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Shah Calls for 'Zero Delay' in Counter-Terror Action

NEW DELHI
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Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday called for "zero delay" in counter-terrorism operations and an "automated response mechanism" at every level of the country's PRAHAAR counter-terrorism framework. Inaugurating a conference on the policy and strategy in New Delhi, Shah also launched an extradition portal intended to speed up efforts to bring fugitives back to India.

The portal brings the Union home and external affairs ministries, the CBI and state agencies onto a common platform for extra-

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Revanth Coins 'EC Go Back' Slogan

Revanth Reddy Alleges 20 Crore Voter Deletion Plot, Calls for Nationwide 'SIR Go Back' Movement

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday alleged a "conspiracy" to delete 20 crore voters from electoral rolls across the country under the guise of the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll, and accused the Election Commission of India (ECI) of being used to benefit the BJP ahead of the 2029 general elections. He claimed that 13 crore names had been deleted from the voter lists, and alleged that the number could be increased to 20 crore by the 2029 elections. Revanth Reddy compared the ECI's role to that of the British-era Simon Commission and called for a nationwide "SIR Go Back" movement on the lines of the "Simon Go Back" agitation during the freedom struggle.

Revanth Reddy alleged that SIR had been brought in to remove the voting rights of the poor and charged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was using the Election Commission in the same manner as the British used the Simon Commission. The Chief Minister questioned the concentration of powers with Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, asking why booth-level officers (BLOs) and district collectors were required if all powers were being put in the hands of Gyanesh Kumar.

Participating in a conclave in Delhi, Revanth Reddy said the BJP was chanting "Jai Sri Ram" while targeting those who chanted "Hara Hara Mahadeva". "They are saying Jai Sri Ram. We are saying Hara Hara Mahadeva. The BJP does not like those chanting Hara Hara Mahadeva. Sri Ram is god of rich people and Shankara (Mahadeva) is god of poor people. The BJP is on the side of the rich while we are on the side of the poor. We are on the side of the poor, while the BJP is on the side of the rich." " he remarked.

The Chief Minister said people in the South were Shiva devotees while north Indians were devotees of Sri Ram, and described the political divide in terms of "Dravidians" (south) and "Aryans" (north). "That is why BJP leaders say Jai Sri Ram. Did they ever say Hara Hara Mahadeva?" he questioned. He alleged that 13 crore votes had been deleted across the country with the 2029 elections in mind and questioned how the number of voters could decline when the population of the country was not declining. He alleged that Modi was attempting to delete votes of people opposed to him and was seeking to remove a total of 20 crore votes across the country.

The Chief Minister said the country had once united by raising the slogan "Simon Go Back" and asserted that the time had come for people across the country to unite by raising the slogan "SIR Go Back". Referring to Telangana's development concerns, Revanth Reddy said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, had received cooperation from the then prime minister Manmohan Singh for development projects in Gujarat.

In contrast, he alleged, Modi as the Prime Minister was not extending similar cooperation to Telangana.

Rahul Grills NSUI Leaders Over DUSU Defeat

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday questioned the leadership of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) over its performance in the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) elections, particularly its choice of candidates and campaign presence on campus, party sources said. At a review meeting with NSUI in-charge Kanhaiya Kumar, NSUI president Vinod Jakhar and Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, Gandhi asked why ticket aspirants Deepanshu Shokeen and Vishesh Yadav had not been accommodated, the sources said. He also raised questions about Kumar's limited presence on the Delhi University campus during the campaign.

Shokeen, who sought an NSUI ticket but contested as an Independent, won the vice-president's post with 30,615 votes. ABVP candidate Ishu Maurya received 16,910 votes, while NSUI's Vir Chatrath finished third with 4,313. According to the sources, Gandhi asked why NSUI had not fielded Shokeen for vice-president and considered Yadav for another post.

Congress, Left Parties Stage Nationwide Protest Against Gyanesh Kumar



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Congress workers held a nationwide protest on Monday against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. In Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Congress president Jitu Patwari questioned public trust in the electoral process. Patwari said trust was behind every choice people made and alleged that doubts had emerged over the election process.

"When Prime Minister Modi became Prime Minister for the first time, we accepted that there might have been some shortcomings on our part. The Constitution became a topic of discussion during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The BJP lost 70 seats in the process, and the atmosphere was not in their favor; yet, they formed the government," he said. Patwari said suspicions arose when it appeared that the election was being "stolen", and referred to allegations of EVM tampering.

Sharing an example from his own booth, Patwari said, "There wasn't a single BJP worker at my booth, yet the BJP received 300 votes."He questioned the impact of losing public trust in a democracy. "In a democracy, if trust is lost, then who will the public place their faith in?" Patwari said. Patwari also targeted the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh, referring to the removal of former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan."They removed Shivraj Singh Chouhan and sent a 'Chief Minister chosen via a slip of paper' instead," he said. He further criticised the state

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SC Questions FSSAI Timeline For Front-Of-Pack Food Labels

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Monday questioned the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) over the time it proposed to take to implement front-of-package labelling on packaged foods, asking why the regulator wanted to "waste so much time" when the issue concerned citizens' health. Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice K. Vinod Chandran were hearing a petition seeking mandatory front-of-package labels to help consumers identify packaged foods high in sugar, fat or salt. The court reserved its order.

"Why voluntary compliance for a year? Why do you need so much time? Why do you want to start afresh with the exercise of hearing and calling for objections? You started in 2022. What did you do in the last four years?" the court asked. The bench said the exercise was being undertaken in the interest of the country and its citizens and expected the FSSAI to implement its directions in their true spirit.

"We appreciate whatever you have done so far and we appreciate your initiative, but there is a lot which is required to be done to give meaningful effect to what we want to achieve," the bench told the FSSAI's counsel.

The FSSAI said the proposal initiated in 2022 involved an Indian Nutrition Rating star system based on a different yardstick. It now proposes a red hexagonal warning label against a white square

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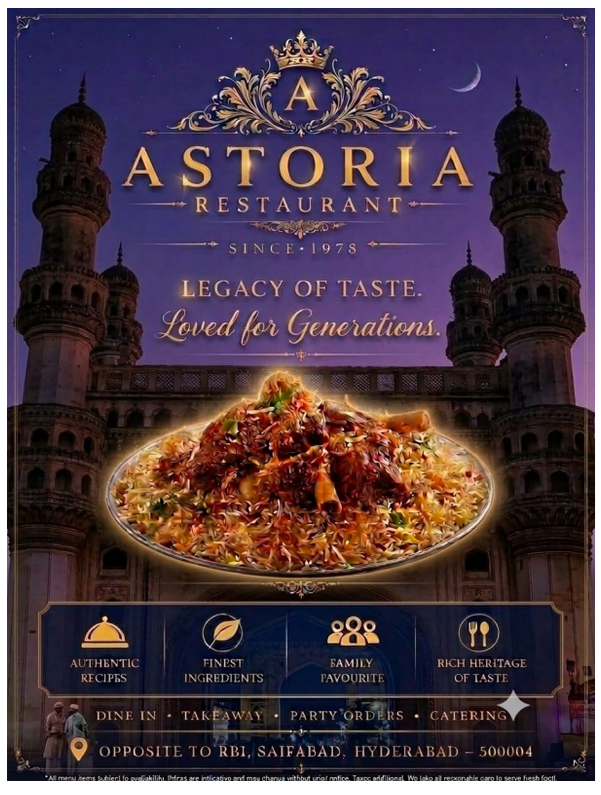
Tata Trusts Propose Restructuring of Tata Sons To Avoid Listing

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Tata Trusts, the majority shareholder of Tata Sons Pvt., proposed that the holding company of India's biggest conglomerate merge with two of its unlisted units to stave off a listing order. Folding Tata Electronics Systems Solutions Pvt. and Tata Consulting Engineers into their parent will convert Tata Sons into a holding-operating company, allowing it to bypass regulations mandating the listing, Noel Tata-led Tata Trusts said in a statement. The proposal still needs a no-objection certificate from India's central bank and approval from the Tata Sons board.

The proposal marks a fresh turn in the battle between Noel, who leads the charities that own 66% in Tata Sons, and Natarajan Chandrasekaran, the chairman of Tata Sons. Tensions spilled into the open in a stormy Sept. 17 meeting when the board of Tata Sons defied Noel to reappoint Chandra, as he's widely known, and

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TPCC Demands CEC Gyanesh Kumar's Resignation Over Election Commission Concerns



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) on Monday held a massive protest rally in Hyderabad, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar, alleging concerns over the functioning, transparency and credibility of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The protest, led by TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, began at the Indira Gandhi statue on Necklace Road and proceeded towards the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer's office. Protesters also burnt effigies of Gyanesh Kumar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Later, Mahesh Kumar Goud, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Mohammed Azharuddin and Vivek Venkataswamy met Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy and submitted a memorandum outlining the party's demands.

Congress leaders raised concerns over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process and referred to media reports alleging that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had recorded objections on several occasions concerning voter registration, deletion and restoration of names, electoral data and SIR-related decisions.

The party also expressed concern over reports that more than 13 crore names were deleted from draft electoral rolls across 30 States and Union Territories. Congress leaders acknowledged the ECI's position that the deletions were from draft rolls and that statutory mechanisms existed for claims, objections and restoration, but demanded greater transparency and independent scrutiny. The TPCC demanded publication, wherever legally permissible, of relevant meeting records, notes, objections and orders; State-wise and constituency-wise details of deletions and restorations; and an independent review to determine whether eligible voters were inadvertently excluded.

The party also called for stronger safeguards to prevent administrative errors or procedural lapses from affecting citizens' voting rights.

Senior Congress leaders, MPs, MLAs, TPCC office-bearers and party workers participated in the protest.



Act Swiftly on Public Issues, Mudhole MLA Tells Officials



Mudhole MLA Ramarao Patel directed officials of various government departments to have complete knowledge of their respective departments, including updated information and data, and to attend mandal-level review meetings fully prepared. He stressed that officials must be in a position to provide clear and immediate responses to issues raised by elected representatives and ensure that public grievances are addressed without negligence or unnecessary delay.A mandal-level review meeting was held in Mudhole on Monday to assess the functioning of various government departments, implementation of welfare schemes, availability of basic amenities in rural areas and progress of ongoing development works. Sarpanches and other public representatives brought several local issues to the notice of the MLA, who sought explanations from the concerned officials and directed them to initiate immediate measures for their resolution.

Ramarao Patel said that ensuring the benefits of government welfare schemes and development programmes reach genuine beneficiaries is one of the primary responsibilities of the officials. He directed officials to complete Farmer ID registrations and crop registrations for all eligible farmers. He also called for advance planning to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers and instructed officials to prevent any shortage during the farming season.

Who Is the Man Resting at Secunderabad Pharmacy College?

Who was the man sitting quietly in the pharmacy college—and was he simply looking for a place to rest?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A quiet scene at a pharmacy college in the Secunderabad area has raised a simple but thought-provoking question: Who is he?

At around 3:30 PM, when students, faculty and staff were engaged in their routine activities, a man was seen resting alone on a long four-seater steel chair in the waiting area. A coloured bag was placed beside him as he appeared to be asleep. There was no immediate information about his identity or reason for being there.

Was he a student? A parent waiting for someone? A visitor? A worker? Or simply someone who needed a place to sit down and rest?

The scene, captured in a photograph, offered no clear answers.



In a busy educational campus, where people are generally occupied with classes, administrative work and other responsibilities, the presence of an unidentified person quietly resting can easily go unnoticed.

However, without knowing the man's circumstances, it would be inappropriate to make assumptions about why he was there. He may have been tired after travelling, waiting for someone, taking a short break or simply seeking a place to rest.

The photograph therefore raises a broader human question rather than pointing to any particular wrongdoing or negligence.

Do we notice the people around us who may quietly need assistance? Public places often bring together people from different backgrounds, each carrying their own circumstances and concerns. Sometimes, those difficulties remain invisible.

The man eventually may have continued with his day just as quietly as he arrived. His identity and circumstances remain unclear.

But the moment serves as a reminder that behind an ordinary-looking scene, there can be a story that others may never know.

For now, one question remains unanswered:

Who was the man sitting quietly in the pharmacy college—and was he simply looking for a place to rest?

Anil Kumar Mudiraj Gets Key BJP OBC Morcha Post

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Senior BJP worker Peddi Anil Kumar Mudiraj has been appointed as an OBC Morcha City Executive Member of Mahakali Jilla, Secunderabad, marking another responsibility in his nearly three-decade association with the party.Mudiraj, a native of Shivaji Nagar, began his political journey with the BJP in 1998 under the guidance of Bhanwarlal Verma. Since then, he has remained active in grassroots organisational activities and party programmes across Secunderabad.He played an active role in mobilising party workers during the 2002 municipal elections. Recognising his organisational involvement, he later served as Yuva Morcha Vice President for two consecutive terms. He also served two terms as General Secretary of the Ramgopalpet division, where he worked to strengthen the party's local organisational network.Following his latest appointment, Mudiraj thanked the BJP leadership for entrusting him with the new responsibility. He said his priorities would include working for the welfare and empowerment of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and strengthening grassroots organisational activities in Secunderabad.Speaking to Wake Up Telangana, Mudiraj reaffirmed his continued commitment to the BJP and said he would discharge the responsibilities assigned to him with dedication.



A Sweet Gesture by Dr. Nahida Tarannum Wins Hearts in Sadashivanagar

KAMAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

In a heartwarming gesture that highlighted the human side of healthcare, Dr. Nahida Tarannum, AYUSH Medical Officer, extended warm wishes and presented a thoughtful gift to the young daughter of a PHC staff nurse at the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary, Sadashivanagar.The little girl, whose birthday had passed a few days earlier, visited the dispensary along with her mother after the regular OPD. Taking a moment to celebrate the special occasion, Dr. Nahida Tarannum warmly welcomed the child and presented her with a gift.



Dr. Nahida Tarannum described the gesture as a small token of affection and conveyed her wishes for the child and her family to be blessed with happiness, good health and prosperity.The simple celebration created a cheerful and memorable moment for the little girl and her mother. The gesture also reflected the importance of maintaining warm and supportive relationships among healthcare teams beyond their routine professional responsibilities.

The occasion showcased the compassionate approach of Dr. Nahida Tarannum, who continues to combine healthcare services with personal care and community-oriented initiatives at Sadashivanagar.

PACS General Body Meeting: All Farmers Invited



The Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS), Aleru, has invited all farmers covered under the society, society members and leaders of all political parties to attend its General Body Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 29.

According to the press note, the meeting will be held at 12 noon on September 29, 2026, under the auspices of the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society, Aleru.PACS Aleru Secretary Induri Venkat Reddy issued the press note following the instructions of PACS Aleru Chairman Sri Janagam Upender Reddy.

The society appealed to all farmers under its jurisdiction and its members to attend the meeting and extend their cooperation for its successful conduct. Leaders representing all political parties have also been invited to participate.

Tarnaka Residents Alarmed Over Muddy, Foul-Smelling Water

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Residents of several colonies and basti areas under Tarnaka Division have raised concerns over the reported supply of muddy, discoloured and foul-smelling water to households for nearly three months.

Residents alleged that water supplied through the Hyderabad water network has been reaching homes with visible mud particles, suspended sediment, heavy discoloration and an unpleasant odour. Visuals shared by residents reportedly show turbid water collected from household taps, prompting concerns over its suitability for drinking, cooking and other domestic uses.

According to residents, the issue has not been limited to an isolated incident or a single day. They claimed that the problem has continued for around three months despite complaints being brought to the attention of the concerned authorities.

The prolonged issue has led residents to seek an immediate technical investigation by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB). They have urged officials to inspect the affected localities and determine whether the problem is linked to damaged or ageing pipelines, faulty valves, storage facilities, sediment accumulation or possible points of contamination.



Residents have also demanded that water samples from the affected areas be collected and sent for laboratory testing. They said scientific testing is necessary to establish the quality of the supplied water and identify the cause of the discoloration and foul smell.

The residents have called for immediate flushing and cleaning of the affected water-supply lines wherever necessary, along with repairs or other corrective measures. They have also sought regular monitoring of water quality until the problem is fully resolved.

Residents said they should be informed clearly about the findings of the inspection and the action being taken by the authorities. They stressed that households depending on the public water network need confidence that the water supplied to them is safe for regular domestic use.

The issue has also prompted concerns about a possible wider public-health risk if poor water quality continues for an extended period. Residents have therefore appealed to senior officials to intervene promptly and ensure that corrective measures are implemented across all affected colonies and basti areas.The residents' demand is for a consistent supply of clean, safe and properly monitored water. They have urged HMWSSB officials to conduct a field inspection without delay.

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 confident of retaining Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahbubnagar MLC seat

BRS working president KT Rama Rao urged party leaders to focus on voter enrolment ahead of the Graduates' MLC elections and expressed confidence about retaining the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahbubnagar seat. He also called for coordinated campaigning and systematic voter registration

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao expressed confidence that the party would retain the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahbubnagar Graduates' MLC seat in the forthcoming elections and called on party leaders to focus on voter enrolment. He said the party had a favourable environment to retain the seat and urged leaders to ensure that every eligible graduate was enrolled as a voter.

Rama Rao held district-wise meetings with party leaders from Hyderabad, erstwhile Rangareddy and Mahbubnagar districts at Telangana Bhavan on Monday.

Recalling the party's victory with former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao's daughter Surabhi Vani Devi as its candidate in the previous election, the BRS working president attributed the win to the coordinated efforts of party leaders and asked them to replicate the same approach.



He called for a coordinated campaign irrespective of the party's candidate and asked leaders to work systematically on voter enrolment and strengthen the party's prospects in both Graduates' MLC constituencies.

He said youth were increasingly dissatisfied with both the BJP at the Centre and the Congress in the State. He also alleged that government employees, unemployed youth and educated sections were unhappy with the Revanth Reddy government.

Rama Rao wanted party leaders to prioritise voter enrolment and ensure that eligible graduates, including members of party leaders' families, registered as voters. He also referred to a recent meeting with party leaders from erstwhile Warangal, Khammam and Nalgonda districts, where they expressed confidence about winning the other Graduates' MLC seat.

Meanwhile, the former minister, who enrolled as a voter for the upcoming Graduates' MLC elections in Hyderabad on Monday, urged all eligible voters to register and exercise their franchise. He called upon graduates to fill in the relevant forms and register their names to fulfil their democratic duty.

Congress Protests in Nirmal, Demands Electoral Roll Transparency

NIRMAL
Wakeup telangana

The Nirmal District Congress Committee organised a large-scale protest at the district headquarters following the call of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) and directions from TPCC president Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, demanding protection of voting rights and greater transparency in electoral rolls.

Khanapur MLA and Nirmal DCC president Vedma Bhojju Patel alleged that voters could be removed from electoral rolls during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise. He cited Congress concerns that the exercise could potentially affect a large number of voter entries across the country and demanded greater clarity from the Election Commission on additions, deletions and corrections in electoral rolls.



Congress workers burnt an effigy of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and raised slogans seeking accountability in the electoral process. Patel also said several opposition parties had expressed concerns regarding the functioning of the Election Commission and called for measures to ensure that every eligible citizen retains the right to vote.

The MLA demanded the resignation of Gyanesh Kumar and a comprehensive inquiry into electoral rolls. He also appealed to civil society organisations and democratic groups to support efforts aimed at protecting voting rights.

Later, Congress leaders and workers marched to the District Collectorate and submitted a memorandum to the Joint Collector seeking action on their demands.Nirmal constituency in-charge Koochadi Srihari Rao, former minister Indrakaran Reddy, former MLA Vittal Reddy, Library Chairman Arjumand Ali and other Congress leaders and workers participated.

Pratap Reddy Was a True People's Leader: MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Pastapur Sarpanch and MPTC member, the late Pratap Reddy, continues to enjoy the affection and support of the people because he was a true people's leader, said MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar.On Monday, MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar attended the death anniversary programme of Pratap Reddy at the local SV Kalyana Mandapam as the chief guest, along with MLA Manik Rao, former TS-IDC Chairman Mohammed Tanveer, and former SC Corporation Chairman Narotham. They paid floral tributes to the late leader.

Mala JAC Demands Pension for Mala Community Members Above 50

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Mala JAC and Mala Employees Welfare Association have demanded that the governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana introduce a 'Mala Kulavrittula Bharosa Pension' for members of the Mala community and its subcastes who have completed 50 years of age and depend on traditional caste-based occupations.

Speaking at a programme in Markapuram, Mala JAC Markapuram District President Malapolu Shanthakumar said the Mala community had faced difficulties due to changes in reservation roster points and the classification of Scheduled Castes. He alleged that many members dependent on traditional occupations were facing financial insecurity as they grew older.

The associations said Mala families had depended on caste occupations for generations and urged the governments to provide a monthly pension to eligible persons aged above 50 as a measure of social and economic security.

Representatives submitted a petition at the Markapuram District Collector's Office and later paid tribute at the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Markapuram bus stop.

The organisations announced that petitions would be submitted to government officials across districts in both Telugu states. They said the campaign would continue through peaceful and democratic means until their demand is addressed.

Mala Employees Welfare Association District President Gopanaboyina Samuel Raju, General Secretary Mancha Sai, Jai Bheem Dalita Praja Vedika District President Malapati Veera Nagayya, and other community leaders participated.

New 'Ashray' Centre Inaugurated in Kondapur for Delivery and Gig Workers



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A new 'Ashray' centre for delivery associates and gig workers was inaugurated in Kondapur under the leadership of Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, as part of a joint initiative of the Telangana government and Amazon India.Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner Dr. G. Srijana, IAS, along with Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit Malempati, IAS, formally inaugurated the facility. The initiative follows a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Telangana government and Amazon India to establish Ashray centres at multiple locations across Hyderabad.The centres are designed to provide basic rest and welfare facilities to delivery partners who spend long hours travelling across the city while performing their duties. Importantly, the Kondapur facility is open free of cost to delivery partners associated with any platform, and is not restricted to Amazon delivery personnel.CMC Commissioner Dr. G. Srijana appreciated Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit Malempati for his efforts in facilitating the timely establishment of the Kondapur centre. She noted that his field-level initiative and supervision helped expedite the project and make the facility available to workers.As part of the expansion, five new air-conditioned cabins have also been established across Tellapur, Patancheru, Bharat Nagar and Chandanagar, taking the total number of Ashray centres in the Cyberabad area to 14.The centres offer several facilities, including air-conditioned rooms and seating areas for rest, mobile charging points, free Wi-Fi, drinking water, washroom facilities and first-aid kits.

Talasani Srinivas Yadav Questions Congress on Unfulfilled Manifesto Promises

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Minister and Sanatnagar BRS MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Monday criticised the Congress government over what he described as delays in implementing several pre-election promises, demanding clarity and accountability from the ruling party.Speaking to the media after distributing financial assistance cheques under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shadi Mubarak schemes to 51 beneficiaries at the Secunderabad Tahsildar's office, Yadav alleged that key assurances made in the Congress manifesto remained unfulfilled.



He questioned the government over the promised additional gold for Kalyana Lakshmi and Shadi Mubarak beneficiaries, stating that eligible families were yet to receive the benefit.Yadav also raised concerns over the proposed increase in pensions for persons with disabilities to ₹6,000, asking why the promised hike had not been implemented.On housing, he contrasted the Congress government's approach with the previous BRS government's two-bedroom housing programme. He alleged that beneficiaries were now being asked to contribute ₹6 lakh and questioned how economically weaker families could afford such an amount.Yadav urged the government to provide immediate clarity on the status and timeline of the pending welfare commitments.

BJP OBC Morcha Names Beeram Narsing Rao, Peddi Anil Kumar to Key Posts

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The BJP OBC Morcha Mahakali Jilla unit welcomed its newly appointed office-bearers at a felicitation programme held at Nala Bazar, Secunderabad.Beeram Narsing Rao was appointed Vice President of the BJP OBC Morcha Mahakali Jilla, while Peddi Anil Kumar took charge as an Executive Member. Local BJP workers felicitated the newly appointed leaders by presenting them with traditional shawls and conveying their best wishes.Party leaders and workers, including Sharad Singh Thakur, Rajesh, Santosh, Vasu Mudiraj, Amith Chauhan, Mahesh and Nagender Lal (Raju), attended the programme.

Party representatives expressed confidence that the new office-bearers would strengthen the OBC Morcha and contribute to community service. The event concluded with slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Jai BJP."

Let Us Follow the Path of Righteousness: MLAs Sunitha Lakshma Reddy and Manik Rao

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Narsapur MLA Sunitha Lakshma Reddy and Zaheerabad MLA Koninty Manik Rao called upon people to lead their lives on the path of righteousness, avoid causing harm to others and follow the noble path shown by spiritual gurus.The MLAs participated in the Shata Sahasra Laksha Japa Yajna organised at Dattagiri Maharaj Ashram in Bardipur on Monday, seeking the welfare of society, the well-being of farmers, and peace and prosperity among the people.



The priests accorded a grand welcome to the MLAs with Purna Kumbham at the Rajagopuram. Later, Rudrabhishekam was performed to the Jyotirlingas, followed by Maha Mangala Harathi.

The MLAs, along with Ashram heads Avadhutagiri Maharaj and Dr. Siddheshwarananda Giri Maharaj, and other local leaders, participated in the Japa Yajna and performed the Purnahuti. They also took part in the Maha Mangala Harathi.On the occasion, members of the festival committee felicitated the MLAs and presented them with Teertha Prasadam.

BC Welfare Hostels Inspected in Narayankhed; Students Encouraged to Aim High

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BC welfare hostels in the Narayankhed Assembly constituency were visited and inspected on September 28 to review the facilities being provided to students, including food, basic amenities, cleanliness and overall hostel conditions.

During the visit, the students were interacted with to understand whether they were facing any difficulties. The concerns of hostel wardens were also discussed. Students reportedly expressed satisfaction with the facilities being provided at the hostels and said that food was being served as per the prescribed menu.



The hostel premises and basic infrastructure were also inspected. It was observed that necessary minor repair works were being taken up under the supervision of the District Collector, while the surroundings were maintained in a clean condition.

The students were given motivational guidance during the interaction. They were advised to understand the sacrifices being made by their parents for their education and to work hard to achieve higher goals in life.

Students were also encouraged to read the biographies of great personalities and draw inspiration from their lives, ideals and struggles.

The representatives assured the students and wardens that their issues could be brought to their attention whenever necessary and that efforts would be made to support the resolution of genuine concerns.

As part of the programme, Shivakumar, Ravinder and Pandari, who are serving as hostel wardens, were felicitated on behalf of the BC Association, Sangareddy district, in recognition of their services to the students.

Goruganti Ramesh Kumar, Sangareddy District BC Youth President, and Jagadeesh, Sangareddy District Students' Association President, participated in the programme.

The programme conveyed a message of encouragement to hostel students, with the representatives stressing that education and hard work can provide a strong foundation for a better future.

SC Refuses To Halt Trial Of IAS Officer Pooja Singhal

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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

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

El Nino Poses Risk To Rabi Crops, Warns Centre

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The coming rabi season is likely to be challenging for rainfed areas because of the El Nino weather pattern, and foodgrain production could be affected, Union agriculture secretary Atish Chandra said on Monday. At the same conference, agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh needed crop plans based on water availability and soil moisture, with separate strategies for rainfed and irrigated areas. Delayed sowing could affect germination and productivity, making advance preparation essential, he said.

Addressing the two-day national conference on rabi preparedness, Chandra said the kharif season had also been difficult, particularly in rainfed areas. Several states had struggled first to bring land under cultivation and later to keep crops alive. "We are seeing that in the coming season, production is likely to be affected to a large extent. And the rabi season will also be challenging for the rainfed areas," he said.

Some states could face excess soil moisture, while areas that received insufficient rain might experience prolonged stress, Chandra said. Rabi plans would have to be adjusted to those different conditions. According to the latest forecast by the International Research Institute for Climate and Society at Columbia University, El Niño is strengthening and could become "very strong" in late 2026 and early 2027. Its impact on kharif crops appears limited overall, although some rainfed regions were affected. Its effects could be more pronounced during rabi sowing, which normally begins in October.

Chandra said climate change was already affecting agriculture, with untimely and heavy rain damaging crops even in irrigated areas. "We used to think that we would face the challenges of climate change later. But now we see the changes happening, and they are happening at a fast pace," he said. Chouhan asked every state and district to assess irrigation water and soil moisture before finalising crop plans. Although rainfall had been below normal, it was unlikely to severely affect water availability nationally, he said. Shortages in some states, however, remained a concern.

"There should be no situation where a crop requiring more water is sown and adequate water is subsequently unavailable, resulting in crop losses," Chouhan said.

India Attends SCO Meeting in Pakistan

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India is taking part in a three-day meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) national coordinators that began in Islamabad on Monday, as Pakistan starts its chairship of the grouping. India is represented by its SCO national coordinator, Alok Dimri, an additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. Reports said Dimri arrived in Islamabad earlier in the day. The meeting comes two days after external affairs minister S. Jaishankar referred to Pakistan as a "terrorist country" in an exchange with a Pakistani journalist on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The SCO's 10 members are India, Pakistan, Russia, China, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Iran and Belarus. At the SCO summit in Bishkek on September 1, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a united stand against terrorism. Without naming Pakistan, he said member countries "must send a strong message to countries that use terrorism as an instrument of policy and provide safe haven and support to terrorists that terrorism can never be a strategic asset for anyone".

Modi also called for the dismantling of networks involved in financing, recruitment, radicalisation and providing safe havens for terrorism. He said there was "no place for double standards on terrorism". According to media reports citing Pakistan's foreign office, the national coordinators will discuss the programme for Pakistan's chairship and preparations for forthcoming SCO meetings. Pakistan has identified connectivity, innovation, economic cooperation and people-to-people contacts as priorities, the reports said. Pakistan assumed the SCO chairship from Kyrgyzstan earlier this month and is expected to host the grouping's summit next year. Asked recently whether Modi would attend, external affairs ministry secretary (West) Sibi George said: "A decision will be taken by the appropriate authority at the appropriate time and our appropriate level of participation will be decided accordingly."

Shah Calls for 'Zero Delay' in Counter-Terror Action

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Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday called for "zero delay" in counter-terrorism operations and an "automated response mechanism" at every level of the country's PRAHAAR counter-terrorism framework. Inaugurating a conference on the policy and strategy in New Delhi, Shah also launched an extradition portal intended to speed up efforts to bring fugitives back to India. The portal brings the Union home and external affairs ministries, the CBI and state agencies onto a common platform for extradition cases, sources said. It is intended to coordinate their work when a fugitive is detained abroad and an extradition request must be sent to that country after obtaining the necessary court approval.

Shah urged agencies to take a proactive, results-oriented approach and to use continuing analysis of terror incidents to strengthen the PRAHAAR strategy over the next decade, the home ministry said in a statement. He called for the strategy to be put into practice down to the police station level and stressed the need for coordination among agencies. The ministry unveiled PRAHAAR in February as the country's first national counter-terrorism policy. The framework sets out seven areas of work: prevention, response, building domestic capacity, human rights, reducing conditions that enable terrorism, international cooperation, and recovery and resilience.

Shah cited action against the Shahzad Bhatti network as an example of cooperation among agencies. He said more than 40 modules allegedly involved in cross-border smuggling of weapons, explosives and narcotics had been dismantled, more than 100 FIRs registered and 350 people arrested across 15 states. The government had also declared the network a terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, he said.

The minister asked state police forces to set up dedicated teams to work with central agencies on extradition cases. He said India had brought back 288 fugitive criminals from 36 countries between 2019 and 2026. The conference was attended by the Union home and foreign secretaries, heads of central armed police forces and central police organisations, police chiefs from 15 states, and Anti-Terrorism Squad chiefs from the states and Union territories. Other state police chiefs and senior officers

India, UAE Agree To Trade In Local Currency, Integration of Payment

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Commerce and industry ministry on Monday said that India and the UAE agreed to take steps for the timely implementation of initiatives relating to settlement of trade in local currency, integration of payment and messaging systems, and central-bank digital currencies.

"These issues are important as they have the potential to make bilateral trade and investment more efficient, accessible and resilient," the ministry said in a statement.

The statement came after discussion in the 14th meeting of the India-UAE high-level joint task force on investments (HLJTFI) held in Mumbai. The crucial meeting was co-chaired by commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal and managing director of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

"The co-chairs reviewed the progress made by the central banks of the UAE and India on initiatives relating to local-currency settlement.

Kejriwal: CJP Movement Should Now Target PM Modi's Resignation

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Aam Aadmi Party national convenor Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said the Cockroach Janta Party's movement should now be for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resignation. Kejriwal at Pratidin Time Conclave said, "First, you demanded the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan. Now you are demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. I say, go ahead and directly demand the boss's resignation. Everything is happening at his behest."

Now the movement should be for Modi's resignation. Whatever the CEC did, he did it for "his boss", not for himself, he added. CJP spokesperson Ashutosh Ranka on Monday asserted that the outfit would not back down from its demand for the CEC's resignation over the alleged exclusion of 13 crore names from electoral rolls and challenged him to clear the allegations against him before the press and the public.

On September 24, the CJP demanded Kumar's resignation for allegedly "undermining" voter rights and warned of a nationwide agitation, including "Jantar Mantar 2.0", if he did not step down within 48 hours. Launching what it called the 'Election Commission Thik Karo' campaign, the youth-led outfit said the campaign would focus on the alleged exclusion of more than 13 crore names from draft electoral rolls across 30 states and Union territories during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.

States Told To Plan Rabi Crops Around Water Availability

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday asked states to assess irrigation water and soil moisture before finalising their rabi crop plans, warning that water-intensive crops could suffer if supplies run short after sowing. Addressing the two-day National Agriculture Conference — Rabi Campaign 2026 in New Delhi, Chouhan called for coordinated planning, scientific assessment and close monitoring in the field as the sowing season approaches.

Climate change, erratic rainfall and water constraints require planning based on data and stronger coordination between the Centre and states to protect food security and farm incomes, he said. Chouhan asked every state and district to prepare a water budget before settling its crop plan. Rainfall had been below normal, though not enough to severely affect water availability nationally, he said. Shortages in some states remained a concern.

States should assess water availability and soil moisture in vulnerable areas and arrange irrigation in advance, he said. "There should be no situation where a crop requiring more water is sown and adequate water is subsequently unavailable, resulting in crop losses." Chouhan expressed concern about drought conditions in Maharashtra and Karnataka. He said nearly two-thirds of Maharashtra had been affected and the state had declared a drought, while Karnataka faced drought-like conditions.

A Central team would visit Karnataka on October 3 for a ground assessment, and another would be sent to Maharashtra, he said. Chouhan said he would also visit the affected states with his team.

Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh need crop plans based on water availability and soil moisture, with separate strategies for rainfed and irrigated areas, he said. Delayed sowing could affect germination and productivity, making advance preparation essential.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Tata Trusts.....

Tensions spilled into the open in a stormy Sept. 17 meeting when the board of Tata Sons defied Noel to reappoint Chandra, as he's widely known, and decided to start preparing for a public listing. Noel's objections to both the decisions were overruled, stoking a battle for control atop the Tata Group, the maker of everything from processed salt to SUVs.

As the Tata Sons board and its largest shareholder face off over who really controls the holding company of the group that had $185 billion in annual revenue, the friction risks creating instability for over two dozen listed companies it controls. It can also cast a shadow on the prestige projects it's helming to bolster Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's high-end technology ambitions. In its statement, Tata Trusts said — without elaborating — that it had also shared the proposal with the Reserve Bank of India, the country's banking regulator. Under RBI rules, Tata Sons' size and nature make it a so-called Upper Layer Non-Bank Finance Company, requiring it to list. Tata Trusts is betting that by adding the operating units — especially the group's emerging workhorse Tata Electronics which also manufactures iPhones for Apple Inc. — it will stay clear of the regulations.

A representative for Tata Sons did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the restructuring proposal. The recast of Tata Sons, if this proposal were to go through, will have operating revenues of 1.05 trillion rupees ($10.9 billion), "far in excess of its income from financial assets" and "will not meet the principal business criteria" of a non-banking financial company, the Trusts said in the statement. It'll then "also not meet the conditions applicable to a core investment company," it added.

Congress, Left.....

He further criticised the state government over its response to deaths caused by cough syrup, spurious liquor and drowning, while referring to the Chief Minister's reaction to the toppling of three bricks."They take the people of the state for fools; the Chief Minister did not shed tears over deaths caused by cough syrup, spurious liquor, or drowning, yet he wept over the toppling of three bricks," Patwari said.

Meanwhile, in Jaipur, Rajasthan, Congress workers also held a protest against the Election Commission over the SIR exercise. Visuals from the demonstration showed party workers raising slogans and participating in the protest. The protests were part of the Congress' countrywide demonstrations against CEC Kumar, with the party demanding his resignation and raising objections to the SIR exercise. In Srinagar, Congress MP Pawan Khera alleged that the election mandate was being "stolen" and termed the SIR exercise "completely illegal". "This protest is ongoing across the country. CEC deceived this country; election mandates are being stolen. SIR is completely illegal. For an amendment to Form 6, it needs to be brought to Parliament. But it wasn't done. So, SIR becomes illegal. If SIR is illegal, all additions and deletions are illegal.

There is outrage across the country. Everyone wants to protest. Gyanesh Kumar should be sacked to save the country," he told ANI.In Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Congress president

Ajay Rai said, "Our protest against Gyanesh Kumar is happening countrywide. People in every corner of Uttar Pradesh have definitely woken up to the fact that such corrupt people are conducting elections."

SC Questions.....

"We appreciate whatever you have done so far and we appreciate your initiative, but there is a lot which is required to be done to give meaningful effect to what we want to achieve," the bench told the FSSAI's counsel. The FSSAI said the proposal initiated in 2022 involved an Indian Nutrition Rating star system based on a different yardstick. It now proposes a red hexagonal warning label against a white square background for packaged foods high in nutrients of concern such as sugar, fat and salt.

The regulator told the court that it would require about four months to issue and finalise draft regulations. The draft would be published for 60 days for comments through domestic consultation.

CRIME

HC Rejects Bail to BRS Party Activist, Who Was Arrested in a Case of POCSO

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana High Court has dismissed the bail petition filed by BRS activist Mohammed Ghouse, who has been in judicial custody since June 9 in connection with a serious case registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in Khammam.Ghouse was arrested in connection with allegations that he sexually assaulted a minor girl and subsequently threw her from the top of an apartment building in Khammam. The case is currently pending before a fast-track court, where the trial schedule has already been fixed.Seeking bail, Ghouse approached the High Court contending that the investigation had been completed and that the police had already filed the chargesheet. He argued that since the investigation was over, there was no possibility of him tampering with evidence if he were released on bail.The accused also claimed that he had been falsely implicated in the case due to ulterior motives and alleged mala fide intentions.

He submitted that his active involvement in BRS activities had contributed to his alleged false implication in the case.Another major argument advanced before the High Court concerned the statement of the victim. Ghouse's counsel pointed out that the Principal Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Khammam had recorded the victim's statement under Section 183 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and claimed that the statement did not contain allegations against him.However, Justice B.R. Madhusudhan Rao rejected the bail plea, holding that the seriousness of the allegations and the circumstances of the case required the court to exercise caution before granting relief.

The High Court observed that in serious offences under the POCSO Act, the mere completion of an investigation or filing of a chargesheet does not automatically create a right to bail. The court said that the allegations, the victim's statement, medical evidence and the possibility of intimidation after release must all be considered while deciding a bail application.

The court further noted that mechanically granting bail without examining these factors could result in an order that would be legally unsustainable, particularly where the safety and freedom of a minor victim could be affected.Justice Rao stressed that the protection of the victim remains a crucial consideration in cases involving allegations under the POCSO Act.

The court observed that an accused cannot claim bail merely because the investigation has reached its conclusion."Under the POCSO Act, once the investigation reaches the fag end or the chargesheet is filed,
the accused is not automatically entitled to bail unless the court is satisfied that the victim will be completely safe and free from coercion," Justice Rao observed while dismissing the petition.With the bail plea rejected, Ghouse will continue to remain in judicial custody as the trial proceeds before the fast-track court at Khammam.

Justice Vinod Kumar repatriation to Telangana HC

HYDERABAD
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The Supreme Court Collegium on Monday recommended the repatriation of Justice T. Vinod Kumar, Judge of the Madras High Court, to the Telangana High Court, his parent court. The Supreme Court took the decision in view of his ensuing retirement on November 16, 2026. Justice Kumar was relieved from the Telangana High Court on July 31, 2025, after he was transferred to the Madras High Court. If the collegiums recommendation is approved, Justice Kumar would return to the Telangana High Court more than 14 months.

SC reaffirms study of four consecutive years preceding the qualifying exam for Telangana local status Hyderabad:The Supreme Court has reaffirmed that students must have studied in Telangana for four consecutive years immediately preceding the qualifying examination to claim the status of a local candidate for admission to MBBS and other undergraduate medical courses under the state quota. A bench comprising Justice P.S. Narasimha and Justice Alok Aradhe on Monday dismissed a special leave petition filed by Jella Ankita challenging the Telangana High Court`s orders in rejecting her request to be considered as a local candidate.

Ankita had studied from kindergarten to Class X in Telangana, but pursued Intermediate education in Andhra Pradesh until April 2025. She sought local-candidate status for admission.

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

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

Give Land First, Then Seek Relief: High Court

HYDERABAD
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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.

Ai+ Smartphone Launches Pulse 2 FE, NovaTab and Nova LapTab Ahead of Diwali

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Ai+ Smartphone has expanded its product portfolio with the launch of three new devices — Pulse 2 FE, NovaTab and Nova LapTab — ahead of the festive season, targeting consumers across smartphones, education, entertainment and productivity.

The new devices are aimed at different consumer requirements, from first-time smartphone buyers to students seeking connected learning devices and users looking for larger-screen products that combine entertainment and productivity.

All three devices feature Android 16 with nxtQ OS, high-refresh-rate displays, large-capacity batteries and 4G/5G connectivity. They will be available on



Flipkart from October 7, 2026, at 11:59 PM onwards.

Ai+ Smartphone CEO Madhav Sheth said the new portfolio is designed to offer accessible technology across different consumer needs while supporting the company's broader ambition of building a connected technology ecosystem in India.

Pulse 2 FE Targets First-Time Smartphone Users

The Ai+ Pulse 2 FE is positioned as an entry-level smartphone for first-time users and those looking to upgrade. It features a 6.67-inch 120Hz display, MediaTek G81 processor, 50MP AI rear camera and 5,000mAh battery with 18W charging.

The device comes with 4GB RAM and 64GB storage, expandable up to 1TB, along with IP64 protection and a side-mounted fingerprint sensor. It will be offered in Black, Blue, Green and Purple.

NovaTab Brings 5G to a Larger Learning Screen

The Ai+ NovaTab is designed as a 5G-enabled tablet for students and consumers seeking a larger connected display. It features an 11.97-inch 90Hz display, 8,000mAh battery and T760 processor.

The tablet is available with 6GB or 8GB RAM and 128GB storage, along with 13MP rear and 8MP front cameras, dual speakers and 5G connectivity. It will be available in Dark Blue and Cinnamon Brown.

Nova LapTab Combines Entertainment and Productivity

The Ai+ Nova LapTab features a 13.2-inch 2.4K 90Hz display with a 3:2 aspect ratio, stylus support and compatibility with an attachable keyboard. The device is designed to support entertainment, note-taking, study and laptop-style productivity.

It is powered by the MT8755 processor, paired with 8GB RAM and 128GB storage, expandable up to 1TB. A 10,000mAh battery with 33W charging, quad speakers and 5G connectivity are also included.

Prices and Availability

The devices were launched in India on September 28, with the following prices:

Ai+ Pulse 2 FE (4GB/64GB): ₹9,999 onwards

Ai+ NovaTab (6GB/128GB): ₹17,999*

Ai+ NovaTab (8GB/128GB): ₹20,999*

Ai+ Nova LapTab (8GB/128GB): ₹24,999*

*Prices for NovaTab and Nova LapTab include applicable bank offers.

The Pulse 2 FE, NovaTab and Nova LapTab will be available through Flipkart from 11:59 PM on October 7, ahead of the Diwali festive shopping period.

Goyal Heads to US for G20 Meet, Trade Pact Talks with Greer

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will visit the US from September 29 to October 5 to attend a G20 meeting in Milwaukee and hold discussions with United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer on advancing talks for the bilateral trade agreement, an official statement said on Monday. He will participate in the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 30 and October 1, at the invitation of the US Trade Representative (USTR).

"Goyal will also engage bilaterally with his counterpart from the United States as part of ongoing efforts to advance a balanced and mutually beneficial India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and finalise an interim deal in line with the Joint Statement of 7 February 2026," the commerce ministry said. The minister will visit the US from September 29 to October 5, 2026. It added that the G20 meeting will bring together trade ministers of the member countries of the grouping.

"India will engage constructively with all G20 members and work towards a rules-based, open, inclusive, transparent, equitable and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization at its core, while ensuring adequate policy space for developing countries," it said. On the sidelines, Goyal will also hold several bilateral meetings with his counterparts. In Milwaukee and Chicago, minister Goyal will meet chief executives of leading American companies in manufacturing, consumer goods, agri-business, retail and technology, and participate in roundtables with businesses, startups and innovative companies.

He will highlight the opportunities India offers as a manufacturing and investment destination and invite American companies to deepen their partnerships with Indian enterprises. "The visit is expected to further strengthen the trade and investment partnership between India and the United States and deepen India's engagement with its G20 partners," it added. The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an international forum that brings together the world's major advanced and emerging economies to discuss and coordinate economic policy. The United States holds the 2026 G20 presidency.

FPTA 65th AGM to Bring Over 1,000 Paper Traders to Hyderabad

NEW DELHI
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More than 1,000 paper traders, manufacturers, industry leaders and policymakers from across India are set to converge in Hyderabad for the 65th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Federation of Paper Traders' Associations (FPTA), scheduled from October 3 to 5 at Novotel HICC.

The three-day national gathering, being organised by the FPTA in collaboration with the Telangana Paper Merchants' Association (TPMA), will focus on the growth, sustainability and future of India's paper trade. The event is returning to Hyderabad after 19 years.

The AGM will be inaugurated on October 3 by Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, with ITC Ltd. (PSPD) CEO Rajesh Ponnuru as Chief Guest. Senior representatives from the paper manufacturing sector will also participate.

A major highlight will be the elevation of Telangana-based paper trader



Sitting (L-R) Mr Arun Kumar Trivedi, Past President, TPMA; Mr Ashish Jain Bhansali, Hon. Secretary, Telangana Paper Merchants' Association; Mr Abhishek Vijayvargiya, President, Telangana Paper Merchants' Association; Mr Prasad RG, Chairman, Reception Committee, FPTA 65th AGM; Mr T. Kishan Singh, President Nominee, FPTA & Mr Arvind Sharma, Past President, FPTA; Standing (L-R) Mr Vinay Baldwa, Chairman, Media & Publicity, FPTA 65th AGM; Mr Rajeev Baldwa, Managing Committee Member, TPMA; Mr Dinesh Rathi, Managing Committee Member, TPMA; Mr Vikas Sha, Hon. Treasurer, TPMA; Mr Jitender Agarwal, Managing Committee member, TPMA; Mr Narayan Das Bang, Past President, TPMA; Mr Neeraj Goyal, Past President, TPMA & Mr Teju Guduru, Joint Treasurer, TPMA; at the press conference organised to announce the prestigious FPTA 65th Annual General Meeting; hosted by the Federation of Paper Traders' Association (FPTA) & Telangana Paper Merchants' Association (TPMA); being held in Hyderabad from October 3rd to 5th, 2026; today at Taj Deccan.

T. Kishan Singh as President of FPTA on October 4. Organisers said his appointment marks an important moment for Telangana's paper-trading community.

Industry representatives are expected to discuss price volatility, imports, taxation, working-capital requirements, warehouse shortages and measures to increase domestic paper consumption. The industry has also urged the government to reduce GST on paper and paper products from 18% to 5%, while seeking simplified GST implementation for notebooks and exercise books.

According to industry estimates, India produces around 24–25 million tonnes of paper annually and generates more than ₹1 lakh crore in turnover. However, per-capita paper consumption remains around 16 kg, compared with the global average of approximately 57 kg, indicating significant scope for market expansion.

The conference will also highlight recycling and sustainable paper production. Industry representatives said a substantial share of India's paper production is based on recovered and recycled fibre.

The FPTA, established as a national platform for paper traders, has 35 affiliated associations and more than 10,000 trader members across India.

The Hyderabad AGM is expected to chart a roadmap for a more competitive and sustainable paper trade.

15 ER ESM Association to Hold 15th Annual Family Meet in Aluva

HYDERABAD
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The 15 ER ESM Association will organise its 15th Annual Family Meet on October 10 and 11, 2026, at the YMCA Auditorium in Aluva, Kerala. The venue is located near Aluva Railway Station and the Cochin International Airport.

The annual gathering, held continuously since 2012, will bring together Ex-Servicemen (ESM), veterans and their families from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

The two-day event will feature family gatherings, interaction sessions and various activities aimed at strengthening unity, friendship and camaraderie among veterans and their families. The programme will also provide an opportunity for members to reconnect with old friends and build stronger bonds within the association.

The association has invited all Muvvaindhe veterans and their families to attend the gathering and make it a memorable occasion.

Members have been requested to confirm their participation and provide family details in advance to enable the organisers to make arrangements for reception, accommodation and other facilities. Those travelling by train have also been advised to make reservations early.

Venue: YMCA Auditorium, Aluva, Kerala

Dates: October 10 & 11, 2026

Nearest Railway Station: Aluva Railway Station

Adani, 4 Group Firms Settle Sebi Case Over Shareholding Norms for Rs 1.48 Cr

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Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani, four group companies and 13 others on Monday settled proceedings initiated by markets regulator Sebi over alleged violations of minimum public shareholding (MPS) norms by paying a settlement amount of Rs 1.48 crore. The settlement covers Adani Enterprises Ltd, Adani Power Ltd, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd, and Adani Transmission Ltd, now known as Adani Energy Solutions Ltd, along with their directors.

The proceedings stemmed from complaints received by Sebi in June and July 2020 alleging non-compliance with MPS requirements by certain listed Adani Group companies. Following a preliminary examination, Sebi initiated an investigation on October 23, 2020. After completion of the investigation, the regulator issued a show-cause notice (SCN) on September 27, 2024, followed by a supplementary SCN on March 3, 2025.

The notices alleged violations relating to MPS requirements prescribed under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, the erstwhile Listing Agreement and Sebi's Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) Regulations. The applicants subsequently proposed to settle the proceedings without admitting or denying the facts and conclusions of law. As per the settlement order passed on Monday, the applicants paid a total settlement amount of Rs 1.48 crore.

With the settlement, Sebi directed that the proceedings arising from the SCN and supplementary SCN be disposed of. Separately, the regulator has imposed a fine of Rs 20 lakh each on Nasser Ali Shaban Ahli and Chang Chung-Ling in the matter. Last week, five Adani group companies settled adjudication proceedings with Sebi for Rs 1.51 crore over an alleged lapse in the disclosure of related-party transactions.

UK-Based Thalassemia Survivor Inspires TSCS Patients With 57-Year Journey

HYDERABAD
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A 57-year-old Thalassemia Major survivor from London, Ajay Gandhi, inspired hundreds of Thalassemia and Sickle Cell patients and their parents during his visit to the Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Society (TSCS) in Hyderabad on Monday.Gandhi, who has lived with Thalassemia Major for nearly six decades, shared his personal experiences, including his childhood, health challenges, treatment journey, career, marriage and family life. His interaction at the MR RR Auditorium focused on how determination, disciplined treatment, medical care, family support and perseverance helped him build a fulfilling life despite living with a chronic blood disorder.Gandhi said Thalassemia is a part of his life but does not define him. He also spoke about the importance of maintaining regular treatment and following medical advice. His current health and test results, he said, reflect the progress made through decades of consistent care and advances in medical treatment.During the interaction, Gandhi appreciated TSCS for providing comprehensive facilities and support to Thalassemia patients under one roof and free of cost.



He praised the Society for serving thousands of patients, including those travelling from distant parts of the country to access treatment and support."Meeting the patients and parents at TSCS was an incredibly moving experience," Gandhi said. "I was deeply impressed by the comprehensive support and facilities provided by TSCS, completely free of cost. I hope my story gives every patient the confidence to dream, pursue their ambitions and face the future with courage and hope."TSCS President Chandrakant Agarwal said Gandhi's journey demonstrated the importance of treatment adherence, medical advancements, family support and determination in helping Thalassemia patients overcome challenges.

"It was a great privilege for us to welcome Mr. Ajay Gandhi to TSCS," Agarwal said. "His nearly 57-year journey with Thalassemia Major is a powerful example of how determination, adherence to treatment, medical advancements and strong family support can help a person pursue a fulfilling life."Dr. Suman Jain, Chief Medical Research Officer and Secretary of TSCS, Vice-President Ratnavali, Senior Research Scientist Dr. Padma and Manoj Rupani were also present during the interaction.Agarwal said Gandhi's personal experiences made the session particularly meaningful for patients and families. He added that TSCS would continue its efforts to provide comprehensive care, support and encouragement to patients irrespective of their financial circumstances.

SIT Files Fresh POCSO Case Against Granite Baron Veeramani

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The SIT probing the child sexual abuse case against granite baron R Veeramani registered one more case under the POCSO Act against him on Monday following a complaint by the mother of a minor girl, police said. The mother of the victim appeared on Sep 28 before the SIT officials and lodged a complaint, based on which a fresh case has been registered and investigation has been launched, Chennai city police said.

The all-women Special Investigation Team was constituted following a directive of the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal, to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the sexual abuse case registered against Veeramani and others under the POCSO Act. Chennai Police, in a press release, appealed to the people to share information, documents, or evidence if any or lodge complaints as the case may be, and share it with the investigators at 9345319676; either through phone calls or via WhatsApp.

The identity and details of informants will be kept strictly confidential, and immediate legal action will be initiated following verification, the police added. Meanwhile, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has taken suo motu cognisance of the alleged sexual abuse of minor girls aged 12-16 years by Veeramani.

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.

Subhash Ghai's Music Reimagined by Mithoon Set for December Concert



MUMBAI
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In a historic, first-of-its-kind collaboration that pays an ode to the golden era of Hindi cinema with contemporary musical brilliance, legendary filmmaker Subhash Ghai and acclaimed music composer-director Mithoon have officially announced a pathbreaking new concert: 'Kya Zamaana Tha: Subhash Ghai's Musical Legacy Reimagined by Mithoon' - The Biggest Music Concert Ever! The concert is powered by Mastercard.

An initiative by Mukta Arts and EVA Live, this grand live entertainment musical is set to premiere at Jio World Garden, Mumbai, for an exclusive and extraordinary showcase on Friday, 11 December 2026. Deepak Choudhary, Founder & Managing Director, EVA Live states, "At EVA Live, our core philosophy has always been to build pioneering live experiences that carry immense cultural value. Kya Zamaana Tha is not just a concert; it is the birth of a landmark, world-class entertainment IP that sets a new gold standard for the live industry in India. Subhash Ghai ji's cinematic universe holds an unprecedented generational pull, and by bringing in a musical powerhouse like Mithoon to structurally dismantle and rebuild these masterworks, we are creating a production will serve as an uncompressed analog revival. It is set to rescue those massive acoustic frequencies from the compressed limits of modern streaming algorithms, unleashing them in full glory across a massive open-air arena for city music lovers."

In what is being hailed as a monumental shift in the Indian live entertainment landscape, this pioneering intellectual property will redefine how the country experiences live music concerts. Far from a conventional tribute or standard retrospective, this multi-sensory spectacle is set to position classic Hindi film music with the same stadium-level box office clout typically reserved for international pop tours. Audiences attending this spectacular showcase will experience a premium, generation-defining entertainment spectacle that will seamlessly blend nostalgia with 70-member orchestra and state-of-the-art live production design. For the very first time, the iconic musical universe of showman Subhash Ghai's masterworks will be reimagined through a contemporary lens. The revolutionary soundtracks of Karz and Hero, the timeless anthems of Ram Lakhan and Khalnayak, and the symphonic grandeur of Pardes, Taal and Yaadein will come alive through grand live orchestration, contemporary arrangements and an immersive production scale never before seen on the Indian stage.

14-Year-Old Hyderabad Shooter Eeshithva S. K. Telu Wins Double Silver at IPSC Nationals 2026

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Fourteen-year-old Eeshithva S. K. Telu, a student of The Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet, has secured two Silver Medals at the IPSC Nationals 2026, adding another notable achievement to her growing competitive shooting career.

The young shooter won Silver in the Individual Event and followed it with another Silver Medal in the Team Event at the national-level championship held in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, from September 13 to 16, 2026.

Representing The Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet, Eeshithva competed against shooters from across the country and delivered a strong performance in both events. Her double-medal finish highlights her continued progress in competitive rifle shooting and her experience at major championships.

Eeshithva has been steadily developing as a National-Level Rifle Shooter, having participated in state, zonal and national-level competitions. She has also qualified for the Team India Selection Trials, marking another important step in her sporting journey.

Her latest performance in Raipur adds two national-level medals to her record and reflects the discipline, concentration and consistency she has brought to the sport at a young age.

Achievement at a Glance

Athlete: Eeshithva S. K. Telu

Age: 14

School: The Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet



Championship: IPSC Nationals 2026

Venue: Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Dates: September 13–16, 2026

Individual Event: 🥈 Silver

Team Event: 🥈 Silver

Status: National-Level Rifle Shooter

Additional Achievement: Team India Selection Trials Qualifier

Eeshithva's double-silver achievement is also a notable moment for The Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet, as the young athlete continues to pursue higher levels of competitive shooting.

With national-level experience and qualification for the Team India Selection Trials, Eeshithva is now looking ahead to the next stages of her sporting career.

Her latest medals provide further recognition of her efforts and determination in the shooting arena.

Hyderabad HPRC Gives India Strong Fight in Madrid Polo Clubs Cup

HYDERABAD
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Waheed uddin

Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club (HPRC), representing India, narrowly lost 4–3 to Madrid Polo Club, representing Spain, in the Clubs Cup at San Fernando de Henares on Sunday. The closely contested final was decided by a late goal in the closing minutes of the final chukker.

HPRC President Chaitania Kumar opened the scoring for India, while Arsalan Khan scored twice to take the visitors' tally to three. India maintained a disciplined defensive approach and kept Madrid Polo Club at bay for much of the final chukker before the Spanish side found the decisive goal.

India was represented by Akash Reddy, Arsalan Khan, Saif Attari and Chaitania Kumar. Madrid Polo Club fielded Mateo, Ivan Davila, Manuel Segimon and Paul. The match was played at Madrid Polo Club's ground, with the host club providing three horses for each visiting player.



"It was an amazing game, and it showed the true essence of polo," said Chaitania Kumar. He said the contest highlighted the sporting friendship between India and Spain and expressed appreciation for the hospitality extended by Madrid Polo Club.

The weekend began with the Friendship Cup on Saturday, featuring mixed teams made up of two HPRC players and two Madrid Polo Club members. The White team of MGV, Ivan Davila, Chaitania Kumar and Arsalan Khan defeated the Blue team of Akash Reddy, Saif Attari, Mateo and Nacho 4–3. The teams later came together for a dinner hosted by Madrid Polo Club.

The Madrid visit marked the first international stop of HPRC's 2026 tour and the first overseas tour by a club side from Hyderabad. The team arrived in Madrid on September 23 and trained at the club before competing in the weekend fixtures.

HPRC will now travel to the United States for the next leg of its tour, where it is scheduled to play Commonwealth Polo Club in Lexington, Kentucky. The international tour is also aimed at promoting Hyderabad as a destination for polo tourism and encouraging international clubs to visit and compete in the city.

Kumar thanked Madrid Polo Club and its members for their hospitality and said HPRC looked forward to welcoming the Spanish club to Hyderabad in the future.

KTR questions acquisition of Bahadurpally farmers' lands for bullet train project

HYDERABAD
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BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao has criticised the Congress government over its proposed acquisition of agricultural lands in Bahadurpally for the bullet train project, questioning the need to displace farmers when substantial government-owned land is reportedly available near the international airport.Interacting with farmers facing displacement at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, Rama Rao said the BRS was not opposed to the bullet train project but would resist the acquisition of agricultural land if suitable alternative government land was available. He pointed to the land acquired for the Shamshabad airport and questioned why unused portions of the airport land could not be considered for the proposed rail project.

Rama Rao also questioned the reported requirement of around 1,000 acres for a bullet train station, arguing that a significantly smaller area should be sufficient. He said farmers who had cultivated their lands for generations should not be forced to surrender them when alternative land was allegedly available.He further pointed out that the Telangana government holds a 13 per cent stake in the airport and that land associated with the airport had



been leased to the GMR Group. Against this backdrop, he questioned the government's decision to acquire additional agricultural land from farmers in the surrounding areas.The BRS working president also questioned the deployment of nearly 4,000 police personnel during the land acquisition process.

He argued that if the government had clear documentary evidence establishing its ownership over the disputed properties, such a large police deployment should not be necessary.Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government was attempting to acquire agricultural land at lower prices for real estate-related interests and accused it of adopting different standards while dealing with properties linked to influential individuals. These allegations were made by Rama Rao and were not independently established in the statement.He also referred to land acquired earlier for Hyderabad Pharma City. Rama Rao said the Congress had previously promised to return the acquired land after scrapping the project but was now proposing to use the same land as part of the Future City initiative. He questioned the government's plans for expanding Future City and alleged that the exercise could benefit real estate interests.Rama Rao urged affected farmers to remain united and advised them not to surrender their lands without securing their rights. He said the BRS would continue to pursue legal avenues to protect the interests of the farmers, including approaching the Supreme Court if required.He reiterated that the BRS supported the bullet train project but would oppose what he described.

BRS leaders protest outside ED office, seek details of Minister Ponguleti case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS MLAs, MLCs and other leaders staged a protest outside the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office at Basheerbagh here on Monday, after the police stopped them outside and prevented them from entering the office. They demanded the ED authorities to release details of the investigation into the searches conducted at the premises linked to Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy in September 2024.

The BRS leaders went to the ED office to submit a representation to the officials, seeking release of the investigation details, two years after the raids were conducted on the Minister's properties. After police obstructed them, BRS cadre staged a protest outside the office. Police later allowed the leaders to meet ED officials and submit the representation to Deputy Director Swathi. MLAs



KP Vivekanand and K Sanjay Kumar, MLCs Shambipur Raju and Naveen Reddy, BRS leader Talasani Sai Kiran Yadav and BRSV State president Gellu Srinivas Yadav were among those who participated in the protest.

In its representation, the BRS sought details of the searches conducted on September 27 and 28, 2024, at around 16 locations linked to Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. The party asked the ED to disclose the present status of the investigation and details of any cash, documents, digital devices, bank accounts and other material seized during the searches.

The BRS also sought clarity on whether the ED issued notices or summons, whether it filed a prosecution complaint, and the status of any seized property or other articles. The petition also sought updates on the investigations into the Narasapur Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme, Wattingapalli FIR, and Kotwalguda-Manasa Hills matters, on which the BRS had complained.

Speaking to the media later, the BRS legislators demanded that the ED provide the information within 15 days and, if the investigation was still continuing, indicate a timeframe for further action.

Telangana Chief Justice among three recommended for SC elevation

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Telangana Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh is among the three recommended for elevation to the apex court by the Supreme Court Collegium on Monday, September 28.

The other two are Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Delhi High Court Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya.

The recommendations will be processed according to the established procedure for the appointment of Supreme Court judges.

Before becoming the Telangana HC Chief Justice, Justice Singh was elevated to a judge of the Jharkhand High Court in 2012 after practising before the Patna and Jharkhand High Courts.

He later served as Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court before taking charge of the Telangana High Court in July 2025.

Justice Agarwal, a judge of the Allahabad High Court, has been Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court since July 2023. She enrolled as an advocate in 1990 and was elevated to the Allahabad High Court in November 2011.

If elevated, she will have nearly five years before reaching the Supreme Court's retirement age of 65.

AIMIM makes changes, appoints new general secretary

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Syed Abdul Hussain Anwar has been appointed as the new General Secretary of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM).

AIMIM President and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on Monday appointed the senior leader to the key post, vacant since the demise of Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri in February 2026.

The AIMIM also announced appointments to key organisational positions within the party organisation.

Asaduddin Owaisi appointed Syed Mushtaq Ahmed as Joint Secretary, and Mohsin Balala as Treasurer. Abu Talha Amjed has been assigned to assist Samad Bin Abbad in party organisational matters. The appointments take effect immediately, said a party release.

Meanwhile, Owaisi on Monday distributed "All-in-One" study material among 1,700 Class 10 Urdu Medium students of Hyderabad City. The initiative has been undertaken through the Majlis Charities Educational and Relief Trust.

The initiative was started in 2005 by the late AIMIM President and former Member of Parliament, Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi, with the objective of providing educational assistance and support to students.



Every year, educational assistance is provided to students, including long books, school bags, guide sets for Classes 6 to 9, and support towards SSC examination fees.

As part of this year's educational assistance programme, 8,000 'All-in-One' study materials are being distributed across Telangana, in addition to 11,000 educational kits distributed during the month of July. The total expenditure on this year's educational assistance programme is approximately Rs 65 lakh.

Addressing the gathering, Asaduddin Owaisi said that the Ministry of Minority Affairs has been weakened since the Modi government came to power, and expressed concern over reductions and discontinuation of various scholarship and educational support programmes for minority students.

He said that government data indicates significant changes in allocations and expenditure under various minority scholarship schemes, which, according to him, have affected educational assistance available to minority students.

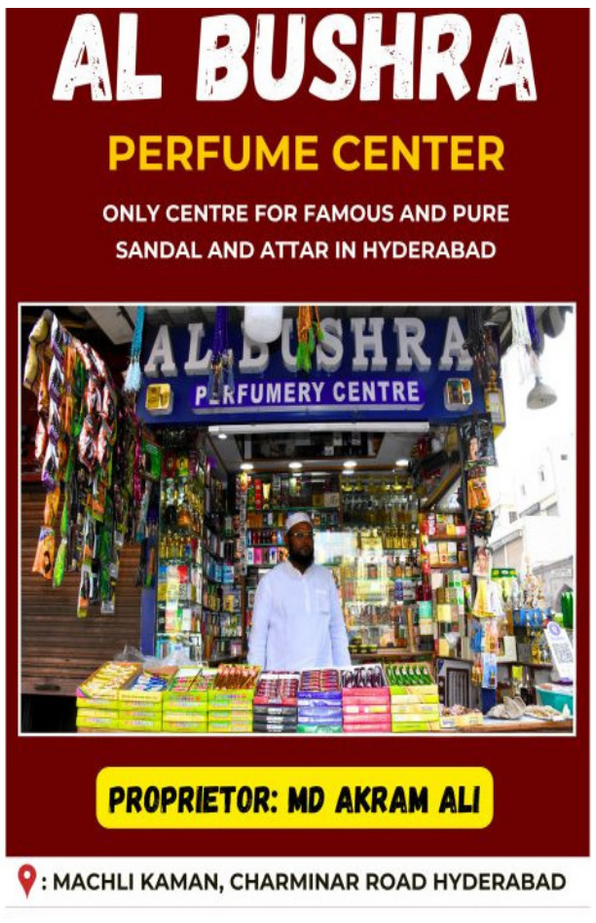
The AIMIM chief also appealed to voters who have received notices under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) to respond within the prescribed process and submit the required documents.

He urged voters whose names have been excluded or marked as "shifted" or "death" in the electoral roll to take the necessary steps through the prescribed Election Commission process to ensure that their names are correctly included in the electoral roll.

He further advised eligible citizens to use the Election Commission's voter services portal for SIR-related submissions and, where applicable, Form 6 for new voter registration.



BRS Leader Dr. M. Krishank appears before Nampally Police for a second round of questioning in connection with the Saifabad Police Station case.



SHE Teams nab 1,530 eve teasers during Ganesh immersion

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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.

Khairatabad seat vacant following Danam Nagender disqualification

HYDERABAD
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Following the Telangana High Court judgment disqualifying Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender, the Legislative Assembly has issued a gazette notification stating that the seat stood vacant with effect from April 23, 2024.

On September 18, the High Court disqualified Danam Nagender for contesting the Secunderabad Lok Sabha election as a Congress candidate while continuing as a BRS MLA. The court held that his disqualification would take effect



from April 23, 2024, the day he filed his nomination as a Congress candidate. It also shared copies of its order with the Election Commission of India and the Telangana Assembly.

Challenging the High Court judgment, Danam Nagender approached the Supreme Court. However, on September 24, the apex court upheld the High Court judgment.

Accordingly, Assembly Secretary Rendla Thirupathi issued a gazette notification on September 26 stating that, in pursuance of the High Court judgment, Danam Nagender, who was elected from the Khairatabad constituency, stood disqualified with effect from April 23, 2024. The notification effectively records the vacancy of the Khairatabad Assembly seat from the date of Nagender's disqualification.

Khairthabad by-election to test BJP's performance in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Despite the claims being made by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State unit about gaining ground in Telangana, particularly Hyderabad, the electoral performance of the party presents a contrasting picture.

Since the December 2023 Assembly elections, there have been two by-elections in Greater Hyderabad. The Secunderabad Cantonment by-election was held in 2024, followed by the Jubilee Hills by-election in 2025..

In both elections, the BJP failed to make a significant impact, while the ruling Congress emerged victorious.

The Secunderabad Cantonment by-election was held on May 13, 2024, alongside the Lok Sabha elections. However, the BJP failed to win the seat. This was followed by the Jubilee Hills by-election in November 2025, where the BJP polled only 17,061 votes and finished a distant third.

Now, with the Khairthabad by-election expected to be held soon, the BJP's ability to improve its performance has become a subject of discussion in political circles. After Ramchander Rao took charge as BJP State president in May 2025, the Khairthabad by-election will be the second election and an important test of his leadership.

The by-election will also be a test for Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, as the Khairthabad Assembly constituency falls under the Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency, which he represents.

Against this backdrop, the Khairthabad by-election assumes significance for the BJP ahead of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections, which have been due since January this year.

Cheddi gang robbery: RWAs issue security advisory to apartment residents



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Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs) on Monday issued a security advisory to apartment owners within GHMC, CMC and MMC limits after six suspected Cheddi gang members allegedly broke into a flat at Flotilla Apartments in Neknampur in the early hours of Monday.

The advisory asked apartment and villa management committees and security staff to strengthen surveillance along compound walls, particularly in dark areas without lighting or CCTV coverage.

It said offenders often used such weak points to enter communities, commit theft and escape while security teams focused mainly on gates.

Committees and security personnel were advised to inspect compound boundaries for dark spots, broken fencing and CCTV blind spots.

Adequate lighting and cameras should be installed at all vulnerable locations, while perimeter patrols should be increased, particularly between 11 pm and 5 am.

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