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After Row, EC Caps Form 7 Voter Deletion Applications At 10

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The Election Commission on Friday capped the number of applications an individual elector can file seeking deletion of names from electoral rolls or objecting to their inclusion, following reports of bulk objections in Karnataka and Odisha. An elector can submit a maximum of 10 Form 7 applications during the entire claims and objections period. During continuous updating of electoral rolls, the limit will be five applications a month. The commission said the measures aimed to discourage bulk filing of unsubstantiated objec-

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Genz Protest Puts Delhi on High Alert

Delhi Tightens Security Ahead of CJP Protest, Shuts 45 Metro Stations, 64 rains cancelled

NEW DELHI
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Delhi was placed under heightened security ahead of Saturday’s protest called by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) and student organisations, with authorities ordering the closure of entry and exit gates at 45 Metro stations, cancelling dozens of trains and suspending mobile internet services in parts of the national capital for 24 hours.

More than 25,000 security personnel were deployed, while police intensified checks at city borders, railway stations, bus terminals, hotels and other sensitive locations. Delhi Police denied permission for the proposed gathering at Jantar Mantar, prompting Opposition parties to accuse the BJP-led Centre of creating conditions resembling an “undeclared Emergency”.

The protesters are demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and criminal proceedings against him. CJP leaders maintained that they would proceed with the demonstration despite the restrictions.



The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation revised its initial order, announcing that entry and exit gates at 45 stations would remain closed from 9 pm on Friday until 6 pm on Saturday. Interchange facilities would remain available at affected stations, except New Delhi Metro station.

Mobile internet services were suspended within a four-kilometre radius of the Janpath-Kartavya Path crossing from 10 pm on Friday until 10 pm on Saturday. Railway services were also curtailed, with Northern Railway eventually listing 64 cancelled trains, including mail, express and local services.

Delhi Police said the protest application, submitted by CJP co-convener Saurav Das on October 7, did not meet the requirement of providing 10 days’ notice. Joint Commissioner of Police Nupur Prasad cited alleged non-compliance with directions during an earlier demonstration. Restrictions under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita remain in force in New Delhi.

The Union Home Ministry directed states and Union territories to coordinate with Delhi Police to prevent protesters from mobilising. More than 120 companies of Central Armed Police Forces were deployed, while authorities established detention centres and additional checkpoints.

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke challenged the government to arrest him, accusing it of fearing young protesters. Another leader, Das, alleged that supporters were being detained or placed under house arrest in BJP-ruled states.

SC Rejects Plea To Disqualify 21 AIADMK MLAs

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain a plea challenging the Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker’s decision to drop disqualification proceedings against 21 AIADMK MLAs who supported the TVK government during a confidence motion despite their party’s whip. A three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana declined to interfere with the Madras High Court’s dismissal of a public interest litigation filed by P.V. Selvakumar.

The bench, however, left the questions of law open for consideration in an appropriate proceeding. It questioned Selvakumar’s locus standi, noting that he was neither a legislator nor an authorised representative pursuing the disqualification proceedings. Advocate Nina Nariman, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that he was an AIADMK member and a voter concerned about the legislators’ conduct.

Justice Bagchi observed that proceedings under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution had to be pursued by a member of the House. “We are fully with you that the sanctity of constitutional mandate must be preserved. But we must understand the working of a democratic system,” he said.

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INDIA Bloc Flags ‘Vote Chori’ to Murmu; Says She Sought Proof, Not Denied



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Leaders of the opposition INDIA bloc on Friday met President Droupadi Murmu and flagged the issue of its "vote chori" claims to demand the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and repeal of all assembly polls held in the last two years, with Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi saying he was "shocked" that the president did not deny the 'election theft' charge.

After the meeting, Gandhi said the opposition leaders would go to the Supreme Court on Monday to meet Chief Justice Surya Kant and hand over a memorandum to him too, as they wanted to avail all options available.

A delegation of INDIA bloc leaders met the president and handed over a memorandum to her on alleged "vote chori" while demanding suspension of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and restoration of 13.3 crore voters deleted illegally from the voter lists.

In the memorandum submitted to President Murmu, the opposition parties also demanded the repeal of the 2023 law providing life-long immunity to CEC and ECs, besides return to paper ballots for all future elections.

President Murmu sought proof of 'vote chori' from the leaders and the INDIA bloc will hand over the evidence it has to her when she is ready to accept it, Gandhi told reporters after the delegation comprising him, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, TMC chief Mamata Banerjee, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, NCP(SP)'s Supriya Sule, SP's Rajeev Rai, RJD's Manoj Jha, VCK chief Thol. Thirumavalavan, CPI(M) general secretary M A Baby and CPI's D Raja met her.

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Navi Pillay Wins Nobel Prize For Promoting Peace & Intl Law

NEW DELHI
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Former UN human rights chief Navanethem "Navi" Pillay, a judge on the International Court of Justice, won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday in Oslo, Norway. The Nobel Committee announced the award goes to the former South African jurist and a former UN human rights commissioner for her work to promote peace and international law. Originally from Durban in South Africa, Pillay was president of the international tribunal on Rwanda's genocide between the late 1990s and early 2000s. More recently, she was part of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, created by the UN Human Rights Council in 2021.

Born in Durban on September 23, 1941, to Indian parents of Tamil descent, Pillay grew up under apartheid and went on to build a career defending anti-apartheid activists and advancing human rights and equality. In 1967, she became the first woman to open a law practice in South Africa's Natal Province. She later became the first Black woman to serve as a judge on South Africa's High Court.

She also served as a judge and president of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, a judge at the International Criminal Court and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014.

SC Rejects Fresh Probe Plea In CJP Protest Case

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Friday rejected a plea seeking an independent and fair investigation into FIRs registered in connection with the Cockroach Janta Party-led protests at Jantar Mantar in July. The court also declined a request to declare that police exercise sovereign and independent functions in maintaining law and order and investigating crimes, free from interference unless their actions violate the law.

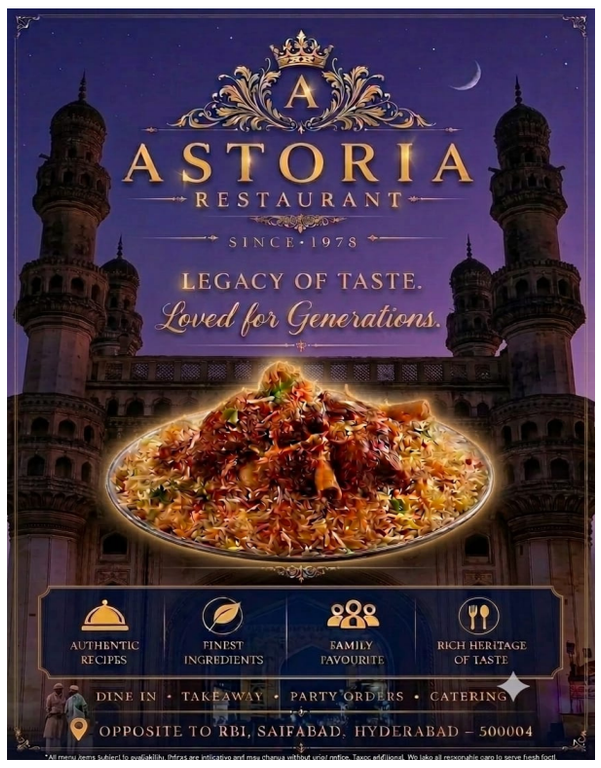
A three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana heard the petition filed by L. Ramanathan. The plea named the Centre, the Delhi government, the Commissioner of Police, CJP leader Abhijeet Dipke and Shailendra Mani Tripathi, a PIL petitioner in the protest case, as respondents. The CJP protests over the NEET paper leak in June and July led to the ouster of then education minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Advocate Mathews Nedumpara, appearing for Ramanathan, questioned



judicial intervention through a PIL in the absence of the actual litigants. He said people approached the court as though it were their private property. The CJI defended the court’s decision to invoke Article 142 of the Constitution to quash certain FIRs against protesters. “There is no guarantee that we keep passing 100 percent correct orders. You say we should not have invoked Article 142 and quashed FIRs...Please appreciate, these are young students. We have to see their parents, their future. We don't want them to come to court... You have not seen our order in the case of members of legislative assembly/Parliament,” he said.

Referring to a case involving politicians who staged a dharna in Himachal Pradesh and caused damage to public property, the CJI said the court had also considered the circumstances in which people reacted during the Covid crisis. “But when there was Covid, people of this country were not ready to face this kind of crisis... So people reacted in a way they could react. The High Court declined to quash (the FIRs), but we allowed, saying they are not hardened criminals,” he said.The bench said the petition effectively sought a review of the order quashing FIRs under Article 142. The bench said the petition effectively sought a review of the order quashing FIRs under Article 142.



SC seeks priority for inclusion of WB deleted voters

NEW DELHI
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The Supreme Court on Friday said it would hear on October 16 pleas seeking early disposal of appeals filed by voters whose names were deleted from West Bengal’s electoral rolls during the special intensive revision (SIR). The petitioners alternatively sought permission to vote in the state’s civic elections in November. A three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana said it was aware of the difficulties faced by the SIR tribunals and was trying to resolve multiple problems.

“We are trying to sort out these problems like the bulk of the appeals are of those who are seeking deletion of names of voters. We will be asking the tribunals to push back those appeals seeking deletion of names and decide first those which seek inclusion,” the CJI said.

Vijay's TVK Wins Both Assembly Bypolls

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

The Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) won the Madurantakam and Dharapuram Assembly by-elections to strengthen Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay’s position. The results, which attracted considerable political attention, assume significance as both constituencies had been won by the AIADMK in the 2026 Assembly elections. Maragatham Kumaravelu from Madurantakam and Sathyabama from Dharapuram subsequently resigned as AIADMK MLAs and joined the TVK, which fielded them again in the by-polls.



The verdicts do raise some questions about the ruling party’s lesser vote margins. The defections had drawn criticism from rival parties, which accused the TVK of encouraging trading in MLAs and described the by-elections as avoidable. Despite the controversy, the ruling party retained both candidates and faced a five-cornered contest involving the DMK, AIADMK, Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) and the left.

The victories have strengthened the TVK’s political standing, but the relatively narrow margins, particularly in Dharapuram, have prompted analysts to question whether the party has lost any of the overwhelming public enthusiasm it commanded before the Assembly elections. The TVK intensified its campaign in both constituencies despite criticism over defections and power supply problems. Vijay personally campaigned extensively, reaching the rural areas and using unconventional methods, including driving a tractor and a bullock cart, to connect with the voters.

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Bathukamma Blooms As Telangana Welcomes Its Festival Of Flowers

Nine-day celebrations begin today; festival celebrates women's pride, cultural identity and bond with nature

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Telangana is all set to welcome Bathukamma from Saturday with Engili Pula Bathukamma, marking the beginning of the nine-day floral festival that celebrates women's self-respect, cultural identity and the close bond between people and nature. Women across villages, towns and cities are preparing colourful floral arrangements using seasonal flowers such as Tangedu, Gunugu, marigold and chrysanthemum. The celebrations will feature traditional folk songs, community gatherings and rituals that reflect the rich cultural heritage of Telangana.

The bright yellow Tangedu flower, commonly found along roadsides, fields and open lands, occupies a special place in Bathukamma celebrations. Despite once being associated with superstition in some households, the flower has become an integral part of the festival and a symbol of Telangana's cultural identity.

The tradition of collecting locally available flowers reflects the simplicity and ecological wisdom of the state's customs. Bathukamma also conveys the message that every flower has its own beauty and significance, encouraging people to appreciate nature and its resources.

Bathukamma brings women together across caste, religious and economic boundaries, providing an opportunity to reconnect with family members, friends and neighbours. The festival



celebrates women's collective strength while preserving traditional songs that reflect folklore, family relationships, social experiences, women's lives and the beauty of nature.

Through these songs and rituals, cultural traditions are passed on to younger generations, helping preserve Telangana's distinctive heritage.

The immersion of Bathukamma in water bodies also highlights the importance of protecting lakes and maintaining their cleanliness. People are encouraged to celebrate responsibly and avoid polluting natural resources during the festivities.

Minister for Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare Danasari Anasuya Seethakka extended Bathukamma greetings to women and people across Telangana.

Describing the festival as a symbol of Telangana's culture and women's self-respect, she said it reflected the affection, relationships and traditions that shape people's lives.

She expressed hope that the celebrations would bring happiness and prosperity to every household. Seethakka also reiterated the government's commitment to promoting women's economic independence, dignity and empowerment.

The minister urged people to protect lakes and other natural resources while celebrating the festival.

As Telangana prepares for nine days of festivities, Bathukamma once again stands as a celebration of cultural pride, women's solidarity, community harmony and environmental awareness.

HYDRAA Warns of Extortion by Impersonators; Asks Public to Alert Police, ACB

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) has warned of strict action against individuals allegedly extorting money by impersonating its officials and urged victims to lodge complaints with the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) or the police.In a statement issued on Friday, HYDRAA said it had received complaints and noticed social media reports about individuals allegedly threatening people in the agency's name and collecting money through intimidation.The agency urged citizens not to trust people demanding money in exchange for official intervention and cautioned them against making payments based on threats or promises of action. Victims of such incidents can approach HYDRAA, the ACB or their local police stations to report the matter.

Clarifying its role, HYDRAA stated that it does not independently initiate action against illegal constructions or unauthorised buildings. Instead, it acts on requests from the Greater Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri municipal corporations to remove dangerous structures that pose a threat to public safety.The agency also issued a warning to hostel operators running facilities in structurally unsafe buildings. It said they had been given time until December 31 to relocate their hostels to safer premises to prevent potential loss of life due to building collapses.HYDRAA said that after the deadline, it would take action against non-compliant facilities in coordination with municipal officials.

The agency stressed the importance of public safety and urged citizens to remain vigilant against fraudsters misusing its name. It also called on hostel operators to prioritise the safety of residents by shifting operations from vulnerable structures before the deadline.HYDRAA reiterated that complaints about impersonation and extortion should be reported to the appropriate authorities for necessary action.

JNTUH Staff Rally in Support of VC Kishen Kumar Reddy; Condemn

Teaching and non-teaching staff of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH) staged a protest on campus on Friday in support of Vice Chancellor Prof. T. Kishen Kumar Reddy, condemning what they described as false allegations against him.

The staff members wore black badges and participated in a march during the lunch break from the Dr B.R. Ambedkar statue to the university's administrative building. Carrying placards, they expressed concern over what they termed attempts to tarnish the image of the Vice Chancellor and the university.The protest was attended by university directors, principals, administrative staff and representatives of teaching and non-teaching staff associations. The participants reiterated their support for Prof. Kishen Kumar Reddy amid allegations of derogatory, gender-discriminatory and threatening remarks against him.Following the march, the staff representatives submitted a representation to JNTUH Registrar Dr A. Jaya Laxmi in the presence of Director Dr A. Damodaram, expressing their support for the Vice Chancellor.

The protest comes in the wake of a complaint lodged with the Kukatpally police by the principal and the head of the Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) department of Vidya Jyothi Institute of Technology (VJIT).They alleged that Prof. Kishen Kumar Reddy made derogatory, gender-discriminatory and threatening remarks during a meeting held on October 6.The complaint has brought the allegations against the Vice Chancellor into focus, prompting the university staff to organise the march in his support.

The protesting employees condemned what they described as attempts to damage the reputation of the univer-

98% Polling In TGSRTC Union Elections Held After 10 Years



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

TGSRTC employees turned out in large numbers on Friday to elect their recognised union after a gap of 10 years, with polling recording a turnout of 98 per cent across Telangana. The elections witnessed an enthusiastic response from employees, with a festive atmosphere prevailing at several depots. Polling began at 5 am, allowing employees reporting for the first shift to cast their votes before taking up duty.

At the Hayathnagar depot, Lakshmi, a woman conductor, cast her vote before reporting for duty. She said the elections were largely centred on the long-standing demand for the complete merger of TGSRTC with the state government to secure government employee benefits and job security. Despite the intense campaign, camaraderie was evident among supporters of rival unions. At the Musheerabad depot, employees wearing badges of different unions were seen sharing tea.

"Elections are different, but our brotherly friendship will last forever," an employee said. At the Ranigunj depot, union supporters made last-minute appeals to employees to vote for their respective candidates. C.N. Krishan, a union campaigner, said the elections had drawn an overwhelming response from employees. He said there could be clarity on the leading union by late Friday night. Returning officer Sunitha, joint commissioner of the state labour department, said polling was peaceful at all centres and recorded a turnout of 98 per cent. She said postal ballots would be cast on October 14 and 15, while the labour commissioner would announce the results on October 17. Polling was held at 115 stations covering 96 depots, workshops and administrative offices across the state. Counting of votes began soon after polling concluded at 6 pm.

Voter Rights Forum to Host Public Hearing on Electoral Rolls Revision in Musheerabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Voter Rights Forum (TVRF) will organise a public meeting on Sunday to address concerns and clarify doubts regarding the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

The meeting will be held from 1 pm to 4 pm at Kashish Convention Hall in Musheerabad. A public hearing will provide voters with an opportunity



to present difficulties and grievances encountered during the revision process.According to a statement issued by the forum, retired Justice Sudarshan Reddy, Prof. G. Haragopal, Prof. Padmaja Shaw and Akunuri Murali, former chairperson of the Telangana Education Commission, will serve as the jury for the public hearing.

The forum said the initiative aims to protect the voting rights of all eligible citizens and ensure that no arbitrary exclusions or deletions take place during the SIR process.

TVRF members said they had conducted a people's audit through door-to-door verification of the electoral roll revision in select polling booths in Musheerabad and Trimulgherry.The audit was undertaken to understand the difficulties faced by voters and identify concerns arising during the revision exercise.The forum said the meeting would provide a platform for affected citizens to share their experiences and bring issues relating to electoral roll revision to the attention of the jury.The initiative seeks to promote transparency and safeguard the democratic right to vote.

Farmers' Power-Cut Protest in Vatpally: Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran Extends Support

HYDERABAD
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Farmers in Palvatla village of Vatpally Mandal staged a protest against power cuts, demanding a solution to electricity supply problems affecting the agricultural sector. Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran joined the roadside dharna and expressed support for the farmers' demands.The protest was organised to highlight the difficulties faced by farmers due to interruptions in electricity supply. The participants urged the authorities concerned to address the issue and ensure



a reliable power supply for agricultural activities.Speaking at the protest, BRS leaders stood in support of the farmers and called for prompt action to resolve their electricity-related problems. They stressed the importance of a dependable power supply to help farmers carry out agricultural operations without disruption.BRS senior leader M. Veera Reddy, along with PACS Chairman, sarpanches, former MPTCs, party workers and local farmers, participated in the demonstration.The protest reflects growing concerns among farmers in parts of Telangana over electricity supply for agriculture. Similar protests against power cuts have also been reported in other parts of the state in recent days.

NPRD seeks free RTC travel, 5 pc quota for persons with disabilities

A protest was held today in front of the RTC Bus Bhavan under the aegis of the Telangana State Committee of the National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled (NPRD), and a representation was submitted to RTC Executive Director (ED) Venkanna.

Speaking at the protest, former Nalgonda MLA Nandyala Narasimha Reddy stated that the state government is neglecting persons with disabilities, who are among the most marginalized sections of society.

M. Adivayya, State General Secretary of the NPRD, demanded that priority be given to allocating shops to persons with disabilities within RTC-owned shopping complexes. He accused the Congress party of deceiving persons with disabilities by failing to fulfill the promise made during the Assembly elections to provide free travel facilities for them.

The demands included free RTC travel facility for persons with disabilities, implementation of 5% reservation in RTC shopping complexes, filling up backlog posts for persons with disabilities in the RTC. The agitation would continue until the state government fulfilled promises made to persons with disabilities, the protestors said.

Tadkal Farmers Protest Power Cuts, Former MLA Bhupal Reddy Backs Stir

SANGAREDDY
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Farmers staged a road protest in front of the electricity substation at Tadkal village in Kangti mandal of Sangareddy district on Friday, demanding uninterrupted and quality power supply for agricultural activities. Former Narayankhed MLA Mahareddy Bhupal Reddy joined the agitation, expressing solidarity with farmers and urging the government to resolve their electricity-related problems immediately.

Farmers and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders staged a sit-in on the road, highlighting difficulties caused by interruptions and inadequate power supply. They said reliable electricity was essential for agricultural operations and called upon the authorities to ensure uninterrupted 24-hour quality power.

Addressing the protesters, Bhupal Reddy expressed concern over the impact of power supply problems on farming activities, particularly during crucial stages of cultivation. He urged the government and electricity department officials to intervene without delay and take



corrective measures to address the grievances.

The former MLA questioned the government's response to farmers' concerns, stating that cultivators who invest substantial amounts of money, time and effort in agriculture should not be forced to face additional hardships because of electricity supply issues.

He stressed that dependable power was essential for irrigation and other agricultural operations, warning that interruptions could affect crop growth and increase the financial burden on farmers.

The protesting farmers demanded that electricity authorities identify the reasons for the supply disruptions and ensure consistent, quality power for agricultural needs. They called for immediate action to prevent further inconvenience and safeguard their crops.

The protesters urged the government to fulfil its commitment to providing reliable electricity to the farming community and ensure that agricultural activities were not disrupted by power-related problems.

Bhupal Reddy warned that the BRS would intensify its agitation if the farmers' problems remained unresolved. He said the party would organise dharnas and road blockades across the Narayankhed constituency to pressure the government into addressing the issue.

The protest witnessed the participation of BRS leaders, party workers, youth, supporters and a large number of farmers. The demonstrators appealed to the government and electricity department officials to respond promptly and ensure uninterrupted power supply to agricultural consumers.

Six-year-old boy drowns in Godavari at Pusur in Mulugu

A six-year-old boy drowned in river Godavari at Pusur of Wajedu mandal in the district on Thursday. According to sources, the deceased boy Kummari Hemanth (6) of the village, along with his friend Revanth, went to attend nature's call near the lift irrigation scheme built on the Godavari.

Hemanth was said to have accidentally slipped and fell into the Godavari. He drowned and died at water level at the spot. Revanth, who was on the bank, ran home in fear. As the boy was missing as it was time to go to school, the family members searched the village.When they found out that Revanth had gone with him, they called the boy and inquired. When he said that he had fallen into Godavari, a search operation was launched and Hemanth's body was recovered. The local police registered a case and took up investigation into the incident.

BRS demands withdrawal of cases against 14 farmers, apology from govt

The BRS has demanded that the Congress government withdraw cases registered against 14 farmers for allegedly releasing water into the Jurala Left Canal without authorisation and issue an unconditional apology to the farming community.

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has demanded that the Congress government withdraw cases registered against 14 farmers at Amarchinta police station and tender an unconditional apology to the farming community.

On September 19, a group of farmers released water into the Jurala Left Canal without authorisation to protect their standing crops. Following a complaint by irrigation officials, Amarchinta police registered cases against 14 farmers.

Condemning the government's action, the BRS extended its support to the farmers.

Former Ministers V Srinivas Goud, C Laxma Reddy and S Niranjan Reddy, along with other senior leaders, met the farmers at Atmakur on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Srinivas Goud demanded the immediate withdrawal of the cases and called on the government to apologise to the farming community.

He urged the farmers not to lose heart and assured them that the BRS would stand by them.

Goud said farmers were facing several problems this season and described the registration of cases against them as unjustified when, he alleged, the government had failed to ensure adequate irrigation water.

"Did the farmers cause any damage to public property? Why were non-bailable cases registered against them? The BRS will not remain silent when farmers are subjected to such action," Goud asserted.

The former Minister also questioned whether the State had experienced similar power supply problems during the BRS government's tenure. He charged that power disruptions had increased after the Congress government came to power, causing distress among farmers.

C Laxma Reddy and Niranjan Reddy criticised the Congress government for invoking the Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP) Act against the farmers, describing the move as an act of repression.

They said farmers had offered suggestions and held discussions with officials on measures to secure irrigation water. However, they alleged that the government had failed to respond to their concerns, prompting the farmers to protest.

Transgender Woman Breaks Barriers, Joins ESI Hospital

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Dr Koyyala Ruth John Paul, who overcame several challenges to complete her MBBS and MD as a transgender woman, has finally become a senior resident at the ESI Hospital in Sanathnagar.

Dr Ruth said, "After struggling to secure an MD seat in emergency medicine, I am now going to earn nearly `1 lakh a month as a senior resident at ESI Hospital. This is a contractual position. Later, I will have to apply for an assistant professor post when the government releases vacancies."

"This journey was not easy. Everyone thought I would not be able to mingle with them, but within a few months, they started asking, 'Where is Ruth madam?' That was an honour for me," she explained. "After two of us from our community entered this field, another person is fighting for an opportunity in Andhra Pradesh. We share our case files with members of our community and encourage them to dream big. There are opportunities, but they come through hard work and after overcoming many difficulties. I sustained myself on stipends that were very low. Now, my family is happy that I will be able to earn," Dr Ruth said.

"This journey has been tough, but I have almost reached my goal. Becoming a doctor and serving people has always been my dream." Meanwhile, Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS) on Friday released the state ranks of candidates, who qualified in NEET-PG 2026 and registered Telangana as their domicile state for admission to postgraduate medical courses, including MD, MS and diploma programmes.

The university released the data of 7,676 candidates from Telangana who appeared for NEET-PG 2026. According to the data, only two candidates scored above 600 marks — Dr Pallakshi Prasad scored 633 marks to secure the second rank at the national level, while Taha Amreen scored 607 marks and secured the 43rd rank nationally. As many as 504 candidates scored between 500 and 599 marks, while 1,899 candidates secured marks in the 400-499 range. Another 3,004 candidates scored between 300 and 399 marks, and 2,267 candidates scored above 200 marks, the university said.

Ayudha Puja at Osmania Hospital on October 19



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Ayudha Puja will be organised at the Operation Theatre Complex of Osmania General Hospital on October 19.On Friday, Operation Theatre staff members Rajender and Surya Prakash met hospital superintendent Dr Rakesh Sahai and invited him to attend the puja celebrations. Dr Sahai accepted the invitation and assured the staff that he would participate in the programme.K Krishna, B Jagan Kumar, B Kilesh Kumar, Sai Krishna, Mahesh Kumar, B Krishna and B Anand Kumar, among others, were present during the meeting.

New Committee Formed for Salar Jung Museum Unit

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The All India SC/ST Rights Protection Association has constituted a new committee for its Salar Jung Museum unit to strengthen the organisation and address the grievances of daily-wage workers.

The elections were held on Friday at 3 pm at the association's central office on the first floor of the Rafi Khan Complex in Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad, under the leadership of association in-charge president Ermaala Shivaraj. Around 30 members attended the meeting.

During the meeting, members discussed measures to strengthen the unit and address the issues faced by daily-wage employees working at the Salar Jung Museum.

Speaking on the occasion, Ermaala Shivaraj said the association would work towards resolving the problems of daily-wage workers by bringing their grievances to the notice of the organisation and concerned authorities.

He assured the workers that the association would take up the issue of fair wages with the relevant officials and bring their concerns to the attention of the government to ensure justice.

Shivaraj emphasised that protecting workers' rights, promoting their welfare and securing fair remuneration would remain key priorities of the association.

He said the organisation would continue its efforts to ensure that daily-wage employees receive wages commensurate with their work and that their genuine grievances are addressed.

Over 220 Nurses Attend Critical Care Workshop in Hyderabad



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More than 220 nursing professionals participated in a hands-on Critical Care Nursing Workshop organised at Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital in Hyderabad to strengthen intensive care skills and improve patient safety.

The specialised training programme was organised as part of the ongoing 6th World Conference on Comprehensive Critical Care (W4C 2026). The workshop focused on enhancing nurses' clinical competence and equipping them to respond effectively to emergencies in intensive care units (ICUs).

The programme was spearheaded by Dr Basant Kumar Rayani, Head of the Department of Anesthesia at the hospital. Dr Rajeshwari Muppidi, president of the Telangana chapter of the Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI), attended as the chief guest.

During the workshop, nursing professionals received practical training in essential critical care procedures and techniques. Experts provided detailed instruction on ventilator management, oxygen therapy protocols, advanced airway management and the interpretation of Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) test results.

The sessions emphasised the importance of timely clinical assessment, accurate monitoring and adherence to established treatment protocols in critical care settings. Participants were trained to strengthen their technical knowledge and improve their ability to manage critically ill patients.

The workshop highlighted the vital role of nursing professionals in intensive care, where prompt decisions, precision and effective coordination among healthcare teams are essential for patient outcomes.

Osmania Hospital Holds GNM Nursing Graduation Ceremony

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Osmania General Hospital Superintendent Dr Rakesh Sahai emphasised the crucial role of nurses in ensuring patients' speedy recovery at the graduation ceremony of General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) students held at the hospital's conference hall on Friday.Organised under the leadership of Nursing School Principal B Manjulatha, the ceremony saw 60 third-year nursing students receive their diplomas.

Dr Sahai and Civil Surgeon RMO-I Dr K Raj Kumar attended as chief guests.Addressing the graduates, Dr Sahai described nursing as a noble profession dedicated to service, compassion and patient care.

He said nurses play a vital role by administering medicines on time and providing emotional support to patients.Dr Raj Kumar praised nurses for their selfless service during the COVID-19 pandemic and urged the graduates to treat patients with motherly affection.

He also advised them to keep pace with technological advancements and evolving treatment methods.Principal B Manjulatha congratulated the graduates and wished them success in their careers.During the event, Haima Vathi presented a cash award of Rs 10,000 to N Vindhya, who topped the anatomy subject, in memory of her late mother, former Nursing School Principal P V Annapurna Bai. Dr Koteswara Rao presented Rs 7,000 each to meritorious third-year students B Pratibha and M Yesu in memory of his wife, Haima Vathi Reddy.Nursing School Supervising RMO Dr Ayesha, Executive Engineer C H Chalapathi Rao, tutors and students attended the programme.

Ponnam Prabhakar Releases TGO Hyderabad Bathukamma Poster



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BC Welfare and Transport Minister and Hyderabad District in-charge Ponnam Prabhakar released the Telangana Gazetted Officers (TGO) Hyderabad District Bathukamma 2026 poster.

TGO Hyderabad District president M B Krishna Yadav, secretary M A Khader and associate president G Ashanna attended the programme.

District women's president Anjala Reddy, along with Vandana, Mamatha, Jyothi, Chandrajyothi, Saraswathi, Sandhya Rani, Manjula and Parvathi, participated in the event.

Palamuru University BC Students Back Teenmaar Mallanna's Padyatra

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The BC Students' Association of Palamuru University has extended its full support to the BC rights padyatra being undertaken by Telangana Rajyadhikara Party (TRP) president Teenmaar Mallanna.

Speaking on the occasion, university BC Students' Association president Tayappa alleged that BCs, who constitute nearly 60 per cent of the population, were being marginalised in education, employment and politics and treated merely as a vote bank. He called upon the community to assert its rights and strengthen the BC movement.

TRP district president Jaipal urged students to support Mallanna's padyatra and make the movement successful.

Retired District Educational Officer Vijay Kumar appealed to students to actively participate in the BC movement, stating that their involvement could give fresh momentum to the struggle for social justice.

Responding positively, students assured the organisers that they would attend the meeting scheduled for October 12 in Mahabubnagar and extend their support to the BC movement.

Bathukamma Celebrations Bring Festive Cheer to KKHS Bibinagar

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The spirit of Telangana's cultural heritage came alive at Kids Kingdom Grammar High School (KKHS), Bibinagar, with a colourful Bathukamma celebration featuring vibrant floral arrangements and students dressed in traditional attire.

The school premises wore a festive look with a beautifully decorated Bathukamma made of colourful seasonal flowers. Traditional decorations and rangoli added charm to the celebration, reflecting the cultural significance of Telangana's iconic floral festival.

Angadi Aravind, Physical Education Teacher (PET) at KKHS, Bibinagar, was prominently associated with the celebration, which highlighted the importance of preserving Telangana's rich cultural traditions and familiarising students with the state's heritage.

Bathukamma is one of Telangana's most cherished festivals, celebrating flowers, nature, community spirit and cultural identity. Such celebrations in educational institutions help students appreciate local traditions and understand their importance in passing cultural values to future generations.

The colourful event at KKHS, Bibinagar, reflected the joy of celebrating Telangana's traditions while bringing together students and women in a festive atmosphere.



SIR row: Former judges caution against unsubstantiated 'vote theft' claims

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In a strongly worded open letter, 42 former judges, including former Supreme Court and High Court judges, on Thursday expressed grave concern over what they described as a sustained campaign to undermine the Election Commission, judiciary and other constitutional institutions.

The signatories questioned allegations of "vote theft" without supporting evidence, warning that repeatedly branding constitutional authorities as "thieves" and "compromised" could erode public trust in democracy.

"Criticism of institutions is a democratic right. Denigration is not," the letter, signed by former Supreme Court judges Hemant Gupta and Pankaj Mittal, among others, said.

India Slams JD Vance's 'Indentured Servants' Remark on Indian Professionals

NEW DELHI
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India has strongly objected to US Vice President JD Vance's description of foreign workers as "foreign indentured servants", calling the terminology offensive and dismissive of the contributions made by Indian professionals to the American economy.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Indian professionals in the United States were highly educated and skilled workers who contributed significantly to the country's economy and innovation ecosystem.

"Resorting to terminology that carries painful historical and colonial legacy connotations is deeply offensive," the MEA said, recalling the important role immigrants have played in shaping America's growth and prosperity.

The diplomatic response follows the Trump administration's decision to suspend the participation of major information technology outsourcing companies in the Permanent Labour Certification (PERM) programme, which allows employers to seek labour certification for foreign workers as part of the employment-based green card process.

The suspension prevents the affected companies from filing new PERM applications and halts the processing of pending applications under the programme.

Vance had accused Microsoft of replacing American workers with foreign employees, citing the company's workforce reductions alongside its use of H-1B visas and green cards.

"In the last year, Microsoft laid off 6,000 American workers. At the same time, the company benefited from 6,300 H-1B visas and almost 3,000 green cards," Vance claimed, arguing that companies should prioritise American citizens in recruitment.

The Trump administration has linked its action against outsourcing firms to ongoing criminal and federal investigations. US Labour Secretary Keith Sonderling announced the suspension during a press conference led by Vance.

Sonderling named Cognizant, Infosys, Tata, Wipro, HCL and Capgemini among the companies being suspended from the PERM programme.

India's objection highlights growing tensions over immigration and the employment of skilled foreign professionals in the United States. Indian technology workers form a significant part of America's skilled workforce, particularly in the information technology sector.

The MEA emphasised that immigrants' contributions to American enterprise, labour and innovation should not be disregarded through language carrying historical and colonial associations.

After Row, EC Caps Form 7 Voter Deletion Applications At 10

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The Election Commission on Friday capped the number of applications an individual elector can file seeking deletion of names from electoral rolls or objecting to their inclusion, following reports of bulk objections in Karnataka and Odisha. An elector can submit a maximum of 10 Form 7 applications during the entire claims and objections period. During continuous updating of electoral rolls, the limit will be five applications a month.

The commission said the measures aimed to discourage bulk filing of unsubstantiated objections, reduce inconvenience to voters and ease the workload of election officials. In instructions to chief electoral officers, the EC said the electoral registration officer (ERO) must first issue notice to the objector, conduct a personal hearing and record separate statements for each Form 7 application. The ERO must satisfy himself or herself about the validity of each objection before disposing of the application under Rules 19 and 20 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. The elector whose inclusion is challenged must also be given an opportunity to be heard. The directive reinforces verification and procedural safeguards before names are deleted from electoral rolls. The commission asked chief electoral officers of all states and Union territories to circulate the instructions among EROs, assistant EROs and field-level officials and give the new limits adequate publicity.

'Dear PM Ambani': Elon Musk takes fresh dig at Mukesh Ambani over Starlink row

NEW DELHI
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SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk on Friday took another swipe at billionaire Mukesh Ambani over Starlink's entry into India, calling him "Dear Prime Minister Ambani," and accusing him of seeking to maintain a monopoly and questioning whether he would allow the satellite internet service to compete in the country.

In a post on X, Musk addressed Ambani as the "real boss of India" and apologised for not recognising his influence.

"Dear Prime Minister Ambani, Please accept my humble apologies for not realizing that you are the real boss of India," Musk posted.

"Naturally, you would prefer to maintain your monopolistic exploitation of the great people of India, but would you nonetheless consider allowing Starlink to compete?" he added.

He said that "there are many areas of India, as there are in all countries, with no Internet access, which denies children the opportunity for education and for small businesses the opportunity to sell their goods to a global market. Starlink would change their lives for the better."

Also, "Starlink has proven to be essential for saving lives during natural disasters throughout the world, when all other communications systems have failed, so you would also be helping save men, women and children throughout India," said Musk.

Musk earlier questioned why Starlink is yet to receive the final approvals to begin commercial operations in India, claiming that the satellite internet company has spent five years complying with the country's laws and regulations.

Musk first accused unnamed "oligarchs" of blocking Starlink's entry into India, alleging that powerful business interests were trying to protect their position in the country's telecom market. He did not name any company or individual.

The government them slammed the US business tycoon over his allegations that Starlink's satcom services are being blocked, making it clear that demonstrating compliance with security norms is an absolute must for every satcom licensee in the country.

Within hours of the government's rebuttal, Musk in an X post asked whether "Ambani is the real boss of India".

The comments came in response to a post arguing that Starlink could help expand internet access in parts of India where traditional telecom infrastructure is difficult or expensive to build.

Starlink has secured a licence to provide satellite communication services in India, but the company still requires security-related clearances and other approvals before it can commercially launch.

CBI Arrests 4 in Multi-State Exam Racket

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested four people, including a CGST inspector, in connection with an alleged impersonation and cheating network operating across Delhi, Bihar, Haryana and West Bengal. The agency's Special Task Branch in Mumbai carried out coordinated raids across the four states following the registration of an FIR on a complaint by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection, officials said on Thursday.

The accused allegedly "fraudulently infiltrated multiple stages of the selection process", including written examinations and interviews, by physically posing as candidates, the CBI said in a statement. The agency said the alleged impersonation undermined the integrity of public examinations and deprived "genuine, hard-working aspirants of their rightful opportunities". The investigation is continuing to identify other people involved and establish their roles in the alleged racket, the CBI said.

SC seeks priority for inclusion of WB deleted voters

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The Supreme Court on Friday said it would hear on October 16 pleas seeking early disposal of appeals filed by voters whose names were deleted from West Bengal's electoral rolls during the special intensive revision (SIR). The petitioners alternatively sought permission to vote in the state's civic elections in November. A three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana said it was aware of the difficulties faced by the SIR tribunals and was trying to resolve multiple problems.

"We are trying to sort out these problems like the bulk of the appeals are of those who are seeking deletion of names of voters. We will be asking the tribunals to push back those appeals seeking deletion of names and decide first those which seek inclusion," the CJI said. Justice Bagchi said there were also problems with the software, which the court was seeking to address. Advocate Prashant Bhushan and senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that 93 per cent of the appeals decided by the tribunals so far had been allowed. They sought expeditious disposal of the pending appeals so that the affected voters could participate in the civic elections. Bhushan said voters whose names had been deleted remained uncertain about their eligibility to vote in the civic polls after being unable to participate in the recent by polls.

Post-Maoist Bastar: 8 Senior Cops Shifted In Security Reshuffle

RAIPUR
Wakeup telangana

Post-Maoism Bastar in Chhattisgarh saw a new security setup with eight senior cops from the region being shifted to state capital on different assignments, in a fresh reshuffle in the state police administration, effected on Friday. Eight additional superintendents of police (ASP), posted in the districts of Bijapur, Narayanpur, Kanker, Narayanpur, Bastar and Sukma under Bastar division, have been transferred to hold different posts in Raipur. The eight ASPs were among the 18 Indian Police Service (IPS) officers who were transferred from their posts in the reshuffle, effected in the state police administration on Friday. The shifting of the second-rung police officers in the districts of Bastar division follows recent transfers of superintendents of police (SPs) of these districts made in the wake of the Leftwing Extremism-hit tribal belt being declared free of armed Maoist activities on March 31, 2026.

Barring Bastar district superintendent of police (SP) Salabh Sinha, all other SPs in Bastar division, comprising seven districts of Bastar, Kanker, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Sukma, Dantewada and Bijapur, were moved out of the region in the post-Maoism period. Former Bastar range inspector general of police (IGP) P Sunderraj who was in the post almost for a decade, was transferred as IG, National Investigation Agency (NIA), Delhi, soon after the tribal belt became free of Maoist influence.

"The police officers posted in Bastar division during the insurgency period needed to be transferred to other areas to ease off the pressure, under which they were working for a long time, on them. This apart, we want a new security setup in Bastar division to show that the region has now moved on leaving behind its history of red violence", a senior police officer told this newspaper, unwilling to be quoted.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Vijay's TVK Wins.....

Minister Aadhav Arjuna, who was entrusted with the Madurantakam campaign, had publicly declared that he would resign as the party's general secretary if the TVK failed to win the constituency by a margin of 1 lakh votes. The party's sustained campaign and Vijay's direct involvement may have helped it overcome the negative publicity surrounding the by-polls. The ruling party's position may also have benefited from the traditional advantage enjoyed by parties in power during by-elections.

The Pattali Makkal Katchi's decision not to support any party formally, alongside speculation about its leader Anbumani Ramadoss's political leanings, also formed part of the wider political calculations surrounding the contests. The counting trends in Dharapuram were particularly closely watched. Initially, the TVK led the tally, with the AIADMK briefly moving ahead before the ruling party regained the lead. As counting progressed, the DMK overtook the AIADMK to emerge as the principal challenger. Political observers have pointed to the changing leads and the margins reported during counting as possible indications that public support for the TVK was not as overwhelming as it was before the Assembly elections. They argue that the results should not be interpreted as an outright rejection of the traditional Dravidian parties. The AIADMK, in particular, has demonstrated that it cannot yet be written off as a spent political force. The DMK, meanwhile, contested the by-polls with a relatively reduced alliance, while the AIADMK's principal alliance partner was the BJP. The TMC's G.K. Vasan, who had maintained association with the AIADMK-BJP camp, announced support for the TVK, further complicating the Opposition's electoral arithmetic. The NTK continued to secure votes that reflected its independent political base, while the Left parties failed to make a significant impact in the contests.

Unauthorised Pak.....-

"We approach you because, in moments when every other door has been closed, the people of India look to the Office of the President as the final guardian of that covenant. We appeal to your conscience, to your sense of justice, and to your abiding duty to the people of this Republic. Do not let their voice be silenced. "We expect you as President of our Republic to discharge your duty to protect the Constitution of India decisively," the two-page memorandum said.

Alleging that "vote chori" has destroyed the very foundation of our democracy, they said they had incontrovertible proof that theft of votes has taken place in election after election and cited the examples of Haryana, Maharashtra, MP, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Delhi and West Bengal. "Democracy is being murdered in broad daylight. This is a crime against the nation and the Chief Election Commissioner has blatantly cheated and lied to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to cover up this crime," the INDIA bloc parties said. "We urge you, as the constitutional Head of the Republic, to take cognisance of this grave situation and use your good offices to ensure that the following demands are addressed without delay," they said. The INDIA bloc MPs earlier met in the central hall of Samvidhan Sadan, where they deliberated on memorandum to be submitted to the President and finalised it. They then moved from Parliament House to Vijay Chowk, where they were stopped by the police which had put up barricades. They were carrying a big "Save Democracy" banner and raised slogans against the government, the prime minister and the CEC.

SC Rejects Plea.....

The bench noted that the AIADMK leadership appeared to have condoned the MLAs' conduct and said the grievance should be raised by the party or its authorised representatives.

Ms Nariman argued that the issue went beyond defiance of the party whip and involved communications submitted to the Speaker. The court questioned whether a third party could challenge the decision after the AIADMK had chosen to pardon the legislators. Citing an earlier Supreme Court decision, Ms Nariman said a third party could seek relief when all legislators of a party had defected. She acknowledged that the present case concerned only some of the party's legislators.

CRIME

SC FELLOWSHIP DELAYS: YOUNG LAWYER DEMANDS ACCOUNTABILITY

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Delays in the release of National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes (NFSC) selection lists have prompted Telangana High Court advocate Damera Vinodkumar, popularly known as Vinod Hindustani, from Nalgonda, to demand a permanent, time-bound mechanism to protect the interests of Scheduled Caste research scholars. An ABVP State Working Committee Member, he has raised the issue through applications under the Right to Information (RTI) Act and a complaint to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).The advocate has questioned the delay in publishing NFSC selection lists compared with the release of general Junior Research



Fellowship (JRF) lists following UGC-NET and Joint CSIR-UGC NET examinations. According to him, the prolonged wait creates uncertainty for eligible SC research scholars who depend on fellowship support to pursue their academic and research goals.

Information provided by the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) in response to an RTI application dated July 24, 2026, states that the corporation had requested the National Testing Agency (NTA) to provide the list of selected or shortlisted candidates for the December 2025 UGC-NET/Joint CSIR-UGC NET examination. However, the required list was still awaited when the response was prepared.The NSFDC also stated that its records contained no separate document specifying the reasons for the delay. Furthermore, the corporation reported that no standard operating procedure (SOP) or fixed timeline had been agreed upon among the NTA, University Grants Commission (UGC) and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the simultaneous publication of NFSC and JRF selection lists.According to the response, the NFSC selection list can be published only after the shortlisted candidates' details are received from the NTA and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment grants approval. The corporation stated that no definite publication date was available in its records at the time.

Vinod Hindustani reportedly submitted a complaint to the NCSC on September 1, 2026, seeking intervention over the delays and greater accountability from the institutions concerned.He maintains that the pending December 2025 NFSC selection list was released on the same day he filed the complaint. However, he argues that the release of the list did not address the underlying administrative gaps or establish a permanent mechanism to prevent similar delays in future fellowship cycles.

Modified Silencers Crushed Under Road Roller

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

Warangal traffic police have cracked down on modified silencers fitted to vehicles, citing their contribution to noise pollution and public inconvenience. Around 350 silencers seized from vehicles were crushed under a road roller at the Pochamma Maidan Circle here on Thursday. The drive was carried out on the direction of police commissioner N. Shwetha, IPS, under the supervision of traffic additional DCP Rayala Prabhakar Rao. traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, inspectors and other personnel participated in the programme.

The traffic police had seized the silencers during vehicle inspections after finding that they had been altered in violation of prescribed standards to produce excessive noise. The seized silencers were subsequently destroyed using a road roller. Speaking on the occasion, Prabhakar Rao said the use of modified silencers resulted in excessive noise pollution and caused considerable inconvenience to the public. Students, elderly persons and those suffering from health problems were particularly affected by such noise, he said. He advised motorists to use only the original silencers fitted by vehicle manufacturers and warned that legal action would be taken against those who modify silencers to produce excessive noise. Traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, inspectors including Sujatha and other.

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

4 Unauthorised Clinics Identified

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana State Medical Council (TGMC) identified four unauthorised clinics, allegedly providing allopathic treatment without recognised medical qualifications during surprise inspections in Kamareddy town. The inspections were conducted by a team led by TGMC chairman Dr K. Mahesh Kumar and vice-chairman Dr T. Kiran Kumar as part of checks against unqualified practitioners and unauthorised clinics.

The council identified Popular First Aid Centre, run by MD Ghulam Dastagiri near the old bus stand; Naresh First Aid Centre, run by Naresh near Shanti Talkies; Sri Sai First Aid Clinic, run by M. Srinivas opposite Shanti Talkies; and Sri Sai First Aid Centre, run by A. Shivaji Rao on Sircilla Road. According to the council, the centres were found providing injections and antibiotics to patients without the required medical qualifications and authorisation. The TGMC said criminal cases and legal action were being initiated against those involved under TMPR Act and National Medical Commission Act.

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.

Radial Road-2 From Kothwalguda Tender Allocation Challenged, HC Says Subject To Outcome Of Petition

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has directed that any decision taken on the three packages of the Radial Road-2 (RR-) project by the Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL) would be subject to orders of the court. Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy issued the interim direction while dealing with three petitions filed by Sushee Infra and Mining Limited, which questioned its disqualification from the tender process for the construction of RR-2, connecting the Outer Ring Road at Kothwalguda (Budwel) to NH-167N near Nacharam, over a stretch of 81.15 km.

The company challenged the rejection of its technical bids for three packages — Budvel to Shabad, Shabad to Gudur, and Gudur to Nacharam — after the HGCL cited the absence of a counter-signature by a superintending engineer on the experience certificate submitted by the firm. Senior counsel Avinash Desai, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the experience certificate had been issued by the executive engineer, regional office, Itanagar, of the Union ministry of road transport and highways, who was designated as a superintending engineer. Counsel contended that the certificate was valid and that the technical bid had been rejected without proper scrutiny. The petitioner also argued that Clauses 3(iii) and 22 of the notice inviting tenders required the authorities to seek clarification from the bidder if any discrepancy was found in the documents or certificates submitted. This procedure was not followed, and the price bids were opened the same day, raising concerns over the fairness of the tender process, counsel submitted. Additional advocate-general, T. Rajinikanth Reddy, representing HGCL.

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.

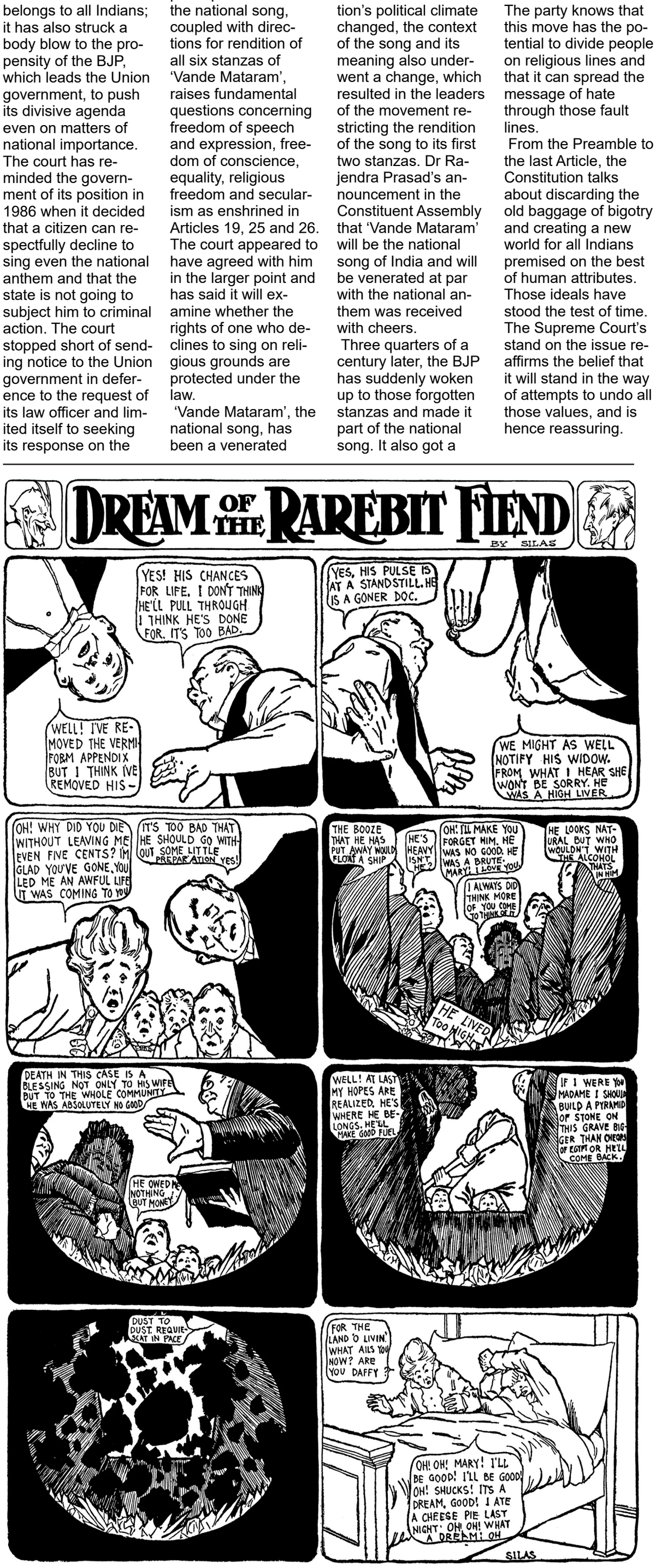
The contention of Carnatic vocalist and author T.M. Krishna before the court was that mandating the singing of all six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram' violated the country's secular character. Extending penal provisions to the national song, coupled with directions for rendition of all six stanzas of 'Vande 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.



Aakash Launches INVICTUS Engineering 2.0 to Strengthen JEE Preparation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) has launched Aakash INVICTUS – Engineering 2.0, a performance-driven academic programme aimed at strengthening preparation for JEE Main, JEE Advanced, BITSAT and State Common Entrance Tests (CETs).

The initiative introduces a structured preparation system designed to improve academic performance through research-backed study materials, experienced faculty, comprehensive testing and personalised mentorship. The rollout will cover all Aakash branches across India, beginning with existing students, followed by new admissions.

The programme is built around six pillars, including an outcome-focused academic approach, experienced faculty, scientifically designed study materials, detailed test analysis, transparent progress tracking and continuous mentorship.

The revised curriculum and study materials aim to guide students from fundamental concepts to advanced problem-solving.

The redesigned testing system will help identify individual strengths, learning gaps and areas requiring improvement.

Students will also receive guidance on Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) counselling, doubt resolution and academic planning beyond classroom sessions.

As part of the launch, Aakash INVICTUS has introduced four batches — Ace, Achiever, Accelerator and Apex. According to AESL, each batch is designed to accommodate different learning needs and student aspirations, with the common objective of helping learners maximise their potential.

Speaking on the launch, AESL Managing Director and CEO Chandra Sekhar Reddy Garisa said the programme had been developed by experienced faculty members who revamped the curriculum, study materials and testing mechanisms.

He said the system was initially implemented at select centres and that the company had observed encouraging results in JEE 2026. The nationwide rollout aims to extend the programme to students across its branches.

The company expects the initiative to strengthen preparation for JEE 2027 and JEE 2028. Orientation sessions are also being conducted for students and parents to explain the programme's features and academic framework.

Students and parents can contact 7303759494 or email support.invictus@aesl.in for further information.

AESL specialises in preparation for medical and engineering entrance examinations, including NEET and JEE, as well as Olympiads. The company operates more than 415 centres nationwide and is part of the Manipal Education and Medical Group.

OPPO F35 Series Launched with 50MP Ultra-Wide Selfie Camera

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



OPPO India has launched the F35 Series, comprising the OPPO F35 Pro 5G and OPPO F35 5G, marking a new chapter in the F Series' decade-long journey in India. The smartphones focus on group photography, battery life, durability and AI-powered features, with a 50MP ultra-wide natural selfie camera offering a 100-degree field of view as the key highlight.

The new series builds on OPPO's imaging legacy with the introduction of the "Group Selfie Expert" experience, designed to accommodate more people in a single frame during family gatherings, weddings, celebrations and travel.

Goldee Patnaik, Head of Communications, OPPO India, said the F35 Series reflects changing consumer preferences for capturing and sharing social experiences. He added that the company aims to translate emerging trends into meaningful smartphone experiences.

The 50MP ultra-wide front camera features a 100-degree field of view, a 1/2.88-inch sensor, an f/2.1 aperture and autofocus. Its 0.6x ultra-wide lens enables wider group selfies, while the AI Auto Wide-Angle Switch helps users capture everyone in the frame.

The OPPO F35 Pro 5G features a 50MP main rear camera with a 1/2-inch sensor, f/1.8 aperture, autofocus and optical image stabilisation (OIS). It also offers Natural Tone 2.0, an 8MP ultra-wide rear camera and an enhanced Portrait Mode.

The OPPO F35 5G comes with a 50MP main camera, True-Tone optimisation and an f/1.9 aperture.

The Pro model supports 4K video recording through both front and rear cameras, alongside Ultra-Steady video capabilities. Its upgraded dual rear flash is designed to improve illumination in low-light conditions.

Both smartphones feature an 8,000mAh battery, 80W SUPERVOOC fast charging and IP69K-rated water and dust resistance.

OPPO also highlights six-year battery durability and AI-powered ColorOS features aimed at delivering a smooth user experience.

With the F35 Series, OPPO is seeking to strengthen its presence in the smartphone segment by combining advanced imaging capabilities, long-lasting battery performance and durability for everyday use.

Hyderabad Housing Sales Rise 2% to 29,125 Units in Nine Months

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Hyderabad recorded 29,125 residential property sales during January–September 2026, registering a 2% year-on-year increase and marking the highest nine-month sales total for the city since 2018, according to Knight Frank India. Housing launches rose 6% to 32,577 units during the period, reflecting continued developer confidence in the market.

The city recorded 9,876 housing sales in the third quarter of 2026, its highest quarterly total since 2018. Sales increased from 9,541 units in the first quarter to 9,708 in the second quarter, indicating sustained demand. New launches also gained momentum, rising from 9,975 units in Q1 to 10,491 in Q2 and 12,111 in Q3.

Premium housing continued to drive Hyderabad's residential market, with properties priced above Rs 1 crore accounting for 74% of total sales, up from 68% in the corresponding period last year. Sales in this category grew 10% year-on-year to 21,474 units.

Among individual price categories, homes priced between Rs 1 crore and Rs 2 crore accounted for the largest share, with 13,253 units sold, representing 46% of total transactions. Sales in the Rs 2 crore–Rs 5 crore segment increased 23% to 6,561 units, while the Rs 5 crore–Rs 10 crore category recorded 30% growth, with 1,345 units sold.

Ultra-luxury housing priced between Rs 20 crore and Rs 50 crore registered the highest percentage growth, rising 45% to 45 units. Meanwhile, sales of homes priced below Rs 50 lakh declined 30% to 893 units, while the Rs 50 lakh–Rs 1 crore segment fell 14% to 6,758 units.

Hyderabad's weighted average residential price rose 3.3% year-on-year to Rs 8,346 per square foot in Q3 2026, below consumer price inflation of 4.8%. The quarters-to-sell indicator stood at 6.1, matching the average across eight major Indian housing markets.

Joseph Thilak, Executive Director – Occupier Strategy and Solutions and Head of Data Center Business (India) at Knight Frank India, attributed the sustained housing demand to Hyderabad's expanding office economy, particularly global capability centres. He said moderate price growth and rising launches reflected steady demand and developer confidence.

Across eight major cities, residential sales remained broadly stable at 2,58,238 units during the first nine months of 2026, while launches increased 4% to 2,79,899 units.

Gold ETF assets in India surge 164pc to Rs 1.91 lakh crore

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Gold exchange-traded fund assets in India rose to Rs 1.91 lakh crore in August 2026 up 164 per cent from about Rs 72,500 crore a year earlier, a report said on Thursday.

The report from Emkay Global Financial Services said commodities are increasingly moving beyond their traditional role as a hedge, with investors and institutions considering precious and industrial metals for diversification, liquidity and risk management.

Silver ETFs held about Rs 85,000–86,000 crore as of August, the report said, highlighting growing financialisation of gold, an expanding commodity derivatives market and rising structural demand for industrial metals such as copper and aluminium.

Copper, aluminium and zinc have traditionally served as indicators of economic activity, with demand rising alongside construction, manufacturing and infrastructure investment. Increasing electrification, renewable energy infrastructure, transmission networks and technology-led infrastructure are now adding new structural demand drivers for industrial metals.

Multi-asset allocation funds in India held more than Rs 2.07 lakh crore in August 2026, up nearly 57 per cent year-on-year, with the category recording positive flows for 60 consecutive months.

While these funds are not commodity funds and they are increasingly used to navigate different economic environments, the report noted.

Sheela Kulkarni, Head of Market Development, Investments and Institutional Investor Relationships, India, World Gold Council.

India's mobile network traffic to grow 17pc annually by 2030, says KPMG

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Mobile network traffic in India is expected to grow at approximately 17 per cent annually between 2025 and 2030, while operator revenues are projected to grow at 2.7 per cent annually, highlighting a widening gap between demand growth and value capture, a report said on Friday.

The telecom equipment market is projected to nearly double from $25 billion in FY25 to $50 billion by FY32, growing at almost twice the pace of the global market, according to the report by KPMG in India.

India has established manufacturing scale, with handset production reaching Rs 6,270 billion in FY26, while telecom equipment import substitution has reached approximately 60 per cent, demonstrating growing domestic manufacturing capabilities, said the report.

"The convergence of telecommunications, AI, semiconductors, cloud and digital infrastructure is redefining how value is created in the global technology ecosystem. As the foundation of the digital economy evolves from connectivity to intelligence, India has a unique opportunity to emerge as a creator of globally relevant technologies, platforms and intellectual property," said Akhilesh Tuteja, Partner & National Leader – Clients and Markets and Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) KPMG in India.

Realising this potential will require sustained investments in innovation, advanced manufacturing and ecosystem collaboration to strengthen India's position as a technology leader in the years ahead, he mentioned.

As the telecommunications industry evolves beyond connectivity into an intelligent digital infrastructure ecosystem, India stands at a pivotal juncture to strengthen its role across the global technology value chain.

The convergence of artificial intelligence (AI), telecom networks, semiconductors, cloud infrastructure, digital services and supportive policy initiatives is creating unprecedented

South India's Steel Capacity Reaches 46 MnT, Eyes Growth by 2030

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South India is poised to play a significant role in India's next phase of steel industry growth, with an installed crude steel capacity of 46 million tonnes (MnT) and production of 31 MnT in FY2026, according to BigMint, a commodities market intelligence firm.

The opportunities and challenges facing the regional steel industry were discussed at the third edition of Future.Steel – South, organised by BigMint and co-hosted by the Telangana Iron & Steel Manufacturers Association (TISMA) at The Westin, Hyderabad. The conference focused on South India's contribution to the country's ambition of reaching 300 MnT of steel capacity by 2030.

The event brought together more than 250 participants representing 150 companies across 17 states, along with over 30 speakers from across the steel value chain.

A key highlight was the launch of BigMint's regional market-intelligence report, The Structural Gap, examining Telangana's role in the evolving steel ecosystem and identifying regional investment opportunities.

The inaugural session featured NMDC Director (Commercial) Vivek Nishant Nath, MEIL Group Chief Procurement Officer G.L. Gupta, FTCCI President K.K. Maheshwari, TISMA Secretary General and MPL Group Managing Director Vinod Kumar Agarwal, Devashree Ispat Managing Director Prakash Goenka and MS Agarwal Foundries Executive Director Anurag Agarwal. Discussions centred on investment opportunities, policy priorities, raw-material availability, manufacturing expansion and infrastructure-led demand.

Maheshwari highlighted the importance of government engagement on policy issues and energy costs, while Agarwal stressed the need to strengthen manufacturing through better logistics, cleaner technologies and infrastructure development.

Nath highlighted raw-material availability as a key factor in supporting future production, while Anurag Agarwal emphasised consistent product quality and manufacturing standards.

The conference also examined raw-material security, regional demand and supply, domestic steel price benchmarks, green-steel certification, energy efficiency, integrated steel plants and artificial intelligence-driven business automation. Representatives from JSW Steel, Tata International, Lloyds Metals & Energy, MSPL, Jai Raj Ispat and Clariant Power System participated.

BigMint Director Sumit Agrawal said improved visibility into regional demand, pricing and investment opportunities would help businesses make informed decisions and strengthen the steel value chain.

FTCCI, KSIMA and NISST supported the event as partners.

RBI may raise interest rates by 75 bps by June 2027, says Goldman Sachs economist

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Goldman Sachs' Chief India Economist Santanu Sengupta said the Reserve Bank of India is likely to raise interest rates three more times by June 2027, totalling about 75 basis points, a new report has said.

The report from NDTV Profit cited Sengupta said that India should still manage roughly 7 per cent economic growth. Sengupta warned that El Nino poses a material downside risk to growth and an upside risk to inflation in 2027.

Despite that, India will be able to achieve approximately 7 per cent economic growth, which is impressive considering that we are an oil importer operating within this type of global climate, he said.

Goldman Sachs has projected that the RBI will implement rate hikes in December, February, and either April or June.

"We would have one more hike in February, and after that perhaps the RBI can take a break to evaluate the situation, and then implement one final hike in April or in June," Sengupta said.

The economist stressed that El Nino has yet to be fully accounted for by many financial market participants as climate threats pose a greater risk for 2027 than for 2023.

Though the kharif harvest will be relatively unaffected by the El Nino event, it represents a more back-end risk, Sengupta said.

Katrina Kaif shares why emotional independence matters in relationships

Actress Katrina Kaif has opened up about the biggest lessons she has learnt from her relationships over the years, saying that no one else should be held responsible for one's happiness.

During an interaction with host and filmmaker Karan Johar on the chat show Koffee with Karan Season 6, Katrina said she had realised that people should not depend on others for their happiness.

She added that, in her view, the best relationships are built not on dependence but on admiration, respect and companionship.

The Tiger Zinda Hai actress said, "I had this discussion, not long back, with a few friends. They felt most women need men or it's necessary to have a man. I really don't think that's true for everyone. I can't speak for women as a collective, but it's definitely not true for me being single. I'm



becoming comfortable with who I am, which I don't think I was for a large part of my life because you somehow judge yourself based on how much love or attention you get from your partner. When your relationship is amazing, you feel great about yourself. Your relationship suffers a little bit; your self-esteem and image take a beating, which is not a good Sharing her idea of a healthy relationship, Katrina added, "My biggest learning from my relationships is, 'Nobody else is responsible for your happiness.' You shouldn't give away your power because you are burdening that person with responsibility. Nobody can take that responsibility for a long period of time. At some point they are going to let you down, or you let them down, and that's when the relationship suffers. The most beautiful kind of love is when neither of you need each other. There's no great dependence on the other person, there's admiration, respect, companionship, and there's a space of ease between you."

Katrina is married to actor Vicky Kaushal, and the couple have a son, Vihaan.

'Memories of some wonderful time': Ashish Vidyarthi pays tribute to Nana Patekar

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Actor Ashish Vidyarthi has revisited fond memories with late veteran actor Nana Patekar by sharing a throwback video of the latter showcasing his culinary skills.

Taking to Instagram, the Bichhoo actor shared the video, offering a glimpse of the time they spent together. Alongside the clip, he penned a heartfelt note recalling their moments together. "Memories of some wonderful time spent together… Nana," he wrote.

The video shows Nana Patekar preparing an omelette in a relaxed setting, offering a glimpse of the veteran actor away from the screen. It also captures Ashish Vidyarthi enjoying the omelette and French toast prepared by Nana.

"Nana made this, and it is amazing. Wow!" Ashish says in the video. In another candid moment, Nana takes out some medicine and offers it to Ashish, providing a glimpse of their warm camaraderie.

The two actors shared screen space in several films over the years, including Mahesh Manjrekar's Yeshwant, Partho Ghosh's Yugpurush and Manoj Kumar's ensemble drama Jai Hind. They were also associated with the crime drama The Confession of Mary.

Their bond extended beyond their professional association, as reflected in the video.

Several Bollywood celebrities, including Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan and Hema Malini, paid tribute to Nana following his death on October 8. Raj Babbar, Anupam Kher, Rohit Shetty, Sanjay Dutt, Akshay Kumar and Pankaj Tripathi also remembered the actor and his contribution to Indian cinema.

The Padma Shri recipient died at the age of 75 after being found unconscious at his residence in Goa on October 8, 2026.

P V Sindhu loses to Ratchanok Intanon in Arctic Open quarterfinals



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Indian shuttler and two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu suffered a quarterfinal exit at the USD 500,000 Arctic Open Super 500 tournament after losing to top seed and world No. 5 Ratchanok Intanon of Indonesia in a hard-fought three-game encounter on Friday.The sixth-seeded Sindhu went down 21-11, 19-21, 21-18 in a match that lasted one hour and two minutes. Despite mounting a strong challenge after losing the opening game, the Hyderabad player could not maintain her momentum in the decider as Intanon secured a place in the semifinals.

The victory strengthened Intanon's advantage in their head-to-head record, taking her lead over Sindhu to 10-4.Sindhu had entered the quarterfinals with an impressive performance in the women's singles second round, defeating Japan's Riko Gunji in straight games. The 31-year-old Indian registered a comfortable 21-15, 21-15 victory over Gunji to advance to the last eight.The defeat ended Sindhu's campaign at the Finnish tournament, where she had hoped to continue her strong run following her Japan Open Super 750 title triumph in July.

Shai Hope, Sherfane Rutherford power West Indies to six-wicket win over India

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West Indies captain Shai Hope said building partnerships and Sherfane Rutherford's explosive batting were key to his team's six-wicket victory over India in the second T20I, as the visitors chased down a daunting target of 250 at the JSCA International Stadium Complex here on Friday.

Hope smashed a blistering 45-ball century, while Rutherford hammered 84 off 37 deliveries to help the West Indies complete the second-highest successful run chase in men's T20I cricket, reaching 252/4 with two overs to spare.

Reflecting on the early setbacks that saw the visitors reduced to 5/2, Hope admitted the chase had become challenging but said playing in India always gave a team belief that a target could be achieved.

"That it's going to be a tough chase. But when you chase here in India, you always give yourself a chance. You always think you're in the game, regardless of what score is on the board. But five for two was always going to be challenging," Hope said after being named Player of the Match.

Hope said the partnership with Rovman Powell helped the West Indies regain momentum before Rutherford's counter-attacking knock provided the decisive impetus to the chase.

"When we got that partnership there, myself and Rovman, we just got some more impetus in the innings, and then obviously Sherfane came and did what he did, played really well with the bat, and just gave us that spark that we needed to get over the line today," he said.

The West Indies skipper also explained why he was content to let Rutherford take the attacking role during their match-winning 120-run fourth-wicket partnership. Hope reached his century off 45 balls, while Rutherford's 84 included seven fours and seven sixes.

"Yes, the thing about cricket, I really believe that we need to bat a lot better in partnerships. It's something that we tend to lack every now and again, but sometimes you just got to sit back, as you say, and watch (your partner) play shots," he said.

"In that situation there, as long as we kept going at the rate to keep up with the game, then I didn't need to take any unnecessary risk. I thought we were going really nicely, so just about calculating that chase as best we can," Hope added.

Hope also praised off-spinner Roston Chase, whose three-wicket haul helped the West Indies recover after India's explosive start with the bat. Chase returned figures of 3/24, providing crucial breakthroughs as the hosts were restricted to 249/5.

"Amazing. On a surface and a field like this, to go at six runs an over is unbelievable. So he really kept us in the game. I know it was very difficult conditions to bowl on, so the way how he bowled and kept us in the game made it a lot easier for us to do that throughout the chase, that score," Hope said.

Asked about his ability to clear the boundaries consistently, Hope credited his bats and the conditions while acknowledging that luck had also played a role in his outstanding innings.

"I just must say, all those SS bats that I have are pretty good. But yeah, the ball seemed to be travelling quite a bit here. Yes, the boundaries were a little bit bigger on the bigger side, but you just got to back myself. Just once the ball's in my zone, look at the best option to get the boundary, and it just came off well today. As I said before, I got to get some luck going my way, and today was one of those days for me," he said.

Revanth To Review Drought Situation in the State

Deficient rainfall and low tank storage raise concerns over crops, drinking water and power supply.

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will review the drought-like situation in Telangana at a special Cabinet meeting on Monday, with the impact of El Niño, deficient monsoon rainfall and declining water storage expected to figure prominently in the discussions.

The meeting will also assess the state of agriculture, irrigation facilities, drinking water availability and rising electricity demand. The review assumes significance as concerns grow over the availability of water for standing crops and domestic consumption in the coming months.

Telangana received 615.5 mm of rainfall during the southwest monsoon season, which ended on September 30, against the normal 740.6 mm, registering a deficit of 17 per cent. Although the India Meteorological Department classified the state's overall rainfall as normal, 18 of the 33 districts recorded deficient rainfall.

Around 235 mandals have been identified as facing drought-like conditions, raising concerns about agricultural losses and rural livelihoods.



The declining storage levels in minor irrigation tanks have added to the concerns. Of the 21,500 tanks monitored across the state, 17,677 had less than 50 per cent of their storage capacity as of October 3. As many as 12,944 tanks had either dried up or contained less than 25 per cent of their normal storage.

The combined storage in these tanks had fallen to 94.30 TMC ft against their total capacity of 253.80 TMC ft, highlighting the growing water stress.

Farmers in several districts have been protesting against frequent and unscheduled interruptions in three-phase electricity supply. They allege that power outages are affecting irrigation activities and damaging pump-set motors.

The state government has already adopted a resolution in the Legislative Assembly seeking the declaration of drought-affected mandals and adequate financial assistance from the Centre. It has also sought a special package of Rs 20,000 crore to address the rainfall deficit and support affected farmers.

The Cabinet is expected to examine immediate relief measures, the drought subcommittee's action plan and recommendations emerging from the all-party meeting. Suggestions from farmers' organisations and experts are also likely to be considered to minimise crop losses and ensure the effective management of available water and electricity resources.

Row erupts over appointment of Additional CEO in Telangana

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All appears to be not well in the Telangana Chief Electoral Office as the appointment of a non-cadre officer as Additional Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) on October 7 triggered a controversy, with allegations that due process was not followed.

According to General Administration Department (GAD) rules, three names have to be proposed to the Election Commission of India (ECI) for the Additional CEO post, with the approval of the Chief Secretary and the Chief Minister's Office.

However, allegations have emerged that only one name was sent to the ECI instead of three, without obtaining the State government's



consent. This has triggered a row, as an IAS officer is already serving as Additional CEO.

On December 28, 2024, the State government issued orders extending the tenure of seven posts in the Telangana CEO's office by three years, until 2027. These included the Additional CEO, Joint/Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Assistant Secretary, three Assistant Section Officers and a Store Supervisor.

The government may approve additional posts in cases of heavy workload or other urgent requirements. Such posts are created during Assembly or Lok Sabha elections to oversee election-related duties. Further, the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has also reached its final stage.

Against this backdrop, the appointment of another non-cadre officer as Additional CEO, despite an IAS officer already holding the position, has raised questions.

Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C Sudharsan Reddy said due process was followed and the rules were adhered to while appointing the Additional CEO.

TGCSB warns against parcel delivery fraud on World Post Day

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The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has urged people to remain vigilant against parcel delivery frauds, fake delivery notifications and phishing links on the occasion of World Post Day on October 9.

With messages, parcels and emails becoming an integral part of everyday communication, cybercriminals are increasingly exploiting delivery-related notifications to trick people into divulging personal information, clicking malicious links or making fraudulent payments.

The Bureau advised the public to verify delivery messages before acting on them and exercise caution when receiving unexpected notifications about parcels, failed deliveries, address corrections or pending charges. Fraudsters may impersonate courier companies, postal services or delivery personnel to create a sense of urgency and persuade recipients to click suspicious links.

The TGCSB urged people not to share bank account details, card information, passwords or one-time passwords (OTPs) with unknown callers or through unverified websites. They should avoid making payments through links received in unsolicited messages and verify the status of parcels directly through the official website or customer care channels of the concerned postal or courier service.

Hyderabad IT staff allege 14-hour workdays, ignored emergencies

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Employees at Genpact's Hafeezpet branch have alleged workplace harassment from a senior manager, including gender discrimination, overworking, and ignored medical concerns.

LinkedIn user Rohit Kotana, who, according to his profile, is currently a senior procurement analyst at Genpact, has flagged the violations through his posts dating back to September 17.

In an October 5 post, Rohit alleged that on one occasion he reported chest pain but was denied permission to leave. He later suffered a panic attack and hyperventilation, requiring emergency care. Despite this, he reportedly continued facing pressure to work extended hours.

He alleged that employees were being pressured to work over 14 hours and even on Saturdays. Some of them were being stopped for updates even at 3 am, including women whose cabs were waiting.

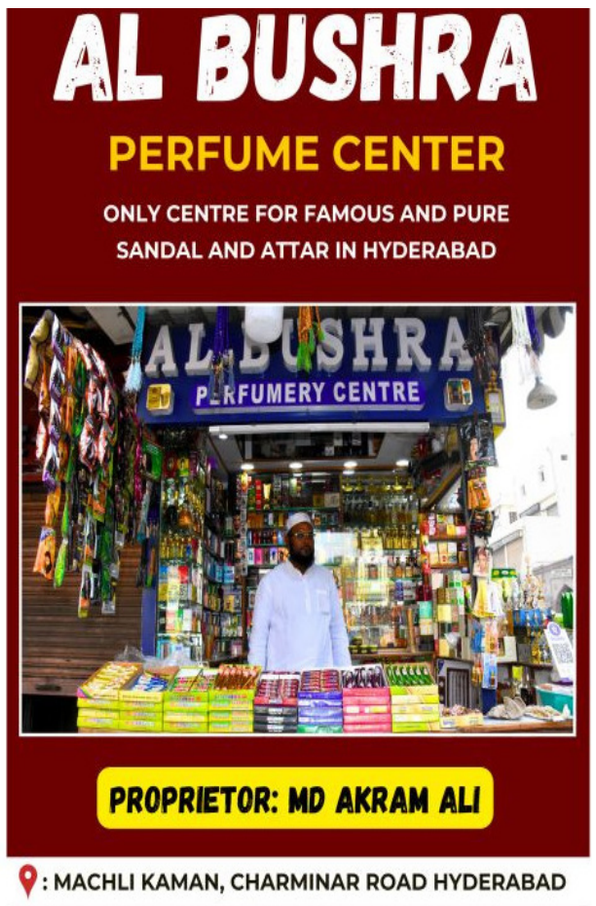
On a separate occasion, a female employee who was menstruating happened to stain the cafeteria chair and felt that she needed to photograph the stain as proof in case she was questioned on being late."When an employee feels she needs photographic proof of menstrual bleeding just to be believed about being late, what kind of work environment are we creating?" Rohit stated in his post.

The latest post, shared on October 8, shows a video conference where employees raised their concerns with Human Resources. Rohit has alleged that despite complaints being raised more than three weeks ago, no action has been taken on the manager.In the video, employees have alleged that the manager said that he doesn't want women to be working because they take period leave and maternity leave.

"If we go for a bio-break, it is being monitored if we go for seven minutes or ten minutes," one of the employees is heard saying. The allegations made by the employees remain unverified, and Genpact has not issued a response at the time of writing.



:The Telangana Power Generation Corporation (TGGenco) has received the state award for excellence in Implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act.



Hyderabad CP Sajjanar calls out Jr NTR fans over his fake AI image

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The growing misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) to create fake images and videos has become a major concern, with celebrities and public figures increasingly falling victim to deepfakes. Now, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar has raised the issue after an AI-generated image of him circulated on social media in connection with the recent Janhvi Kapoor deepfake controversy.

Sajjanar tagged actor Jr NTR in a post on X (formerly Twitter), asking him to take note of the alleged misuse of his image by some of the actor's fans to spread misinformation about the case involving Jr NTR and Janhvi Kapoor's song Chuttamalle from Devara. The controversy began after an X account shared an image claiming that an arrest had been made in connection with the objectionable AI-morphed video of Jr NTR and Janhvi Kapoor. However, Sajjanar clarified that the image being circulated was AI-generated and not a genuine photograph.

Resharing the now-deleted post, the Hyderabad Police Commissioner wrote, "This is an AI-generated image, not a genuine photograph. Please do not fall for such deepfakes or share them without verifying their authenticity."

He further cautioned social media users about the growing realism of AI-generated content and the dangers of sharing unverified information.

"With AI-generated images becoming increasingly realistic, it is important to question what we see online. Just because a photograph looks convincing does not mean it is real.

Telangana revises fire NOC guidelines for residential buildings

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The Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency and Civil Defence Department has revised its Fire and Life Safety requirements for issuing provisional fire No Objection Certificates (NOCs), officials said on Friday, October 9.

Telangana Fire Services Department Director General Vikram Singh Mann has issued the revised requirements following consultation with representatives of major builders associations, including CREDAI and the Telangana Builders Federation, an official release said. The revised instructions came into force with effect from October 7 and shall be applicable only to fresh applications for Provisional Fire NOCs received on or after October 7, it said.

The department said that the revised provisions are aimed at streamlining the fire NOC process, improving ease of compliance and ensuring effective implementation of essential Fire and Life Safety measures in buildings across the state.

Among the revisions, for residential apartment buildings, a Fire NOC will be required for buildings 24 meters high and above, up from the previous threshold of 18 meters, it said adding there will be no change in the existing requirements for other occupancy types.

A Fire Tower will be required for buildings with a height of 24 meters and above, irrespective of the occupancy type, it said.

A Fire Command Centre room will be required in buildings with a height of 24 meters and above, for all occupancy types.

With regard to ventilation arrangements for Diesel Generator rooms located in basements, louvres will be permitted above a fire-rated wall of at least one metre in height, provided that the wall has a two-hour Fire Resistance.

Telangana forest dept orders strict action against Chinese manja

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Telangana's Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Vinay Kumar on Friday, October 9, directed officials to take stringent measures to curb the sale and use of synthetic manja and protect the Indian Roller (Palapitta) and other wildlife.

Speaking at a review meeting here, Vinay Kumar instructed officials to initiate action to cancel licences of shops selling prohibited synthetic manja, an official release said.

As synthetic manja is being supplied from other states, he instructed officials to intensify surveillance on supplies originating from those states, it said. He directed Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials to issue clear warnings to shop owners and take stringent action against those violating the rules.

The police were directed to intensify surveillance to prevent the sale of "Chinese manja" (synthetic/nylon kite string) through online platforms. He emphasised the need to identify sales of synthetic manja on e-commerce websites and coordinate with the organisations concerned to curb sales.

He also instructed officials to display posters at all public places, including bus stations, railway stations, markets and other crowded locations, to create public awareness about the ban on synthetic manja.Vinay Kumar stated that the School Education Department should create awareness among students and their parents about the dangers of Chinese manja to humans and birds.

He further instructed officials to brief bus drivers and conductors to report any illegal transportation of synthetic manja or captured wildlife to the Forest Department.

SHE POWER Foundation to organise women's safety bike rally in Hyderabad on Oct 11

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On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, SHE POWER Foundation is organising a Women's Safety Bike Rally on October 11 in Hyderabad, bringing together women bikers, cyclists, women police riders and motorcycle communities from across India and neighbouring countries.

Women riders are travelling to Hyderabad from Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi and other parts of India, while participants from areas around the Nepal and Bhutan borders are also joining the movement.

Prominent women motorcycling communities including Bike Rani, SheMoto and other biker associations are joining the rally, which will also see the participation of eight women police bikers from Telangana Police. The presence of women police riders alongside civilian women bikers will symbolise this collective commitment, with women from different walks of life riding.

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