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New FIR Against Azam Khan Over Varsity Funds

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Uttar Pradesh police have registered a fresh FIR against jailed Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan and his educational trust following an Enforcement Directorate investigation into alleged diversion of government funds for constructing Muhammad Ali Jauhar University in Rampur. The FIR, registered on Tuesday, names Khan, the Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust, two private entities and others under provisions relating to cheating, criminal breach of trust, conspiracy and corruption. The ED alleged that public funds meant for government projects were diverted to construction works at the privately run university.

El Nino Is Like Covid Pandemic, Says Revanth

Revanth Reddy urged widespread public awareness campaigns on El Niño's impact and upcoming challenges

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday said the state government must treat the impact of El Nino as a disaster comparable to the Covid-19 pandemic and asked all government departments to prepare for a prolonged spell of adverse conditions. Announcing an informal Cabinet meeting at Secretariat on Thursday to review El Nino conditions in the state, the Chief Minister cautioned that a situation that appears manageable at present could develop into a serious crisis if officials failed to act in advance.

At a high-level review meeting held at MCRHRDI on Wednesday on the impact of El Nino, prevailing rainfall deficit and the availability of electricity and drinking water, the Chief Minister said, "An El Nino situation is like a Covid-like disaster. Nobody knows how long it will continue. What appears to be a problem now could turn into a crisis if we fail to remain alert," he said, directing every department to assess the likely impact within its jurisdiction, identify solutions and initiate immediate preventive measures.

He instructed all departments to prepare comprehensive action plans extending until June next year, anticipating that the prevailing conditions could continue until the next spell of rainfall. Departments were asked to coordinate their efforts and ensure that people did not face hardship during the intervening period.

The Chief Minister stressed the need for advance arrangements to prevent drinking water shortages across the state. He directed officials to prepare plans to maintain uninterrupted drinking water supply and ensure that adequate resources were available to meet public demand. In the Greater Hyderabad region, he asked officials to promote the use of treated wastewater from sewage treatment plants (STPs) for construction and other suitable non-potable purposes to conserve drinking water.

He also directed officials to take special measures to protect livestock from the effects of drought and ensure adequate availability of fodder. Advance arrangements must be made to prevent shortages and avoid hardship to cattle, he said. To strengthen monitoring at the grassroots level, Revanth Reddy ordered the appointment of Group-I and Group-II officers as special monitoring officials for every mandal. They would continuously monitor rainfall conditions, electricity and drinking water supply, crop conditions and fodder availability in their respective mandals and report developments to the Chief Secretary regularly.Revanth Reddy also called for an extensive public awareness campaign on the impact of El Nino and the challenges likely to arise in the coming months.

11.4 Lakh Railway Employees to Get 78-Day Bonus

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The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a ₹2,009.61-crore productivity-linked bonus equivalent to 78 days' wages for 11.4 lakh non-gazetted railway employees ahead of the festive season. The maximum payout per eligible employee will be ₹17,951, benefiting loco pilots, station masters, track maintainers, technicians, supervisors, train managers and other Group C employees. The government said the bonus recognised the Railways' performance in 2025-26, when it transported a record 1,670 million tonnes of freight and carried nearly 7.41 billion passengers. Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the Railways had 1.65 lakh vacancies and had recruited nearly 5.5 lakh employees since 2014. The Cabinet also approved continuing the National Social Assistance Programme until 2031 with an outlay of ₹53,428 crore, expanding disability pension eligibility.

Our Indian Culture Binds World: Modi

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rime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said India's music, dance, cinema, cuisine and traditions continued to connect societies across the world, while its rich cultural heritage was gaining increasing international recognition. In a message to the three-day Brihattar Bharat: International Conference on Bharat's Cultural Connections Across the Globe, which began at Vigyan Bhawan on Wednesday, Modi said efforts to bring back Indian antiquities from abroad had gained "renewed momentum". The government was also preserving the country's manuscript heritage through the Gyan Bharatam initiative, alongside its efforts to protect monuments.

Union culture secretary Vivek Aggarwal read out the Prime Minister's message at the inaugural session. Tracing India's centuries-old cultural exchanges, Modi said centres of learning such as Nalanda had fostered intellectual ties with Asia, while Buddhist monks, scholars, traders and travellers carried Indian ideas across the world through land and maritime routes. He said Indian philosophy, literature, music, dance, cinema and culinary traditions continued to strengthen these connections. The celebration of Indian festivals abroad and the global spread of yoga demonstrated the enduring appeal of India's ancient knowledge traditions, he added.

Modi highlighted the significance of the conference, which marks the centenary of the Greater India Society, established in Calcutta on October 14, 1926, with Rabindranath Tagore as its spiritual guide. The society played an important role in advancing the study of India's cultural and intellectual links with Asia and the wider world. The Prime Minister expressed hope that the deliberations would deepen understanding of these historical ties and strengthen international cultural cooperation.

Organised by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) under the Union culture ministry, the October 14-16 conference brings together.

Hyderabad CP lauds 3 men for saving girl flung into Hussain Sagar

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Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar on Wednesday, October 14, felicitated three citizens for saving a six-year-old girl who had allegedly been thrown into the Hussain Sagar by her mother.

According to local reports, the six-year-old had intestinal issues, and the mother was struggling to pay for the medical expenses after her husband left her.

On October 8, she allegedly threw the girl into the lake and fled. The girl held on to a bamboo and was later rescued.

Sajjanar commended the bravery of the three men, saying that in a time when people often remain busy recording videos instead of helping those in distress, the three citizens stand as "shining examples of true humanity and

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Harish Rao demands Rs 10 lakh relief for deceased migrant workers

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BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of pushing Palamuru into another cycle of drought and migration. He demanded compensation of Rs 10 lakh each for migrant workers from Mahabubnagar district who died in a road accident in Karnataka.

Harish Rao, accompanied by former Minister S Niranjan Reddy and other BRS leaders, visited the families of two Dalit agricultural labourers, Asepu and Naganna, who died in the accident in Karnataka's Yadgir district. Around 40 Dalit families from Induvasi had migrated to Karnataka in search of work. Several other workers were seriously injured, with two reportedly in critical condition. Acting on the directions of BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao, the party extended immediate financial assistance to the affected families.

Harish Rao alleged that neither the government nor the district administration had provided assistance or ensured adequate medical care for the victims. He demanded an ex

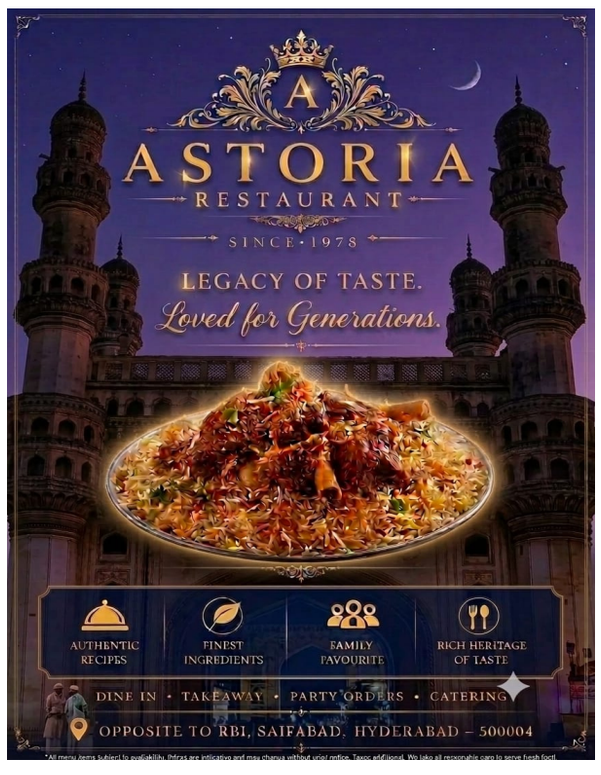


gratia payment of Rs 10 lakh each for the families of the deceased, along with free, quality treatment and financial assistance for the injured. He criticised the Chief Minister, two Ministers from the district and the Collector for their alleged failure to respond.

Separately, Harish Rao, the deputy leader of the BRS Legislature Party (BRSLP), inspected the Gattu electricity substation and examined its logbook after farmers complained of erratic power supply and drying crops. He said records for October 13 showed that farmers had received only seven hours and 50 minutes of three-phase power, with three interruptions, including one lasting an hour.

He said repeated interruptions prevented water from reaching the tail-end sections of fields. He accused the government of prioritising Hyderabad, IT companies and industries over farmers. He also alleged that substation staff had received messages from senior officials directing them to cut power supply.

Comparing the situation with the previous BRS regime, Harish Rao said the Congress government had curtailed the promised 24-hour free power supply, pushing agriculture into crisis.During a visit to Induvasi Government High School, students stopped his convoy and complained about insect-infested midday meals.



India Slams Saudi Attacks After 1 Indian Killed, 11 Injured At Riyadh Airport

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India on Wednesday condemned the attacks on civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia, saying the "totally unacceptable" acts need to cease immediately. The attack on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport last Saturday was the latest of several strikes targeting the facility in the past week. Eleven Indians were among those injured in the attack that claimed 12 lives. "Out of the 11 Indians injured, three have been discharged while eight continue to be in the hospital, including four in the ICU. Our embassy officials are regularly visiting the injured. They are also in touch with their families. We remain committed to doing our best for the welfare and well-being of our nationals abroad," the MEA spokesperson said.

The Indian Embassy in Riyadh said on Sunday that one Indian national injured in the Riyadh attack had lost his life. Ministry of External Af-

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Owaisi moves Supreme Court against SIR, alleges irregularities in EC decision-making

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AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi has filed a petition against Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in the Supreme Court in light of what he called recent disclosures revealing serious irregularities in the Election Commission of India's decision-making process.

The Hyderabad MP said that the purpose of filing a petition and a review petition is that the Election Commission should work in accordance with the law, and it should also be



clarified whether the decisions related to SIR were taken with the consent of all or if someone had given a different opinion.

Owaisi told media persons that the Election Commission is legally required to function as a collective body, but it is unclear whether the decisions taken were unanimous or if there was any dissenting voice.

He said the review petition was filed because the Supreme Court had previously dismissed the earlier petition about SIR. "We are unable to comprehend the changes made to the statutory enumeration forms, and we lack material information regarding this," he said.

The AIMIM chief has sought a review of the judgment dated May 27, whereby the Supreme Court disposed of the writ petition, along with other connected petitions, and upheld the SIR order of the Election Commission dated June 24, 2025.

"The present Review Petition is necessitated by the subsequent disclosure of material revealing serious irregularities in the Commission's decision-making process, including decisions allegedly taken without the requisite approval of the Commission, in violation of Section 18 of the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023 ('2023 Act').

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Telangana Rising vision with PM Modi's Viksit Bharat goal: CM Revanth

Revanth Reddy Targets $1 Trillion Economy by 2034, $3 Trillion by 2047, Calls for More Investment

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Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said Telangana Rising 2047, the State's long-term development roadmap, was formulated in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. He said the Congress government had set a target of transforming Telangana into a $3-trillion economy, marking the centenary of Indian Independence.
Inaugurating the Samakhya Business Summit-2026 at HITEX on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy said Modi had set the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047 and stressed that achieving it required the cooperation of States. Telangana aimed to become a $1-trillion economy by 2034 and contribute 10 per cent of India's GDP, up from its present share of about 5 per cent, he said.Calling for cooperation across political lines on development, he said politics should be confined to election periods, and all stakeholders should work together to advance the country.The Chief Minister said Hyderabad aspired to compete with global cities like Tokyo and Singapore and called on entrepreneurs to invest in Telangana and build globally competitive businesses. He said the State divided its development strategy into three regions, including CURE (Core Urban Region Economy), PURE (Peri-Urban Region Economy) and RARE (Rural Agriculture Region Economy), to achieve sector-specific growth.Revanth Reddy praised Indian youth for competing globally in technology and space exploration. He urged business associations to help younger generations understand emerging commercial trends and learn from successful entrepreneurs. He also stressed the need to encourage women entrepreneurs and said the government would extend support to investors.
The two-day summit is being organised by the Samakhya Chamber of Commerce.He further highlighted the importance of strengthening infrastructure, promoting industrial development and creating a business-friendly environment to attract domestic and international investments. The Chief Minister said the government was committed to supporting innovation, entrepreneurship and skill development to generate employment opportunities for the State's growing workforce.
Revanth Reddy also called on industry leaders to identify emerging investment opportunities and collaborate with the government in achieving Telangana's long-term economic goals. He expressed confidence that coordinated efforts by policymakers, entrepreneurs and industry bodies would help Telangana strengthen its position as a major economic and technology hub in India.The Chief Minister reiterated that achieving the State's ambitious economic targets would require sustained investment,

Telangana SIR final list: Voters to get speaking orders if excluded

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Hyderabad: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has told the Telangana High Court that it will issue speaking orders explaining why eligible voters have been excluded from the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) final list.However, such orders will be issued only if the names are removed after voters attended the hearings in response to notices and submitted documents.
The assurance was given during a hearing on Tuesday, October 13.Speaking orders can be challenged
The ECI's senior counsel said voters could challenge these speaking orders through an appeal.
The counsel also submitted that if no order was passed in a case, it could be treated as an indication that the voter's name would be included in the Telangana SIR final list.
This was said when a division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice P Sam Koshy and Justice Nandikonda Narsing Rao was hearing a petition filed by SQ Masood and others.The petition challenges the ECI's use of an automated data-matching system to identify discrepancies in SIR enumeration forms and issue notices to voters.Concerns over voter exclusions
The petitioners expressed concern that eligible voters could be removed from the electoral roll because of discrepancies identified by the automated system,One petitioner claimed that his name was missing from the draft electoral roll despite having voted several times in previous elections.Another petitioner said he received a notice over a mismatch in his father's name compared with the details in the 2002 electoral roll. Although he submitted documents in response, he said the authorities had not communicated any decision to him.ECI's responseIn response, the ECI's counsel said the petitioner whose name had been deleted needed to submit Form 6 to enrol as a new voter,When responding to the issue raised by the other petitioner, the ECI sought dismissal of the petition, saying that the voter had approached the High Court before the publication of Telangana SIR final list.The petitioners sought one day to submit further arguments in response to the ECI's submissions.

Two labourers drown in well in Jagtial

Hyderabad: Two labourers drowned in an agricultural well in Kaithalapur mandal of Jagtial district on Wednesday, October 14.The deceased were identified as Anand, 23, and Sanjeev, 22. Their bodies were found in the well on the outskirts of Chinthakunta. The labourers reportedly went to the well on the night of October 13; they were sitting on the wall and accidentally slipped into the well.According to the police, the two labourers were natives of Guntur and had come to Chinthakunta to work at a building under construction.The incident came to light after the bodies were discovered in the agricultural well, following which the police were informed. Police personnel reached the spot and initiated the necessary procedures to recover the bodies. The deceased were reportedly working as construction labourers in the village and had come to the area for employment.
The incident has left the local community shocked. Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the deaths to establish the exact sequence of events. The bodies were taken for the required formalities, and further details are awaited as the investigation progresses.The deaths of the two young labourers have once again highlighted the risks faced by workers who travel away from their native places in search of employment. Anand and Sanjeev, both in their early twenties, had reportedly come to Chinthakunta to earn a livelihood by working at a building under construction. Their sudden deaths have left their families facing a tragic loss.

Farmers clash over irrigation water in Wanaparthy

The incident occurred in the Panagal mandal of Wanaparthy, where water from the Jurala Project was flowing through the Bhima canal.

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Hyderabad: Farmers from two villages in Wanaparthy district in Telangana clashed over irrigation water on Tuesday, October 13.The incident occurred in the Panagal mandal of Wanaparthy, where water from the Jurala Project was flowing through the Bhima canal. Farmers from Mahammadapur and Busireddypally villages reportedly clashed over the distribution of irrigation water.
The disagreement over sharing the canal water soon turned violent, with farmers punching and attacking one another.Police personnel reached the spot to bring the situation under control. However, the farmers continued to engage in physical altercations even in the presence of the police.
Speaking to Siasat.com, Panagal Mandal police said, "The two groups had a verbal spat; there was no physical altercation. The assistant engineer visited the area and assured that the irrigation department will resolve the issue."The dispute reportedly arose over the allocation and flow of irrigation water through the Bhima canal, which is crucial for agricultural activities in the region. Farmers depend on timely and adequate water supply to protect their crops, particularly during critical stages of cultivation. The incident highlights the importance of fair water distribution and effective coordination between irrigation officials and farming communities to prevent disputes.Following the incident, the irrigation department is expected to examine the issue and take steps to ensure an equitable supply of water to both villages. Officials have assured farmers that the matter will be addressed, while police intervention helped prevent the situation from escalating further.
The department's response will be important in resolving the dispute and maintaining peace among farmers in the area.The incident has drawn attention to the challenges faced by farmers when irrigation water is insufficient or its distribution becomes disputed.

Lulu Group plans to invest Rs.3,500 cr in Telangana

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UAE-based retailer Lulu Group, which is all set to enter Telangana with its first Lulu Mall and Hypermarket, plans to invest Rs.3,500 crore in the state over the next five years.
Lulu group Chairman Yusuff Ali told a news conference here on Monday that Lulu Mall and Hypermarket in Hyderabad is likely to be inaugurated in August.
He said that the first project in Hyderabad is part of Rs. 500 crore investment that Lulu committed to the state.
With an investment of Rs 300 crore, the 5 lakh square feet mall will offer international shopping experience to the people of Hyderabad and its surrounding areas.Earlier known as Manjeera Mall, it will be rebranded as Lulu Mall.
It will host a mega Lulu Hypermarket with more than 75 local and international brands, 5 screen cinema with a seating capacity of 1,400, multi cuisine food court, and children's entertainment centre.Located at Kukatpally, the mall will generate employment for more than 2,000 personnel.Lulu Hypermarket will offer an extensive range of fresh produce and grocery and will have separate sections for fashion, home appliances, electronics, mobiles, IT, and lifestyle products under the brand names, 'Lulu Fashion Store' and 'Lulu Connect.There will also be special sections to support and promote the local Telangana based agricultural and trade sectors, to further boost the employment opportunity for local youth.
The Lulu Group will make an additional investment of Rs. 200 crore in an export-oriented modern integrated meat processing plant at Chengicherla with a production capacity of 60 tonnes per day. The project will generate employment for more than 2,500 people. Commercial operations are expected to start at the facility in the next 18 months.Yusuff Ali said that Lulu Group's investment in the state is the outcome of several discussions and an MoU it signed with the government of Telangana.

20 arrested for attacking police personnel

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Hyderabad: As many as 20 villagers were arrested in Adilabad on Monday, October 12, for allegedly attacking police personnel who were seizing ganja plants on October 10.Addressing the media, Adilabad Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan said the villagers were arrested for obstructing police personnel under Section 221 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).The injured personnel were identified as Ichoda Circle Inspector CH Ramesh, police constable Bathula Shivaprasad, ASI Rathod Baliram and AR constables Gangaram and Bheemrao.According to Mahajan, the villagers conspired to attack the police after a man identified as Ramu was arrested during an inspection. The villagers also damaged a police vehicle and stole a mobile phone belonging to one of the policemen.According to the SP, the villagers conspired to attack the police officials after one person, identified as Ramu, was arrested by the police during the inspection.

Motorist Sets Bike Ablaze During Police Checks

HYDERABAD:
An agitated motorist set his vehicle ablaze when asked to produce documents during police checks at Falaknuma.
The incident occurred on Chesma Road, Falaknuma, where police were conducting checks between 8 pm and 11 pm. Around 10.45 pm, a motorist not wearing a helmet was stopped for routine checks. He entered into an argument with the area sub-inspector and began abusing him when asked to produce relevant documents, a police officer said.
Despite repeated requests to follow rules and produce the documents, the motorist grew agitated, pushed constables aside, unplugged the petrol pipe, lit a lighter from his pocket and set the bike ablaze, said Falaknuma division ACP M.A. Javeed. Passersby along with police staff managed to extinguish the fire, though the vehicle was partially gutted, Javeed added. "We are probing the case. We will verify the documents of the vehicle and the reasons why the motorist, identified as Md Azam, took such an extreme step. Cases will be booked as per law," the ACP said. Azam, a resident of Falaknuma, has been detained for questioning and his bike seized.

Raksha Expo, air show to form part of Telangana Global Summit

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Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said on Thursday that Raksha Expo and an air show will be organized as part of the Telangana Global Summit–2026 scheduled to be held in Hyderabad from December 7 to 9.He added that the Raksha Expo would provide a major platform to promote the growth of the defence and aerospace industries and attract investments to Telangana.
The Chief Secretary chaired a meeting at the B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat to review the arrangements for the Raksha Expo. He discussed the participation of defence and aerospace companies, infrastructure, security arrangements, publicity and other related issues.Sanjay Jaju noted that that around 30 per cent of the defence and aerospace industries are based in Hyderabad, making the city an important hub for these sectors.
The Chief Secretary directed officials to invite leading national and international defence, aerospace and arms manufacturing companies to participate in the Raksha Expo.He told that roadshows will be organised in Hyderabad on October 24 and in New Delhi on October 29 as part of the promotional campaign for the Expo.
He said the state government is according priority to the development of the defence and aerospace sectors and recalled that an airfield strip is being developed in Adilabad district.The Chief Secretary directed officials to ensure participation of industry bodies such as FICCI, ASSOCHAM, SIDM and MSMEs, along with public and private sector organisations in the defence and aerospace sectors.Leading organisations such as HAL, BEL and BDL are expected to showcase their products at the Expo. The event will also provide opportunities for business interactions, buyer-seller meetings, marketing, MoUs, startup collaborations and seminars.In view of the ongoing modernisation of police and paramilitary forces across the country, he directed officials to invite Director Generals of Police (DGPs) of all states to participate in the Expo.
The Chief Secretary directed officials to undertake extensive publicity for the Raksha Expo through standees at prominent locations in Hyderabad, short films, brochures and social media platforms. He stressed the need for effective coordination among all departments and agencies to ensure the successful conduct of the Expo.Home Department Principal Secretary Shikha Goel, Panchayat Raj and SERP Commissioner Divya, Invest Telangana CEO Ajit Reddy, and other senior officials attended the meeting.

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.

KTR accuses Revanth govt of conspiring to weaken Singareni, pave way for privatisation

BRS working president KT Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government was deliberately reducing coal production and pushing Singareni Collieries Company Limited into financial distress with the aim of facilitating its privatisation.

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of deliberately reducing coal production and pushing Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) into a financial crisis to weaken the public sector coal miner and eventually privatise it. He called upon the coal miners to gear up for another fight and support the BRS to safeguard their future.

Despite his weakness following a viral flu over the past few days, Rama Rao addressed the packed Singareni Karmika Garjana public meeting at Singareni stadium in Godavarikhani of Peddapalli district on Wednesday. As his hoarse voice due to a sore throat echoed through loud speakers, coal miners cheered and responded to him with loud slogans.



Speaking on the occasion, Rama Rao questioned how the government could allegedly find funds for the proposed Musi riverfront development project with an expenditure of Rs 1.5 lakh crore, but not for Singareni's development. He said the company was struggling to procure tyres for dumpers, graders, shovels, spare parts and lubricants.

"The Congress government is even diverting the company's funds for football matches, while neglecting workers' welfare and essential operational requirements," he remarked.

The BRS working president charged the ruling Congress with deliberately pushing the company towards insolvency to facilitate its privatisation. He said Singareni's financial position had deteriorated under Congress rule, with the company being pushed into an overdraft while its bank deposits had dwindled.

Stating that Rs 6,317 crore had gone missing or been diverted in 2023-24 and 2024-25, he demanded a probe by the CBI or a sitting judge. Alleging collusion between the BJP and the Congress, he questioned the silence of the Centre, the union Coal Minister and BJP leaders despite the Centre holding a 49 per cent stake in Singareni.

Rama Rao also cited the Jaipur Singareni Thermal Power Plant, stating that it had ranked first nationally with a 91.8 per cent performance rating under the previous BRS government but had slipped to 65th position under the Congress rule because of coal shortages. He criticised the government for pursuing new overburden-mining projects to earn commissions, while failing to manage existing operations.

He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Ministers were blaming declining coal production for the power shortage to cover up their inefficiency in ensuring adequate coal stocks. He charged them with indulging in multiple scams and looting Singareni wealth through diversion of coal stocks, site visitation certifications for tenders, award tenders at minus bids and cancelling seven tenders of Sriram-pur for commissions.

Narlapur pumps come to halt within hours of commencing operation, farmers concerned

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Farmers' hopes of getting irrigation water from the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation project suffered a setback as two pump motors at the Naralapur pump house stopped operating within three hours of being switched on.

Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao and local legislators formally switched on the two pumps on Wednesday afternoon after a delay of about three hours from the scheduled time, raising hopes of water being lifted into the Naralapur reservoir. However, the pumps reportedly stopped at 5.50 pm, triggering concern among farmers already struggling to protect their standing crops.

Farmers expressed disappointment over the brief operation, questioning whether the government was serious about ensuring sustained water supply or merely focused on formal ceremonies.

While authorities did not officially clarify why the pumps stopped, they unofficially informed farmers that low voltage was disrupting the operation of the pumps, prompting officials to turn them off.

The incident has raised questions about whether adequate arrangements had been made to ensure uninterrupted power supply for operating the project's massive pumps. Locals said the early shutdown had undermined their expectations of relief from the irrigation crisis. With crops facing the threat of withering, farmers demanded that officials explain the shutdown and resolve any technical or power-supply issues to resume operations.

The Palamuru-Rangareddy project was intended to provide irrigation security to drought-prone areas of southern Telangana. Its two pumps were switched on amid mounting demands for the government to expedite the project and address water shortages.

Hyderabad Zoo Park hosts training for animal keepers from South India



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A three-day training programme for animal keepers from zoos across South India commenced at Nehru Zoological Park here on Wednesday. The programme aims to improve keepers' knowledge and awareness of hygiene, enclosure enrichment, feeding, diet chart maintenance, animal rescue and quarantine protocols. Telangana Forest Development Corporation Vice Chairperson and Managing Director Sunita M Bhagawat, who launched the programme, described animal keepers as the heart of a zoo. She said their observations serve as the first diagnostic tool, as small changes in an animal's appetite, gait or behaviour can determine its outcome.

Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central Felicitates Newly Elected Red Cross Leaders

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he Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central felicitated its members who secured key positions in the Indian Red Cross Society, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Branch, in the recent elections. The programme celebrated their success and recognised their continued commitment to community service.The newly elected members honoured at the event were Saddi Venkat Reddy, elected Chairman; Diddi Balaji, elected Vice-Chairman; Dr. Edla Anil Kumar Reddy, elected Director; and Smt. Itikyala Lavanya, an Inner Wheel member, elected Director. Rotary members congratulated them and expressed confidence that their new responsibilities would strengthen humanitarian and public service initiatives in the district.The programme was attended by Rotary Assistant Governor Pakeer Kondal Reddy and Dr. Yempalla Buchi Reddy, Chairman–Membership, Kakatiya Region, who extended their congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected representatives.

Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, former president of the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central, was among the prominent Rotary leaders who participated in the felicitation programme.

His presence highlighted the club's collective support for members taking on new responsibilities in the Indian Red Cross Society.Other former presidents who attended included Jillala Kondal Reddy, M.D. Hanif Memon and Dr. Pinnapureddy Sumanth Reddy. Club Secretary Baddam Srinivas Reddy and Treasurer Kontam Padma Reddy also participated.Rotary members Gummula Mallesham, S.P. Upender Rao, Guduru Ashok Reddy, Balusuguri Yadagiri, Elagala Rajayya, Nalla Satyanarayana Reddy and Guduru Bali Reddy, along with other members, conveyed their congratulations.

New MPLADS Guidelines Focus on Faster Development and Greater Accountability

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The revised guidelines for the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) place greater emphasis on development planning, transparency and accountability in the implementation of public infrastructure projects. The guidelines, effective October 9, 2026, aim to strengthen project monitoring and ensure that development works address the needs of local communities.

Issued by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the guidelines retain the annual allocation of ₹5 crore for each Member of Parliament to recommend eligible development works in their constituencies.

Under the revised framework, district authorities are required to issue a sanction or rejection decision on recommended works within 45 days of receiving the proposal. The provision is intended to make administrative decisions more time-bound and improve coordination between district authorities and implementing agencies.

The guidelines also emphasise the use of the eSAKSHI digital portal to monitor projects, document progress and improve transparency. Implementing agencies must upload photographs at different stages of construction, while photographs and geographical coordinates of completed assets are required before final payments.

The revised monitoring framework also provides for physical inspections of completed works by implementing agencies, district authorities, state-level authorities and the Central Nodal Agency or MoSPI. These measures are intended to strengthen oversight and verify the quality and completion of public assets.

The scheme covers eligible development works in sectors such as education, healthcare, drinking water, sanitation, roads, environmental protection, sports facilities and community infrastructure. The guidelines also emphasise the needs of underserved communities and the importance of creating durable public assets.

For Telangana, effective implementation of the revised framework could support constituency-level infrastructure development and improve the monitoring of public works. However, the actual benefits will depend on the timely identification, approval and execution of eligible projects by the concerned authorities.

The guidelines reinforce the responsibilities of state governments and district administrations in supervising projects, reviewing progress and addressing irregularities. Regular monitoring, proper utilisation of funds and maintenance of completed assets will remain essential to achieving the scheme's objectives.

MP Arvind Attends Crucial Parliamentary Panel Meetings

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Nizamabad MP Arvind Dharmapuri participated in important parliamentary committee proceedings in New Delhi, including deliberations on the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) Amendment Bill and a meeting of the Commerce Committee.

The MP attended the Joint Parliamentary Committee meetings on October 12 and 13 to examine the proposed FCRA amendments. During the proceedings, the committee gathered opinions and



recommendations from representatives of religious, social and service organisations, chartered accountants, legal professionals and educational institutions.

The discussions addressed regulatory oversight of foreign contributions, transparency in fund utilisation, accountability and compliance with legal provisions. Inputs from various stakeholders formed an important part of the committee's examination of the proposed legislation.

On October 14, Arvind Dharmapuri participated in the Commerce Committee meeting, focusing on issues related to trade expansion, industrial development, export promotion, support for domestic industries and challenges affecting the commercial sector.

His participation in these parliamentary forums reflects his involvement in deliberations on significant legislative and economic matters.

Emphasising the importance of transparent governance and accountability, the MP highlighted the need for effective policy implementation to protect public interests and strengthen national development.

Telangana excise dept gets over 8K applications for 41 bars

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The Telangana Excise Department has received 8,771 applications for 41 bars across the state; of these, 14 bars are for the CURE (Core Urban Region Economy) jurisdiction, and the remaining 27 are outside this zone.

The department has generated Rs 87.71 crore in application fees, according to a statement.

The Greater Hyderabad, Malkajgiri and Cyberabad jurisdictions received 4,252 applications, while urban local bodies received 4,519.

Other districts like Asifabad recorded 207 applications, Aliabad received 201, Muduchintalapalli received 112 applications for two bars, and Yellampet got 225 applications.

Ashwaraopeta area in Bhadradri Kothagudem district received 357 applications, followed by Kalluru in Khammam with 325, Gummadidala received 287 applications for two bars, Kohir got 127 and Gaddapotharam in Sangareddy district received 112.

The department also received 90 applications for Devarakadra, 78 for Mahbubnagar, 58 for Maddur and 38 for Makthal.

Lingampally Bathukamma Row: SC Women Allege Restrictions on Festival Celebrations

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Allegations of restrictions on Bathukamma celebrations by Scheduled Caste (SC) women in Lingampally village of Chowtakur mandal have raised concerns over equal participation in Telangana's cultural festivities.According to a complaint, Lingampally Sarpanch Begari Raju allegedly opposed the proposed celebrations after learning that SC women intended to participate. He reportedly said the community had not celebrated Bathukamma in this manner earlier and should not do so now. The complaint further alleges that he refused to arrange the festivities and asked the organisers to approach other authorities if they wished to proceed.

The complainants have urged the district administration to conduct an impartial inquiry and take appropriate action if the allegations are established.Bathukamma, a prominent festival of Telangana, is celebrated by women across communities. The reported incident has raised questions about equal access to public cultural celebrations and the need to prevent discrimination.The complainants have appealed to officials to intervene and ensure that all residents can participate in village festivities without discrimination.

However, the allegations have not been independently verified, and the Sarpanch's response was unavailable at the time of publication. The circumstances surrounding the reported cancellation also remain unclear.

Authorities are urged to hear all parties and establish the facts before taking appropriate action. The incident highlights the importance of social equality and inclusive participation in Telangana's cultural traditions.

Srinivas Goud Calls for Proportionate Political Representation for BCs

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud called for adequate political representation and reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) in proportion to their population, asserting that social justice could be achieved only by ensuring equal opportunities for Bahujan communities.

The remarks were made during the grand unveiling of the statue of Bahujan leader Pandit Sayanna at the Nawabupet mandal headquarters in Mahabubnagar district. Legislative



Council Deputy Chairman and former Minister Dr. Laxma Reddy also participated in the programme.

Srinivas Goud described Sayanna as a dedicated leader who fought for the rights of poor and disadvantaged communities, saying his service would remain etched in people's hearts. He alleged that the histories of prominent Bahujan leaders, including Pandit Sayanna, Doddi Komurayya, Chakali Ailamma and Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud, had been neglected during the united Andhra Pradesh era. He said the Telangana movement helped bring their contributions and fighting spirit to wider public attention.

Recalling the previous BRS government's initiatives under K. Chandrashekar Rao, Srinivas Goud said opportunities had been provided to Mudiraj community members as MPs and to Yadavs and Most Backward Classes (MBCs) as MLCs. He stressed that BC communities deserved greater representation in education, employment and politics.

He urged the Congress government to fulfil its election promise of including Mudirajus in the BC-A category and implement KCR's assurances of providing free fish fry and mopeds to the community. Srinivas Goud also demanded BC reservations in nominated positions, corporation chairperson and vice-chairperson posts, and opportunities in the Legislative Council and Assembly. He called on the state government to implement 42 per cent reservation for BCs and urged the Centre to conduct a comprehensive BC caste census, with a separate code for every family during the census process.

Rahul to Students: Preserve Evidence of Police Assault

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Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday urged students who participated in the protest demanding the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar to record videos, preserve evidence of police excesses and send them to Congress, asserting that those responsible for any wrongdoing would be punished.Gandhi made the remarks while addressing a press conference alongside protesters who participated in the demonstration.As I said in my press conference, this is India. Amit Shah ji, take a good look at this. There is no Hindu here, no Muslim, no one from any particular caste. There is no woman or man. There is one voice, one protest. It is the voice of India, and you are standing against this voice. The Prime Minister is standing against this voice," he said.I suggest that you do not stand against this voice. No one can stand against this voice. I have told all the students to keep a video record and send that evidence to us. When this entire matter concludes, we will use all the evidence and ensure that everyone who needs to be punished is punished, from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Gyanesh Kumar and Amit Shah to even the constable who raises a hand against our children," Gandhi added.He further said that FIRs will be filed as it is all part of the work.See, this is a protest. FIRs will be filed, and that is all part of the work. But, there is one voice, and that voice is being suppressed," he said. Gandhi also introduced a female protester as 'our sherni', praising her for remaining fearless despite allegedly being assaulted. I want to introduce our 'sherni'. She was beaten, but she was not afraid. There was no hatred in her heart," he said. Highlighting the alleged injuries sustained by protesters, Gandhi said Athira, a student from Kerala studying at Delhi University, had lost her hearing in one ear after being struck there.Athira from Kerala has lost her hearing in one ear. She is deaf in one ear because she was struck on that ear. She can no longer hear. Last time, I showed you a boy who had been blinded. Now, she is deaf in one ear," he said. Athira alleged that female police personnel were absent when protesters were detained on Tuesday. She said she had asked the authorities why no female police officer or constable was present, arguing that one should be available during the detention of women.
She alleged that the bus subsequently stopped outside the Connaught Place police station, where she was repeatedly hit on the cheek.
Because of this, I have an injury to my eye and damage to my ear," she said, describing the injuries she allegedly sustained during the incident.

CM Yogi Reviews Varanasi Air Show Preparations

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday reviewed preparations for the upcoming air show and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposed visit to Varanasi, inspecting arrangements at Namo Ghat and directing officials to ensure comprehensive security, crowd management and traffic regulation.
The air show is scheduled for October 22, 24 and 25, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other dignitaries expected to attend on the final day.
During his visit to Namo Ghat, the Chief Minister was briefed by the Police Commissioner, District Magistrate and Army officials using project maps. He instructed authorities to strengthen security arrangements at Namo Ghat and other prominent ghats along the Ganga.
At a subsequent review meeting at the Circuit House auditorium, Yogi emphasised the need for coordinated crowd management and adequate police deployment to prevent inconvenience to visitors. He directed officials to prepare a comprehensive security plan while accounting for festivals and other events in the city.
The Chief Minister also called for effective traffic diversions, sufficient parking facilities with clear signage, proper barricading and adequate life jackets along the riverfront. He instructed authorities to keep a green corridor ready for emergencies and ensure sufficient mobile toilets at the ghats.
Municipal Commissioner Himanshu Nagpal informed the meeting that 300 mobile toilets and 400 water tankers had been arranged, 3,000 sanitation workers deployed and silt clearance underway at the ghats.
Yogi directed the Municipal Corporation to undertake special cleanliness drives across the city and ensure painting of ghats between Namo Ghat and Assi Ghat. He also ordered the installation of spiral lights on utility poles along major routes from the airport and beautification of key intersectionsThe Chief Minister stressed the importance of medical preparedness, instructing officials to ensure emergency facilities at government and private hospitals. He also suggested involving NCC, NSS, Scouts and Guides, Civil Defenc.

Karnataka CM woos Czech firms, urges investments beyond Bengaluru

NEW DELHI
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Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday urged companies from the Czech Republic to expand their investments beyond Bengaluru to other districts of the state, assuring them of support and highlighting opportunities across several sectors. Karnataka will be a long-term partner of the Czech Republic. Czech companies should not limit their investments to Bengaluru but explore opportunities across various districts of Karnataka," Shivakumar said.He was speaking during a meeting with a delegation led by Czech Republic Deputy Prime Minister Karel Havlicek at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru.Shivakumar said Karnataka was among the leading states in agriculture, forestry, horticulture and floriculture and urged the delegation to consider the state as a potential investment destination.Highlighting opportunities in the energy sector, the Chief Minister said Karnataka was home to some of the country's largest solar power plants and oldest hydropower facilities.
Given the state's substantial energy requirements, there was considerable scope for investment in the sector, he added.
He also invited Czech companies to explore collaboration in automobile components, electric vehicles (EVs), next-generation mobility, testing and specialised manufacturing.Shivakumar said he had been informed about the Czech delegation's interest in investing in the aerospace sector, adding that such initiatives could open up further avenues for cooperation between Karnataka and the Czech Republic.The Chief Minister said the Karnataka government was extending support to interested companies through Invest Karnataka, Karnataka Udyog Mitra, the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) and the state's single-window clearance system.These mechanisms help companies assess suitable locations, understand applicable approval procedures and coordinate with relevant government departments, he said.
Attracting investments that bring technology, strengthen local industry, create quality employment and support exports is our priority," Shivakumar said, adding that the Czech business community and CzechTrade could serve as bridges between Czech companies and the Karnataka government.

Bihar Boat Capsize: Search for Missing Persons Underway

HAJIPUR
Wakeup telangana

Hajipur: Rescue operations were underway on Wednesday to trace any missing occupants of a boat that capsized in the Ganga river in Bihar's Vaishali district a day ago, resulting in the death of at least 13 children, officials said.Vaishali District Magistrate Varsha Singh said the toll remained at 13, as no fresh recovery of bodies was made so far.
The incident occurred around 8.30 pm on Tuesday when residents of Rampur Shyamchand village were on their way to attend a feast in a village across the river.
"The total number of rescued people is six. Our rescue and relief work is underway," Singh said.The deceased, all aged below 15 years, have been identified as Meera Kumari, Nishu Kumari, Anisha Kumari, Sunita Kumari, Aryan Kumar, Mohan Kumar, Amrita Kumari, Ankita Kumari, Pinky Kumari, Naman Kumar, Siki Kumari, Bhonu Kumari and Sonam Kumari.Reports indicate that seven children from a family died in the accident, the officials said.Several residents of the village said they were still in a state of shock and could not come to terms with the tragedy. In a video circulating on social media, Singh was seen hugging a woman, who was crying inconsolably in her arms.

Delhi Protesters Denied Medical Records After Police Beating

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Protesters who say they were beaten by Delhi Police during detention have alleged that hospitals refused to give them copies of their injury records, even though the police themselves escorted them for treatment.
According to a report by The Hindu, several demonstrators detained over the weekend came out with swollen fingers, bruised bodies and bleeding heads and necks. They say neither the hospitals nor the police would hand over their medico-legal case (MLC) papers or patient summaries.The report stated that the hospitals concerned have not officially responded to its questions. The Delhi Police also did not respond on why the records were withheld.How the system is meant to work Hospitals usually prepare three copies of an MLC, two of which go to the police while one stays with the hospital.
A patient is supposed to receive a case summary and can ask the police for an MLC copy. The Hindu quoted lawyers who said that grey areas in the law leave patients running between hospital and police station for their own records.
A doctor at one of the hospitals, speaking to The Hindu on condition of anonymity, said the usual practice is to give patients a summary of their injuries. A source at another hospital said that staff are pressured not to share information during protests. The accounts Saurabh, a Jamia Millia Islamia student linked to the All India Students' Association (AISA), alleged he was beaten with lathis and dragged by the collar after the October 10 protest at Dilli Haat. He said doctors at Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya Hospital documented his injuries, but the hospital told him to get the MLC from the police, who refused.Aranya, a Delhi University student from the Disha Students' Organisation, was detained at Connaught Place on Sunday. A friend told The Hindu she was dragged by the hair and beaten again after being taken out of a bus, and that police tried to stamp on her, leaving boot marks on her shirt. She was taken to Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) around 11:30 pm with police present, but got no summary or MLC copy.Sooraj Elamon of the Students' Federation of India (SFI) alleged he was slapped and pushed against the iron bars of a prison van.

Rajnath: India-ASEAN Ties Key to Indo-Pacific Peace

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday emphasised the need to enhance cooperation between India and ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) in areas such as maritime security, defence technology, military synergy, and the defence industry, for maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. Maintaining that India is ready to work with ASEAN as a trusted and equal partner, Rajnath Singh, addressing the inaugural session of the ASEAN–India Defence Think Tank Forum here, said: "Sharing maritime domain awareness, enhancing synergy between navies and coast guards, and collaborating on monitoring underwater activities are crucial for maintaining peace and stability in the region."
He noted that India and ASEAN share a common interest in peace, stability, prosperity, and an open, inclusive Indo-Pacific region. "ASEAN plays a central role in India's Indo-Pacific policy.
India's 'Act East' policy and the visions of 'SAGAR' and 'Mahasagar' promote open and multipolar cooperation; these efforts can be advanced through ASEAN-led forums," he said.
The Defence Minister stated that India's 'Act East' policy represents a long-term commitment to an equal partnership with Southeast Asia Channels of dialogue must always remain open. Differences should be discussed in a timely and peaceful manner to prevent them from escalating into disputes," he said while adding that the regional order should be such that no country is pressured to choose sides, and all nations can work together."

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Owaisi moves.....

The material also raises serious questions concerning the implementation of the statutory safeguards relied upon by this Hon'ble Court in upholding the SIR," reads the petition.
Responding to queries, Owaisi said that when the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, 2023 was brought, he had raised all the points in the Parliament.
"Tell me, who said, why are you giving legal immunity to the Election Commission? If the Prime Minister can be sued, and the Home Minister can be sued, why did the government bring this law to grant legal immunity to the Election Commission? Who said in Parliament that if this law is passed, the Election Commission's credibility among the people of India will be affected?" he asked.
Dismissing the criticism for not joining the ongoing protest by INDIA bloc, he said AIMIM was raising the issue on its own as it also wants to save the democracy. "We are doing our work. You do your work. We are not against it," he said.
Referring to the protest against CAA, the MP asked how many parties participated in it protest how many were there. "We love this country more than others," he said.
The MP criticised the Centre for de-notification of Jantar Mantar as a protest site. "Why is the government against anyone protesting? The Supreme Court has upheld the right to protest, so as long as there is no violence, protests should be allowed. These boys have been arrested today, but it was not at all necessary to arrest them," he said.
To another query, Owaisi said AIMIM was still ready for talks with the Samajwadi Party and Congress to have an alliance in Uttar Pradesh to prevent Yogi Adityanath from becoming Chief Minister for a third time.

India Slams Saudi.....

The Indian Embassy in Riyadh said on Sunday that one Indian national injured in the Riyadh attack had lost his life. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Mr Randhir Jaiswal said that according to the wishes of the family of the Indian national who died, his last rites were performed in the Saudi capital, assisted by the Indian Embassy there.
"There have been a string of attacks in Saudi Arabia, which we have condemned. Yesterday, the Aramco headquarters was attacked. We condemn all such attacks on civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia. Such attacks need to cease immediately. They are totally unacceptable. We stand in solidarity with the people and the government of Saudi Arabia in defence of their sovereignty. We hope peace and normalcy return to the region soon," he said. Mr Jaiswal added that India has a large diaspora in Saudi Arabia and the Indian mission has been in regular touch with community members for their welfare

Hyderabad CP.....

The rescuers have been identified as Fakhruddin, an auto driver; Balakrishna, a private-sector employee; and Mohammed Afsar, a businessman. Commissioner Sajjanar appreciated their presence of mind, courage and willingness to help a child in distress.Commending their actions, Sajjanar observed that people sometimes focus on recording incidents on their mobile phones rather than helping those in danger. He described the three men as shining examples of humanity whose actions should inspire others to respond responsibly during emergencies.According to local reports, the child had been suffering from intestinal problems, while her mother was reportedly struggling to meet medical expenses after her husband left her.
The mother allegedly threw the girl into the lake before fleeing the scene. The circumstances surrounding the incident highlight the importance of timely social support for families facing severe financial and personal difficulties.In his message,
Sajjanar stressed that a child's illness or financial hardship could never justify taking the child's life. He urged
people experiencing distress to seek assistance from society and relevant support systems rather than resorting to desperate measures.

CRIME

Air India Frankfurt-Delhi flight makes emergency landing in Jaipur

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

An Air India flight from Frankfurt to Delhi made an emergency landing in Jaipur on Wednesday after reportedly transmitting Squawk 7500, the international code used to indicate a hijacking, as per multiple reports.
Reports claim that the alert was received by Ahmedabad Air Traffic Control (ATC), following which the aircraft landed safely in Jaipur. Further details about the circumstances that triggered the alert were not immediately available.
Squawk 7500 is an internationally recognised aviation transponder code that pilots use to discreetly alert air traffic control to a hijacking or unlawful interference with an aircraft. The incident also caused concern among passengers on board, according to them.
Earlier in October, airline firms continued to suspend operations to Saudi Arabia amid escalating security concerns.Air India Express on Tuesday suspended flights to and from Dammam, Jeddah and Riyadh until October 17, citing the evolving security situation in the region.
The airline said affected passengers are being offered complimentary rescheduling options or a full refund in case of cancellations. The carrier added that it is closely monitoring developments before taking any further decisions on operations.
"In view of the evolving situation in the region, we have cancelled flights to and from Dammam, Jeddah and Riyadh until 17 October. Affected guests are being offered complimentary rescheduling or a full refund on cancellation. We continue to monitor the situation closely," an Air India Express spokesperson said.
The suspension comes amid escalating security concerns in Saudi Arabia following drone and missile strikes that targeted airport infrastructure in the region.Air India had extended the suspension of its flights to and from Riyadh until October 15 after repeated attacks on Saudi Arabia's capital airport by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels.
The disruption has also prompted other Indian carriers, including IndiGo and Akasa Air, to cancel services to affected destinations in Saudi Arabia.
IndiGo has extended the cancellation of its flights to Riyadh and Dammam until October 15.
Saudi authorities have kept Riyadh airport shut for the time being following the strikes and subsequent security threats.
Airlines said they are continuing to revise schedules amid heightened tensions linked to the broader conflict involving Iran and the United States.Aviation authorities are expected to examine the circumstances surrounding the alert to determine what prompted the aircraft to transmit the emergency code. Although the aircraft reportedly landed safely, the incident has raised fresh concerns over aviation security and the importance of established emergency response procedures. Further information regarding the alert, the aircraft's subsequent operations and any official statement from Air India or aviation authorities was awaited.
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India's wholesale inflation stands at 11.39 pc in September: Govt

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India's wholesale price inflation (WPI) came in at 11.39 per cent in September against 9.92 per cent in August amid higher prices of fuel, crude petroleum, food articles and several manufactured products, according to provisional data released by the government on Wednesday.
According to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for all commodities was at 112.5 in September from 110.8 in August. However, the government said the final WPI for July remained unchanged at an index level of 110.0 with annual inflation also unchanged at 9.78 per cent.
Among major categories, inflation in primary articles stood at 8.67 per cent from 7.76 per cent a month earlier, while fuel and power inflation climbed to 25.85 per cent from 22.93 per cent, the ministry said.Inflation in manufactured products -- which carry the highest weight in the index -- was at 9.76 per

Saudi Arabia: Explosions heard in Riyadh after danger alert

RIYADH
Wakeup telangana

Residents in Saudi Arabia's capital, Riyadh, reported hearing fresh explosions on Wednesday, October 14, the Associated Press (AP) reported, amid regional tensions involving Yemen's Houthi rebels.This came after Saudi Civil Defence issued warnings for Riyadh City and Al-Kharj Governorate through the National Early Warning Platform, alerting residents to potential danger.In a statement posted on X, Saudi-led coalition spokesperson Major General Turki Al-Malki said the coalition had intercepted and destroyed. a

Tata Elxsi Q2 profit largely flat at Rs 170 crore

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Tata Elxsi on Tuesday reported a largely flat net profit for the quarter ended September 2026 (Q2 FY27), even as the design and technology services company posted sequential growth in revenue and operating profit, supported by gains across its transportation, media and communications, and healthcare businesses.
The company's net profit stood at Rs 170.3 crore during the quarter, compared with Rs 170.6 crore in the preceding June quarter (Q1 FY27), according to its stock exchange filing.Revenue from operations rose 3.4 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 1,055.7 crore from Rs 1,021.1 crore.
On a constant currency basis, revenue increased 2.3 per cent sequentially, it said in its regulatory filing.Operating performance improved during the quarter, with earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) climbing 7.2 per cent to Rs 207.7 crore from Rs 193.7 crore in the previous quarter.
The EBIT margin expanded to 19.68 per cent from 18.97 per cent, aided by operational efficiencies.

OneWeb should get India approval before Starlink, we applied 5 years

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Bharti Enterprises founder and chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal on Wednesday said that Eutelsat OneWeb should receive regulatory approvals in India ahead of Starlink, arguing that the company is significantly ahead in the approval queue after having applied nearly five years ago. Speaking during a panel discussion at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum 2026 here, Mittal said Eutelsat OneWeb has been waiting for approvals despite having completed substantial preparations for launching services in the country.
He noted that the company's ground network infrastructure has been ready for the past three years, while its satellites have been positioned over India for about five years.
As I have already said, we are awaiting our approvals. I believe we are significantly ahead of him in the queue because we applied five years ago," Mittal stated.Mittal said Eutelsat OneWeb would be pleased to receive the necessary clearances even a few days before Starlink, given that it had entered the approval process

NACOF Serves Defamation Notice On RS Praveen

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

NACOF India Ltd. (National Federation of Farmers' Procurement, Processing Nand Retailing Cooperatives of India Ltd.) has served a legal notice on BRS leader and former IPS officer RS Praveen Kumar over allegedly false and defamatory allegations he made against the federation at a press conference on September 17 regarding the TGSWREIS tender for food provisions and cleaning materials.
NACOF has given him seven days to withdraw the allegations, remove related videos and social media posts, and issue a formal written apology on the same platforms. If he fails to comply, the federation will initiate civil and criminal proceedings seeking damages and injunctive relief, NACOF said. The federation rejected the allegations made by Praveen Kumar and the BRS as baseless and incorrect. NACOF, a multi-state cooperative federation registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, is regulated by the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies under the Union ministry of cooperation. According to the legal notice, NACOF participated in an open, competitive e-procurement tender notified on May 22, 2026. Following a comprehensive evaluation of all bids, it was declared the lowest bidder (L1). It received a formal Letter of Award on August 19, 2026, and furnished the required performance security.
Since then, NACOF has been supplying provisions and cleaning materials to residential institutions and welfare hostels across all 33 districts of Telangana under its rate contract. The federation said every stage of the tender process was documented and alleged that Praveen Kumar had provided no evidence to substantiate his claims.

EDITORIAL

INDIA'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR UNDERGOES STRUCTURAL CHANGE UNDER BHAVYA SCHEME

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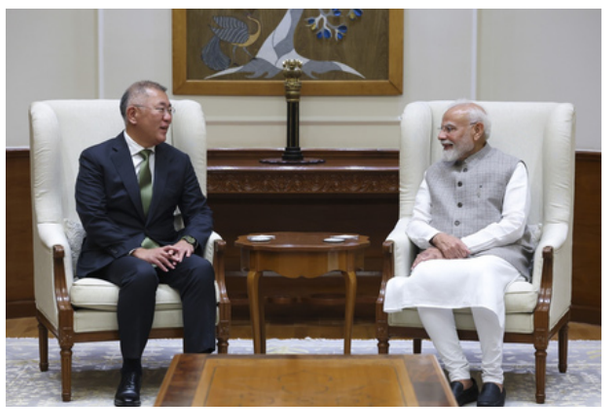
India's manufacturing sector is undergoing a structural change under the Rs 33,660 crore Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) initiative to develop 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across the country. The manufacturing sector now contributes about 16–17 per cent of GDP and employs over 27 million workers. The National Manufacturing Mission aims to raise this share to 25 per cent by 2035, according to a factsheet issued by the government on Wednesday. The composition of industries is also changing, with medium and high-technology industries accounting for 46.3 per cent of manufacturing value addition. This reflects a shift towards higher-value and technology-intensive manufacturing, the factsheet states. As industries grow, they need reliable infrastructure, efficient logistics, and predictable approvals.
Global supply chains are also diversifying, making well-connected industrial locations more important.Plug-and-play parks bring these requirements together by providing essential infrastructure and common facilities before industries begin operations. This reduces the time and cost involved in setting up new manufacturing units, said the factsheet.To expand this approach nationwide, the BHAVYA scheme, approved by the Cabinet in March 2026, is being implemented in partnership with States and private developers. The scheme emphasises increasing manufacturing capacity in the country and ease of doing business through streamlined approvals, effective single-window systems, and investor-friendly reforms.The plug-and-play industrial ecosystems will reduce entry-level barriers and help industries move from investment to production quickly.The scheme aims to attract investment, support MSMEs, strengthen supply chains, create jobs, and drive industrial growth across regions.India's approach to manufacturing growth has evolved over time. Each phase has expanded the country's capacity to support industry and create new economic opportunities, the factsheet explains.
The first phase focused on industrial estates and Special Economic Zones (SEZs), and provided industrial land, common infrastructure, and regulatory incentives. As of February 2026, India had 370 notified SEZs. These zones attracted investments worth Rs 7.82 lakh crore and generated employment for over 31.7 lakh people. The approach then expanded from individual industrial zones to larger manufacturing hubs across the country. As of October 14, 2026, 4,164 industrial parks have been mapped on the India Industrial Land Bank (IILB).At the same time, the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) moved beyond providing industrial land. It combined manufacturing zones with utilities, logistics, and urban services, creating more integrated industrial locations.
Industrial nodes such as Dholera Special Investment Region (Gujarat), Shendra-Bidkin Industrial Area (Maharashtra), Vikram Udyogpuri (Madhya Pradesh), and Integrated Industrial Township Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh) demonstrated the advantages of integrated planning.
BHAVYA provides financial assistance of up to Rs 1 crore per acre for developing industrial parks. The scheme covers essential components such as internal roads, power supply, water networks, drainage systems, common effluent treatment facilities, value-added infrastructure, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT)-enabled administration.



Hyundai Motor Group to invest $15.5 billion in India through 2032

NEW DELHI
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Hyundai Motor Group said on Wednesday it will invest $15.5 billion in India through 2032, underscoring the country's importance to its global growth strategy. The group's Executive Chair Euisun Chung announced the investment during a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday, the group said.India is a key strategic market for Hyundai Motor Group's future growth, expansion into emerging markets and next-generation automotive innovation. The investment will be made over seven years starting this year," Chung said.



The investment will go toward expanding manufacturing capacity, developing research and development (R&D) infrastructure, fostering local suppliers to increase parts localisation, and advancing future technologies, reports Yonhap news agency.
To implement the investment plan, the group plans to establish a dedicated investment entity in India.With a population of 1.47 billion, India is the world's third-largest automobile market after China and the United States.Automakers seeking to compete in India need local production facilities, as import tariffs can reach 70 percent to 110 percent.Hyundai Motor Co. operates two plants in Chennai and another in Pune, while its smaller affiliate Kia Corp. operates a plant in Anantapur. The facilities have a combined annual production capacity of 1.4 million vehicles, which is expected to increase with further investment. Hyundai and Kia sold a combined 852,164 vehicles in India last year, accounting for 18.7 percent of the country's passenger vehicle market and ranking second behind Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.Hyundai Motor's cumulative vehicle sales in India are expected to top 10 million this year, nearly three decades after the South Korean automaker began local sales.The company had sold 9.88 million vehicles in India through the third quarter of this year, having begun local production with the Santro minicar at its Chennai plant in 1998, according to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).At the current pace, Hyundai's cumulative sales in India are expected to surpass the 10 million mark by the end of this year.Last year, the company sold 398,937 SUVs in India, accounting for about 70 per cent of its total sales in the The investment is expected to generate employment opportunities, strengthen India's automotive supply chain and boost domestic manufacturing. Hyundai also aims to expand its presence in the country by focusing on advanced automotive technologies and increasing production capacity to meet growing demand.

Getfive Funds Secures SEBI Nod for ₹500 Crore Opportunity Fund II

NEW DELHI
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Getfive Funds has received Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approval for its ₹500 crore Category-I Alternative Investment Fund (AIF), Getfive Opportunity Fund II, to invest in high-growth Indian small and medium enterprises (SMEs), with a focus on emerging businesses across Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 markets.
The second fund aims to expand Getfive Funds' commitment to India's next-generation enterprises by providing long-term capital to promising companies across sectors such as defence, aerospace, space-tech, deep-tech, precision engineering, manufacturing, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, financial services, agritech, renewable energy, logistics, education and waste management.
Managed under the leadership of Shrikant Goyal,



Managing Director of Getfive Funds, the fund will follow the V3 Framework—Vision Through Promoter, Value Through Company and Velocity Through Industry—alongside a growth-investing philosophy focused on long-term value creation.
Goyal brings nearly two decades of experience in capital markets, corporate fundraising and structured finance. Under his leadership, Getfive has developed into a SEBI-registered merchant banking firm with a team of more than 40 professionals. He has also steered fundraising exceeding ₹1,500 crore across more than 40 debt transactions.
Commenting on the launch, Goyal highlighted the growing opportunities in SME investing, noting that around 400 companies could list on the BSE SME and NSE Emerge platforms over the next three to four years.
He urged investors to prioritise business fundamentals, promoter track records, industry scalability, profitability and reasonable valuations over short-term market trends.
He also emphasised examining balance sheets, receivables, inventory and creditors to identify potential risks.
According to Goyal, disciplined research and a long-term investment horizon of around three years are essential to identifying promising SMEs.
Fund II builds on the strategy of the first fund while expanding its investment capacity and reach.

PMJ Jewels Opens Chaitanyapuri Store, Expands Network Beyond 47 Outlets

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

PMJ Jewels has strengthened its presence in Hyderabad with the launch of a new jewellery store at Chaitanyapuri in Dilsukhnagar, expanding its retail network to more than 47 stores across four states.
The store was inaugurated by the brand's elite customers in the presence of Deepak, Telangana Cluster Head, PMJ Jewels, and Madhan Kumar, Store Manager of the Chaitanyapuri outlet.
The newly designed store offers an extensive range of traditional and contemporary jewellery, including temple jewellery, antique gold necklaces, vaddanams, bridal sets, diamond jewellery and coloured gemstone creations. Customers can also explore kundan, polki and jadau designs, along with lightweight necklaces, earrings and rings for everyday wear and special occasions.
Kiran Shinde, CEO of PMJ Jewels, said the new outlet would bring the brand's legacy of more



than 60 years of craftsmanship and personalised service closer to families in Dilsukhnagar. He highlighted the company's commitment to quality, transparency and customer trust.
Deepak said the store was designed to provide an enhanced jewellery shopping experience by combining traditional artistry with contemporary designs. Madhan Kumar invited customers to explore the collections, highlighting their suitability for weddings, family celebrations and everyday milestones.
Customers attending the inauguration welcomed the brand's arrival in Chaitanyapuri, appreciating its heritage, craftsmanship and blend of traditional and modern aesthetics.
With a legacy spanning over six decades, PMJ Jewels has built its reputation on fine jewellery, personalised customer service and distinctive designs. Its collections include diamond wedding jewellery and handcrafted pieces intended to become treasured family heirlooms.
The company also aims to strengthen transparency in diamond purchases through the installation of Diamond Testing Machines (DTMs) at its stores, helping customers make informed buying decisions.
The Chaitanyapuri launch marks another step in the brand's expansion strategy, bringing its jewellery collections and customer-focused services closer to residents of Dilsukhnagar and surrounding neighbourhoods.

FM Sitharaman accuses Oppn of hypocrisy over banking sector, defends NDA reforms

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday strongly criticised Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav over his remarks on the banking sector, accusing him and his party of selective concern after having supported the previous United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government that, she said, left public sector banks in a precarious condition.
In a post on X, Sitharaman directly addressed Yadav, noting that his party had backed the UPA from 2004 onwards."Given the dire state in which the UPA left the banks, it is surprising to hear you speak about them today, especially considering that you did not even question your alliance partners back then," she wrote.
The Finance Minister alleged that the very allies now part of the opposition INDIA bloc had damaged public sector banks through "phone banking" and "crony capitalism."
She specifically pointed to IDBI Bank, stating that during the UPA tenure—supported by Yadav's party—the bank had extended loans to individuals from whom the



government is still struggling to recover both principal and interest.
Sitharaman contrasted this with the performance of the banking system under the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
She asserted that the NDA administration has revitalised the entire banking sector, including IDBI Bank, through transparent policies and capital infusion.
Questioning the timing of the opposition's concern, she asked why sympathy for the banks was being expressed only after they had been restored to a stronger position.
"It is remarkable—now that the banks are in a strong position, why are you feigning such sympathy? Why these crocodile tears?" Sitharaman said.

Govt to provide Rs 151 crore funding to ideaForge for heavy-lift drone YETI



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Technology Development Board under the Department of Science & Technology has signed an agreement to provide Rs 151 crore in Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) funding to ideaForge to develop YETI, a heavy-lift, long-range autonomous aerial logistics vehicle, an official statement said on Wednesday.
The funding aims to advance the technology from Technology Readiness Level (TRL)-4 to TRL-9, and the support will be provided through debt financing.The project, with a total project cost of Rs 302 crore aims to develop YETI, which is designed for demanding operating environments. It is an autonomous vertical take-off and landing, fixed-wing hybrid unmanned aerial vehicle (VTOL-FW UAV) intended to transport heavy payloads over long distances.
YETI can address logistics requirements in areas where conventional transportation can be difficult, time-consuming or operationally constrained.
The platform is designed to carry payloads of up to 200 kg, with a targeted range of up to 200 km and an operating altitude of up to 6,500 metres above mean sea level.
Its weather-resistant design is intended to support operations in challenging environments, including high-altitude regions, deserts and marine conditions, the statement noted.YETI can take off and land vertically while retaining a fixed-wing configuration for longer-range operations, the statement from the Ministry of Science & Technology.

Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Exhibition-2026 Opens in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Exhibition (SHE)-2026 was inaugurated at Sri Sathya Sai Nigamagamam in Hyderabad on Wednesday, bringing traditional handloom products and the craftsmanship of weavers into the spotlight.
G. Rekha Rani, IAS, Commissioner of the Andhra Pradesh Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Kumari Nandamuri Mohana Roopa and Smt. Nandamuri Seemanthini inaugurated the exhibition, which will remain open to visitors until October 26.
Organised by the Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Government of Andhra Pradesh, the exhibition is open daily from 10 am to 9 pm. It aims to promote traditional textiles, encourage purchases of handloom products and support the livelihoods of weavers.
Rekha Rani emphasised the need to preserve India's rich handloom heritage and extend



greater support to weaving communities. She said purchasing handloom products would strengthen weavers' livelihoods while helping pass traditional skills and cultural values on to future generations.
Nandamuri Mohana Roopa highlighted the historical and cultural significance of Indian handlooms, noting that regional weaving traditions reflect the exceptional craftsmanship and distinctive techniques developed over generations.
The exhibition provides visitors an opportunity to explore a variety of handloom textiles, traditional designs and contemporary creations.
Organisers are seeking to increase public awareness of handloom products and expand market opportunities for weavers.
The initiative comes amid growing challenges from machine-made textiles, changing consumer preferences and competition in the textile market. Organisers stressed that encouraging handloom purchases could generate employment and provide sustainable income for families dependent on weaving.
The sector is also adapting to modern fashion trends through new designs, colour combinations and contemporary styles while retaining traditional weaving techniques. Promoting handloom garments for festivals, weddings and other celebrations could attract younger consumers and broaden the market.
The organisers appealed to the public, textile enthusiasts and handloom lovers to visit the exhibition and support weavers by purchasing their products.
They emphasised that choosing handlooms goes beyond fashion, representing a commitment to protecting traditional craftsmanship, supporting rural livelihoods and preserving India's textile heritage.
The exhibition seeks to reinforce the message that supporting handlooms is essential to safeguarding the country's cultural traditions and ensuring their continuity for future generations.

India needs Rs 15 lakh crore investment to add 91 GW nuclear capacity by 2047: CEA chief

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India will require investments of around Rs 15 lakh crore to add 91 gigawatts (GW) of nuclear power capacity by 2047 and achieve its target of 100 GW of nuclear energy, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Chairman Ghanshyam Prasad said on Wednesday. Speaking at the CEA's brainstorming event on "Making Indian Power Sector AI Enabled", Prasad said India's installed nuclear power capacity currently stands at around 8.8 GW and is expected to increase to 22 GW by 2030-31.
He said the country is targeting 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047, requiring the addition of



roughly 91 GW from current levels. According to Prasad, achieving this goal would require investments of nearly Rs 15 lakh crore and greater participation from private companies in the sector.
"As we move towards Viksit Bharat by 2047 and Net Zero by 2070, we have the chance to build a power system that is not just larger, but fundamentally smarter, safer, cleaner, and more resilient," he said.

Salman Khan, KJo reveal 'major production hiccup' during 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' climax



Bollywood filmmaker Karan Johar and his superstar guest Salman Khan will be seen sharing some interesting anecdotes about the 1998 film "Kuch Kuch Hota Hai" in the ultimate season of the chat show "Koffee With Karan Season 9".On the premiere episode of Koffee With Karan Season 9, Karan revealed how Salman was onboarded for Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, after several leading actors turned down the supporting role.Recalling the meeting, Karan shared that Khan casually told him, "You've been shopping, come narrate the film to me tomorrow." Karan arrived at Khan's apartment and began narrating the film. Salman, dressed in striking yellow shorts, agreed to come sign the film without even hearing the entire narration.

He said yes despite the filmmaker telling him that there would be no remuneration for the special appearance. The duo also spoke about the close bond between their families, recalling how Karan's father personally flew to Mauritius to help secure government permissions for Salman's then-ongoing shoot for Hello Brother. They also reminisced about a major production hiccup during the climax of Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, where the camera operator accidentally shot the entire sequence in slow motion, forcing a complete reshoot. Salman then pushed his next shoot back by a day to stay back and complete the sequence.Kuch Kuch Hota Hai also stars Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol, Rani Mukerji, and Sana Saeed. Set primarily across two time periods, the narrative follows the love-triangle between college friends Rahul, Anjali, and Tina. Years later, Rahul's young daughter attempts to reunite him with his former best friend.The film won numerous awards, including the National Film Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment. The film remains a landmark in Hindi cinema for its cultural impact, music, and fashion influence.Salman Khan and Karan Johar recently opened up about a major production hiccup during the climax of Kuch Kuch Hota Hai. The revelation offered a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes challenges faced while filming the memorable sequence, highlighting how unexpected difficulties can arise even during the making of a successful Bollywood

CJP being 'funded by donors' in US: American singer Mary Millben



WASHINGTON:
Wakeup telangana

Alleging that the Cockroach Janata Party is being "funded by donors" in the US, American singer Mary Millben on Wednesday said it is "not the time to be silent" and called upon all "young patriots" in India to rise and peacefully protest the "disruptive spirit" of the outfit.Millben made these remarks as supporters of the opposition parties and the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) are protesting in New Delhi to demand the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.The 41-year-old singer said CJP leader Abhijeet Dipke and his party are being "funded by donors in the US who are against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and your future under his leadership."

This is "not the time to be silent," she said and asked "all the beautiful young patriots in India" to stand up and peacefully protest the "disruptive" forces.Do not fear, my young patriots. Your Prime Minister, who has served India for 25 years, 12 years as Prime Minister, elected three consecutive terms, is not going to bow to disruptive forces from my country," the post read.And these select donors have a pattern globally – target conservative global leaders, find a US-educated person from the country, radicalise them, send them back to the country, and fund them to start chaos and destruction. None of them has been successful but has impacted the development and governance of the country," she said.The American singer said that there should always be a counter-movement to uphold democracy and freedom.It is time for a new voice in #India, born, raised, educated on the soil of India, to RISE UP, organise, and peacefully protest the disruptive spirit of the Cockroach Party… Rise up, young patriots! Rise up!," she said.

A prominent African-American Hollywood actress and singer, Millben is very popular in India for her rendition of India's national anthem and religious song 'Om Jai Jagdish Hare'.Millben sang India's national anthem, 'Jana Gana Mana ', at an event in 2023 in the US during the prime minister's visit.Political reactions have intensified following Millben's remarks, with the controversy drawing attention to the ongoing protests over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The demonstrations have placed the Election Commission's handling of the revision process under public scrutiny, while demands for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation continue. Millben, who has frequently expressed admiration for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and India, urged young Indians to raise their voices peacefully and participate in democratic processes. However, her allegations regarding US-based donors funding the CJP were claims made by the singer and were not independently established in the information provided.The singer's comments have also brought renewed focus to the role of foreign-based individuals and organisations in India's political discourse.

Millben emphasised that democratic values, national development and political stability should remain central to public debate, urging young people to engage in peaceful and lawful activities rather than resorting to confrontation. The controversy comes amid heightened political tensions surrounding electoral-roll revisions and opposition-led demonstrations, with the allegations and counterarguments likely to remain a subject of public and political discussion.

IPL 2027: Yuvraj Singh Appointed Delhi Capitals Assistant And Batting Coach

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh was on Tuesday appointed assistant and batting coach of Delhi Capitals ahead of the 2027 Indian Premier League (IPL) season. A veteran of 304 ODIs, 40 Tests and 58 T20Is, Yuvraj, 44, is also a multiple World Cup winner. He has mentored several established and emerging Indian stars, including Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma and Prabhsimran Singh. The appointment marks his first formal coaching role."I am excited to begin a new chapter in my life with the Delhi Capitals. I have an old association with the franchise and know the owners well, which makes this a special opportunity for me," Yuvraj said in a statement shared by the franchise. "I'm also looking forward to teaming up with Dada, this time as coaches. Coaching is something I am truly passionate about, and I cannot wait to get started with this extremely talented squad. I'm sure it's going to be an exciting journey for me, and I look forward to contributing to the team's success," he added. The appointment also marks Yuvraj's reunion with the Delhi franchise. In 2015, the franchise, then known as Delhi Daredevils, secured his services for a record Rs 16 crore, making him the most expensive player in IPL history at the time. He went on to represent the franchise in all 14 matches that season.Beyond his achievements on the field, Yuvraj Singh has played a significant role in nurturing the next generation of Indian cricketers. Through his mentorship and guidance, he has helped several established and emerging talents, including Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma and Prabhsimran Singh, develop their skills, confidence and competitive mindset. His experience, knowledge of the game and emphasis on discipline and hard work continue to inspire young players to pursue excellence and prepare for the challenges of professional cricket.

HPRC Hosts National Equestrian Qualifier and Telangana State Championship in Gandipet

HYDERABAD
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Waheed Uddin

The Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club (HPRC) is hosting the second National Qualifier of the 2026 season and the 2nd Telangana State Equestrian Championship from October 14 to 18 at its Gandipet facility, bringing five days of competitive dressage and show jumping to Hyderabad.

Organised in association with the Telangana State Equestrian Association (TSEA), the National Qualifier is being conducted under the aegis of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI). The Telangana State Championship, presented by Phoenix Group, will feature ₹1,02,500 in prize money, with free spectator entry and floodlit evening competitions.



The National Qualifier, scheduled from October 14 to 16, features dressage and show jumping competitions across Children II, Children I, Junior and Young Rider categories. Riders must compete in graded EFI qualifiers to qualify for the Junior National Equestrian Championships. Horses undergo formal veterinary inspections before competition. Dressage events will be judged by Col. S.L. Reddy (Retd.) and Dr. KCS Reddy, while Kishore Futnani and Dr. KCS Reddy will officiate in show jumping.

The State Championship runs from October 16 to 18, beginning with a practice round on Friday evening. Saturday's programme includes hacks and dressage from 7.30 am, followed by show jumping at 4 pm. Sunday's competitions include 60 cm show jumping in the morning and 80 cm and 105–110 cm two-phase events in the evening.

The championship offers ₹1,02,500 across three Open show jumping classes, with first-place prizes of ₹20,000 for the 105–110 cm class and ₹15,000 each for the 90 cm and 80 cm classes. Medals and certificates will be awarded in age-category competitions.

HPRC President Chaitania R. Kumar said the events would provide young riders with opportunities to develop their skills and compete at higher levels. He reiterated the club's commitment to hosting the Telangana State Championship annually, enabling local riders to compete for state rankings without travelling outside Telangana.

Both events are open to the public free of charge. Evening show jumping sessions begin at 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday, with prize ceremonies scheduled for around 7 pm.

Established in 2005, HPRC operates a ten-acre equestrian facility at Gandipet, featuring riding arenas, more than 100 horses and sports facilities.

MBT Leaders Seek Protection of Historic Masjid Land in Hyderabad

MBT Leaders Urge Waqf Board Chairman to Verify Land Acquisition Records, Compensation Details and Fresh Metro Rail Markings at Aliyabad Mosque

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) spokesperson Amjed Ullah Khan and party Joint Secretary Rashed Hashmi met Telangana State Waqf Board Chairman Azmath Ullah Hussaini and submitted a representation seeking protection of the historic Masjid-e-Kareem Ullah Hussaini, also known as Chunne Ki Bhatti Ki Masjid, at Aliyabad, Hyderabad.

The delegation highlighted concerns raised by the Masjid Committee and worshippers over the impact of the Metro Rail Project and fresh markings reportedly made within the mosque premises. The representatives urged the Waqf Board to intervene urgently to safeguard the mosque and its remaining land.



According to the Masjid Committee, approximately 22 feet of land belonging to the mosque had already been taken for the Metro Rail Project. The committee expressed concern that the latest markings could affect additional portions of the premises, including the residence of the Mutawalli.

The mosque is believed to date back to the Qutub Shahi period and is nearly 400 years old. The delegation stressed the need to protect the historic religious structure and its Waqf property from any further impact without following the prescribed legal procedures.

Amjed Ullah Khan also sought clarification on reports concerning compensation paid to the Telangana State Waqf Board for Waqf properties affected by road-widening projects and other development works.

The delegation requested the Chairman to examine the Waqf records, survey boundaries, land acquisition proceedings, compensation details and recent Metro Rail markings. It also urged the Board to consult the Masjid Committee and local worshippers before taking further steps.

The representatives appealed to Azmath Ullah Hussaini to intervene promptly and ensure the protection and preservation of Masjid-e-Kareem Ullah Hussaini and its remaining land. They reiterated that the issue should be resolved transparently after reviewing all relevant documents and addressing the concerns of the local community.

Telangana Gets Third Rank in INSPIRE Awards

HYDERABAD
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Telangana secured third place nationally at the 12th INSPIRE Awards-MANAK Exhibition held in New Delhi, with five students receiving awards for innovations in drainage management, road safety and assistive devices for visually impaired people, the school education department said on Wednesday. The award-winning students will also have an opportunity to participate in the Sakura Science Exchange Programme in Japan.

The exhibition, held at Bharat Mandapam from October 12 to 14, featured around 780 projects from the academic years 2023-24 and 2024-25. Telangana sent 52 students, of whom five were among the 62 selected for national recognition. Karnataka topped the list with nine awards, followed by Maharashtra with seven. Vyshnavi Govardhana of Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan Public School, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, received an award for her project, 'EClod Smart Drainage', while Kollu Mahidhar of MSR Central School, Suryapet, was recognised for 'Smart Steering with health alerts to reduce Accidents'.

Rehan Raza, a visually challenged student of Devanar School for the Blind, Hyderabad, received an award for 'Medicine Box for Visually Challenged'. N. Purnith Reddy of Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan Public School, BHEL, Sangareddy, developed 'AI Based Smart E-Goggles for visually impaired people'. Chowdapuri Sai Meghana of Origin Techno School, Patancheru, Sangareddy district, was recognised for her project, 'Anti Riot Shield With Pepper Spray Blinding Led'.

Union minister of state for science and technology Jitendra Singh felicitated the winners on October 14, according to the department. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, education secretary Yogita Rana, school education director E. Naveen Nicolas and SCERT director P. Ramesh congratulated the students and their teachers.

TG SAFE Warns Against Prescribing Unapproved Weight-Loss Drugs

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) warned against drugs such as Retatrutide and Orforglipron, which were being offered for weight-loss treatment by certain medical practitioners in the state, despite lacking the required regulatory approval for the intended use. It has warned the public against procuring and self-administering unapproved weight-loss drugs and experimental peptide products, sold through unregulated online platforms and social media channels.

The authority has also cautioned registered medical practitioners against procuring, prescribing or administering such products to patients for weight loss or other conditions, warning that violations of regulatory requirements would invite stringent action, under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the rules made under it. TG SAFE said Tesamorelin, BPC-157 and GHK-Cu, which were also being sourced through unregulated channels, had not undergone the requisite regulatory assessment to establish their safety, efficacy and quality for the intended uses. It cautioned that products sold online as research chemicals, sometimes labelled "Not for Human Consumption" were being supplied with instructions for self-administration.

Population Count To Begin In State In Jan. 2027

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The second phase of Census 2027, involving population enumeration, will begin in January 2027, with residents having the option of submitting their details online through a self-enumeration facility before enumerators undertake house-to-house visits. The Union government has notified 40 questions for population enumeration, covering caste, religion, education, occupation, economic activity, migration and other socio-economic details of household members.

While the first phase covers housing conditions and household details, including the head of the family and type of house, the second phase will collect information on individual family members.

The questions include the highest educational qualification attained, occupation, nature of industry, trade or service, number of children, total number of bank accounts, place of Covid-19 vaccination, previous place of residence and reasons for migration, wherever applicable.

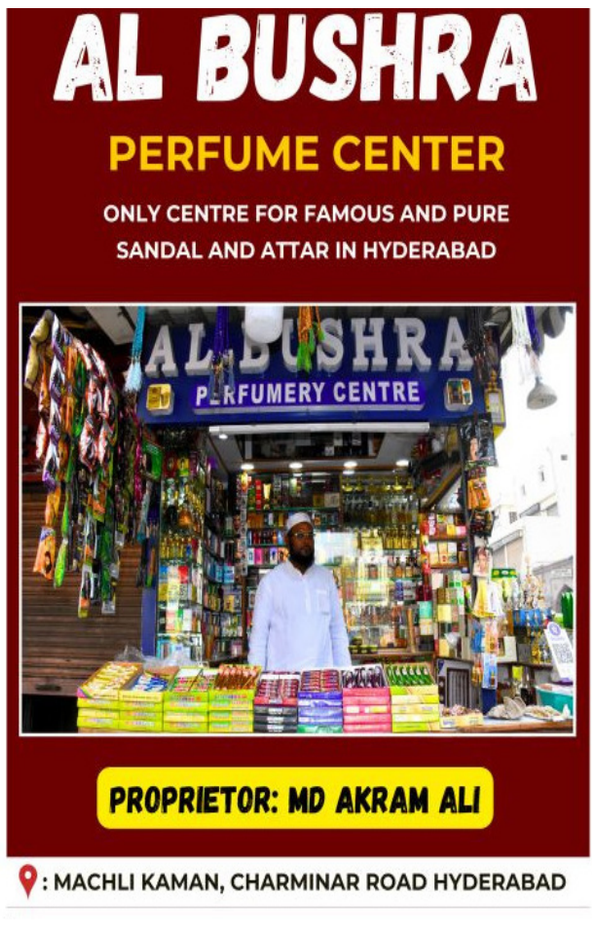
The questionnaire also seeks Aadhaar number, voter ID number and Indian passport number, where available or applicable, besides information on the availability of a driving licence. "There is perception that Population Enumeration (PE) is a process to collect caste details, but this task is about understating socio-economic status and caste is only one among the entire component," said an official.

A training programme for charge clerks and technical assistants from Circles 1 to 30 and the Cantonment Board under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) was held on Wednesday. Telangana director of census operations Bharathi Hollikeri, GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan and other officials briefed the staff assigned to population enumeration on the procedures and operational requirements for Census 2027.

The training covered the formation of additional enumeration blocks, preparation of abridged house lists and use of the Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) portal, including its various modules.



AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, along with the Waqf Board CEO and Aga Khan Trust CEO, visits and inspects the Qutb Shahi Tombs Museum (Seven Tombs) in Hyderabad on Wednesday.



Motorist Sets Bike Ablaze During Police Checks

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An agitated motorist set his vehicle ablaze when asked to produce documents during police checks at Falaknuma. The incident occurred on Chesma Road, Falaknuma, where police were conducting checks between 8 pm and 11 pm. Around 10.45 pm, a motorist not wearing a helmet was stopped for routine checks. He entered into an argument with the area sub-inspector and began abusing him when asked to produce relevant documents, a police officer said.

Despite repeated requests to follow rules and produce the documents, the motorist grew agitated, pushed constables aside, unplugged the petrol pipe, lit a lighter from his pocket and set the bike ablaze, said Falaknuma division ACP M.A. Javeed.

Passersby along with police staff managed to extinguish the fire, though the vehicle was partially gutted, Javeed added. "We are probing the case. We will verify the documents of the vehicle and the reasons why the motorist, identified as Md Azam, took such an extreme step. Cases will be booked as per law," the ACP said. Azam, a resident of Falaknuma, has been detained for questioning and his bike seized. On the instructions of Rajendranagar zone DCP S. Sreenivas, police across the zone were conducting routine checks on all vehicles, especially goods transport.

Camps for Voter Enrolment to Begin Today, Deleted Voters Remain

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Election officials will hold special camps at all polling stations across Telangana on October 15 and 16 to facilitate the submission of Form 6 by voters whose names were deleted during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. However, confusion persists among voters who were previously enrolled but have been asked to apply afresh for inclusion in the electoral rolls. Officials have maintained that Form 6 is the prescribed procedure for enrolling voters whose names do not appear in the draft electoral rolls.

However, voters whose names were deleted have raised concerns over their previous voting history and the requirement to submit a declaration meant for new voters. Several voters have complained that their names were missing from the draft electoral rolls despite submitting enumeration forms to their local booth-level officers (BLOs). Md Faizan Ali, a student from Karimnagar who voted in previous elections, said his name was deleted during the SIR exercise despite submitting his enumeration form and receiving an acknowledgement.

"Despite filling an enumeration form and receiving acknowledgement, my name is deleted. After the submission of representation to the Election Commission of India and the District Electoral Officer to restore the vote, they are asking me to submit Form-6. People like me are suffering because of administrative errors and forcing me to file a wrong declaration as a new voter," lamented Ali, hailing from Karimnagar.

More than 73 lakh voters' names were deleted in Telangana during the SIR exercise. The state had 3.38 crore registered voters before the revision began.

Hyderabad ED registers 7 Heera Group assets worth Rs 15.03 crore

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered seven auctioned properties worth Rs 15.03 crore in the names of successful bidders in the Heera Group Ponzi scheme case. In the case, Nowhera Shaik and her associates allegedly collected more than Rs 5,978 crore from investors by promising returns of over 36 per cent a year.

The properties include six flats at HS Royal in Shaikpet village and a house at MLA Colony on Road No 12, Banjara Hills, the agency said.

The auction was held on the directions of the Supreme Court. On March 5, 2025, the apex court allowed the ED's plea to auction immovable properties attached in the case, so that as much as possible could be recovered and returned to genuine claimants.

On July 27 this year, the court asked the Registrar General of the Telangana High Court to depute Registrar (Protocol) T Venkateshwar Rao to execute the sale deeds on behalf of the accused.

The auction money will be transferred to the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) for distribution to genuine victims, as directed by the court. The ED said it would continue efforts to sell the remaining attached properties.

The ED began its money laundering probe against Shaik, Heera Group companies and others on the basis of several first information reports (FIR) registered by police in different states. According to the agency, the group later defaulted on both the principal and the promised returns. Part of the money was allegedly used to buy assets in the names of Shaik, group entities, her relatives and associates. The ED's Hyderabad zonal office has issued five provisional attachment orders covering properties worth Rs 428.83 crore under the Prevention of Money.

Congress To Hold Massive Public Meeting in State After Dasara

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Following the decision of the AICC high command, the state leadership of Congress has decided to hold a massive public meeting, accompanied by a march, where mobilising two lakh people is expected. This public meeting being planned after Dasara, will be attended by party's top brass, including Rahul Gandhi, besides leaders of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc. According to party sources, the high command has decided to hold meetings in two southern states, including Telangana.

The upcoming rally is also expected to serve as a major platform for the Congress to showcase its governance achievements and counter criticisms levelled by opposition parties.

The event in Telangana is part of a wider nationwide protest. As per the plans, the I.N.D.I.A. bloc will first hold a major public meeting at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on November 1, before expanding demonstrations to other major southern and national hubs, including Bengaluru, Mumbai, and cities across Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

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