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Friday Sermon Row Sparks Political Storm in J&K

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A fresh political and religious controversy has erupted in Jammu and Kashmir after reports emerged that the J&K Waqf Board was considering a mechanism to introduce uniform Friday sermons across mosques, shrines and other Muslim places of worship in the Union Territory. The proposal sparked sharp reactions from political leaders and religious organisations, with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Muhammad Umar Farooq accusing the Waqf Board of attempting to interfere in religious affairs and advancing what they described as a broader

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United in fight against EC, Centre: INDIA bloc

INDIA Bloc Leaders Unite to Intensify Fight Against ECI Over Vote Theft Allegations

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The INDIA bloc leaders on Tuesday vowed to stay united in their fight against the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the BJP government over alleged malpractices in the Special Intensive Exercise (SIR) of electoral rolls as well as 'vote theft'.

In a joint press conference attended by the Opposition parties, all the leaders vowed to stay together and intensify their fight for the 'restoration' of democracy.

The tea meet was held at Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's residence in the capital and was attended by INDIA bloc leaders, student activists and civil society members.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge hailed the high turnout at the protest march on Monday, stating that all leaders of the INDIA Bloc have taken the people's issues seriously and the result of this was visible yesterday. "Rarely have people taken to the streets in such large numbers," he said over the vast turnout of protesters on Delhi streets.

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav said, "We are all united to protect democracy, and whatever sacrifices are required, we will make them."

"The fear in the government is evident from the fact that the traditional protest venue – Jantar Mantar has been debarred. But those who attempted to hijack the country's constitutional institutions won't be able to save themselves," he said.

NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule said, "We stand firmly with the INDIA bloc. The Constitution has been undermined, and it is under threat in the country today. That is why our fight will continue."

Stepping up the heat on the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), TMC MP Sagarika Ghose said, "Every day, it is becoming clearer that the EC is undermining free and fair elections in India. As long as the Gyanesh Kumar-led Election Commission continues, there will not be free and fair elections in India."

The joint press conference followed a tea meeting hosted by the LoP Rahul Gandhi at his residence at 5, Sunehri Bagh Road. While announcing the tea-meet, a day after street protests, Gandhi vowed that the movement "to protect democracy" would continue relentlessly.

Speaking to the press on Tuesday, Rahul reiterated that democracy and constitutional institutions were under threat under the current regime and the key mission of the INDIA bloc protest is the "restoration of democracy".

"Democracy has been destroyed in this country. The election system has been destroyed. The Constitution has been torn up and thrown away. We are fighting together to restore democratic rule, genuinely democratic rule, in the country," he asserted.

Union Minister L Murugan Resigns From Council of Ministers



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Union Minister L Murugan has announced that he has resigned from the Council of Ministers. Sharing the news on X, he wrote that "It has been the greatest honour of my life to serve Bharat Mata and Tamil Nadu under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji. From the son of daily wage labourers to serving in the Union Council of Ministers under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji has been the greatest privilege of my life. Now, I wish to return to the grassroots, stand with our karyakartas and dedicate myself full-time to strengthening the BJP in Tamil Nadu ahead of the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. Nation First. Party Next. Self Last."

Ladakh Integral Part Of India, China's Denial Cannot Change Fact: MEA

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India on Tuesday rejected Beijing's objection to New Delhi assigning standardised names to 28 places and geographical features in Ladakh, asserting that the Union Territory is an "integral and inalienable" part of the country. Last week, the Union Home Ministry assigned standardised names to the places and geographical features in Ladakh, including key border friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), such as Gogra and Hot Spring. India's reaction came hours after China strongly opposed New Delhi's move to assign the standardised names.

"It is reiterated that the UT (Union Territory) of Ladakh is an integral and inalienable part of India. No amount of denial by the Chinese side can change this established fact," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. He said the press release issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on October 2, which China had referred to, was "self-explanatory". "The announcement mentions that the 28 places/features located in the UT of Ladakh have been identified with standard place and feature names on the official map of Survey of India, and it has been done in consultation with the Union Territory of Ladakh and local stakeholders," Jaiswal said. "Identifying these places formally on the Survey of India map of UT of Ladakh is aimed at facilitating their accurate recognition and better awareness among the public at large," he added.

China on Tuesday opposed India's move, with Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning saying Beijing had never recognised the Union Territory of Ladakh, which she described as having been established "unilaterally and illegally" by India."China firmly opposes India's announcement of so-called standard names," Mao told a media briefing in Beijing, adding that the move was "illegal and invalid" and could not change what China claims to be its territory in the western sector of the China-India boundary.

BJP dominates Gandhinagar civic polls with 38 seats; Cong improves tally

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) retained control of the Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation (GMC), winning 38 of the 44 seats in the civic elections, while the Congress increased its tally from two seats in 2021 to five.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which had won one seat in the previous election, failed to open its account this time, with an Independent candidate winning the remaining seat.

The results, declared on Tuesday, gave the BJP a clear majority in the state capital's civic body, although its tally fell by three seats from the 41 it won in the 2021 election. The Congress made its gains primarily in Ward 6, where its entire four-member panel was elected, and Ward 7, where it won one seat.

The BJP won all four seats in nine wards and three of the four seats in Ward 7, while an Independent candidate secured a seat in Ward 2.

The election covered 44 seats across 11 wards, with 130 candidates in the fray. Polling was held on October 11, recording a turnout of 59.25 per cent, with 1,54,045 of the 2,59,985 registered voters exercising their franchise. Ward 4 recorded the highest turnout at 74.78 per cent, while Ward 5 had the lowest at 48.63 per cent. Counting began at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

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SRFTI Students Begin Indefinite Protest, Seek VC's Resignation

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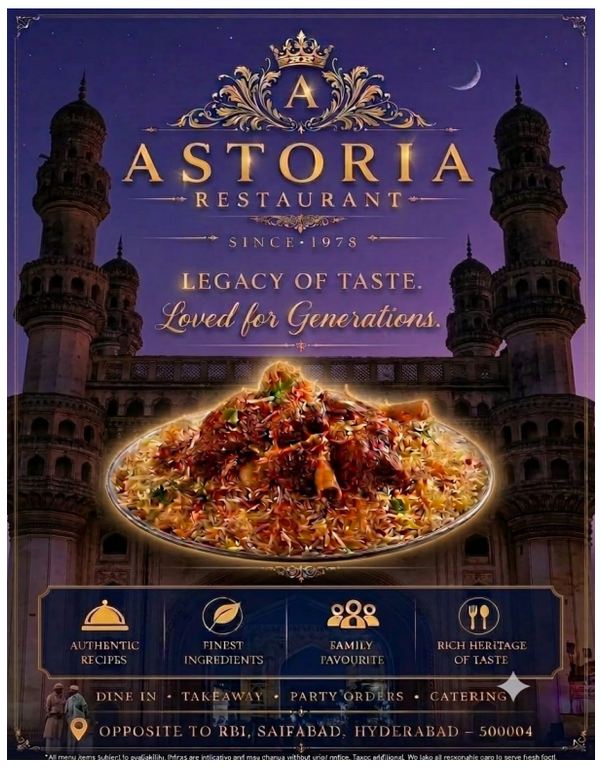


Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute students have begun an indefinite sit-in outside Vice Chancellor Santosh Ajmera's office demanding his resignation over on-campus violence on September 27 and again on October 4.The indefinite sit-in began on Monday, while classes remained suspended for the 16th consecutive day on Tuesday after violence broke out between students and members of the Akhil Bharatiya Grahak Panchayat (ABGP), an RSS-affiliated consumer awareness group, on September 27 during a programme.

On October 4, the campus again witnessed a scuffle during a protest organised by members of the Bangiya Hindu Jagaran Mancha. Some of the agitators tried to break open the institute's gate when they were stopped by police. "We will continue the sit-in till Ajmera steps down for his failure to ensure our safety and bring to book those responsible for the incursion of RSS-linked forces into the campus on September 27 and October 4, which threatened the liberal and creative atmosphere and left many of us injured," said SRFTI students' union spokesperson Sudip Chakraborty.

He said students were dissatisfied with the administration's response to their concerns. The institute's authorities have failed to take adequate steps to address the security concerns raised by students, Chakraborty added. The students' union spokesperson said they had staged a sit-in outside the vice-chancellor's office on October 5 and 6, seeking better security. He also alleged that some staffers of the institute had intimidated and harassed students participating in the protest.

Chakraborty also said the agitating SRFTI students were in solidarity with the Cockroach Janta Party and other protestors in Delhi demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over the SIR issue. SRFTI Vice-Chancellor Santosh Ajmera could not be reached for comment. A senior official of the institute said most students have already left hostels for Durga Puja vacation.



NSUI to Stage Police Station Dharna Over 'Assault' on Women at Delhi

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The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) on Tuesday called a dharna outside the Connaught Place police station, alleging Delhi Police personnel assaulted women members during a flash protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. The organisation claimed several activists were detained during the protest and brought to Connaught Place police station, with some of them yet to be released.

A video circulated on social media purportedly shows a woman NSUI member being dragged by her hair by a female police officer, onto a bus in which protesters were being detained. The NSUI, in a post on its official X handle, condemned the alleged treatment of its members, saying, "Don't you feel even a shred of shame? Such inhuman treatment of students who are raising their voices for their rights and democracy!"

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SC issues notice to Centre, ECI on plea challenging blanket immunity to CEC, ECs

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Centre and the Election Commission of India (ECI) on a public interest litigation challenging the blanket immunity granted to the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and other Election Commissioners under Section 16 of the Chief Election Commissioner and the other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana sought responses from the Union government and the poll panel on a plea filed by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) challenging the provision that grants serving and former CECs and Election Commissioners immunity from legal proceedings for acts, things or words committed, done or spoken in the course of discharging, or purporting to discharge, their official duties.

As per the case status available on the apex court's website, the matter is tentatively listed for further hearing on November 2.

Section 16 states: "Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, no Court shall entertain or continue any civil or criminal proceedings against any person who is or was a Chief Election Commissioner or an Election Commissioner for any act, thing or word, committed, done or spoken by him when, or in the course of acting or purporting to act in the discharge of his official duty or function."

ADR has contended that the provision violates Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution, arguing that granting such sweeping protection to the constitutional functionaries undermines accountability and

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Harish Rao Demands Cancellation of PMU Tenders for Gurukul Hostels

Harish Rao Alleges Tender Irregularities, Seeks Protection for Local Vendors and Gurukul Students' Welfare

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Former minister and BRS Legislature Party deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao has demanded the immediate cancellation of centralised Project Management Unit (PMU) tenders for supplying essential commodities to Gurukuls and welfare hostels across Telangana, alleging irregularities, inflated prices and commissions in the procurement process.

Representatives of the Telangana Gurukul Contractors Association met Harish Rao at his residence in Hyderabad and explained how changes in tender rules had affected thousands of local vendors and small business families. Responding to their concerns, he urged the government to restore the earlier procurement system, under which individual institutions could purchase supplies through local vendors under the District Purchase Committee (DPC).

Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government had centralised procurement through tenders worth approximately Rs. 800 crore, excluding local suppliers through higher eligibility requirements and substantial earnest money deposits. He claimed that the contracts were awarded at prices 35 to 45 per cent higher than those quoted by local vendors, increasing the financial burden on the system serving underprivileged students.

He further alleged that the contract had been awarded to a company previously blacklisted and questioned the decision in view of its reported history of violations. He also claimed that unauthorised subcontracting arrangements had been made and alleged that Rs. 66 crore was collected as goodwill payments, alongside demands for 20 per cent commissions on monthly bills. These allegations require investigation by the competent authorities.

Recalling earlier procurement practices, Harish Rao said local traders had supplied goods to 1,023 Gurukuls, more than 3,000 welfare hostels, Ashram schools and Anganwadi centres. He argued that restoring institution-level procurement would protect local livelihoods while ensuring fresh, quality supplies to students.

He also cited the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh government's reported withdrawal of a similar centralised procurement arrangement following complaints, questioning why Telangana was continuing with the system.

Harish Rao accused the Congress government of neglecting students' welfare and demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy investigate the alleged irregularities and take immediate corrective action.

He maintained that transparent procurement, competitive pricing and local participation were essential to protecting students' nutrition and public funds. He urged the government to reinstate the DPC-based system without delay.

Jana Sena Mulls Independent Contest in Khairatabad Bypoll

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Speculation is growing over the Jana Sena Party's strategy for the Khairatabad Assembly by-election in Telangana, with political circles discussing the possibility of fielding a prominent industrialist who is said to be close to party chief and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan.

According to political discussions, Jana Sena is considering contesting the by-election independently, regardless of its alliance arrangements. However, the party has not officially confirmed its decision or announced a candidate.

The name of an industrialist with substantial experience in the software and business sectors is reportedly being discussed as a possible contender.

The individual is said to be close to Pawan Kalyan and holds key responsibilities within the party.

The reported possibility has generated interest in political circles, particularly over whether Jana Sena will give a business professional an opportunity to enter electoral politics and represent the party in Telangana.

The Khairatabad by-election is being viewed as an opportunity for Jana Sena to strengthen its presence in the state, expand its grassroots network and take its ideology to a wider section of the electorate. The party is also seeking to connect with young voters and various social groups.

Supporters of the idea believe that a candidate with business and technology experience could bring fresh perspectives to issues such as employment generation, youth opportunities, development and social welfare. However, the party leadership's final decision will depend on its electoral strategy and assessment of the constituency.

The possibility of an independent contest has also raised questions about Jana Sena's approach to political alliances in Telangana and its plans to build a separate electoral base.

No official announcement has been made regarding the industrialist's candidature or the party's decision to contest independently. Clarity is expected only after the Jana Sena leadership formally communicates its position.

The candidate selection and the party's eventual electoral strategy are likely to attract further attention in Telangana's political circles.

Rest Stops Bring Relief to Gig Workers

Gig workers engaged in food delivery, quick commerce and other app-based services in Hyderabad have welcomed an initiative to provide dedicated rest stops, saying the facilities offer much-needed relief during long working hours. However, they hope more such centres will come up across the city, closer to their delivery zones. Spending nearly 10 to 12 hours a day on the roads, delivery personnel often look for places to rest, have meals, charge their phones and access drinking water between assignments.

Initiatives such as Amazon India's Ashray rest centre in Kondapur offer them a dedicated space to take a break. Akhilesh, a delivery worker from Bihar, was waiting for his next order under the shade of a tree after parking his motorcycle. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, he said he was unaware of the Ashray facility in Kondapur. "I usually stop somewhere to rest or have lunch before starting work again. I was not aware of this centre, but such an initiative would definitely help people like us," he said, adding that he works for nearly 10 to 12 hours a day.

Another delivery worker, S. Prashanth, said similar facilities across Hyderabad would make them more accessible to workers.

"If such centres are available at more locations, delivery workers can use them without travelling far from their work areas," he said. On Tuesday, a few delivery partners were seen resting at the Ashray centre, which provides seating, drinking water, toilets, fans, mobile charging points and parking facilities.

Revolution Begins Against Unauthorised Floors in GHMC Circle-30, Goshamahal

Residents and Senior Citizens Unite; GHMC Commissioner Orders Demolition of Unauthorised Floors in Six Buildings

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A movement against unauthorised construction and illegal floors has begun in GHMC Circle-30, Goshamahal, as local residents and senior citizens of Gowliguda have joined hands to demand strict action against building violations.

Concerned over the construction of unauthorised additional floors in their locality, residents and senior citizens formed a committee and submitted a complaint to the GHMC Commissioner, seeking immediate intervention and demolition of the unauthorised portions of the buildings.

Responding to the complaint, the GHMC Commissioner reportedly directed the concerned Town Planning authorities to take demolition action against the unauthorised constructions. Acting on the directions, Town Planning officials demolished unauthorised floors in six buildings in Gowliguda and Putlibowli, near Koti, marking a significant step in the enforcement of building regulations in the area.

The action has encouraged local residents, who are demanding that building permissions and approved plans be strictly enforced and that unauthorised additional floors should not be allowed to continue unchecked.

Residents and senior citizens have called for continued inspections by Town Planning officials throughout Circle-30, Goshamahal, to identify further violations and take action in accordance with the law.

The residents' initiative highlights the importance of public participation in addressing unauthorised constructions. They have urged the GHMC administration to continue its enforcement drive and ensure that building regulations are implemented fairly and consistently.

The message from Gowliguda and Putlibowli is clear: residents are coming together to demand lawful construction and accountability, while calling for sustained action against unauthorised floors across GHMC Circle-30.

Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran, BRS Leader M. Veerareddy Join Protest Demanding Reliable Electricity for Farmers

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Demanding a reliable electricity supply for agricultural needs, BRS leaders and party workers staged a protest near the Jogipet electricity substation in Sangareddy district, highlighting the difficulties farmers face due to power supply problems.

Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran and M. Veerareddy, BRS leader from Vatpally Mandal, were among the prominent leaders associated with the protest. Party supporters gathered at the substation to draw attention to farmers' concerns over interruptions in agricultural electricity supply.

Farmers depend on a consistent electricity supply to operate irrigation pump sets and provide water to standing crops. Power interruptions and voltage fluctuations can disrupt irrigation schedules and create difficulties for agricultural operations.

The protesters urged the electricity department to address the reported problems promptly and ensure a dependable supply of quality power to farmers.

Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran's participation brought political attention to the farmers' electricity concerns in the Andole constituency. Along with BRS leader M. Veerareddy and other party supporters, the protest highlighted the need for practical measures to improve agricultural power supply.

The protesters called on the concerned authorities to investigate the reported disruptions and take corrective action to prevent recurring problems.

The demonstration at the Jogipet substation underscored the importance of reliable electricity for farming livelihoods. Farmers and protesters are seeking a timely response from the electricity department and effective measures to ensure uninterrupted power for agricultural needs.

Bapujinagar Nallapochamma Temple Celebrates Navaratri with Special Pujas

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The Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple in Bapujinagar celebrated the third day of Sri Devi Sharan Navaratri Mahotsavalu on Tuesday with special pujas and traditional rituals, attracting hundreds of devotees.Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board vice-president Jampana Pratap attended the celebrations as chief guest and performed special pujas to the goddess.Speaking on the occasion, Pratap said Goddess Nallapochamma would bless devotees in different alankarams throughout the remaining days of the Navaratri festival.The temple committee is organising daily Annadanam to provide food to devotees visiting the temple. Pratap appealed to donors and local residents to contribute generously and extend their cooperation to ensure the smooth continuation of the food distribution programme.The celebrations continued with religious fervour and enthusiastic participation from devotees.

Upper caste men deny Dalit family temple entry in Wanaparthy



A Dalit family were denied permission to enter a temple by members of the Reddy community in Telangana's Wanaparthy district.

A video of an argument between the Reddys and a Dalit man carrying his little daughter was shared on social media platforms, telling him not to enter the temple because he is of a lower caste. The incident occurred in Mangampalli village.

"This temple was built by us. We gave donations to build it. How dare you try to come here?" asks one of the elders.

As the young Dalit man tries to reason, his words fall on deaf ears.

Congress leader Tudi Megha Reddy represents the Wanarpathy constituency. When Siasat.com tried to contact him, the office said he was in New Delhi.

The Wanarpathy Superintendent of Police was also not reachable.

Sufi Conference at Nagaur Calls for Peace, Hindu-Muslim Unity

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Hazrat Syed Naseeruddin Chishti, Chairman of the All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council and successor to the Ajmer Dargah's spiritual leadership, called for peace, love, Hindu-Muslim unity and national harmony at the Indian Sufi Conference held at Nagaur Sharif, Rajasthan.

The conference, themed "Mera Mulk, Meri Pehchaan" (My Country, My Identity), was organised on the occasion of the 775th Urs of Hazrat Khwaja Hameeduddin Chishti Nagauri, a distinguished Khalifa of Hazrat Khwaja Gharib Nawaz. Dargah heads, Sajjadanashins and thousands of devotees from different parts of the country attended the programme.

Addressing the gathering, Syed Naseeruddin Chishti emphasised t hat India's strength lies in its diversity, shared cultural heritage and mutual respect among communities. He urged citizens to consider safeguarding the country's unity and integrity a collective responsibility, irrespective of religious differences.

The campaign aims to spread the teachings of Sufi saints, particularly love, humanity, brotherhood and service to society. He highlighted the role of Dargahs, Urs celebrations and Sufi gatherings in promoting communal harmony and strengthening social bonds.

The programme also stressed the importance of dialogue over confrontation and unity over division. Young people were encouraged to contribute to national development through education, social service and constructive engagement.

Several prominent Sajjadanashins and religious representatives from Rajasthan attended the conference and pledged support for the campaign. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to promoting peace, mutual respect and national integration.

The initiative seeks to reinforce the message that India's identity rests on unity in diversity, with peace, love and brotherhood serving as foundations for a harmonious society.



Karimnagar Home Guard Saves Life Of Aged Man

Karimnagar police outpost home guard V. Anjaneyulu saved an 80-year-old man Bommideni Komuraiah from drowning in the Lower Manair Lake. Komuraiah had jumped into the waters of Lower Manair Dam on Tuesday in an attempt to commit suicide. Home guard Anjaneyulu, who had been on duty at the lake, rushed to the spot, dived in, and rescued Komuraiah. Reserve sub-inspector B. Ramesh later summoned Komuraiah's family members to the police station, counselled, and handed over the old man to them. Senior officials have appreciated the home guard for acting promptly and saving the Komuraiah.

El Nino Threat: Govt To Pump Additional 60 MGD Drinking Water to Hyderabad

Water Board officials informed the meeting that special green tankers were being arranged to supply treated wastewater for such uses.

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The state government plans to mobilise an additional supply of 60 million gallons a day (mgd) of water for the city, on top of the 560 mgd supplied every day, in view of the drinking water stress likely to be caused by El Nino conditions of high temperatures and deficit rainfall. The government proposes to draw, for the CURE limits within the Outer Ring Road, 15 mgd more from the Krishna river and utilise 20 mgd, and if necessary an additional 20 mgd, from Mission Bhagiratha, and an additional five mgd from the Osmansagar and Himayatsagar.

By November, pipeline work from the Mallannasagar to the city woud be completed, making another 20 mgd available. These details were provided during a review meeting that Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju held with senior officials to review the drinking water situation in CURE limits. He said that if people in the three municipal corporations of Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri conserved just 20 per cent of their water consumption, around 80 mgd could be saved every day.

Jaju said all measures were being taken to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply to the city despite the El Nino conditions. He appealed to people to conserve water and cooperate with the government in managing the available resources efficiently. He asked officials to curb the wastage of drinking water, particularly its use for washing vehicles, and launch an intensive 60-day public awareness campaign on water conservation. The campaign would involve film actors, celebrities and other prominent personalities to encourage people to adopt water-saving practices. Jaju appealed to residents to treat every drop of water as a valuable resource and use it judiciously to help the city tide over the challenges posed by El Nino.

The Chief Secretary noted that groundwater levels in Greater Hyderabad had fallen significantly over the past two to three months resulting in increased demand for water tankers. He directed officials to take necessary measures to meet the growing demand and ensure that residents did not face hardship. Emphasising the need to reduce pressure on freshwater sources, Jaju instructed officials to ensure that sewage treatment plants (STPs) in gated communities and apartment complexes functioned at full capacity. He called for awareness campaigns to encourage residents to use treated wastewater for gardening, vehicle washing and other non-domestic purposes.

Water Board officials informed the meeting that special green tankers were being arranged to supply treated wastewater for such uses.

The government was also preparing alternative arrangements for Medak, Nizamabad, Kamareddy and Sangareddy districts, which depend on the Manjeera and Singur reservoirs for water. Jaju said borewells and other alternative water sources had already been identified in these districts, taking into account the available water levels.

Srinivas Goud Slams Govt Over Farmers' Crisis

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Former minister V. Srinivas Goud criticised the Telangana government over the worsening agricultural crisis, drinking water shortages and alleged failures in healthcare and administration, demanding immediate relief for farmers and other affected sections.

Reacting to the declaration of a crop holiday amid El Niño concerns, Goud questioned the government's preparedness and demanded compensation for farmers whose crops were drying up and those unable to cultivate a second crop. He also called for financial assistance and alternative employment for agricultural labourers dependent on farming.

Referring to water availability, Goud alleged that despite substantial water flowing downstream from the Krishna river, the state had failed to adequately store and utilise available resources. He cited declining storage at the Srisailam project and compared Telangana's situation with water storage in neighbouring states, accusing the government of neglecting farmers' irrigation needs.

He also expressed concern over drinking water shortages in villages, where people were reportedly staging protests, and demanded advance planning for irrigation, electricity, fertilisers, seeds and grain procurement.

Highlighting healthcare concerns, Goud alleged that employees, pensioners and journalists were facing difficulties accessing treatment because of health card issues and pending hospital dues. He urged the government to release payments to hospitals and ensure uninterrupted medical services, including health protection for police personnel and home guards.

Goud further raised concerns over students' fee reimbursement, unemployment, outsourcing employees' problems and rising essential commodity prices.

He accused ministers of neglecting administration and demanded coordinated action to address the crises. Declaring a crop holiday, he said, could not be a substitute for government support, compensation and livelihood security for affected farming families.

Siddigari Mallikarjun Appointed Vice-President of RTI Committee, Hyderabad District

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Siddigari Mallikarjun has been appointed as the Vice-President of the Hyderabad District, Cantonment Constituency, of the Samachara Hakku Chattam Sadhana Committee (SHCSC), with immediate effect.

The appointment was made by National Chairman Dr. Chanti Mudhiraj. Mallikarjun expressed his special thanks to Telangana State Assistant Secretary Sayam Mahesh Kumar for his support in securing the appointment.

Committee members congratulated Mallikarjun and expressed their hope that he would work actively to strengthen the organization and create greater public awareness about the Right to Information Act.

Govt Schools Set For Major Upgrade With ₹205.95 Crore

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The government has taken a major step towards transforming government schools into model educational institutions by sanctioning `205.95 crore for development works at 20 schools across the state. The initiative aims to provide quality education from pre-primary to Class 12 along with modern infrastructure. School education secretary Yogita Rana issued GO 188 on October 9, granting administrative approval for the works.

Under the project, 30 per cent of the total cost, amounting to `61.79 crore, will be funded through the state budget. The remaining 70 per cent, or `144.16 crore, will be met through a proposed loan from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. The Telangana education and welfare infrastructure development corporation has been entrusted with the works through a tendering process. Two schools in erstwhile Warangal: The list includes the Government Boys High School at Kazipet in Hanamkonda district, for which `10 crore has been sanctioned. The school falls under the Warangal West assembly constituency and the Warangal SC-reserved parliamentary constituency.

Another `9.95 crore has been sanctioned for the Zilla Parishad High School at Pedapur in Atmakur mandal, under the Parkal assembly constituency. The allocations will pave the way for infrastructure development at these two government schools in the erstwhile Warangal region.

The project aims to improve the learning environment in government schools and develop them into model institutions equipped with modern facilities. The government has asked the school education director and TSEWIDC officials to take further action.

Sridhar Babu Slams BRS Over Singareni, Says Congress Filled 3,189 Posts

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IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Tuesday accused the BRS of neglecting Singareni Collieries Company Limited and its workers during its decade-long rule, asserting that the Congress government was committed to fulfilling its promises to Singareni employees.

Addressing a press conference at Praja Bhavan, the minister said the Congress government had taken steps to fulfil Singareni employees' dream of owning houses and improve the welfare of permanent and contract workers. He questioned why the previous BRS government had failed to resolve workers' issues despite being in power for ten years.

Sridhar Babu said the Congress government had filled 3,189 posts in Singareni since assuming office, including 2,437 compassionate appointments against 752 external recruitment posts mentioned in the minister's statement. He criticised the BRS for allegedly politicising compassionate appointments instead of supporting workers' families.

Highlighting worker welfare measures, he said the government was implementing a free accidental insurance scheme of Rs 40 lakh for around 30,000 contract workers employed in Singareni.

He also said Singareni workers were being provided accidental insurance coverage of Rs 1.20 crore, which he claimed was not available to Coal India employees.

The minister further questioned why the previous BRS government had failed to bring new mines into operation despite maintaining close ties with the BJP-led Union government for a decade.

He said the Congress government was making efforts to secure new coal blocks despite what he described as inadequate cooperation from the Centre.

Accusing the BRS of obstructing welfare initiatives, Sridhar Babu challenged its leaders to explain their record on Singareni and workers' welfare during the Assembly session.

He asserted that the Congress government would protect Singareni and fulfil every promise made to its workers.

Aleru Voltage Fluctuations: Officials Plan Additional Equipment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Electricity officials have confirmed voltage fluctuation problems affecting farmers and villagers in Aleru constituency and said steps are being taken to arrange additional equipment to improve the power supply.The issue has caused concern among agricultural workers and local residents who depend on a stable electricity supply for irrigation, farming operations and household needs.

Frequent voltage fluctuations can also affect agricultural motors, electrical appliances and other equipment.Following complaints from farmers and villagers, the concerned electricity officials acknowledged the problem and reportedly informed them that arrangements were being made to provide additional equipment to stabilise the supply.

The assurance has raised hopes among affected residents that the problem will be resolved.

Farmers, in particular, are looking for a permanent solution to ensure uninterrupted and reliable power for their agricultural activities.Villagers have urged the electricity department to complete the proposed arrangements without delay and take necessary measures to prevent recurring voltage fluctuations.A stable electricity supply is essential for agricultural productivity and the daily lives of rural communities.

The timely installation of the proposed equipment is expected to help address the concerns, although the effectiveness of the measures will depend on their implementation.Residents are now awaiting further action from the electricity department to secure lasting relief from the problem.

Telangana Workers Union Celebrates Mahabubnagar Region Victory



MAHABUBNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Workers Union leaders celebrated their victory in the Mahabubnagar region at a felicitation ceremony held at the residence of Telangana Government Adviser and TSRTC Workers Union Honorary President Jitender Reddy.

State General Secretary Ashwatthama Reddy led the programme, where leaders honoured Jitender Reddy with a shawl and bouquet. They stressed workers' unity in protecting employee rights and resolving RTC staff issues. Narasimhulu, Venkatayya Goud, Ravi Goud, Jahangir Baba, Maqsood and others attended.

Bathukamma Festivities Bring Colour to Sharajipeta PHC

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The Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Sharajipeta witnessed vibrant Bathukamma celebrations organised under the aegis of the Health Department as part of Telangana's traditional floral festival.

The celebrations marked the fourth day of the nine-day Bathukamma festival, with women gathering at the health centre carrying beautifully arranged floral Bathukammas. The participants celebrated the occasion with traditional songs, folk performances and enthusiastic participation.

MPHA Sathyavarhi Garu led the celebrations, bringing women together in matching-colour traditional attire. The colourful floral arrangements and collective participation reflected Telangana's rich cultural heritage and the spirit of unity among women.

The PHC premises came alive with festive enthusiasm as the participants celebrated the occasion, highlighting the importance of preserving Telangana's cultural traditions and passing them on to future generations. The celebrations concluded on a joyful note, with women enthusiastically participating in the traditional festivities.

Battupalli Anuradha Leads CPM Protest for 18-Hour Free Power to Farmers in Bhongir

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Demanding reliable electricity for farmers and opposing measures that could affect their interests, CPM State Committee member Battupalli Anuradha led a protest at the Divisional Engineer's office of the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL) in Bhongir. The protesters urged the government to ensure 18 hours of free electricity for agricultural purposes and raise the concerns of farmers over smart meters.

The demonstration highlighted the importance of uninterrupted power supply for agricultural activities, particularly for farmers who depend on electricity to operate irrigation pumps and protect their crops.

Battupalli Anuradha, a CPM State Committee member, emerged as a prominent voice during the protest, leading party members and supporters in raising demands related to agricultural electricity supply.

The protesters called for 18 hours of free electricity for agriculture and demanded that the government address farmers' concerns over the installation of smart meters. They also urged electricity officials to safeguard the interests of the farming community while implementing power-sector measures. The delegation submitted a representation to the electricity department officials, seeking consideration of their demands.

Agricultural electricity remains a crucial issue for farmers across Telangana, particularly those dependent on borewells and electric motors for irrigation. Reliable power supply can help farmers manage irrigation schedules and reduce the risk of crop damage.

The CPM representatives stressed the need for farmer-friendly electricity policies and called on the authorities to respond to the demands raised during the protest.

The protest took place at the Divisional Engineer's office, Bhongir, where CPM leaders and supporters assembled with party flags and presented their demands to the officials concerned. The protesters urged the electricity department to consider their concerns and take appropriate steps to protect agricultural interests.

Entire Country Will Turn Jantar Mantar: CJP Founder Warns

NEW DELHI,
Wakeup telangana

Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Tuesday warned that protest sites would emerge across the country if demonstrations were banned at Delhi's Jantar Mantar. Dipke said that if police stop him on his way to Delhi, he would begin the agitation from wherever he is detained. The CJP leader also said he would reach the national capital on Wednesday to join the CJP's protest demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

He was speaking to the media at his native village Santuk Pimpri in Maharashtra's Hingoli district, where he had come to attend the asthi visarjan (immersion of one's ashes - a post-death ritual) of his late grandmother, Savitribai Dipke. In a standing order issued on October 11, Delhi Police



Commissioner Anurag Kumar de-notified Jantar Mantar Road as a designated protest site, naming Ramlila Maidan (Central Delhi), Burari Ground (North Delhi) and CBD Ground (East Delhi) as three new venues for large demonstrations.

On Tuesday morning, the CJP said its leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka were detained by police after they reached Jantar Mantar despite heavy barricading and a strong security presence. Dipke told reporters here that their agitation would continue until Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar resigned. He said Jantar Mantar was the soul of protests and accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah of suppressing democratic dissent. "Narendra Modi has a problem with agitation and not the site of the agitation; he has a problem with the idea of people protesting and these are symptoms of a dictator," Dipke alleged.

"If they think the protest will stop if Jantar Mantar is denotified as a protest site, then the entire country will turn Jantar Mantar. Jantar Mantar is the spirit of every agitator," he stated. Asked where he will protest, Dipke said, "The entire nation will turn Jantar Mantar, and Delhi will turn Jantar Mantar."

He said his team members were carrying the tricolour (when they were detained in Delhi)and if that is illegal, then they are (referring to those in power) "big anti-nationals". The CJP's legal team would approach the court over the detention of Ashutosh Ranka and Sourav Das after they unfurled the national flag at Jantar Mantar, he further said. Dipke travelled to a farm in the adjacent Kundkar Pimpri village and stayed in a car for some time. Later, while sitting in the car, he said he had spoken to his legal team about it, as he was unable to speak with them while at his home.

AISA holds protest in Patna over SIR row; scores detained

PATNA
Wakeup telangana

A tense standoff broke out between police and All India Students Association (AISA) activists at JP Golambar in Patna on Tuesday during a protest against the Special Summary Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

Police detained several demonstrators as they attempted to proceed with their protest demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The situation became contentious as protesters alleged that police personnel dragged some students along the road and mistreated them during detention. Demonstrators also claimed that some mobile phones were damaged or went missing. The police had not issued an official response to these allegations at the time of reporting.



The incident took an unusual turn when questions arose over the key to a police Vajra vehicle, used for riot control and transporting detained protesters.

According to reports from the scene, around 10 to 15 students were initially placed inside the vehicle before police began preparations to transfer them to another bus.

During the transfer, speculation emerged about who had the vehicle's key and where it had gone. Some reports suggested that students had fled with it, but the claim remained unverified, with no official confirmation identifying who took the key or establishing its whereabouts.

The protesters maintained that they had been locked inside the vehicle and questioned how they could have known where the key was. The circumstances surrounding the incident remained unclear.

Detained protesters continued to raise slogans against the Central Government and the Election Commission. AISA member Rikki Khan alleged that the government was attempting to silence dissent through detentions. He said the organisation would continue its campaign against the SIR process and what it described as irregularities in the electoral rolls.At JP Golambar, police personnel formed a cordon around the detained protesters as preparations were made to move them from the Vajra vehicle to another bus.

The transfer took place amid continued tension between the demonstrators and the police.

Piyush Goyal Slams Rahul Over Journalist Incident

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday that the way Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and members of the Opposition "misbehaved" with a female journalist during the INDIA bloc march a day before, the conduct would "never be forgiven" by the people of the country.

Addressing a press conference, Goyal said: "Yesterday's disgraceful behaviour by Rahul Gandhi and his colleagues towards a woman journalist was unacceptable. She was three months pregnant and therefore was repeatedly telling them to be careful. However, she was pushed around and thrown to the ground, and eventually had to be hospitalised. What was her only fault? She was covering their protest and asking a few questions."

"I do not believe the 1.4 billion people of this country will ever forgive such behaviour. I do not believe that even a single journalist, male or female, could ever forgive this conduct," he added.



Meanwhile, Goyal referred to Rahul Gandhi's previous allegations against former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, saying: "They (Congress leaders) abuse Mamata Banerjee and contest elections against her, accusing her of opening the doors for the BJP to win the recently held West Bengal polls through her alleged wrongdoings and malpractices."

"After both of them (Congress and Mamata-All India Trinamool Congress) lost elections (in West Bengal), they shamelessly took a U-turn and started blaming Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and Election Commission since both of them are now searching for a reason for their defeat. Both Rahul Gandhi and Mamata Banerjee should show some spine and stick to one story rather than constantly changing narratives," he remarked.

The Union Minister spoke about the protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the SIR of electoral rolls, emphasising that the Supreme Court had upheld the constitutional validity of Bihar's SIR in May 2026.

"While proceedings regarding Form-6 are ongoing in court, if they (Congress) truly respect the Constitution, why take to the streets? The judicial process is already underway. The court is examining whether Form-6 is appropriate, and if any corrections are needed, it will direct them. The court has already held that the SIR is constitutionally valid. So, why are they (Congress) taking to the streets and trying to create anarchy?" Goyal said.

"Why are they (Congress) trying to provoke people? When constitutional avenues and methods are available to you, but you refuse to follow or respect them, you demonstrate that you are an anarchist and believe in the path of anarchy. I think Rahul Gandhi and the Congress are insulting the Constitution and showing anarchy on the streets," he remarked.

Joint forces recover arms & ammunition in J&K's Poonch

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A cache of arms and ammunition was recovered by joint security forces during a search operation in J&K's Poonch district on Tuesday, officials said.

"A joint team of the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police recovered the arms and ammunition during the operation. The recovered items included an AK-47 rifle, a magazine, six grenades with fuses, and 30 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition, besides food items and medicine," an official said.

An investigation has been initiated, and further details are awaited.

Security forces have intensified anti-terrorist operations across the Rajouri and Poonch districts, targeting local hideouts, thwarting infiltration bids, and tracking down foreign militant groups.

In Tuesday's operation, the terror hideout at Satharban was busted by the joint forces, including the Rashtriya Rifles' (RR) Romeo Force, and J&K Police.

The joint operation uncovered a natural cave hideout in the Satharban area of Surankote (Poonch), recovering arms and ammunition. Army had, earlier this year, neutralised two suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) fidayeen terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Khari Karmara sector of Poonch.

Friday Sermon Row Sparks Political Storm in J&K

SRINAGAR
Wakeup telangana

A fresh political and religious controversy has erupted in Jammu and Kashmir after reports emerged that the J&K Waqf Board was considering a mechanism to introduce uniform Friday sermons across mosques, shrines and other Muslim places of worship in the Union Territory. The proposal sparked sharp reactions from political leaders and religious organisations, with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Muhammad Umar Farooq accusing the Waqf Board of attempting to interfere in religious affairs and advancing what they described as a



broader ideological agenda through the religious pulpit.

The controversy centres on reports that the Waqf Board had proposed a system under which Friday sermons, or Khutbas, delivered by Imams and preachers at thousands of mosques, shrines and religious institutions under its jurisdiction would focus on pre-selected themes approved by a committee of Islamic scholars and preachers. According to the reported proposal, the exercise was aimed at ensuring coordinated religious messaging on pressing social issues such as drug abuse, youth alienation, rising suicide cases, family disputes, delayed marriages, moral decline and other societal challenges.

If implemented, J&K would become the first region in the country to attempt such a coordinated sermon mechanism on such a scale. However, even before any formal notification was issued, the proposal generated a strong backlash from religious and political quarters, with critics viewing it as an unprecedented intrusion into matters of faith. They argued that the authority to determine the content of sermons rests exclusively with religious scholars, Imams and recognised Islamic institutions rather than a statutory body functioning under government oversight.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah led the criticism, describing the reported move as an unacceptable attempt by the BJP to interfere in the religious affairs of Muslims. In a strongly worded post on 'X', he said that the BJP-appointed Waqf Board chairperson should immediately stop the initiative, asserting that any effort to regulate or prescribe religious discourse from mosques would not be accepted under any circumstances.

Maha CM instructs to form task forces for Waste-to-CBG projects

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

In a major push toward making Maharashtra's cities garbage-free while accelerating renewable energy production, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday directed the administration to set dedicated task forces to drive waste-to-Compressed Biogas (CBG) projects across the state.

Speaking at a review meeting on garbage-free cities and CBG project proposals, CM Fadnavis instructed officials to set up processing plants wherever feasible in accordance with Maharashtra's CBG policy.

Fadnavis highlighted that project execution must be carefully planned by assessing four core parameters: total volume of waste generated, availability of suitable land, technological feasibility, and proximity to existing gas pipelines.

Implementation frameworks will be established through active collaboration between private sector players, oil marketing companies (OMCs), and urban local bodies (ULBs), he said.

Turning organic waste into energy will significantly reduce the municipal expenditures associated with waste collection and transport, accelerating urban sanitation goals, he noted.

Given the acute waste management challenges in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), projects are to be prioritised in Mumbai (BMC), Vasai-Virar, Mira-Bhayander, and Kalyan-Dombivli, alongside IT and industrial hubs like Hinjewadi and Chakan in Pune, said Fadnavis.

FROM FRONT PAGE

SC issues notice.....

The plea has questioned the grant of blanket immunity to the CEC and Election Commissioners, contending that the provision could shield alleged arbitrary exercise of power and corruption from judicial scrutiny.

The PIL comes amid wider judicial scrutiny of the statutory framework governing the appointment and functioning of the poll panel, including the manner in which its powers are exercised and the independence of its decision-making process.

On October 5, the Supreme Court had issued notice to the Centre, the ECI and the three Election Commissioners on a separate plea questioning whether CEC Gyanesh Kumar could individually exercise or represent powers vested in the multi-member constitutional body.

A Bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices Bagchi and Mohana had sought responses after senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for the petitioner, alleged that the functioning of the poll panel was contrary to the statutory framework governing it.

The petitioner had argued that Article 324 of the Constitution vests the superintendence, direction and control of elections in the ECI as an institution, rather than in the CEC acting individually.

Meanwhile, the constitutional validity of the 2023 law excluding the Chief Justice of India from the selection committee for appointing the CEC and Election Commissioners has also come under judicial scrutiny.

On September 23, a 2-judge Bench of the Supreme Court delivered a split verdict on whether petitions challenging the law should be referred to a Constitution Bench. While Justice Dipankar Datta rejected the plea for reference to a larger Bench, Justice Satish Chandra Sharma held that the challenge raised a substantial question of constitutional interpretation and favoured placing the matter before a Constitution Bench.

BJP dominates.....

In Ward 1, the BJP won all four seats through Shilpaben Thakor, who secured 6,366 votes; Anjanaben Mehta, who received 5,998; Gaurang Patel, who polled 7,485; and Maheshkumar Chaudhary, who secured 5,743.

In Ward 2, the BJP won three seats, with Anilsinh Vaghela receiving 7,768 votes, Arvindji Thakor 6,480 and Sonalben Vaghela 4,933. Independent candidate Dipikaben Vaghela won the fourth seat with 4,909 votes.

The BJP swept Ward 3, where Ankit Barot secured 5,581 votes, Umeshbhai Jaha 4,920, Sonaliben Patel 4,539 and Mittalben Khimsuriya 4,400. It also won all four seats in Ward 4, with Jaspalsinh Bihola securing 8,177 votes, Josnaben Thakor 7,719, Mittalben Vaghela 7,172 and Rupsing Thakor with 7,006.

In Ward 5, the BJP's four winners were Kanaiyalal Desai, who received 3,991 votes; Kinjalkumar Patel, 3,936; Hemaben Bhatt, 3,934; and Dhvani Shah, 3,893.

The Congress secured a complete sweep in Ward 6. Karmajeetsinh Vaghela won with 4,729 votes, followed by Meghna Rabari with 4,469, Mehulkumar Rathod with 4,422 and Hansaben Ninama with 3,957. Ward 7 returned three BJP candidates and one Congress candidate.

Kinjalben Thakor won with 7,306 votes, Sonalben Vaghela with 7,044 and Shaileshkumar Patel with 6,870. Congress candidate Naginbhai Nadiya secured 6,130 votes.

NSUI to Stage.....

It further asserted that "voices can be suppressed with batons and oppression, but not courage". Earlier, the Congress' student wing staged a flash protest at Gate 7 of Rajiv Chowk Metro station in Connaught Place, demanding Kumar's immediate resignation over allegations of electoral irregularities.

The protest was led by NSUI national president Vinod Jakhar, who was detained along with hundreds of activists, according to the student organisation.

A large police force was deployed in Connaught Place area -- located close to Jantar Mantar -- as protesters raised slogans against the CEC. NSUI national media in-charge Ravi Hanuman Pandey condemned the detentions and said the organisation's movement against "vote chori" would continue until Kumar resigned.

CRIME

Cyber Crooks Loot Rs 5.35 Crores From Three Victims In One Day

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

City police commissioner V. C. Sajjanar on Monday warned citizens against the trap of cyber fraudsters, stating that in a single day on Monday, three individuals fell into the trap of cyber crooks and lost a staggering Rs 5.35 crore. Sajjanar further warned citizens not to surrender to 'digital arrest.' He said the police machinery was constantly supporting citizens to thwart the new tactics of cybercriminals and protect their hard-earned money, and that a cybercrime-free city can only be built when citizens also act with full awareness, said Sajjanar .

He assured that cybercrimes can be effectively countered if everyone acts with minimal common sense, without falling prey to panic or unnecessary greed, and that vigilance is the biggest weapon for citizens. Analysing the three incidents that recently came to light, Sajjanar explained the precautions citizens need to take. He stated that an accountant of a company opened an unknown zip file and transferred `2.70 crores without directly verifying fake WhatsApp messages received with the CEO's DP was already allegedly hacked. He noted that this loss occurred because the concerned CEO failed to examine the transactions at all, even though funds were being diverted for about eight days and transaction messages were coming from the bank.

In another incident, a 72-year-old elderly woman was threatened in the name of a money laundering case, CBI, and ED, confined through a 'Digital Arrest' drama for 20 days, forced to even sell her gold, and swindled of `2.12 crores. A highly educated doctor, who worked abroad and returned to the city, fell for promotions on Instagram, promising 5 to 20 percent daily profits, losing `52.51 lakhs in a fake trading app, he recalled.

Sajjanar clarified that there is no concept of 'Digital Arrest' anywhere in our country's laws, and that the police department constantly alerts the public through media, social media, press meets, and advisories that no official investigative agency demands cash online.

He advised that when calls and messages are received from unknown persons using the names of high-ranking officials, they should be cross-checked directly, and family members should observe the mental state of elderly people at home and provide them with moral support.

Sajjanar suggested that banks should also play a more proactive role in protecting the interests of account holders, and strengthen systems to immediately alert account holders when suspicious transactions involving crores of rupees take place in instalments.

He recalled that through the special drive 'Jagruth Hyderabad - Surakshit Hyderabad' launched by the Hyderabad police department for public protection, a record number of approximately 11,417 awareness seminars were conducted in just one year, directly creating awareness among about 5.06 lakh people.

20 Villagers Arrested In Adilabad District For Attacking Police

ADILABAD
Wakeup telangana

Authorities on Tuesday announced the arrest of 20 villagers of Vaipet in Sirikonda mandal of Adilabad district for attacking police when they reached the village and seized 18 ganja plants on October 10. Those taken into custody include Maharaj Chahakatha Ramu of Vaipet village in Sirikonda mandal on October 10. Giving details to media, SP Ankhil Mahajan said the arrests have been made on charges of obstructing police from discharging their duties.

He identified the injured policemen as Ichoda circle inspector CH. Ramesh, police constable Bathula Shivaprasad, ASI Rathod Baliram, and AR constables Gangaram and Bheemrao. Villagers conspired to attack the police after the latter arrested Ramu.

They also damaged the police vehicle and stole the cell phone of one of the policemen. Those present at the press conference included Utnoor ASP Ruthvik Sai Kotte.

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.

Cyber Criminals Impersonate Supermarket CEO, Siphon Off ₹2.70 Cr

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Special team from Hyderabad cybercrime unit were probing a complaint regarding a ₹2.7 crore scam, where a gang allegedly impersonated and hacked the WhatsApp account of a city-based supermarket owner and siphoned off money after diverting the attention of his accountant. According to Md Abdul Sattar, accountant, who lodged a complaint, the gang imposed company CEO Zia-Ur-Rehman's picture on the DP, making him believe that the message came from his employer, and siphoned ₹2.7 crore in 17 instalments.

Police said the gang manipulated and managed automated deletion of previous conversations between the CEO and Sattar. The messages sent by the CEO to Sattar were then entered via a fresh number with the CEO's name. It was strongly suspected that there is an inside hand at work, a cybercrime officer said on Tuesday. Sattar, in his complaint stated that he first received a zip file from the WhatsApp number of an employee of the company. Despite an alert citing 'It might be malicious₹. he opened the file from his system that immediately hung. Assuming that it was a technical issue he got the system restored and resumed work, police said.

Sattar stated that he grew suspicious after his previous conversations with the CEO got automatically deleted and another contact appeared with a different number but assumed that the CEO might have taken a new number. After gaining Sattar's confidence by impersonating the CEO, the cybercriminals instructed him to transfer company funds to multiple accounts from October 1 till October 8, Sattar stated in his complaint.

EDITORIAL

OIL U-TURN, GREENLAND DEAL: TRUMP'S CREDIBILITY AT RISK

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Donald Trump's astonishing purchase of Russian fuel may be old hat by the time this appears in print, but the world must still consider the implications of the lesson that what is sauce for the goose is definitely not sauce for the gander so far as the United States President is concerned. Despite some recent signs of constitutional and political curbs on his authority, Mr Trump is unarguably the most powerful man on earth. He heads the biggest economy in the world. He also commands the world's mightiest fighting force. His is the only country that has ever dared to deploy a nuclear weapon — two nuclear weapons in fact — against another belligerent. The most recent political developments concerning Greenland demonstrated that America's least wish might be regarded as commands in the manner that the four sycophantic English knights at the court of the medieval English monarch, King Henry II, are believed to have literally interpreted the king's "Will no one rid me of this turbulent priest!", and murdered the less-than-subservient Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket.

Not content with what must be condemned as a blatant display of duplicity, Mr Trump then added insult to injury by suggesting that "it's time for Ukraine to get a new President" and ripping into the present plucky incumbent, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose seeming inability to strike a deal to end the war with Russia he mocked. "I suggest they get a new leader who can make a deal. For some reason (Zelenskyy) never does," Mr Trump told reporters. "President Putin would like to see a settlement, strongly," he said of what the Russian leader had allegedly told him when the pair spoke on the telephone.

This is where history may be subject to perception, and assessments and expectations shaped by history. The shared saga of Ukraine and Russia spans over a millennium, rooted in the medieval state of Kievan Rus and marked by centuries of imperial domination, Soviet rule and modern conflict. Ukraine became Christian long before Moscow emerged as a state. Christianity became the dominant religion since its official acceptance in 989 by Vladimir the Great, who brought the faith from Byzantine Crimea and installed it as the state religion of medieval Kievan Rus, with the metropolitan bishopric in Kyiv. The Mongol sacking of Kyiv in 1240 shattered Kievan Rus, sending the northern principalities (which eventually grew into Muscovy and Russia) and western/southern Ukrainian lands down very different political paths. By the 18th century, much of central and eastern Ukraine was absorbed into the Russian Empire whose militant Russification heavily suppressed the Ukrainian language and culture. The process extended into the Soviet era (1922-1991) when, apart for a brief period of independence, Ukraine was forcefully integrated into the Soviet Union as the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. Those years of horror still haunt Ukraine's memory because of Joseph Stalin's manmade famine, the Holodomor, 1932-33, when millions of Ukrainians starved to death. During World War-2, Nazi Germany brutally occupied Ukraine from 1941 to 1944, causing massive destruction before Soviet forces reclaimed the region. In 1954, Nikita Khrushchev transferred the Crimean peninsula from the Russian Soviet to the Ukrainian Soviet. No wonder more than 90 per cent of Ukrainian voters chose independence from the collapsing Soviet Union in December 1991. Not that independence came without a price.

OPPO Launches F35 Series in India, Celebrating 10 Years of F Series

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

OPPO has launched its F35 Series in India, comprising the OPPO F35 Pro 5G and OPPO F35 5G, marking 10 years of the brand's F Series smartphones in the country. The new lineup focuses on group photography, battery life, durability and content creation, evolving from the original "Selfie Expert" concept to the "Group Selfie Expert" experience.OPPO said it has sold more than 30 million F Series smartphones in India over the past decade.

The latest models feature a 50MP ultra-wide front camera with a 100-degree field of view, designed to capture more people and surroundings in group selfies during family gatherings, festivals, weddings and travel.The OPPO F35 Pro 5G is priced at Rs. 45,999 for the 6GB RAM and 128GB storage variant, Rs. 49,999 for the 8GB RAM and 128GB variant, and Rs. 54,999 for the 8GB RAM and 256GB variant.



The OPPO F35 5G costs Rs. 38,999 for the 6GB RAM and 128GB model and Rs. 42,999 for the 8GB RAM and 128GB version.The smartphones are available through retail outlets, the OPPO India online store, Flipkart and Amazon.

The Pro model comes in Sunrise Orange, Wave Blue and Twilight Brown, while the standard model is offered in Wave Blue, Titanium Grey and Mist Pink. Buyers can also access promotional benefits, including up to 10% instant cashback, no-cost EMI, exchange bonuses and zero-down-payment schemes, subject to applicable terms.Goldee Patnaik, Head of Communications at OPPO India, said the new series reflects changing consumer habits and the importance of shared experiences, particularly during festivals and family celebrations in Telangana.

The F35 Pro features a 50MP main rear camera with optical image stabilisation, an 8MP ultra-wide rear camera, 4K video recording on both front and rear cameras, Ultra-Steady mode and Dual-View Video.

Additional photography features include Natural Tone 2.0, AI Popout and AI Remix Collage.Both smartphones pack an 8,000mAh battery and support 80W SUPERVOOC fast charging. OPPO also highlighted their water and dust resistance, Rainstorm Touch functionality and military-grade shock resistance.Strengthening its regional support, OPPO operates 20 exclusive service centres across Telangana, supported by a nationwide network of more than 620 service centres spanning over 500 cities and offering assistance in 19 languages.

SEBI extends IPO issue-size relaxation until March 31, 2027

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended a temporary relaxation allowing companies planning initial public offerings (IPOs) to revise the size of their fresh issues by up to 50 per cent without filing fresh draft offer documents. The extension will remain applicable to IPOs opening on or before March 31, 2027, offering issuers greater flexibility amid volatile market conditions.

According to a communication sent to the Association of Investment Bankers of India (AIBI), the relaxation was initially introduced against the backdrop of the West Asia conflict and was scheduled to expire on September 30. SEBI extended the facility following representations from industry stakeholders seeking continued flexibility amid geopolitical uncertainties and changing investor demand.

Under the framework, companies preparing to launch IPOs can increase or decrease the size of their fresh issue by up to 50 per cent without submitting new draft offer documents to the regulator.

In an email dated October 12, SEBI informed investment bankers that lead managers could file updated offer documents reflecting the revised issue size, provided the primary objectives of the issue remained unchanged. Merchant bankers must also provide adequate justification for any changes to the proposed issue size.

The regulator has directed investment bankers to ensure that all relevant modifications are disclosed to investors through an addendum. Revised offer documents must continue to comply with applicable regulatory requirements, ensuring transparency and adequate information for prospective investors.

The extension comes amid strong activity in India's primary capital market. September emerged as one of the busiest months for IPO fundraising in the current financial year, with more than 34 companies collectively mobilising Rs 39,380 crore. This accounted for approximately 42 per cent of the total funds raised through IPOs during the 2026-27 financial year up to that point.

Overall, 78 companies had raised approximately Rs 94,276 crore through IPOs as of September, reflecting substantial fundraising activity in the primary market.

The reported listing of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) also contributed significantly to the fundraising figures, being described in the supplied report as the largest IPO of the financial year and the second-largest public issue in India's capital market history.

Odisha bags wind energy leadership award at Windergy India 2026

BHUBANESWAR
Wakeup telangana

Odisha has received the "Wind India 2026: Leadership in Wind Energy De-risking" award in recognition of its efforts to promote clean energy and renewable energy development, according to an official statement issued on Tuesday.

The award was presented to Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, who also holds the Energy portfolio, by Additional Chief Secretary of Energy Department Vishal Kumar Dev, at a ceremony in Bhubaneswar.

The award was conferred on Odisha at the Windergy India 2026 conference held in Chennai on October 8.

Satyapriya Rath, Managing Director of Grid Corporation of Odisha (GRIDCO), received the award on behalf of the state from Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi during the event, which was attended by industry leaders and government representatives.



Several senior officials of the Odisha Energy Department attended the presentation ceremony in Bhubaneswar. Congratulating the department's officers and staff, Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo said Odisha has ambitious plans to expand its renewable energy sector and attract more investment in the coming years.

"This honour reflects the state government's strong resolve and continuous efforts to accelerate clean energy transition and attract sustainable investments under the Odisha Renewable Energy Policy," the Deputy CM added.

As part of its efforts to promote Odisha's wind energy potential, the state government hosted a special session titled "Odisha: India's Next Wind Destination" at Windergy India 2026.

The session aimed to showcase the state's potential in wind power generation to national and international investors and highlight opportunities for investment in the renewable energy sector.

The officials also noted that the award recognises Odisha's initiatives to advance wind energy and promote clean energy development.

The state government is seeking to attract sustainable investments and expand renewable energy capacity through its policy framework and future plans. The recognition comes as Odisha seeks to strengthen its position in the renewable energy sector and encourage investment in clean energy projects.

Continental Hospitals Launches Brain Surgery Robot, Marks 500 Robotic Surgeries



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Continental Hospitals has launched the ROSA ONE BRAIN neuro robotic system and unveiled the GE-designed SIGNA HERO 3.0T advanced MRI system, strengthening its capabilities in neurological diagnosis and minimally invasive brain surgery. The hospital also celebrated completing 500 robotic surgeries across multiple medical specialties.

Dr. Guru N. Reddy, Founder and Chairman of Continental Hospitals, said the hospital continues to invest in advanced technologies to improve surgical precision and patient care. He highlighted the use of robotic surgery across specialties, including oncology, urology, gynaecology, orthopaedics, cardiology and neurosurgery.

Dr. Hrishikesh Sarkar, Director of Minimally Invasive Endoscopic Neurosurgery and Neuro-Oncology, and Dr. Shivanand Reddy, Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon, explained that ROSA ONE BRAIN assists surgeons in accurately positioning instruments for selected procedures, including epilepsy-related electrode placement, deep brain stimulation and stereotactic biopsies.

The hospital also introduced the SIGNA HERO 3.0T MRI system, designed to deliver high-resolution brain images. Dr. K. Sudheer, Senior Consultant Radiologist, highlighted its advanced imaging applications in evaluating stroke, epilepsy, brain tumours and other neurological conditions.

The new technologies are expected to strengthen treatment planning and support multidisciplinary neurological care. The launch and robotic surgery milestone underline Continental Hospitals' continued focus on technology-driven healthcare in Telangana and beyond.

Jawa celebrates Czech roots and its legacy among Indian riders



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles marked Czech Day 2026 at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in New Delhi, celebrating its Czech origins and long-standing connection with Indian riders.

Founded in Prague in 1929, Jawa began with the JAWA 500 OHV motorcycle, followed by the lightweight JAWA 175 in 1932. The brand later gained recognition for engineering innovations, including the Jawa Pérák, developed during the Second World War, and its automatic clutch system.

Jawa's Indian journey began in 1960 with Ideal Jawa. Its motorcycles became part of the country's motorcycling culture, building a following through motorsports, rider communities and popular culture, including Indian cinema.

The brand returned to India in 2018, led by the Jawa 42, which helped establish the modern classic motorcycle segment. Jawa subsequently expanded its portfolio, with the Jawa 42, Jawa 42 FJ and Jawa 42 Bobber forming its All Stars range.

Anupam Thareja, co-founder of Classic Legends, said Czech Day offered an opportunity to celebrate Jawa's origins and reflect on its journey in India.

"The Jawa 42 helped establish the modern classic category in India, but its significance goes beyond creating a category. It brought the Jawa spirit to a new generation of riders and gave us the foundation to take that spirit forward," he said.

Aditya Birla Capital Launches Gold Loan Branch in Abdullapurmet

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) has entered the gold loan business with the launch of a dedicated branch in Abdullapurmet, marking an expansion of its financial services portfolio and strengthening its presence in Telangana's growing secured lending market.

The company aims to provide customers with transparent pricing, secure handling of pledged gold jewellery and convenient access to credit through physical branches and digital channels. As part of its expansion strategy, ABCL plans to establish 200–300 dedicated gold loan branches across high-potential markets by March 2027.

Telangana has emerged as a significant market for organised gold lending. According to CRIF High Mark's How India Lends Report, the state's outstanding gold loan portfolio reached ₹1.61 lakh crore as of March 2026, registering a 70.5 per cent year-on-year increase. Abdullapurmet's proximity to Hyderabad and its connectivity to major road corridors make it an important location for the company's initial rollout.



Speaking on the launch, Rakesh Singh, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer–NBFC, Aditya Birla Capital Limited, said the gold loan business would broaden access to simple, secure and reliable financing solutions.

He said the company would focus on making gold loans more accessible through a transparent and seamless borrowing experience across physical and digital channels. Backed by the Aditya Birla Group's reputation and its commitment to responsible lending, the company aims to serve customers in Abdullapurmet and address their diverse financial requirements.

The new offering is designed to cater to different customer segments across urban and semi-urban markets, providing a secured borrowing option for varied financial needs. The phased expansion is expected to extend organised gold-backed credit to more customers across Telangana.

ABCL and its subsidiaries and joint ventures operate a nationwide network of more than 1,759 branches. Their consolidated lending book exceeded ₹2.19 lakh crore as of June 30, 2026.

The company's NBFC business offers secured and unsecured lending products to retail customers, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and corporates. Its key segments include personal and consumer loans, unsecured business loans, secured business loans, and corporate and mid-market lending.

In FY26, the NBFC's assets under management (AUM) grew 27 per cent year-on-year to ₹1,59,916 crore. Retail and SME customers accounted for approximately 68 per cent of AUM. Disbursements increased 25 per cent to ₹84,204 crore, while profit before tax rose 20 per cent to ₹4,023 crore.

Growth continued in the first quarter of FY27, with AUM rising 28 per cent year-on-year to ₹1,67,456 crore, disbursements increasing 34 per cent to ₹21,201 crore, and profit before tax climbing 32 per cent to ₹1,222 crore.

Beejam Invites Telangana Students to Join 'Journey of a Grain' Art Campaign

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Vajrateja Rice Clusters Pvt. Ltd. has invited Classes 6 to 12 students to participate in its 'The Journey of a Grain' art campaign, with entries closing on October 31. Students must depict any one of seven paddy cultivation stages through hand-painted artwork after interacting with farmers or elders. The top three winners will receive Rs. 20,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 8,000, respectively.

CEO Hanuman Prasad said the initiative aims to promote awareness of farmers' contributions. Managing Director Chittipolu Yadagiri highlighted the importance of connecting rice growers with consumers. The best 100 artworks will be exhibited at Beejam's Hyderabad launch in November. Registration is free at registration.beejam.co.in.



When Nana Patekar said that Anil Kapoor bullied him on 'Parinda'



The late actor Nana Patekar once shared that his friend, and actor Anil Kapoor bullied him a lot during the making of 'Parinda'.

An old video from the promotions of the film 'Vanvaas' has resurfaced in which he can be seen having a conversation with Anil Kapoor.

He said in the video, "You have bullied me a lot in 'Parinda'. I was doing Jackie Shroff's role, his elder brother's role. We rehearsed, we did this, we did that. Later, Jackie came because of him. But I want to thank him because I got to play Anna. No, the reason was that he couldn't see me as a brother. As per you, Jackie could be your brother in the film but not me".

Anil responded, as he said, "I might be wrong, but I felt that for my brother's role, I felt Jackie would be the best choice. I'm being very honest with you. But your honesty has ruined my role. No, but what happens is that you give suggestions to a director. Ultimately, decisions are always made by a director. A director is a director, a filmmaker is a filmmaker. He must have felt that Jackie is a better choice".

Nana Patekar said, "Jackie did a good job. He got a Filmfare Award".

Anil said, "So, what I mean to say is that sometimes, there are some things which are very, very important. I will never deceive you with a film".

Nana Patekar passed away at the age of 75 in Goa. The actor suffered cardiac arrest. The actor was taken to hospital where doctors attempted CPR and resuscitation for about 45 minutes. However, he was later declared dead on arrival.

The late actor Nana Patekar was cremated with full state honours at his farmhouse in Donje in Pune district on Thursday. The actor was given a 3-gun salute.The late actor's friends and members of the film fraternity including Jackie Shroff, directors Anil Sharma, Aneez Bazmee, and producer Firoz nadiadwala arrived at Donje village to attend the last rites of Nana Patekar.

A huge crowd also turned up to bid adieu to the departed soul. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also paid his last respects to Nana Patekar at Pune airport before leaving for Mumbai. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde went to the actor's Pune farmhouse to pay his respects.

Ahaan Panday calls Saiyaara' co-star Aneet Padda 'a gift to the cosmos'



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Actor Ahaan Panday called his 'Saiyaara' co-star Aneet Padda 'a gift to the cosmos' in a heartfelt birthday wish.

On Tuesday, Ahaan shared a couple of adorable pictures and videos of Aneet on his official Instagram handle. Ahaan admitted that everything Aneet touches turns to stardust.

Wishing her on her special day, Ahaan penned, "You're a gift to the cosmos, Aneet, and everything you touch turns to stardust (sic)."

"i hope the universe is always as gentle with you as you are with it, and don't you ever forget how much light you leave behind; happy happy happy birthday," he went on to write.

Ahaan's sister Alanna Panday also reacted to the post with a red heart, star, and sparkles emoticons.

Aside from being each other's co-stars Ahaan and Aneet share a great rapport in personal life as well.

During Alanna Panday's recent baby shower, Aneet was seen channeling her inner child with actress and Ahaan's cousin, Ananya Panday. The two ladies had a great time at the baby shower as they indulged in a couple of fun games.

In the clip that has gone viral on social media, Aneet and Ananya were seen standing in pairs with others. They were holding a sheet between them, passing a toy to the person on the opposite side.

Professionally, Aneet was recently seen in the courtroom drama, 'Hunkkaar – The Roar'.

Jointly directed by Karan D. Kapadia, Heeraz Marfatia and Nitya Mehra, 'Hunkkaar – The Roar' also featured Fatima Sana Shaikh, Raghubir Yadav, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Arjun Mathur and Vipin Sharma in significant roles, along with others.

Up next, Aneet will be seen leading the upcoming instalment of the Maddock Horror Comedy Universe, 'Shakti Shalini'. The drama will also feature late veteran actor Nana Patekar in a crucial role.

Kusal Mendis helps Sri Lanka win third T20I; Pakistan claim series 2-1

RAWALPINDI
Wakeup telangana



Skipper Kusal Mendis struck an unbeaten 87 and shared an unfinished 98-run partnership with Kamindu Mendis to help Sri Lanka score a consolation win against Pakistan in the third and final T20I of the series at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday. Pakistan concluded the three-match series 2-1, having secured wins in the opening two matches at the same venue.

Chasing 169, Sri Lanka lost an early wicket with just 15 runs on the board when Mohammad Imran trapped Lahiru Udara (1) leg-before for one in the second over.

However, Sri Lanka recovered through a 59-run second-wicket partnership between Sineth Jayawardena (38) and captain Kusal Mendis. Arafat Minhas provided Pakistan their second breakthrough when he dismissed Jayawardena for 38 off 26 balls, including five fours and two sixes.

Kusal then combined with Kamindu Mendis in an unbeaten 98-run third-wicket stand to guide the visitors to win in 17.1 overs.

Right-handed batter Kusal top-scored with an unbeaten 87 off 48 balls, hitting nine fours and four sixes, while Kamindu contributed 40 not out off 27 balls. Kusal completed his half-century in 30 balls, studded with six fours and one six as he propelled Sri Lanka towards victory.

Earlier, asked to bat first, Pakistan posted 168 for eight in their allotted 20 overs, courtesy of a commanding 76 from captain Sahibzada Farhan and an unbeaten 34 by Arafat Minhas.

Farhan led Pakistan's batting effort with a 47-ball knock featuring seven fours and three sixes. The right-handed batter held the innings together despite wickets falling at regular intervals at the other end.

Pakistan lost Fakhar Zaman (12, 7b, 1x4, 1x6) and Maaz Sadaqat (0, 3b) in the fourth over, leaving the hosts at 34 for two. Hasan Nawaz (16, 17b, 2x4) added 33 runs with Farhan for the third wicket before departing in the ninth over.

The hosts suffered further setbacks as Khawaja Nafay (3, 5b), Mohammad Imran (6, 10b) and Abdul Samad (15, 10b, 2x4, 1x6) departed, leaving Pakistan at 102 for six in 13.4 overs.

Farhan then joined Arafat Minhas in a crucial 66-run partnership for the seventh wicket, helping Pakistan reach a competitive total.

Arafat struck two fours and as many sixes in his unbeaten 20-ball innings, while Farhan was dismissed on the penultimate delivery of the innings.

This was Farhan's third successive half-century in the series, who was leading the side for the first time in Pakistan.

For Sri Lanka, Dasun Shanaka returned figures of three for 21, while Nuwan Thushara and Eshan Malinga took two wickets each.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka, along with England, will now feature in an ODI triseries starting on Sunday (October 18) in Rawalpindi.

Brief scores:

Pakistan 168/8 in 20 overs (Sahibzada Farhan 76, Arafat Minhas 34 not out; Dasun Shanaka 3-21, Nuwan Thushara 2-38, Eshan Malinga 2-38) lost to Sri Lanka 172/2 in 17.1 overs (Kusal Mendis 87 not out, Kamindu Mendis 40 not out, Sineth Jayawardena 38; Mohammad Imran 1-31, Arafat Minhas 1-26) by eight wickets.

Wild card Guo Hanyu overturns Cirstea at Wuhan Open

WUHAN
Wakeup telangana



Wild card Guo Hanyu of China rallied to beat 12th-seeded Sorana Cirstea of Romania at the Wuhan Open WTA tennis tournament on Tuesday, while Asian Games champion Wang Xiyu was beaten by Wimbledon junior champion Mia Pohankova.

Guo, the Wimbledon doubles champion, progressed to the second round after a 1-6, 7-6(6), 7-5 victory against Cirstea, marking her first win over a top-20 player in her career, as well as her first victory in Wuhan's main-draw singles match.

"It was a very tough match. Honestly, I never imagined I would win until the match was actually over," Guo said. "Especially after losing the first set 1-6, I just wanted to stay on court a little longer and enjoy the feeling of playing on the centre court."

"I didn't expect my level to get better and better. Even when facing match point, I just told myself not to give the match away easily and to keep trying. I held on to that mindset, and I'm very happy I could win in the end."

Guo will next play Katie Volynets of the United States, who ranks 88th in the world, reports Xinhua.

Wang dropped the opening set against the 17-year-old Pohankova despite clawing back from 0-3. Both players held serve to 6-6, and Pohankova took the tiebreak 7-2. The second set followed the same script to 6-6, but Wang erased a 2-5 deficit in the tiebreak to win it 9-7 and level the match. Pohankova broke twice in the decider, raced to a 5-1 lead and converted her first match point on serve to close out the match in two hours and 55 minutes.

Elsewhere, Zhang Shuai struggled with illness in the match against Ashlyn Krueger of the United States before losing at 6-3, 6-0.

"It's a pity to end my Wuhan singles campaign this way. To be honest, I was completely drained today. This was the best I could do," Zhang said. "I'm sorry I couldn't do better given my condition, but I didn't want to give up the chance to play in front of you, so I tried my best to finish the match."

Zhang also expressed gratitude to local audiences. "I am so grateful for your love of tennis. It's the passion of the people of Wuhan that has made Chinese tennis history," she said. "From Li Ting's women's doubles gold at the 2004 Athens Olympics, to Grand Slam champion Li Na, to Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen, they all come from Hubei. It's because of your love of the sport that tennis in Hubei is so strong."

In other matches, Daria Snigur of Ukraine stunned 14th-seeded Elise Mertens 6-4, 7-5; Maria Sakkari of Greece came from behind to beat 8th-seeded Marta Kostyuk 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Ann Li of the United States progressed to the next round when Camila Osorio of Colombia retired while trailing 6-1, 3-0.

Hyderabad swelters in October as unseasonal heat grips city, Telangana districts

Telangana is experiencing unusually hot weather in October, with maximum temperatures rising 2.2 degree Celsius to nearly 5 degree Celsius above normal due to prolonged dry conditions and a rainfall deficit. Bhadrachalam recorded the state's highest temperature at 37.3 degree Celsius, while several districts reported temperatures well above seasonal averages.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana is experiencing unusually warm weather in October, with daytime temperatures climbing significantly above normal levels amid prolonged dry conditions and a seasonal rainfall deficit. Even two weeks into the month, several parts of the state are witnessing summer-like heat instead of the usual October chill.

Weather data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Telangana Development Planning Society (TSDPS) indicate a noticeable rise in maximum temperatures across Hyderabad and various districts. Dur-



ing the past 24 hours, temperatures in several locations ranged from 2.2°C to nearly 5°C above normal, highlighting the unusual warmth prevailing across the state.

In Hyderabad, the Begumpet airport region recorded a maximum temperature of 34.9°C, which was 3.2°C above normal. Hakimpet Air Force Station registered 34.7°C, marking the highest departure from normal among the listed locations at 4.7°C.

The CRIDA station at Hayathnagar recorded 34.4°C, or 3.6°C above normal, while ICRISAT in Patancheru registered 34°C, exceeding the normal temperature by 3.1°C. Rajendranagar Agricultural Research Station recorded 33.5°C, which was 2.2°C above normal.

The heat was more pronounced in several districts. According to IMD Hyderabad data, Mahabubnagar recorded a maximum temperature of 37.2°C, followed by Nizamabad at 36.7°C. Khammam registered 36.2°C, while Adilabad recorded 35.3°C. Medak and Bhadrachalam each reported 35°C, and Ramagundam recorded 34.8°C.

Meanwhile, TSDPS data showed that the highest maximum temperature reported across the state was 37.3°C at the Sub-Collector Office in Bhadrachalam, in Bhadradri Kothagudem district.

Within the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits, JPN Nagar Community Hall in Miyapur, Rangareddy district, recorded the highest maximum temperature at 35.2°C during the same 24-hour period.

The persistent dry weather and rainfall deficit have coincided with the above-normal daytime temperatures, prolonging the unseasonal warmth across Telangana. The latest readings underline the extent of the temperature rise during October, with several locations experiencing conditions more commonly associated with the summer months..

Telangana Records 37.1°C as IMD Forecasts Thunderstorms from Oct 15

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana continued to experience above-normal daytime temperatures on Tuesday, with Hanamkonda recording the state's highest maximum temperature of 37.1°C. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast thunderstorms and lightning in several parts of the state from October 15 to 19, raising the possibility of a change in weather conditions later this week.

According to temperature data from the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPS), Jagtial recorded 36.9°C, while Komuram Bheem, Mancherial and Mahbubabad registered 36.8°C each. Suryapet and Nalgonda recorded maximum temperatures of 36.7°C.

In Hyderabad and its surrounding areas, temperatures remained high despite the seasonal transition. Hyderabad and Medchal-Malkajgiri recorded maximum temperatures of 35.1°C.

Within the city, Saroornagar and Moula Ali registered the highest maximum temperatures of 35.3°C during the preceding 24 hours. Bahadurpura, Malkajgiri, Badangpet and Miyapur recorded temperatures of around 35.2°C, while Nizampet reported the lowest maximum among the listed city locations at 33.8°C.

The IMD has forecast thunderstorms accompanied by lightning across parts of Telangana between October 15 and 19. Mahbubnagar is likely to experience rain or thunderstorms on October 15, followed by one or two spells of rain or thundershowers on October 16.

Meanwhile, the TGDPS three-day temperature outlook indicates that warm afternoons are likely to continue in several districts. Mancherial and Mulugu are expected to record maximum temperatures of around 35°C on Thursday, while Jogulamba Gadwal may reach 35.6°C.

The forecast suggests that high daytime temperatures could persist before thunderstorms bring a possible change in weather conditions later in the week.

Residents are advised to follow official weather updates as conditions may vary across districts. The expected thunderstorms and lightning could bring temporary relief from the prevailing warmth in some areas, although a sustained decline in temperatures remains uncertain.

Palle Ravikumar Slams Congress Over Remarks Against KTR

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former corporation chairman Palle Ravikumar condemned government whip Adi Srinivas' remarks against BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), alleging that the Congress government was targeting the BRS leader through politically motivated cases.

Ravikumar claimed that the Formula E car race helped attract investments to Hyderabad and alleged that the case registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) was part of a conspiracy to damage



KTR's reputation. He also demanded an investigation into alleged expenditure of Rs. 300 crore on road works around KBR Park.

Questioning the Congress government's approach, Ravikumar asked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to focus on governance rather than pursuing cases against opposition leaders. He said KTR would continue to face legal proceedings without being intimidated.

Ravikumar also criticised the government over irrigation, power generation and Singareni coal management. He questioned why water was not being lifted at Medigadda to fill reservoirs and alleged that the state's power sector was facing difficulties.

Referring to the agricultural situation, he criticised ministers' statements advising farmers against cultivating a second crop, arguing that the government should instead address farmers' concerns and provide necessary support.

Road Work on Toli Mosque Waqf Land Draws Protest

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Road construction on Waqf land belonging to Toli Mosque in Karwan has raised concerns, with activists alleging that the property has faced encroachment for the past 25 years. They alleged that a cement concrete (CC) road was being laid without following due process for land acquisition and providing compensation to the Waqf Board. The road is intended to improve connectivity between Puranapul and Langar Houz.

A drainage pipeline has been laid over more than four acres of the 27.30 acres of Waqf land and graveyard belonging to Toli Mosque over the past several months. The GHMC is now constructing a CC road on the land without any settlement or clearance, activists alleged. Osman bin Alhajri, president of the Deccan Waqf Protection Society, said the GHMC had attempted to lay a road across 15,000 square yards of land in 2013.

He said he had submitted a representation to then Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy, seeking compliance with legal procedures and compensation. He had also filed a case before the Waqf Tribunal. Alhajri said the work was stopped after the GHMC gave an undertaking before the court that it would not proceed with it. However, construction resumed in 2022, he said.

He added that they had asked the authorities to follow due process.

He also alleged that the graveyard attached to the mosque was being encroached upon. In a recent letter to the GHMC Commissioner, Waqf Board Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mohammed Asadullah referred to a case filed by Osman bin Al Hajri and a petition pending before the High Court in 2022. The CEO said the Waqf Board had repeatedly written to GHMC officials, asking them to follow the law and initiate land acquisition proceedings under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.



AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin handed over Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) Letters of Consent for medical treatment to six beneficiaries at the AIMIM party office in Mehraj Colony.

TGO Unveils Poster for 2026 Bathukamma Celebrations



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad district Telangana Gazetted Officers (TGO) Association unveiled the poster for the 2026 Bathukamma celebrations to be organised under the aegis of the TGO Central Association.

M. B. Krishna Yadav, president of the Hyderabad District TGO Association, formally unveiled the poster under the leadership of Bandi Srinivas, state president of the TGO Engineers Forum and the Association of Telangana Assistant Executive Engineers.

Women engineers, including Siddharth, Archana, Shailaja, Sirisha, Supriya, Deepika and Vedavathi, participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, M. B. Krishna Yadav called upon women engineers to participate in large numbers and make the celebrations a grand success.

The Bathukamma celebrations will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. at TGO Bhavan in Nampally, Hyderabad.

TG SAFE Suspends Licences Of Four Eateries After Inspections

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) suspended the food safety licences of four eateries and ordered them to stop operations following inspections of 13 restaurants and canteens here. Seven enforcement teams comprising food safety officers and police personnel conducted the inspections in areas including Ameerpet, Jubilee Hills, Madhapur, Chikkadpally, Hafeezpet and Vengal Rao Nagar.

The licences of NR's Nandini Sudha at Chikkadpally, Sai Darshini and Universal Restaurant at Vengal Rao Nagar, and Harsha Delux Mess at Ameerpet were suspended, with instructions to stop operations immediately in the interest of public health. The Padmasree Canteen at the IACG Hostel Mess in Madhapur was also ordered to stop operations for functioning without an FSSAI licence under unhygienic conditions.

Officials collected 16 food samples on suspicion of adulteration during the inspections. Showcause notices will be issued to seven establishments, including Imperial Multicuisine Restaurant at Hafeezpet, Kolkata House and Raju Gari Biryani in Madhapur, Anandobramha Fine Dine Restaurant and Rayalaseema Ruchulu in Ameerpet, and Avuna Restaurant in Madhapur. TG SAFE will issue an improvement notice to Absolute Barbeque in Jubilee Hills and reinspect the establishments to verify compliance with food safety norms. Further action, including penalties, will be initiated based on the findings.

Osmania T-JUDA Temporarily Calls Off Strike, Gives Government 10 Days

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Osmania General Hospital of T-JUDA has temporarily called off its strike after the health minister and senior officials assured it that deficiencies affecting patient care and medical education would be addressed within 10 days. The association said it would monitor the implementation of the assurances and expect measurable improvements within the stipulated period. The strike was organised to highlight deficiencies in hospital infrastructure, essential medical supplies, diagnostic facilities and equipment, along with problems affecting the academic environment for undergraduate medical students and postgraduate residents.

Osmania T-JUDA said the issues had a direct bearing on patient care and the quality of medical education. Following discussions with the authorities, the association decided to give the government 10 days to demonstrate improvements on the ground. The association clarified that the decision was only a temporary suspension of the strike and not a withdrawal of its demands. It said it would remain vigilant and assess the progress made during the period.

HYDRAA Steps Up Lake Cleaning, Clears Inlets to Improve Rainwater Flow

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

HYDRAA said it had intensified lake cleaning and desilting works to ensure that rainwater flowed into lakes without obstruction to reduce the risk of flooding. The agency was deploying its Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams to clear waste, remove silt from channels and check the



condition of lake inlets and outlets. The teams were also removing water hyacinth, weeds and thorny bushes around lakes to improve cleanliness and access, according to a statement.

The agency said it was prioritising lakes where Bathukamma celebrations would be held. The DRF teams were cleaning Lingam Cheruvu and Doolapally cheruvu in Quthbullapur, Gopi Cheruvu in Lingampally, Gurnath Cheruvu, Pale Cheruvu and Maisamma Kunta in Miyapur, Bathukamma Kunta and Mansoorabad Lake in Hayathnagar, and Saroornagar Lake. HYDRAA said it was also clearing inlets that carry rainwater into lakes and ensuring outlets allow water to flow freely.

The agency is taking up desilting work along the Kukatpally nala, where around 40 truckloads of waste have already been removed. Silt has been cleared along nearly three kilometres of the channel to prevent obstructions to water flow.

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