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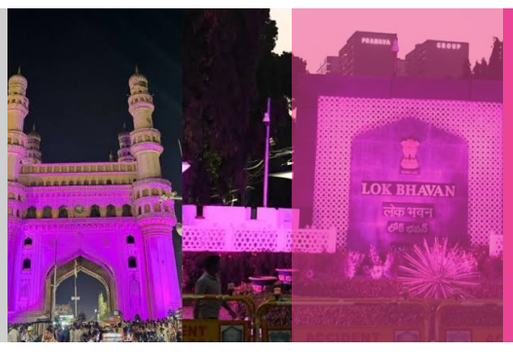
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Naval Commanders Urged To Stay Combat-Ready

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India's senior defence leadership has urged naval commanders to maintain a high degree of combat readiness and strengthen maritime surveillance, underscoring the Navy's role in safeguarding energy security amid the situation in West Asia. Defence minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani, Army Chief Gen. Dhiraj Seth and Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan addressed sessions at the second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026. The conference is being held from

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Revanth Reddy Attacks KTR in Sircilla, Alleges Multi-Crore Loot

A decade of BRS misrule turned the textile hub of Sircilla into "Urisilla," a place marked by weaver suicides, distress migration and economic exploitation: CM

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy attacked BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) in his home constituency, alleging that a decade of BRS misrule turned the textile hub of Sircilla into "Urisilla," a place marked by weaver suicides, distress migration and economic exploitation. Addressing a large Praja Palana rally in the town, Reddy compared former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao to the Nizams. He alleged that KCR commercialised the Telangana movement and the faith of Sircilla's voters to build fortunes worth thousands of crores and luxury farmhouses spread over hundreds of acres.

Turning to local MLA KTR, Reddy said he was "imported from America" and, despite being elected six times by the constituency, failed to protect the weaving community. "Why were you unable to stop weaver suicides? Why couldn't you stop workers from fleeing to the Gulf as laborers? Not a single anna reached struggling households while the ruling family amassed thousands of crores," he said. Reddy accused KCR of misappropriating ₹1 lakh crore in the name of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme. He alleged that KTR, J. Santosh Kumar and Ravinder Rao extracted thousands of crores through illegal sand mining along the Manair river basin. He also charged the previous government with failing to fulfil commitments made to the temples at Vemulawada and Bhadrachalam.

Contrasting the two governments' records, Reddy said the BRS government spent ₹2,234 crore on weavers in ten years, while the Congress government has released ₹1,731 crore in two and a half years, besides ₹1,700 crore in district development allocations. He urged party cadres to "aim like cannons" and demolish BRS's feudal "gadis" (strongholds) in the coming assembly elections. He announced that a member of the weaver-dominant Padmashali community would be nominated to the Legislative Council and promised a cabinet berth to the local leader who established Congress dominance in the constituency. Reddy said his partnership with TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud would secure a second consecutive term for the Congress in Telangana. Goud and ministers D. Sridhar Babu, Ponnam Prabhakar, Tummala Nageswara Rao and Adluri Laxman Kumar attended the rally.

Abhijeet Dipke Announces Jail Bharo Andolan On October 2

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Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke on Wednesday announced that a "Jail Bharo Andolan" will begin from Mumbai's Shivaji Park on Gandhi Jayanti, alleging that the Election Commission's functioning was not in the interest of the country. After reaching Mumbai, Dipke said that the protest movement would start from Shivaji Park on October 2 and appealed to all political parties to participate in the agitation.

He alleged that the "dictatorship" of the Election Commission was a matter of concern and claimed that collective efforts were needed to bring change in the country. Supporting the remarks made by NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar regarding alleged misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) in elections, Deepak said that everyone should come together to address concerns related to the electoral process. Dipke announced that the Jail Bharo An-

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Modi, Trump Talk Ties Days After US Sanctions Russia, Iran

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday had a telephone conversation with US President Donald Trump to evaluate progress in bilateral ties and the discussion covered major areas of mutual interest and strategic cooperation, including trade, defence and energy.The two leaders spoke against the backdrop of heightened trade friction following the enactment of the 'Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026', which authorises tariffs of up to 100 per cent on nations purchasing Russian oil and gas, including India and China.

Chinese President Xi Jinping was also in the United States from September 23 to 25 and had bilateral talks with Trump. Prime Minister Modi and President Trump exchanged views on regional and international developments and discussed ongoing efforts to promote global peace and security, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office. The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advancing the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and agreed to maintain close engagement to deepen cooperation for the benefit of the people of both countries, the statement said.

"The two leaders reviewed progress in bilateral cooperation across trade, defence, energy, critical technologies and other areas of mutual interest," the statement said. Modi said in a post on 'X' that he had a productive conversation with President Trump. "We reviewed our bilateral cooperation in trade, defence, energy, critical technologies and other areas. "We agreed to maintain close engagement to take our Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership forward," he said. Both leaders agreed to remain in touch.

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Indian Captain Fought Co-Pilot To Prevent FlyDubai Flight 'Crash'

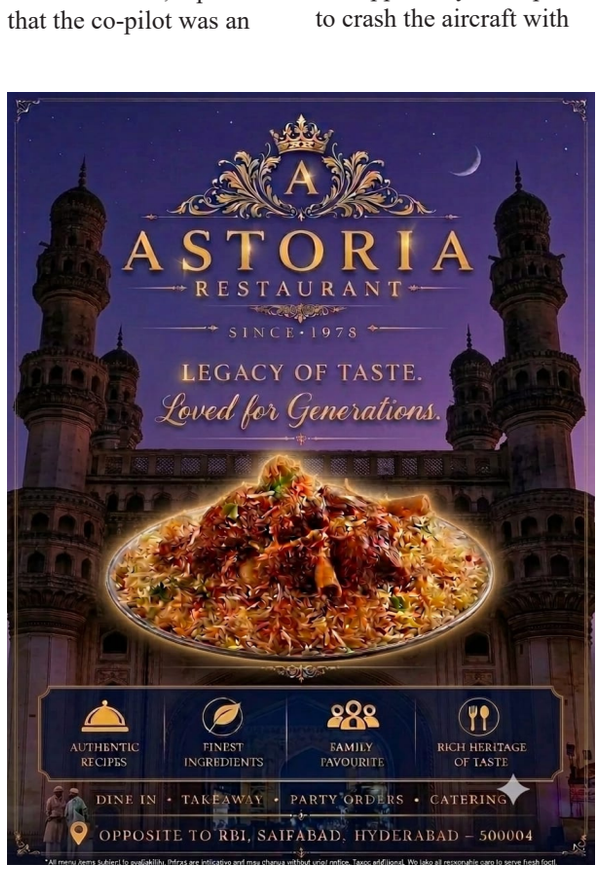
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An Indian national was the captain of a Flydubai flight who fought with his co-pilot during a violent cockpit confrontation that forced the aircraft to make an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia, Israeli news website Ynet reported on Wednesday. Ynet, citing Israeli officials, reported that the co-pilot was an Omani national and was suspected of trying to crash the aircraft. The captain fought with him to prevent the aircraft from crashing, with Israeli passengers later helping subdue the co-pilot, the report said.

In a statement, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said one of the pilots stabbed the other and apparently attempted to crash the aircraft with passengers on board. "During the flight, as they were approaching Israel, one of the pilots stabbed the other pilot and, apparently, tried to crash the plane with its passengers on board," Netanyahu said. He said an Israeli passenger told him that the aircraft went into a spin and began descending, after which the passenger and a crew member managed to enter the cockpit and overpower the pilot who had carried out the stabbing.

According to Netanyahu, another crew member then entered the cockpit and helped stabilise the aircraft. "I salute these heroes who demonstrated extraordinary resourcefulness and courage. They saved many lives and prevented a major disaster," he said.

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Israel Says 'Jihadist' Pilot Tried To Crash FlyDubai Flight From Dubai

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Israeli leaders said on Wednesday that a "jihadist" pilot had aimed to crash a flydubai plane with mostly Israeli passengers, who overpowered him and prevented a "major disaster". "During the flight, as they approached the country, one of the pilots stabbed the other pilot, and apparently tried to crash the plane with everyone on board," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a video message. He said he spoke to an Israeli passenger who broke into the cockpit as the plane started to plummet and fought the pilot who was trying to bring down the aircraft. "Another air crew member who was on the plane entered the cockpit and managed to stabilise the aircraft," Netanyahu said. "I salute these heroes, who showed extraordinary resourcefulness and courage. They saved many lives; they prevented a major disaster."

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BRS will make bigger comeback than its setback, says KTR

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Pointing to growing public dissent against the BJP at the Centre and the Congress in Telangana, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao declared that the political mood was shifting against both parties. He ruled out any alliance with the BJP, asserted that K Chandrashekhar Rao would be the BRS's Chief Ministerial face and exuded confidence that the party would return to power in Telangana.

Speaking at the India Today Conclave South 2026 in Kochi on Wednesday, Rama Rao said the BRS and BJP were poles apart ideologically and had never entered into an alliance in the party's 26-year history. He recalled that the BRS had contested the 2014, 2018 and 2023 Assembly elections on its own.

"There will be no alliance with the BJP," he said, rejecting speculation that the BRS could align with the BJP following its defeat in the 2023 Assembly elections.

The BRS working president said the change of the party's name from Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) to BRS in October 2022 had not altered its ideology. "If the DNA has not changed, the ideology has not changed, then nothing changes," he said.

Using a film analogy, Rama Rao said merely adopting the name Shah Rukh Khan would not make a person Shah Rukh Khan. He said the idea was to take Telangana's welfare and development model to other parts of the country.

Asked whether he would be the BRS's Chief Ministerial face in the next Assembly election, he categorically declared, "Absolutely not," making it clear that Chandrashekhar Rao would lead the party into the next election. "Our comeback will be bigger than our setback," he remarked.



Rama Rao described the political mood in Telangana as an "RRR" phenomenon, Recall, Regret and Revolt. He said the Congress had come to power in 2023 on more than 420 promises, including schemes involving one tola of gold, scooters and a monthly payment of Rs 2,500 to women, but had failed to fully implement them.

The former Minister said the BRS lost the 2023 election by only 1.8 per cent of the vote, or around four lakh votes. However, he said voters were recalling the KCR government and regretting their decision to vote for the Congress. "They are moving towards a revolt against the ruling party," he said, adding that people wanted Chandrashekhar Rao back as Chief Minister.

He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was giving greater priority to the Congress leadership in Delhi than to Telangana's interests.

Rama Rao also criticised the BJP, citing growing dissatisfaction with the Centre. He said student groups, Gen Z youth and the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) were taking to the streets to question the BJP government. He criticised Rahul Gandhi, alleging that as the principal Opposition leader he had failed to stand with people and young protesters.

He also accused the saffron party of trying to divide the country on religious lines, while Revanth Reddy was creating divisions between people who revered Lord Rama and Lord Shiva. He said both parties were diverting attention from jobs and the implementation of electoral promises.

On delimitation, the BRS working president warned that a population-based exercise could disadvantage southern States that had successfully implemented population-control measures.

Four Telangana men trapped in Russia war zone, say families

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Four persons from Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts of Telangana were misled by agents and ended up performing military duties at the warfront in Russia, their family members have claimed.

The family members of Bhukya Ravinder, Sirushu Ashok, Megavath Prakash and Mohammed Afzal Khan have submitted a representation at the 'CM Prajavani' (people's grievance redressal programme) here, seeking Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's immediate intervention for their safe repatriation.

Mandha Bheem Reddy, Vice Chairman of the Telangana Government's NRI Advisory Committee, who received the representation, told PTI on Wednesday that it has been forwarded to the top state government officials for taking up the matter with the Ministry of External Affairs.

The family members said in their representation that the four persons travelled to Russia after being promised employment.

They initially worked in grass-cutting/gardening-related work. Though they reportedly worked for about five months, they were paid only for about two months and later became unemployed, they said.

Later, they were allegedly induced into Russian military-related duties with promises of citizenship and monetary benefits. They were also made to carry bombs and perform dangerous frontline duties and subjected to physical harassment, resulting in injuries, the family members claimed.

Their communication with families back home was very limited.

The stranded persons have informed their families that they have crossed into Ukraine.

The family members urged the chief minister to coordinate with the Ministry of External Affairs, Embassy of India, Moscow and the concerned Russian authorities for verification of their location, release from military-related work and safe repatriation to Telangana.

They also sought appropriate verification and action regarding the agents involved and the collection of money without following prescribed emigration safeguards.

Surender DLPO Felicitated on Retirement After Distinguished Public Service



A felicitation programme was held to honour Sri Surender, District Level Panchayat Officer (DLPO), on the occasion of his retirement from government service on superannuation.Surender began his government service in 1989 as a Village Development Officer (VDO) in the erstwhile Karimnagar district. During his long and distinguished career, he served in various capacities, including VDO, MPDO, EOPR&RD and DLPO, taking up responsibilities in different districts and departments.According to the felicitation message, his professional journey included services in Jagitial, Vemulawada, Chendug? [as shown in the poster], Kamareddy, Bhadrachalam, Warangal, Bodhan, Mancherial and Sangareddy districts, before his final posting as DLPO at Ellareddy.Colleagues, officials, public representatives and well-wishers appreciated his dedication, administrative experience and contribution to rural development and Panchayat Raj administration throughout his service.Speaking on the occasion, well-wishers conveyed their heartfelt gratitude for his services and wished him good health, happiness and a peaceful retired life.The gathering described his retirement as the completion of a long journey of public service that began in 1989 and continued for nearly four decades.

World Heart Day Awareness Programme Held in Sadashivanagar

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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.

Kadirabad Dargah Urs Celebrated with Devotion and Grandeur

SANGAREDDY
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The annual Urs programme at Kadirabad Dargah was celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm, attracting local residents and devotees who participated in the religious and cultural proceedings.Former MLA of the Andole Assembly Constituency and BRS leader M. Veerareddy, BRS State Leader from Vatpally Mandal, participated in the Urs programme along with other local leaders and community members.The organisers conducted the Urs celebrations in a fitting manner, with devotees offering prayers and participating in the traditional proceedings at the Dargah. The programme reflected the religious traditions associated with the annual Urs and provided an opportunity for devotees and people from surrounding areas to come together.M. Veerareddy and the other participants extended their greetings to the devotees and appreciated the organisers for conducting the Urs programme in an organised manner.The event witnessed the participation of devotees, local representatives, leaders and members of the community, contributing to the festive atmosphere at Kadirabad Dargah.

Quit Smoking, Give Your Heart a New Lease of Life: Machan Raghunandan

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Quitting smoking can significantly protect the heart and improve overall health, said Tobacco Control Hero and Civil Supplies Department Enforcement Deputy Tahsildar Machan Raghunandan on the occasion of World Heart Day.

Speaking in Hyderabad, Raghunandan said smokers must understand the serious damage caused to the heart by tobacco use. He noted that smoking not only weakens the heart but also increases the risk of several diseases.

He urged smokers to make a firm decision: "From today, I will not smoke cigarettes or bidis." He described quitting tobacco as a major positive change in life.

Raghunandan said he had travelled 5,000 km across 500 villages over five years, creating awareness about tobacco-related health risks and encouraging behavioural change. His sustained efforts earned him the rare Tobacco Control Hero Award in India.

Former ZPTC G. Narasimha Reddy Visits Chakali Nagaiah at Kukatpally Hospital



Former ZPTC member of Kalher Mandal G. Narasimha Reddy visited Sri Chakali Nagaiah, husband of the Krishnapur village ward member, who is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Kukatpally, Hyderabad.Nagaiah is receiving treatment following a plastic surgery procedure involving the fingers of his left hand. During the visit, G. Narasimha Reddy enquired about his health condition and spoke with the attending doctors regarding his treatment and recovery.He advised Nagaiah to take adequate rest and strictly follow the doctors' instructions during the recovery period. Narasimha Reddy also conveyed his wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

The visit provided encouragement and support to Nagaiah and his family during his medical treatment.

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

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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.

Mission Bhagiratha pipeline suffers leakage in Narsapur



The Mission Bhagiratha pipeline developed a major leak along the Narsapur-Sangareddy road near Narsapur town on Wednesday.

At a time when there was a serious shortage of drinking water, a huge quantity of water was seen flowing onto the road. Following information from locals, Mission Bhagiratha officials stopped the flow of water through the pipeline.

They took up repair work on the pipeline. Although officials are yet to make an official statement on the disruption of water supply, the leakage is likely to affect drinking water supply to certain areas.

BRS hits back at Revanth over Sircilla remarks, questions Congress govt's

The BRS on Wednesday criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for allegedly using his Sircilla public meeting to target BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao and working president KT Rama Rao instead of addressing issues concerning weavers, farmers and implementation of Congress poll promises.

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The BRS on Wednesday hit back at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his Sircilla speech, accusing him of using a government platform to settle political scores with the party chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and working president KT Rama Rao.

The party leaders said instead of spelling out the Congress government's measures for weavers and farmers or the implementation of electoral promises in Rajanna Sircilla district, the Chief Minister indulged in personal attacks and political rhetoric.

Former Minister S Niranjan Reddy said Revanth Reddy's speech was marked by self-praise and attacking others, despite the Congress government being nearly three years into office. He said the Chief Minister should have explained what his government had done for Sircilla instead of repeatedly blaming the BRS.

He particularly questioned the government's handling of the handloom sector. He alleged that the Congress government withheld Bathukamma saree orders and adversely affected Sircilla weavers, while Revanth Reddy attempted to blame the previous BRS government.

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan questioned why the government was not giving Bathukamma saree orders to local weavers. He alleged that Gurukul uniform tenders had been awarded to a Gujarat-based company.

He challenged Revanth Reddy to demonstrate his concern for the Padmashali community by giving a graduate MLC ticket to Kailash Netha, instead of choosing both the Congress candidates from upper castes in the upcoming elections. He questioned the number of BC Ministers in the State Cabinet and officials in the Chief Minister's Office.

BRS MLA and former Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy rejected Revanth Reddy's allegations about the K Chandrashekhar Rao family's wealth and properties. He said the assets of the BRS chief and his family members had already been disclosed in their election affidavits. He challenged Revanth Reddy and his brothers to publish their properties and sources of income.

He recalled that Revanth Reddy had made similar claims against Chandrashekhar Rao's Erravelli residence earlier and even conducted surveys only to receive severe backlash from locals.

"Unable to digest his failure to prove his allegations, he vented his frustration by making false allegations once again in Sircilla," he added.

The BRS leaders questioned Revanth Reddy's own record on assets, including properties in Jubilee Hills and around the Outer Ring Road, turning his demand for a disclosure by the Chandrashekhar Rao family back on the Chief Minister.

They also targeted Revanth Reddy's promise to make the Congress leader who defeated KT Rama Rao in Sircilla a Minister, pointing out that nearly three years into the government's term.

Telangana Transport Department plans AI-powered cameras for driving tests

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Artificial Intelligence would soon be testing driving licence applicants in Telangana and deciding whether they are equipped with the required skills to drive a vehicle and navigate traffic.

The Transport Department, having decided to use the latest technology, is exploring possibilities to introduce AI-based video analytics at six driving test tracks. The proposed system aims to make driving tests more transparent and consistent while reducing the scope for human intervention during the assessment process.

According to Transport Department authorities, the first phase is to cover five driving test tracks in the Core Urban Region, including areas under Hyderabad, Malkajgiri and Cyberabad, along with the driving test track at the Karimnagar RTO.

As part of the preparations, Transport Department and HMDA officials recently inspected the Kondapur and Nagole driving test tracks. The teams assessed the existing infrastructure and identified requirements for installing the proposed technology.

The initiative follows a study of automated driving test systems in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha. A Transport Department committee that visited the three States recently submitted its findings to Telangana authorities. Based on the report, the department is learnt to have been working on plans to modernise the selected tracks and introduce AI-based monitoring.

Officials said the technology is expected to enable a more standardised assessment of applicants' driving performance and strengthen road-safety measures. It is part of the effort to modernise the driving licence testing process and make evaluations less dependent on manual intervention.

Dr. Nahida Tarannum Promotes Health Awareness Among Girls in Sadashivanagar

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Dr. Nahida Tarannum, Ayush Medical Officer at Sadashivanagar, is combining health education, counselling and psychological guidance to support adolescent girls and young women. Holding an MSc in Psychology, she focuses on understanding both the physical and emotional concerns of patients. Through consultations and awareness interactions, she encourages girls to openly discuss sensitive health issues without hesitation or stigma. She stresses the importance of timely professional advice, emotional support and healthy coping practices. Her integrated approach combines Ayush healthcare with psychological understanding, creating a supportive environment where girls can seek guidance and make informed decisions about their health.

NMC Honours Retiring Engineers at Farewell Ceremony

NIZAMABAD
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The Nizamabad Municipal Corporation (NMC) organised a farewell programme to honour Assistant Engineers Syed Inayat Kareem and Sandupatla Bhoomeshwar, who retired from service after rendering dedicated and sincere services to the civic body.Mayor Smt. Kooragayala Uma Rani Ramesh, who attended the programme as chief guest, congratulated the retiring engineers and felicitated them in recognition of their contributions to the Municipal Corporation. She appreciated their commitment and role in supporting the functioning and development of civic infrastructure.The Mayor wished both officials a peaceful, healthy and fulfilling retired life and extended her best wishes to their family members. She also acknowledged the valuable services rendered by the engineers during their tenure with the Corporation.Municipal Commissioner Dilip, Corporators Yerram Gangadhar and Battu Raghavender, along with municipal officials and staff, attended the farewell programme. They recalled the contributions and professional services of the retiring employees and conveyed their appreciation for their work.The programme concluded with colleagues and officials extending their warm wishes to Syed Inayat Kareem and Sandupatla Bhoomeshwar for a happy and fulfilling life after retirement.

Srinivas Goud Questions Revanth Reddy Government Over Telangana Interests

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, questioning its handling of Telangana's water rights, democratic freedoms, Singareni coal and political opposition.

Reacting to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's recent visit to Sircilla, Goud alleged that the tour resembled an "aggressive incursion" rather than a routine official visit. He claimed that several BRS leaders were arrested ahead of the Chief Minister's programme and contrasted the action with the approach followed during former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's tenure.

Goud recalled that when KCR visited constituencies represented by opposition MLAs, including Kodangal and Madhira, funds were reportedly sanctioned for development works. He alleged that the present government, in contrast, was more focused on private business interests than public welfare.

The former minister also raised concerns over Telangana's water resources, alleging that water from the Krishna basin was being diverted towards the Penna basin. He sought clarity from the government on Telangana's interests, particularly in view of Karnataka's reported plans involving the Almatti Dam. He also questioned the government over the availability and utilisation of Singareni coal.

Goud further criticised the Congress government for organising public meetings amid heavy police protection. He challenged Congress leaders to interact directly with people without security arrangements and asked whether senior leaders would be willing to hold programmes in areas such as Ashok Nagar.

Referring to the Sagaraharam programme, Goud said Revanth Reddy held a meeting in Sircilla on the same day. He suggested that the Chief Minister undertake a padyatra without police security and meet people directly.

Goud also claimed that KCR continues to enjoy significant public support, citing the response to KCR-related songs and references during public events.

Revanth Reddy Tried to Deceive BCs, Says Talasani Srinivas Yadav

HYDERABAD
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Former Minister and BRS leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav accused the Congress government of neglecting Backward Classes (BCs) in the selection of candidates for the upcoming Graduate MLC elections.Speaking during a discussion on the candidates, Talasani questioned why the Congress had selected upper-caste candidates for both Graduate MLC seats despite the support extended by BC voters to the party. "Are there no graduates among the BCs to give tickets?" he asked, demanding answers from Congress leaders Mahesh Kumar Goud and Ponnam Prabhakar.Talasani recalled the Congress's promise of 42 per cent reservation for BCs in the Kamareddy Declaration and alleged that the government was failing to reflect the same commitment in political representation. He said the BRS follows social justice in candidate selection and urged BC leaders in Congress to introspect.He also criticised the police restrictions during Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's visit to Sircilla and accused the government of diversionary politics. On the Khairatabad by-election, Talasani said the BRS was seriously focused on the contest and would field a strong candidate.

He urged BC voters to express their dissatisfaction through their votes, asserting that "BCs are no longer afraid."

Talasani also alleged that Congress was suppressing BC voices and undermining their self-respect in Telangana.

MLA Manik Rao Launches Development Works in Zaheerabad



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Zaheerabad MLA Koninty Manik Rao on Tuesday formally launched several development works in Wards 4, 9, 24 and 30 of Zaheerabad Municipality, keeping the needs of local residents in view.Speaking on the occasion, MLA Manik Rao said that continuous efforts are being made for the development of Zaheerabad town.

"We are working continuously for the overall development of Zaheerabad town. Along with providing better basic infrastructure, development works required in every ward are being taken up on a priority basis. Our objective is to address people's problems and develop the town in all sectors.

Civil Rights Day Awareness Programme Held in Jagiryal

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



A Civil Rights Day awareness programme was organised at Jagiryal Gram Panchayat under the leadership of Sarpanch Ryakala Veeramma, with officials educating villagers about their constitutional rights and responsibilities.

Regode Mandal MRO Datta Reddy, Sub-Inspector Pochayya, RI Sharanappa and GPO Laxman visited the village and interacted with residents, explaining the importance of understanding and exercising civil and constitutional rights.

Officials highlighted key aspects including equality, freedom, dignity, protection against discrimination and the right to access government services. They encouraged every citizen to be aware of their own rights while respecting the rights of others.

The speakers stressed that awareness of rights should go hand in hand with responsible citizenship and urged villagers to contribute to maintaining equality, harmony and mutual respect in the community.

The programme was attended by Gram Panchayat Secretary Pasha, Deputy Sarpanch Boyini Ramesh, Ward Member Appojipalli Sailu, former Sarpanch Pampati Ramulu, village elders and residents.

The programme concluded with a message to the villagers: "Know your rights, fulfil your responsibilities and move forward with equality.

Harish Rao Calls for Early Graduate MLC Voter Registration in Sanathnagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Former Minister and BRS Legislative Party Deputy Leader T. Harish Rao participated as the chief guest at a preparatory meeting on Graduate MLC voter registration in Sanathnagar constituency and called on party workers to begin field-level preparations immediately.

Harish Rao urged BRS workers not to wait until after Navratri and Dussehra to begin the registration process. He asked workers to start from their own households and mobilise eligible graduates across every division. He set a target of completing the registration drive by October 10 and called for Sanathnagar to achieve the highest number of registrations among the 43 Assembly constituencies under the Hyderabad Graduate MLC constituency.

According to Harish Rao, 10,490 graduate MLC votes were registered in Sanathnagar during the previous exercise. He called for the number to be doubled this time. He said workers could fill around 40 applications a day by dedicating a few hours in the morning and evening and suggested dividing the constituency into units to complete the exercise within 10 to 15 days.

He also advised workers to approach families individually rather than conducting large groups of slogan-shouting campaigns. He said eligible residents from other areas could register if they were residing locally and had valid address proof. He added that graduates who had obtained their degree by November 1, 2023, would be eligible under the stated criteria.

Harish Rao further alleged that the Congress government had failed to adequately address fee reimbursement, employment and employee-related issues. He claimed that the previous BRS government provided ₹19,000 crore in fee reimbursement during its nine-and-a-half-year tenure and said BRS had facilitated 1.67 lakh government jobs.

Referring to Congress's election promises, he questioned the number of government jobs notified and filled since it came to power. He also raised concerns over pending PRC and DA issues involving employees and pensions and GPF-related concerns among retired employees.

Harish Rao claimed that several degree, engineering and pharmacy colleges were facing financial difficulties because of pending fee reimbursement. He also credited the previous BRS government with strengthening Hyderabad's IT and industrial sectors and developing infrastructure despite challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

SIR schedule extended in Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday extended the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Andhra Pradesh and Meghalaya, fixing October 16 and October 26, respectively, for the publication of the final voter lists.

Earlier, the date for the publication of the final voter lists was October 9 for Andhra Pradesh and October 21 for Meghalaya.

The decision was taken at a meeting attended by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi at Nirvachan Sadan, the poll panel said in a statement.

In Andhra Pradesh, the notice phase and disposal of claims and objections, which began on July 31.

Activists, student leaders call for October 2 protest over EC functioning

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A group of social activists and student leaders on Wednesday called on people to join a proposed protest at Jantar Mantar on Gandhi Jayanti against the Election Commission's functioning and to demand the "impeachment" of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The group, which includes AISA president Neha Bora, advocate Prashant Bhushan and RJD MP Manoj Jha, said the gathering is proposed to be held at 11 am on October 2.

The organisers said they had informed the Parliament Street police about the proposed gathering, including the expected turnout, timing and details of those responsible for organising the event. However, Delhi Police had not granted permission for



the protest as of Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference, the activists raised concerns over the Election Commission's handling of electoral rolls and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise, alleging that it had raised questions about the protection of citizens' voting rights.

Bora, who had been on a hunger strike at Jantar Mantar during the agitation led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) over the NEET paper leak issue, said protesters had earlier faced restrictions and detention while attempting to raise concerns over electoral issues.

A second AISA member said they had not received any "rejection" from the police yet.

Bhushan alleged that several procedural irregularities had taken place during the electoral-roll revision process and claimed that decisions relating to the addition and deletion of voters had been centralised.

Jha said the issue should not be viewed merely as a contest between the ruling party and the Opposition but as one concerning citizens' rights.

"This is not an issue of ruling versus Opposition; it is a matter concerning the rights of the common people; rights that were summarily rejected," Jha said.

The speakers also called for greater accountability from the Election Commission and reiterated their demand for Kumar's resignation.

The proposed protest comes amid demonstrations by Opposition parties, student groups and civil society activists in Delhi over the functioning of the poll panel and the SIR exercise.

The CJP had also announced a protest in Mumbai on October 2 over the issue. After being denied permission for the protest, it has now called for a "Jail Bharo Andolan".

The Opposition INDIA bloc, which also announced its protest plans on Wednesday, will hold "Save Democracy" marches in all districts from October 2 to 8.

Demonstrations will be held outside district magistrates' offices, where youth and NGOs will also be invited. The bloc has also announced a march by Parliamentarians to the Election Commission's office here on October 6.

Naval Commanders Urged To Stay Combat-Ready

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



India's senior defence leadership has urged naval commanders to maintain a high degree of combat readiness and strengthen maritime surveillance, underscoring the Navy's role in safeguarding energy security amid the situation in West Asia. Defence minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani, Army Chief Gen. Dhiraj Seth and Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan addressed sessions at the second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026. The conference is being held from September 29 to October 1 at Nausena Bhawan in New Delhi.

Singh highlighted India's "growing strategic responsibilities" in the maritime domain and the Navy's role as a first responder and "preferred security partner in the Indian Ocean Region", a Navy spokesperson said. He stressed the need to strengthen maritime surveillance, analytical capabilities and operational responsiveness. Referring to West Asia, the minister highlighted the Navy-led Operation Urja Suraksha and its contribution to safeguarding India's energy security.

He also emphasised "aatmanirbharta", indigenous capability development and technology absorption, saying that "secure seas are integral to a secure nation and a developed nation". The three-day conference brings together the Navy's senior leadership, including operational and area commanders, to discuss operational preparedness, maritime security and future capability development. In his inaugural address, Admiral Swaminathan reviewed the maritime security environment and the Navy's operational posture. He stressed the need to maintain a "high degree of combat readiness, agility and responsiveness" while accelerating technology absorption and capability development to address existing and emerging challenges.

What Does it Take for the Opposition to Impeach CEC Gyanesh Kumar?

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Gyanesh Kumar is the first Chief Election Commissioner against whom the Opposition has threatened to initiate impeachment proceedings over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. According to the Constitution and law on the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners, a CEC can only be removed by Parliament the way a sitting Supreme Court judge can be impeached.

According to the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, the CEC or an Election Commissioner may, at any time, submit a written resignation to the President. "The Chief Election Commissioner shall not be removed from his office except in like manner and on the like grounds as a judge of the Supreme Court. The other Election Commissioners shall not be removed from office except on the recommendation of the Chief Election Commissioner," the law said.

The Article 324 of the Constitution, which deals with the Election Commission, also says that a CEC can only be removed from his office like grounds as a judge of the Supreme Court. According to the Article 124, which deals with the Supreme Court, a judge of the Supreme Court shall not be removed from his office except by an order of the President passed after an address by each House of Parliament supported by a majority of the total membership of that House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of that House present and voting has been presented to the President in the same session for such removal on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity.

The Judges (Inquiry) Act of 1968 says that once a motion to remove a judge is admitted in any of the Houses, the speaker or the chairman, as the case may be, will constitute a three-member committee to investigate the grounds on which the removal (or, in popular term, impeachment) has been sought. The committee consists of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) or a Supreme Court judge, the chief justice of one of the 25 high courts and a "distinguished jurist".

At the conclusion of the investigation, the committee shall submit its report to the Speaker or, as the case may be, to the chairman, or where the committee has been constituted jointly by the Speaker and the chairman, to both of them, stating therein its findings on each of the charges separately with such observations on the whole case as it thinks fit.

Meerut court convicts Muskan Rastogi, Sahil Shukla in Saurabh Rajput murder case

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Meerut district court on Wednesday held Muskan Rastogi and Sahil Shukla guilty of murdering merchant navy officer Saurabh Rajput in the sensational "Blue Drum" murder case, bringing the trial to an end after 13 months and 126 hearings.

The court will announce its order on the punishment after 15 days.

Ion this issue," Jaiswal said. In the past, New Delhi has said that Jammu and Kashmir is, was and will remain an integral part of India.

Government counsel Krishna Kumar Chaubey said the court, while convicting the two, referred to a Supreme Court order stressing strict punishment in serious crime cases.

"The court has held Muskan Rastogi and Sahil Shukla guilty of the murder of Saurabh Rajput and, while referring to a Supreme Court order, observed that perpetrators of such heinous and serious crimes should receive appropriate punishment so that a message goes out in society that the rule of law prevails," Chaubey told reporters.

ED Arrests 2 Vatika Promoters In Laundering Case

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday said it had arrested Vatika Group promoters Anil Bhalla and Gautam Bhalla in a money laundering case linked to alleged fraud involving buyers of residential plots. Anil Bhalla, chairman and managing director, and Gautam Bhalla, a promoter of Vatika Limited, were arrested on September 28 under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

They were produced before a special PMLA court in Gurugram on Tuesday and remanded in ED custody until October 3, the agency said. The investigation stems from an FIR registered by Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing against the Gurugram-based group and its promoters, alleging fraudulent inducement, non-delivery of residential plots and related offences. The ED alleged that Anil Bhalla "personally supervised" key decisions relating to the transactions under investigation. Gautam Bhalla executed important agreements, held directorships in the group's land-owning entities, exercised control over them and continued to manage their operations, it said.

"The material collected shows that major decisions were taken jointly by these two persons," the agency said. According to the ED, seven purchasing entities paid about Rs 260 crore upfront to Vatika Limited between 2010 and 2012, covering the entire sale consideration for residential plots in Vatika India Next, in Sectors 84 and 85, and Vatika India Next-2, in Sector 88A, Gurugram.

I.N.D.I.A. Bloc Rejects Rahul's Leadership: BJP

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The BJP on Wednesday claimed that the I.N.D.I.A. bloc was crumbling and its leaders had rejected Rahul Gandhi's leadership after Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav and several other leaders skipped an alliance meeting.

Union minister and senior BJP leader Shivraj Singh Chouhan alleged that the bloc's proposed marches were intended to save the "dynasty" of the Congress and its allies rather than democracy.

"Leave the I.N.D.I.A. bloc aside; even Congress leaders and members of the party are not willing to accept Rahul Gandhi as their leader. Rahul himself, during Congress Working Committee meetings, keeps pleading: 'Accept me as your leader, trust me'," Chouhan claimed. His remarks came after I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders met in New Delhi to finalise a joint agitation over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

"Zero vision, 100 percent frustration, and advance excuse for poll defeats are the outcome of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc meet," he said. The proposed marches are scheduled from October 2 to October 8. The DMK and AAP skipped the meeting, while Yadav did not attend because of nominations for Rajya Sabha polls in Uttar Pradesh.

"The I.N.D.I.A. alliance fell apart even before the meeting took place. The DMK is not attending the meeting. Akhilesh is busy elsewhere. The AAP had already declined," Chouhan said.He also cited Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray's decision to participate virtually as evidence of divisions in the alliance.

"Why is this happening? It is because the I.N.D.I.A. alliance is simply not willing to accept Rahul Gandhi-ji as its leader. His leadership is not being accepted; that is why they are not even showing up," he alleged.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Indian Captain.....

The aircraft landed safely at Tabuk airport in Saudi Arabia and all passengers were out of danger, Netanyahu said. He also said the pilot who carried out the stabbing had been arrested and was being questioned by Saudi authorities.

The Flydubai flight FZ1073, travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv, had transmitted emergency signals and made a sharp descent before diverting to Tabuk in Saudi Arabia. Both pilots were injured and hospitalised, the Tabuk airport authorities said. Flydubai confirmed that the aircraft had experienced an in-flight incident and landed safely in Tabuk. The airline said it was cooperating with the relevant authorities and that all passengers were safe.

The airline has not released the identity or nationality of the pilots. Israeli authorities feared a possible hijacking and scrambled fighter jets. The incident remains under investigation. Passenger accounts of the incident also emerged in Israeli media. Zvika Manes, a passenger who said he helped subdue the alleged attacker, told Israeli financial newspaper Calcalist that his wife heard shouting and screams near the cockpit before he and others intervened. "I'm covered in blood. It was insane," he said, according to Ynet. Another passenger, Dalia Shpigel, told Israeli newspaper Haaretz that there were "terrible screams throughout the plane" before "three to five guys burst into the cockpit" and subdued the attacker. Flydubai flight FZ1073 was travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv on Wednesday when a violent incident involving the pilots occurred. The flight was carrying 174 passengers, including 27 children, according to Ynet. Flight-tracking data analysed by BBC Verify showed the aircraft cruising at about 34,000 feet before plunging around 17,000 feet, climbing 5,000 feet and then descending another 7,000 feet to settle at about 15,000 feet, all within less than five minutes.

Israel Says 'Jihadist'....

Defence Minister Israel Katz described the incident as "an attempted jihadist terror attack" that was "thwarted only thanks to the heroism of several Israeli passengers". Katz did not identify his source for assigning a motive to the pilot, whose identity has not been revealed. Netanyahu said the pilot who allegedly stabbed his colleague "has been arrested and is currently being interrogated by the Saudi authorities".

"I have instructed the security services to prepare for additional potential threats. We are conducting ongoing situation assessments," Netanyahu said. Netanyahu a day earlier had warned of potential attacks ahead of Israel's October 27 election,

leading opposition chief Yair Lapid to accuse him of fear-mongering. Katz took a veiled swipe at Lapid, saying the government's security warnings should be taken seriously by "both our enemies outside and former insiders who are not up to date".

Abhijeet Dipke.....

Dipke announced that the Jail Bharo Andolan would be launched on Gandhi Jayanti and urged political parties and people to join the movement.

The announcement comes amid intensifying Opposition protests over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and demands for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar. Earlier, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray and UBT Sena Chief Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday held a joint news conference on Tuesday and announced that a protest march against the Election Commission will be held on October 4, with the march proceeding from Byculla to the BMC headquarters.

Raj Thackeray said, "A joint protest march will be held on the 4th. The march will proceed from Byculla to the BMC headquarters. This protest will be directed against the Election Commission." The MNS chief said his party had been raising questions over Electronic

Voting Machines (EVMs) and the functioning of the Election Commission for several years. "For several years, we have consistently raised questions regarding EVMs and the arbitrary actions of the Election Commission, yet no solution has been found so far," he said.

CRIME

Activists Seek Vigilance Probe Into Ameerpet Town Planning Lapses

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Allegations of unchecked unauthorized construction and violations of municipal building regulations have triggered concern among civic activists and residents in the Ameerpet Circle. Activist groups are demanding a comprehensive vigilance inquiry into the functioning of GHMC Town Planning Assistant City Planner (ACP) T. Ramesh, alleging lapses in monitoring and reporting ongoing construction activity.

According to activists, several construction projects within the circle are allegedly progressing without proper regulatory scrutiny or inclusion in official inspection and reporting records. They claim such omissions could result in revenue losses to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) through unpaid property taxes, penalties and building permission-related charges.

The allegations have also raised questions about compliance with directions issued by the GHMC Commissioner regarding regular monitoring and reporting of ongoing structures. Civic groups contend that continued construction activity despite such directives warrants a detailed examination of field-level inspections and official records.



One area highlighted by activists is the locality behind Paradise Ameerpet and the Minerva Complex, where they allege that four underground or basement structures have been developed without the required regulatory submissions or adequate oversight. The activists have called for verification of the permissions, plans and construction status of these structures.

In Secunderabad's Sindhi Colony area, three ongoing construction sites have also come under scrutiny. Activists allege that the projects may not have complete approval documentation and claim that their status was not properly reflected in reports submitted to higher authorities.

Similar allegations have been raised regarding residential and commercial developments in Airlines Colony. Civic activists claim that some structures were allegedly left out of inspection registers, raising concerns over the effectiveness of monitoring mechanisms within the circle.

Activists have urged senior GHMC officials and vigilance authorities to conduct an independent inquiry into the allegations, examine inspection registers and approval records, and verify whether ongoing structures were properly reported.

They have also sought action wherever violations are established, along with stronger monitoring mechanisms to prevent revenue loss and address potential public safety concerns.

The allegations remain subject to verification by the competent authorities. A formal vigilance inquiry, if ordered, could establish whether the reported omissions resulted from administrative lapses, procedural failures or other factors.

Doha passenger held at Hyderabad Airport with 5 kg cocaine

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An individual carrying nearly 5 kg of cocaine worth Rs 25 crore was arrested at the Hyderabad Airport, police said on Wednesday, September 30.

The accused had landed from Doha the previous day. He was apprehended by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) Hyderabad, a special intelligence unit. The accused had concealed the contraband inside foreign chocolates, each bearing a marked weight of 387 grams. The cocaine was mixed with Lindt Lindor Assorted Filled dark chocolate in tubes. There were seven of them.

Officials found the tubes unusually heavier than their marked weight. On examining, 207 light-yellow coloured oval-shaped capsules, each containing a white powder substance, were discovered. The substance was proven to be cocaine after running it through a narcotic drug detection test. A total of 4.9 kg, with an estimated value of Rs.24.5 crore, was seized.

The accused was arrested and booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A local court on Thursday sentenced a man identified as Raju Naik to life imprisonment and imposed a total fine of Rs 16,000 for the murder of P. Ramesh (50) in SR Nagar in 2020.

Ramesh had gone missing after leaving his Vikaspuri Colony home on February 1, 2020. Though a WhatsApp message was later sent from his phone, subsequent calls went unanswered and the phone was switched off.The SR Nagar lolice investigated

Woman Sentenced to Life for Murdering Husband

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A woman has been sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her husband in 2021. District SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao said the District Principal Court imposed life imprisonment and a fine of ₹6,000 on the accused in connection with the case registered at Manoharabad police station. Murali, a native of Parkibanda village, married Vijayalakshmi of Manoharabad 22 years ago. The couple had two children. Frequent disputes led to counselling sessions at the police station and mediation by village elders.

Murali broke his leg in a road accident 18 months ago and had been staying at home since, unable to work. Arguments between the couple increased. On the night of March 15, 2021, while Murali was asleep, Vijayalakshmi attacked him with a pestle, causing fatal injuries. Based on a complaint filed by family members, then SI Raju registered a case and initiated investigation. Police said meticulous investigation and strong evidence ensured conviction.

Two Killed After DU Student's Car Hits Workers on Dwarka Expressway

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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

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

DA case: After ACB arrest, NIMS official stands suspended

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) Additional Medical Superintendent Nori Lakshmi Bhaskar has been suspended with effect from September 22, the date of his detention, reports said on Wednesday, September 30.

Alongside, the ACB has continued to conduct searches at properties linked to the tainted official.

Bhaskar's suspension order would remain in force until further orders. This comes in the wake of Bhaskar's arrest by the Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) following the detection of disproportionate assets worth Rs 6.13 crore.

NIMS Director Rahul Devraj said the ACB had conveyed that a disproportionate assets case was registered against Bhaskar and that he was arrested with effect from September 22.

Bhaskar's detention in custody has exceeded 48 hours. He is deemed suspended because, according to Rule 8(2)(a) of the Telangana State Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, a government servant who is detained in custody for a period exceeding 48 hours shall be deemed to have been placed under suspension with effect from the date of detention.

On September 26, the state government requested the NIMS Director to place Bhaskar under deemed suspension from the date of detention, if not already done. During his suspension, Bhaskar will be paid a subsistence allowance, as per the rules. The ACB conducted further searches on Tuesday, September 29, at five different locations in and around Hyderabad, "including residences of suspected benamis who are alleged to have financial and other transactions with the accused officer".

According to an ACB press note, "During the searches, several documents and other items forming the part of the evidence relating to the suspected benami assets were seized from the residence of the suspected benamis."

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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



OPPO Launches K14 Plus in India

with 8000mAh Battery, 144Hz AMOLED Display

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



OPPO India has launched the OPPO K14 Plus, a new K Series smartphone focused on performance, battery endurance, imaging and durability. Powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7360 MAX, the device features a 1.5K 144Hz AMOLED Ultra Bright Display, 8000mAh battery, 50MP OIS main camera with 4K video recording and a 5000mm² SuperCool VC Vapour Chamber.

The OPPO K14 Plus will go on sale from October 8, 2026, coinciding with the first day of Flipkart's Big Billion Days sale. It will be available through Flipkart and the OPPO India e-store in Solar Orange and White Star colour options. Buyers can avail themselves of an INR 4,000 instant bank discount on the sale day and a six-month No Cost EMI option.

The smartphone is priced at INR 29,999 for 6GB+128GB, INR 32,999 for 8GB+128GB and INR 35,999 for 8GB+256GB. After the applicable bank discount, the effective prices are INR 25,999, INR 28,999 and INR 31,999 respectively.

At its core, the K14 Plus uses the 4nm MediaTek Dimensity 7360 MAX chipset with an octa-core architecture and Arm Mali-G615 GPU. OPPO and MediaTek report up to 30% CPU multi-core and 35% GPU performance improvements compared with the previous generation. The device has recorded an AnTuTu score above one million on the 8GB+256GB variant.

For endurance, the smartphone houses an 8000mAh battery with 45W SUPERVOOC charging. OPPO says the battery is designed to retain at least 80% capacity after 1,800 full charge cycles. The phone also features bypass charging and 10W reverse wired charging.

Photography is handled by a 50MP OIS main camera with 4K video recording, while a 16MP Sony IMX480 front camera supports selfies. AI-powered imaging features include AI Night Mode, AI Portrait Glow, AI Eraser and AI Recompose.

The phone features a 17.22cm 1.5K AMOLED display with an adaptive refresh rate of up to 144Hz and peak brightness of 3600 nits. It runs ColorOS 16, with AI features, connectivity enhancements and the Trinity Engine for system optimisation.

ProArch Marks 20 Years of Innovation, Technology and People

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(L-R) Mr Ajay Jain, Founder & Managing Partner, SilverX Fund; Mr Venkatesh Kadem, Managing Director, Prorch IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; Ms Swarna Latha Kaveti, Manager Finance, Proarch IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; Ms Prerana Nayak, General Manager (Health India), Microsoft AI; Mr Santosh Kaveti, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Proarch IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; Mr Sandeep Srivastava, Director of product Management, Agentic AI, Microsoft; Mr Anirudh Prabhakaran, Chief Financial Officer, Proarch IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; Mr Ben Wilcox, Chief Technology Officer, Proarch IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; Mr Lakshman Kaveti, MD and Chief Data, Proarch IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd. & Mr Chand Narayan, Founder & CEO, Hum Consulting; at the 20th Anniversary celebrations of ProArch, today at Serene Resorts & Conventions, Shamshabad.

ProArch, a technology partner specializing in Data, AI, Microsoft and Cybersecurity solutions, celebrated its 20th anniversary with a two-day event at Serene Resorts & Conventions, Shamshabad, Hyderabad. The celebration brought together employees from across India to commemorate the company's journey, achievements and people.

The anniversary programme featured a keynote session by Sandeep Srivastava and Prerana Nayak from Microsoft's AI Division. They shared insights into the rapidly evolving artificial intelligence landscape, emerging innovations and opportunities shaping the future of technology and business.

The ProArch Discovery Experience provided employees with an interactive showcase of the company's services, customer success stories and technology innovations. The initiative also encouraged cross-functional collaboration and knowledge sharing among teams.

The celebrations continued with a gala evening featuring leadership addresses, cultural performances, employee engagement activities and Rewards & Recognition. The event highlighted the contributions of employees and celebrated two decades of organizational growth.

As part of its commitment to health and community well-being, ProArch concluded the anniversary celebrations with a 5K Run sponsored by Yashoda Foundation, its CSR initiative. Employees actively participated in the run, reinforcing the company's focus on wellness alongside professional development.

ProArch CEO Santosh Kaveti said the 20-year milestone reflected the commitment of the company's people and the trust of its clients and partners. He said ProArch's focus remains on building strong technology foundations, securing businesses and delivering sustainable outcomes as enterprises increasingly move AI applications into production.

RGUKT Basar Hosts Quantum Technology Boot Camp for 816 Engineering Students

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basar, organised a one-day boot camp on "Quantum Technology – From Foundations to Emerging Applications" on Wednesday, with 816 engineering students participating in sessions on quantum computing, cryptography and emerging applications.

The programme was conducted in collaboration with QClairvoyance Quantum Labs Pvt. Ltd. and NIELIT Hyderabad at the SAC Auditorium. Students from E1 to E4 across all engineering streams registered for the programme.

RGUKT Basar Vice Chancellor Prof. A. Govardhan inaugurated the event in the presence of QClairvoyance Quantum Labs VP–Sales B. Srinivas, Convener and Associate Dean Engineering Dr. K. Mahesh, Associate Dean Sciences and Humanities Dr. S. Vittal, heads of departments and faculty members.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Govardhan emphasised the need for engineering education to keep pace with rapidly developing technologies. He encouraged students to explore emerging fields and use such programmes to identify opportunities in higher education, research, innovation and future careers.

B. Srinivas highlighted the growing importance of quantum technologies and stressed the need to build foundational awareness and skills among students. He also underlined the role of collaboration between educational institutions and technology organisations in preparing students for emerging fields.

Dr. K. Mahesh said the boot camp was designed to provide students with an introductory understanding of quantum technologies and their applications. He urged participants to engage actively with experts and explore quantum technology through academic projects, research and innovation.

Experts from QClairvoyance Quantum Labs conducted the technical sessions. Afra Navas, Quantum Analyst, introduced students to the fundamentals of quantum computing. Debnath Ghosh, Security Researcher, explained quantum threats and the basics of quantum cryptography.

A joint session by Preet Raj Gupta, Cryptography Analyst, and Pratima Jana, Security Researcher, focused on post-quantum cryptography, covering its theoretical foundations and practical implementation.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. K. Mahesh, who acknowledged the support of university officials, partner organisations, experts, faculty members and students.

Birthday Wishes Pour In for Er. Soma Srinivas Reddy

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Warm birthday wishes are being extended to Er. Soma Srinivas Reddy Garu, B.Tech CSE, SSREC, on Wednesday, with family members and well-wishers wishing him continued success and new milestones.Associated with Soma Srinivas Reddy Engineers & Contractors (SSREC), Er. Soma Srinivas Reddy has been connected with civil infrastructure projects across Telangana, including works in remote and challenging areas of the erstwhile Adilabad District. His professional association includes infrastructure works undertaken through PMGSY and other government-supported programmes.SSREC's work encompasses roads, bridges, canals, stormwater drains, road construction and maintenance, contributing to connectivity and infrastructure development in different regions. According to the company's official profile, SSREC was established in 1991 and has undertaken civil works across Telangana and the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh.Er. Soma Srinivas Reddy also comes from a family with a public-service background, with his father having served as a former ZPTC member of erstwhile Nalgonda District.On his birthday, Thalka family members and residents of Matoor Village conveyed their heartfelt greetings, wishing him happiness, prosperity and continued professional success.

TPA Holds Mental Health Session for Students



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Students can overcome academic pressure and achieve their goals by developing mental resilience alongside physical well-being, Telangana Psychologists Association (TPA) president Pogu Ashok said during a mental health awareness programme at Ursu Gutta Government High School in Khila Warangal mandal.The special session, organised on "Mental Health – Stress Management," focused on helping students understand examination anxiety, academic stress and practical ways to maintain emotional well-being.Addressing the students, Pogu Ashok said mental health was not merely the absence of psychological problems but also the confidence and emotional strength to face challenges in life. He explained simple techniques to remain calm during examinations, improve concentration and approach academic goals with confidence.He advised students to develop disciplined study habits, practise effective time management and maintain a healthy daily routine. He also urged them to reduce excessive use of mobile phones and social media and spend more time reading books, participating in sports and practising meditation.Ashok encouraged students to openly share their fears, doubts and concerns with teachers or parents instead of allowing anxiety to build up.

The interactive session generated considerable interest among students, who posed several questions to the psychologist. Ashok patiently answered their queries and offered practical guidance.The school headmaster, teachers and a large number of students participated in the programme and thanked the TPA president for conducting the awareness session.

Diageo India Unveils New McDowell's No.1 with Extra Scotch and Premium Makeover

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Diageo India has launched an all-new version of McDowell's No.1, introducing an upgraded blend with extra Scotch and a refreshed premium identity, marking one of the most significant transformations in the 125-year history of one of India's largest whisky brands.

The reimagined McDowell's No.1 combines select imported Scotch, Indian malts and premium grain spirits, matured in select oak and American barrels and blended across India and Scotland to deliver enhanced smoothness and refined taste. The company said the new blend has undergone more than 100 quality checks to ensure consistency and quality.

According to Diageo India, the whisky offers a light aroma with notes of vanilla, grain sweetness and mellow malt, complemented by subtle hints of matured wood and sweet spice. On the palate, it delivers soft malty, woody and vanilla notes, finishing with lingering sweetness and vanilla cream.

Alongside the upgraded liquid, the company has introduced a redesigned bottle and a contemporary visual identity aimed at giving the brand a more premium, distinctive and aspirational appeal while retaining its traditional Scotch-inspired character.

McDowell's No.1 sells more than 30 million cases annually, making it one of India's most popular whisky brands. Diageo India said the transformation reflects changing consumer preferences, with buyers increasingly seeking quality, craftsmanship and enhanced experiences rather than focusing solely on price.

The company noted that social occasions and shared experiences are playing a larger role in purchasing decisions, prompting consumers to look for products that combine taste, smoothness and aspirational value. The revamped McDowell's No.1 is positioned to cater to these evolving preferences while maintaining the accessibility and inclusiveness associated with the brand.

Ruchira Jaitly, Chief Marketing Officer of Diageo India, said the company conducted research involving over 10,000 consumers across 11 markets before undertaking the transformation. She said the brand has been evolved for a new generation while preserving the trust and familiarity built over decades.

Diageo India described the launch as a step toward redefining India's mass premium whisky segment, combining improved quality and craftsmanship with broader consumer appeal.

Sri Rama Enclave-4 Celebrates Sneha Dakey's Birthday with Warm Wishes and Community Spirit

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Birthday celebrations of Sneha Dakey, President of the Sri Rama Enclave-4 Association, Nadergul, were held with warmth and enthusiasm at Sri Rama Enclave-4.

On the occasion, friends, colleagues, relatives, neighbours and well-wishers conveyed their heartfelt birthday greetings to Sneha Dakey through phone calls, personal visits and social media platforms.

Her M.Sc. Psychology classmates and close friends also joined in conveying their warm wishes and blessings, making the occasion special and memorable.

Residents and well-wishers appreciated Sneha Dakey's association with the Sri Rama Enclave-4 community and extended their wishes for her good health, happiness, prosperity and continued success.

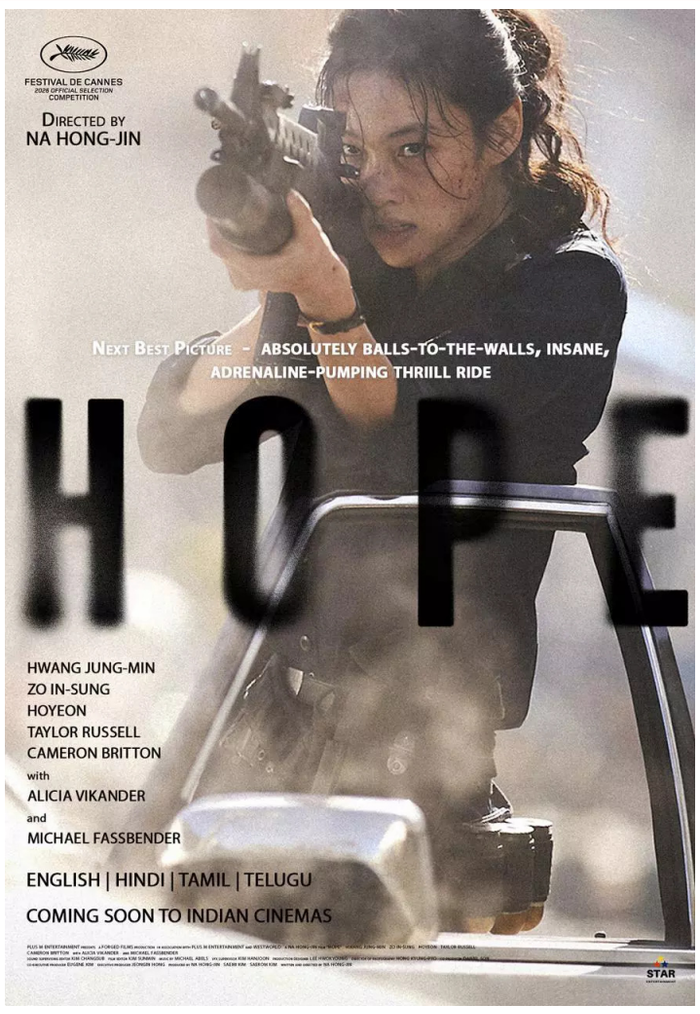
The birthday celebrations reflected the affection and goodwill shared by her friends, colleagues, classmates, neighbours and near and dear ones..

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.

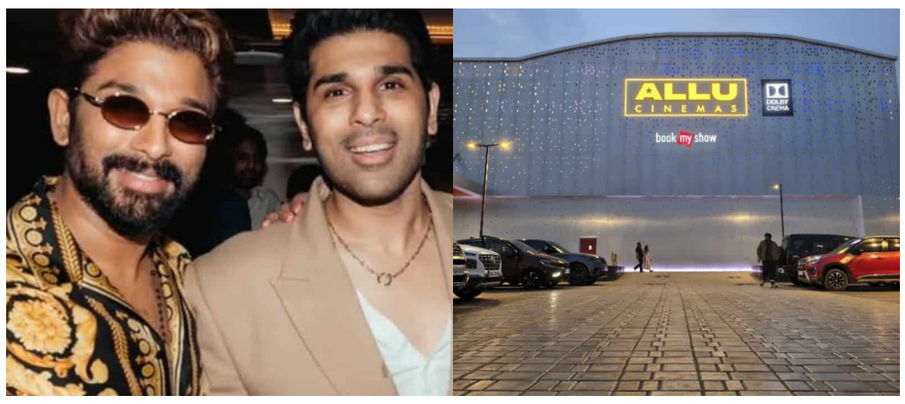
The film has also recorded a notable theatrical run in the United States. According to international box-office figures, HOPE has crossed USD 7 million during its US release, making it the highest-grossing Korean film in the US market.

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
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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.

Rohit hits 12k ODI runs, Gill records fastest 100 as captain

GUWAHATI
Wakeup telangana



Rohit Sharma etched his name in the record books on Wednesday, September 30, becoming only the seventh batter and third Indian to cross the landmark of 12,000 runs in One-Day International cricket. The milestone came during India's second ODI against the West Indies at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium.Rohit reached the 12,000-run mark in his 291st ODI appearance for India, adding another significant achievement to an already remarkable international career. He also brought up his 35th ODI century, reaching the three-figure mark in just 72 balls.

His century featured 10 fours and six sixes and came during India's challenging chase of a massive 406-run target.The century was particularly notable as it was Rohit's second hundred in three matches at Barsapara Cricket Stadium, underlining his strong record at the venue. The 39-year-old, who now focuses exclusively on the 50-over format with an eye on next year's ODI World Cup, has also registered 62 ODI half-centuries and maintains a batting average close to 50.Rohit's achievement places him alongside two other Indian batting greats, Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli, in the exclusive 12,000-run club. Tendulkar remains the leading ODI run-scorer with 18,426 runs, while Kohli recently crossed the 15,000-run milestone during the opening match of the series in Thiruvananthapuram.

Meanwhile, India captain Shubman Gill produced another outstanding performance, scoring his 11th ODI century. Gill reached the landmark in only 62 deliveries, recording the fastest century by an Indian captain in ODI cricket.In the overall list of ODI run-scorers, Rohit currently occupies seventh place. Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara is third with 14,234 runs, followed by Australia's Ricky Ponting with 13,704. Sri Lankan legends Sanath Jayasuriya and Mahela Jayawardene occupy fifth and sixth positions with 13,430 and 12,650 runs respectively.

Telangana Archer Chikitha Wins Two Asian Games Gold Medals

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Telangana's young compound archer Chikitha Taniparthi announced her arrival on the international stage with a remarkable double-gold performance at the 2026 Asian Games in Japan.The 21-year-old athlete from Sultanpur village in Peddapalli district won the women's team gold medal alongside Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Prithika Pradeep.

She later partnered with Sahil Jadhav to claim another gold in the compound mixed team event.Chikitha said her entry into archery was largely influenced by her father, Srinvasa Rao, a farmer who wanted his daughter to pursue sport. As a school student, she initially trained in karate from Classes 6 to 8 and even earned her first black belt.Her interest in archery began during a Dussehra holiday when her uncle gifted her a recurve bow purchased from Decathlon. She initially treated archery as a recreational activity, shooting at targets set up in her backyard.After noticing her potential, her father took a loan to purchase better equipment and encouraged her to pursue the sport seriously. Chikitha began dedicated archery training in 2018 and was selected for a junior camp in 2021.She later came into contact with celebrated Indian compound archer Abhishek Verma, who trained and mentored her.

Since 2022, she has been training in Sonipat, away from her hometown, where facilities for high-level archery were limited.Chikitha revealed that her father's inspiration also came from badminton star Saina Nehwal's Olympic success. He wanted his daughter to pursue an individual sport where her performance would depend on her own preparation and determination.The young archer became a world youth champion last year and also earned team silver medals at the World Cup in 2025 and 2026. Her latest Asian Games triumph came after a challenging period in which she struggled with her shooting aim.She credited meditation, breathing exercises and trust in her training process for helping her remain composed during crucial moments.Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy congratulated Chikitha, Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Prithika Pradeep for their gold-medal performance. He said their achievement had brought pride to the country and Telangana and would inspire young athletes to pursue sporting excellence.

CS Jaju briefs officials on annual Telangana Global Summit

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju announced that the December event at Bharat Future City will feature major industry platforms.

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Following the directives of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Telangana government is taking special initiatives to position Hyderabad as a premier global destination for gaming, visual effects (VFX), animation and other creative and entertainment industries.The state's vision was discussed during a review meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju at the Secretariat in connection with preparations for the upcoming Telangana Global Summit. The summit, scheduled to be held in December at Bharat Future City, is expected to bring together leading companies, investors, innovators and industry representatives from across the world.Sanjay Jaju said the summit would feature major international platforms, including Comic Con, DreamHack and India Game Utsav, with the objective of attracting investments and strengthening Telangana's contribution towards the state's long-term goal of building a one-trillion-dollar economy.Under the theme "Stories, Games & Dreams," the summit will feature a series of programmes designed to engage, inspire and provide opportunities for young people.



A dedicated Comic, Gaming and VFX Business Day will also be organised to connect industry leaders with investors, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders.The Chief Secretary said the event would include a B2B Expo, Innovation Zone and Animation Stalls, providing participants with opportunities to showcase emerging technologies, creative innovations, investment prospects and business opportunities in the gaming and entertainment sectors.He noted that Hyderabad already has a strong ecosystem in the animation and gaming industries, with around 50 large companies and nearly 150 medium-sized firms operating in the city.

The government is working to attract additional global companies and expand the ecosystem further.Special efforts are also being made to ensure that students and young people can participate in the summit. Students from schools and colleges across Hyderabad will be invited to experience the programmes, exhibitions and interactive activities.

According to officials, arrangements are being made to facilitate participation from students of around 70 colleges, while nearly 50,000 visitors are expected to attend and experience the various events.The initiatives are intended to promote creativity, innovation and skill development among Telangana's youth while creating greater exposure to emerging career opportunities. The government aims to use the summit as a platform to strengthen Hyderabad's position in the global creative economy and develop the city into a major centre for gaming, animation, VFX and entertainment.

Hyderabad turns pink as Breast Cancer Awareness month begins



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The city literally turned pink on Wednesday evening as prominent landmarks across the city including Lok Bhavan, the Charminar, Buddha Statue at Tank Bund, Arts College, the Osmania University campus, Prasads IMAX, T Hub, Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge and KIMS Hospitals were illuminated in pink to mark the beginning of International Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

For the 18th consecutive year, the Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation (UBF) has used the distinctive pink illumination of landmarks to draw public attention to breast health, breast cancer awareness and, most importantly, early detection.

Hyderabad is the only city in the world where so many iconic monuments and prominent buildings turn pink on the same night, every year for 18 consecutive years, Dr. P. Raghu Ram, Founder and Chairman of the Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation (UBCF) said.

He said the pink colour is a reminder to every woman to be aware of her breast health, recognise changes early and seek timely medical advice. The programme is being organised under the theme 'Paint the City Pink'.

Special Prayer for Rain Scheduled at Hakeem Shah Colony Park

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A special Namaz-e-Istisqa (Prayer for Rain) will be offered on Sunday, October 4, at 10:00 AM at Hakeem Shah Colony Park, opposite Jama Masjid Faiz Imam, Tolichowki, Shaikpet, Hyderabad, seeking Allah Almighty's mercy and beneficial rainfall.



Waheed Ahmed Advocate, former member of the Telangana State Waqf Board, appealed to Imams, Khateebs and mosque managing committees to announce the special prayer during Friday prayers and encourage members of the community to participate.

The Managing Committee of Jama Masjid Faiz Imam is making arrangements for the gathering. Devotees have been requested to perform Wudu at home, carry their own prayer mats, follow parking instructions and bring children along for the prayer.

The gathering will conclude with collective prayers seeking divine mercy, relief from water scarcity and beneficial rainfall.

EFLU students protest against RSS programme on campus

HYDERABAD
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Several students were detained by the Osmania University Police (OU Sity Police) on Wednesday, September 30, while protesting against a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) talk session at Hyderabad's EFLU.

They were released in the evening.

The event was attended by Lingam Sridhar, a member of the Telangana RSS.

The students demanded answers from the administration on how the RSS leader was allowed to address students under the banner of Bhagath Singh Youth Club, described a proxy of the Hindutva organisation.



"While the administration continues to deny permission for hosting renowned academicians, human rights activists and student leaders, they readily facilitate RSS leaders whose aim is the saffronisation of education," read a statement.

Those detained include EFLU Students' Union president Harshad Shibin, general secretary Irfan Shajudheen, joint secretary Haleemathu Saadiya, sports secretary Udita and councillors Suaadha Sudheer and Ashmit.

Student leaders Sreeja, Maryam Nasiha, Suaadha, Noura Hanan, Rasal and Yasir were also detained.



A free heart medical camp was organized at Medicover Hospitals in Secunderabad on Tuesday to raise awareness about heart health among the people on the occasion of World Heart Day.

Hyderabad Society to Protest Against Unauthorized High-Rise Constructions

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The Society for Crusade Against Corruption will stage a protest against unauthorized and illegal constructions in Hyderabad at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, on Thursday, October 1, 2026. The dharna will be held from 11 am to 2 pm, focusing on the growing number of multistorey buildings and permissions being granted in densely populated and congested areas.



Society General Secretary M. Purushotham said unchecked construction was placing increasing pressure on the city's civic infrastructure and raising concerns over public safety and quality of life. He appealed to print and electronic media representatives, public representatives, social welfare organisations, local societies and citizens across Greater Hyderabad to participate in the protest.

Purushotham also urged representatives of CMC and MMC to extend their support and join the movement. He called for collective efforts to address unauthorized development and protect the city's urban environment and infrastructure.

Srinivas Goud Urges DGP to Probe Social Ostracism, Occupational Restrictions in Armoor

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud met Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand at the DGP's office in Hyderabad and submitted a representation seeking a thorough investigation into alleged social ostracism and restrictions on traditional occupations in the Armoor constituency of Nizamabad district.Goud alleged that occupational communities, including Nayee Brahmins, Rajakas, Golla-Kurumas, toddy tappers and fishermen, were facing restrictions on their traditional livelihoods. He cited alleged bans on toddy tapping, fishing and fish sales, besides fixed rates for services such as funeral drumming, shaving and washing clothes.He also raised concerns over reports of social boycotts against those opposing such restrictions, including alleged bans on temple entry and denial of essential supplies such as milk and water.Goud urged DGP C.V. Anand to examine complaints from affected families, establish the facts and initiate legal action against those responsible. He stressed that everyone must respect the Constitution and law and that no individual or group has the right to take the law into their own hands.OBC Advocates Association President Devaraj, affected families and leaders of various caste associations participated in the meeting.



KTR, Harish Rao recall Sagaraharam on 14th anniversary



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BRS working president KT Rama Rao and BRS legislature party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday recalled the Sagaraharam protest of September 30, 2012, marking its 14th anniversary. They hailed the spirit of the movement and those who participated in the historic protest.

Taking to X, Rama Rao described the protest as a historic phase of the Telangana movement, during which activists defied restrictions, barricades, lathi charges and rubber bullets to press the demand for a separate State.

Harish Rao said lakhs of people from Telangana converged on Necklace Road despite heavy restrictions, turning it into a sea of people and raising "Jai Telangana" slogans.

Harish Rao praises Priyadarshi's portrayal of KCR in The Paradise

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BRSLP deputy leader and former Minister T Harish Rao praised actor Priyadarshi for his performance in a character akin to BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao in the recent Telugu film "The Paradise". He said Priyadarshi had convincingly portrayed Chandrashekhar Rao's mannerisms, walk and speech, describing his performance as natural and impactful. He said the film had effectively depicted the spirit of struggles for identity and self-respect.



Priyadarshi met Harish Rao at the latter's residence on Tuesday and discussed his film journey and upcoming projects.

He thanked Harish Rao and expressed admiration for his public service and connect with people.

During their interaction, Harish Rao lauded Priyadarshi for bringing the Telangana dialect and rural stories to a wider audience through films such as "Mallesham" and "Balagam".

His rise without a film background and his contribution to portraying Telangana's culture were a matter of pride for the State, he added.

He also wished director Srikanth Odela, actor Nani and "The Paradise" team success in their future projects.

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