citizen should be given an opportunity to exercise that right.

The leaders called for greater transparency and accountability in the SIR process and urged the Election Commission to address public concerns, objections and doubts regarding the revision of electoral rolls.

They also demanded comprehensive measures to ensure that the electoral process remains transparent and that public confidence is maintained. During the protest, the participants called for the resignation of Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The Congress leaders said the party would continue raising issues concerning voters' rights and democratic processes. They urged the Election Commission to take immediate steps to address concerns surrounding the SIR exercise and safeguard the participation of eligible voters.

Tech Leader Ravi Kiran Leads Smart Safety Initiative in SR Nagar

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Devulapally Ravi Kiran, a technology professional and community leader, is combining his corporate experience with grassroots initiatives to strengthen civic welfare and public safety in SR Nagar.

Originally from Suryapet, Ravi Kiran completed his B.Tech in Hyderabad and later earned an MBA with specialisations in Marketing and Finance. He also pursued postgraduate studies in Data Science and Cloud Technologies, building expertise in emerging technologies. He currently works as an Executive Manager at multinational company Hexagon.

Alongside his corporate responsibilities, Ravi Kiran has taken an active role in community development. As President of the SR Nagar Welfare Association, he works on local infrastructure issues and residents' concerns. He also serves as the Congress Party President of the SR Nagar Division and is associated with charitable activities as Treasurer of the Lions Club Abhaya Banjara.

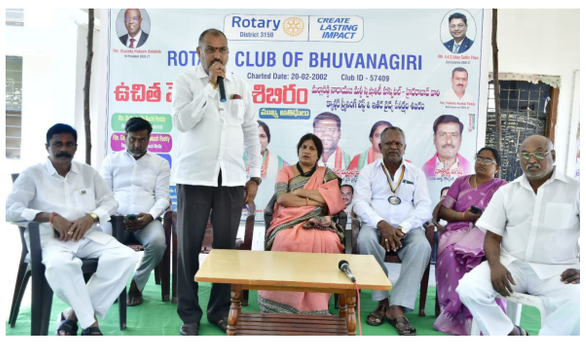
Recently, Ravi Kiran led an initiative to strengthen security around Community Hall Lane 1, near Narayana Medical Institute in SR Nagar. Advanced voice-enabled CCTV cameras and loudspeaker systems have been installed in the area to support real-time surveillance and public communication.

The technology enables monitoring of activity while also allowing alerts or announcements to be broadcast through the connected audio system. The initiative is aimed at improving safety for residents, students, pedestrians and commuters in the locality.

The installation reflects Ravi Kiran's effort to combine his technology background with community-focused initiatives, using modern surveillance solutions to address local safety concerns and support a more secure neighbourhood.

Free Cancer Screening Camp Gets Strong Response in Bhuvanagiri

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A free cancer screening and comprehensive medical camp organised by the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri in association with Malla Reddy Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital, Hyderabad, received a strong response from residents on Sunday.

Bhuvanagiri Municipal Chairperson Thangallapalli Srivani Ravikumar inaugurated the camp and stressed the importance of early cancer detection, particularly encouraging women to undergo regular screenings.

Free cancer screening, 2D Echo and other medical tests were conducted, while specialist doctors provided consultations and medical advice based on the results.

Rotary Club President Kuchipatla Satyanarayana Reddy, Assistant Governor Pakkiru Kondal Reddy, Secretary Kadaru Ramesh Babu, Treasurer Pendam Venugopal, Chairman–Social Media Rtn. G. Gnana Prakash Reddy, Municipal Vice-Chairperson Pothamshetty Manjula Venkateshwarlu and Councillor Nakoti Nagesh participated.

The camp also received support from local donors. Zakir of Prince Medical Hall donated medicines worth approximately ₹1 lakh for beneficiaries. Pakkiru Kondal Reddy arranged breakfast and tea worth ₹2,000, while Saddi Venkat Reddy of Vivera Hotel provided free lunch worth around ₹25,000.

Several Rotary members, doctors, hospital staff and community representatives participated in the programme. Organisers said the initiative aimed to promote preventive healthcare, early diagnosis and greater awareness about cancer and other health conditions among the public.

TSWRTU seeks immediate hike in pay for 2,399 part-time Gurukul

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana Residential Social Welfare Teachers' Union (TSWRTU) urged the State government to immediately implement the decision to enhance the remuneration of 2,399 part-time teachers/lecturers working in SC gurukul institutions.

The SC Gurukul Society is presently running 268 institutions. Against 7,985 sanctioned teaching posts, only 4,888 regular teaching staff are currently in service, leaving 3,097 vacancies. In view of these vacancies, 2,399 part-time teachers/lecturers belonging to various cadres have been teaching for 15-20 years, the union said.Their responsibilities include classroom teaching, completion of syllabus, monitoring students' academic progress, conducting examinations and assessments, addressing students' academic doubts, and participating in academic activities, it said.

SC Welfare Body Seeks Immediate Implementation of Chevella Declaration

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The SC Welfare Association has urged the Telangana government to immediately implement the 12 promises made under the SC-ST Chevella Declaration during the elections. A delegation led by National President Teegala Ashok Kumar met Labour and Heavy Industries Minister Vivek Venkataswamy in Hyderabad and submitted a representation.

The leaders sought 18% SC reservation, ₹12 lakh financial assistance under Ambedkar Abhayahastam, house sites and ₹6 lakh housing assistance for homeless SC-ST families, restoration of assigned lands and resolution of podu land issues.

They also demanded special corporations, improved education and Gurukul facilities, reservation in government contracts and procurement, 12% ST reservation, special development programmes and better healthcare.

Minister Vivek Venkataswamy reportedly assured the delegation that he would bring the demands to the Chief Minister's attention. National General Secretary Mekala Kamalakar, State Women's President Lalitha, Erupula Chandu and others participated.

Prasad Foundation's Social Services in Miyapur Hailed as Exemplary

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The Prasad Foundation's continued social service initiatives in Miyapur were appreciated by MLA Arekapudi Gandhi, state Congress leader Movva Satyanarayana and former Miyapur corporator Uppalapati Srikanth.

The foundation organised its 20th Free Mega Health Camp at Janapriya West City Function Hall on Sunday. According to the organisers, the event marked the foundation's 50th major service programme.

Tdiolhe camp was conducted under the guidance of Prasad Foundation founder and chairman DSRK Prasad, director Donepudi Ramadevi and director and chief coordinator Leela Prasad, in association with Medicover Hospital.

State Congress leader Movva Satyanarayana inaugurated the carogy services, while former Miyapur corporator Uppalapati Srikanth inaugurated general medical services covering gynaecology, ophthalmology, dental, orthopaedic and cancer screening. Senior division leader Madhavaram Gopal Rao also attended the programme.

Residents were provided free health examinations, including ECG, 2D Echo, blood pressure checks, blood tests, dental examinations, eye tests and cancer screening. A total of 206 people underwent medical examinations during the camp.

Speaking at the event, Movva Satyanarayana said preventive healthcare and timely medical examinations were essential for public well-being. He praised the foundation for promoting the concept of "Health for All" through continuous community service in Miyapur and surrounding areas.

Leela Prasad highlighted several initiatives undertaken by the foundation, including distribution of books and school bags, support during the COVID-19 pandemic, medicines, vaccination drives, free examination kits for students, sewing machines and wet grinders for women, push-carts, umbrellas and solar lights for vendors.

Janapriya West City Colony president Sandeep Reddy supervised the programme. DSRK Prasad felicitated him and expressed gratitude for his support.

SC Refuses To Halt Trial Of IAS Officer Pooja Singhal

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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.

India Seeks No Territory, but Will Defend Itself: Singh

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said India did not seek to occupy any country's territory but would take all necessary measures to protect its security and strategic autonomy when threatened. Addressing a defence conclave in New Delhi, Singh said India's commitment to peace should not be mistaken for weakness. The country sought global stability, but not at the cost of its strategic autonomy, he said.

Singh ruled out dialogue with countries that promoted terrorism against India. Nations using terrorism as an instrument of state policy or sheltering terrorists must realise that it could not serve as a strategic asset, he said.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent remarks at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting, Singh said India was entitled to take all necessary measures against terrorism as long as a neighbouring country continued to support it.

Describing national security as a collective responsibility, he urged citizens to rise above divisions of religion, caste, language and region and put the national interest first. Singh said India was a "civilisational power" whose rise was based on inclusive development rather than confrontation. Its approach rested on respect, dialogue, prosperity, security and culture, drawing on the principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, he said.

Highlighting India's growing role in the Global South, Singh said the country had emerged as a trusted partner. Under Vaccine Maitri, India supplied more than 30 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses to over 100 countries and also provided medicines, digital payment solutions and technical expertise.

On defence self-reliance, Singh said India was moving from being a major arms importer to a trusted global supplier. Defence exports had risen from Rs 686 crore in 2013–14 to a record Rs 38,424 crore in 2025–26. The government had set an export target of Rs 50,000 crore by 2029, he said.

India was developing indigenous capabilities in aircraft and drone engines and fifth- and sixth-generation fighter jets. Growing global demand for Indian missiles, radars, ammunition and other platforms reflected confidence in the country's defence industry, Singh said. The defence allocation had increased from about Rs 2.53 lakh crore in 2013–14 to Rs 7.85 lakh crore in 2026–27. About 75 per cent of the capital acquisition budget, or Rs 1.39 lakh crore, had been reserved for domestic procurement.

Singh said warfare was expanding into cyber, space, electronic and information domains, with artificial intelligence, drones, autonomous systems, quantum technology and hypersonic weapons gaining prominence.

5,000 Rescued in Chhattisgarh Floods

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Wakeup telangana



Nearly 5,000 people have been rescued, including 16 airlifted, over the past two days after heavy rain swelled rivers across Chhattisgarh, officials said on Sunday. One boy died, and another remained missing after being swept away in the Arpa River in Bilaspur on Saturday. A teenage girl was swept away in Dhamtari, where an elderly man was also reported missing near a river. Although rainfall has subsided, continued inflows from upstream areas and releases from dams have aggravated flooding, particularly in Bastar and adjoining areas, officials said.

More than 1,000 people were rescued and shifted to relief camps in Bastar district over the past 24 hours, an official in Jagdalpur said. Sixteen people stranded in Dongaghat were rescued by helicopters on Sunday morning. The administration has set up 43 relief camps in urban and rural areas of the district, providing shelter, food and other essentials to more than 5,000 people, the official said. The Indravati river rose to 12.56 metres by 8 pm on Saturday, 4.26 metres above the danger mark. Teams have been directed to monitor vulnerable low-lying and riverside settlements round the clock and evacuate residents when necessary.

Bastar Collector Akash Chhikara and Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha visited affected areas, including Dongaghat and Asna, for the second consecutive day on Saturday. They also inspected a relief camp at Panarapara. Rescue teams on Saturday brought around six truck drivers and helpers to safety after they were stranded near Sonarpal on National Highway 30. Five trucks were caught in several feet of water on the Jagdalpur-Raipur road. The drivers and helpers climbed onto their vehicles' roofs and sought help from the administration through videos, the official said.

In Dhamtari, 65-year-old retired forest department employee Babulal Sahu went missing in Sirsida village. His mobile phone, shawl, walking stick and towel were found near the riverbank, raising fears that he had been swept away, officials said.

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

NEW DELHI
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Close on the heels of campus unrest at Jadavpur University after BJP came to power in West Bengal, another premier academic destination, Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute (SRFTI), witnessed a similar turbulence on Sunday when several students and a librarian were injured in a violent clash with members of an RSS-affiliated organisation, Akhil Bharatiya Grahak Panchayat (ABGP).

The ABGP state wing, Paschim Banga Pranta, organised a seminar at the main auditorium on the SRFTI campus at Panchasayar off EM Bypass in the city at around 12 pm for consumer awareness and membership drive. ABGP state president Pankaj Roy alleged that when the event was underway, a group of students stormed the venue, removed the organisation's posters and disrupted the flow with their protests.

He claimed, "We don't know why it happened though the auditorium was booked with full payment. None from the authorities were available there also." The incident took place days after the SRFTI got a new vice chancellor, Santosh Ajmera, an Indian Information Service officer. SRFTI students' union however stated, "The Student Union and the student body were not informed about the event before permission was granted."

It said, "At around 2:00 PM, students went to the Main Theatre to put up posters questioning the Institute's decision to allow such an event without informing the student community. The ABGP members present at the venue confronted the students and attempted to remove them from the theatre. The situation then escalated into physical violence against students." According to the student's union, "Students were verbally abused, including being called "anti-national" and "cockroaches". Members of the group then physically attacked students, including women students, using punches, kicks, stones, bricks, sticks and other objects. Students were chased through the campus, including students who were not part of the protest and were simply carrying out their academic work."

CISF Security For New NTA Office

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been deployed at the National Testing Agency's new office to strengthen security and regulate access to confidential areas following the NEET-UG paper leak and administrative lapses, officials said. The medical entrance examination paper leak earlier this year triggered nationwide student protests and led to the resignation of then Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

A day after Pradhan's resignation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a high-powered task force headed by Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani to recommend reforms to prevent examination paper leaks. The panel has yet to submit its report. According to a CBI chargesheet identifying three subject experts as the primary sources of the leak, experts were not checked or frisked while entering or leaving the NTA's confidential section. This allowed them to take notes from question papers on small chits made from sheets supplied for rough work and translation.

Fadnavis Attacks Rahul Gandhi Over 'Vote Theft' Allegations

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his allegations of "vote theft", accusing him of seeking to create anarchy rather than participate in the democratic process.

"There was no vote theft, but Rahul Gandhi's brain has been stolen," Mr. Fadnavis said, taking a dig at the Congress leader. The senior BJP leader alleged that Mr. Gandhi was deliberately creating doubts about constitutional institutions and attempting to undermine public confidence in them, including the Election Commission of India (ECI).

"Rahul Gandhi gradually wants to defame all the constitutional institutions and subsequently raise a question mark over the Constitution of India because his mindset has become communist and far-left. He wants to bring a far-left government to power in India," Mr. Fadnavis claimed. He said the Congress and Mr. Gandhi had failed to secure the support and confidence of the people and were therefore seeking to create a trust deficit in constitutional institutions and systems.

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"This is their strategy, but it will not help them as the people understand these things," he said. Mr. Fadnavis also said parties that lose elections tend to blame the ECI for their defeat. However, he pointed out that the ECI was not questioned when the Congress won elections in Hyderabad, Punjab and Karnataka.

ED Attaches Assets Worth Rs 442 Cr In Probe Against Gameskraft

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Enforcement Directorate on Sunday said it had provisionally attached assets worth ₹442.35 crore in its money laundering investigation into online gaming company Gameskraft and its app RummyCulture. The agency said the attachment order was issued on September 25 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), taking the total value of assets attached or frozen in the case to ₹2,843 crore. The latest attachment covers fixed deposits, commercial shops, a villa and multiple residential properties held in the names of family members, private family trusts and entities associated with shareholders of Gameskraft Technologies Pvt. Ltd., the ED said.

According to the agency, Gameskraft Technologies and RummyTime Technologies operated online real-money games through apps under brands including RummyCulture, RummyPrime, Playship and RummyTime. The platforms had around three crore users across the country. The ED alleged that a "significant" number were in states where online real-money gaming was banned, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The agency alleged that, despite assuring users that the platforms were transparent, fair and free of automated players, the companies deployed bots — automated programs or algorithms — against users without their knowledge or consent. "The use of BOTs resulted in substantial financial losses to the users while generating proceeds of crime for the companies," the agency alleged. The ED also alleged that the companies' practices created an addictive gaming environment that encouraged repeated wagering, generating substantial proceeds of crime through platform commissions.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Modi: Surgical.....

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, 2025, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam attack, which killed 26 civilians. Referring to the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks in the United States, Modi said Indians constituted the largest group of victims after Americans among those killed at the World Trade Centre.

He recalled visiting New York after becoming Prime Minister in 2014 to pay homage to the victims and again conveyed India's condolences to their families. Turning to the Census, Modi urged citizens to participate in online self-enumeration, calling the exercise a national responsibility. He said more than 2.6 crore people had entered their details on the Census portal through mobile phones.

"Accurate information about you and your family helps create a precise picture of the country's future," he said. Modi also said millions of young people had pledged to stay away from substance abuse and spread awareness under the Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan. Paying tribute to Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Ashok Singhal on his birth centenary, Modi said Singhal had fought social discrimination and inequality alongside his involvement in the Ram temple movement. Ahead of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary on October 2, Modi urged people to draw inspiration from cleanliness initiatives being undertaken across the country.

Bank Strike.....

Earlier, the UFBU—an umbrella body representing seven prominent bank employees' and officers' unions—had called for a three-day agitation pressing for a five-day work week and other long-pending demands. The forum had also threatened an indefinite strike from October 26, 2026, if their issues remained unresolved. Following the breakthrough in the talks, branch operations and clearing systems that were anticipated to be hit are set to run as scheduled. New-generation private sector lenders like ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, and Axis Bank, along with digital banking channels, ATMs, and UPI networks, were already slated to stay functional.

Before the deferment was reached late Sunday, major lenders including the State Bank of India (SBI) had issued customer advisories warning of potential disruptions to branch services and encouraging patrons to rely on digital channels such as YONO and internet banking. The primary bone of contention remains the five-day banking week, a demand pending for several years. Union representatives, including Rupam Roy, General Secretary of the All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC), had stated that agitation was forced upon them after recent conciliation meetings before the Chief Labour Commissioner yielded no firm government commitment.

Shah Flags Off.....

During the programme, Shah also flagged off a WAG-12 electric locomotive and inaugurated, dedicated to the nation or laid foundation stones for railway projects worth more than ₹1,500 crore. These included line-doubling works, the Kavach train protection system, automatic signalling and a maintenance shed for WAG-12 electric locomotives. Shah said the trial of the first long double-stack container train from Mumbai to Vadodara had been completed successfully. He said it would help address constraints on freight movement, double carrying capacity and meet requirements up to 2040.

"Ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power in 2014, he has brought several new facilities in the railways and modernised it. Under the Modi government, 11000 km long rail corridor is being converted into a 4-track network, which will lead to a lot of convenience in traffic," he said. Shah said 97 per cent of bio-toilets in trains had been installed during the Modi government's tenure. He also said 87 per cent of the coaches referred to in the supplied figures had been manufactured in India during this period. He credited the government with 70 per cent of railway electrification and said the railway safety budget and locomotive production capacity had increased by 67 per cent .

CRIME

Fake SC1 Certificate Racket in Hyderabad To Help Secure a Medical Seat

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Fraudsters are allegedly supplying fake caste certificate racket for a fee, providing ineligible candidates fraudulent Scheduled Caste-1 certificates to help them secure admissions in medical colleges under the reserved category. One per cent of the total seats is earmarked for 10 sub-castes of Beda (Budga) Jangam under the SC1 category, giving candidates from this community a greater chance of securing admission in medical college because prospects for higher education remained acutely low among this community.

In NEET 2026, 117 candidates belonging to the SC1 category secured the qualifying 40th percentile, making them eligible for 61 seats reserved for this community. In the first and second phases of NEET counselling, 58 SC1 students secured admissions, while the remaining three seats needed to be filled up in the third phase. A student who appeared for NEET-2025 with a Scheduled Caste-3 certificate secured a rank of 2,88,029 and failed to get admission in MBBS. In NEET 2026, he claimed to belong to the Scheduled Caste-1 community and secured admission even though his rank fell by over 23,000 to 3,11,684.

Similarly, a student who failed to get admission in a medical course with a 7,17,772 rank in NEET-2025 as an SC3 candidate secured a medical college seat with a 5,24,719 rank in NEET 2026 under the SC1 reservation. Another student secured admission to MBBS with a 2,92,201 rank in NEET-2026 under the SC1 reservation, having appeared for NEET-2025 as an SC2 candidate. The leaders of Beda (Budga) Jangam suspected at least 20 out of 58 students, who secured admission for the MBBS course had produced fake SC1 certificates. All the fake caste certificates were reportedly obtained from various tasildar offices in Hyderabad, and Rangareddy districts.

According to official records, some students, who got admission in the medical college for MBBS course under the SC1 category in 2026, had listed their castes under SC2 and SC3 for NEET 2025.

Parvatham Anjaneyulu, a leader of the Telangana Beda Budiga Jangala Association, said they learned that a racket was operating in Hyderabad to obtain fake SC1 caste certificates for ineligible candidates to help them secure admission to medical courses. They reportedly collect huge amounts of money for getting fake certificates.

"When we saw the list of candidates who got admission under the SC1 category, we found at least 20 candidates, whose surnames were different from those in our community," he said..

Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences has already conducted two phases of counselling for qualified NEET-2026 candidates for admissions to medical courses, including MBBS in government and private medical colleges in Telangana. However, Anjaneyulu urged the state government to order an inquiry into the caste certificates of the 117 candidates qualified under SC1 and to postpone the third phase of counselling until then.

Army Soldier Missing in Haryana for Over a Year

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An Army soldier from Tealgana has been missing for over a year in Haryana, with his family still awaiting word on his whereabouts. Despite repeated appeals to the Ministry of Defence and police, there has been no breakthrough. The missing soldier is identified as Lance Naik Thota Anil (Army No. 15825830P) of Ailapur in Nandipet mandal, Nizamabad district. He went missing under suspicious circumstances on August 8, 2025, while on duty at the 33 Field Ammunition Depot, Ambala Cantonment. L/Nk Anil had enrolled in the Army on September 21, 2015, at the AOC Centre, Secunderabad.

His wife Anusha and their two-year-old son Shivansh are struggling through the uncertainty. "On August 7, Anil spoke to me over the phone as usual. The next day, officials informed us he was missing," Anusha told Deccan Chronicle. She said she had asked the Army to verify CCTV footage and mobile records, but was told cameras were not working due to a power cut. The family has approached Union minister of state Bandi Sanjay Kumar and minister Ponnam Prabhakar seeking help. Ex-servicemen welfare association president Bandela Surender Reddy said the family was in depression and criticised officials for failing to trace the soldier. "Either terrorists or the Line of Control are not connected to Haryana, yet the soldier remains untraced for a year," he said

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.

Give Land First, Then Seek Relief: High Court

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

TThe state government, which has not allotted an alternative two-acre piece of land for a project-displaced elderly woman for 20 years, has approached the Telangana High Court seeking a direction to set aside the Rs10 lakh compensation that it has been ordered to pay for keeping her running between offices and approaching the court for two decades. Even though it appealed for relief, the government is still to allot the woman, Dhanthakala Chinnamma, the two acres of alternative land despite the order of a single judge specifically ordering it in March 2026 to give her possession of the land within four weeks.

The irony before a division bench of Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice Vakiti Ramakrishna Reddy was that the state was seeking relief from the compensation amount that a single judge had imposed on it for the delay, even though the authorities had not complied with the principal direction to allot the alternative agricultural land and hand over its possession to Chinnamma. The state's contention was that it did not have land in the district to allot her.

The government acquired Chinnamma`s agriculture land in 2006 for the Sriramsagar project (SRSP), and allocated her an alternative two acres in Bolapur-II village of Mallapur mandal in Karimnagar district, vide D-I patta certificate. But, survey and revenue authorities did not give her possession, stating that third party persons were in possession of the land. This went on for two decades.

Chinnamma approached the High Court following which the single judge, in an order dated March 10, 2026, had directed the authorities to allot suitable agricultural land under the rehabilitation and resettlement scheme, demarcate it and give Chinnamma possession within four weeks, besides issuing pattadar passbook and title deed.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

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

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

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

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

The party knows that this move has the potential to divide people on religious lines and that it can spread the message of hate through those fault lines.

From the Preamble to the last Article, the Constitution talks about discarding the old baggage of bigotry and creating a new world for all Indians premised on the best of human attributes. Those ideals have stood the test of time. The Supreme Court's stand on the issue reaffirms the belief that it will stand in the way of attempts to undo all those values, and is hence reassuring.



Signature Global to Develop ₹6,000-Cr Luxury Villa Project in Gurugram

Signature Global to Create a New Benchmark in Privileged Luxury Living with 194 Acre Farmhouse Villa Destination

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Signature Global has announced plans to develop a 194.22-acre ultra-luxury farmhouse villa destination in Farrukhnagar, Gurugram West, with an estimated Gross Development Value (GDV) of ₹5,500–6,000 crore.

The company has acquired 25 acres of land and entered into a collaboration agreement for an additional 169.22 acres. The project will have approximately 6.77 million sq. ft. of developable potential and marks Signature Global's entry into the ultra-luxury farmhouse villa segment.

The development is envisioned as a low-density, private residential enclave featuring exclusively designed luxury farmhouse



villas surrounded by expansive green spaces and landscaped areas. It will also include curated sporting, hospitality, leisure and lifestyle experiences aimed at creating a premium living environment focused on space, privacy and exclusivity.

The project is strategically located around 15 minutes from the Dwarka Expressway and offers connectivity to the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway and Farrukhnagar-Wazirpur Road. The location also provides access to major residential and commercial hubs of Gurugram, Delhi and the wider National Capital Region.

Farrukhnagar is witnessing infrastructure development that could strengthen its connectivity and growth prospects. The Farrukhnagar-Gurugram road is proposed for a four-lane upgrade at an estimated investment of ₹365 crore. The region's master plan also focuses on improved roads, bypass infrastructure and civic amenities. Alignment planning for the proposed Gurugram-Farrukhnagar-Jhajjar highway is also being progressed by the National Highways Authority of India.

Signature Global Chairman and Founder Pradeep Aggarwal said Farrukhnagar's proximity to major expressways and availability of large open land parcels provide an opportunity to create a differentiated luxury residential destination. He said the company aims to develop a private, low-density community where space, greenery, privacy and curated experiences are central to the offering.

The new project will significantly expand Signature Global's development pipeline. The company reported sales bookings of ₹1,970 crore in the first quarter of the current fiscal and has delivered 19.2 million sq. ft. of real estate so far. In FY2025-26, Signature Global recorded sales bookings of ₹8,250 crore, placing it among India's leading listed real estate companies by sales bookings.

Sensex gains 315 points, Nifty rises 77 points after sharp sell-off

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty recovered on Friday after a sharp sell-off in the previous session, but analysts said the market's near-term trend remains cautious, with the Sensex needing to sustain above 74,000 and the Nifty above 23,300 to strengthen the recovery momentum.

The 30-share Sensex rose 315.20 points, or 0.43 per cent, to close at 73,895.74. During the day, the index touched an intra-day high of 73,968.05 and a low of 73,477.77, witnessing a swing of nearly 490 points. The recovery came a day after the Sensex slipped to its lowest level in more than three months.

The broader Nifty also rebounded, gaining 77.40 points, or 0.34 per cent, to settle at 23,140.50. Despite Friday's gains, technical analysts said the



market continues to exhibit a cautious undertone, with key resistance and support levels likely to determine the next directional move.

Market watchers said the Sensex continues to maintain a sideways-to-bearish outlook. According to experts, the 73,200-73,450 zone remains a crucial support area for the index.

"The Sensex continues to maintain a sideways-to-bearish outlook, with 73,200–73,450 acting as the crucial support zone. Sustained buying above 74,000 could strengthen the recovery and open the way towards 74,200–74,500, while a break below the support band may revive selling pressure," market watchers stated. "For now, traders should monitor the 73,500–74,000 zone closely along with OI changes for confirmation of the next move," analysts noted.

On the Nifty, experts said the index managed to recover modestly after Thursday's sharp fall but its short-term technical structure remains weak.

Technically, Nifty is witnessing a gradual deterioration in its weekly structure, with the recent breakdown below the 23,070 support zone weakening the near-term setup.

"On the upside, immediate resistance is placed at 23,400 and 23,600. A sustained move above this zone could provide some relief and help the index regain stability," market watchers stated.

"On the downside, support is seen at 23,000 and 22,800. A decisive breakdown below 22,800–23,000 could further weaken the structure and open room for additional downside," analysts added.

India's maritime insurance pool strengthens war-risk

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The launch of the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMIP) in May 2026 marks a significant development in India's maritime insurance sector, with the facility ensuring uninterrupted war-risk insurance coverage for Indian maritime stakeholders since its operational launch.

War-risk insurance premiums have fallen by about 35–40 per cent from their peak during the West Asia conflict. As of September 7, 2026, the pool had issued 3,000 Cargo War, 92 Hull War-risk and three Protection & Indemnity insurance policies, according to a government factsheet issued on Sunday.

Conflicts in the Red Sea and tensions near the Strait of Hormuz have disrupted vital shipping routes. With a major share of crude oil imported by sea, India's energy security depends on uninterrupted maritime insurance coverage. During the period of heightened tensions, foreign insurers increased premiums or stopped providing cover, sharply raising costs for shipowners and creating the need for a domestic safety net.

The insurance facility has government-backed support of Rs 12,980 crore ($1.4 billion), providing financial strength to meet obligations even in the event of catastrophic losses. The pool can cover risks worth Rs 13,906.5 crore ($1.5 billion), backed by a sovereign guarantee, increasing its capacity to cover large maritime losses, the factsheet stated.

Earlier, India lacked institutional depth in marine underwriting and claims management. BMIP is intended to build this expertise domestically, laying the foundation for a stronger domestic insurance sector and reducing reliance on foreign insurance hubs such as London and Switzerland.

BMIP has been designed to provide coverage across a broad range of maritime risk categories. It is intended to ensure that vessels and cargo involved in Indian trade have access to domestic insurance protection, regardless of the route or nature of the risk.

On July 30, 2026, India's first Protection & Indemnity insurance policy under BMIP was issued to Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. Issued by New India Assurance Company Ltd, the policy provides financial protection against third-party liabilities.

A Marine Cargo War Policy was also issued to Vedanta Sterlite Copper Ltd. It covers the company's imports of cable wires into India, demonstrating the pool's potential to serve large industrial importers and support the insurance needs of supply chains feeding Indian industry.

A policy was also issued to Balrampur Chini Mills Ltd, a sugar manufacturer. The facility is available not only to shipowners but also to businesses involved in moving goods by sea, including manufacturers and commodity traders.

Nandini price hike: Govt weighs farmer returns, consumer burden

BENGALURU
Wakeup telangana

A proposed increase in the price of KMF Nandini milk has triggered a fresh debate in Karnataka, with milk unions pressing for a Rs 10 per litre hike and the government examining procurement prices, production costs and rates prevailing in neighbouring states.

The issue was taken up after representatives of milk unions met Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and sought an increase, arguing that dairy farmers are facing mounting expenses. A delegation led by D.K. Suresh pointed to rising diesel, cattle feed, raw material and other operational costs affecting the dairy sector.

Shivakumar has asked officials to prepare comparative data on milk prices and the amount being paid to farmers in Karnataka and other states. The government will study the figures before taking the matter to the Cabinet for a final decision.

Karnataka currently pays around Rs 35 per litre to milk producers, according to the figures cited by the unions. This compares with around Rs 40.50 paid by Amul in Delhi, Rs 40.03 in Gujarat and Rs 40 in Maharashtra. Gokul in Maharashtra reportedly pays around Rs 40.05.

The figures also show higher procurement rates in southern states. Vijay brand in Telangana reportedly pays Rs 41.05 per litre, while Heritage pays around Rs 42. Aavin in Tamil Nadu pays around Rs 42.24 and Arokya around Rs 41. Milma in Kerala reportedly pays Rs 41.80.

Farmers have maintained that the present procurement price does not adequately cover the rising cost of dairy farming.

Odds of rate hike at RBI's October MPC meet on the rise: Economists

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) inflation mandate has likely reinforced the push to drain excess liquidity, with the odds of a rate hike at the October meeting on the rise, according to economists.

Short-end rates are likely to stay bid as markets price in these rate increases, they added.

According to Radhika Rao, Senior Economist and Executive Director, DBS Bank, pullback in benchmark oil prices helped to stabilise INR asset markets, though overnight climb in US yields might counteract some of the positive impact.

"USD/INR had ended around the mid-95 handle, though is set to resume its climb, attracting strong intervention bids. Liquidity conditions have tightened meaningfully following the central bank's sustained absorption operations, which have relied on a mix of open market operations, VRRR auctions, and short-tenor sell-buy



swaps," she explained.

Tax outflows, rising seasonal currency leakage, and intermittent FX sales likely helped further lower the surfeit.

As a result, the liquidity balance narrowed to below Rs 5 lakh crore last week from a peak of around Rs 10-11 lakh crore, helping to improve monetary policy transmission and align the weighted average call rate more closely with the repo rate.

Liquidity and core inflation have historically displayed a modest positive relationship, said the economist.

Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist and Strategist, HSBC Global Investment Research, said that they maintain the long-held view of two 25 bp hikes in the October and December meetings, respectively, taking the repo rate to 5.75 per cent.

Mahindra may hike SUV prices again in coming weeks amid rising commodity costs

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Mahindra & Mahindra is weighing another price increase across its SUV portfolio amid recent increases in commodity prices, with a decision expected in the next couple of weeks, said Nalinikanth Gollagunta, CEO, Automotive Division, Mahindra Group.

In an interview with PTI, Gollagunta said the company has already taken three price increases this year — in January, April and July, with the July increase being about 2.7 per cent on sports utility vehicles (SUVs).

"We're watching it very closely. As you know, we've already taken three increases — one in January, one in April, and a fairly significant one in July, about 2.7 per cent on SUVs. That said, it's something that can be very dynamic, so we continue to watch it," he said.

Elaborating further, Gollagunta said, "We'll probably take a call in the next couple of weeks on whether we need a price increase… I can't say we will or we won't, but it's something we're looking



at closely, given the recent price increases in commodities."

He said recent price increases across the auto industry have not affected customer inquiries or bookings, with vehicles still priced below pre-GST levels.

"No, primarily for a couple of reasons — we're still well below pre-GST prices, so demand continues to be quite intact and robust at this point," Gollagunta said.

On the festive season, he said demand should be strong for Mahindra as well as across the industry, helped by prices remaining below pre-GST (Goods and Services Tax) levels and a refreshed product portfolio.

"Festive should be very good for us, and across the industry, for a couple of reasons. We've had inflationary pressures, but the reality is the GST price cuts from last year are holding us all well below pre-GST prices, even with the inflationary price increases we've made over the past year or so," he said.

On hybrid technology, Gollagunta said Mahindra remains focused on electric vehicles and would adapt if the regulatory environment changes.

"We're very clear in our minds — EV is the end state the country is heading towards, and that's also what the government has made clear to the industry. If you look at the CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency) norms, there's a very clear differentiation between the benefits given to an EV versus a hybrid. So our focus is on EVs to that extent. If the regulatory environment changes, we have the ability to adapt, but at this point our focus is primarily on EVs," he said.

On capacity, Gollagunta said Mahindra currently has about 60,000 units of monthly ICE (internal combustion engine) capacity and about 8,000 units of EV (electric vehicle) capacity, and is largely delivering at those levels.

"The next set of capacity increases will happen at the end of March, early April — the 60,000 ICE capacity will go to 70,000, and the EV capacity of 8,000 will go to 12,000. So, where we are now, we're at 68,000, and we'll go to 84,000 in about six months," he said.

Gollagunta also said the company has several product refreshes and two major launches lined up over the next two quarters.

"We'll have a set of refreshes coming — some of this we've already talked about. We have about 5 (product) refreshes; a few have already happened, and two or three more are coming up.

SC to hear plea against MDR on UPI payments above Rs 2,000

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court will on Monday hear a plea challenging the Centre's decision to impose a Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on specified UPI person-to-merchant transactions of over Rs 2,000.

Ending nearly six years of fully free UPI payments, the government has introduced a 0.4 per cent fee on transfers worth over Rs 2,000 made to merchants through the UPI platform from October 15 while explicitly ring-fencing everyday person-to-person transactions and small payments from any charge.

The MDR will be capped at Rs 300 for payments of Rs 75,000 and above.

Essential and thin-margin sectors — railways, telecom, insurance, fuel and agricultural inputs — will pay a flat MDR of Rs 5 per transaction above Rs 2,000.

Payments into mutual funds, securities and through stockbrokers and dealers will attract 0.02 per cent MDR, also capped at Rs 300.

Person-to-person (P2P) transfers — which make up 37 per cent of UPI's transaction volume and 70 per cent of its transaction value — will continue to attract zero charges, irrespective of size.

According to the apex court's cause list of September 28, the plea would come up for hearing before a bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana.

The public interest litigation (PIL) filed by advocate Anjan Datta has challenged the Centre's September 14 notification and the MDR framework.

Kareena Kapoor sweats it out with intense 'KKK Flow' workout

Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor enjoyed her Sunday with an intense workout session.

Providing netizens a glimpse into her latest workout routine, Bebo shared a short clip of her 'KKK Flow' whiteboard.

Sharing her workout routine for the day, Kareena shared that she will be performing Bell Complex, Pull Overs, Gun Slingers, Halos, and Oblique Rotations as part one of the routine, while Zone 2 will have Db Lift Over Core.

Expressing her excitement, Kareena added the text "lets Go!!!"

However, this is not the first time that Bebo has shared such a motivational post regarding her workout.

On Friday, the 'K3G' actress uploaded a whiteboard titled 'KKK Flow'. An amalgamation of strength training, conditioning and cardio exercises, Kareena divided her workout into two parts. Part A included 10 step-back kettlebell chops, 10 wide-stance kettlebell



lift-to-row repetitions, and two laps of sled pushes, whereas Part B comprised 200 metres on the ski erg, 200 metres of rowing and a one-minute bear hold.

Kareena has been a constant motivation for fitness enthusiasts.

Her fitness journey made headlines when she transformed for her 2008 release 'Tashan' and made 'size zero' a nationwide phenomenon.

However, Bebo has repeatedly said that she did not starve herself to achieve 'size zero'. Kareena claims that she enjoyed her favourite foods, including parathas while on her journey to achieving that physique.

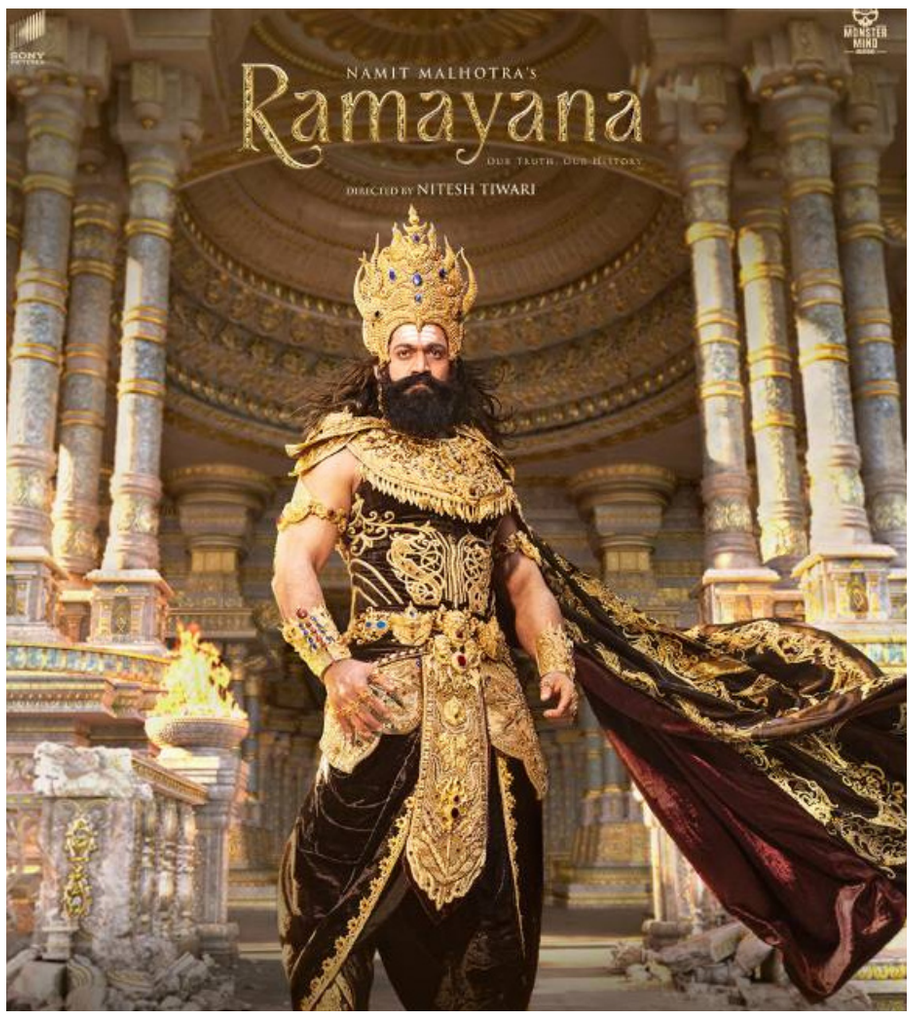
On the professional front, Kareena recently graced the screen with Meghna Gulzar's crime thriller 'Daayra'.

Released in theatres on September 18, the movie marked Bebo's first on-screen association with Malayalam star Prithviraj Sukumaran.

Their co-actor, Saksham Dayma, also shared his experience of working alongside Kareena and Prithviraj in the film.

He revealed that neither of them made him feel intimidated on set. Saksham recalled the atmosphere on the set as comfortable and collaborative, which allowed him to work with the two accomplished actors without feeling overwhelmed.

Yash unveiled as Ravana in Nitesh Tiwari's 'Ramayana'



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The makers of the highly anticipated film "Ramayana" have unveiled the first-look poster of actor Yash, who portrays the powerful character of Ravana in the upcoming epic adaptation.The poster, released on Instagram on Saturday and later shared by Yash, presents the actor in a striking royal appearance. Yash is seen wearing a glittering golden crown adorned with precious-looking gems, along with layered pearl necklaces and elaborate gold bracelets. The poster carries a simple caption — "Ravana" — highlighting the character's grandeur.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, "Ramayana" is being produced by Namit Malhotra's DNEG and Prime Focus Studios and is being mounted on a global scale.The film boasts an impressive ensemble cast, with Ranbir Kapoor as Ram, Sai Pallavi as Sita, Ravie Dubey as Lakshman and Sunny Deol as Hanuman. Vivek Oberoi is also part of the cast as Vidyutjihva.

Adding to the film's international appeal, Oscar-winning composer Hans Zimmer and Grammy-winning composer James Newton Howard are attached to the project's music."Ramayana" is set to release in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam, aiming to reach audiences across India and beyond.

India's 1-1 draw with Panama creates football history in Bengaluru

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

There are results that look good on the scoreboard. Then there are results whose significance becomes clearer when placed alongside everything that came before them.

India's 1-1 draw with Panama at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Friday belongs firmly in the latter category. By the measure of the FIFA World Ranking, the Blue Tigers had never before earned a result against an opponent ranked as high as Panama.

The Central Americans arrived in Bengaluru ranked 44th in the world, 94 places above 138th-ranked India. Ryan Williams' first-half goal and a disciplined yet adventurous team performance ensured that gap never translated onto the scoreboard. In the FIFA World Ranking era, Panama are now the highest-ranked opposition against whom the Indian men's national team have avoided defeat.

The previous benchmark



had stood for almost 22 years. On November 5, 2004, India defeated Kuwait 3-2 in an international friendly in Kuwait City. Kuwait were ranked 60th at the time, while Stephen Constantine's India were 138th. Until Friday night at the Kanteerava, no team placed higher than the West Asians in the rankings had failed to beat India.

For Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, however, the statistic also came with a lingering feeling that India could have taken even more from the evening.

"It is a great result for us, but in my opinion, it could have been even better because we were very close to getting a victory at home," the captain said.

"We knew Panama were a big team. They played at the World Cup and were in the top 40 around that time, and now they are 44th. So we knew it was going to be a big challenge.

"But all the credit goes to the staff and the boys who played and gave everything. Without that effort, discipline and commitment, it would not have been possible. And also to the people who came to the stadium, cheered for us and pushed us to give everything.

Virat Kohli, Shubman Gill hundreds power India to eight-wicket win over West Indies in first ODI

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Maestro Virat Kohli and skipper Shubman Gill displayed their mastery in 50-over format with virtuoso hundreds as India subdued the West Indies by eight wickets in the first ODI here on Sunday.

India now lead the three-match series 1-0, after Kohli (139 not out, 10×4, 9×6) and Gill (110, 107b) milked 150 runs for the second wicket to help the hosts scale down 296 in 41.4 overs, ending up at 300 for two.

West Indies too had a centurion in their ranks in Justin Greaves, but his maiden effort — 101 — is now destined to remain as an afterthought as it was already overshadowed by Kuldeep Yadav's excellent four-wicket burst.

But even Greaves will not complain about that after remaining a reverent student during India's innings, watching a GOAT and another batter looking to attain that status working in tandem.

Here's a quick look at the stats: Gill crunched his 10th ODI hundred and Kohli steamrolled



Windies for his 55th ton, and 86th in international cricket.

Additionally, Kohli also became the second batter in history to register 15000 runs in one-dayers after Sachin Tendulkar.

All these are heady numbers but their batting on the day was even more so — in haste but not in hate.

After scoring 75 runs for the opening wicket with Rohit Sharma, Gill's innings blossomed in the company of Kohli.

Gill exploited the reprieve he received on 11, when substitute Keemo Paul dropped him off Jayden Seales, to the hilt, first bringing a 50 off 49 balls and the next 50 in 47 balls.

In the interim, there were a litany of shots — a square cut and punch through the covers of Alzarri Joseph, a square cut off Seales and six and four combination off spinner Gudakesh Motie. They were shots played with the subtle hands of a butterfly curator, and even the bowlers would not have felt the anguish.

Kohli, on the other hand, did what he has been doing all these years — running hard and then unfurling an array of dazzling shots, his blueprint while conducting ODI chases. Just that this time, he showed an increasing appetite for sixes.

The only false shot in his innings was a top-edged pull off Joseph that went for a six over the stumper's head, and in one way it hinted that the day belonged to the 'Master.'

Shots of the highest class flowed soon, and Joseph bore the brunt — three fours in a row and a later six down the ground to bring his half-century in 40 balls.

A tired-looking Gill departed when a slog sweep off Roston Chase was caught in the deep by Jewel Andrew.

But a certain 37-year-old made of iron will and sublime skills soon reached his own mark in just 74 balls as the Greenfield Stadium erupted like a live volcano, spewing chants of Kohli and howling of appreciation. The Delhi man fetched his three-figure mark with a thundering six over mid-wicket off Motie — a neat leap from 94 to even hundred.

Kuldeep's magic

But the holiday crowd was also fortunate to witness another class act — Kuldeep Yadav, who took four wickets (4/40) to stem the early run of Windies, and restrict them to 295 for seven.

His sorcery mitigated a maiden 50-over format hundred by Greaves.

Greaves and his opening partner John Campbell (62, 60b) added 135 runs in 19.2 overs as the West Indies appeared to have primed for a far bigger total.

But the left-arm spinner was too crafty and brainy on the day for the tourists.

After keeping Campbell guessing with two wide deliveries on the off-stump, Kuldeep fired one in fuller and the left-handed batter's miscued sweep ended in Prasidh Krishna's hands at mid-on.

It was a huge relief for India as Campbell, who hammered Ravindra Jadeja for a four and two sixes in his first over en route to a 49-ball fifty, was settling in for a bigger knock.

Kuldeep soon dealt a severe blow to the West Indies, dismissing Shai Hope.

The captain was deceived by the subtle change in line by Kuldeep, skying him to Jadeja near point.

Greaves and promising Andrew fell in successive balls to Kuldeep. The 31-year-old managed to sneak the ball under Greaves's sweep and the DRS umpire upheld the bowlers' shout for a leg before wicket.

Monsoon Ends in Telangana with 15% Rainfall Shortfall

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

As the southwest monsoon begins its rapid exit, its performance this year in Telangana has been underwhelming, marked by deficit rainfall and prolonged dry spells.

With no fresh low pressure systems in sight, based on the forecasts from IMD, Hyderabad, there is no likelihood of any major spells of downpour in the coming week or two, leaving Telangana with a deficit rainfall of 15 percent, as on September 27..

Since onset in June, the performance of southwest monsoons in Telangana has been quite weak, with not a single month between June and September receiving excess rainfall. In fact, all the



four months i.e. June, July, August and September have received deficit rainfall during the monsoon season.

Cumulative rainfall figures across from June 1 to September 27, stand at 615.3 mm against a normal of 726.7 mm, which is 15 percent deficit, data from Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS) indicated.

However, the IMD, New Delhi rainfall data paints even a grimmer picture.

The IMD's sub-divisional cumulative map, covering June 1 to September 23, places Telangana's actual recorded rainfall at 558.6 mm against a normal of 702.6 mm, reflecting a heavier 20 percent deficit rainfall.

Spatial distribution from the TGDPS and IMD maps reveals that out of 33 districts, only 17 managed to scrape into the normal range, while 16 districts slipped firmly into the deficient category.

Jogulamba Gadwal recorded the state's highest deficit at 39 percent followed by Hanumakonda with a deficit of 34 percent, Nalgonda (32 percent deficit), Warangal (31 percent deficit) and Medchal-Malkajgiri district with 31 percent deficit.

The GHMC and surrounding municipal zones experienced an intensified shortfall, accumulating 456.6 mm against a normal of 604.7 mm, resulting in a 24 percent deficit rainfall, TSDPS data said.

"Even before the advent of southwest monsoons, the IMD, New Delhi had forecasted weak monsoons because of various reasons. Persistent, strong El Niño conditions over the equatorial Pacific Ocean have played a big role in the underperformance of the monsoons," senior duty officer from IMD, Hyderabad, said.

Monsoon in Telangana:

- Cumulative rainfall (June 1 to September 27) is 615.3 mm against a normal of 726.7 mm
- 15 percent deficit rainfall
- IMD, New Delhi indicate seasonal deficit of 20 percent
- Cumulative rainfall plunged to 37 percent deficit compared to previous year 2025-26
- Last year, Telangana received 977.5 mm of rainfall during the same timeframe, against this year's 615.3 mm
- Of 33 districts, 17 have classified as normal and 16 as deficit rainfall
- With no weather systems, monsoons wrapping up its cycle quickly

Kishan Reddy Tells Congress to Introspect Before Criticising ECI

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union minister for coal and mines G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday urged Congress to introspect before "slinging mud" at constitutional bodies such as the Election Commission of India (ECI), reminding it that voters have kept the party out of power in Uttar Pradesh since 1989, Bihar since 1990, West Bengal since 1977, Gujarat since 1998 and Andhra Pradesh since 2009. Addressing the mediahere, Reddy said the BJP "does not steal votes" but wins people's hearts. He accused Congress of "degraded politics" by praising the ECI when it wins and blaming EVMs and the poll panel when it loses.

"It is not the ECI's responsibility to make Congress win, nor is it the EVM's job to make Rahul Gandhi Prime Minister," he remarked. Reddy alleged that Rahul Gandhi was systematically under-



mining institutions including the armed forces, surgical strikes, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, the Lok Sabha Speaker, the Chief Justice of India, the ED, CBI, Intelligence Bureau, media houses, Parliament and the GST system.

He accused Rahul of lowering India's image abroad and of having a "royal mindset" that only his family should rule. He questioned Congress's moral authority to speak about the Constitution, recalling the 1975 Emergency, restrictions on press freedom, curtailment of civil liberties and jailing of Opposition leaders. He also cited the 2009 episode when the UPA government reportedly recommended removal of Election Commissioners for not complying with its directions.

He alleged that the Congress government in Telangana was preventing dharnas at Indira Park and forcing protesters to seek court permission. On the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in West Bengal, Reddy said it was being conducted under Supreme Court supervision to remove ineligible votes. He accused Congress of double standards for supporting SIR in Kerala and Tamil Nadu while opposing it in Bengal.

Asked about reported dissent among the three Election Commissioners, Reddy said internal letters and discussions were normal in a democracy. As the Commissioners had clarified there were no differences, "the matter is closed," he said.

Hyderabad man held for possessing counterfeit currency, cheating

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 21-year-old man has been arrested in Hyderabad for possessing counterfeit currency notes of Rs 500.

The accused was identified as Vikram, a decor shop owner from Begum Bazaar and a native of Rajasthan. Vikram was caught by Assistant Sub-Inspector Janardhan Naik on September 25 while on patrol duty at Begum



Bazaar.

During the enquiry, he disclosed that he was circulating counterfeit Rs 500 currency notes among petty vendors by taking Rs 400 change per note.

Upon searching, 16 counterfeit Rs 500 notes amounting to Rs 8,000 were recovered. The accused also disclosed that the counterfeit notes were obtained from a supplier named Ashok. Vikram was taken to the Goshamahal Police Station for necessary legal action.

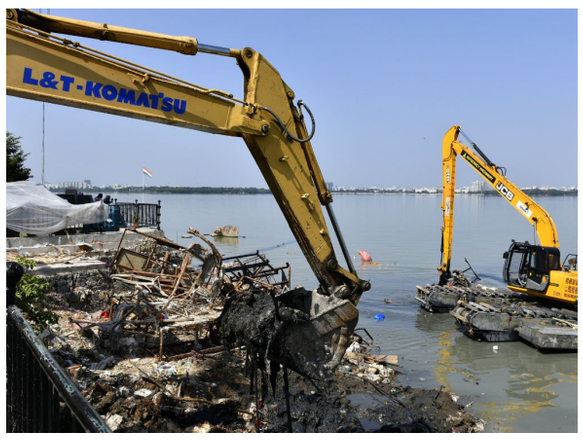
He was booked for possession and sale of counterfeit notes under Sections 179 and 180 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and cheating under Section 318(4).

Ganesh immersion waste removal begins around Hussain Sagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A day after Ganesh idol immersion concluded, the process of dismantling, segregation, and removal of salvage waste is underway around Hussain Sagar on Sunday. Similar exercise is also taken up at all the water bodies where the idol immersion was done in the last week.

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has deployed 100 carting specialists in three shifts across 38 immersion sites



around Hussain Sagar.

The immersion of thousands of Ganesh idols generates a large and diverse volume of waste, broadly categorised into structural components, decorative materials and ritual offerings brought by devotees, according to a senior HMDA officer.

Heavy iron rods, metal pipes and steel wires form the internal skeleton and support systems of large idols, providing stability and preventing them from collapsing under their own weight. Heavy timber planks, plywood bases and intertwined bamboo sticks are also used to create backdrops, limbs and platforms, said the official.

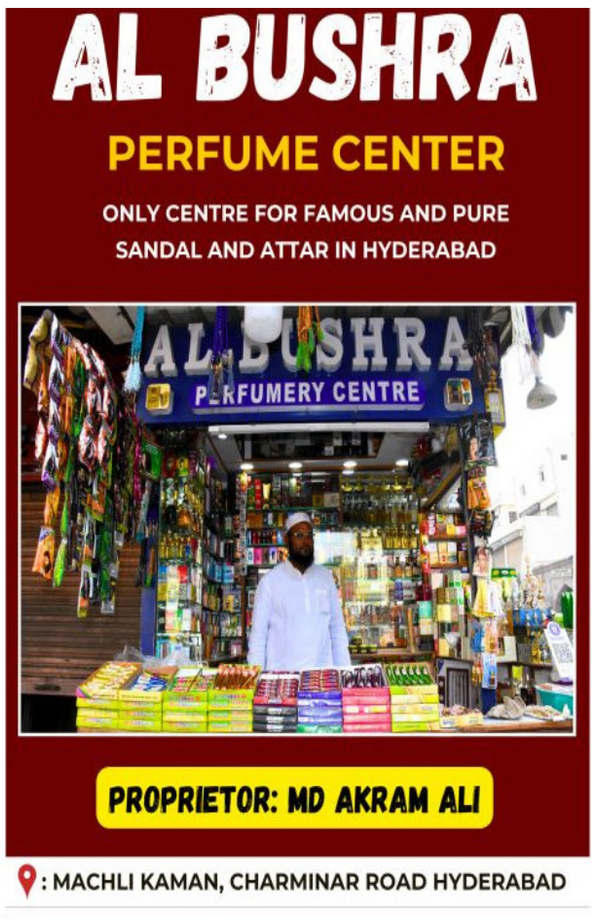
Artisans tightly wrap natural coconut husk fibres around wooden frames to shape the idols' bodies before applying outer layers. Satin and synthetic fabrics are also used to dress the idols, he added.

"Waste removal began on Sunday morning and may take at least two to three days after more than one lakh Ganesh idols were immersed," said an HMDA official.

Meanwhile, rag pickers and others too started scavenging the idol debris at the immersion sites across the city and suburbs for material they could salvage and sell. They were seen looking to recover iron and aluminium from the idols which could be sold to local scrap dealers.



Former Minister T Harish Rao called upon aspirants for constable posts to focus on their written and physical examinations by keeping everything else aside. Speaking to reporters after inaugurating the free KCR Coaching Centre for aspirants in Siddipet on Sunday, Harish Rao said he had named the coaching centre after former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao as he wanted the aspirants to draw inspiration from Chandrashekhar Rao, who successfully led the 14-year-long Telangana movement.



SHE Teams nab 1,530 eve teasers during Ganesh immersion

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad SHE Teams arrested 1,530 eve teasers during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival from September 14-23.

As part of the special operations, SHE Teams personnel inspected areas along the immersion route from Khairatabad to Balapur to prevent harassment and misconduct against women and girls.

The teams closely monitored crowded areas and identified those allegedly involved in eve-teasing and harassment. The special drive was conducted as part of security measures during the Ganesh immersion in Hyderabad.

Over 20,000 Lord Ganesh idols were immersed in water bodies in Hyderabad, marking the completion of Ganesh Chaturthi festivities on Saturday, September 26.

The festivities began on September 14, and 'nimajjanam' (immersion) began on September 17.

"The Ganesh festival 2026 immersion ceremony—an important event in the calendar of Hyderabad City Police—has been peacefully completed.

More than 20,000 Ganesh idols from Hyderabad and nearby places were immersed here," Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar told reporters.

BRS leader Mahesh Yadav seeks ticket for Khairatabad bypoll

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

With the Khairatabad Assembly by-election set to be held following the disqualification of former MLA Danam Nagender, leaders from various political parties have begun lobbying for tickets.

In the latest development, former Somajiguda corporator and BRS leader Mahesh Yadav has expressed his desire to contest the by-election on the BRS ticket. Addressing a press conference, he said he was aspiring to be the party's candidate from the constituency. "I remained accessible to people while



working as a corporator earlier to resolve their problems. He appealed to the BRS leadership to recognise his services to the party and consider his candidature," said Mahesh Yadav.

He said he had a thorough understanding of the local issues in Khairatabad and had been closely associated with residents and party workers. His long-standing association with the people and knowledge of their problems would help him serve the constituency, he said.Yadav expressed confidence that the BRS leadership would consider his services to the party, local connect and association with the people while finalising the candidate for the by-election.

The bypoll became necessary after the Telangana High Court disqualified Nagender under the anti-defection law with effect from April 23, 2024. The Supreme Court on September 24 dismissed his challenge to the High Court order, clearing the way for the election process to fill the vacant seat.

Sama Ram Mohan Reddy Likely Congress Pick for Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahbubnagar Graduate MLC Seat



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In what could be a significant development ahead of the Legislative Council polls, the ruling Congress in Telangana has reportedly settled on former TPCC Media and Communications Chairman Sama Ram Mohan Reddy as its candidate for the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar Graduates MLC constituency. While official clearance from the AICC and TPCC leadership is still awaited, party insiders say Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has virtually finalised his candidature. Having led the party's media operations and countered the opposition, his familiarity with the urban student and employee demographic makes him the leading contender for the ticket.

Owaisi urges citizens to respond to SIR notices, warns SIR of electoral rolls could be NRC backdoor

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Reiterating his claim that Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is the National Register of Citizens (NRC) through the backdoor, AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi on Sunday appealed to people to respond to notices being issued under SIR.

The Hyderabad MP said all those who received notices need to take this with all seriousness.

"(Union Home Minister) Amit Shah has stated that the NRC will be implemented. It is possible that the NRC could be conducted based on the SIR electoral roll," he told media persons here.

He appealed to those who received notices to respond to notices, go to hearing centres with documents and fill up their Form 6. "You could lose not only your right to vote but also your citizenship," he said.

Owaisi said the BJP has formed a Commission headed by a retired judge of the Supreme Court to visit areas where demographic changes have come. "They will visit the places where SIR has been completed; they will see the final list and illegal migrants will be apprehended," he said.

On the current controversy surrounding the Election Commission of India, he said a Constitutional body has totally gone into the executive's control.

He recalled that while speaking in the Parliament on the Bill for appointment of Chief Election Commissioner by a panel comprising the Prime Minister, a Union Minister, and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, he had told the government that it was undermining the credibility of the Election Commission in the eyes of the Parliament.

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