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Pakistan Police Detain Hundreds From Ex-PM Khan's Party In Northern Province

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Pakistani authorities have detained hundreds of members of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party after emergency rule was imposed in a northern province, police officials told AFP on Monday. Two police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media, said 278 members of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party had been detained in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province since Sunday's emergency declaration.

The PTI-ruled province was placed under emergency rule following days-

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Opposition Takes Vote Theft Fight to Streets

Opposition seeks CJI intervention on vote chori, SIR, CEC resignation and paper ballots

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In a collective display of Opposition strength, the I.N.D.I.A. bloc on Monday mobilised thousands of supporters under the banner of "March for Democracy", taking to the streets of the national capital to protest against alleged "vote theft" and navigate heavily barricaded roads to reach the Supreme Court. Exhorting people to join the protest, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi asserted: "This is like Shiva's tandav and anyone can join Shiva's 'baraat' (wedding procession)." Gandhi went on to claim that 200 government officers were "in touch with us" and providing information to the Opposition.

The Opposition leaders hit the streets after the government, exasperated by the waves of demonstrations, de-notified Jantar Mantar as a designated site for protests. The Congress said democracy no longer mattered to those in power and that it was all a matter of "demokursi" and the move to denotify was a definite sign of panic. The leaders travelled in four buses as a sea of protesters converged in the heart of central Delhi, raising slogans such as "Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhor" and "Gyanesh Kumar kahan milega, Modiji ki godi mein".

While some donned Batman costumes, others carried the tricolour and held the Constitution while marching along with the I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders. Kharge, who vowed to continue the protests, had masked up as Batman while Gandhi got his picture clicked holding the Batman mask. Besides Gandhi, other Opposition leaders who joined the march included Priyanka Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, CPI's D. Raja, CPM leader M.A. Baby, RJD supremo Tejashwi Yadav, NCP-SCP leader Supriya Sule, Shiv Sena-UBT leader Sanjay Raut, CPI-ML leader Dipankar Bhattacharya and IUML leader E.T. Mohammed Basheer. Other participants included Karnataka chief minister D.K. Shivakumar, Himachal Pradesh chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Telangana chief minister A. Revanth Reddy (all from Congress); party MPs Shashi Tharoor, Sachin Pilot, Deepender Hooda and Mukul Wasnik; and TMC leader Sagarika Ghosh along with activists Yogendra Yadav and Nandita Narayan.

From the Constitution Club, the procession then turned toward Bhagwan Dass Road from the Mandi House intersection, only to be stopped by security personnel who had cordoned off the area. Soon after being prevented from marching further, the leaders, along with protesters, turned the area into a site of flash protest.

Delhi shifts designated protest venues from Jantar Mantar to three new locations

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Jantar Mantar has been de-notified as the "designated" protest site, Delhi Police said on Monday.

New guidelines for protests have been issued under Delhi Police Standing Order No. L&O/48/2026.

According to Delhi Police, the decision was taken based on the recommendations of a committee constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

"The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, had constituted a committee to examine alternative suitable venues for citizens to exercise their right to organise protests and demonstrations in place of the existing 'designated site'," the official statement read.

"Based on the committee's recommendations, Jantar Mantar as a protest venue has been de-notified," it added.

Three new locations in Delhi — Ramlila Ground, Burari Ground and CBD Ground in East Delhi — have been

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Revanth Reddy likens fight to protect voting rights to freedom struggle

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar of facilitating alleged "vote chori" under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, calling for a nationwide movement to protect voting rights.

Addressing a meeting at Telangana Bhavan in Delhi as part of the 'Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao' campaign, Revanth Reddy said the struggle to safeguard voting rights was comparable to India's freedom movement. He called for the slogans "Gyanesh Go Back" and "SIR Go Back," drawing parallels with the historic "Simon Go Back" campaign.

The Chief Minister alleged that the voter-list revision process was being used to remove eligible voters, particularly Dalits, tribals, minorities, backward classes, youth and economically disadvantaged sections. He demanded transparency in the revision process and safeguards against the deletion of legitimate voters' names. Revanth Reddy claimed that earlier electoral revisions focused on including eligible voters, whereas the current exercise risked disenfranchising citizens. He also questioned changes made by the Centre in 2023 to the appointment process for election commissioners, arguing that the selection mechanism should ensure impartiality.

The Chief Minister alleged that 13 crore votes had been deleted by 2026 and warned against further deletions. These figures were claims made in his address and were not independently verified in the statement.

He questioned the silence of the Prime Minister and Home Minister over demands for accountability and urged constitutional authorities to address concerns surrounding electoral rolls.

Jantar Mantar's Enduring Legacy as a Symbol Of Democracy and Dissent

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For decades, Jantar Mantar has stood as a testament to democracy, where people gathered hoping that their voices would reach those in power. From Anna Hazare's hunger strike, to the Nirbhaya protests and the NEET paper leak agitation, the site has witnessed powerful expressions of public dissent. Ironically, Jantar Mantar -- its towering instruments designed to observe time and the movement of celestial bodies -- became a space to gauge our times and the shifting tides of public sympathies.

Now, with Delhi Police de-notifying it as a designated protest site, the landmark risks losing its relevance as a space for people to make themselves heard. Over the years, the stretch in the heart of the capital has brought together people from different walks of life, united by grievances ranging from corruption and injustice, to demand accountability, woman safety and social change. For many, Jantar Mantar was a platform to draw the nation's attention to issues that might otherwise have gone unheard.

One of the significant early demonstrations at the site took place in 1993, when 33 organisations assembled for a 'Jail Bharo' protest against the government's economic policies and communal-

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Closure of Riyadh Airport Extended After Deadly Houthi Strikes

RIYADH
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Saudi Arabia's civil aviation body Monday extended the suspension of operations at Riyadh's international airport following a series of deadly Houthi attacks. "The General Authority of Civil Aviation has announced the extension of the suspension of operations at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh in order to complete the necessary procedures to verify the safety of the facilities and their operational readiness," the authority said in a statement, without specifying when operations would resume.

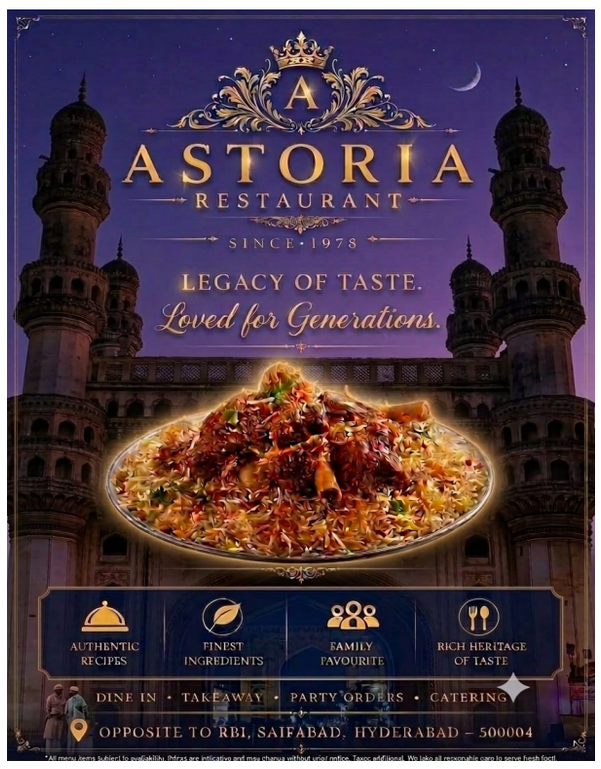
The Saudi-led coalition battling Yemen's Houthis said it was dealing with drones and missiles heading towards Saudi Arabia. Operations at King Khalid International Airport, Saudi Arabia's second-busiest airport after Jeddah, were suspended to "allow for the completion of procedures to ensure the safety and operational readiness of the airport's facilities", the Saudi civil aviation authority said in a statement.

The airport has been shut since an attack on Saturday that killed 13 people and wounded more than 300, the deadliest in the kingdom in more than a decade. On Sunday, another attack killed one person and injured nearly a dozen others. The attacks marked one of the most significant disruptions to Saudi aviation in years, adding to pressures on an industry already grappling with conflict across the Middle East.

The airport cancelled 99.7% of all scheduled flights on Sunday, according to aviation analytics firm Cirium. An air traffic tracker from Flightradar24 showed no planes over the city. The disruption has forced airlines across Europe and Asia to suspend services, while the Federal Aviation Administration advised US carriers on Sunday to exercise caution when flying to or over Saudi Arabia.

Lufthansa Group has cancelled all flights to Riyadh until October 16, while Air France-KLM has extended a previous suspension of services to and from the Saudi capital until the end of the month. Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways was among the airlines that further extended Saudi flight cancellations, affecting around 20 flights to Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam on Monday and Tuesday.

The escalation with the Houthis has raised concerns over the broader economic impact. Saudi Arabia's real GDP is projected to contract by 3.6% this year, reflecting a combination of factors including lower oil activity. The attacks have put events scheduled in Riyadh this month under pressure, including the kingdom's flagship investment conference and the WPC Energy Congress, where several top oil executives were dropped from the programme.



4 Killed As E-Car Crashes, Bursts into Flame In AP

VIJAYAWADA
Wakeup telangana

Four persons, including three members of a family, have died and another was critically injured when their electric car crashed into a road railing on the West Bypass in NTR district on Monday. According to the Bhavanipuram police, the five occupants, including a two-year-old child, were returning to Patamata Bazaar in Nunna after attending a family function at Numburu in Guntur district. Vijayawada fire station received a call from the Central Fire Station at around 5.04 pm, reporting that an electric car was on fire on the road. A doctor identified as Mona, who was travelling towards Eluru, had alerted the fire services. Fire personnel rushed to the accident site. According to preliminary police inquiries, the car, driven by K. Ramdev, 39, was travelling at nearly 150 kmph.

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'Not My Domain': CJI Kant On Delhi Protest Situation and Curbs

NEW DELHI
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Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Monday said the protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and related movement restrictions in Delhi concerned law and order and were outside his domain. "Ye mera mudda nahin hai," the CJI said when reporters asked about the protests on the sidelines of the National Human Rights Commission's 33rd anniversary function at Vigyan Bhawan. Asked about the Opposition's march to the Supreme Court, he said: "I will not make any comments on it."

The CJI also declined to disclose the reasons for refusing a meeting requested by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. The leaders had sought a meeting between 4 pm and 5 pm on Monday to submit a memorandum demanding an end to alleged "vote chori", the CEC's resignation, a halt to the special intensive revision of electoral rolls and a return to paper ballots.

The CJI said he had replied to the letter, explaining why he would not be able to meet them. "Please ask the content of the letter from them. I have maintained its confidentiality," he said. Protests demanding Kumar's resignation have disrupted parts of Delhi in recent days. Over the weekend, authorities deployed large numbers of security personnel, closed 45 Metro stations and intensified checks at the city's borders. Thousands of protesters, including Cockroach Janta Party leaders and four former chief ministers, were detained.Asked about MPs and the CJP continuing their protests, the CJI said: "Doors of the Supreme Court are open for everybody."

Telangana farmers, farm labourers return to migration amid water shortages, crop losses

Crop losses, water shortages and deficient rainfall are reportedly driving farmers and farm labourers from parts of Telangana to Karnataka, Maharashtra and other destinations. Locals say distress migration has intensified in Gadwal and Sangareddy, with students and elderly people also affected.

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Farmers and farm labourers in Telangana are once again migrating to other States in search of livelihoods, as drought-like conditions, crop losses and water shortages force them to leave their villages.

Over the last few years, farmers in Telangana had employed workers from Bihar, Odisha and neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. Many landowners and farm labourers who had earlier migrated elsewhere for work had returned to their fields in the State to cultivate crops.

However, this Vanakalam season, small and marginal farmers and farm labourers are once again undertaking long journeys to Karnataka, Maharashtra and other places for work, even before harvesting is completed in many areas.

The trend is particularly visible in the erstwhile Palamuru region, the home district of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. Several small and marginal farmers owning one to three acres in Jogulamba Gadwal district are migrating to Raichur, Mumbai, Kadapa and other places in search of work.

Farmers who cultivated cotton, chilli, castor and groundnut on rainfed lands in Gattu, Ieeja, Rajoli, Dharoor and Ketidoddi mandals are moving to Raichur, Yadgir and Mumbai after their crops withered due to a lack of water, resulting in heavy losses, said CPI Gadwal secretary Anjaneyulu.

Youngsters, including intermediate students, are also moving to Hyderabad to take up temporary jobs in hotels, security agencies and catering services.

"This trend, which had almost disappeared from the region, has resurfaced due to drought-like conditions and crop losses," Anjaneyulu said. Most migrants find work in rice and cotton mills in Karnataka, while some take up road construction and other construction-related jobs in Mumbai.

The hardships faced by migrant workers were highlighted by an accident involving villagers from Induvasi village in Gattu mandal on October 10. Three farm labourers died and several others suffered grievous injuries when a truck hit their tractor on a national highway. About 35 villagers were travelling towards Yadgir in Karnataka at the time of the accident.

Locals fear the situation could worsen over the next couple of months. The State government has been appealing to farmers to avoid cultivating crops during the Yasangi season, raising concerns that this could force more people to migrate in search of livelihoods.

The situation is similar in several thandas in Narayankhed, Zaheerabad and neighbouring areas of Sangareddy district. Small and marginal farmers, accompanied by family members, including students, are migrating to Karnataka and Maharashtra to work in sugarcane mills and fields.

BRS Leaders Slam Congress Over Farmers' Distress

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BRS state general secretary RS Praveen Kumar and former MLA Anjaiah Yadav strongly criticised the Congress government over the growing hardships faced by farmers in Telangana, citing withering crops, power cuts, fertiliser shortages and delays in implementing the Rythu Bandhu scheme. They demanded that the government immediately assess crop losses and provide adequate compensation to affected farmers.

The BRS leaders addressed a media conference at G.M. Patel Mini Garden in Kondurg mandal headquarters of Rangareddy district on Monday. They alleged that the government had failed to take effective measures to protect farmers despite worsening agricultural conditions.

RS Praveen Kumar said the lack of adequate rainfall and frequent power cuts had left farmers struggling to save their crops. He accused the government of failing to provide timely relief and demanded that agriculture department officials visit affected fields, assess the damage and ensure compensation for farmers whose crops had dried up. He also alleged that Telangana's river waters were being diverted to Andhra Pradesh and criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for allegedly failing to safeguard the state's water interests.

Praveen Kumar further criticised the Shadnagar MLA over alleged inappropriate remarks against Telangana activists and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), whom the party regards as a key figure in the Telangana statehood movement. He questioned the police over their handling of a complaint against the MLA in Hyderabad, alleging that no FIR had been registered. In contrast, he alleged, BRS official spokesperson Manne Krishank was arrested, mistreated and sent to jail. He questioned the alleged difference in police treatment of the two cases.

Amberpet Smart Card Collection Deadline October 24



Beneficiaries under the Amberpet Civil Supplies Circle have been urged to collect their smart cards from the circle office near the RTC Kalyana Mandapam in Bagh Lingampally by October 24, Circle Assistant Supply Officer (ASO) D. Deepti said.

According to Deepti, a total of 22,806 beneficiaries are yet to collect their smart cards out of the 69,378 cards issued under the Amberpet Circle. So far, 46,572 beneficiaries have collected their cards.

The ASO appealed to all remaining beneficiaries to visit the circle office between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and complete the collection process within the stipulated deadline. Beneficiaries associated with the specified door numbers, including 1-1, 1-2, 1-10, 3-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 2-1 and 2-3, have been asked to collect their smart cards during the designated hours.

Deepti advised beneficiaries whose names appear on the cards to bring photocopies of their Aadhaar cards and ration cards when visiting the office. They must submit the required documents to the concerned officials to receive their smart cards.

The Civil Supplies Department has called upon all eligible beneficiaries who have not yet collected their cards to act promptly and obtain them before the October 24 deadline. The initiative aims to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive their smart cards without further delay.

SCAC WARNS GHMC, MMC AND CMC

To control rising unauthorised constructions and illegal cellars

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The Society for Crusade Against Corruption (SCAC) M.Purushotham General secretary and his associates has warned the authorities of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), MMC and CMC to take immediate and effective measures to control the rising incidents of unauthorised constructions and illegal cellars within their respective limits.

SCAC expressed serious concern over alleged building permission violations, deviations from sanctioned plans, unauthorised additional floors and the construction of cellars without the required permissions or in violation of applicable building regulations. The organisation warned that such violations could pose risks to public safety and create problems for traffic management, drainage, fire safety and civic infrastructure.

The organisation pointed out that illegal cellars and unauthorised structural alterations require particular attention, as they may obstruct access, affect neighbouring properties and create difficulties for emergency services, depending on the nature of the violations.

SCAC demanded that municipal Commissioners and Town Planning officials conduct regular field inspections, verify sanctioned building plans and take appropriate action against buildings found to be in violation of applicable rules. It also urged the authorities to investigate complaints regarding illegal cellars, deviations in building plans and constructions exceeding permitted floors.

SCAC further stated that merely issuing notices would not be sufficient unless the authorities follow through with lawful enforcement measures. It called for accountability wherever negligence or deliberate failure to enforce building regulations is established. Any demolition, sealing or other enforcement action should be undertaken in accordance with applicable laws and court orders.

The organisation also urged the authorities to ensure that building permissions are granted only after proper scrutiny of planning requirements, fire safety provisions and the availability of essential civic infrastructure.

SCAC warned that failure to control unauthorised constructions and illegal cellars could increase risks to residents and place additional pressure on already congested urban areas.

It called upon the concerned municipal administrations to act impartially, enforce building regulations without discrimination and safeguard public interests.

SCAC stated that it would continue to raise these public issues and pursue lawful and democratic action until the concerned authorities take effective steps to address the problem.

BRS Announces Farmers' Maha Dharna in Andole Over Power Cuts

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Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran is leading the Bharat Rashtra Samithi's (BRS) campaign over agricultural power supply issues, with the party announcing a Farmers' Maha Dharna on October 13 at the Annasagar Electricity Substation in Andole constituency.

The protest aims to highlight farmers' grievances over frequent power interruptions and low-voltage supply, which are affecting agricultural operations and raising concerns about potential crop losses. According to the announcement issued by the BRS Party Committee, Andole Mandal, the demonstration will demand immediate intervention by electricity authorities to ensure a reliable and quality power supply for agricultural needs.

Farmers depend on uninterrupted electricity to operate agricultural pump sets and irrigate their fields on time. Low voltage can affect the functioning of motors, while frequent power cuts can disrupt irrigation schedules and increase cultivation difficulties.

The BRS has called for urgent corrective measures to address these problems and protect farmers from further hardship. The party is seeking the attention of the state government and concerned electricity officials to resolve the recurring supply issues.

Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran has taken the lead in highlighting the concerns of the farming community. Through the proposed Maha Dharna, the party intends to press authorities for practical solutions and dependable electricity for agricultural activities.

The protest is scheduled to take place on October 13 in front of the Annasagar Electricity Substation. Farmers and party representatives are expected to raise their concerns over the impact of power supply problems on crops and livelihoods.

Mahabhatpur Sarpanch Performs Bhoomi Pooja for Indiramma Housing

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Mahabhatpur Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Yelgoi Laxmaiah participated in the Bhoomi Pooja ceremony for an Indiramma housing project in the village, marking a step towards providing housing assistance to an eligible beneficiary.

The ceremony was conducted according to traditional rituals in the presence of local representatives and villagers.The Telangana government's Indiramma housing scheme aims to help eligible families realise their dream of owning a permanent home. The initiative is intended to improve living conditions and provide greater security for families in need.Sarpanch Yelgoi Laxmaiah's participation highlighted the role of village leadership in supporting the implementation of government welfare programmes and facilitating housing assistance at the grassroots level.

The ceremony concluded with the participation of community members, marking an important occasion for the beneficiary and the village.

KNRUHS Announces MBBS Mop-Up Phase Web Options for 2026–27 Admissions

The Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS), Telangana, Warangal, has issued a notification inviting eligible candidates to exercise web options for the Mop-Up Phase of MBBS admissions under the Competent Authority Quota for the academic year 2026–27.

According to the university's press release, the web-option facility covers eligible candidates under the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and Children of Armed Personnel (CAP) categories, as specified in the notification.

Web Options Open Until October 14

Eligible candidates can exercise their web options through the official admissions portal according to the following schedule:

Web Options Opens: October 12, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Last Date and Time: October 14, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Admission Process: MBBS Mop-Up Phase, Competent Authority Quota

Academic Year: 2026–27

Candidates can submit their choices through the official admissions portal:

Ghost surgery in Hyderabad hospitals raises concerns over patient consent and accountability

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Imagine walking into a corporate hospital in Hyderabad, placing complete trust on a renowned surgeon with decades of experience. You sign the paperwork, then wheeled into the operation theatre, slowly drifting into unconsciousness under the influence of anesthesia, secure in the belief that the renowned surgeon's hands will work magic.

Instead, once the theatre doors close and the patient is unaware, the celebrity surgeon steps away, often rushing across town to another corporate healthcare facility, leaving an unconsented junior substitute or a team member to perform the actual procedure.

Although seldom reported, the unsettling reality of 'ghost surgery', which is unauthorized substitution of a surgical operator when the patient is under anesthesia, due to lack of regulation, does take place in private hospitals in Hyderabad and other urban centres.

Such practices are always discussed in whispers but due to lack of regulation and reporting mechanisms, ghost surgeries are seldom reported but are deeply entrenched in the private health care sector.

A recent perspective paper published in the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME) has laid bare the mechanics of this practice, warning that structural vulnerabilities in private healthcare are allowing unauthorized substitutions to occur with alarming impunity.

Public health commentators in Hyderabad, on condition of anonymity, point out that the practice of ghost surgeries are not an isolated act but the result of present-day modern corporate medical business models.

"Corporate hospitals market star surgeons to attract high-volume patient footfalls and secure lucrative surgical packages. But a single human being cannot physically be in two operating theatres at once. To maximize revenue, hospitals encourage star surgeons to span multiple facilities in a single day, relying on shadow teams to complete the procedures," explains a senior public health official in Hyderabad.

The patient and their relatives are helpless because they sign a consent form with multiple legal loopholes. By signing on the dotted line, the patients , inadvertently permit 'the surgeon and their team' to carry out the operation.

With the entire administration of the hospital based on hierarchy, there is a culture of silence ingrained among the care givers at every level, individuals familiar with the issue, said. Public health experts have pointed out that while State Medical Councils go all out to curb the practice of quackery but hardly any measures to tackle the issue of ghost surgeries. NMC must prohibit substitution in the absence of specific, re-confirmed patient consent.

Consent forms must mandate named-surgeon identification for every critical phase of an operation'

Ghost surgery must be formally classified as a severe form of professional misconduct.

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.

Osmania Hospital faces disruption as medical students and residents strike

Outpatient services and elective surgeries at Hyderabad's Osmania General Hospital faced disruptions on Monday as medical students and resident doctors protested long-pending infrastructure deficiencies

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Outpatient services and elective surgeries at Osmania General Hospital (OGH) were disrupted on Monday after undergraduate medical students, interns, postgraduate residents and senior residents boycotted their duties and classes as part of an indefinite strike called by the Osmania Medical College Junior Doctors Association (OMC JUDA).

The protest began on Monday morning, with medical students and resident doctors assembling on the OGH campus and raising slogans against what they described as long-standing neglect of medical infrastructure at Osmania General Hospital, Osmania Medical College and other government medical colleges across Telangana.

However, emergency services at OGH remained unaffected, as medical personnel continued attending to patients in the casualty department.

The protesting doctors said persistent infrastructure deficiencies were affecting patient care, clinical services and the quality of medical education. They demanded immediate intervention by the state government and health department officials to resolve the problems that have remained unaddressed for several years.

OMC JUDA president Dr Narahari Chandrakanth Reddy said medical colleges across Telangana were facing several infrastructure-related challenges that required urgent attention.

"There are several infrastructural shortfalls in medical colleges in Telangana. There is a need for immediate, time-bound action to address such challenges," he said.

Association representatives said the efforts of doctors, nurses and other healthcare personnel in government hospitals were being undermined by inadequate departmental facilities, shortages of essential clinical equipment and insufficient opportunities for practical learning.

They also raised concerns over chronic delays in the payment of Aarogyasri medical bills to government teaching hospitals across the state. According to OMC JUDA members, the pending payments had contributed to a shortage of funds, making it difficult for hospital administrations to undertake routine maintenance and improve essential infrastructure.

The association said the condition of medical infrastructure had deteriorated over the past few years, affecting the functioning of departments and the availability of facilities required for patient treatment and medical training.

Kavitha Calls for Renewed Bathukamma Movement at OU

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Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Monday called for a renewed Bathukamma movement to achieve equality, freedom and political representation, while criticising the governments for neglecting universities and failing to provide basic facilities to students.

Addressing Bathukamma celebrations organised by students at Osmania University, Kavitha thanked them for inviting her and recalled the university's significant role in the Telangana statehood movement. She said Bathukamma had served as a powerful symbol of Telangana's identity and cultural pride during the struggle.

Emphasising that the festival should have a social purpose beyond celebrations, she urged students to use its spirit to fight for equality and women's empowerment. She also called for greater support for women from men.

Kavitha expressed concern over the delay in releasing the ₹1,000 crore promised by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for Osmania University. She highlighted inadequate drinking water, overcrowded hostel rooms and faculty shortages, alleging that universities had been neglected under successive governments. She also apologised for the shortcomings during the previous BRS government.

Describing universities as institutions that should produce future leaders, she demanded the revival of student union elections and better opportunities for students from economically weaker backgrounds to enter politics.

On electoral reforms, Kavitha advocated a return to paper ballots instead of electronic voting machines, arguing that systemic changes were more important than merely demanding the Election Commissioner's resignation.

She urged students to question governments, challenge injustice and develop independent leadership rather than becoming followers of political leaders.

Telangana's future, she said, depended on empowering young minds and ensuring that universities received the attention and resources they deserved.

Bala Tripura Sundari Devi Adorned at Nallapochamma Temple



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Sri Devi Sharannavaratri celebrations began at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple in New Bowenpally's Bapuji Nagar on Sunday, with the goddess appearing as Bala Tripura Sundari Devi. Former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Prathap attended as chief guest and performed special pujas. He said the goddess would be worshipped in various alankarams throughout Navaratri. Durgayya, Sudheer, Pawan, Srikanth, Komurayya, Narsingarao, Nagesh, Mallesh, Lakshman and others participated in the celebrations.

Jagga Reddy Leads Sangareddy Rally Supporting Rahul Gandhi's Voter Rights Campaign

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Working President T. Jayaprakash Reddy, popularly known as Jagga Reddy, led a Congress protest rally in Sangareddy on October 12 in support of Rahul Gandhi's campaign to protect voting rights and democratic principles.Jagga Reddy called on Congress workers and the public to support the movement, emphasising the importance of electoral transparency, accountability and the protection of every eligible citizen's right to vote.Earlier, Jagga Reddy, his wife Nirmala Jaggareddy and other Congress leaders staged a hunger strike near the Ambedkar statue at the Old Bus Stand in Sangareddy to express solidarity with Rahul Gandhi's campaign.The mobilisation in Sangareddy comes amid a broader Congress-led campaign in New Delhi, where the party has raised concerns over alleged electoral irregularities and demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.Congress leaders have called for a transparent and impartial electoral system and stronger safeguards to protect voters' rights. The allegations and demands remain part of the ongoing political debate.Jagga Reddy's participation highlights the role of local Congress leadership in mobilising party workers and extending the national campaign to the district level.

RTI Committee Demands Probe into Hospital Corruption

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Dr. Chanti Mudiraj, National Chairman of the Right to Information Act Sadhana Committee, has demanded a comprehensive investigation into alleged corruption in government hospitals across Telangana, stressing the need for transparency, accountability and effective implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005.

Dr. Chanti Mudiraj, accompanied by A. Srikanth Reddy, Telangana State Assistant Secretary of the committee, met Dr. B. Ravinder Naik, Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, Telangana, and submitted a representation highlighting concerns over alleged irregularities in government healthcare institutions.

The committee urged the department to conduct comprehensive inspections of major state-level and district government hospitals, focusing on administrative responsibilities of hospital superintendents, utilisation of public funds, procurement of medicines, supply of medical equipment and attendance and performance of healthcare staff.

It also called for an investigation into complaints alleging the unauthorised collection of money from patients. The committee requested an impartial inquiry into all allegations and appropriate legal action against those found responsible for any irregularities.

Emphasising the importance of public accountability, the representatives urged the department to ensure effective implementation of the RTI Act, 2005, in all relevant government hospitals. They stressed that RTI applications must receive responses within the prescribed statutory deadlines and that citizens should have access to transparent, accountable and quality medical services.

On the occasion of RTI Act Foundation Day, the committee felicitated Dr. B. Ravinder Naik with a shawl and presented him with a memento in recognition of the occasion.

"Public funds must be utilised exclusively for the welfare and healthcare of the people. Government hospitals must maintain transparency and accountability, and the RTI Act should be effectively used to strengthen transparency in public administration," Dr. Chanti Mudiraj said.

The committee reiterated that systematic monitoring and strict enforcement of accountability measures are essential to protect public resources and improve the quality of healthcare services in Telangana.

Indiramma Housing Scheme Brings Hope to Sangareddy Family

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Renuka and Shekhar Nyalakanti began a new chapter in their lives as they entered their newly constructed home under the Telangana government's Indiramma Housing Scheme during a housewarming ceremony held in Cherla Rayipalli village on Monday.

The programme was organised in accordance with the directions of Telangana Health, Medical and Family Welfare, and Science and Technology Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha.

Congress leaders and local public representatives attended the ceremony and congratulated the beneficiary family. They highlighted the importance of housing assistance in providing economically disadvantaged families with secure shelter, dignity and improved living conditions.

Those present included Mandal Congress Committee President Patlolla Kedar Nath Patel, former DCMS Chairman Siddanna Patel, former Mandal Parishad President Basavaraj Patel, former Youth Congress President Prabhakar, Youth Congress President Vidarshan Reddy, Agricultural Market Committee Vice-Chairman Vinay Kumar and Temple Committee Chairman Satish Kulkarni.

Congress leaders Vittal, Shivakumar and Sangamesh Patel, village president Rodde Srinivas and Ravi Kumar also participated in the programme.

The Indiramma Housing Scheme aims to support eligible families in securing permanent homes and improving their quality of life. The completion of the house marks an important milestone for Renuka and Shekhar Nyalakanti, offering their family greater security and stability.

The ceremony highlighted the significance of government housing initiatives in rural communities and the role of local representatives in celebrating their implementation at the grassroots level.

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.

Balakrishna Chopra Extends Heartfelt Congratulations to 112 DSPs on Successful Completion of Training

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Balakrishna Chopra has conveyed his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the 112 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) who successfully completed their training, marking an important milestone in their careers in the police service.

The occasion was marked by the Dikshant Parade – Dy.SP 2025, celebrating the completion of training by the probationary DSPs. The passing-out parade showcased the discipline, dedication and commitment of the officers as they prepared to take on greater responsibilities in maintaining law and order and serving the public.

Balakrishna Chopra congratulated Mr. Aditya on successfully completing DSP training along with the other officers and extended his warm wishes to all the newly trained DSPs for a successful and distinguished career in the police department.

He expressed his appreciation for the officers' hard work and dedication throughout their training and wished them success as they move forward in their professional journey.The successful completion of training represents a significant step for the officers, who are expected to uphold the values of integrity, discipline and public service while discharging their duties.

Devi Navratri Celebrations Begin with Spiritual Fervour at BHEL

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Devi Navratri celebrations commenced with religious fervour and grandeur at New MMG Phase 2, Vidyut Nagar Colony, BHEL, with a large number of devotees gathering to participate in the special prayers and rituals on the inaugural day.

The celebrations were organised under the auspices of the Jai Durga Bhavani Association, under the spiritual guidance of Thirunagari Sudarshana Charyulu, also known as Thirunagari Sudarshana Acharya, a prominent resident of KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad.

The first day of the nine-day festival began with traditional religious ceremonies, including Kalasharadhana, Ammavari Aradhana and Ammavari Abhishekam. Devotees participated in the sacred rituals with devotion, seeking the blessings of Goddess Durga for peace, prosperity, good health and the well-being of their families.

The temple premises and surrounding area witnessed a festive spiritual atmosphere as devotees offered prayers and took part in the inaugural celebrations. The organisers made arrangements to conduct the religious programmes smoothly and ensure the participation of devotees.

The event was coordinated by Malle Baga Devender, Swapna and their dedicated team, whose efforts contributed to the successful conduct of the inaugural-day ceremonies.

The organisers expressed satisfaction over the enthusiastic participation of devotees and said that the Devi Navratri celebrations would continue with further religious programmes during the festival period.

They encouraged devotees to participate in the upcoming pujas and seek the divine blessings of the Goddess.

For information regarding the upcoming Navratri puja schedules and other religious programmes, devotees may contact Thirunagari Sudarshana Acharya at 9059642654.

The inaugural celebrations concluded on a devotional note, reflecting the faith and enthusiasm of devotees and the community's commitment to preserving religious traditions and cultural values.

Rahul Gandhi accuses Centre of protecting CEC Gyanesh Kumar amid Delhi protests

NEW DELHI,
Wakeup telangana

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi on Monday accused the Centre of "protecting" the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, while questioning huge security curbs in the national capital, in view of the demonstration and protests by the opposition parties.

Addressing a press conference at the Congress headquarters in New Delhi, Gandhi said, "The protest against Gyanesh Kumar, the Election Commission and vote theft has been underway in Delhi for the past four to five days. Resistance has existed for 10–12–13 years, but now it is crystallising."

Rahul's presser comes ahead of INDIA bloc's planned march towards the Supreme Court in protest against the Election Commission of India (ECI) and demanding the resignation of CEC Gyanesh Kumar over the controversy surrounding the Special Intensive Review (SIR) of the electoral rolls.

Raising concerns over the curbs imposed in the city in view of the protests, the LoP said, "The question is, why is Delhi, the capital city of India, under siege? People are being stopped from reaching Delhi. Trains and buses are being stopped, and people are being asked to get off. Delhi has been turned into a fortress, with police deployed everywhere, around 20,000 to 30,000 personnel."

"You might think this is a show of power, but our strategy is different. We want 20,000 to 30,000 police personnel standing on the streets. And the government is making a big mistake by doing this. We want to show the nation that the government, Narendra Modi, is protecting Gyanesh Kumar. We want them (the government) to protect him (CEC), because then we will ultimately reach his controller," he added.

Gandhi further claimed that the police personnel themselves are "deeply disturbed" and are questioning "why they are being made to beat the youth of India".

"Questions are being raised within the Home Ministry, Delhi Police, CRPF and ITBP about why they are being asked to stop young people, while RSS members are being allowed to move around freely. BJP and RSS goons are beating women. On the one hand, the police are being told to beat patriotic Indian youth and fire pellet guns at them, while on the other hand, they are being told to let these RSS youths, whom he describes as criminals and gangsters, go free and allow them to beat other young people," he said.

"This is benefiting us a lot. I can tell you with happiness that 50 per cent of the police personnel are telling us, 'What you are doing is right; keep going'. The police, ITBP, CRPF, the people of India, all of you and all opposition parties are on one side while Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Ajit Doval, Gyanesh Kumar and four or five people in the Election Commission, who are facilitating vote theft and have hijacked India, are on the other side. We are continuing to widen this divide," the LoP added.

Why is Gyanesh Kumar not resigning? Gandhi asked, adding, "the CEC is not able to sleep at night. But don't worry, we are not going to let you be. You will not survive as the CEC."

"The entire situation is unfolding now, with lakhs of people questioning your conduct and behaviour, will not stop. Why will it not stop? Because there are people ahead of you, and to reach them, we have to remove you. So, don't worry. We have information about you. We know your past. We understand all your corruption, and we have evidence," he added.

Rahul Gandhi's SIR petition faces 14 defects flagged by Supreme Court registry

NEW DELHI,
Wakeup telangana



The Supreme Court registry has flagged 14 defects in the writ petition filed by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and 10 other INDIA bloc leaders challenging the Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

The defects include naming individuals as respondents, failure to annex a copy of an earlier judgment, absence of vakalatnamas from nine petitioners and submission of an illegible copy of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's identity card.

The Supreme Court registry has also pointed out a shortfall of Rs 220 in the prescribed court fee, according to the defects notified on October 12, the day the petition was filed under diary number 64196/2026.

It has also flagged issues relating to the clarity and legibility of the petition and accompanying documents, including the use of small fonts and other discrepancies. Under the Supreme Court Rules, 2013, the petitioners will have to rectify the defects before the matter can be listed for hearing.

The petition challenges the SIR exercise, alleging large-scale voter deletions and irregularities in the revision of electoral rolls.

Besides Gandhi and Kharge, the petitioners include Trinamool Congress leader Saugata Roy, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut, CPI(M) leader M A Baby, CPI leader D Raja, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader Mahua Majhi, NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule and Indian Union Muslim League leader E T Mohammed Basheer.

The respondents named in the petition are the Election Commission of India, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

The filing followed a protest march by INDIA bloc leaders towards the Supreme Court on Monday, during which they demanded the resignation of CEC Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the electoral process.

Earlier, Gandhi had said that Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant advised Opposition leaders to approach the top court through a formal petition after they sought an appointment to raise their concerns over the SIR exercise.

Pakistan Police Detain Hundreds From Ex-PM Khan's Party In Northern Province

PESHAWAR
Wakeup telangana



Pakistani authorities have detained hundreds of members of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party after emergency rule was imposed in a northern province, police officials told AFP on Monday. Two police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media, said 278 members of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party had been detained in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province since Sunday's emergency declaration.

The PTI-ruled province was placed under emergency rule following days-long anti-government protests demanding Khan's release, while militant violence in the area has also been mounting, particularly along the border with Afghanistan. Thousands of Khan's supporters have been marching in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, also airing anti-government grievances fuelled by harsh economic conditions. The hugely popular former cricket star's party said on Sunday the province's chief minister Sohail Afridi had been arrested hours after the extraordinary constitutional measures were announced by Pakistan's presidency.

An administrative official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, told AFP that Afridi had been placed in "protective custody" in his official residence but later moved to another location. The official declined to disclose the new location. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is a stronghold for Khan's party, and the PTI-led government there would be "non-functional" until the security situation improves, the government said.

Islamabad has accused the PTI administration in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa of failing to deal with the militants, necessitating the imposition of emergency rule. The PTI has vehemently opposed the constitutional measures, describing them as undemocratic and a grab for power by the federal government. Khan has been behind bars since August 2023, facing scores of charges ranging from corruption to inciting violence, following widespread anti-establishment riots in May that year. He and his legal team reject the allegations, branding them as politically motivated.

President Murmu to inaugurate SARAS Mela in Vijayawada on October 15

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the national-level SARAS Mela in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, on October 15.

SARAS Mela (Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society) will be organised jointly by the Union Ministry of Rural Development and the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

The mela will feature more than 600 stalls showcasing products made by women belonging to self-help groups from across the country.

The President will be visiting Andhra Pradesh on October 14 and 15.

According to the draft itinerary, she will arrive from Delhi at Gannavaram Airport at 6:25 p.m. on October 14. From there, she will travel by road to Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada to offer prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga between 7:20 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. After an overnight stay in Vijayawada, the next day she will reach Punnami Ghat at 11:30 a.m. and inaugurate SARAS Mela.

After the programme, she will attend a luncheon with members of Self-Help Groups and 'Lakhpati Didis'.

Bathukamma celebrations draw huge crowds in Dubai as KCR slogans echo

DUBAI
Wakeup telangana



A large number of Telangana expatriates, including women, turned out to celebrate Bathukamma, Telangana's floral festival, in Dubai on Sunday.

Families from different emirates travelled to Dubai to attend the event organised by the local Telangana NRI organisation, ETCA. Women dressed in traditional attire gathered at the venue to participate in Bathukamma dances and sing in praise of Goddess Gouramma. The event showcased Telangana's rich cultural heritage and reflected the affection of some attendees towards BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). Slogans of "Saaru Kavaali, Kaaru Ravaali" — calling for KCR's return to power — echoed through the venue.

Organisers had widely publicised BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) as the chief guest, which some observers said may have contributed to the large turnout. Some of his supporters arrived carrying portraits of KTR in one hand and buckets of Bathukamma flowers in the other. However, KTR, who had been advertised as the chief guest at the high-profile event, did not attend.

Several senior BRS leaders from the Nizamabad parliamentary constituency also travelled to Dubai for the celebrations. The leaders, including MLAs, reportedly faced difficulty entering the hall amid the crowds.

MLAs Vemula Prashant Reddy and K. Sanjay, along with former MLA A. Jeevan Reddy, joined young attendees in dancing on stage. Jeevan Reddy also walked through the venue playing a traditional drum alongside a cultural troupe.

Addressing the gathering, Jeevan Reddy said the turnout left him wondering whether he was at a stadium in Hyderabad or in Dubai.

Delhi Metro update: All station gates reopened after security review

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Monday evening announced that it had restored normal operations at all stations amid protests in central Delhi.

In a post on X around 5 pm, the DMRC said, "Entry and exit gates of all Metro Stations of the Delhi Metro network are now open. The interchange facility at all the concerned Metro stations is also available."

Earlier in the day, the DMRC had suspended entry and exit facilities at six Metro stations in central Delhi until 4 pm.

The six stations were Rajiv Chowk, Central Secretariat, Patel Chowk, Janpath, Mandi House and Barakhamba Road.

During the day, the DMRC issued an advisory stating, "Due to security reasons, Metro stations on the Delhi Metro network are being temporarily closed intermittently. Regular updates on these closures as well as re-openings are being provided on DMRC's official social media channels and the official website."

The DMRC had suspended entry and exit facilities at the six stations from 6 am to 4 pm, citing security concerns, as the Congress-led INDIA bloc prepared to hold a protest march towards the Supreme Court. In a post on X, the DMRC said the entry and exit facilities at the stations would remain closed from 6 am to 4 pm on October 12, 2026, adding that security agencies would review the situation and issue further updates as necessary. Interchange facilities were to remain available at all six stations.

The restrictions on Monday came two days after authorities temporarily closed 45 Metro stations in view of a protest organised by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP).

FROM FRONT PAGE

4 Killed As E-Car.....

The driver appeared to have lost control while attempting to overtake another vehicle, hit a culvert and the car was thrown into the air before landing on the road's parapet wall, police said.

The battery exploded on impact, and flames engulfed the vehicle, police said. Locals attempted to rescue the occupants. Two persons died on the spot, while others were pulled out of the car. Three were taken to hospital, where two succumbed to their injuries on the way. One injured person remained in critical condition. The deceased were K Ramdev, 39; his mother Aruna, 55; his two-year-old son Mahatra, and Tiguru Aruna, 50. B Vijaya, 48, was admitted to a hospital for treatment. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family. He directed officials to ensure proper medical treatment for the injured person.

Jantar Mantar's.....

One of the significant early demonstrations at the site took place in 1993, when 33 organisations assembled for a 'Jail Bharo' protest against the government's economic policies and communalism. The scale of mobilisation was highlighted in Parliament, where an MP said nearly 25,000 people had participated in the demonstration. Nearly two decades later, Jantar Mantar became the centre of a nationwide anti-corruption movement led by activist Anna Hazare. On April 5, 2011, Hazare began a five-day hunger strike demanding a stronger Jan Lokpal Bill to tackle corruption.

The agitation gained momentum as the government agreed to constitute a joint drafting committee comprising ministers and civil society representatives to prepare the proposed legislation. Hazare ended his fast on April 9, turning the protest into one of the most prominent mass movements of the period and establishing Jantar Mantar as a focal point for public campaigns demanding political accountability.

In December 2012, the site and its surroundings became an important location for demonstrations following the brutal gangrape of a woman in a moving bus in the capital. The woman, who came to be known as Nirbhaya, died of her injuries, triggering widespread outrage across the country. Thousands of protesters, particularly young people, took to the streets demanding justice for the victim and stronger laws to protect women. In 2014, protests also followed the death of Nido Tania, a student from Arunachal Pradesh who was allegedly assaulted in southeast Delhi. The incident sparked anger over racial discrimination and violence against people from the Northeast, with demonstrators demanding justice and measures to prevent such attacks. Jantar Mantar continued to provide a platform to groups whose concerns struggled to gain sustained attention. In 2017, Tamil Nadu farmers staged a 41-day protest to highlight agrarian distress, seeking relief from mounting debts, drought-related losses and other problems affecting their livelihoods. The site became the focal point of demonstrations surrounding a high-profile sporting controversy in 2023, when prominent wrestlers, including Olympic medallists, staged a sit-in against then Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. The wrestlers accused him of sexually harassing women athletes, demanding arrest and action.

Delhi shifts des.....

Three new locations in Delhi — Ramlila Ground, Burari Ground and CBD Ground in East Delhi — have been designated for protests.

"Detailed and revised SOPs for organising protests and demonstrations at these three venues will be issued separately. This is in partial modification of the earlier Standing Order No. L&O/48/22 dated April 28, 2022," the statement read.

The decision comes against the backdrop of protests in the national capital against the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The announcement comes as the Congress-led INDIA bloc plans to march towards the Supreme Court to protest against the Election Commission and demand the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise. Security deployment has also continued around Jantar mantar.

CRIME

HC was not inclined to halt the tender process of RR-2

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court was not inclined to halt the tender process for the construction of the 81.15-km Radial Road-2, connecting the Outer Ring Road through Kothwalguda (Budvel) to NH-167N near Nacharam (Kondangal), at this stage. The court opined that an interim order of stay would not serve the public interest after technical and financial bids had been opened and the successful bidder (L-1) identified. However, the court preferred to hear the government as well the successful L-1 bidder's contentions before taking any decision.

Accordingly, Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy directed Sushi Infra and Mining Limited, which challenged the rejection of its technical bids for three packages of the project, to implead the successful bidder as a respondent. The court directed the government agencies like HGCL (Hyderabad Growth Corridor Ltd) and other departments to file their counter-affidavits within two weeks. The court said the question of interim relief could be reconsidered after the L-1 bidder was brought on record.

The authorities rejected Sushi Infra's technical bids on the ground that its experience certificate did not bear the countersignature of the superintending engineer. Hence, it challenged the same in three petitions. However, it contended that the certificate furnished by the company was valid and had been issued by the competent authority for national highway works in Arunachal Pradesh. Senior counsel Avinash Desai, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the price quoted by the L-1 bidder for the three packages was approximately `600 crore higher than the amount quoted by Sushi Infra. He argued that excluding Sushi Infra from consideration would impose an additional burden on the state exchequer and would therefore be contrary to public interest.

Opposing the plea, additional advocate-general Tera Rajinikanth Reddy, representing the state government and HGCL, argued that the court should not intervene in the tender process after the technical and financial bids had been opened. He submitted that the evaluation of bids and determination of contractors' eligibility fell within the domain of the competent tender authorities. The AAG also pointed out that there were no allegations of malafide against the officials and argued that interim orders should not impede the execution of important infrastructure works. He relied on judgments of the Supreme Court and other High Courts in support of the government's stand. After hearing both sides, the judge said the issues concerning the validity of the experience certificate and the designation of the official who had countersigned it would be examined after the respondents filed their counter-affidavits.

Hyderabad ACB Arrests Surveyor, Tahsildar for Alleged Rs 20 Lakh Bribe

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Anti Corruption Bureau said it had arrested mandal surveyor Batuka Srinivasulu and tahsildar B. Sudershan Reddy of Abdullapurmet while they were allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 20 lakh on Monday. The bribe was allegedly demanded for Sudershan Reddy to conduct the survey and issue a joint inspection survey report for a layout under HMDA guidelines. The duo allegedly initially demanded Rs 23 lakh, but settled for Rs 20 lakh. The party from whom they made the demand lodged a complaint with the ACB which registered a case and mounted an operation. The ACB said the bribe money was recovered from Srinivasulu at his instance. He tested positive for the chemically-marked notes. The ACB said Srinivasulu and Sudershan Reddy were produced before the Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nampally. The details of the complainant are withheld for security reasons.

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.

Former employee arrested for saleswoman's murder in Chaderghat

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 35-year-old salesman was arrested for allegedly murdering a saleswoman at a women's clothing store in Azampura, Chaderghat, on October 9.

The incident occurred at Manha Luxurious Women's Store in Azampura at around 9.30 pm. According to the police, the suspect, identified as Mohd. Ibrahim, a former employee of the same store, allegedly attacked Tahera Banu with a sharp knife, inflicting severe injuries on her. She later succumbed to her injuries at Osmania General Hospital.

"Ibrahim had allegedly been in a relationship with the woman for the past few years. However, over the last six months, she had reportedly distanced herself from him and stopped responding to his requests. This allegedly led to resentment, prompting him to attack her with a knife while she was at the store," said Chaderghat police. The suspect was produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody.

HC directs to maintain status quo on the road which leads to Green Grace Apts at Khajaguda

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has directed the authorities to maintain status quo on a 24-metre-wide master plan road that serves as the access route to Green Grace Apartments at Khajaguda, pending further hearing of a writ petition challenging alleged interference with the road. Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy issued the interim order while hearing a petition filed by the Green Grace Apartment Owners Maintenance Mutually Aided Cooperative Society Ltd, which alleged that HYDRAA, the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation and revenue department authorities were interfering with the use of the road formed in 1.07 acres in Survey No 17 of Khajaguda, Serilingampally mandal. The petition alleged that the authorities were trying to close, seal, fence, dig up, divert or otherwise obstruct the road, and to make the land available to SAS iTower Private Limited, formerly known as SAS Infra. The society contended that the road was the only access to Green Grace Apartments, located in Survey No. 21, and that any obstruction would adversely affect the entry and exit of residents, visitors, service vehicles and emergency vehicles. Senior counsel Vidyasagar, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the apartment building had been constructed under a building permit issued on October 23, 2009, which recognised the same access route. He argued that the authorities could not interfere with the road without following the due process of law. The court, while issuing status quo orders, also issued notices to the authorities and private parties to submit their contention by November 5.

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.

7Seas Entertainment Unveils Formula Ride Racing Game

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

7Seas Entertainment Limited (BSE: 540874) has announced Formula Ride, an upcoming mobile racing game that combines high-speed competition with strategic decision-making. The game is currently available for pre-registration on Google Play and pre-order on the Apple App Store ahead of its proposed commercial launch on Android and iOS.

Developed in India for domestic and international audiences, Formula Ride aims to deliver an engaging racing experience in which players must rely on more than speed to secure victory. The planned gameplay features include tyre management, pit-stop strategies, vehicle damage response, braking dynamics and race-control decisions based on changing track conditions.

The company said the game is being designed to appeal to both casual mobile gamers and dedicated racing enthusiasts through multiple gameplay modes, progression systems and competitive features.



Formula Ride is planned to include a range of modes intended for both quick-play users and players seeking longer-term progression:
- **Championship Mode**: a structured racing season proposed to feature 10 teams and a 20-driver grid.
- **Career Mode**: progression through racing tiers, with opportunities to unlock vehicles and upgrades and build a racing reputation.
- **Quick Race and Classic Modes**: accessible racing sessions offering different ways to experience the game.
- **Real-time Multiplayer**: proposed competitive gameplay with supporting features such as leaderboards, achievements and daily rewards.

Championship Mode is proposed to feature a structured racing season with 10 teams and a 20-driver grid. Career Mode will allow players to progress through different racing tiers, unlock vehicles and upgrades, and build their reputation. Quick Race and Classic Modes will offer additional options for players seeking shorter or alternative racing experiences.

Formula Ride is also expected to include real-time multiplayer competition, leaderboards, achievements and daily rewards, encouraging players to improve their performance and compete against others. The combination of accessible controls and strategic gameplay is intended to make the title suitable for beginners while offering deeper challenges to experienced players.

L. M. Shankar, Managing Director of 7Seas Entertainment Limited, said the company aims to create an engaging experience where players can compete, make meaningful strategic decisions and progress over time. He said Formula Ride reflects the company's ambition to develop original games in India for players worldwide.

The project brings together the company's teams across concept development, gameplay design, software engineering, visual production, quality assurance and publishing. The company views the title as part of its broader focus on original gaming intellectual property and mobile-first development.

Following the commercial launch, 7Seas Entertainment intends to assess player feedback and game performance to guide potential improvements and content updates, subject to technical feasibility, commercial considerations and platform requirements.

Headquartered in Hyderabad, 7Seas Entertainment Limited develops and publishes digital games and interactive content across mobile, PC and web platforms.

Its activities include game design, software development, animation, publishing, quality assurance and AI-assisted content production.

Further information regarding the game's commercial launch and availability will be communicated through the company's official website, www.7seasent.com, and other official channels..

India retail inflation rises to 5.54pc in September, food prices drive increase

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India's retail inflation rose to 5.54 per cent in September 2026 on an annual basis, according to provisional data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Monday.

The reading was higher than the 4.83 per cent inflation recorded in August. The rise in inflation was more pronounced in rural areas, where consumer inflation stood at 6.08 per cent in September, compared with 4.88 per cent in urban areas.

"Retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index in September, 2026 is 5.54 per cent," the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation said.

"Year-on-year food inflation, based on Consumer Food Price Index, in September, 2026 is 7.74 per cent," it added.



In August, rural and urban inflation had been recorded at 5.24 per cent and 4.31 per cent, respectively.

Food prices continued to remain a key driver of inflation during the month. The all-India food inflation rate, based on the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), climbed to 7.74 per cent in September from 5.97 per cent in August. Rural food inflation came in at 8.06 per cent, while urban food inflation stood at 7.18 per cent.

The CPI (General) index for the combined category increased to 109.49 in September from 108.74 in August. Similarly, the combined CFPI index rose to 112.17 from 110.73 during the same period.

The NSO said price data were collected from 1,407 urban markets, including online markets, and 1,465 villages across states and Union Territories.

The response rate during September was 100 per cent in both rural and urban markets, ensuring comprehensive coverage of price movements.

The government will release the Consumer Price Index data for October 2026 on November 12, 2026, or the next working day if the scheduled date falls on a holiday.

Volvo EX90 launched in India at Rs 1.26 crore, deliveries from January 2027

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Volvo is stepping up its presence in India's luxury electric vehicle market with the launch of the EX90 SUV at an introductory ex-showroom price of Rs 1.26 crore. The Swedish carmaker has opened bookings for the six-seater, with deliveries scheduled to commence in January 2027.

The launch also comes with a preview of Volvo's next potential addition to its Indian electric vehicle portfolio, the ES90 electric sedan. The company has not yet disclosed the sedan's price or launch schedule.

The EX90 combines a 106 kWh battery, dual-motor all-wheel drive and a technology-led cabin. Volvo claims a driving range of up to 625 km on the WLTP test cycle, placing the SUV among the premium electric offerings targeting buyers seeking long-distance capability and high-end features.

Performance and charging

The EX90's dual-motor setup produces a claimed



456 hp and 670 Nm of peak torque. The SUV can accelerate from 0 to 100 kmph in 5.5 seconds, according to the company, while its top speed is electronically restricted to 180 kmph.

The vehicle supports DC fast charging at up to 350 kW. Volvo's stated charging time for a 10–80% battery top-up is approximately 22 minutes under suitable conditions.

Six-seat cabin and technology

Based on Volvo's SPA2 platform, the EX90 is positioned as an all-electric counterpart to the combustion-engine XC90. Its six-seat layout features second-row captain's chairs, prioritising individual passenger space and comfort.

The cabin includes a 14.5-inch central touchscreen with Google built-in, a 9-inch driver display and a head-up display. A 25-speaker Bowers & Wilkins audio system, four-zone climate control, a 360-degree camera and active air suspension are among its key features.

Safety equipment includes nine airbags and advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) supported by NVIDIA and Qualcomm Snapdragon hardware. The systems are intended to assist the driver and improve occupant protection.

Competition and next launch

The EX90 will compete in India's premium electric SUV market with offerings such as the BMW iX, Mercedes-Benz EQS SUV and Kia EV9. Its six-seat configuration and emphasis on cabin technology are central to its positioning in the segment.

Apollo Medical College Awards Degrees to 141 UG and PG Students



Chief Guest Padma Shri Dr. B. Soma Raju (2nd from Right), Renowned Cardiologist, Founder of Care Hospitals & Consultant & Mentor Director – Cardiology, Sindhu Hospitals; presenting the prestigious Dr Pratap C Reddy's Gold medal for the best outgoing Undergraduate student to Ms. Maya Devi Kocherlakota (3rd from Left) of UG batch 2020; at the Graduation Ceremony hosted by The Apollo Medical College, today at the Dr BR Ambedkar Open University, Jubilee Hills; as (L-R) Ms. Aparna Reddy, COO, AHERF, Hyderabad; Mr. Shiva Rama Krishnan, CEO, Apollo Knowledge & Dr. K. Manohar, Dean, AIMSR; look on.

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Padma Shri Dr. B. Soma Raju, renowned cardiologist and founder of CARE Hospitals, presented degrees to 97 undergraduate and 44 postgraduate students at the graduation ceremony of Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (AIMSR), Hyderabad, held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Jubilee Hills.

Maya Devi Kocherlakota received Dr. Pratap C. Reddy's Gold Medal for Best Outgoing Undergraduate Student, while Samudrala Kavya of General Medicine won the corresponding postgraduate gold medal. Vellore Sarvan Sri Ramya received the Dr. K.V.R. Prasad Memorial Gold Medal.

Addressing the graduates, Dr. Soma Raju emphasised compassion, humility, scientific knowledge and human understanding as essential qualities of a good physician. He urged doctors to prioritise patients' dignity and practise medicine with courage and integrity.

Apollo Knowledge CEO Shiva Rama Krishnan encouraged graduates to embrace artificial intelligence and continuous learning to improve healthcare delivery. AIMSR Dean Dr. K. Manohar highlighted the students' academic achievements and stressed communication skills and lifelong learning.

COO Aparna Reddy congratulated the graduates and wished them success as future physicians, researchers and healthcare leaders.

Established in 2012, Apollo Medical College has produced over 700 graduates, with more than 90 per cent of its alumni securing postgraduate seats in India or residency programmes abroad.

SEIL Energy Launches 10-km Water Project in Andhra Pradesh



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

SEIL Energy India Limited has inaugurated a 10-km raw water pumping project at Juvvalapalem village in Undi Constituency, West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, with a CSR investment of ₹1.56 crore.

The project is expected to benefit nearly 10,000 people across five villages—Kalavapudi, Pallipalem, Prathella Meraka, Modi and SC Bose Colony—where residents have long faced drinking water shortages due to salinity.

The project was inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh Deputy Speaker and Undi MLA Kanumuru Raghu Rama Krishna Raju in the presence of Union Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma and APIIC Chairman Mantena Rama Raju.

SEIL Energy CEO Janmejaya Mahapatra said access to safe drinking water is essential for health and human dignity. He added that the initiative reflects the company's commitment to community development and improving the quality of life.

The project is expected to strengthen access to drinking water and support public health and sustainable development in the region.

SEIL Energy operates a 2,640-MW supercritical thermal power complex in Andhra Pradesh and continues to support community welfare through its CSR initiatives.

ZOORI Targets 25 Jewellery Stores Across India in One Year

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Founders of Zoori Ankush Surana (6th from Left), Mahesh Choudhary (7th from Left) & Sai Vineeth (8th from Left), flanked by models, at the unveiling of Zoori – a natural diamond brand, today at District150 by Quorum, Madhapur.

Natural diamond jewellery brand ZOORI has announced an ambitious national expansion plan, targeting 25 stores across India over the next 12 months, leveraging more than two decades of jewellery manufacturing experience and introducing a Franchise Owned, Company Operated (FOCO) business model.

The brand will initially establish four stores in Hyderabad over the next three months. Its first showroom, located on Raj Bhavan Road, is scheduled to open on October 18, 2026. ZOORI also plans to launch an online platform to complement its physical retail network.

Founded on craftsmanship, transparency and customer care, ZOORI offers lifestyle jewellery featuring certified natural diamonds, genuine gemstones and BIS-hallmarked gold jewellery in 18 KT, 14 KT and 9 KT categories, wherever applicable.

Founder Mahesh Choudhary said the brand aims to make fine jewellery part of everyday life rather than limiting it to weddings and special occasions. By offering lightweight, budget-friendly gold and diamond designs, ZOORI seeks to serve younger consumers looking for accessible luxury.

Sai Vineeth, Founder of ZOORI, said consumer preferences had changed significantly. While earlier generations often purchased gold as savings and stored it for the future, younger buyers increasingly want jewellery they can wear daily. He said the brand focuses on honest pricing, certified stones and genuine hallmarked gold.

The company's strategy aligns with growing demand for lightweight, versatile jewellery suitable for workplaces, everyday use and special occasions. Industry figures cited in the company's press note indicate that around 85 per cent of jewellery purchases continue to take place offline, highlighting the importance of physical stores in building consumer confidence.

ZOORI is positioning itself through customer-focused services, including lifelong maintenance, a 20-day return policy, lifelong diamond exchange, loyalty benefits, insurance options and customer support through phone, WhatsApp and email.

Founder Ankush Surana said rising gold prices and changing preferences among Gen Z consumers had created demand for contemporary, minimal and versatile jewellery. He said ZOORI was designed to combine modern styling with everyday wearability and premium appeal.

Under the FOCO model, franchise partners will invest in and own showrooms, while ZOORI manages daily operations. The company expects this arrangement to maintain consistent service standards, merchandising and customer experience across its expanding network.

With its planned retail expansion and digital platform, ZOORI aims to strengthen its national presence while offering customers transparent pricing, quality craftsmanship and accessible everyday luxury jewellery.

Nifty slips below 22,400 as selling pressure drags benchmark indices lower

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The benchmark equity indices ended sharply lower on Monday, weighed down by selling pressure in FMCG, PSU Bank and IT stocks. Weakness in heavyweight counters dragged the markets lower despite resilience in the broader segment.

The Sensex declined 547.65 points, or 0.76 per cent, to settle at 71,924.68. The Nifty fell 157.10 points, or 0.70 per cent, to close at 22,363.35.

Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that the Nifty's failure to sustain levels above 22,600 turned the positive opening into another sell-on-rise session.

"The PCR slipped to 0.61, pointing to call-heavy positioning, while India VIX climbed to 15.23, signalling increased demand for downside protection," analysts stated.

"The Nifty's immediate support lies in the 22,300–22,200 zone, with a decisive break potentially exposing the 22,000 mark. On the upside, a sustained recovery would require the index to reclaim the 22,500–22,600 band," maket watchers noted.

Ananya Panday on making hosting debut at IIFA Awards 2027: 'This experience is even more special'

Actress Ananya Panday is all set to make her hosting debut at the IIFA Awards 2027.

Reflecting on her journey with IIFA, Ananya said returning to the stage in a new role as co-host makes the experience even more special, particularly as her journey with the awards began in Abu Dhabi, where the upcoming event will be held.

Speaking about making her hosting debut at IIFA, Ananya said, "Being a part of IIFA has always been incredibly special to me. My IIFA journey began in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, with my very first-ever performance on that iconic stage. I still remember the excitement of that moment. I had grown up watching IIFA, so to find myself a part of that incredible celebration of Indian cinema felt like a dream come true. Over the years, IIFA has become such a beautiful part of my journey."

"With every experience, I've had the opportunity to grow, discover new sides of myself and create memories that I will always cherish. There is something truly magical about the IIFA stage, the energy, the scale, the audiences and the incredible coming together of talent from across our industry. To now be returning to IIFA 2027 in a completely new role as a co-host to IIFA Awards makes this experience even more special." "To have the opportunity to be on that stage and celebrate some of the biggest stars, stories and achievements of Indian cinema is something I'm genuinely excited about. And to do it in Abu Dhabi, where my IIFA journey began, makes it even more meaningful. I can't wait to be back, create new memories and celebrate the magic of Indian cinema with audiences around the world."



Varun Dhawan added, "IIFA has always been a celebration that feels very close to the heart of every actor because it brings our entire film fraternity together in one place and then takes that celebration to the world. I have had some incredible memories with IIFA over the years, from performing on its stage to being part of its unforgettable celebrations in Abu Dhabi."

The 'Student of the Year' actor further mentioned, "There is an incredible energy at IIFA that is difficult to describe until you experience it — the audience, the artists, the music and that feeling of Indian cinema coming together on one global stage. To return to Yas Island and host the IIFA Awards is a huge honour. Abu Dhabi has become such a special part of IIFA's journey, and I am thrilled to be coming back to a place where we have created so many incredible memories. IIFA has grown beyond an awards night into a celebration of everything that makes Indian cinema so loved around the world. I cannot wait to share the stage, celebrate our incredible talent and hopefully create a few more unforgettable IIFA moments along the way."

Karan Johar, on bringing his signature energy back to the IIFA stage, said, "IIFA and I go back a long way, and some of my most memorable moments on stage have happened here. Six times as host sounds like a lot, but the excitement, the nerves and the sheer unpredictability of a live IIFA night never get old! There's a wonderful madness and magic to IIFA that you simply have to experience. Coming back to Abu Dhabi makes it even more special, and I'm ready for the laughter.

Kunal Kapoor to be seen in 'Lambodhara 2.0' produced by Mahaveer Jain



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Bollywood actor Kunal Kapoor will be next seen in the upcoming film 'Lambodhara 2.0' helmed by Simple Suni. The film is a bilingual social thriller, and will be released theatrically in both Kannada and Hindi on November 20, 2026. Producer Mahaveer Jain has joined forces with the makers to present the film under his banner Mahaveer Jain Films.

Talking about the same, Mahaveer Jain said in a statement, "I am extremely impressed by Lambodhara 2.0 and its unique exploration of happiness and artificial intelligence. It is wonderful to see Kannada cinema experimenting with such ambitious ideas. The film raises an important question, are we becoming happier because of technology, or losing control over our own happiness? I strongly believe this film deserves to reach audiences across India, and we are happy to present it".

The collaboration materialized after director Simple Suni met Mahaveer Jain to share the vision, scale, and making of the film. Blown away by its fresh theme and the integration of a real humanoid robot on screen, Jain immediately backed the project for a pan-India reach, encouraging a simultaneous Hindi dub.

Director Simple Suni shared, "We have made a high-concept science-fiction film exploring happiness, artificial intelligence, and the influence of technology on human life. One of its biggest attractions is JIA, a real humanoid robot playing a character in the film, which we believe is a first-of-its-kind attempt in Indian cinema. Mahaveer Ji was extremely impressed by the concept and encouraged us to release it in Hindi as well. We are delighted to have Mahaveer Jain Films present our movie".

On Monday, Simple Suni took to his Instagram, and shared a picture with the film's team. He wrote in the caption, "Lambodhara 2.0. Happiness Loading".

Packed with suspense, sharp humour, and relatable emotions, the film touches upon the theme of the modern digital age. The plot revolves around a technology-driven 'happiness challenge' promising huge rewards while silently monitoring and shaping human feelings and actions. It holds up a mirror to today's world of social media validation, digital addiction, AI interference, and the ultimate struggle for human free will. The film is set to release in cinemas on November 20, 2026.

SATG Explores Grassroots Football Partnership with Liverpool FC Foundation

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The Sports Authority of Telangana (SATG) organised a round-table meeting at the Gachibowli Sports Complex on Monday to explore collaboration with the Liverpool Football Club (LFC) Foundation to promote grassroots football, community participation and sports-led social development across Telangana.Mr. Colin Contini, Head of Operations at the LFC Foundation, visited the complex at the invitation of SATG and interacted with football clubs, foundations, corporate representatives and sports officials.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. A. Sonibala Devi, Vice-Chairperson and Managing Director of SATG.Discussions focused on expanding football opportunities for children and young people, increasing the participation of girls and women, improving coaching standards and using sport to promote health, education, life skills and social inclusion. Participants also explored ways to mobilise Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding for sustainable sports-for-development programmes.Mr. Contini presented the LFC Foundation's initiatives,



which cover inclusion, physical activity, health and wellbeing, education, employability, youth intervention and community engagement. Established in 2002, the Foundation conducts nearly 200 sessions every week for young people and families and works with schools across the Liverpool City Region. Its international programmes, delivered in partnership with Right To Play, support vulnerable children in countries including Thailand, Senegal and Tanzania.Former India international footballers Victor Amalraj and Shabbir Ali participated in the meeting and shared their views on strengthening football at the grassroots level. Representatives of football clubs, foundations and corporate organisations also discussed opportunities to develop community-based programmes across Telangana.Dr. Sonibala Devi said Telangana had a strong football tradition and considerable young talent. She expressed confidence that the LFC Foundation's experience could help strengthen community football through cooperation among the government, clubs, former players and CSR partners.Mr. Contini appreciated SATG's efforts to promote football and expressed interest in exploring collaboration in community football, inclusion and sports-for-development initiatives.The meeting concluded with participants agreeing to identify specific areas of cooperation and work towards a framework for future engagement between SATG and the LFC Foundation.G. Palguna, secretary of the Telangana Football Association, SATG Deputy Directors Dr. Ravinder, Dr. Ravi Teja and Srinivas Ashok, and Public Relations Officer Suresh Kaleru and Kannam Madhu also attended the meeting.

Wang Manyu Reclaims World No. 1 Ranking After China Smash Triumph

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China's Wang Manyu reclaimed the world No. 1 position in women's singles in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings released on Monday, following her successful title defence at the 2026 WTT China Smash in Beijing.Wang defeated Japan's Hitomi Sato 4-0 in Sunday's final at Shougang Park, collecting 2,000 ranking points to overtake compatriot Sun Yingsha and return to the summit of the women's singles standings.The Chinese paddler first reached the world No. 1 position in September but subsequently dropped to second place after the ranking points earned from her 2025 China Smash victory expired. Her latest triumph helped her regain the top



spot.Wang dominated the final against Sato, winning the opening game 11-2. The second game proved more competitive, with the expedite rule coming into effect when Wang led 9-8. Under the rule, the server must win the point within 13 strokes; otherwise, the receiver is awarded the point.

Wang maintained her composure under pressure, securing the second game 11-8 before taking the next two games 11-3 and 11-9 to complete a straight-games victory.The triumph marked Wang's fourth WTT Grand Smash title and confirmed her successful defence of the women's singles crown.

Despite the defeat, Sato recorded a notable improvement in the latest rankings, climbing five places to eighth. Japan's Miwa Harimoto retained third place, while China's Wang Yidi and Kuai Man occupied the fourth and fifth positions, respectively.Wang's victory also came after an earlier setback against Sato. The Japanese player had won their most recent meeting, defeating Wang 3-0 in the round of 32 at the 2026 WTT United States Smash three months earlier. Their overall head-to-head record stood at 6-1 in Wang's favour following the China Smash final.

In the men's singles rankings, Japan's Sora Matsushima retained the world No. 1 position after winning the China Smash title. He defeated Chinese Taipei's Lin Yun-ju 4-3 in a closely contested seven-game final.France's Felix Lebrun occupied second place in the men's rankings, followed by Japan's Tomokazu Harimoto, Sweden's Truls Moregard and China's Wang Chuqin.In doubles, French brothers Alexis and Felix Lebrun led the men's rankings, while Japan's Hina Hayata and Miwa Harimoto topped the women's doubles standings. South Korea's Lim Jong-hoon and Shin Yu-bin retained the leading position in mixed doubles.Under ITTF ranking regulations introduced in 2022, players' points are calculated primarily from their eight best results over the preceding 12 months.

Hyderabad faces 150 MGD water deficit as groundwater levels plunge

Hyderabad faces a reported daily water deficit of 150 million gallons as groundwater levels decline and monsoon rainfall remains deficient. HMWSSB supplies 585 MGD against a projected demand of 735 MGD, prompting plans for infrastructure upgrades and long-term supply projects.

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Deficient monsoon rainfall, critical groundwater depletion, and water supply shortages have left Hyderabad residents facing a water crisis, with taps and sumps running dry as the city's underground aquifers deplete rapidly.

After the erstwhile GHMC was trifurcated, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board's jurisdiction extended across 2,053 sq km, covering Core Urban Region Economy areas comprising Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) and Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC).

Despite a major geographical expansion to integrate Hyderabad's booming peripheries, the HMWSSB is struggling to tackle an escalating water crisis.

A senior HMWSSB official conceded a shortfall in water supply and told 'Telangana Today' that the water board is currently supplying 585 million gallons per day (MGD) to the CURE area, leaving a 150 MGD deficit and consumers facing a potable water shortage.

"Population projections indicate we should supply 735 MGD to meet demand from 1.3 crore people," the official said. The city's 150 MGD water shortfall is attributed to strained storage capacity, legacy pipeline infrastructure, and unprecedented population growth.

Experiencing sparse rainfall this monsoon, the city's key drinking water reservoirs are slowly but steadily depleting. The HMWSSB is monitoring water levels of the reservoirs with growing concern as the trend undermines expectations of a water-secure winter.

Borewells in several IT corridors and peripheral residential sectors that once yielded water at 300 feet are now dry even at depths of 800 to 1,000 feet. The severe decline in the water table has triggered widespread dependence on private water tankers.

Bridging a 150 MGD shortfall is now the water board's highest operational priority, top officials said. Infrastructure upgrades, water-distribution strategies and long-term supply projects are planned to secure the CURE area's water supply.

Consumers in CURE: 14,59,608 (including domestic, non-domestic, bulk commercial, industries and others)

Comparison of Metropolitan Cities and Average Per Capita Supply in Litres Per Capita per Day (LPCD):
Hyderabad: 150 LPCD
Bengaluru: 108 LPCD
Chennai: 135 LPCD
Delhi: 172 LPCD

Women Journalists Protest at Tank Bund Over Alleged Assaults and Harassment in Delhi

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Women journalists gathered at the Ambedkar statue on Tank Bund on Monday evening to protest assaults, sexual harassment and unlawful detention of women reporters covering demonstrations in New Delhi and other cities. They demanded the release of detained journalists, withdrawal of cases against them and an independent inquiry into police conduct. The protesters carried placards that read "Stop suppressing media freedom" and "Fear won't silence us".

They said in a statement that police personnel and men in civilian clothes had attacked journalists despite being told they were members of the press. Reporters covering protests against the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation had faced intimidation and obstruction, they added. Their statement referred to allegations that police sexually harassed three women journalists.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) took suo motu cognisance of the matter and sought a detailed report from the Delhi Police Commissioner within two weeks. The protesters also referred to the Supreme Court's October 11 directions against unlawful detentions. They said attacks continued despite assurances to the court that journalists and other professionals would not be obstructed in their work.

The women termed such attacks a violation of press freedom and the dignity and safety of women. They also condemned alleged assaults on women who had come to participate in demonstrations. The protesters demanded that journalists be allowed to cover public events without threats or detention and that those responsible for the attacks face action.

KTR files discharge petition in Formula - E race case

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After failing to secure relief from the Telangana High Court and the Supreme Court for quashing the FIR registered against him in the Formula-E race case, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao has now filed a discharge petition before the Special ACB Court in Nampally, seeking to be relieved of the charges before the commencement of trial. The petition followed the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) filing a chargesheet in connection with the alleged irregular transfer of Rs 55 crore from the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) funds to a foreign entity for the conduct of the Formula-E race. Rama Rao has urged the ACB Court to discharge him from the case, contending that he should not be subjected to trial.

The court will hear the petition on October 30. The Supreme Court had dismissed as withdrawn Rama Rao's special leave petition filed on January 15 to quash the FIR.

He had approached the apex court after the Telangana High Court was not inclined to quash the case. While the previous quash petition challenges sought to quash the FIR and terminate the criminal proceedings at the threshold, the present petition sought Rama Rao's discharge after the ACB filed its chargesheet and before the trial began.

Harish Rao Slams Congress Over Farmers' Distress and Power Cuts

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Former Minister and BRS Legislature Party Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao strongly criticised the Congress government for its alleged failure to address drought conditions, El Niño impacts, power shortages and irrigation problems in Telangana.

Harish Rao questioned the repeated cancellation and rescheduling of a proposed video conference with farmers, alleging that the government had treated a serious agricultural crisis irresponsibly. He said farmers were first asked to attend meetings expecting the Chief Minister's address, only to be informed later that the Deputy Chief Minister would speak.

He demanded answers on the measures taken over the past nine months despite scientific warnings about El Niño. He also questioned reports advising farmers against cultivating crops, asking how farmers and agricultural labourers would survive without employment and income.

Highlighting migrant workers' hardships, Harish Rao said labourers from Palamuru and Gadwal districts had faced accidents while travelling to Karnataka for work, with some losing their lives. He accused the Congress government of failing vulnerable Dalit and tribal families and urged it to announce concrete relief measures.

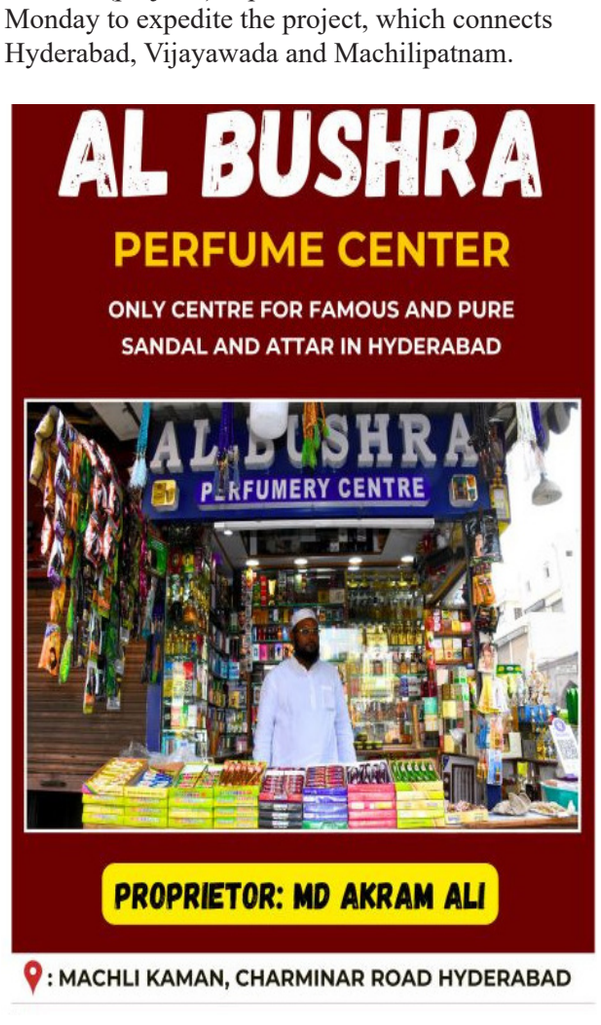
He also blamed the government for power shortages and agricultural distress, alleging that inadequate planning and delayed power purchase agreements had contributed to electricity cuts.

He questioned why farmers were receiving insufficient power and protesting outside substations despite needing electricity to protect their crops.On irrigation, Harish Rao accused the government of neglecting Telangana's projects while water was being diverted elsewhere. He cited problems at the Devadula project and Kannepalli pump house and questioned the failure to utilise available water at Sammakka Sagar.

Harish Rao demanded an urgent Cabinet meeting and a clear action plan to protect farmers, provide reliable electricity, ensure irrigation and prevent distress migration. He alleged that the government had failed both farmers and agricultural labourers.



Roads minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy met NHAI chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav and member (projects) Vipnesh Sharma in Delhi on Monday to expedite the project, which connects Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Machilipatnam.



BRS MLC Dasoju questions Rs 250-cr cost escalation in Manchirevula temple

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan has questioned the increase in the estimated cost of the Sri Omkareshwara temple project at Manchirevula, demanding an immediate public inquiry into the revision.

Sravan said the project, initially estimated to cost Rs 700 crore, had been pegged at Rs 948.65 crore for temple construction alone in a government order. The total project cost, including road works, stood at Rs 1,108.27 crore, he said.

Questioning the revision even before construction began, Sravan asked why the estimates had risen sharply when excavation and brickwork had yet to start.

He demanded that the Congress government explain the reasons for the cost escalation and disclose who would benefit from the revised estimates. He pointed out that the department concerned was under the direct supervision of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Alleging irregularities in the estimates, Sravan called for a transparent probe into the project costs and accountability for the increase.

BRS leader alleges violations at Mindvault school site in Kompally

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Tension prevailed at the under-construction Mindvault corporate school in Kompally as BRS leader Manne Krishank led party cadres to the site on Monday, alleging violations of construction norms. He also questioned the proposed fee structure and business interests allegedly linked to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's family.

Speaking to mediapersons, Krishank said the school, coming up on land in Survey No. 87 in Medchal-Malkajgiri district, lacked even a playground despite being promoted as an international school.

He questioned the management for opening admissions for the next academic year on its website before completing construction and proposing a fee of Rs 2.5 lakh per student.

The BRS leader demanded that the Chief Minister explain the alleged business interests of his daughter, Naimisha Reddy, in Mindvault and the company's reported plans to establish 50 schools across States. He also alleged that several directors associated with Mindvault held positions in Medicover Hospitals and Maxbien Pharma, which he claimed were also linked to the Chief Minister's family. He sought answers from the Congress government over the alleged common directorships.

Krishank said the BRS had been raising questions about the companies for nearly 10 days but had received no response from the
Chief Minister or the Congress government. He demanded a probe into the alleged links and questioned whether there was a conflict of interest. He said the BRS was not opposed to private investment or development but would continue to question the alleged misuse of public office.

Patient safety nodal officer is must in all medical colleges: NMC

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In a move to strengthen patient safety, improve healthcare services and reduce medical errors, the National Medical Commission (NMC) on Monday directed all medical colleges and healthcare institutions to establish dedicated Patient Safety Cells and appoint nodal officers to institutionalise clinical care standards.

Under the new guidelines, all medical colleges and their associated teaching hospitals must appoint a designated Patient Safety Nodal Officer to oversee the implementation of safety protocols.

Teaching hospitals are also required to constitute a formal Patient Safety Committee or Cell comprising specialists from multiple disciplines.

These cells will be responsible for implementing, monitoring and periodically reviewing standard operating procedures (SOPs).

Deans, principals and directors of medical colleges have been instructed to email the final composition of their institutional patient safety committees and details of their nodal officers directly to the National Patient Safety Secretariat.

The initiative aims to systematically reduce avoidable treatment-related adverse events, ease patients' financial burdens through improved clinical efficiency, enhance overall patient satisfaction and rebuild public trust in healthcare systems.

Health administrators say the new NMC guidelines seek to shift medical institutions from a reactive approach to error reporting towards a proactive, protocol-driven safety culture across teaching hospitals nationwide.

Congress Hits Back, Questions BJP's Defence of ECI

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Strongly countering BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao's remarks, the Congress wondered why the BJP was defending the Election Commission of India when its officials should have been responding to allegations.

Over his claim of adding back deleted names to electoral rolls, transport minister Ponnam Prabhakar asked why the BJP was behaving as if the ECI was taking orders directly from the party.

Responding to Ramchander Rao's statements on Monday, where he claimed to have accepted Prabhakar's earlier challenge over alleged deletion of
genuine votes, the minister in a media statement suggested that the BJP should stop acting as though the Election Commission was a tool in its hands.

"You must stop speaking as if the Election Commission was at your disposal. What does it mean to claim that you will personally have voter names added back into the system if they go missing? Do you intend to act as Election Commission officials yourselves," he asked the state BJP president.

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