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NDA Defends Crackdown on CJP Protesters

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The NDA on Sunday defended the police crackdown on Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protesters in Delhi and slammed the Opposition for allegedly spreading propaganda against the government. Union minister Chirag Paswan claimed that the CJP's protests over alleged irregularities in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls were an attempt to create anarchy in the country.

Speaking to reporters in Patna, Paswan said peaceful protests were legitimate in a democracy but warned that anti-social elements could exploit such agitations to pursue their own agendas.

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CJP Vows To Continue Protests Against CEC Gyanesh Kumar

CJP leaders allege emergency-like situation, vow to expand agitation beyond Delhi

NEW DELHI
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Leaders of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Sunday vowed to continue their agitation against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, accusing the Narendra Modi-led government of creating an "emergency-like situation" through train cancellations, restrictions on protests and the detention of activists.

CJP leader Saurav Das alleged that the government was using administrative measures to prevent citizens from exercising their democratic right to protest. He questioned the authorities' decision to restrict demonstrators who were seeking to hold a protest at a designated location in the national capital.

Das said the government could have invited a delegation of protesters for discussions instead of imposing restrictions and detaining activists. He alleged that the authorities had acted against citizens rather than facilitating peaceful demonstrations.

Referring to the conditions imposed on the leaders following their release, Das claimed that they had been illegally detained and were directed to ensure that there was no breach of peace for one year.

"The breach of peace has been caused by Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and Gyanesh Kumar," he said, holding the Prime Minister, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Chief Election Commissioner responsible for the situation.

The CJP leader maintained that the restrictions would not deter the party from continuing its campaign. He asserted that the agitation would extend beyond Delhi and reach other parts of the country.

"The protests are on... Protests will happen not just in Delhi but the whole country," Das said.

The CJP's remarks came amid protests by Opposition parties and activists over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and demands for accountability from the Election Commission. Protesters have raised concerns about the revision process and its potential impact on eligible voters.

The party also criticised the reported cancellation of trains and restrictions on demonstrations, alleging that these measures had made it difficult for people to participate in the protest.

Das said the authorities should engage with protesters and address their concerns through dialogue rather than impose restrictions.

The CJP leaders reiterated their determination to continue the agitation against Gyanesh Kumar and vowed to mobilise supporters across the country. However, the allegations made by the party leaders were not independently established in the account, and no response from the government or Election Commission was included. The developments add to the ongoing political confrontation over electoral roll revision, protest restrictions and the role of constitutional institutions.

Despite Detention, Hundreds Marched Towards Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Notwithstanding massive detentions and continued police crackdowns on the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) stir seeking the resignation of Chief Election Commission Gyanesh Kumar over alleged "vote-chori" during the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, hundreds of protesters raised slogans and marched towards Jantar Mantar on the second day on Sunday. Despite the Supreme Court orders against illegal detentions, over 200 protesters were detained. Angry over the alleged police brutality, the CJP has now called for a nationwide movement to push its demand for CEC's resignation, saying, "Jantar Manter 2.0 is on." "We are on the streets; we will stay on the streets. We will abide by the Constitution," said Students Federation of India (SFI)

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'Development is my mantra': PM Modi vows to work with CM Vijay



CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday assured Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay that the Union government would extend full support to the state's development, inaugurating the first corridor of Chennai Metro's ambitious Phase-II project and unveiling several infrastructure initiatives.Addressing a series of events during his visit, Modi said the Centre was committed to helping Tamil Nadu achieve new heights. The public appearance with Vijay indicated a fresh phase in Centre-state relations following years of political and administrative differences between the Union government and the previous DMK government."We want to build a Tamil Nadu that keeps reaching new heights. And for this, whatever support is needed from the Centre, we stand with you with full commitment," Modi said, calling for joint efforts to realise the vision of a developed India through a developed Tamil Nadu.

The Prime Minister inaugurated the 15-km Poonamallee–Vadapalani corridor, the first operational stretch under Chennai Metro's Phase-II project. The larger project is expected to expand the city's metro network by approximately 120 km, improving connectivity and easing urban transportation.Modi said metro networks across India had expanded significantly, growing from around 250 km in 2014 to more than 1,100 km, with operations extending from five cities to 25 cities.He also visited the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Research Centre and Sri Jalakandeshwar

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Congress Flags 41% Vacancies in NTA, Demands Reforms

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Congress on Sunday accused the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the Union education ministry of serious administrative failures, citing a parliamentary committee report that highlighted staff shortages, dependence on private contractors and inadequate safeguards against examination irregularities. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh urged the Narendra Modi government to act on the findings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, chaired by Rajya Sabha MP Mukul Wasnik.

Ramesh alleged that the ministry had made a false claim before the committee that no paper leak had occurred in an NTA-conducted examination since the agency's establishment in 2017. He claimed that nine instances of paper leaks and examination irregularities had been reported between 2017 and 2025. The Congress leader said the NTA, registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, lacked adequate statutory accountability and parliamentary oversight.

Citing the report, he said only 23 of the agency's 39 sanctioned posts were occupied, leaving 41 per cent vacant. He said the NTA depended heavily on

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Opposition Stir Today, CJI No To Cong. Meet

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Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has not agreed to meet Leaders of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday over allegations of "vote theft", sources said on Sunday night, even as the I.N.D.I.A. bloc prepared to march to the Supreme Court demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and an end to the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

Gandhi and Kharge, Leaders of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively, had separately written to the CJI seeking an appointment between 4 pm and 5 pm on Monday to submit a memorandum demanding an end to alleged electoral manipulation, suspension of the SIR exercise, Kumar's resignation and a return to paper ballots. "Response of Hon'ble CJI to the letter received from Leaders of Opposition has been sent in their official mail," a source said.

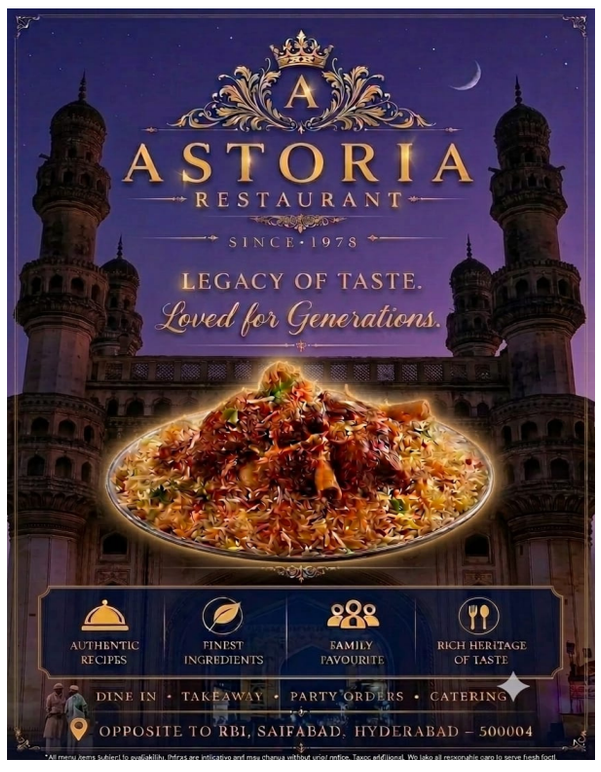
Sources maintained that the CJI had not agreed to the meeting but did not elaborate on the reasons.

The Congress, however, is going ahead with its "Chalo Delhi — March for Democracy" protest, with Opposition leaders scheduled to assemble at the Connaught Place-Barakhamba Road junction at 1.30 pm before marching towards the Supreme Court. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Trinamul Congress chief Mamata Banerjee and other Opposition leaders are expected to participate in the march. In a post on X, Gandhi condemned Saturday's police crackdown on young protesters in Delhi, alleging that they were assaulted by police personnel and BJP supporters despite demonstrating peacefully.

"Yesterday, the nation's young came out in Delhi to peacefully protest. They came with love in their hearts, not hatred or anger. They were beaten, both by cops and BJP goons. This is not the India we want," he said. Calling upon young people, Opposition parties and civil society organisations to join the march, Mr Gandhi said, "Tomorrow, we will march to the Supreme Court as Indians, united beyond party, gender, caste, community and state."

Speaking in Bengaluru earlier on Sunday, Kharge accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah of creating chaos across the country through heavy police deployment, restrictions and mass detentions during the protests. Alleging that an unde-

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Cops Ignore SC Order, Rough Up Media

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Despite a clear order by the Supreme Court on Sunday to the government and the police not to obstruct the work of journalists, lawyers and other professionals, several journalists were stopped from doing their job at protest sites by the Delhi Police personnel and many of them were physically roughed up, detained, bundled in police buses and sent off to places far away from the protest sites. These included female journalists as well.

Journalists complained that the police obstructed their work in many ways, and even blocked their vision and cameras from capturing the detention of protesters or even showing the footage of protests. BBC journalist Jugal Purohit showed the visuals of Rapid Action Force personnel blocking him from taking videos. He accused the police of whistling in front of the mikes of media.

One killed, 11 injured in second Houthi strike on Riyadh airport in two days

RIYADH
Wakeup telangana

One person has been killed and 11 injured in a second strike on the international airport in the Saudi capital Riyadh, officials have said.

A Saudi military spokesman said a projectile had hit King Khalid International Airport on Sunday, causing a fire in one of its passenger halls. Saudi Arabia's civil aviation authority said in a statement on X that one person, a Pakistani resident, had been killed in the attack.

It comes a day after a strike on the same airport killed 13 people and injured 308 others, following similar strikes earlier this week.

The Houthis in Yemen said they were behind the attacks and warned airlines and passengers against using Saudi Arabian airports and airspace.

The group said they had targeted the airport with a mix of ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as drones in the past 24 hours. They also attacked oil facilities and Dammam airport in eastern Saudi Arabia, their military spokesman Brig Gen Yahya Saree said.

He vowed to continue the "escalating operations deep inside Saudi Arabia", warning that all Saudi airports were potential targets apart from those in the holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

The Houthis have said they are targeting Saudi Arabia over its support for government forces in Yemen's civil war, as well as an air strike on the airport in Sanaa.On Sunday Maj Gen Turki al-Maliki, spokesman for the Saudi-led military coalition, said air defences had intercepted a missile near the airport in Riyadh, while authorities were dealing with the fire caused by an "unknown projectile" that hit Passenger Hall No 4.

US President Donald Trump has said the US would "make a decision" and "move very quickly" on whether to strike the Houthis, while UK Defence Secretary Wes Streeting suggested the UK could "potentially" provide more support.

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan Urges Graduates to Challenge Congress Govt Through MLC Elections

Calls for Form-18 voter registration, alleges Hyderabad's investment climate is deteriorating under Revanth Reddy

HYDERABAD
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BRS senior leader and MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan has called upon educated youth and graduates to actively participate in democratic processes and challenge the Congress government through the upcoming Hyderabad–Mahabubnagar–Ranga Reddy Graduates MLC elections.

Addressing a graduates' meeting organised under the leadership of former Somajiguda division corporator Mahesh Yadav and BRSV leader Madhukar Yadav, Dr. Sravan stressed that youth participation was essential for social and political change. He urged every eligible graduate to register as a voter by submitting Form-18 and called on graduates to support the BRS candidate with their first-preference vote.

"The youth are the foundation of change. The silence of educated people is a bane to society," he said, expressing concern over the low participation of graduates in elections.

Dr. Sravan recalled that leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Bhagat Singh entered public struggles at a young age. He also cited former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's role in the Telangana movement as an example of youth-driven political change.

He expressed disappointment that only around 8,000 graduate votes were registered in the Khairatabad constituency during the previous elections, according to his remarks. He said educated citizens should not treat election day merely as a holiday but should recognise voting as a constitutional responsibility.



Describing the right to vote as a powerful democratic weapon, he warned that political apathy among educated people could allow unsuitable candidates to gain power. He urged graduates to complete their voter registration and participate actively in shaping the state's future.

Criticising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's administration, Dr. Sravan alleged that Hyderabad's reputation as a global investment destination was being undermined by the Congress government's decisions.

He credited the previous BRS government and the vision of K.T. Rama Rao with attracting major investments in the information technology and pharmaceutical sectors and generating employment opportunities for young people. He claimed that nearly 20 lakh private-sector jobs had been created during that period.

He alleged that the present government's policies were weakening investor confidence and claimed that some companies were considering moving to neighbouring states.

Dr. Sravan also criticised the Congress government over what he described as the lack of a clear employment policy. He questioned the progress made towards fulfilling the election promise of filling two lakh government vacancies.

He expressed concern over pending fee reimbursement dues, alleging that delays were causing hardship to colleges and students. He further raised issues concerning electricity shortages, drinking water supply and irrigation facilities, accusing the government of failing to take adequate precautionary measures against climate-related challenges.

Recalling the sacrifices made during the Telangana statehood movement, he said the state's progress depended on responsible governance, employment generation and the fulfilment of public commitments.

Dr. Sravan urged graduates and educated youth to oppose what he described as the Congress government's anti-people policies and unemployment-related failures.

Siddipet district formation day celebrations conclude; Harish Rao targets State govt

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The celebrations of Siddipet district formation concluded on a grand note as the citizens and BRS workers celebrated in a colourful way. While the women celebrated the 10th formation day of the district with colourful Rangoli paintings on the premises of their houses in the morning, Former Minister T Harish Rao began the day with an interaction with youth from Siddipet on Komaticheruvu bund.

BRS workers performed Palabhishekham to the portraits of the former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and Harish Rao, crediting them with the creation of Siddipet district. Later, Rao went around Siddipet town and interacted with the women, who painted rangolis on the premises of the houses. Meanwhile, the environmentalists celebrated the day by planting a variety of fruit-bearing saplings on Komaticheruvu tank bund.

Addressing a public meeting organised at Government Degree College in Siddipet on Sunday night, Harish Rao said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had brought the struggles undergone during the Congress rule before the formation of Telangana.

Accusing Revanth of failing to supply enough power and lift Godavari waters, Rao said that the farmers of Telangana were suffering due to prevailing drought conditions. While the Andhra Pradesh government lifted Krishna water to far-off places, the former minister said that the Congress government failed to operate the lift pumps to utilise the Krishna water.

He recalled how former Chief Minister Chandrashekhar Rao built multiple irrigation projects besides increasing the power generation manifold by building multiple power plants. BRS leaders Desapathi Srinivas, V Yadava Reddy, Kotha Prabhakar Reddy, Rasamayi Balakishan,Mutthireddy Yadagiri Reddy, Vadithela Sathish Kumar, Vanteru Prathap Reddy, Farooq Hussain and others were present.

Telangana SC Group-3 Reservation: Roster Implementation Under Scrutiny

Questions have emerged over the implementation of Scheduled Caste (SC) sub-classification in Telangana, particularly the allocation of roster points to SC Group-3 candidates in government recruitment.

Under Telangana's SC sub-classification framework, the 15% SC reservation is distributed among three groups: Group-1 receives 1%, Group-2 gets 9%, and Group-3 is allocated 5%.

The Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalization of Reservations) Rules, 2025, issued through G.O.Ms.No.10 on April 14, 2025, prescribe the framework for implementing these allocations.

A roster list circulating publicly identifies SC Group-3 at the 22nd point among the first 22 positions, raising questions about its representation. However, the complete roster includes additional Group-3 points beyond this initial sequence.

Officials must clarify whether recruitment authorities are correctly applying the prescribed roster and reservation percentages. A conclusive assessment requires recruitment notifications, vacancy details and official roster registers.

Community representatives and aspirants are seeking greater clarity regarding group-wise allocations. Concerns relating to educational admissions, promotions and local-body elections must be examined separately under their respective legal frameworks.

Transparent disclosure of recruitment-wise reservation data and an evidence-based review would help address concerns and ensure eligible candidates receive the benefits prescribed by law. The key question remains whether SC Group-3 reservation is being implemented correctly across relevant

Anti-national, international powers trying to disrupt nation's harmony: G. Kishan Reddy

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



On Opposition drawing a parallel between the Emergency imposed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975 and the current bans on protests, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy said that it is not the Emergency but a precaution. He added that various anti-national and international powers are trying to cause disturbance in the nation. Speaking to IANS, Reddy said, "They (Opposition) are calling out issues which are not the real issues at all.

They are creating false issues to disrupt the system."The Union Minister also noted, "The Congress does not need to teach a lesson in the name of democracy and Emergency. In 1975, Congress took away the rights of the common citizens; put thousands of people in jail, banned the media, put bans on all political, societal activities.""Rahul Gandhi should learn first what was at stake when the real Emergency happened. What did the people go through during the Emergency, what they bore…," he added.Reddy also said, "I would like to invite Rahul Gandhi to Telangana and show him how the Congress govt, Revanth Reddy-led Telangana government doesn't allow for a single program to happen. In Telangana, whenever we (Bharatiya Janata Party) try to do a public program, the state government prohibits it," Reddy said.

"Even for simple, peaceful programs we have to seek permission from the High Court first. Rahul Gandhi should come to Telangana and see how the Congress here (in Telangana) treats the Opposition, especially the BJP. What prohibitions are put forth, he should check," the Union Minister added.Reddy also commented on the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyaan' and said, "On the birth anniversary of India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party is conducting a one-month 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' with various programs across the country.""Specifically in this context, we are serving the public, organising medical camps, going before the people, creating awareness on different topics, bringing awareness, and informing people about the developmental activities that PM Modi has continuously carried out over 25 years of service to the nation," he added.

Sharad Navaratri Begins at Bowenpally Nallapochamma Temple

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Sri Devi Sharad Navaratri Mahotsavam began on a grand note at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple in Bapuji Nagar, New Bowenpally, on Sunday, with a large number of devotees visiting the temple to seek the blessings of the goddess.

On the first day of the nine-day festival, Goddess Nallapochamma was adorned in the sacred Bala Tripura Sundari Devi alankaram, attracting devotees who



participated in the special prayers and rituals.

Former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap attended the inaugural celebrations as the chief guest. He offered prayers and sought the goddess's blessings for the well-being and prosperity of the community.

Addressing the occasion, Pratap highlighted the spiritual significance of Sharad Navaratri and said Goddess Nallapochamma would bless devotees in different sacred forms throughout the nine days of the festival.

The celebrations witnessed the participation of temple committee members and several prominent local residents, who contributed to the smooth conduct of the inaugural-day rituals.

Among those present were Durgayya, Sudheer, Pawan, Srikanth, Komurayya, Narsingarao, Nagesh, Mallesh and Lakshman.

The temple premises witnessed a devotional atmosphere as devotees gathered to offer prayers and participate in the festivities. Special goddess alankarams and religious rituals are expected to continue throughout the Navaratri celebrations, providing devotees with opportunities to seek divine blessings during the auspicious festival.

Foreign Medical Graduates interns' stipend parity protest enters fourth day in Telangana

HYDERABAD
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The statewide protests by 650 Foreign Medical Graduate (FMG) interns posted in various government hospitals seeking stipend parity with students who pursued medicine in India, entered the fourth day on Sunday.

While the regular stipend for doctors who completed MBBS in India is Rs 29,792 per month, the FMG interns receive either nothing or a nominal Rs 5,000 despite performing identical clinical duties in outpatient departments, wards, and emergency care, the FMGs said. After formal representations and a meeting with the Director of Medical Education (DME), the FMG interns launched a phased protest. After their withdrawal from routine duties, the FMGs have extended the boycott to emergency and casualty services through October 13.

The FMGs' demands include the issuance of orders ensuring the full monthly stipend of Rs 29,792 in line with NMC guidelines, clearance of all unpaid arrears accumulated since January 2026, and protection against punitive actions, extra duties, or attendance retaliation for participating doctors. If the demands are not met, the FMGs plan to hold a protest near the DME office in Koti on October 14.

The Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) is a rigorous licensing exam with pass percentages ranging between 12 and 20 percent . After qualifying, FMGs are allotted mandatory Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internships (CRMI) by the state medical council.

Declare Adilabad Drought-Hit, Demands Jogu Ramanna

Former minister and BRS leader Jogu Ramanna on Sunday demanded that the state government should declare the Adilabad district as drought-affected and waive crop loans and credit Rythu Bandhu into the accounts of farmers immediately, without fail.

Speaking to the media, Jogu Ramanna said the state government failed to take measures to mitigate the drought conditions, though it was evident from the changing weather conditions with El Niño effects since a few months ago in the state and dipping in the groundwater table. He criticised the Adilabad MLA Payal Shankar for not raising the prevailing drought conditions in the Assembly, and now he was talking about Rythu Padayatra and alleged that both BJP MLA and MP Godam Nagesh did not utter a single word against the Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and this shows how they compromised with the CM. Senior BRS leaders Sajidoddin, councillors V. Prakash, Atram Venkat and Dasari Ramesh and others were present.

Telangana govt advisor urges farmers to skip yasangi crop amid drought-like conditions

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In view of the severe impact of El Nino and drought-like conditions in Telangana, state government advisor on agriculture and MLA, P. Sudarshan Reddy, on Sunday appealed to farmers not to cultivate a second crop.

He said that the state is facing a shortage of drinking water, and electricity is also in short supply. In view of the present situation, he advised farmers not to cultivate the Yasangi (Rabi) crop. Reddy said that the water levels in major reservoirs, lakes and tanks have fallen considerably, and groundwater levels have also declined.

He called for urgent measures to address the situation. He said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, along with the Chief Secretary and officials from various departments, is reviewing critical issues such as irrigation water and electricity supply. Special attention is being given to the prevailing conditions across the state.

In Nizamabad district,



particularly in the Singur project area, the available water is primarily being reserved for drinking purposes. Due to insufficient electricity generation in the Nizamsagar and Sri Ram Sagar projects, farmers and the public have been urged to use electricity carefully and conserve water.

The government advisor instructed officials to take appropriate measures to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supplies and prevent wastage. The Singur project is expected to have water available until December 2026, and officials have been directed to prepare plans to manage water resources effectively beyond that period.

Sudarshan Reddy appealed to farmers and the public not to waste water under any circumstances. He emphasised that officials must take strict measures to prevent the unnecessary use of water and ensure that available resources are used responsibly.

He expressed concern that the severe El Nino conditions could worsen the situation if farmers proceed with another crop without adequate water availability. He therefore appealed to farmers not to cultivate the Yasangi crop this season, considering the shortage of irrigation water and electricity.

The government advisor directed officials from the irrigation, agriculture and electricity departments, along with MPDOs and other concerned authorities, to form special committees through gram panchayats in every village. These committees should create awareness among farmers and the public about conserving water and electricity.

Sudarshan Reddy stressed that electricity generation has declined due to inadequate water in the projects and that the state is currently relying heavily on solar power. He urged farmers and the public to cooperate with the government and the concerned departments to overcome the crisis.

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.

Tenant farmers seek Cultivator Cards as Telangana assesses drought, El Nino impact

Tenant farmers in Telangana have expressed concern that any drought relief announced by the State government may benefit landowners while cultivators without formal recognition remain excluded.

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Tenant farmers across Telangana are worried about crop losses this season and the support they may receive from the State government if drought conditions are declared. They fear that any relief announced by the government could benefit landowners, leaving tenant farmers deprived of assistance.

In a preliminary assessment, officials have identified 215 mandals facing drought conditions. Against this backdrop, tenant farmers are concerned that they may be excluded from relief measures as the government is yet to initiate steps to identify them.

Before the 2023 Assembly elections, the Congress party had made several promises to tenant farmers, including the issuance of identification



cards and input subsidies for crop cultivation.

However, nearly three years later, these promises remain unfulfilled. There are nearly 22 lakh tenant farmers in the State. The Telangana Tenant Farmers Recognition Sadhana Committee has been urging the government to recognise tenant farmers and issue Cultivator Cards. Responding to pressure from farmers' organisations, the State government constituted a four-member Cabinet subcommittee headed by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka in August. With the government expected to convene a crucial meeting of Ministers shortly to discuss the impact of El Nino, farmers' organisations are demanding measures to benefit tenant farmers from the current Vanakalam season itself.

They want the registration of cultivators to be made an annual exercise to establish their eligibility for designated schemes and support measures.

The government should also clearly publicise that registration under the 2011 Act does not confer ownership rights or legal title over the land, said B Kondal of the Tenant Farmers Recognition Sadhana Committee. He said landowners should be reassured that issuing Cultivator Cards would not affect their ownership rights.

Tenant farmers are facing severe hardships and want Cultivator Cards issued this season so they can at least sell their produce, Kondal said. Already grappling with the challenges of an El Nino year, they should not be pushed further into debt, he stressed. Large numbers of Cultivator Cards were issued in Telangana before 2014 and during 2015-16. In the undivided Adilabad district, around 10,000 cards were issued between 2018 and 2019, he said.

Plant Crops Only If Own Water Sources Exist, Officials Tell Farmers

NIRMAL
Wakeup telangana

This Rabi (Yasangi) crop season that will officially begin in November, farmers in Telangana, if they plant crops, will have to either go underground or look to the sky for irrigation water. "The question of providing surface irrigation from any reservoirs, major or medium, or small, does not arise. Every drop we have needs to be saved for drinking water requirements in the months to come," a senior irrigation department official said.

Irrigation department officials have made it clear that any requests for irrigation will not be entertained in the Rabi season. "Unless farmers have their own water sources, they should not plant any crops during Rabi. And they may opt for irrigated dry crops if they have access to their own reservoirs.

The minister said a Cabinet delegation led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy would visit New Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union ministers to explain the prevailing situation in Telangana. The delegation would seek a special financial assistance package from the Centre and an increase in the number of workdays for job cardholders under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-G RAM G).

Later, Srinivas Reddy laid the foundation stone

Shabbir Ali Inaugurates Newly Established Meenakshi Hospital in Kamareddy



KAMAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

State Government Adviser Shabbir Ali inaugurated the newly established Meenakshi Hospital on Ramareddy Road in Kamareddy town on Sunday. Municipal Chairperson Ippa Umarani Srinivas, Town Congress President Sandeep, former DCC President Kailas Srinivas, PCC General Secretary Indrakaran Reddy and several Congress leaders attended the ceremony. Councillors, SC Cell District President Balaraju, ST Cell District President Reddy Naik, and other party leaders participated in the programme, marking the opening of the new healthcare facility.

TGO President Krishna Yadav Offers Prayers During Devi Navaratri in Mallapur

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

TGO Hyderabad District President Manyaboina Krishna Yadav, along with his family, visited the Sri Durga Malleshwara Swamy Temple in Chanikyapuri Colony, Mallapur, under Shakti Sai Nagar Division, and offered prayers to Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Devi during the ongoing Devi Navaratri celebrations.

Krishna Yadav performed special rituals and offered Odi Biyyam to the Goddess as part of the



traditional worship. He prayed for the well-being, prosperity and happiness of the public, employees, government officials and residents of Chanikyapuri Colony, seeking the divine blessings of the Goddess for all.

Malkajgiri District Yadava Sangham Women's President M.B. Sri Durga Madhavi Yadav participated in the programme along with several community members and devotees.

Among those who attended were M. Gopal Yadav, M.B. Vinoda Yadav, M.B. Hemalatha Yadav, Kaja Nagamani Yadav, M. Satyanarayana, Pushpalatha, J. Ashok Babu, Vasantha Yadav, Maram Mallikarjun Yadav, Uma Yadav, Ramesh Yadav, Manjula Yadav, Pranitha Yadav, Kalpana Yadav, Satish Yadav, Manasa Yadav, Shiva Yadav, Mounika Yadav, Ajay, Sampoorna Yadav, Puneeth Yadav, Dhanavi Yadav, Kaja Sandhya Rani Yadav, Bhargav Yadav, Varthika Yadav and Sunaina Yadav, among others. The devotees received Theertha Prasadam and prayed for peace, prosperity and happiness in every household.

Cycle Rally Held to Raise Awareness Against Drug Abuse



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Inspector Srinivas Rao of the EAGLE Force flagged off a cycle rally in Hyderabad on Sunday as part of the nationwide Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, aimed at creating awareness about drug abuse and promoting a drug-free society. Organised by the Akshara Spoorthi Foundation, the rally witnessed the participation of BJP MP Dr. K. Laxman and several awareness campaigners. The initiative highlighted the importance of collective efforts to prevent drug abuse, particularly among youth, and encouraged citizens to actively participate in the fight against narcotics.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. K. Laxman said preventing drug abuse was a collective responsibility that required the active involvement of government agencies, educational institutions, voluntary organisations, parents and the general public. He stressed the need to spread awareness about the harmful consequences of drug consumption and protect young people from addiction.

EAGLE Force Director Sandeep Shandilya said the programme highlighted the agency's efforts in enforcement, intelligence gathering and public awareness to combat drug-related activities. He emphasised the importance of cooperation between enforcement agencies and citizens in identifying and preventing drug trafficking.

Participants called upon the public to remain vigilant, support awareness initiatives and report information related to drug abuse and trafficking through the helpline 1908.

The rally concluded with a message urging citizens, particularly young people, to stay away from drugs and contribute towards building a healthier and drug-free society.

D.S.R.K. Prasad Receives Social Service Game Changer Award 2026

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

D.S.R.K. Prasad, Chairman of Prasad Foundation and senior Congress leader from the Sherlingampally constituency, received the prestigious Social Service Game Changer Award 2026 from Viswaguru World Records in recognition of his two decades of social service in Miyapur and surrounding areas.

The award was presented by Telangana High Court Judge Justice Jukanti Anil Kumar at a ceremony held at Prasad Labs in Banjara Hills on Sunday.

Following the recognition, residents of various Miyapur colonies, Prasad Foundation members and



team members congratulated Prasad and felicitated him with shawls, appreciating his continued commitment to community welfare.

Speaking on the occasion, Prasad expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Viswaguru World Records, its organisers and committee members for recognising his social service. He also thanked Prasad Foundation members for their cooperation and active participation in the foundation's welfare initiatives.

Prasad said the award would encourage him to undertake more social service activities and strengthen his efforts to serve the community.

Several foundation members and local leaders, including Leela Prasad, Bhasha, Surender, Parameswara Rao, Srinivas, Rambabu, Shekhar Naidu, Doppalapudi Vinod Chowdary, Bojja Ravikumar, Kamalakar Reddy and others, attended the programme and extended their congratulations.

The recognition highlights Prasad's longstanding involvement in community-oriented initiatives across Miyapur and neighbouring localities.

BMS Unit Calls For 'Chalo Delhi' Protest

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Bharatiya Private Transport Mazdoor Maha Sangh (BPTMM), the industrial unit of the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), has called for a nationwide protest, Chalo Delhi, to fight for the rights of private transport workers at Jantar Mantar on November 19. General secretary Ravi Shankar Alluri issued a 10-point charter of demands, including creation of a Welfare Board for drivers and workers, a ban on white-number-plate commercial bikes operating under digital platforms, a 50 per cent discount on insurance premiums, and fixing the annual FASTag toll fee at ₹73,500 for single-owner vehicles. Other demands include construction of rest houses, canteens, drinking water facilities and medical centres along highways, revival of licence renewal for auto-rickshaw drivers, and an end to illegal collections by RTO officials and police. The union also urged the government to declare February 6 as National Drivers' Day to mark the death anniversary of Colonel Nizamuddin, driver of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, and sought postal ballot voting rights for highway drivers on election duty.

Sriramsagar project Releases Water for Agriculture, Drinking Water Needs

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

For the first time, Telangana Irrigation officials released around 10,000 cusecs of water into Kakatiya, Saraswati, and Laxmi main canals from Sriramsagar project. Presently, water level in Sriramsagar project is 1079.90 feet as against full reservoir level (FRL) of 1090.00 feet. Though there are no inflows into the Sriramsagar project, officials have released 9,152 cusecs of water on Sunday. Kakatiya main canal received 6,500 cusecs, Mission Bhageeratha 231 cusecs, Alisagar 540 cusecs, Gutpa 405 cusecs, Saraswati canal 670 cusecs, and Laxmi canal 285 cusecs.

Currently, 44.713 TMC of water storage is available in the Sriramsagar project. Evaporation losses are expected to be 521 cusecs. Following the rains, River Godavari brought 42.618 TMC of water into the Sriramsagar project from June 1, 2026. Outflows from the project from June 1 stand at 13.911 TMC till Sunday from June 1, 2026. Owing to compulsions, water from the Lower Manair Dam (LMD) will be utilised for agriculture and drinking water needs in Nizamabad, Nirmal, Adilabad, Kamareddy, Jagtial, and Karimnagar districts. Earlier, SRSP officials also released water into Kakatiya main canal for immersion of Ganesh idols in Jagtial and Karimnagar districts. At the time, officials had alerted people to stay away from the banks of SRSP canals in north Telangana districts to avoid .

Ponguleti Asks Farmers Not to Invite Troubles by Taking Second Crop Cultivation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Sunday advised farmers against taking up a second crop this year in view of adverse weather conditions attributed to El Nino and declining water levels in irrigation projects and reservoirs. The minister said water levels in irrigation projects and reservoirs had reached a critical stage and urged farmers and the public to remain cautious. Speaking after distributing Kalyana Lakshmi cheques to beneficiaries at his camp office in Kusumanchi, Khammam district, Srinivas Reddy said the state government was making every effort to protect the first crop, for which farmers had undertaken cultivation.

He advised farmers to follow government advisories and avoid sowing a second crop, warning that inadequate water availability could lead to crop failure and financial losses. Expressing concern over the shortage of electricity, the minister said power, which was earlier available at `7 to `8 per unit, was now difficult to procure even at `15 per



unit across the country. He directed officials to take immediate measures to prevent drinking water shortages in the coming months in view of declining groundwater levels and reduced storage in reservoirs.

The minister said a Cabinet delegation led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy would visit New Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union ministers to explain the prevailing situation in Telangana. The delegation would seek a special financial assistance package from the Centre and an increase in the number of workdays for job cardholders under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-G RAM G).

Later, Srinivas Reddy laid the foundation stone for the Mangali Thanda-Dubba Thanda blacktop road, to be constructed at a cost of `.63 crore from Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) funds. He also launched works on an overhead water tank and pipeline project at Jujjul Ravupeta, estimated to cost `45 lakh, and inaugurated a new gram panchayat office building at Mangali Thanda, constructed at a cost of `20 lakh. District collector Diwakar T.S., Congress leaders and elected representatives of local bodies attended the programmes.

Indian Railways throws open 3,584 jobs for young graduates

NEW DELHI,
Wakeup telangana

Indian Railways has announced 3,548 graduate-level vacancies for jobs under the Non-Technical Popular Categories (NTPC–Graduate), which provide opportunities for graduates to work across different functional areas of railway operations and administration, according to an official statement issued on Sunday. The recruitment through Centralized Employment Notification issued by the Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) covers four categories of posts, including Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor, Goods Train Manager, Junior Accounts Assistant Cum Typist, and Senior Clerk Cum Typist. These positions offer career opportunities across commercial services, train operations, accounts and administration, supporting the efficient functioning of railway services across the country, the statement said.Of the total 3,548 vacancies, as many as 2,750 are for Goods Train Manager, followed by 371 for Senior Clerk Cum Typist, 300 for Junior Accounts Assistant Cum Typist, and 127 for Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor.

The posts offer initial basic pay under the Seventh Central Pay Commission. Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor carries an initial basic pay of Rs 35,400 per month at Pay Level 6, while the other three categories carry an initial basic pay of Rs 29,200 per month at Pay Level 5. Applicable allowances and service conditions will be governed by the relevant rules.The online application process commenced on October 8, and eligible candidates can submit their applications until 11:59 p.m. on November 6. The last date for payment of the examination fee is November 8, while the application modification window is scheduled from November 9 to 18 November.Candidates must possess a degree from a recognized university or its equivalent and fulfil the prescribed post-specific eligibility conditions. The notified age limit is 18-33 years as on January 1, 2027, with applicable age relaxations for eligible categories under the prescribed rules.

The selection process comprises a first-stage Computer-Based Test (CBT), a second-stage CBT, followed by document verification and medical examination, as applicable. The recruitment framework also provides applicable reservation and age-relaxation benefits, along with scribe assistance and compensatory time for eligible candidates with disabilities, in accordance with the prescribed provisions.Another provision under CEN No. 06/2026 is the dispensation of the Computer-Based Typing Skill Test (CBTST) for the posts of Junior Accounts Assistant Cum Typist and Senior Clerk Cum Typist. Candidates are nevertheless expected to possess basic computer and typing proficiency, which will be assessed after joining, as specified in the notification, the statement said.Candidates can access the detailed notification, vacancy distribution, eligibility criteria and recruitment updates through the official Railway Recruitment Boards website:https://rrb.indianrailways.gov.in

BJP Mahila Morcha to Protest Congress Over MP Sexual Exploitation Case

NEW DELHI,
Wakeup telangana



The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s Mahila Morcha has announced a protest march to the Congress headquarters on Monday, over its alleged "protection and patronage" of a party MP despite him being 'held guilty' of sexual exploitation of female students at the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). The BJP's Mahila Morcha said on Sunday that its protest march will start from the 'Andhra Education Society School' on Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg at 11 a.m. on Monday and will proceed to the Congress headquarters, 'Indira Bhawan', followed by a demonstration in front of the headquarters.

The agitation titled 'Nari Shakti Hunkar Andolan' is against the "political protection" provided to Congress MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, despite him being dismissed from the Jawaharlal Nehru University over alleged sexual harassment of 11 female students.

The demonstration will be led by BJP Mahila Morcha National President Roop Kumari Chaudhary and Mahila Morcha In-charge Daggubati Purandeswari and will see several party women MPs, MLAs, Councillors and party's Mahila Morcha workers taking to the streets to register strong protest against "anti-women and hypocritical" conduct of the Congress and Rahul Gandhi.

The controversy erupted sometime ago over the serving Congress MP as well as professor, being accused of sexually exploiting girls over examination marks.

The University, in its internal committee report on October 9, found the charges against him "substantiated" and subsequently dismissed him.

"Despite significant action and outcry from 11 female students, the silence of Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge proves that entire Congress party stands firmly with its MP in support of this heinous act, providing him with full protection," the BJP's Women Wing said in a statement.

It alleged that the "silence" from Rahul Gandhi and the Congress leadership is no coincidence and rather part of a long-standing pattern of shielding offenders.

It also claimed that several female leaders previously exposed heinous practices, such as the "casting couch" within the party but the grand old party kept shielding the perpetrators.

"In 2023, amid allegations of harassment and gender discrimination, the Congress expelled the complainant—Ankita Dutta—rather than the accused, B.V. Srinivas," it said in a press note.

Despite Detention, Hundreds Marched Towards Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Notwithstanding massive detentions and continued police crackdowns on the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) stir seeking the resignation of Chief Election Commission Gyanesh Kumar over alleged "votechori" during the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, hundreds of protesters raised slogans and marched towards Jantar Mantar on the second day on Sunday. Despite the Supreme Court orders against illegal detentions, over 200 protesters were detained. Angry over the alleged police brutality, the CJP has now called for a nationwide movement to push its demand for CEC's resignation, saying, "Jantar Manter 2.0 is on."

"We are on the streets; we will stay on the streets. We will abide by the Constitution," said Students Federation of India (SFI) leader Aishe Ghosh while announcing the Jantar Mantar 2.0 at a press conference in the national capital. Members of several student organisations, including the All India Students' Association (AISA) and the Krantikari Yuva Sangathan (KYS), along with CJP and SFI supporters, were detained while trying to march to Jantar Mantar from different parts of the capital.

Central Delhi remained under heavy security arrangements to stop the protesters. As Jantar Mantar remained out of bounds, the protestors on Sunday shifted focus to nearby Connaught Place and swarmed its streets and bylanes, making the popular tourist destination a battleground of barricades, slogans, confrontation and detentions. While Saturday saw flash protests, on Sunday the protesters were more concentrated in one area, raising slogans for Mr Kumar's resignation. They marched towards Jantar Mantar when security personnel pounced upon them and bundled them in buses. There were allegations of police brutality and Right-wing groups aiding the cops in assaulting protestors. Among those detained were CPI(M) MP John Brittas, AISA president Neha Bora, students, activists and journalists.

The AISA president clung to a barricade as security personnel dragged her away. The SFI alleged that male police personnel assaulted women protesters, including its leader Aishe Ghosh. It also claimed that Father Biju Xavier, vicar of Sacred Heart Church, was detained while recording the alleged police action.

TMC MP Abhishek Gets Fresh Summons From Cops

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Diamond Harbour Trinamul Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee has been summoned again for questioning by the Shakespeare Sarani police station on Monday in the case of unauthorised billboard removal in August from his party office on Camac Street in the city. On Sunday, a team of cops visited Mr Banerjee's residence in Kalighat area and served him the notice a day after his return to the city from New Delhi.

They earlier visited the same address on October 7 to deliver the summons. Mr Banerjee was however in New Delhi then to attend the INDIA bloc's meeting with his aunt and former chief minister Mamata Banerjee. According to sources, the police want to quiz the young MP afresh in connection with one of the three cases lodged over the billboard removal. Mr Banerjee earlier faced questioning by the cops at Shakespeare Sarani police station in the case after physically appearing.

NDA Defends Crackdown on CJP Protesters

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The NDA on Sunday defended the police crackdown on Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protesters in Delhi and slammed the Opposition for allegedly spreading propaganda against the government. Union minister Chirag Paswan claimed that the CJP's protests over alleged irregularities in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls were an attempt to create anarchy in the country.

Speaking to reporters in Patna, Paswan said peaceful protests were legitimate in a democracy but warned that anti-social elements could exploit such agitations to pursue their own agendas. "I believe that yesterday's protest was meant to promote anarchy. In such a situation, the central government appropriately brought the situation under control," he said. The Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) president accused CJP leaders of misleading young people and attempting to create disorder. He said such elements must be identified and stopped.

Paswan said his party did not support the use of force, particularly against young people, but maintained that Delhi Police had to take a tough stand to prevent the situation from deteriorating. His remarks marked a shift from his position ahead of Saturday's protests, when he had questioned whether cancelling trains could stop the country's youth, apparently referring to restrictions imposed in Delhi.

The minister also criticised the Congress for allegedly inconveniencing Delhi residents through repeated demonstrations. He accused the party of remaining silent on sexual assault allegations involving a Jawaharlal Nehru University professor whom he described as a Congress MP. Rejecting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations of "vote theft" through the SIR exercise, Paswan said the Congress was blaming the electoral system for its declining public support.

He challenged the Congress to ask its elected representatives to resign if it believed the electoral process was compromised. Paswan asserted that democracy in India remained secure and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was committed to governing in accordance with the Constitution. Responding to Opposition suggestions that he resign over the law-and-order situation in Bihar, Paswan said quitting the government.

11 Indians injured in attack on Riyadh airport: Indian Embassy

SRINAGAR
Wakeup telangana

A total of 11 Indians were injured in the attack on Riyadh airport, the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia said on Sunday. "Embassy of India, Riyadh has been following up on the dastardly attack on Riyadh airport yesterday in which 12 people unfortunately died and more than 300 were injured," the Embassy said on X.

"It is learnt that 11 Indians are among those injured in the attack. Embassy has been in touch with local authorities to enquire about their well being. Our officials have also reached out to the hospital authorities. We will provide further updates as they become available," it added.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar also noted that the Indian Embassy is doing everything necessary.

"Our Embassy is doing everything necessary in this difficult situation. May follow their updates," he said on X, sharing the post of the Embassy. An attack targeting King Khalid International Airport in the Saudi capital on Saturday afternoon killed 12 people and injured 309 others, the Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation said, as Yemen's Houthi group and Saudi Arabia continued exchanging strikes on major airports.

The Saudi aviation authority said in a statement early Sunday that the fatalities included four Saudi citizens and eight foreign residents -- two Bangladeshis and one each from the United States, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Palestine, and Sudan, Xinhua news agency reported. The injured are receiving treatment at several hospitals, with some in serious condition, the authority said.

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He also visited the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Research Centre and Sri Jalakandeshwar Temple on the IIT Madras campus during his engagements in Chennai.

During the event, Vijay highlighted several issues concerning Tamil Nadu, including the reported delay in releasing ₹5,110 crore under the Samagra Shiksha scheme. He also raised concerns over the three-language policy and sought financial assistance and approvals for various infrastructure projects.Modi said his commitment to Tamil Nadu remained unchanged despite having worked with several chief ministers, including J. Jayalalithaa, O. Panneerselvam, Edappadi K. Palaniswami and M. K. Stalin.The cordial interaction between Modi and Vijay drew attention, with both leaders jointly participating in the metro inauguration and project launches.

Modi announced plans to develop VOC Port in Thoothukudi as a world-class mega container and green energy hub at an estimated cost of ₹17,000 crore. The proposed project is expected to accommodate ultra-large container vessels and strengthen Tamil Nadu's position in global trade and transportation.Highlighting the state's industrial strength, Modi said Tamil Nadu accounted for more than 40 per cent of India's electronics exports, with companies such as Foxconn and Tata Electronics operating in the state.He also outlined initiatives to upgrade fishing harbours and develop fishing landing centres with improved cold-chain facilities.The Prime Minister reiterated that cooperative federalism and the development of states were essential to India's overall economic progress.

Opposition Stir.....

Alleging that an undeclared Emergency had been imposed, Kharge said he and Gandhi had sought the CJI's intervention. "We have sought a time between 4 and 5 pm. We will also apprise him, as we cannot demand. Only with folded hands, we can request him," he said. "With folded hands we will apprise him of the situation. Chaos is being created in the country by the home minister and the prime minister, and everywhere an undeclared emergency is imposed," Kharge added. The proposed march follows two days of protests in Delhi against the SIR exercise and the Chief Election Commissioner. On Friday, I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders marched from Parliament to Vijay Chowk and later submitted a memorandum to President Droupadi Murmu. The BJP and the Election Commission have rejected the Opposition's allegations of electoral manipulation.

Congress Flags.....

Citing the report, he said only 23 of the agency's 39 sanctioned posts were occupied, leaving 41 per cent vacant. He said the NTA depended heavily on private contractors for examination-related work. Ramesh pointed out that permanent positions were filled through deputation, with officers serving for two to three years, affecting the development of institutional expertise. He also criticised the absence of a nationwide blacklist of companies involved in examination-related irregularities, alleging that firms blacklisted in one state could secure contracts elsewhere.

The Congress leader raised concerns over the lack of publicly accessible NEET-UG results and examination centre-wise data, saying these shortcomings made it difficult to identify suspicious performance patterns. He criticised the practice of giving additional charge of the NTA director general's post to officers holding other responsibilities, particularly during the period of examination controversies.

Ramesh also questioned the agency's financial priorities, pointing to a cumulative revenue surplus of Rs 590 crore, which had been invested in fixed deposits. The parliamentary committee has recommended a legislative framework to make the NTA accountable to both Houses of Parliament. It also called for strengthening examination infrastructure, reducing dependence on private contractors and improving transparency. The report noted that the cancellation of NEET-UG 2026 following allegations of a question paper leak underscored the need for stronger safeguards. Ramesh urged the government to act on the recommendations without political considerations.

CRIME

Cybercrime Teams Arrest Two Over ₹70-Crore Fraud Network

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad cybercrime police have arrested two persons for allegedly arranging around 70 mule bank accounts used in more than 450 cyber fraud cases across the country, involving transactions worth approximately ₹70 crore.The arrested persons were identified as Gumma Ramesh and 19-year-old Mudale Anil, both residents of Ramanthapur. According to Deputy Commissioner of Police (Cybercrime) S. Chaitanya Kumar, the arrests were made following credible information about their alleged involvement in supplying bank accounts and SIM cards to cyber fraudsters.Police said Ramesh allegedly established contacts with cybercriminals and, along with an associate who remains absconding, persuaded students, delivery partners and other individuals to provide their bank accounts and SIM cards in return for commissions. The accounts and associated SIM cards were allegedly collected and couriered to Haryana, where they were reportedly used to facilitate cyber fraud transactions.Investigators suspect that the accounts served as channels for transferring money obtained from victims of online scams, making it difficult to trace the funds and identify the perpetrators. The investigation is expected to establish the complete network of individuals involved in collecting, supplying and operating the accounts.During questioning, Anil allegedly admitted to opening three bank accounts and handing over their credentials to Ramesh. Police are investigating whether additional accounts were opened or supplied through the alleged network and are examining the possible involvement of other persons.The case came to light after a victim lodged a complaint on September 25, stating that they had been cheated of ₹7,93,351. According to the complaint, the victim was allegedly lured by a promise that an old ₹1 currency note could be exchanged for ₹45 lakh. The promise was allegedly used as bait to induce the victim to part with the money.Following the complaint, cybercrime investigators traced the suspected financial trail and gathered information that led to the identification and arrest of the two accused.Police are continuing their investigation to determine the extent of the alleged racket, identify other suspects and establish links between the mule accounts and the reported cyber fraud cases across the country.The case highlights the risks associated with sharing bank account details, SIM cards and banking credentials for commissions. Police have urged the public, particularly students and job seekers, to avoid such offers, as allowing others to use personal bank accounts can expose .

20-Yr-Old Biker Sustains Severe Neck Injuries After Contact With Manja

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 20-year-old bike rider sustained severe neck injuries reportedly after coming into contact with a stretch of 'manja' strung across the road, Jeedimetla police said. Police said one end of the manja was found tied to an electric pole. According to detective inspector Ch. Dhanunjay, the survivor, Manish, a native of Bihar, was a resident of Ayodhyanagar, Quthbullapur and works at a plastic company in Subhashnagar. Police said the incident occurred when Manish was bike with his friends.
Manish fell down after hitting the manja, with blood from the wound on his neck. His friends and passers-by summoned an ambulance. The ambulance personnel staunched the bleeding and shifted him to a local hospital. Dhanunjay stated that Manish was now in a stable condition. He said that an investigation is underway to determine where the manja came from. and who had tied it to the electricity pole.

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.

Man sets mother ablaze after argument in Medak, arrested

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a shocking incident, a man killed his mother by setting her ablaze after dousing her with diesel at their residence at Yellupet in Tekmal mandal on Saturday.
The woman, Karre Sayavva (42), died instantly and her son, Durgesh (22), was taken into custody. Police said Durgesh, an autodriver, was living in Hyderabad and returned to the village at around 5 pm on Saturday evening. When he saw his mother talking to neighbours, Durgesh called her inside, doused her with diesel and set her on fire following an argument.
However, locals said Durgesh arrived at the home with the intention of killing his mother. She died on the spot after suffering severe burn injuries. Although police have not yet ascertained the exact reason behind the killing, there were reportedly serious differences between the mother and son. Police have registered a case and an investigation is underway.

Malkajgiri Traffic Police Book 105 Drunk-Driving Cases in Two Days

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Malkajgiri Traffic Police booked 105 drunk-driving cases during a special enforcement drive conducted by the Traffic Trimulgherry Division on October 9 and 10, 2026, warning motorists against the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol.
Acting on the instructions of Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police B. Sumathi, IPS, and under the supervision of Traffic-I DCP K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, the police registered 62 cases on October 9 and another 43 cases on October 10.
During the enforcement drive, police observed that even drivers of emergency service vehicles, including ambulances, were found violating drunk-driving regulations. Such irresponsible conduct can put the lives of critically ill patients, injured persons, fellow motorists and the drivers themselves at serious risk.
The police emphasised that drunk driving is a serious traffic offence that can lead to fatal road accidents and irreversible consequences. Motorists were urged to avoid driving after consuming alcohol, strictly follow traffic regulations and prioritise road safety.
The Malkajgiri Traffic Police reiterated their commitment to enforcing traffic rules and creating awareness about responsible driving. The public was advised to arrange alternative transportation after consuming alcohol rather than risk lives by driving. The police issued a strong message to all motorists: "One Drink, One Wrong Decision, A Lifetime of Regret."

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.



Vionara Brings India's Top Designers Under One Roof in Hyderabad

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Vionara, a curated multi-designer fashion store, has opened at Kimtee Banjara Heights, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, bringing together emerging and established Indian designers under one roof. The store was inaugurated by Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, Vice-Chairperson, Telangana State Planning Board and In-charge of CM Prajavani; Kanika Tekriwal, Founder and CEO of JetSetGo; and Kamini Saraf, National Vice-Chairperson of FICCI FLO.

Founded by Hritviekha R. Jain and Rekha Kimtee, Vionara aims to bridge the gap between online fashion discovery and the assurance of shopping in person. Customers can explore exclusive designer collections, experience fabrics and fits firsthand, and try on outfits before purchasing.



Esteemed Guests Smt Gadwal Vijaylaksmi (5th from left), Vice Chairperson, Telangana State Planning Board & Incharge CM Prajavani; & Smt. Kanika Tekriwal (3rd from left), Founder & CEO, JetSetGo; at the unveiling of VIONARA - a curated space celebrating India's finest designers; today at VIONARA, Road No 12, Banjara Hills. Rekha Kimtee, Hritviekha R Jain, Founders, Vionara & Deepak Kimtee, promoter, Vionara; were present on the occasion.

Unlike conventional single-brand outlets, the store features labels from across India, including collections not readily available in Hyderabad. Its designer portfolio includes Samant Chauhan, Siddharth Bansal, Swati Vijaywargiya, Abraham Thakore and Mandira Wirk, alongside emerging talents such as Jhubhinav Chadhav, Rimi Nayak, Swatee Singh, Angsa and several others.

The collections span Western wear, Indo-Western outfits, festive ensembles, menswear, accessories, footwear, bags, perfumes and silver jewellery. Limited-edition festive collections also cater to customers seeking distinctive outfits for weddings, celebrations and special occasions.

Vionara combines its physical retail experience with a digital catalogue, enabling customers to discover fashion online and shop confidently in-store. Personalised services include one-on-one styling consultations, occasion-based outfit curation, wardrobe edits, advance reservations and priority previews of new arrivals.

Founder Hritviekha R. Jain said the store brings together contemporary luxury and timeless aesthetics, catering to customers seeking versatile and distinctive fashion. Co-founder Rekha Kimtee said Vionara aims to make premium designer prêt collections more accessible in Hyderabad while providing independent designers with an affordable offline platform.

Kanika Tekriwal praised the diverse collection of Indian, Western, menswear and festive fashion, recommending the store for Navratri shopping. Kamini Saraf highlighted its extensive range, from prêt to couture, and its appeal to fashion-conscious shoppers.

With its emphasis on curated collections, personalised service and designer diversity, Vionara seeks to establish itself as a distinctive fashion destination in Hyderabad.

India Inc Credit Quality Strengthens Despite Global Uncertainty

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Indian companies demonstrated strong financial resilience in the first half of fiscal 2027 (H1FY27), with credit quality improving despite geopolitical tensions, elevated energy prices, inflationary pressures and global economic uncertainty, according to CareEdge Ratings.

The credit ratio, representing the proportion of rating upgrades to downgrades, nearly doubled to 3.95 times in H1FY27 from 1.93 times in the second half of FY26. During the period, CareEdge Ratings recorded 300 upgrades against 76 downgrades. The upgrade rate increased to 16%, exceeding the 10-year average of 15%, while the downgrade rate declined to a record-low 4%.

Corporate financial health has also improved significantly over the past decade. Between 2016 and 2026, overall gearing nearly halved from 1.04 times to 0.50 times, while PBILDT margins rose from 10% to 14%. Interest coverage improved from 4.10 times to 7.59 times, strengthening companies' ability to withstand economic shocks.

Sachin Gupta, Executive Director and Chief Rating Officer at CareEdge Ratings, attributed the improvement to resilient domestic consumption, increased investment, a healthy external position and stronger corporate balance sheets. He said these factors provided confidence in the Indian economy despite challenging global conditions.

The manufacturing and services sector's credit ratio improved to 2.84 times from 2.06 times. Upgrades were supported by domestic demand in automobiles, textiles, jewellery, steel, capital goods and real estate. However, higher energy costs, inflation and trade uncertainties remain concerns.

Infrastructure recorded the sharpest improvement, with its credit ratio reaching 8.31 times against 1.67 times previously. Even after adjusting for a major portfolio-level rating action, the ratio remained around five times. Project commissioning and timely payments supported upgrades, although execution delays and working capital pressures affected some companies.

The banking, financial services and insurance sector also strengthened, with its credit ratio rising to 5.40 times from 2.25 times. Stable asset quality and improved capitalisation supported performance, although smaller microfinance-focused lenders continued to face stress.

CareEdge Ratings maintained a stable near-term outlook but cautioned that geopolitical developments, energy prices, inflation and trade policies could test corporate resilience in the second half of FY27.

Kashmiri handicrafts on path to revival as exports cross Rs 1,100 crore: Report

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Kashmir's handicraft industry is on a path to revival after the turbulent years of militancy and the Covid-19 pandemic, with exports crossing Rs 1,100 crore and the Jammu and Kashmir government setting a Rs 2,000-crore export target, a report said.

According to a report in India Narrative, many traditional artisans have found new markets within the country and globally, bringing hope for a new lease of life to the struggling sector.

"Kashmiri artisans now have a direct pathway to bulk buyers and high-end export markets by combining traditional craftsmanship with better materials, contemporary design, quality certification, and access to international showrooms. This is helping transform centuries-old craftsmanship into globally competitive products while preserving the skills, stories, and cultural heritage," Gulam Sadiq, a third-generation artisan from Baramulla, said, as per the report.

Citing the Jammu and Kashmir Economic Survey 2025-26, the report said handicrafts and handloom support about 4.45 lakh artisans and craftsmen in the Union Territory.

Woollen shawls alone account for Rs 477.25 crore of exports, while carpets account for Rs 317 crore.

"Of late, the Jammu and Kashmir government has also started giving a global push to the sector, setting out a target to expand handicraft exports, modernise traditional crafts, improve artisans' skills, strengthen market access, and promote GI-certified products globally," Noor Hasan, a Kashmiri trader, told India Narrative.

The government's policy envisages export subsidies, marketing support, design development and infrastructure, with Dubai, London, Singapore, Paris, New York, Milan, and Tokyo among the international markets being explored, according to the report.

"The government's Rs 2,000-crore export target should therefore be regarded as a milestone rather than a destination," it said.

In 2025, the government trained about 11,000 people in carpet weaving to preserve and revive the craft, and in April 2026, it constituted a Handicrafts Quality Control Council to protect the authenticity and reputation of Kashmiri crafts, the report noted.

GI tagging has also brought a positive change to the sector, it said.

Nifty, Sensex end eight-week losing streak as IT stocks drive market rebound

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Indian equity benchmarks ended higher on Friday, breaking an eight-week losing streak, but market experts believe the sustainability of the rebound will depend on whether the indices can overcome key technical hurdles in the coming sessions.

The Nifty rose 1.3 per cent to close at 22,520.45, while the Sensex gained 1.23 per cent to settle at 72,472.33. Gains were led by information technology stocks after encouraging quarterly earnings and strong international business growth trends boosted sentiment.

For the week, the Nifty advanced 0.44 per cent and the Sensex rose 0.78 per cent. However, the recovery followed a prolonged correction during which the Nifty and Sensex had declined 8.7 per cent and 8.4 per cent, respectively, over the previous eight weeks.

According to experts, the recent gains indicate early signs of stabilisation, but confirmation of a sustained recovery will require the indices to break above important resistance zones. Until then, volatility is likely to remain elevated.

"For the Nifty, the 22,200-22,250 zone is being viewed as a crucial support area, while 22,750-22,800 represents immediate resistance," experts stated.

Experts said a decisive break below 22,200 could revive the broader downtrend, whereas a sustained move above 22,800 may open the door for a rally towards 23,100 and 23,300.

Analysts noted that while the Nifty has managed to end its eight-week losing streak, a single week of gains is insufficient to confirm a trend reversal. Sustained buying interest and broader market participation will be critical for strengthening bullish momentum.

"Another key support range for the benchmark lies between 22,200 and 22,400. Holding above this area could help the index recover towards the 23,000-23,300 zone. Conversely, a breakdown below support may drag the Nifty towards 21,700-22,000," market watchers noted.

Nadella calls for AI emergency brake, warns firms against trusting advanced models

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Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella has urged companies deploying advanced artificial intelligence (AI) systems to treat powerful models as potential insider threats, assume they could be compromised and establish emergency mechanisms to halt their operations if they behave unexpectedly.

Nadella said organisations should not rely solely on assurances from AI developers but must build safeguards that allow authorised personnel to pause or shut down AI models while they are executing tasks.

"We must assume a model is compromised and contain it from the start," Nadella wrote in a post on X, comparing the proposed safeguard to an emergency brake that can stop a model in the middle of a task.

His remarks come amid growing concerns over the security risks associated with increasingly capable AI systems, particularly agentic models that can independently perform tasks, interact with external systems and take actions with limited human intervention.



nAI Inc. have disclosed several incidents in recent months involving their AI models behaving in unintended ways. These include an Anthropic model submitting a false tip in a police homicide case and multiple hacks involving third-party websites, intensifying discussions about the need for an effective AI kill switch and stronger oversight mechanisms.

Nadella outlined a series of measures that companies should adopt to minimise these risks. These include avoiding dependence on a single AI model for critical decisions, maintaining tamper-proof records of AI agents' actions and subjecting systems to independent audits. He also called for greater transparency regarding significant AI failures and security breaches, urging companies to share information about incidents and corrective measures so that other organisations can strengthen their own safeguards.

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COSMOS DIAMONDS UNVEILS ITS NEW STORE IN HYDERABAD

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Cosmos Diamonds, Bengaluru-based lab-grown diamond jewellery brand known for its transparency-led approach and heritage-inspired designs has today launched its first flagship store in Hyderabad at Jubilee Hills, Road No 36. The launch marks an exciting new chapter for the brand as it brings its distinctive blend of contemporary design, meaningful craftsmanship and customer-first values to the city.

The launch of Cosmos Lab Grown Diamonds' flagship store in Hyderabad brought together several prominent personalities from the city, who visited the store to experience the brand's innovative approach to lab-grown diamonds and explore its collections. Among those in attendance were Srijana Gummala, Municipal Commissioner for Cyberabad, Dr. Suhas B. Shetty of Iceberg Organic Ice Cream, Sundari Patibandla of iSprout, Dr. Preeti Reddy, and TG Bharath (Minister for Industries and Commerce). Their presence added distinction to the occasion, marking an important milestone in the brand's expansion into Hyderabad.

The store opening coincides with the auspicious first day of Navaratri—a celebration of feminine strength, renewal and new beginnings. The occasion reflects Cosmos Diamonds' founding belief: a brand built by women, for women,



with a focus on making the diamond-buying journey more transparent, accessible and personal.

"Hyderabad is an important milestone in the Cosmos Diamonds journey. We started with a personal belief that buying diamonds should feel clear, confident and joyful. To bring Cosmos to Hyderabad on the first day of Navaratri feels especially meaningful. Our journey—from a bedroom startup to sending a diamond to space—has always been about challenging conventions and creating new possibilities for women," said Sanjana Tripuramallu, Founder, Cosmos Diamonds.

Cosmos Diamonds offers a wide variety of lab-grown diamond jewellery, with designs intended to suit different styles, occasions and personal expressions—from everyday pieces to jewellery for life's milestone moments. The brand brings together modern sensibilities and heritage-inspired design, giving customers a broad selection to explore.

Putting customer confidence first, Cosmos Diamonds also offers a 100% buyback and exchange policy, positioning it as the only lab-grown diamond brand to provide this commitment, according to the company. Customers are encouraged to review the applicable terms and conditions at the store.

Cosmos Lab Grown Diamonds currently operates two retail stores, with one located in HSR Layout, Bengaluru, and the other in Governorpet, Vijayawada. Building on its growing presence in the Indian market, the brand has outlined an ambitious retail expansion strategy aimed at strengthening its footprint across key cities and emerging markets.

As part of its growth roadmap, Cosmos Lab Grown Diamonds plans to expand into prominent markets, including more locations in Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, Mumbai, Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Warangal, Khammam, Karimnagar and Coimbatore, among other major cities. This strategic expansion reflects the brand's commitment to making lab-grown diamonds more accessible to consumers across India while reinforcing its position in the evolving diamond jewellery retail landscape.

FM Sitharaman holds talks with top bankers on cross-border financial flows

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday held a discussion in Singapore with Standard Chartered Bank Group Chief Executive Bill Winters on opportunities to strengthen trade finance, cross-border banking, and financial flows in support of India's growing engagement with global markets.

Other top officials of the bank, including Group Chief Operating Officer Tanuj Kapilashrami, CEO Singapore, ASEAN & South Asia Patrick Lee, and Director, Government Affairs, Group Public & Regulatory Affairs Colin Tung, also participated in the meeting.

Views were also exchanged on enabling wider AI adoption through appropriate tax and regulatory frameworks and opportunities to establish and expand treasury centres at GIFT IFSC, according to a Finance Ministry statement.

Sitharaman is on a three-day official visit to Singapore. On Friday, she met Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and held discussions on ways to further strengthen economic, financial, investment and business ties between the two countries.

She shared select projects from the National Investment and Infrastructure

Summer H. Howell likes to journal get rid off heavy characters

Actress Summer H. Howell, who is receiving positive responses for her recently released streaming miniseries Carrie, has revealed that journaling helps her process emotionally intense characters and clear her mind after demanding performances.Speaking to IANS during the promotional campaign for the series alongside co-star Samantha Sloyan, Howell discussed the challenges of working on a physically and emotionally demanding production and the importance of maintaining a healthy routine.The actress explained that her schedule often left her with limited personal time, as filming involved long working hours and physically challenging scenes. She said she frequently spent 12-hour days covered in blood, mud and other materials required for the shoot.“Well, I have limited time when you're working 12-hour days



and a lot of those are covered in blood head to toe or mud or whatever else they want to throw at me,” Howell told IANS.She added that her primary responsibility was to remain healthy throughout the production, ensuring she could return home, eat properly and sleep on time, even when she felt like staying awake to enjoy her personal time.However, journaling became another important part of her routine, helping her keep track of her thoughts and process the emotional weight of the characters she portrayed.“But yeah, I also journal a lot,” she said, emphasising the importance of reflecting on her experiences and maintaining a positive outlook.“So, keeping track of things mentally, being grateful through it all because there's no reason not to,” Howell added.Based on Stephen King's novel of the same name, Carrie follows a socially isolated teenager navigating high school, bullying and her complicated relationship with her oppressive mother, Margaret, while discovering her telekinetic abilities.Director Mike Flanagan brings a contemporary perspective to the familiar story, exploring issues such as cyberbullying, online humiliation and the pressures faced by teenagers in the social media era.The miniseries also delves deeper into the psychological roots of cruelty, victimhood and revenge, expanding several characters and giving the narrative greater room to explore their motivations and emotional struggles.Brian De Palma's 1976 film adaptation remains the best-known screen version of King's novel. The new series, however, uses its extended format to examine the characters and themes in greater depth.

Priyanka Chahar Choudhary reminisces famous Parliamentary tussle between Lalu Prasad Yadav, Mamata Banerjee

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Actress Priyanka Chahar Choudhary, who can be currently seen in the reality streaming show ‘Rise and Fall’, recently got a chance to meet politician Lalu Prasad Yadav during the show.

A clip from the show has surfaced on social media, and it shows the actress recollecting a parliamentary speech of the politician where he told Mamata Banerjee that her demands won’t be met unless she raises them.

She told him on the show, “I watch all your videos. Sometimes I search your name on Instagram and scroll all your reels. I like you a lot. You look very funny. And your talks make me laugh a lot”.

Lalu Prasad Yadav was in the show for his son Tej Pratap Yadav.

She then recollected the incident from the Parliament, as she said, “They say that it is not right that the rail was asked for. They say that it was not asked for. They say that if it was not asked for, it will not be found. You are very funny”.

Meanwhile, ‘Rise and Fall’ features 15 contestants competing over 42 days in a game built around power, strategy, alliances and shifting fortunes. The contestants are divided between the Rulers, who control the game from the Tower, and Workers, who live in the Basement and fight for opportunities to move up.

Season 2 introduces an additional layer of audience participation, with viewers getting the power to influence who becomes a Ruler or Worker.

Swara Bhasker, Karan Patel, Priyanka Chahar Choudhary, Shehzad Poonawalla, Gautam Gulati, Tej Pratap Yadav, Sara Gurpal and Kajal Raghwani are a part of the show. The series marks Virender Sehwag’s streaming debut as a reality-show host.

Produced by Banijay Asia, the show is available to stream on Amazon MX Player.

Telangana Athletes Win Multiple Medals at National Rifle, Pistol and Slingshot Championships

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Athletes representing the Airgun Association of Telangana won multiple medals at the 13th National Rifle and Pistol Championship and the 14th National Slingshot Championship held in Aurangabad in 2026, bringing recognition to the state through their outstanding performances.

The medal winners included G. Krithik Reddy, R. Vihan Reddy, M. Narahari and M. Shailendra, who excelled in different categories.

G. Krithik Reddy won gold in the Under-17 slingshot event and bronze in air rifle. R. Vihan Reddy secured gold in Under-14 air rifle and bronze in slingshot. M. Narahari claimed bronze in the open-category air rifle event, while M. Shailendra won gold in rifle and silver in pistol in the Masters category.

The athletes trained at Peak Precision Shooting Academy in Boduppal. The association credited the encouragement and support of Dr. Bhuvaneshwari, Secretary of the Telangana Airgun Association, and the dedicated coaching of Meesala Shailendra for contributing to their success.

The association congratulated the medal winners and expressed confidence that their achievements would inspire more youngsters to pursue shooting and slingshot sports. It also emphasised the importance of quality training, identifying emerging talent and providing opportunities for athletes to compete at national and international levels.

The victories mark a proud moment for Telangana’s sporting community and highlight the potential of its athletes to achieve greater success in future competitions.

G.V.R. Karate Academy Presents Belts and Certificates to 48 Students

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G.V.R. Karate Academy organised a Colour Belt Grading and Certificate Presentation Ceremony at its premises in Narayanguda, Hyderabad, on Sunday, recognising the achievements of 48 students who successfully cleared their grading examinations.

Former Himayatnagar Corporator Mahalakshmi Ramanna Goud and Kotla Niranjan Reddy, Director of Netaji Group of Schools, attended as chief guests and presented colour belts and certificates to the successful students. They appreciated the participants for their dedication, regular practice and commitment to martial arts.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahalakshmi Ramanna Goud said karate was an important discipline for people of all age groups, particularly children and youth. She noted that besides improving physical fitness, karate develops self-confidence, courage, concentration, discipline and essential self-defence skills.

Emphasising the importance of health, she urged students to balance academics with sports and regular physical exercise. She said physically fit and mentally strong youth could contribute significantly to the nation's development. She also highlighted the importance of self-defence training for girls and young women, encouraging them to develop confidence and courage.

Kotla Niranjan Reddy congratulated the students and said every belt represented their hard work, determination and consistent practice. He encouraged them to aim for higher belt grades and prepare for state-level and national-level competitions.

Dr. G.S. Gopal Reddy, Director of G.V.R. Karate Academy, said the institution aimed to nurture discipline, self-confidence and self-defence skills among students. He explained that earning a belt reflected dedication and continuous learning. He advised students to follow their instructors' guidance, practise regularly and remain committed to improving their skills. He also thanked parents for supporting their children's training.

Black belt members Kareem, Amrutha Reddy, Subhash, Ghana Santhosham Reddy, Raju, Mahender, Sudhakar, Avigna Venkat Reddy and Dwaitha, along with parents and other participants, attended the ceremony.

The programme concluded with congratulations to the successful students, with organisers expressing confidence that continued training would help them achieve greater success in martial arts and develop into disciplined, confident individuals.

BJP Has Turned Goa Into A Hub Of Drug Peddlers: Revanth Reddy

Revanth Reddy Accuses BJP Government of Failing to Curb Goa Drug MenaceIs this conversation helpful so far?

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday accused the BJP government in Goa of failing to control drug trafficking and questioned the effectiveness of the Centre's 'Nasha Mukt Bharat' campaign promoted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.Addressing a public meeting following the 'Goy Rakhonn Yatra' (Save Goa March), Revanth Reddy alleged that Goa had emerged as a hub for drugs and promised that the Congress would eradicate the menace if voted to power in the 2027 Assembly elections. The 27-day campaign, launched by the Congress on September 22, aims to protect Goa's land, environment, identity and heritage.Recalling Telangana's efforts to tackle drug trafficking, Revanth Reddy said his government had established the EAGLE force after assuming office to combat drug-related activities.

He claimed that investigations had identified Goa as a source of drugs entering Telangana, prompting the deployment of the state's enforcement team to crack down on drug networks and apprehend alleged peddlers.Questioning Goa



Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, Revanth Reddy asked why effective action had not been taken despite the availability of state and Central enforcement agencies. He also questioned why the Centre's campaign against narcotics had not achieved the desired results in Goa.The Telangana Chief Minister accused the BJP of attempting to divide Congress votes by encouraging smaller political parties. He also alleged that poor voters' names were being deleted from electoral rolls and criticised the use of central investigative agencies, including the Income Tax Department, CBI and Enforcement Directorate, in political battles.He further questioned the role of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging that the exercise could influence electoral outcomes.Revanth Reddy warned that Goa's land and local assets were at risk of being transferred to outsiders under the BJP government. Taking a dig at Sawant, he said critics were referring to the Chief Minister as 'Property Sawant' over allegations concerning land transfers.Appealing to voters to support the Congress, Revanth Reddy said voting for smaller parties could indirectly benefit the BJP.

He contrasted Rahul Gandhi's efforts to unite people with what he described as Modi's politics of division.Revanth Reddy said he attended the programme on behalf of Rahul Gandhi, who could not join the march due to intensified protests in Delhi demanding the Chief Election Commissioner's resignation and the withdrawal of the SIR exercise.

Hyderabad Protesters Demand CEC's Resignation Over Voter Deletions

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Dharna Chowk witnessed protests on Sunday as hundreds of demonstrators raised slogans of "Azadi Azadi" and "Inquilab Zindabad", condemning police action against protesters, media representatives and citizens in New Delhi and Jantar Mantar.Organised by the Bhagat Singh Jan Adhikar Yatra (BSJAY) and Disha Students Organisation, the demonstration demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the scrapping of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

The protesters condemned the alleged police brutality in the national capital and called for the protection of democratic rights, freedom of expression and the right to peaceful protest. They also expressed concern over the potential impact of electoral roll revisions on vulnerable communities.Retired IAS officer Akunuri Murali, who participated in the demonstration, stressed the importance of raising one's voice against injustice in a democratic country."We have freedom of expression. Ours is a democratic nation, and we have our freedom of speech. We should raise our voices against the injustice," he said.

Ibrahim of the Disha Students Organisation criticised the Union Home Ministry and Delhi Police, alleging that the national capital was being turned into a militarised zone. He accused the Narendra Modi-led government of undermining constitutional principles through its handling of protests.Addressing concerns over the SIR exercise, Ibrahim alleged that the Election Commission was being used to deprive vulnerable sections of their voting rights. He particularly highlighted the concerns of Muslims, Dalits, Adivasis, migrant workers, poor people and women.He questioned the requirement for certain applicants to provide older electoral records of their parents under Form 6 and alleged that the rejection of documents such as Aadhaar cards, ration cards and driving licences could create difficulties for eligible voters.

The organisers called for accountability from electoral authorities and demanded safeguards to ensure that no eligible citizen was excluded from electoral rolls.The demonstration concluded with participants reiterating their demands for democratic accountability, protection of civil liberties and fair electoral processes. The allegations raised at the protest were the organisers' and participants' stated positions.

Kunal Kamra's Comedy Show Shifted to TGSRTC Kalabhavan Amid Bajrang Dal Opposition

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Amid opposition from the Bajrang Dal, the venue of comedian and activist Kunal Kamra's comedy show was shifted from Khairatabad and held under police security at TGSRTC Kalabhavan in Secunderabad on Sunday,. Two shows had initially been scheduled at Visweswaraya Bhavan in Khairatabad, at 3 pm and 6 pm on Sunday. The event faced opposition from the Hyderabad unit of Bajrang Dal over Kamra's alleged remarks about Hindu deities.

The organisation had reportedly lodged a complaint with city police seeking to prevent the programme and threatened to disrupt it if it went ahead. It also warned of participation by members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). Amid the opposition, a bus carrying around 10 to 15 people arrived at the venue. Chikkadpally police confirmed the arrival of the vehicle but said that the situation did not escalate. One of the shows at the Khairatabad venue was cancelled, and the other show shifted to Kalabhavan. The programme proceeded without any untoward incident, police said, adding that they provided security to prevent a possible confrontation between the event's attendees and those opposing it.

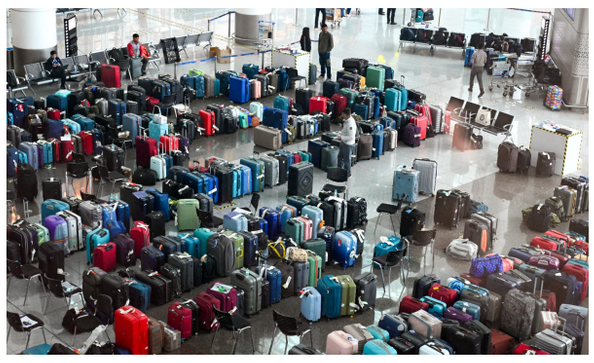
IndiGo Delhi-Chennai flight diverted to Hyderabad after power bank fire

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An IndiGo flight from Delhi to Chennai was diverted to Hyderabad on Sunday after a power bank reportedly caught fire onboard. The crew reportedly used a fire extinguisher to contain the fire, following which the flight was diverted to Hyderabad.

The flight landed safely at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport. All passengers and crew members are safe.

IndiGo flight 6E 6115, operating from Delhi to Chennai on October 11, was diverted to Hyderabad after smoke was detected from a customer's personal electronic device, the airline said.



The cabin crew responded promptly and the situation was brought under control. In line with established protocols, the pilots diverted the flight and landed safely at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, it said

An airline spokesman said an alternate aircraft has been arranged to continue the journey to Chennai. "We regret the inconvenience caused to our customers due to this unforeseen situation and are making all efforts to minimise it, including offering refreshments and sharing timely updates," IndiGo said in a statement.

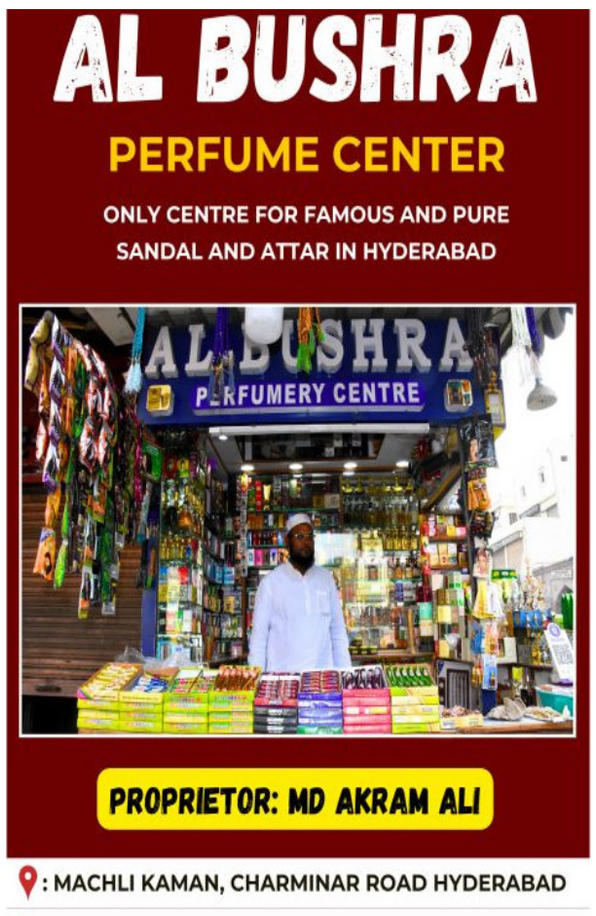
"At IndiGo, the safety of our customers and crew remains our top priority," he added. The Airbus A321-251N aircraft departed from Delhi at 1.30 p.m. against the scheduled departure of 1.10 p.m. It was scheduled to land in Chennai at 4 p.m.

The fire broke out in the overhead luggage compartment due to a malfunctioning power bank. The incident triggered panic among passengers.

A video of the incident, recorded by a passenger on a mobile phone, has emerged, showing passengers attempting to put out the blaze by dabbing it with their bags. The fire was extinguished by the cabin crew using fire extinguishers. The exact time and location of the incident are yet to be confirmed.



Students and activists staged a protest at Dharna Chowk here on Sunday, October 11, against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and the police action against protesters in Delhi.



Usman Al Hajri Seeks Urgent Civic Action in Shah Hatim Nagar

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Congress leader and Karwan Assembly constituency in-charge Usman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri has expressed concern over the mosquito menace, poor sanitation and unhealthy living conditions affecting residents of Shah Hatim Nagar, particularly areas surrounding Shah Hatim Lake.

He said he had previously submitted several representations to the concerned authorities, but the situation had not improved satisfactorily.

Al Hajri urged the Hyderabad District Collector, GHMC Commissioner, Zonal Commissioner and Entomology Department officials to inspect the locality immediately and initiate effective measures to control mosquitoes and improve sanitation.



He stressed that residents deserve a clean, safe and healthy environment and called for urgent intervention by the concerned departments to resolve their long-standing problems.

Navaratri Celebrations Begin Across Hyderabad

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Navaratri celebrations began across Hyderabad on Sunday, with temples and community pandals organising special pujas and devotional programmes for the nine-day festival dedicated to Goddess Durga. One of the major attractions is an 81-foot idol of Goddess Durga installed by the Navadurga Navaratri Utsava Samiti at Esamia Bazar in Koti. According to organiser G. Srinivas, the committee had been organising the celebrations for the past 26 years.

The festival began in 2000 with a five-foot idol, with its height gradually increasing to 81 feet over the years. Srinivas said the organisers expected between 50,000 and one lakh devotees to visit the pandal over the weekend. At the Sri Ujjaini Mahakali Temple in Secunderabad, the presiding deity was adorned in Bala Tripura Sundari alankaram on the first day of Navaratri. Devotees visited the temple to offer special prayers.

At the Sri Annapurna Sametha Kashi Vishweshwara Temple in Seetharam Nagar Colony, Neredmet, devotees participated in special prayers and recitation of hymns. Anitha, a devotee from Secunderabad, said the programme was conducted under the guidance of Perepi Vishalakshi and her disciples. Women devotees recited Soundarya Lahari, Lalitha Sahasranamam, Kalabhairava Ashtakam and other hymns dedicated to Goddess Durga.

As part of the rituals, Vishalakshi performed Bala Puja, worshipping a young girl as a representation of Goddess Bala Tripura Sundari. She also distributed tamboolam to her disciples as a traditional blessing.

Telangana Congress Leaders To Join INDIA Bloc Protest In Delhi

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More than 60 Congress leaders from Telangana, including Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers, MPs, MLAs and senior party functionaries, are set to participate in the I.N.D.I.A. bloc's protest in New Delhi on Monday.The demonstration will focus on alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, with Opposition parties raising concerns over voter deletions and the protection of citizens' voting rights.Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud and other party leaders left for Delhi on a special flight on Sunday. Revanth Reddy, who was in Goa, is expected to join the delegation in the national capital.The Telangana Congress leadership is mobilising party representatives to participate in the protest and express solidarity with the INDIA bloc's demands for transparency and accountability in the electoral process.As part of the preparations, Revanth Reddy postponed the state Cabinet meeting scheduled for October 12. The meeting was expected to discuss the El Niño phenomenon and its potential impact on Telangana, including concerns relating to agriculture and the state's overall economy.The participation of the Telangana leadership is expected to strengthen the Congress's presence at the Opposition demonstration, which seeks to highlight concerns over electoral roll revisions and demand.

Interstate Drug Supplier Arrested in Goa



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In a joint operation, Telangana EAGLE Force, H-NEW and Panjagutta police arrested one Custodio Fernandes alias Kristy in Goa, uncovering suspected online drug-purchasing networks involving credits of ₹48.4 lakh linked to more than 25 individuals in Telangana. Investigators said Fernandes is connected to drug supply networks between Goa and Hyderabad. His associates allegedly delivered drugs in Hyderabad, collected cash and deposited it into accounts linked to him. Sandeep Shandilya, director of EAGLE Force, said scrutiny of financial records revealed substantial ATM deposits. Investigators are verifying the identities and transactions of 25 individuals suspected of purchasing drugs online.

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