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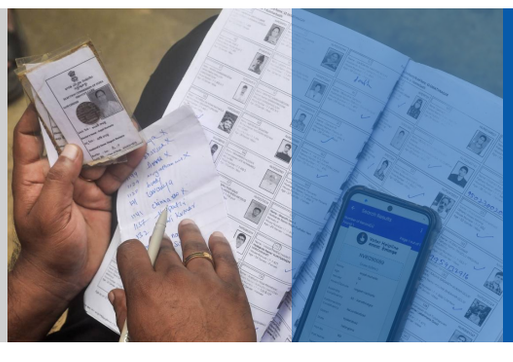
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WEATHER

MAX: 32.0°C
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MAX/MIN
temp. 32/24°C

Delhi Braces For Winter Pollution Curb With 50% WFH

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The Delhi government has announced a comprehensive Winter Action Plan 2026-27 to tackle air pollution, with a focus on stricter enforcement, curbs on vehicles and construction activities, and greater public participation. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said the Centre and Delhi government are working together to address pollution across Delhi-NCR. The plan follows a “whole-of government” and “whole-of-society” approach, involving agencies including the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), the Central Pollu-

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CWC Demands Modi Step Down, CEC Quit

CWC seeks voter-roll transparency as opposition parties intensify campaign against election panel

NEW DELHI
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The Congress on Tuesday demanded the immediate removal of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, the suspension of the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll, the restoration of over 13 crore names struck off and the resignation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "match-fixing" elections. Separately, the Left parties protested outside the Election Commission headquarters in the national capital to press for the CEC’s resignation.

During the two-and-a-half-hour Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, the party discussed the alleged “match-fixing between the Election Commission and the Prime Minister-Union Home Minister duo”. "This brazen 'vote chori' has been organised by the CEC on behalf of the Prime Minister and the Union home minister. Nothing short of their resignation will ensure the safety of our constitution and hard-earned democracy," the CWC resolution said.

According to the CWC resolution, the BJP and its handpicked officials must understand that this "brazen theft" of the people's franchise will not go unanswered. The Congress would resist it in Parliament, in the courts and on the streets, until the guilty were punished, every citizen's vote was secure and the ECI was restored as an independent constitutional authority. "For the Indian National Congress, the struggle to restore universal adult franchise in India is no less than the freedom struggle itself," the resolution said.

The CWC said the Congress, under the guidance of Kharge and the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, had taken the issue to various platforms, including through the Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar, the nationwide vote chori campaign, representations to the EC, the EAGLE group's engagement with the poll panel, legal challenges to the SIR, I.N.D.I.A. bloc protests in Parliament and a march to the ECI office. “The concerns, initially raised by Mr Gandhi, have now become a wider demand for accountability, transparency and restoration of the sanctity of India's electoral system," the CWC said.

In his remarks, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said the party's main demand is that CEC Kumar has no moral right to continue for a single day. "He (the CEC) will understand in the coming days what level of resistance we will build up for his resignation," he said.

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Rahul to Meet Families of Children Who Died in MP’s Balaghat

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will visit Balaghat district in Madhya Pradesh on October 1 and meet the families of more than 30 children who have died due to suspected infectious diseases in the last few months, his party's state unit said on Tuesday. State Congress president Jitu Patwari, in a post on social media platform 'X', announced Gandhi's visit, saying the deaths of innocent children in the tribal-dominated district have raised serious questions about the healthcare system and administrative accountability of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government.

He questioned how long will children from poor and tribal families in Madhya Pradesh suffer due to apathy and inefficiency of the administration under the BJP rule. Patwari demanded answers from the Madhya Pradesh government as to why tribals are strug-

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Revanth Seeks Irrigation Nods



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday urged Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil to prevail upon the Maharashtra government to grant the necessary clearances for construction of the Tummidihatti barrage and expedite environmental approvals for several Telangana irrigation projects. Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy met Patil in Delhi and discussed issues concerning Telangana’s projects in the Krishna and Godavari basins. The Chief Minister said Telangana had already furnished the information sought by Maharashtra for the Tummidihatti barrage and requested the Centre to facilitate an early agreement between the two states for construction of the barrage with the full reservoir level at 152 metres.

Revanth Reddy said construction of the project at the proposed height would enable water to be taken to the Yellampalli reservoir through gravity, reducing the requirement for power for lifting and consequently lowering the cost of water transportation. The Chief Minister also sought immediate environmental clearances for the Palamuru-Rangareddy and Dindi lift irrigation scheme, Sitaramasagar multipurpose project (SSMP) and Gouravelli reservoir. Referring to the Centre’s decision to issue guidelines for environmental clearances following a recent Supreme Court judgment, he urged the

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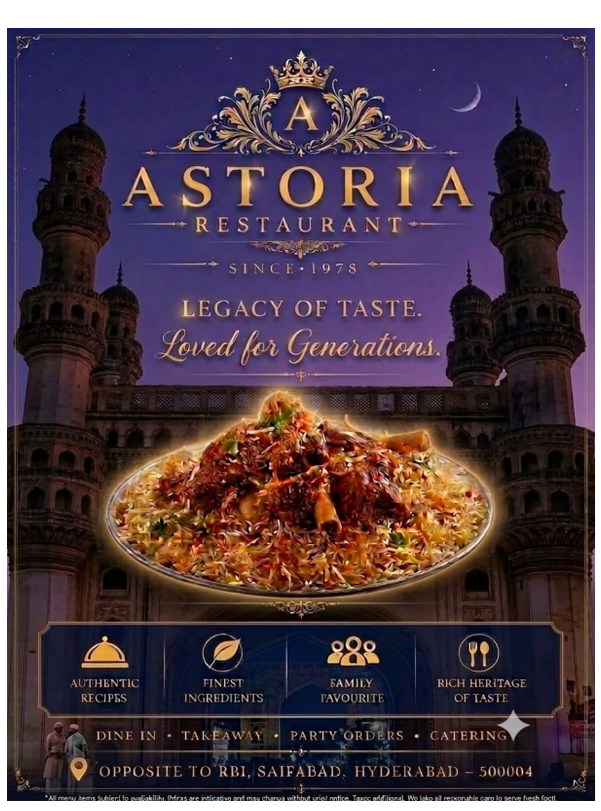
Left Parties Protest At EC, Demand CEC Gyanesh Kumar's Removal

NEW DELHI
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Left party leaders held a protest at the Election Commission headquarters here on Tuesday demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar amid the ongoing controversy over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.CPI(M) General Secretary M A Baby, Brinda Karat, CPI leader and NFIW president Nisha Sidhu, and CPI(ML) Liberation central committee members Sucheta De and Shweta Raj were among those who took part in the protest. As the protesters raised slogans demanding Kumar's removal, police forcibly detained them.

"Gyanesh Kumar should resign or be removed. We cannot allow him to continue," Baby said. The CPI(M), CPI, CPI(ML) Liberation, RSP and All India Forward Bloc had announced week-long protest programmes from September 26 to October 2 over the functioning of the Election Commission and the SIR exercise. The Congress also held protests a day earlier across the country to demand CEC Kumar's removal. The opposition has declared a no-holds-barred offensive for Kumar's ouster following an Indian Express report that Election Commissioners S S Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had raised objections on record at least 14 times over the previous 10 months on decisions relating to voter registration, deletion and restoration of names and the SIR exercise.





SRFTI Classes Suspended for 2nd Day After Campus Violence

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Classes at the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) in Kolkata remained suspended for the second consecutive day on Tuesday as students continued their academic boycott following the campus violence, officials said. PTI had erroneously reported on Monday that classes had resumed at the institute, following the clash between a section of students and members of the RSS-affiliated Akhil Bharatiya Grahak Panchayat (ABGP) on Sunday.

"Classes and academic activities have not resumed. Some shooting and production-related work for pre-scheduled projects is, however, going on.

We are speaking with the students so that normal activities resume at the earliest," a senior SRFTI official said. Nachiket, general secretary of the SRFTI Students' Union, said the academic boycott would continue as the authorities were yet to accept their demands.

Congress Wooing Weavers, Aiming to Make CM's Sircilla Meeting a Big Success

HYDERABAD
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The ruling Congress party is making serious efforts to ensure that the public meeting of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy scheduled for Wednesday in Sircilla is a grand success. The CM would lay the foundation for projects worth Rs 345.78 crore in Sircilla. The party is contemplating to mobilise the weaving community on a large scale for the public meeting. Revanth Reddy will walk along with weavers for a distance of nearly 3km from the Ambedkar chowk to the Ragudu bypass road, where he would address the public meeting.

During the visit, the CM would interact with representatives of weavers and get first-hand information about their problems.

Through this high-profile visit, Revant Reddy is reportedly targeting local MLA and BRS working president KT Rama Rao. About one lakh people are being organised for the event, Congress leaders claimed. The political heat on the CM's Sircilla visit has escalated with statements and counter statements from the ruling and opposition sides.

Congress leaders have predicted that the days of KTR will be numbered after Revanth Reddy's meeting, while BRS leaders retaliated that the countdown for exit of the Congress from power has already started. The Congress government is already



wooing the region's largely spread weaver community with many sops. Recently, it has released Rs 92 crore towards clearing the pending saree bills of years 2025 and 2026.

Ministers and government officials recently held several meetings with representatives of weaving associations. Handlooms and textiles minister Thummala Nageshwar Rao along with Ponnam Prabhakar and Adluri Laxman Kumar held a meeting with weaving community people in Sircilla on Sunday and asked them to make the CM's meeting a big success by participating in it in a big way. While promising to continue the governmental support to the community in future, the minister reportedly warned them of consequences if the weavers failed to take part in the meeting.

"Nageshwar Rao had made similar comments during the municipal elections in Sircilla municipality," a weaver said.

On Monday, special chief secretary to handlooms and textiles, Sabyasachi Ghosh, held a meeting with weavers. During the meetings, the weavers listed their problems before the ministers. They wanted the government to release `60 crore in pending bills, resume 10 per cent subsidy for yarn and provide free power upto 10 HP to looms. They also wanted the government to start the 'Worker to Owner' scheme that had been stalled in the middle and allocate 50 to 60 acres of land near the Apparel Park to establish their units.

One SIR notice pending in Telangana, 92.88 lakh generated

HYDERABAD
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The Election Commission of India (ECI) has remained stuck on generating one last notice, as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, for more than a month now in Telangana.

While 92,88,181 notices are to be generated for anomalies in the enumeration forms and SIR 2002 unmapped electors, the ECI generated 92,88,180 notices, with one pending since the notice phase that began on August 17..

According to sources in Telangana Chief Electoral Office, one last notice pending generation related to an elector in Rajendranagar Assembly constituency in Rangareddy district.

"The ECI might not have generated the last notice in the State due to technical reasons. But, all electors who have anomalies in the enumeration forms or remained unmapped with the SIR 2002 will be served notices before the November 5 deadline," sources said.

The State has 3,38,26,448 voters and 2,64,87,213 submitted enumeration forms, while 73,39,235 voters have been categorised under the Absent Shifted, Death and Duplicate voter (ASDD) category.

Meanwhile, 48,88,076 electors who have been served notices were found eligible for inclusion in the final electoral roll till the last count on Tuesday. Of the total notices generated, 88,52,173 have been served to electors, leaving 4,36,007 pending.

The Electoral Registration Officers, Assistant EROs and BLOs have completed hearing of 61,87,444 electors, while 12,99,368 electors' details were under verification with the district election officers.

As per the SIR revised schedule, individuals can raise claims and file objections on the draft electoral roll until October 7 and their disposal concludes on November 5 with final electoral roll publication scheduled for November 9.

The Telangana CEO has issued a proceeding informing the DEOs and EROs to direct the BLOs to conduct home visits to collect and upload documents on its unified ECI-Net portal for unmapped persons or those with logical discrepancies.

In-person hearings at the offices of EROs and AEROs would no longer be required except in exceptional circumstances, which would preferably be conducted online, sources said, adding that family members have already extended the provision of attending SIR hearings.

BRS Activist Dies by Suicide in Bilalpur



A tragic incident was reported from Bilalpur village in Kohir Mandal, Sangareddy district, where Golla Shekhar (25), a BRS activist, died by suicide. According to family members and BRS leaders, Shekhar had been called to the Zaheerabad Town Police Station in connection with the inquiry into a case.

Following the incident, family members and BRS leaders expressed concerns regarding the circumstances surrounding the police inquiry. They stated that Shekhar was distressed following the incident and demanded a detailed investigation.

BRS leaders urged the authorities to conduct a fair and impartial inquiry into the circumstances surrounding Shekhar's death and establish the facts.

Following Shekhar's death, family members brought his body to National Highway 65 and staged a protest, demanding a thorough inquiry and justice.

The protest reportedly continued for around two hours, affecting traffic movement on National Highway 65. Police reached the spot and took steps to manage the situation.

The MLA who participated in the protest was taken into custody by the police and shifted to Zaheerabad Rural Police Station, according to reports. Later, Shekhar's body was shifted to Zaheerabad Government Hospital for post-mortem examination.

Family members and party leaders have requested a detailed inquiry into why Shekhar was called to the police station, what transpired during the inquiry, and the circumstances that followed.

The allegations raised by the family members and BRS leaders have not been independently established at this stage.

World Heart Day Awareness Programme Held in Sadashivanagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An awareness programme on heart health, early detection and healthy lifestyle practices was organised at the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary (GAD) in Sadashivanagar on the occasion of World Heart Day.The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Nahida Tarannum, AYUSH Medical Officer, NRHM, with the support of Saritha, AYUSH Pharmacist, GAD Sadashivanagar.



The session focused on creating awareness among the public about cardiovascular health and the importance of preventive care.Addressing the participants, Dr. Nahida Tarannum emphasised the significance of the World Heart Day theme of knowing one's health numbers. She advised people to regularly monitor key indicators such as blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels and undergo periodic health check-ups. She stressed that identifying abnormal readings at an early stage and seeking medical advice can help reduce the risk of serious complications.The programme also highlighted the need to recognise unusual or persistent symptoms that could indicate heart-related problems. Participants were advised not to ignore warning signs and to seek timely medical attention whenever necessary.Dr. Nahida Tarannum encouraged the community to adopt simple and sustainable lifestyle changes to maintain a healthy heart. These included consuming a balanced and nutritious diet, limiting oily and junk foods, engaging in regular physical activity, and practising Yoga and Pranayama.She further stressed the importance of managing daily stress, getting adequate sleep and maintaining a positive outlook towards life. Participants were encouraged to remain physically active and find happiness in simple everyday activities.The doctor also highlighted the need to avoid preventable risk factors, particularly smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, which can adversely affect cardiovascular health.The awareness session concluded with a message that heart health requires continuous attention and preventive care. Regular health monitoring, healthy food choices, physical activity, adequate rest and timely medical consultation were highlighted as important steps towards maintaining cardiovascular well-being.The organisers urged people to make heart-healthy habits a part of their daily lives and spread awareness.

Keerthi Reddy Slams Revanth Over Remarks on Gods

HYDERABAD
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BJP State Executive Member Juturu Keerthi Reddy criticised Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his recent remarks describing Lord Shiva as the "God of the poor" and Lord Rama as the "God of the wealthy."

Reacting to the Chief Minister's comments made at an event in Delhi, Keerthi Reddy accused the Congress of pursuing "divide and rule" politics even by attempting to associate



Hindu deities with different social sections. She termed the remarks unfortunate and said the Chief Minister should speak with greater responsibility, keeping the dignity of his office in mind.

Keerthi Reddy said there was no basis for categorising deities as belonging to the poor or the rich, arguing that devotees across social and economic backgrounds worship both Shiva and Rama. She alleged that Congress leaders resort to divisive rhetoric whenever the party faces declining public support.

Referring to earlier controversial remarks by a Congress leader over chanting "Jai Shri Ram," she alleged that the party had a history of making politically charged statements involving religious issues.

She further criticised the Chief Minister for allegedly focusing on political controversies instead of governance. If Revanth Reddy was committed to public welfare, she said, he should focus on fulfilling electoral promises, addressing people's grievances and delivering on assurances made to the public.

Keerthi Reddy also appealed to political leaders to avoid bringing religious figures into political debates and maintain responsible public discourse.

BRS Mobilises Cadre in Padmarao Nagar Ahead of Sanathnagar Meeting

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is preparing for a major gathering in the Sanathnagar constituency, with a general body meeting scheduled for September 30 at 10 AM at the Zoroastrian Club in Secunderabad.Ahead of the meeting, a preparatory mobilisation programme was held at Vedika Function Hall in Padmarao Nagar.

The meeting was organised by BRS Padmarao Nagar in-charge Gurram Pavan



Kumar Goud, who called upon party workers and members to participate in large numbers.Goud urged members of the BRS family in Padmarao Nagar to attend the meeting and contribute to its success.The gathering is expected to witness the participation of senior BRS leaders, including former Telangana Ministers Talasani Srinivas Yadav and T. Harish Rao, along with BRS State General Secretary R.S. Praveen Kumar, who will address the meeting as chief guests.

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.

Kavitha Alleges ₹5,000-Crore Land Scam in Kongarakurd, Demands Probe

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha has alleged large-scale irregularities in 580 acres of disputed land at Kongarakurd in Rangareddy district and demanded that the government immediately protect the land and cancel allegedly irregular registrations.

Addressing the media along with affected farmers, Kavitha alleged that Congress and BRS-linked land interests were jointly attempting to take control of valuable land worth around ₹5,000 crore. She claimed that nearly 150 acres of the total 580 acres had already been taken over.

According to Kavitha, the disputed land covering Survey Nos. 2 to 400 was notified as Waqf property through a 2007 Gazette notification and was included in the prohibited 22-A list. She questioned how registrations and layout permissions could have been granted on land shown in government records as prohibited.

Kavitha alleged that land-related disputes intensified from 2022 and claimed that crops cultivated by farmers were destroyed using JCB machines before layouts were developed. She further alleged that farmers' complaints to revenue and police authorities did not result in



cases being registered.

She also alleged irregularities involving Occupancy Rights Certificates (ORCs), claiming that documents were allegedly obtained in the names of people with no connection to Kongarakurd and subsequently used in court proceedings and registrations. She cited the case of a farmer named Narsamma, who she claimed received an ORC in another person's name.

Kavitha questioned the role of HMDA officials in granting layout permissions and specifically referred to ventures identified by her as Urban Crest and City Grand NQ Ventures. She demanded that registrations made after 2022 be examined and, where found illegal, cancelled.

She also criticised media coverage of the dispute, alleging that reports published by Namaste Telangana and Sakshi were subsequently discontinued or changed. These claims were made by Kavitha and have not been independently established in the available reports.

The land dispute is also subject to litigation. A recent Telangana High Court judgment concerning Kongarakurd land dealt with challenges to Waqf notifications and related claims, underscoring the ongoing legal disputes over ownership and title.

Kavitha warned that she would approach the courts against the Rangareddy Collector and the state government if further development continued on the disputed land. She demanded an immediate government response and said the land should ultimately be protected in accordance with the outcome of the ongoing legal proceedings.

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 questions move to import coal amid reports of higher costs

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has criticised the Telangana Congress government's reported plan to import coal from overseas at about Rs 9,000 a tonne, even though Singareni coal costs around Rs 3,800 a tonne.

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Amid a spiralling power crisis due to short supply of coal affecting power generation in Telangana, BRS working president KT Rama Rao questioned the reported move to import coal from overseas despite the availability of Singareni coal at a much lower price.

He recalled that during the 9.5-year K Chandrashekhar Rao government, 24/7 power was supplied using coal from Singareni Collieries.

"Say no to Singareni coal which costs Rs 3,800 per tonne. Say yes to importing coal



from overseas which costs Rs 9,000 per tonne. Another Tughlaq decision of the Congress government," he said.

Reacting to media reports on proposals for coal imports, Rama Rao sought to know the reasons behind the government's alleged decision. "For whose benefit was the decision being done? Why should the people of Telangana bear this burden?" he asked. He reminded that Telangana had the largest coal blocks in south India and Singareni was supplying coal to Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.

Meanwhile, official sources said the Congress government was considering importing up to 50 lakh tonnes of coal from Australia and Indonesia amid shortages at thermal power plants. Domestic coal is reportedly available at around Rs 3,800-Rs 4,200 a tonne, while imported coal could cost more than Rs 10,000 a tonne.

Reports said TGGenco plants currently had only three to four days of coal stocks against the recommended 21 days. Genco officials had reportedly suggested approaching Coal India and other domestic sources, including the Naini coal block,

but efforts had not progressed beyond correspondence with Mahanadi Coalfields.

Genco engineers reportedly raised concerns over the use of imported coal that could indirectly affect the operation of thermal power plants, besides imposing an additional financial burden of around Rs 3,000 crore for 50 lakh tonnes and transportation costs.

Motkupalli Warns Congress Over Madiga Representation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Madiga Maha Shakti founder-president and former minister Motkupalli Narasimhulu warned that the Congress government could face political consequences if the Madiga community is not given adequate representation in political power. He made the remarks at a press conference held at the Basheerbagh Press Club in Hyderabad.

Motkupalli said the Madiga community has a significant population in Telangana and claimed that its support played an important role in bringing the Congress to power. He alleged that the community was now being denied its due share in political representation.

He demanded that the government immediately provide the Madiga community with the Deputy



Chief Minister's post and allocate at least 11 corporation chairperson positions based on population.

He also raised concerns over LIDCAP lands, stating that land allotted in 1973 for the welfare and industrial development of the Madiga community should be protected. He alleged that efforts were being made to use around 43 acres of valuable LIDCAP land in Gachibowli for commercial purposes.

Motkupalli further criticised what he described as hardship faced by poor families in the name of HYDRA and Section 22-A. He alleged that houses were being demolished and assigned and Bhoodan lands granted during earlier governments were being taken away.

He said Madigas would demonstrate their political strength in the coming days and announced plans to work with BCs and other disadvantaged communities in their political campaign.Advocate Praveen Kumar, Veeraswamy, Vijay, Vijayalakshmi and representatives of several Madiga organisations attended the meeting.

District Collector Prateek Jain Inspects Oil Palm Nursery in Sangareddy



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District Collector Prateek Jain said that the production of quality planting material and proper management of nurseries are crucial for promoting oil palm cultivation. He stated that the government is providing a subsidy of ₹193 per oil palm plant to encourage farmers to take up oil palm cultivation in the district.The Collector visited the Godrej Agrovet oil palm nursery at Potipalli village in Jharasangam Mandal, where officials explained that the nursery has been established over 60 acres with a production capacity of around 3 lakh oil palm plants.

Karwan MLA Seeks Action Over Hakeempet Hutment Concerns

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin met the Hyderabad Collector and HYDRAA Commissioner to discuss a range of concerns related to hutments near Hakeempet and sought prompt action from the concerned authorities.During the meeting, the MLA brought to the officials' attention reports regarding alleged illegal liquor sales and prostitution in the area, besides the construction of pucca houses within the hutment settlement.



He urged the authorities to examine these issues and take appropriate measures in accordance with the law.The meeting also focused on the proposed shifting and relocation of the hutments. According to the discussions, the authorities are working on a plan to relocate the huts by October. The MLA stressed the importance of ensuring that the process is carried out in a coordinated manner, involving all relevant government departments.Kausar Mohiuddin said the issues require immediate attention as they involve public safety, law and order, civic infrastructure and the overall welfare of residents in and around the locality. He requested the Hyderabad Collector and HYDRAA Commissioner to examine the situation on the ground, verify the reported concerns and initiate necessary action at the earliest.

Ananthaiah Seeks Governor Quota MLC Post for Devani Satish Madiga

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Social movement leader Chinnolla Ananthaiah has urged Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to consider Devani Satish Madiga for an MLC post under the Governor's quota, citing his nearly three decades of service to social justice and the rights of marginalised communities.



With three MLC positions set to fall vacant in the State, Ananthaiah said the government should provide representation to the Madiga community by considering Satish Madiga for one of the vacancies. He said Satish had dedicated around 30 years to social movements and had consistently worked for the welfare and rights of disadvantaged sections.

Ananthaiah recalled that Satish Madiga had served as the State General Secretary of the MRPS movement during the undivided Andhra Pradesh period. In that role, he actively participated in several movements seeking social justice and greater representation for marginalised communities.

He also highlighted Satish Madiga's participation in the Telangana statehood movement. According to Ananthaiah, Satish conducted various programmes and agitations in support of statehood and continued his efforts until the formation of Telangana.

Ananthaiah said Satish had also been actively raising issues concerning untouchability, caste discrimination, attacks on weaker sections, exploitation and injustice. He maintained that Satish had consistently stood with affected communities and worked to bring their concerns to the attention of governments and the public.

Referring to political representation, Ananthaiah said the Madiga community had not received adequate representation during the previous BRS government, according to the view expressed by social movement leaders. He urged the present Congress government to ensure appropriate representation for the community.

Superannuation Felicitation Held for MPP Thurkapally Superintendent Shravan Kumar

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A felicitation programme was organised to honour Mangaraju Shravan Kumar, Superintendent, Mandal Praja Parishad (MPP), Thurkapally, on the occasion of his retirement on attaining superannuation.

Speaking at the programme, Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, Superintendent (Administration), Zilla Praja Parishad, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, recalled Shravan Kumar's dedicated service and appreciated his contribution to fellow em-



ployees and the public.

A notable aspect of Shravan Kumar's service was his initiative of compiling important Government Orders (GOs) into booklet form and making them available free of cost. The compilation has been useful as a ready reference for employees seeking clarity on government rules, orders and service-related matters.

The speakers appreciated Shravan Kumar not only for his official responsibilities but also for sharing useful information with colleagues and supporting them through his knowledge and experience.

The programme also highlighted the achievements of Shravan Kumar's daughter, who is known for her interest and accomplishments in dance and has received several awards and recognitions for her performances.

The felicitation programme was attended by public representatives, employees, colleagues, well-wishers and others, who conveyed their greetings to Shravan Kumar on his retirement and wished him a healthy and fulfilling post-service life.

Jupudi Prabhakar Rao Consoles Bereaved Family in Tanguturu



HYDERABAD
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Jupudi Prabhakar Rao visited Ambedkar Nagar in Tanguturu and consoled the family of Tullibilli Bhaskar Rao, who died prematurely. He expressed his condolences and assured the family of his support. He urged Tullibilli Ashok Babu, president of the State Mala Employees Welfare Association, to stand by Bhaskar Rao's parents and family and take care of their welfare.

Rao said he was happy to visit Ambedkar Nagar, describing it as a symbol of Ambedkarite thought and social awareness. Former Sarpanch Putta Venkata Rao, Mala JAC leaders, Dalit organisation representatives, youth and elders participated in the programme.

Faster Merger & Complete Freehold Rights for Cantonment Residents

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Cantonment Vikas Manch, Secunderabad, has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and NITI Aayog to expedite cantonment reforms and merge civilian areas with their respective Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

The Manch said families living in cantonment areas for generations require more than administrative changes and called for complete freehold ownership rights, merger of civilian areas with ULBs, and equal civic and property rights.

It said the remaining Defence areas could continue functioning as dedicated military stations to safeguard national security while protecting the rights and development interests of civilian residents.



"Administrative change alone cannot solve the problem. Residents need secure ownership, equal civic rights and development opportunities," said Sanki Ravinder Babu of Cantonment Vikas Manch, Secunderabad.

The organisation appealed to the Centre and NITI Aayog to take swift steps to address the long-pending concerns of cantonment residents.

Srinivas Goud Accuses AP of Targeting Telangana Irrigation Projects

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Former Telangana Minister V. Srinivas Goud has strongly criticised the Andhra Pradesh government over its objections to several irrigation projects in Telangana, alleging that the move amounts to an attempt to undermine the state's water and irrigation rights.

Goud said the Andhra Pradesh government was seeking to obstruct the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS), taken up during the previous BRS government to provide irrigation water to drought-prone areas of Palamuru and Rangareddy. He alleged that questioning the project, designed around 90 TMC of net water availability, amounted to interference with Telangana's interests.

He also objected to AP's stand on the additional 15 TMC allocation for the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme during the KCR government, which was intended to provide irrigation to around four lakh acres.

Goud said AP's objections to proposed projects such as the Achampeta Lift Irrigation Scheme, expansion of the Ralam-



padu reservoir under the Nettempadu scheme and capacity enhancement of balancing reservoirs showed an attempt to restrict Telangana's irrigation development.

He also questioned objections to the Rajiv Gandhi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Buddha Madhavaram-Janpahad, Bettethanda, Nakkagudem and Muktyala projects.

Goud criticised the Telangana Congress government for not responding strongly to AP's objections and demanded that Andhra Pradesh first explain the permissions and status of projects such as Veligonda, Kandaleru, Brahma Sagar, Somasila, Mylavaram and Avuku reservoirs.

On Krishna water sharing, Goud said AP could not treat the 2015 working arrangement under the 811 TMC allocation to united Andhra Pradesh as a permanent entitlement.

He said the 512:299 sharing arrangement was only a working mechanism and maintained that Telangana was seeking a fairer share before the competent tribunal.

Goud alleged that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu was attempting to dominate Telangana's irrigation projects with the support of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

He said the BRS would oppose any move to obstruct Telangana's irrigation projects and asserted that the party would continue its fight to protect the state's water rights.

SC Refuses To Halt Trial Of IAS Officer Pooja Singhal

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

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

Jamia Student Suspended for 5 Days Over Protest, AISA Seeks Revocation

NEW DELHI
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The Jamia Millia Islamia has suspended a PhD student for five days for allegedly participating in an unauthorised gathering at the university's central canteen and "inciting" students to breach discipline. The action followed a protest on September 28 against the recent eviction of hostel residents, particularly women hostellers, the All India Students' Association (AISA) said and demanded immediate revocation of the action.

According to a show-cause notice issued by the university's Chief Proctor, the PhD (Sociology) student was suspended with immediate effect from September 28 till October 2 and barred from entering the university campus during the period. The notice alleged that the student participated in an "unauthorised gathering" at the central canteen on September 28 and delivered a speech while giving publicity to what the university termed "misleading accounts and rumours" among students. It further alleged that his actions incited other students to breach discipline.

The university said the gathering, held at around 5 pm, disrupted the routine functioning of the north campus and affected teaching, learning and research activities in nearby classrooms, laboratories and libraries. The notice also cited provisions of the university's ordinances on student discipline and directed the student to explain "why a higher punishment should not be imposed by the Discipline Committee".

In a statement, AISA's Jamia unit condemned the suspension and alleged that the student had been targeted for speaking in solidarity with women students and raising issues concerning hostel accommodation and living conditions. The student organisation questioned the university's action, saying the protest had raised concerns over the distribution of hostel accommodation, the living conditions of residents and the quality of food being served in hostels.

AISA also alleged that the administration's action was contrary to the right to peaceful protest and referred to a Delhi High Court order concerning students' right to protest. The student organisation said it would continue its protest until the suspension was withdrawn and also raised broader concerns over what it described as an "ongoing suspension raj" at Jamia. The university notice states that the administration had designated an area near Gate No. 18 as the place for students to congregate and express themselves within a democratic framework, and alleged that the September 28 gathering at the Central Canteen violated those directions. A university official said, "Students can protest at the designated spot, but they cannot disrupt classes and regular academic routine.

Delhi Braces For Winter Pollution Curb With 50% WFH, Slow Construction

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The Delhi government has announced a comprehensive Winter Action Plan 2026-27 to tackle air pollution, with a focus on stricter enforcement, curbs on vehicles and construction activities, and greater public participation. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said the Centre and Delhi government are working together to address pollution across Delhi-NCR. The plan follows a "whole-of government" and "whole-of-society" approach, involving agencies including the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), local bodies, Delhi Police and the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

Under the plan, the "No PUCC, No Fuel" campaign will be intensified from October 1 at all 500 petrol pumps equipped with ANPR systems. Vehicles without a valid PUCC and those that have reached the end of their prescribed lifespan will not be provided fuel. From November 1, entry of petrol and diesel vehicles registered outside Delhi that do not meet BS-VI standards will also be prohibited, with CNG and electric vehicles exempted

Construction-related restrictions will be introduced in phases. From November 1 to January 31, dust-generating demolition and outdoor civil construction activities will be prohibited, while a complete ban on construction and demolition activities will be imposed from December 10 to January 20. The government has also made 100% CCTV coverage mandatory at construction sites. To reduce traffic and vehicular emissions, government and private offices will implement 50% work from home, or two WFH days per week, from November 1. MCD offices will operate from 8:30 am to 5 pm, while Delhi government offices will function from 10 am to 6:30 pm. Parking charges at authorised parking sites will also be doubled, except at Metro parking facilities.

I.N.D.I.A. Bloc To Meet On SIR And Poll Body Row; DMK Skips Following Cong-TVK Tie-Up

NEW DELHI
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The Opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc parties are all set to meet in New Delhi on Wednesday to discuss concerns over the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll, besides other issues. Sources said the DMK had supported the cause but would not be attending the meeting. The chasm came after the Congress and TVK joined hands in Tamil Nadu. The meeting was necessitated by Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee after she spoke to several leaders. After landing in Delhi, Banerjee said: "We have come here for the I.N.D.I.A. bloc meeting... Our target is the Chief Election Commissioner and his entire software team, who cheated the public...We have been calling him 'Vanish Kumar' (CEC Gyanesh Kumar)..."

The Trinamul Congress is contemplating releasing audio recordings of its meetings with Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar amid the ongoing row over the SIR exercise, party sources said on Tuesday. They said the recordings were expected to be released next week to highlight the manner in which CEC Kumar interacted with political parties during meetings with the poll panel, including discussions on the technicalities and procedures relating to the election process.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav may not be attending the meeting. Speaking about this, Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal said: "I spoke to Akhilesh Yadav the day before yesterday. Yesterday, all the Congress leaders also spoke to him. He has a Rajya Sabha nomination filing tomorrow (Wednesday) and therefore cannot attend in person…. Leaders from his party are attending" Opposition parties were working on a fresh removal notice against CEC Kumar, which was likely to be submitted in both Houses of Parliament after being vetted by legal experts. It would be the third such attempt by the Opposition to unseat the CEC.

India Calls Kashmir References in Turkish President's UNGA Speech 'Unwarranted'

NEW DELHI
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India on Tuesday rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir in Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's address at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), calling them "unwarranted" while asserting that no external party has any locus standi on the Kashmir issue. During his bi-weekly media briefing, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was asked how India looked at Erdogan's recent UNGA address, in which he said that in South Asia, all disputes, including the Kashmir issue, should be addressed through dialogue within the framework of the United Nations Charter.

"India rejects unwarranted references to India and the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir made by the president of Turkiye during his UNGA address," Jaiswal said. "This is a matter, as you would understand, about India's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and no external party has any locus standi.

Maharashtra Clears 10% Quota For Former Agniveers

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The Maharashtra Cabinet on Tuesday approved a policy providing 10 per cent horizontal reservation in government jobs for former Agniveers in Group-C uniformed services. The policy will cover Agniveers who complete four years of service in the armed forces and subsequently seek appointment in the state government. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said former Agniveers would be exempted from fresh recruitment examinations and training, as the first batch is completing its tenure and returning from the armed forces.

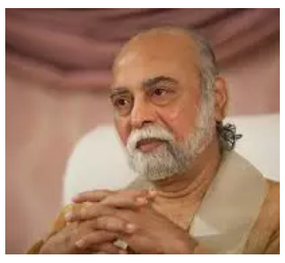
The Central government launched the Agnipath military recruitment scheme in 2022 for the Army, Navy and Air Force. Under the scheme, candidates aged between 17.5 and 21 years are recruited for a four-year tenure. Agniveers undergo training in discipline, leadership, technical skills, disaster management, security and organisational processes. At the end of four years, 25 per cent are retained permanently in the armed forces based on performance, discipline and skills, while the remaining 75 per cent are released from service.



The Maharashtra government had constituted a high-level committee headed by the Chief Secretary to formulate a policy for appointing former Agniveers to uniformed Group-C posts across various establishments under the Home, State Excise, Forest and Urban Development departments. The policy was finalised on the recommendations of the committee and subsequently approved by the Cabinet on Tuesday.

Spiritual Guru Kalki Bhagavan Passes Away in Chennai

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Spiritual teacher and founder of the Oneness organization, Vijay Kumar Naidu, popularly known as 'Kalki Bhagavan', passed away on Tuesday while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Chennai. Kalki Bhagavan had reportedly been admitted to the hospital following age-related health complications. Despite medical interventions, his condition deteriorated on Tuesday. According to representatives of the Kalki Trust, his mortal remains are being moved to the Ekam Kshetra at Battalavallam in Varadaiahpalem mandal, Tirupati district. The trust announced that his body will be kept at the ashram for three days, starting Wednesday, September 30, to enable devotees and followers from across the country and abroad to pay their final respects.

Born in Natham village in Tamil Nadu, Vijay Kumar Naidu initially worked with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) before stepping into the spiritual realm. In the late 1980s, he established the 'Jeewashram' residential school in Chittoor district and later proclaimed himself as 'Kalki Bhagavan', the tenth incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Alongside his wife Padmavathi (revered as 'Amma Bhagavan' by disciples), he founded the Oneness movement and the Golden City spiritual complex in Varadaiahpalem, attracting millions of followers, celebrities, and international disciples over four decades. The spiritual network later established global centers promoting meditation, the 'Deeksha' blessing, and consciousness philosophy.

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CWC Demands.....

"Gyanesh Kumar is only a tool. When dictators lose the confidence of the people, they seek extraordinary tools to stay in power. His actions on SIR cannot be without the concurrence of his masters — the PM and the HM," Venugopal said, adding, "There is a moral responsibility for the PM on this issue. We are demanding resignation from the PM on moral grounds," he said. Addressing the media after the CWC meeting, Congress communications in-charge Jairam Ramesh, along with Venugopal, said Gandhi spoke for 20-25 minutes and the main point he made was that the revelations related to the EC are being made because of the Congress. " Gandhi himself has been raising these issues related to polls in Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra and some did not believe him, but now he has been proven right," Mr Ramesh said. Earlier, in his opening address at the CWC meeting, Kharge put forward Congress' five demands, including making public the complete data regarding every major change made to the electoral rolls and providing political parties with the electoral rolls and relevant data in a simple format and in a timely manner. The Congress president also demanded an independent and time-bound inquiry wherever evidence of serious discrepancies emerge. "Those voters whose names have been removed must be fully informed and given an opportunity to appeal, and there must be such transparency in the critical data and decisions related to the election process so that no party has grounds to claim that information is being withheld," the Congress chief said.

Revanth Seeks.....

Referring to the Centre's decision to issue guidelines for environmental clearances following a recent Supreme Court judgment, he urged the Union minister to expedite approvals for the projects. Delays in obtaining clearances were increasing the cost of construction, he pointed out.

Revanth Reddy also sought expeditious clearance of pending approvals from the Central Water Commission (CWC) for the Sammakkasagar project. He said Telangana had submitted the detailed project report (DPR) to the CWC and sought clearances relating to irrigation planning and inter-state issues. The Chief Minister said the state government was holding discussions with the Chhattisgarh government to obtain a no-objection certificate for the project.

The Chief Minister urged Patil to expedite installation of telemetry devices being taken up under the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to monitor utilisation of Krishna water. He said Telangana had already deposited ₹4.15 crore required for installation of telemetry devices under the first phase. He requested that the first phase be completed at the earliest and equipment under the second and third phases also be installed expeditiously. Minister G. Vivek Venkataswamy, MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna, MLA Gaddam Vinod, state government adviser (Irrigation) Adityanath Das and Chief Minister's secretary Manicka Raj were among those present at the meeting.

Rahul to Meet.....

Gandhi's visit to Madhya Pradesh will strengthen the voice demanding rights, dignity, and justice for the deprived and exploited tribal community, he maintained. "Our resolve is clear: justice for the tribal community, justice for the affected families, and fixing accountability on those responsible (for child deaths)," the MPCC president asserted. It may be noted that the Madhya Pradesh High Court in Jabalpur recently sought a response from the state government on the deaths of more than 30 children in Balaghat district, allegedly due to infectious diseases.

A division bench of Acting Chief Justice Vivek Rushia and Justice Pradeep Mittal, while hearing a PIL on the matter, issued notices to Health and Women and Child Development Departments, Balaghat Collector, and others. The PIL alleges inadequate treatment for children and claims that approximately 400 children are being treated in a hospital with a 50-bed capacity. It alleged that yellowish, contaminated water is flowing from handpumps in the affected areas of Balaghat and that children and women have not received nutritious.

CRIME

Around 600 Sheep Killed After Fleeing Herd Enters Railway Track Near Kondamadugu

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



A tragic incident occurred near Kondamadugu between Bibinagar and Ghatkesar railway stations in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, where a large flock of sheep was run over by a passing train after being frightened onto the railway track.According to the information available, around 600 sheep were moving as a herd during the midnight hours when they were reportedly frightened by dogs and wild boars. In the panic, the sheep entered the railway track.

At the same time, a train passing through the section struck the animals, resulting in the deaths of the sheep.The incident has caused a major financial setback to Kishtayya, the sheep owner. The loss is estimated at nearly ₹20 lakh, leaving the family devastated as the sheep were reportedly their primary source of livelihood.Following information about the incident, Telangana Government Whip and Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiah visited the accident site and personally assessed the situation. He spoke with local residents and Kishtayya to understand how the incident occurred.

The MLA expressed his condolences to the affected family and assured Kishtayya that the government would stand by him during the difficult situation.Beerla Ilaiah subsequently spoke over the phone with Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District In-charge Collector Bhaskar Rao, informing him about the incident and the extent of the reported loss.The MLA urged the authorities to immediately conduct a panchnama, assess the loss and take necessary steps to ensure appropriate assistance reaches the affected sheep-rearing family. He also requested that suitable government support be extended to the family, which has lost a substantial part of its livelihood.The incident has drawn attention to the risks faced by livestock owners living and grazing animals near railway corridors, particularly when large herds are disturbed during the night.

Justice Vinod Kumar repatriation to Telangana HC

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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
Wakeup telangana

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

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

Traffic Awareness Programme Held at Morning Star High School

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Around 200 students of Morning Star High School, Trimulgherry, participated in an "Arrive Alive" traffic awareness programme organised by the Traffic Police to promote road safety and responsible road-user behaviour.

The programme was conducted under the Traffic Police Station Trimulgherry and Traffic Trimulgherry Division, Malkajgiri. ACP Traffic Trimulgherry Division G. Shankar Raju and Additional Inspector of Police, Traffic PS Trimulgherry, I.V. Ramanaiah, addressed the students and explained the importance of following traffic rules.

The students were sensitised on key road safety measures, including wearing helmets and seat belts, avoiding overspeeding, refraining from driving under the influence of alcohol, not using mobile phones while driving, avoiding triple riding, obeying traffic signals, using zebra crossings and maintaining lane discipline.

The police officials urged the students to become road safety ambassadors by conveying traffic safety messages to their parents, family members and friends. They stressed that responsible driving and strict adherence to traffic regulations can help prevent road accidents and save lives.

School Principal Alphosa Harry and Vice Principal Sangeetha Nelson appreciated the initiative and assured their cooperation in creating greater road safety awareness among students.

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.



Poulomi Palazzo Reimagines Hyderabad's Luxury High-Rise Living

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Poulomi Estates has unveiled the thinking behind Poulomi Palazzo, a 55-storey luxury residential address taking shape in Kokapet, Hyderabad. Conceived around the idea of "The High Life, Reimagined," the project seeks to redefine luxury living by focusing not only on scale and architecture, but also on everyday experiences, wellbeing and meaningful family time.

At the heart of Palazzo are expansive residences measuring approximately 6,225 sq. ft. and 8,100 sq. ft., designed to accommodate family life, private moments and formal entertaining within generous living environments.

The project's architecture is also intended to connect residents with Hyderabad's evolving skyline. Large, sky-facing outdoor spaces provide openness and expansive views, while the arrival experience begins with a striking five-floor-high grand lobby, setting an imposing architectural tone.

A key feature of the development is the 52nd-floor infinity pool, positioned to offer residents sweeping views of the city and its changing horizon.

"The idea behind Palazzo was never simply to build higher. We wanted to elevate the entire experience of coming home, the space you live in, the way you arrive, the openness around you, the quality of the surroundings and the experiences available every day. For us, that is what the high life should mean today," said Prashanth Rao of Poulomi Estates.

The philosophy extends to Club Palazzo, which brings together wellness, fitness, recreation, dining and social spaces under one integrated lifestyle offering.

According to the project's vision, luxury today is increasingly about more than conventional markers of success. It encompasses better use of time, meaningful family experiences, personal wellbeing and surroundings that continue to enrich everyday life.

With this approach, Poulomi Palazzo aims to present a contemporary interpretation of elevated urban living in Kokapet—where architecture, space and lifestyle come together to create a distinctive residential experience.

ICMAI Holds Advanced Skill Training Programme in Hyderabad

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CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay (4th from Left), President, ICMAI; flanked by (L-R) CMA KVN. Lavanya, Treasurer, SIRC-ICMAI; CMA Kirti Gupta, Secretary, ICMAI, Hyderabad Chapter; CMA D. Venkata Ram Babu, Chairman, ICMAI, Hyderabad Chapter; CMA Dr. K.CH. A.V.S.N. Murthy, Central Council Member; CMA Vijay Kiran Agastya, Immediate Past Chairman, SIRC-ICMAI & CMA Khaja Jalal Uddin, Immediate Past Chairman, ICMAI, Hyderabad Chapter; at the Valedictory of the Advanced Skill Training Programme (ASTP), conducted by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (Statutory Body under an Act of Parliament), Hyderabad Chapter; today at the FTCCI, Lakdikapul.

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) conducted an Advanced Skill Training Programme (ASTP) in Hyderabad to help bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements.

Organised by the ICMAI Hyderabad Chapter, the programme focused on developing workplace-oriented skills among newly qualified CMAs, professionals and students. The training covered communication, analytical thinking, presentation, problem-solving, corporate etiquette, adaptability, professional confidence and other practical competencies.

At the valedictory programme held at FTCCI, Lakdikapul, ICMAI President CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay presented certificates to the participants. CMA Dr. K.CH.A.V.S.N. Murthy, Central Council Member, ICMAI; CMA D. Venkata Ram Babu, Chairman, ICMAI Hyderabad Chapter; and CMA Kirti Gupta, Secretary, Hyderabad Chapter, attended the programme.

CMA Chittaranjan Chattopadhyay said ASTP was aimed at strengthening the transition of CMAs from academic achievement to professional readiness. He highlighted ICMAI's Vision 2047 roadmap, developed in consultation with IIM Ahmedabad, and said the Institute was working to make CMAs industry-ready, technology-ready and future-ready. He also highlighted initiatives such as the Corporate Mitra Scheme and the Institute's contribution to Viksit Bharat 2047.

CMA Dr. K.CH.A.V.S.N. Murthy said Cost Accountants have an important role across sectors including banking, insurance and manufacturing, with responsibilities covering budgeting, cost management, production planning, cost control and variance analysis. He said around 400 candidates received certificates after completing the 12-day programme.

'Becoming the Divine You' book by Balvindernath Chaganla launched in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The book 'Becoming the Divine You – Awaken the Power Within to Find True Happiness' by Balvindernath Chaganla was formally launched at a special event held at Hotel Narenn, Madhapur, Hyderabad.

The book was unveiled in the presence of Chief Guest Narendra Nath Chaganla, Chairman of Narenn Group, and Guest of Honour K.V. Pradeep, actor and motivational speaker, along with invited guests, friends and family members.

The event brought together literature, spirituality and Telangana's cultural heritage. A special presentation of Perini Sivatandavam – The Dance of Warriors was performed by Perini Pavan Kumar, a disciple of legendary Padma Shri awardee Dr. Nataraja Ramakrishna.

'Becoming the Divine You' offers an introspective exploration of the human journey, focusing on awareness, intention, thoughts, emotions, fear, relationships, spirituality and the pursuit of happiness. Drawing from his experiences in introspection, travel, spirituality, yoga and meditation, Balvindernath Chaganla encourages readers to explore their inner selves and seek greater meaning and fulfilment.



The cultural presentation of Perini Sivatandavam highlighted Telangana's rich artistic traditions, with Pavan Kumar and his team bringing the energy and warrior spirit of the traditional dance form to the occasion.

The programme also featured addresses by the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, an interaction with the author, and the official unveiling of the book. The discussions focused on the inspiration behind the work and the author's personal journey that shaped its themes.

The evening concluded with the felicitation of Perini Pavan Kumar and Sandhya Pawan, along with the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, marking a celebration that combined literature, spirituality and Telangana's cultural heritage.

Dhanpal Reaffirms Support for Deaf Community

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta said he would remain committed to supporting the deaf community and addressing issues concerning their welfare.

He was speaking at an International Sign Language Day programme organised by the Deaf Employees Association at New Ambedkar Bhavan in Nizamabad on Tuesday.

Dhanpal said deaf persons have strong intellectual capabilities and appreciated their achievements in various fields. He said it was encouraging to see members of the community competing with others in the professional world and securing government employment.

The MLA urged them to remain focused on their goals without allowing physical limitations to affect their confidence. He said continued efforts, determination and dedication would help them achieve success and establish themselves in society.

Deaf Employees Association President Uday Kumar, General Secretary Mahesh, 19th Division Corporator Nagolla Lakshminarayana, Jyothi Murali and others were present at the programme.

Sitharaman Urges AIIB to Expand Financing Beyond Physical Infrastructure

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday met Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) President Zou Jiayi and suggested the multilateral development bank expand its financing focus to include newer infrastructure that centres on AI, MSMEs, and skilling. At the sidelines of the annual meeting of the AIIB, in which India is the second largest shareholder after China, Sitharaman congratulated the bank on its strong performance in the first half of the year and conveyed the country's support for the Bank's 2027 budget plans and focus areas for scaling up operations.

Sitharaman reiterated that the Bank's regional centrality should continue to remain a defining institutional characteristic and an important anchor of its mandate. "The Union finance minister said AIIB could further expand beyond physical infrastructure financing to include newer infrastructure that focuses on AI, MSMEs, and skilling. She noted that MSMEs are the backbone of India's economy, and assistance for AI adaptability and manpower training can help MSMEs," the Finance Ministry said on X.

Both leaders discussed AIIB's robust pipeline of projects in India and its expanding global presence, including in India, the ministry said. India is the second-largest shareholder in AIIB, with China as the largest shareholder. During the meeting, the AIIB President congratulated the Union Finance Minister on the successful BRICS Leaders' Summit in New Delhi.

Recalling her last visit to project sites in Delhi and Meerut, the AIIB President said that the bank will continue financing projects for people, urban development and environmental protection.

The Beijing-headquartered AIIB began functioning in 2016 and currently has 111 approved members worldwide, which include China, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Australia, Israel, Kuwait, Nepal, Oman, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and the UAE. It is capitalised at USD 100 billion and is AAA-rated by major international credit rating agencies.

Beyond Flavoured Protein

Why Savoury Is the Next Frontier for Protein

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India's protein landscape has always been diverse, drawing from traditional sources such as pulses and legumes, dairy, meat, eggs, fish and seafood, and whole grains and millets, while newer formats such as plant-based proteins, protein powders, bars and supplements are expanding the choices available to consumers. What was once strongly associated with gym-goers and specialised nutrition is increasingly finding a place in the Indian kitchen, with protein being recast as a more fundamental part of everyday food and wellness. As protein becomes a bigger part of consumer conversations, the focus is now shifting from simply identifying protein sources to how it can be incorporated into familiar eating and snacking occasions.

This is reflected in the Godrej Food Trends Report (GFTR) 2026 trend, 'Protein Will Go Namkeen', which points to the growing role of savoury formats in the evolution of protein consumption. As protein moves towards becoming a baseline expectation rather than a niche proposition, the next opportunity lies in building it into familiar formats without disrupting the taste, convenience and comfort consumers already seek from food. This is where savoury, snackable formats can make protein feel more accessible and enjoyable, creating new occasions for consumption while expanding the possibilities of protein beyond conventional shakes and supplements.

This shift also reflects the idea of 'proteinification by design,' where protein evolves from being simply a nutritional requirement to becoming part of a deliberately designed food experience. As Anushree Dewen, Head of Marketing and Innovation, Godrej Foods Ltd, explains, "People don't want to compromise anymore; they want food that tastes indulgent but also nourishes them. That's where we see the opportunity by bringing protein, high-quality ingredients and great taste together in everyday snacking. Godrej Yummiez Chicken Nuggets, with 16 grams of protein per serving and IQF nutrition lock-in, reflect how the market is moving in this direction."

The next frontier for protein may not be another specialised format, but the savoury foods that already have a place in Indian kitchens and snack culture. From namkeen and regional savoury favourites to evolving snack formats, these foods offer a natural bridge between protein, and the flavours, occasions and habits consumers already know. The opportunity now is to bring protein closer to the Indian kitchen, making it feel less like a category of its own and more like a familiar part of the way India cooks, eats and snacks.

Subsidised Onions At ₹35/Kg In Vijayawada

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The state government has decided to sell onions at a subsidised price of ₹35 a kg through all Rythu Bazaars in Vijayawada from Wednesday to contain the recent rise in onion prices. Agriculture minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu and Civil Supplies minister Nadendla Manohar said the initiative would initially be implemented across all Rythu Bazaars in Vijayawada. Each family can purchase up to 2 kg of onions a month at ₹35 a kg by producing an Aadhaar or ration card.

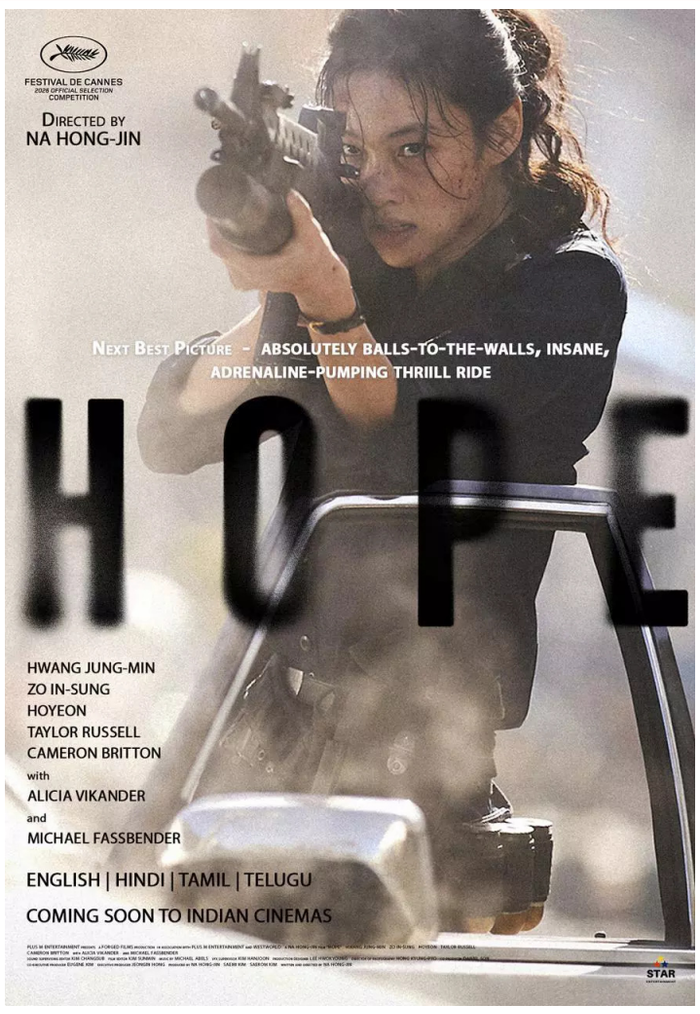
The ministers said the government was regularly reviewing market conditions and taking measures to protect consumers from the additional financial burden caused by rising prices of essential commodities. The subsidised onion sale was aimed at providing immediate relief to consumers, they said. The government would consider extending the initiative to Rythu Bazaars across the state based on public response and demand in Vijayawada, the ministers said. They urged people to make use of the facility. The move comes amid concerns over rising onion prices and is aimed at ensuring that the essential kitchen staple remains affordable.

Korean Sci-Fi Thriller 'Hope' Set to Release in India on October 23, 2026

The highly anticipated Korean sci-fi thriller 'HOPE' is set to arrive in Indian cinemas on October 23, 2026, after its original September 25 release date was postponed to accommodate the screening and certification process by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

The film's English version has received CBFC approval without any cuts, while certification for its Hindi, Tamil and Telugu dubbed versions is currently underway. The theatrical release of HOPE will continue across international markets through November, with the film scheduled to open in the UK, Sweden, Switzerland and Ireland this week. Releases in Argentina, Germany, France and Spain are planned for October, alongside several other territories.

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Na Hong-jin, known for The Chaser, The Yellow Sea and The Wailing, HOPE



marks an ambitious move into science fiction. The story is set in a remote port town where residents discover an unidentified object, setting off a mysterious and dangerous series of events. The film combines elements of science fiction, thriller and mystery against a large-scale cinematic backdrop.

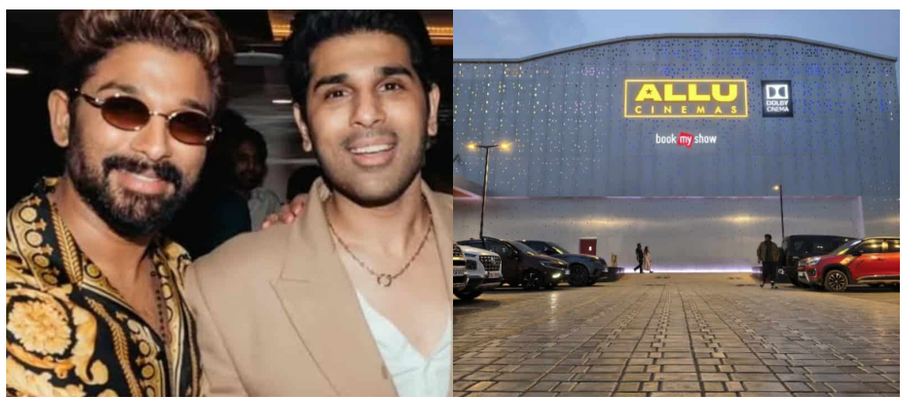
The film has also recorded a notable theatrical run in the United States. According to international box-office figures, HOPE has crossed USD 7 million during its US release, making it the highest-grossing Korean film in the US market.

The ensemble cast brings together leading Korean and international performers, including Hwang Jung-min, Jo In-sung, Jung Ho-yeon, Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander and Taylor Kitsch. Their collaboration has further raised interest in the film, particularly among audiences following international cinema.

With its unconventional premise, ambitious production scale and multinational cast, HOPE has emerged as one of the Korean films generating considerable anticipation among Indian moviegoers.

Presented by Plus M Entertainment, the film is produced by Forged Films in co-production with Plus M Entertainment and Westworld. HOPE is being released in India by Star Entertainment Pvt Ltd, with the October 23 theatrical release expected to bring the much-awaited Korean sci-fi thriller to audiences across the country.

In Allu Sirish's temple row, netizen raises Kokapet traffic woes



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Tollywood actor Allu Sirish just complained about one 'civic issue' in Hyderabad, but the internet quickly turned the conversation in a completely different direction. While many users dragged religion into his complaint, one social media user hit back at the actor with a civic issue of their own involving Allu Cinemas in Kokapet.

Amid the heated discussion, one user decided to turn the civic argument back on Allu Sirish and brought up Allu Cinemas located at Kokapet.

Replying to his post, the netizen said that while people could understand the inconvenience caused by a festival that comes once a year, residents allegedly face traffic and crowd-related problems because of the theatre every day.

"Dear Mr. Allu Sirish, If you feel inconvenienced by the Ganesh Navaratri festival that comes once a year, we can understand that. But because of your Allu Theatre located at Kokapet Chaurasta, we are facing troubles with traffic and crowds every single day," the user wrote.

The netizen then made a sarcastic request to Sirish, suggesting that the theatre could operate in the mornings and close for some time in the evening, adding that local residents too expect their concerns to be understood.

For the unversed, Allu Sirish, brother of Telugu superstar Allu Arjun, was trolled on X after he complained about loud music being played from a Hanuman temple in Hyderabad late at night.

Tagging Hyderabad Police, Sirish said that the Hanuman temple at Vinobha Nagar had been playing loud music beyond permitted decibel levels until 2–3 am for several days. He said the noise was disturbing elders, children and working people in his society and claimed that several complaints had already been made.

The Hyderabad Police responded that the matter had been referred to the Film Nagar SHO.

However, the actor soon found himself facing criticism online, with some users accusing him of "selective outrage" because the complaint involved a temple during the festive season.

Allu Sirish later clarified that he was not against the religious celebrations and said he was a believer himself.

"Friends… I am religious myself and pray to Lord Hanuman. Blasting music with DJ set up at 2 am is not Bhakti. What I complained about is about civic sense not devotion," he wrote. The comment comes at a time when traffic in Kokapet, Narsingi and the Financial District has been increasing rapidly as the areas continue to see massive development. With new malls, restaurants, offices, residential projects and entertainment spaces coming up, the number of people and vehicles in the area has also gone up.

70th SGF District-Level Kabaddi Tournament to Be Held at Matoor

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Preparations are underway for the 70th SGF (School Games Federation) District-Level Kabaddi Tournament and selections to be held at ZPHS Matoor, in Motakondur Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, under the Alair Constituency.

The tournament is scheduled to feature Under-14 boys and girls and is expected to bring together young kabaddi players from schools across the district. The event will provide an opportunity for students to showcase their sporting talent and compete at the district level.

Angadi Aravind Takes Key Role in Coordination

Angadi Aravind, PET at KKHS and Tournament Adviser, is taking an active role in preparations for the event. As part of the coordination, he has been inviting officials, education department representatives, sports personalities, public representatives and local dignitaries to attend the tournament and encourage the participating students.

Aravind is also known for his experience in local-level public mobilisation



and community coordination. He previously served as the Matoor Village-Level Committee President, giving him experience in working with local people and coordinating community activities.

His involvement as a Tournament Adviser has added another dimension to the preparations, particularly in coordinating with guests and local stakeholders for the smooth conduct of the sporting event.

The district-level tournament is expected to provide a platform for young players from rural schools to demonstrate their skills in kabaddi. The selections will also offer talented students an opportunity to progress to higher levels of competition.

The organisers are making arrangements for the participation of players, officials, physical education teachers and other representatives associated with the School Games Federation.

With Matoor serving as the venue, the event is expected to generate enthusiasm among students, teachers and sports enthusiasts in the surrounding areas.

Key Person:
Angadi Aravind – PET, KKHS | Tournament Adviser
Former Matoor Village-Level Committee President

2028 Olympic Torch relay to cross all 50 US states before LA arrival

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Olympic torch relay for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games will begin in Atlanta, the host city of the 1996 Summer Olympics, and travel through all 50 US states before reaching Los Angeles, organisers announced on September 28.The Olympic flame will first be lit in Olympia, Greece, regarded as the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games.

From there, the flame will be carried to the United States in spring 2028, beginning an extensive journey across the country.Organisers said the complete route of the relay will be revealed in 2027. The journey is expected to become one of the largest Olympic torch relays in history, with the flame passing through prominent landmarks and communities across the



United States.The relay will also coincide with major cultural, sporting and community events. Organisers plan to hold festival celebrations in selected cities, giving residents across the country opportunities to participate in the Olympic experience.LA28 Chair and President Casey Wasserman said carrying the Olympic flame to Los Angeles would be a significant honour and that people from all 50 states would have a role in the journey.

He described the relay as an opportunity to bring communities together as the flame makes its way toward the Opening Ceremony.Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens welcomed the decision to begin the US leg of the relay in the city. Atlanta hosted the centennial Summer Olympics in 1996, making it a significant location for the return of the Olympic flame.Dickens said Atlanta had changed considerably since hosting the Games 32 years ago and had grown into a larger and more globally connected city. He said the city would be prepared to welcome the flame from Greece, celebrate the Olympic spirit and send it onward toward Los Angeles.The Paralympic torch relay will take place after the conclusion of the Olympic Games in August 2028. Its flame will originate in Stoke Mandeville, England, the birthplace of the Paralympic movement.

Organisers have not yet announced where the US portion of the Paralympic relay will begin.Both the Olympic and Paralympic torch relays will be sponsored by Coca-Cola, JPMorganChase, Allstate and Xfinity.The 2028 Games will mark the return of the Summer Olympics to Los Angeles, which previously hosted the event in 1932 and 1984. The nationwide torch relay is expected to connect communities across the country before the flame reaches Los Angeles for the Opening Ceremony.

Sanitary workers protest at Telangana Secretariat over pending salaries

Telangana sanitation workers protest Secretariat over 20 months of pending salaries

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



After retired employees and contractors, sanitary workers and scavengers working at different police stations staged a protest at the Secretariat on Tuesday, demanding payment of their pending salaries.

The sanitary workers sweep and maintain sanitation at different police stations across the State. They are enrolled as part-time workers and are paid a minimum salary of Rs 5,200 a month.

However, the workers alleged that they had not been paid their salaries for the past 20 months. "For the last 20 months, our salaries have not been paid. Every time we raise the issue, senior officers assure us that the salary would definitely be credited the next month. But it has not been paid so far," a sanitary worker said at the Secretariat.

About 4,500 such workers are employed across the State. The workers said they had met Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and appealed to them to clear their pending salaries.

"We have also been to Praja Bhavan. But officials say the government has to clear the salaries. This has been the case for the last 20 months," another worker said.

"Initially, our salaries were Rs 150 a month. They were increased to Rs 500 and later to Rs 3,000. Considering our hardships, the BRS government increased our salaries to Rs 5,200. It is very challenging to meet our monthly expenses," a woman worker said.

Vexed with the alleged official apathy in clearing their pending salaries, nearly 150 sanitary workers wanted to meet Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat on Tuesday. However, after learning that he was in New Delhi, the workers wanted to meet Home Secretary Shikha Goel and submit an appeal.

Telangana CEO informs ECI about Khairatabad Assembly seat vacancy

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Khairatabad Assembly constituency seat has officially been declared vacant following the Telangana High Court's judgment disqualifying former MLA Danam Nagender. The Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) has informed the Election Commission of India (ECI) about the vacancy, paving the way for a possible byelection.

The Telangana Legislative Assembly had earlier issued a gazette notification declaring that the Khairatabad Assembly seat fell vacant with effect from April 23, 2024. Following the publication of the notification, the Telangana CEO wrote to the ECI on Monday, formally communicating the vacancy and seeking further action as per the election schedule.

The ECI will now decide when the byelection should be conducted. According to sources, the election could potentially be held along with the Assembly elections scheduled in Goa, Uttarakhand and Punjab in February 2027, though the final decision rests with the poll panel.

Meanwhile, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is expected to be completed before the byelection process. The final electoral roll is scheduled to be published on November 9.

The byelection became necessary after the Telangana High Court, on September 18, disqualified Danam Nagender from contesting the Secunderabad Lok Sabha election as a Congress candidate while continuing to hold the BRS MLA position. The court ruled that his disqualification would have retrospective effect from April 23, 2024, the date on which he filed his nomination papers as a Congress candidate.

With the Assembly formally notifying the vacancy and the CEO communicating the matter to the ECI, attention has now shifted to the Election Commission's decision on the timing of the Khairatabad bypoll. The schedule, once announced, will set the stage for a fresh electoral contest in the constituency.

TPCC president defends Revanth Reddy's comments on Lord Ram and Shiva

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Wakeup telangana

TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud defended Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's comments on Lord Ram and Lord Shiva and rejected the demand for an unconditional apology.

"Why should he apologise? I am 100 per cent defending Revanth Reddy. Look-wise, Ram wears a lot of ornaments. He looks rich, whereas Lord Shiva, with no clothes, physically looks poor. That is the difference," Goud said while speaking to mediapersons here on Tuesday.

The TPCC president, however, said, "We have affection towards both the Gods and pray to them. We wish both the Gods bless us."

Goud further accused the BJP of playing politics in the name of Lord Ram. "Ram is a God, a God to all of us. And the BJP is trying to own Ram and fetch votes in the elections. This is not a good practice," he said.

At a conclave in New Delhi on Monday, the Chief Minister had said, "We South Indians are Dravidians, while leaders from North India are Aryans. We are Shiva bhakts, while North Indian leaders are Ram bhakts."

He further said, "Sri Ram is the God of the rich, while Shiva is the God of the poor."

Telangana power demand hits record 12,044 MW, surpassing previous

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Electricity demand within the limits of the Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) reached a new peak of 12,044 MW on Tuesday, marking the highest demand ever recorded in the organisation's history. The earlier highest demand of 11,828 MW was recorded on September 11, 2026. The latest demand has surpassed that record.

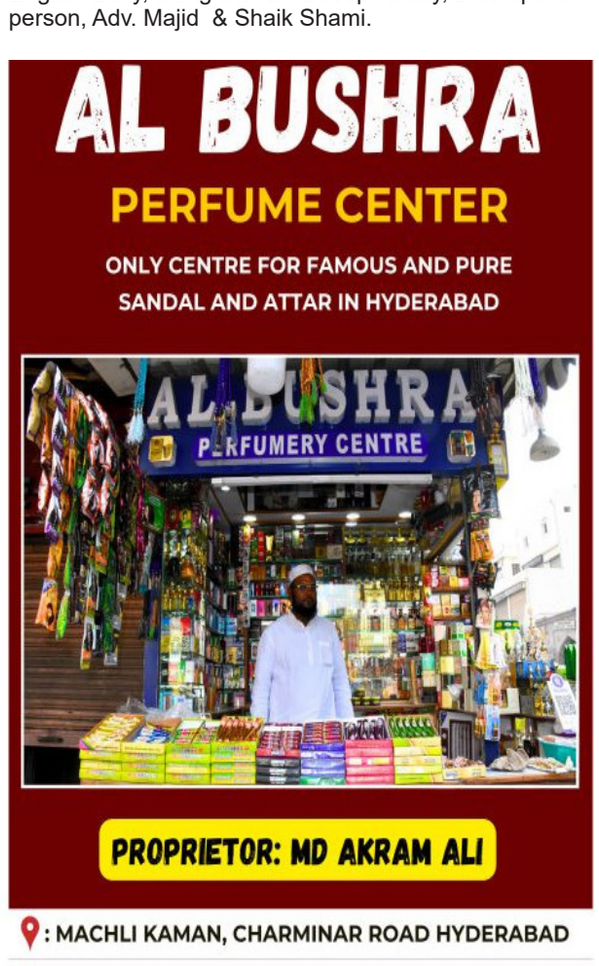
Within Greater Hyderabad limits, a peak demand of 4,072 MW was recorded at 6:42 pm on September 28, while electricity consumption stood at 82.89 million units (MU). During the current financial year, the highest demand recorded in the GHMC area was 4,782 MW on May 22, 2026. On the same day, the highest electricity consumption of 101.07 million units was also recorded.

At the State level, electricity demand has also been witnessing significant growth. According to the Telangana TRANSCO State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC), a peak demand of 19,133 MW was recorded across Telangana on September 28, with total electricity consumption of 326.70 million units. The highest demand recorded in the State during the current financial year remains 19,543 MW, registered on September 9, 2026.

The State government was ensuring uninterrupted power supply to meet agricultural requirements in rural areas, including electricity needs for paddy cultivation and other crops. TGSPDCL officials said the increasing power demand was being met without interruption due to the augmentation of substation capacities, strengthening of the power network, and modernisation of the transmission and distribution systems.



Adv. Mir Qurram Ali respectfully met and invited Hon'ble T. Harish Rao Garu, Deputy Floor Leader of BRS, Telangana Assembly & Former Minister, as Chief Guest for the 5th Anniversary & Awards of Wake Up Telangana English Daily, along with Dr. Dileep Reddy, BRS spoke person, Adv. Majid & Shaik Shami.



Azharuddin distributes Indiramma House letters in Nampally

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Minorities Minister Mohammed Azharuddin on Tuesday, September 29, handed over allotment letters to the Indiramma Housing scheme beneficiaries in Nampally after a lucky draw.

Speaking of the Indiramma Housing Scheme, the Minister said, "The housing project reflects the government's efforts to turn the long-cherished dream of owning a house into reality for eligible families."

He added that the construction works would be completed within the stipulated timeframe and appreciated the efforts of ministers, elected representatives and officials in bringing the project to the launch stage.

Azharuddin also said that the beneficiaries were fortunate to receive housing in Nampally, in the heart of Hyderabad, with easy access to educational institutions, healthcare facilities, transportation, and other essential services.

He stressed that the Indiramma Towers are being constructed in a prime location in the city. Providing housing to eligible families at such a central location, he said, would provide beneficiaries with better access to essential facilities and opportunities.

SCR announces temporary stoppage of 10 trains at Hi-Tech City station

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



In order to manage the additional rush of passengers at Lingampalli and Secunderabad stations during the festival season, the South Central Railway (SCR) is providing temporary stoppage of trains at Hi-Tech City station for three months from November 1 to January 31.

The trains that will have a temporary stoppage at Hi-Tech City station include Train No. 22718 Secunderabad-Rajkot, Train No. 22717 Rajkot-Secunderabad, Train No. 20967 Secunderabad-Porbandar, Train No. 20968 Porbandar-Secunderabad, Train No. 12731 Tirupati-Secunderabad, Train No. 12732 Secunderabad-Tirupati, Train No. 12702 Hyderabad-CST Mumbai, Train No. 12701 CST Mumbai-Hyderabad, Train No. 12025 Pune-Hyderabad and Train No. 12026 Hyderabad-Pune.

Passengers who have already reserved their journey on the above trains originating from Secunderabad or Hyderabad can, if required, avail themselves of the facility of boarding at Hi-Tech City station during the above period by changing the boarding point to Hi-Tech City through online or counters without any additional charges, as per the procedure in vogue, the SCR said in a press release.

HYDRAA reclaims 7,200 sq yards of parkland in Medchal's Keesara

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Tuesday, September 29, reclaimed 7,200 square yards of land meant for a park and markets, which was turned into private plots., the advisory said.

According to the agency, the land is in TPS Chamundipatnam Colony under Kundanpally village in Keesara mandal of Medchal-Malkajgiri district. The layout, developed in 1983, had 6,000 square yards specifically reserved for a park.

However, some individuals had allegedly attempted to encroach on the land by putting up precast walls around it. The park site was subsequently treated as private property and divided into plots. Complainants alleged that they were not allowed to install a Ganesh idol during Ganesh Chaturthi.

The layout also comprised two separate 600-square-yard plots, totalling 1,200 square yards, earmarked for markets and other public requirements.

The Chamundipatnam Colony Cultural and Welfare Association approached HYDRAA through its public grievance programme, seeking protection .

HYDRAA speeds up Sunnam Cheruvu works ahead of Dasara

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Commissioner AV Ranganath on Tuesday, September 29, inspected the rejuvenation work at the Sunnam Cheruvu ahead of the lake's inauguration by Chief Minister A Revath Reddy on Dasara in October.

HYDRAA officials were also asked to expedite work on the Thamidikunta Lake. Ranganath lauded the work done to clear the silt and increase the depth of both the lakes, and directed officials to complete the greenery, walking track, and other developments at the earliest.

Ranganath also asked authorities to clear and develop the stormwater drains coming from Gayatri Nagar and Borabanda to Sunnam Cheruvu lake, along with the Hanuman temple adjacent to the lake.

Thammidikunta, located near Hitec City, was where HYDRAA had razed actor Akkineni Nagarjuna's N Convention.

Similarly, the agency also razed multiple commercial encroachments raised on Madhapur's Sunnam Cheruvu, and has revamped both the lakes as part of the agency's first phase of lake restoration initiatives.

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